



# Newsletter

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Dear Friend



## Happy New Year

We wish you a wonderful 2013! May all your dreams and aspirations be realised. We are excited about the year ahead as we continue to make a meaningful impact on rural health services through our investment in the training of rural youth. I trust you like the new look of our Newsletter and enjoy the content just as much!



## Results 2012

181 students wrote final year examinations last year. Of the 181, we have results for 177, as 4 have outstanding supplementary examination results. Of the 177, 161 passed, of which 19 graduated, whilst 16 failed. Of the 16 who failed, 10 have been excluded. This gives us an **overall pass rate of 90.9%**, subject to the outcome of the 4 students results. I am sure you will agree, this is an incredible achievement! All credit goes to the students who applied themselves and passed, as well as Dumsani and his team of Mentors who so ably assisted the students to succeed.



## Graduates

We are proud of the 19 graduates who completed their degrees. The breakdown of the health science disciplines is: 4 Doctors; 2 Nurses; 3 Dietitians; 1 Clinical Associate; 2 Pharmacists; 3 Social Workers; 1 Audiologist; 1 Radiographer; 1 Dentist and 1 Optometrist. **Our graduate numbers have increased from 116 to 135!** Well done to all new graduates - your hard work has paid off. Make us proud as you serve your community with your new skills.



## Student Lifeskills Imbizo

We had a fantastic gathering of all our students on the 10 & 11 December. Topics relevant to the youth such as: teenage pregnancy; substance abuse; sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS and relationships were discussed by the students, with the purpose of ensuring that the opportunity they have been given is not squandered through bad choices. We also had an opportunity to reflect on how the scheme started and share how we see the future - an inspiring time for all!



## New Student Selection

We are currently selecting new students from 11 Kwa Zulu Natal hospitals and 2 Eastern Cape hospitals. This will bring our student numbers up to 200 for the year!



## **Conclusion**

We look forward to keeping you updated on our programme throughout the year.

Regards

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