

Celebrating Intel® Teachers

On a chilly winter evening in Bloemfontein teachers gathered at the Motheo Education Resource Centre to celebrate their achievements in the Intel® Teach Programme.



These teachers had attended Intel® Teach Essential training courses over the past few months and had produced portfolios of work that were of a sufficiently high standard to warrant commendation and acknowledgement from the provincial department of education. Four Gold and sixteen Silver certificates were awarded to teachers from a range of schools in the Free State province.

As well as the awarding of the certificates, the programme consisted of a video produced by SchoolNet outlining the Intel® World Ahead Programme and its impact in South Africa.

Two teachers, Ngaka Ralokoale of St Bernards High School and Saretjie Musgrave of Eunice Girls High demonstrated how the projects they had devised during Intel® Teach training had worked in the classroom. Discussion of the most valuable components like Educator support, Learner Sample, Project Plan formed part of a presentation by Gerald Roos who is the educational ICT specialist responsible for the localisation of the Intel® Teach programme in South Africa.



Teachers attending the event were interested in Gerald's presentation in order to gain insight into how both Intel® Teach and Microsoft® courses align not only to the e-Education white paper but also to the newly published ICT Guidelines for Teacher Training and Professional Development in ICT.

The Free State Department of Education has had the foresight to allocate funding to allow teachers to be trained in 2008 in the Intel® Teach programme. Since 2003 Intel has been funding this training. The Free State Department partnered with Intel and SchoolNet to host the awards evening as it was agreed that all officials in the provincial department of education should have the opportunity to view work produced by teachers and learners.



The Department was represented by Mr Woodyatt Mokoena, Mr Donovan Baatjies and Mr Randall Pienaar. Teachers who received certificates were as follows:

Golds:

Ngaka	Ralekoala
Sarietjie	Musgrave
Lynn	Walvaren
Lean	Singh

Silvers:

Jacqueline	Muir
JR	Sematle
Lehentse	Seekoei
Vanita	Coetzee
Karen	Kok
martha	de Wet
Liza	Deysel
H J	Scheepers
Rosina	Henney
Sandra	van der Walt
Shireen	Persan
Funia	Doctor
Zelpha	Molefe
Elsie	Mazimbe
Mosehle	Molefe

Mr Mokoena gave a short address on behalf of the department of education and was then called up on to present the awards.



Teachers also enjoyed the hospitality provided by Intel for the evening. The event proved to be an opportunity for sharing ideas and experiences related to the Intel® Teach programme.



Both teachers and SchoolNet were able to express their thanks to the Department of Education in the Free State for their ability to deliver on their promises and provide quality professional development programmes such as Intel® Teach that had a positive impact on teaching and learning in the province. Many thanks were expressed to Mr Donovan Baatjies for his proficient administration and service.. Donovan closed the proceedings with a vote of thanks and some personal

recollections about the achievements in promoting the use of ICTs in education in the Free State Province.



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