

## College bids farewell to final year students

WEST COAST COLLEGE is starting to bid farewell to its level four students, whose final year exams have just commenced. Already two campuses had the opportunity to have their functions and the more than 50 Malmesbury students stepped out in style.

The students, who are exiting into the world of the hospitality industry, business and education and development all expressed appreciation for the opportunity granted by the college.

Bjorn Veldsman, a hospitality student, who resides in Paarl had particular praise for the availability of transport. "My mother heard about the college and the courses it offers. I then decided to apply after I've heard about the transport available" he said. Bjorn wants to travel abroad to get some experience before starting his own business.

Charnay De Waal from Atlantis was very surprised when she arrived at the hall for the farewell. "The event has exceeded all my expectations. All of the students really went out of their way to look their best and the hall was glamorous." She was full of praise for the lecturers who supported them through thick and thin to get them where they are today.

The Deputy CEO: Academic, Mr. Mike Mavovana said he only had one word to put them on the road to success and that is perseverance. "You have come this far but not without sacrifices. Many of you have sacrificed your families, friends and children but you persevered. I am sure after the final exams we will have reason to celebrate," he said.

The Western Cape Education Department's West Coast District Director Mr Jannie Beukes emphasized that their (students') circumstances should not be an obstacle to achieve their goals. "I come from a very small place called Loeriesfontein and I lost my father at a very early age but this never stopped me from dreaming big," he said.

Some students were overcome with emotion during a video clip of a man without arms and legs demonstrating how he struggles to get up after he has fallen. "We have both our arms and legs but when we fall we lose hope and don't want to get up and try again. This guy is a millionaire today. He used his physical poverty to enrich himself financially," said Mr Beukes.

The SRC President Werner Syster thanked the students for all their support throughout the year and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Check out the photo album, visit: <http://www.facebook.com>