

## GetOn Skills Development Centre hosts graduation ceremony

In 2022, The ArcelorMittal Foundation in partnership with the GetOn Foundation, expanded the organisation's Pretoria-based Skills Development Centre to the Vaal. Operating from the ArcelorMittal South Africa Business Park in Vanderbijlpark, it was expected that the Vaal GetOn Skills Development Centre would benefit over 250 youth that year.

On the 20 January 2023, the GetOn Skills Development Centre held a graduation ceremony at the VUT Gauteng Science and Technology Park in Sebokeng. Graduates, dressed to the nines, came to receive their certificates in one of three courses offered by the centre, these included Professional Baking, Entrepreneurship and Point of Sales training.

The manager of the GetOn Foundation, Brenton Cryer officially opened the ceremony and welcomed the students. He was followed by class valedictorian, Londiwe Ngubelanga who took the time to thank the facilitators who made an impact on her journey.

A representative from one of the placement partners, Refinery Vaal Mall, shared how they were able to provide on the job training to 10 of the students registered for the Point of Sales course and were ultimately able to offer positions to four of them.

Guest speakers, Ithumuleng Hlapane, CEO and owner of Shape Café and Naphtaly Kopman from the National Department of Social Development shared their own success stories with the students and spoke about the importance of education in becoming a successful entrepreneur. They also emphasised how the doors to the centre would remain open should the students need any assistance in future.

The day ended with the handover of certificates and celebrations with the students and their families.

