

FNB Winter Workshop gives students a head start

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Running for a 3rd year, 50 students mostly from rural areas will get an opportunity to experience the world of work, entrepreneurship and spirit of volunteerism through the FNB Fund.

Each year the FNB Fund awards bursaries to 200 underprivileged learners who excelled at school, but don't have the means to study further. "Through the Winter Workshop Programme we encourage students to make education a priority. This programme serves as a platform that equips students with the necessary tools and guidance that will help them plan for their future." says Howard Arrand, chairperson, FNB Fund

During the five day programme, students will be enthralled by high profiled FNB, RMB and WesBank guest speakers, work on business case studies that will test their business acumen and give them a basic understanding of the working environment, volunteer at the Stop Hunger Now programme and will be hosted at a breakfast with Firstrand CEO Sizwe Nxasana.

FNB Volunteers continuously looks for programmes that are in need of assistance, even at the most basic level. This year students will assist "Stop Hunger Now" in Germiston with the packing and distribution of meals to the Uthandolwakne Day Care, located on the outskirts of Leondale on the 11th of July 2012.

Stop Hunger Now co-ordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to the most destitute and hungry in an effective, sustainable and efficient manner around the world. FNB together with Stop Hunger Now are making a difference in the lives of many hungry children in South Africa.

Nelson Mandela once said that "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". "We will continue to look at ways in which we can give students opportunities to pursue their goals and reach for their dreams. With a positive mindset, anything is possible in life," concludes Arrand.

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