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North-West University, Mafikeng

Project:
Networking Series

Overview:

In 2020, Golden Key Southern sent out to Chapters focus areas for the rest of the year and these areas just to mention a few included Public Speaking, Networking and Time Management. Golden Key Mafikeng Chapter team decided to unpack one of the topics, Networking through a video series that we focus on how to build a network and maintain strong meaningful relationships from networking at conferences and different spaces we find ourselves in.

The first video's focus was on how to introduce yourself, how to get contacts, and the fundamentals of networking in a face to face situation.

Episode 2 of the networking series focuses on how to maintain a professional relationship with the different individuals we meet at conferences, summits and different spaces we get to network.

The last video of the networking series focuses on the areas of growth when it comes to networking. A big thank you to Ricardo Virgill Smart for collaborating with our chapter. If you haven't watched any of the videos under this series please visit GoldenKey Mafikeng Facebook @GoldenKeyNWUMAF and Instagram page @goldenkeymafikeng.

The project as mentioned above was shared on Facebook and Instagram and was received well by the audience with an average reach of 136 on Facebook and an average of 41 views on Instagram.

GOLDEN KEY MAFIKENG PRESENTS

NETWORKING SERIES



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Hello everyone

Golden Key Mafikeng Alumni Portfolio is excited to bring to you, the Networking video series. A video series that we focus on how to build a network and maintain strong meaningful relationships from networking at conferences and different spaces we find ourselves in. In this video series we invited Ricardo Virgil Smart a PHD candidate in Wine Biotechnology at Stellenbosch University South Africa. He has extensive experience as the Alumni Liaison for Golden Key Southern Africa Office. He has also served in GK Chapter executives. We hope you find this series helpful enjoy. #YesGK #goldenkeynwu #Networking



North-West University, Potchefstroom

Project:

Online Learning

Overview:

The Covid 19 Pandemic has caused a drastic change in all aspects of life and that came as a surprise to everyone, from business owners to all phases of academics. The university's societies and students are no island they were also affected. The impact led to an online approach in most of the activities, assessments and society events. As online learning is not what we are all familiar with, we must expect challenges and be forced to learn along the journey while acclimatizing to the new normal.

As Golden Key Potchefstroom Chapter we saw the need talk about online learning as it is what students, lecturers and facilitators are dealing with and all its intricacies. We uploaded a video clip on Instagram which concentrates on the tips for online learning on how to make it effective, conducive and friendly for everyone.

The video is about ten tips for online learning. This is to give tips to our fellow students on how to mobilize on learning as it is our new normal as we are all novice in this. The video clip seeks to ensure that every student is on board with their online learning and seeks to help those are in need of how to make it through this new learning ways. The GK committee ensures that all students are developed in their academics, leadership through services. This video is one of the tools that we use to ensure that students get something from the committee as far as academics and online learning are concerned. The motive of the video clip is to invite all students to get motivated through a video clip and get some tips to apply in their online learning plan. This is not aiming only North West University students but each student in all universities that will be able to access the video on Instagram to get those tips and learn new ways to tackle the challenges they are facing during their learning.

To view the video please
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Online Learning Tips

Golden key Academics Presents.

Ten tips for Online Learning.



North-West University, Vanderbijlpark

Project:

Community Service

Overview:

The NWU Vaal Chapter visited Unity children's home and Tshepong Day Care as part of the Golden Key Community Service Pillar. The aim was to ignite hope within the little ones especially in the midst of a global pandemic that disrupted life as we know it. We hope the visit left them feeling inspired, loved and most importantly not alone.





University of Cape Town

Project:

GK UCT EXEC WALKS FOR PSFA: BLISTERS FOR BREAD WALK.

