

Hustle (noun): *energetic activity*

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

The hustle

Ukuwela is all about the hustle and you'll agree with us if you read what our candidates have been up to the past term.

The energetic coffee duo, Libhongolethu Mjijwa, and Alexander Africa, completed their Barista training with the Redband Barista Academy and were off to Ciro's where local coffee hero, Rudy, fine-tuned their skills and prepared them for their big day. These two were Baristas at the annual Gourmet and Gourmands (G&G) function held on the 20th of August 2022 where they worked under the watchful eye of Wanda and Rudy, preparing specialty coffees for guests. This was no small affair and the event was featured on the six o'clock news on SABC 2 a day later with Libhongolethu featuring in an interview! Following their success at the G&G, they partnered with Wanda to prepare specialty coffees for guests at the Carpe Diem Umbulelo Breakfast held on the 31st of August 2022. Shoutout to Heatherpark Spar, where Wanda works as Barista, for investing in our candidates.

Libhongolethu's journey has been about hustling, being all-in, giving it all, and trying it all. His courage and energy were rewarded when he started his first job on the 2nd of September 2022 at Protea Hotel by Marriott King George! Congratulations Libhongo!

BELOW LEFT: COFFEE HERO, RUDY, FINE-TUNING ALEX'S SKILLS

BELOW RIGHT: LIBHONGO AND ALEX ALL DECKED OUT ON THE BIG NIGHT OF THE G&G!



But wait, there's more! Congratulations to Petronella Pietersen who was employed at Boshoff Visser Inc (BVI) on the 22nd of August 2022. Petronella is employed as a cleaner and according to local reports, the BVI offices are bright and shiny and even more so if you add Petronella's sunny personality to the mix. Double thumbs up to Boshoff Visser Inc who colour-coded their coffee cups to make it possible for Petronella to make the right cup of coffee for the right person. The world is indeed full of wonderful people!



PETRONELLA READY TO MAKE HER ENTRANCE AT BVI



POSITIVE VIBES AT PATHCARE WITH SR DEBBIE AND MONIQUE

Pathcare put the spring in our Spring Day on the 1st of September 2022 when Monique Joubert started her first job with them! The Pathcare team is not only super supportive but also true pathfinders! Thank you to Dr Delene Brink for initiating the journey, Sister Debbie, Sunette, Marlene and the whole team for your support of Monique. Monique is growing daily in independence and is now able to manage her bus route to and from work all by herself. You've got this girl!

Hard work paid off for both Darren Smith and Jody Oliver whose four-month contracts at Woolworths transitioned into permanent employment. Congratulations guys! Big thank you to the awesome team at Woolworths CBD and Garden Route Mall for supporting and encouraging Jody (below left) and Darren (below right)! We could not have asked for better news!



Another Woolworths candidate, Jaco Claassen, was rewarded for his hard work and dedication at Woolworths Langeberg Mall when he recently received the 'Employee of the Week' Award! Congratulations Jaco, you make us proud. Keep it up!

RIGHT: JACO STANDING TALL WITH HIS 'EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK' AWARD!



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Ukuwela is constantly trying to prepare our school-going learners for work through work exposure. Some of our senior boys had the opportunity to pay a visit to a dairy farm where they learned more about the processes involved in getting milk from the farm to the store as well as get hands-on experience with tasks involved. What a unique and insightful experience for our boys! Thank you Van Greunen Boerdery for the opportunity!

RIGHT: GETTING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THEM 'BABY COWS'!

Maria Maartens and Daniel Baleseng are still well on track with their job shadowing opportunity at McDonald's in Courtney Street. We are privileged to be part of this project made possible by McDonald's and JobAble. Many of the schools in Cape Town are also involved and we are excited about the possibilities for learners with disabilities.



If there is anything we can do to advance to employment of young people with disabilities, count us in! Ukuwela got counted on the 27th of August 2022 when we presented at a Full-Service School Seminar hosted by the Department of Education. The event was well attended with 220 delegates of whom all now know about Ukuwela and its candidates!

We all know time flies and it has a way of creeping up on you. Ukuwela has therefore already requested nominations for our employment candidates for 2023 and have started evaluating these learners. All we can say at this stage, is that there is a whole lot more hustling to come!

None of the hustle and bustle can happen without the help of professional hustler-and-bustlers Herma Lombard, Cornel O'Kennedy and Asisipho Ndzoto! Thank you for your 'energetic activity' the past term!

We'll leave you with this image:



Happy Spring,

The Ukuwela Office



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