

# USA welcomes False Bay TVET College students for an academic year

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The False Bay TVET College community will bid farewell to two very deserving students participating in the 2016-2017 Community College Initiative (CCI) Programme. Educare N6 Students, Thabisa Gajana (29) a resident of Khayelitsha and Nadia Boonzaaier (26) from Mitchells Plain will depart for Arizona and Pennsylvania to participate in this vocational exchange study program for one academic year starting this year July, at a community college in the United States.



Left to right: Thabisa Gajana and Nadia Boonzaaier at the CCI Orientation.

We asked Thabisa, what she was looking most forward to. She responded, "I am excited to learn and knowing that I will return with a wealth of knowledge to create a better life for my family and to help my struggling community. The opportunity to get to know the American culture and to explore the differences in food, events and cultures also excites me. But I must also admit that I am going to miss my home and family, especially my children aged four and ten years."

A fully funded program, the students selected are between 18-30 years of age and are currently enrolled, or have studied, at higher education and training institution in the scarce skilled fields of applied engineering, business management and administration, early childhood education, information technology and media.

False Bay TVET College Programme Head, Ms Minnaar, said, "I cannot express how proud I am of these students, especially since they have had to overcome challenging circumstances.

We, the college have had a relationship with the CCI Programme for many years and through these collaborations, we are able to offer experiences which cannot be learnt from a text book."

The CCI program provides a quality academic programme that will build technical skills, enhance leadership capabilities, and strengthen English language proficiency. The programme also provides opportunities for professional internships, service learning, and community engagement activities. This is a non-degree programme, but selected candidates will have opportunities to participation in certificate programmes aligned to their field of interest.

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