Overview:

The walk was held and attended by GK Executive members in the Cape Town area in support of the Peninsula School Feeding Association's attempt to raise funds and members participated in their virtual Blisters for Bread Walk at two separate times on Wednesday 4 November 2020 to show their support of the organisation. Members purchased tickets online and then proceeded to walk and document their participation using images and videos of them completing this walk in Rondebosch. This project was great for our service, fundraising and collaborative leadership pillars and it's one of the projects we've decided to support in the long run.

GK UCT EXEC
Walks For PSFA

BLISTERS FOR BREAD WALK

GET YOUR TICKET
AND



join us at Rondebosch
Common on the 4th of
November at 12h00
and/or 18h00 as we do
our walk for the PSFA
Blisters for bread
celebration walk.





University of Johannesburg

Project:
Leadership

Overview:



“When you become a leader, success is all about growing others” – Jack Welch

An important task of any good leader, is to assist, build and nurture those around him/her. It is often said that a great leader, is able to build and inspire the growth of other leaders. The importance of this principle is in creating a sense of longevity and exponential advancement in future generations to follow. In line with this outlook, the University of Johannesburg chapter has had a leadership initiative with previous and incoming committee members meant to empower them on how to be good stewards, servants, and leaders. An event titled, ‘The Official Handover Ceremony.’

The event took place on the 19th of November 2020, with the purpose being to impart knowledge, and tools on what it means to lead. Principles such as the role of service to your community, the ability to rectify inefficiencies you can identify within your society, ethical conduct, and the importance of having a vision and implementing it – were strongly focused on. Any conduct of an entity, is a strong representation of the leadership etiquette it is built on. To keep an entity/organisation running smoothly, it is important to teach new and upcoming leaders how to maintain excellence – similarly to how an experienced parent, is responsible for teaching a child valuable life principles.

The impact of this event can be judged as fruitful as many incoming members have drawn note of the lessons and knowledge imparted in them. Feedback from the new incoming committee.

Kamvelihle Madikizela – President

“The Handover Ceremony, held on the 19th of November can be judged as an incredible success – not only for the insights provided for the upcoming year, but also from the perspective of building future leaders of integrity, excellence, vision and work ethic. This aligns well with what I believe is one of the goals Golden Key has in imparting value to its members. The leadership talk, by Ms Fortunate Chitsa, provided essential life values and principles that can be applied to virtually any situation one finds themselves in.”

“The one-on-one session engagement with Mr Andrew Leeuw as the outgoing President was incredible fruitful and insightful. He provided me with a great foundation on how to go about with my duties and responsibilities and provided guidelines on how he did things as a practical example of what I can expect in my term in office. This is part of what facilitates a smooth transition from outgoing to incoming committees and assists in moving the chapter forward as a whole.”

Mike Kigozi – Co-Vice President

“Firstly, I take this opportunity to gloriously thank Golden Key for facilitating and making sure the event was held which has certainly provided us with an opportunity to network more, to have fun and learn from each other. It was a charming moment to meet everyone in person, this was crucial in building the oneness required for the team growth.”

“The event was a defining moment that gave us an opportunity to meet our predecessors and engaging with them furthermore about the basics of Golden Key as an organisation. Speaking about the Quality of Service, we were wholeheartedly served with quality Breakfast and Lunch. During the event, we took Oath for our offices.”

Paulinah Makwela – Co-Vice President

“Getting insights from the 2019/20 team was very eye-opening and it helped me realise the facts that the position I am in can enable me to serve more than what I had envisioned. The one-on-one sessions with the 2019/20 Vice Presidents enlightened me because I got to learn about what to potentially expect as challenges and what I can do to mitigate or avoid such challenges should they occur.”

“Overall, the session was great, the venue allowed us to engage freely and the food was delicious! I look forward to serving my chapter in the best way possible in the interest of making it better for present and future members, and my community as a whole.”

