

Khanyolwethu and Simanyene High school from Strand visit the department of Earth Sciences

On Friday 3.11. a large bunch of grade 11 learners travelled to Stellenbosch to visit the department of Earth Sciences.

They had the chance to enjoy the atmosphere of a lecture hall filled with rock samples and maps used by the university students on a daily base.

At first they heard our PhD student Ryan Cloete, who gave them an introduction into what Earth Science entails as well as some words about his passion, which is oceanography.



This was followed by more information from Prof Kisters, who told the students what the job opportunities in Earth Sciences are. He works on the applied side of Earth Sciences in close collaboration with ore mines around the country as well as in Africa in general.

He told the students what the requirements for this discipline is – one of the main messages being: You have to stay curious and keep learning all your life.

The trip was organised by Andile Mkandla, who is a 2nd year student at the department – Thanks a lot Andile. He writes:

“It is always amazing to inspire and motivate high school learners. Especially when it comes to promotion of science as a discipline. On Friday, the 3rd of November, we hosted grade 11 learners from the two high schools from Strand, Khanyolwethu and Simanyene High school. The goal was to expose them to Earth Sciences degree and what it entails. The interaction was indeed fruitful to the learners and most of them were inspired to take BSc and Earth Science in particular in 2019. This was a good initiative and one of many to come in 2018.”- Andile Mkandla.