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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PARTNERS WITH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY AS INMATES GRADUATE

Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Nkosi Phathekile Holomisa, will address an inmate graduation ceremony at the Brandvlei Correctional Centre, on Wednesday, 16 November 2022.

A total of 21 inmates have completed a first of its kind Ubuntu Learning Short Course in partnership with Stellenbosch University. This enabled an equal number of inmates and Stellenbosch University students, to study together at the Brandvlei Correctional Centre in the Western Cape.

The short course consisted of approximately 50-hours of interactive class time where participants from different backgrounds had an opportunity to learn with and from each other, whilst also afforded an opportunity, through learning, to break down preconceptions, social barriers and stereotypes.

The short course further sought to:

- develop an understanding of and critical engagement with course theme-related concepts;
- reflect on broader shared societal challenges and opportunities through independent and interactive engagement with the course materials, lecturers and classmates;
- recognise the value of perspectives of those from different backgrounds and life experiences in the spirit of collaboration, community-building and connectedness;
- enable learners to be able to reflect on own learning and attitude to learning, and demonstrate learning growth/progression; and
- empower learners to have an increased commitment to the active promotion of social justice.

The inmates and students will this week be celebrated through a graduation ceremony at Brandvlei Correctional Centre, near Worcester.

Deputy Minister Holomisa says the Department of Correctional Services remains committed to empower inmates with skills which will enable them to contribute positively to society once they are released.

Members of the media are invited to attend the graduation as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Venue: Brandvlei Correctional Centre

Time: 10:00

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