Busisiwe Ramatjie – Service Director

“The highlight of my day, was receiving leadership talk from the former committee members. In summary, the former co-vice president gave us quite a mouthful, she spoke of the importance of being a great leader, team player, and how important it is for one to believe in themselves. She further went on and said that the fact we were there meant that we are full of greatness and that they saw something in each and every one of us and it is up to us to prove them right. She said some things that I’ll carry with me not only as I serve as an executive member, but for the rest of my life.”

“I got the opportunity to engage with the former service director who is absolutely amazing and I believe that she is an inspiration to many. I learned valuable lessons from her for her time served in office, she was open to answering my questions and just by observing and listening to her, I managed to pick some ideas and valuable skills that will assist in taking the chapter to new heights.”

Samukelisiwe Shongwe – Public Relations Director

“Around 10h00am, we were served with breakfast and cappuccino at the venue. I must say, the food and beverages were divine. In fact, the venue was splendid. After breakfast, we were granted the opportunity with previous executive members to consult. As the new public relations director, the opportunity given broadened my horizon, in terms of my position and role in the chapter.”

“In short, I absolutely think this event was rather successful. Mainly because it enabled us to be equipped with more information. It also, enabled us the opportunity to officially meet each other. Irrespective of the global pandemic spurring down over our heads, the handover session was in fact a need. Overall I am really grateful for the opportunity given by the Golden Key. It was really elevating.”

Tanatswa Saira – Campus and Community Outreach Director

“I had a great day at the Handover ceremony on the 19th of November. Everything was amazing. From the former executive committee to the food. The handover was very informative as the former executive committee council shared with us everything that we needed to know to kick start our new academic year of 2021. Thank you Golden Key for such an amazing experience.”

Vincent Ateka – Co-Professional Development Director

“My biggest takeaways from the interaction were these: 1. Be unapologetic in your pursuit for excellence. You have everything you need within yourself, use it. 2. Excellence does not mean that everything is going to be a smooth ride. You need to fight through all the insurmountable adversities life will throw your direction. 3. You were chosen for a reason. Believe it.”

“Overall, the event was a raging success accompanied by great conversation, great food, and even greater people. I am looking forward to working towards achieving a common goal and maintaining the golden status our predecessors so effortlessly attained.”

Thando Ngobese – Co-Professional Development Director

“The handover ceremony held at the salvation café was a success and I felt the respective portfolios got the overall view of their objectives over and above what was outlined in the toolkit, because the previous executive committee members gave a thorough explanation of the duties or what will be expected of the incoming officers during their term in office. In addition, the leadership talks were also empowering, truly the workshop was a 2 in 1 (handover and leadership empowerment).”

“The leadership talk given by the ex-vice president made everyone (in the incoming committee) feel ready to be true leaders in their portfolios. The break away session was informative as officers actively engaged one on one”.



The Handover Ceremony.

Activity: The in-depth Office engagements covering admin, how to compile a proposal, which relevant parties to involve, expected challenges in the portfolio and possible solutions.

Members from left to right: Mr Vincent Ateka (Co-professional development director), Mr Kamvelihle Madikizela (President), Mr Andrew Leeuw (Graduate Advisor), and Mr Thando Ngobese (Co-professional development director)

The Handover Ceremony

Activity: The Official Handover Ritual. This activity involves the new incoming member being welcomed and ordained into office by a member of the outgoing committee.

Members from left to right: Ms Fortunate Chitsa (Outgoing Co-Vice President), and Ms Samukelisiwe Shongwe (Public Relations Director).



The Handover Ceremony

Activity: Teamwork affirmations involving everyone.



The Handover Ceremony

Activity: Break away engagement on new strategies to implement.

Members (from left to right): Mr Thando Ngobese (Co-professional development director) and Mr Takudzwa Kunhai (Treasurer).



