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JuniorTukkie hosts Grade 11 Academic Achievers Function at the University of Pretoria

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Excited Grade 11 learners arrived at the University of Pretoria early on Thursday, 20 April and on Friday, 21 April 2023 to attend the Grade 11 Academic Achievers function. This event was hosted by the JuniorTukkie team in the Department of Enrolment and Student Administration (DESA) over two days due to limited space. The same programme was presented on both days. This prestigious event was attended by approximately 724 guests that included Grade 11 academic achievers, Life Orientation teachers and JuniorTukkie members from schools all over the country.



The University of Pretoria offers an extensive range of outstanding academic programmes and this event provided Grade 11 learners an opportunity to gather information regarding study programmes, career planning and employment opportunities as well as information on bursaries and loans. Learners were given the opportunity to visit faculties' and various support departments' exhibition stands in the Rautenbach Hall. Learners also had the opportunity to experience and enjoy

the lively atmosphere of Tukkies student life first-hand. One of the highlights was the opportunity to explore the Hatfield Campus with the assistance of UP Campus Tours.



Guests were welcomed by Mr Wallace Isaacs, Deputy Director: DESA on Thursday and by Dr Abbey Mathekga, Director: DESA on Friday. Dr Pieter Clase, Senior Assistant Director: Institutional Recruitment addressed the audience on the University's new undergraduate admissions policy. Dr Petrus Lombard, Manager: Undergraduate Recruitment shared important information on the JuniorTukkie project and its new e-learning platform (juniorTukkie.online).

Our guest speaker, Izak Rohan Crafford, a Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Merit Award recipient, is currently studying towards a master's degree in German and is also lecturing at the University of Pretoria despite many obstacles as a blind person. The guests enjoyed his great sense of humour. His wise words and encouragement may be the jumpstart that these learners need to fully prepare themselves for university life



At the end of the programme, a few teachers participated in a "Grab a bag" activity—much to the learners' excitement! As a Tuks student, you will enjoy diversity in an intellectual environment at a university recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact. The University regards a smooth transition for learners from high school to university as a key priority. Therefore, JuniorTukkie focuses on preparing prospective students to make

responsible study and career choices and to be better equipped for the challenges they may face as a student. Click [here](#) to join JuniorTukkie. We encourage you to continue being hardworking and well-balanced individuals. Remember: It is very important to maintain a balance between academics, sports, cultural and social activities.

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