University of KwaZulu-Natal

Project:

The Golden Key Lockdown Challenge: Charity Drive

Overview:

*CHALLENGES:

- Planning the project on its own took its time, we had initially planned it before the corona virus outbreak, and it was approved. Then after we were subject to the lockdown regulations, we could not carry on with the project based on the approved plan because it was impractical in as much as it did not accommodate nor take it account how the project would be efficiently conducted under these grim rules.
- we then had to redo the plan for the project, a plan which took into account that students are at home and the country is on lockdown. We were advised that we needed a more practical plan and our graduate adviser, Ms Nosipho Funeka, advised that we create a donation pledge form. A brilliant idea! which helped us a lot with getting people to pledge donations after I have tirelessly shared the poster on all Golden Key Social media platforms, I received sixteen donation pledges.
- Due to the lockdown and the closure of UKZN, it became difficult to maintain contact with those who pledged donations and thus, the collection of such goods.
- Due to Covid-19, the transportation of the donated items to the Child Welfare Durban and District in Greyville was heavy difficult to secure, and in the end, it failed.

*SUCSESSES:

- We could come up with something which I considered creative later during the day of instruction; the donation pledge form, we incorporated the link on the poster and plan.
- We sent in the plan and it was approved for being practical and soon after, the posters were available on the UKZN GK social media platforms.
- We collected donations and stored them in one of the Executive Committee member's residence room, while devising a practical strategy of transporting the donations to the Golden Key office on campus, Ms Xolile Maphanga, the project leader, took them to campus using the bus assisted by her friends and Colleagues; Mr Sythemba Nkosi and Mr Thandokuhle Madela
- The Child Welfare Durban and District was also very cooperative, and they made means of collecting the donations on campus to minimize the pressure of having to secure transport on our side.
- The Child Welfare Durban and District were very pleased with our constant and healthy relationship and stressed further involvement into their community-based initiatives.



University of Pretoria

Project:

Christmas drive for Lerato House

Overview:

Lerato house was established in 1998 to provide a transitional residential facility for girls at-risk in the Pretoria city center. They seek to restore and empower young girls to take up their rightful place in society, or within their families. At Lerato house, 70 young girls per year are supported to become re-integrated into society.

We, as the UP chapter, started collecting donations in October and we delivered the donations to Lerato House on the 10th of December. The donations included food and clothing.





University of Stellenbosch

STRESS AND ANXIETY MONTH



- ❖ To start the month, the chapter launched an online campaign dealing with stress and anxiety seeing as how students usually experience these two things during exam season which was fast approaching. Helpful tips as well as sources which could help in the management of stress and anxiety were shared throughout the month.



EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS



- ❖ On the 23rd of October the chapter in collaboration with the Academics for Development Society hosted an event to help empower the members involved when it comes to entrepreneurship.
- ❖ The professional development event was well received and was a good way to close off the chapters events for the year.



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT TAKEOVER



- ❖ In the period between 10 September and 21 September the membership recruitment directors hosted multiple Instagram lives in place of the usual information tables that would have happened around the same time on campus.
- ❖ The Instagram lives addressed questions members had regarding the new member recognition ceremony, the leadership positions available for the upcoming term as well as any other questions the members had at the moment.



CONCLUSION

- The last term of the year 2020 was a success and the chapter's social media engagement significantly improved over the course of the year, however, attendance to virtual events still remained low and remains something that needs to be improved on in 2021.



University of the Western Cape

Project:

Book Donation Project (Belhar Islamic Primary School)

Overview:

For this years' book donation event, we as the GKIHS UWC executive committee decided to partner with The Belhar Islamic Primary School, located in extension 3, Belhar, a community a mere five minutes drive from the University Campus. The school itself is attended by 370 learners that are guided by a team of 18 educators, who are in turn led by the principal Mrs Soraya Jacobs. Mrs Jacobs was overjoyed by our proposition of working together with GKIHS UWC, and expressed her desire to partner with the society for future projects. I would be remiss, if I failed to mention the cornucopia of challenges we faced during the planning and execution of this project due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic. Nonetheless, every executive on the committee went over and above what was expected of them, and through the help of one another we were able to restructure the planning and execution of the event. In order to minimize the amount of contact between members of GKIHS UWC and students and teachers of Belhar Islamic Primary School, we opted to minimize the number of GK representatives at the event. In addition to this, we requested that we be met by only the principal, Mrs Soraya Jacobs and human resources manager, Abdullah Ganief. To further ensure the safety of learners and staff at the school, executives ensured that all books collected and donated were thoroughly sanitized and handled minimally prior to the official handover. Was this years' book donation event more challenging than last years event? Absolutely! Was it any less rewarding? Absolutely not! Would we do it all again? In a heart beat!

This year, the efforts of the GKIHS UWC executive committee saw 30 reading books being collected and donated to the Belhar Islamic Primary School, an amazing outcome considering the challenges faced. We would like to extend special thanks to both Malita Smith and Chante Adams, executives who epitomized the word "service" during the planning and execution of this event.



University of the Free State

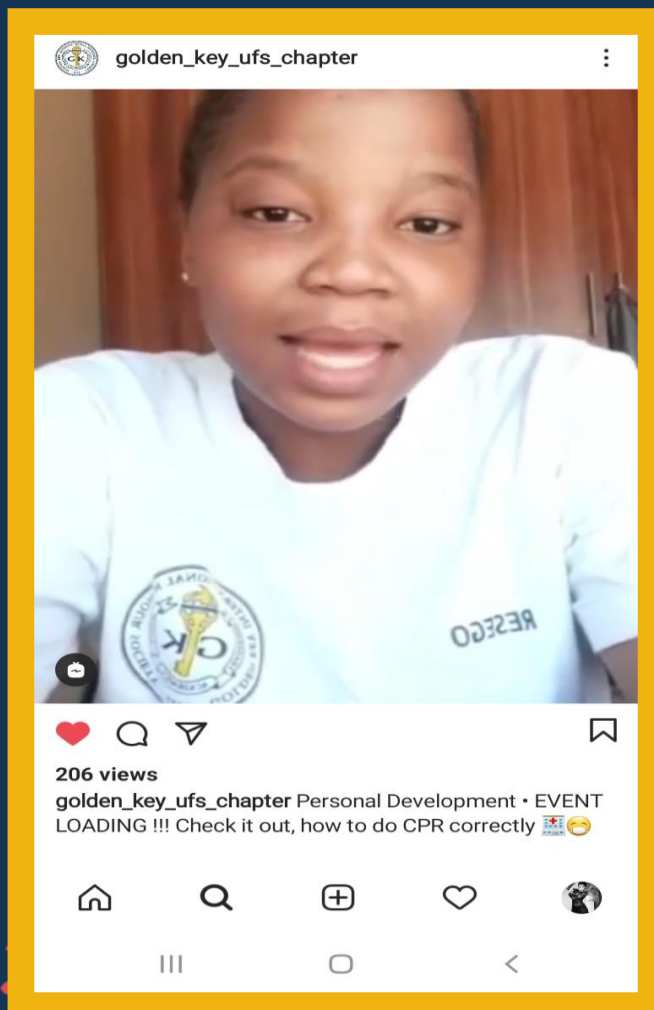
Project:

How useful are you in an emergency – CPR lessons

Overview:

A video posted on Instagram and facebook demonstrating how to perform CPR.

To view the video please
click on the image:



University of the Witwatersrand

Project:

Clothing and Book Drive

Overview:

We collaborated with Five Star to Health and collected books and clothes from Wits students. The representative then dropped off the clothes at the Wits Hospice.



Golden Key Southern Africa wants to thank all the chapters for living the GKHS values of

INTEGRITY ● ENGAGEMENT ● RESPECT
INNOVATION ● COLLABORATION
EXCELLENCE ● DIVERSITY

in full filling our mission to enable our members to realize their potential through the advancement of academics, leadership and service even in the height of a pandemic.



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