

Intern Biography



Zuko Humphrey Kama
20 years
History/Social Studies

My name is Zuko Humphrey Kama, I was born and raised in a Township called Crossroads in Cape Town and attended primary school at Imbasa and High school at LEAP Science and Mathematics school. Currently I am a 2nd year student at UNISA, majoring in History and Xhosa. I'm also an Intern/Student Teacher at Sonwabo Primary School co-teaching History and I manage the school's cricket club. Besides my interest in education, I like playing sports (specifically cricket and football) and making music with digital audio workstation.

In the two years after my high school graduation I've been an intern at two high schools (at LEAP School for a year and at COSAT for 6 months). At Leap I attended Grade 10 & 11 Life Orientation classes and Grade 8 English Classes. I also ran their extramural activities such as Choir, Chess & Dance among other activities offered by the School. At COSAT I managed their Cricket Club throughout my 6 months stay and I attended Grade 9 History classes and Grade 8 Xhosa classes.

Becoming a teacher wasn't something I thought of during my high school years. My passion for it started when I was accepted into the program (Future Leaders Program) and I got educated about being a teacher (professional and personal aspects of a teacher), and working with the kids and seeing their faces lighting up when you explain something to them and they get it and apply it correctly.



Lesego Kgosi
22 years
English

I grew up in Johannesburg and I attended Bracken High school where I actively participated in drama and Omni-gavel. I am the first born child of four and this has moulded me into an assertive and decisive young woman. I look forward to completing my Bachelor of Education next year and embarking on another journey in this interesting world of education.

I believe that teaching was nothing short of a calling for me. I am passionate about young children and their development. Witnessing the social and emotional growth in a young learners truly gets my motor running. I believe that once a learner has a positive self-image, he/she becomes more eager to give their best in their academics. I enjoy cooking, reading, writing and having meaningful, thought provoking conversations. I look forward to meeting you.



Hjordis Martin
28 years
History

My name is Hjordis Martin (silent "H") which is always of interest to everyone who meets me. I currently reside in Johannesburg, South Africa and I am a 3rd year education student at the University of the Witwatersrand, I major in Social Studies and Technology. I participate in various programmes on campus namely: Tutoring, First Year experience Ambassador (mentoring and helping first time university students acculturate into the academic space.) I do soup kitchen once a week and Christian Life Community- I am the outreach officer; with our focus being primary school educational assistance.

I have always been in teacher spaces, starting as early as 16 I was a Sunday school teacher and later I made a choice to apply for a degree in education after experiencing facilitation within the corporate space I was in for about 7 years. When I experienced my first Teaching Experience practical in 2016 I fell in love with the classroom and I have participated in most programmes on campus that have to do with educational upliftment.

I grew up in a single parented home in a township known as Eldorado Park, with my two sisters and later was fortunate enough to attend an X Model C educational facility after an unfortunate life event that forced me to move away from my home. I worked hard to receive a good progress report in my matric year and due to a lack of funds and no knowledge on how to acquire funding I worked in corporate banking, insurance and telecommunications for 7 years and acquired some funds to apply to pursue my studies in education. I read a lot when I am

not doing educational upliftment and charity work, I enjoy salsa/ kizomba dancing, swimming, picnics and an occasional series or movie. I enjoy spending time with my sisters and niece and nephew on Sundays. I am a simple individual and I am open to exploring new environments and cultures.



Pearl Nonhlanhla Langa
24 years
English, IT and History

My name is Pearl Nonhlanhla Langa, I am 24 years old and I am an African. I am from the Eastrand of Johannesburg in South Africa. I specifically come from a small Township called Katlehong and this is where my family has lived for over 60 years. I am a young mother, I have a 7 year old son called Nyiko, this means gift in XiTsonga. My family is comprised of different African origins. My maternal side of the family identifies themselves as Mozambican and my paternal side of the family as Malawian. Although our roots are scattered all over Africa, most of our surviving family members were born and bred in South Africa.

Being a teenage mom is the driving force of my resilience. I got pregnant at 16 and since then I wanted to make sure I succeed, especially academically and financially. Although I was pregnant half way through high-school, I never saw that as a reason to drop out of school. I completed my National Senior Certificate at Germiston High School and this enabled me to gain entrance at the University of Johannesburg. My biggest challenge in Varsity was finances, my mother had to look after my son while I was away studying and tuition fees were not all that easy to be awarded with. Two years before I completed my degree, I was awarded with a SETA and I could study for free until the end of my degree. Till this day, I am grateful to God for that. Academics soon became my sole focus and I excelled in all that I did. In my final year of studies I was elected as the Residence Academic Advisor's Chairperson. I learnt how to become a leader and helped young students improve their study and analysis methods. In that same year, I was privileged enough to travel to Georgia Atlanta for a two week exchange program with Georgia State University. I gained a lot of interest in research and improving education in Africa. I then decided to complete my Honors Degree in ICT Education, which was also completely funded. My hardwork once again paid off, as I became the top Honours in ICT Education student for the year 2017. My academic journey has not year ended, I am busy with Master's Degree now and I hope to graduate in the year 2020.

Pearl is now a teacher, after my long academic journey I decided I would love to start teaching professionally. I started off as a prep school teacher. I taught the Reception Grade for six months and that is when I fully fell in love with teaching. Soon after that, I moved onto high school and I am learning a lot everyday. I am an English Home Language Teacher and I absolutely love teaching literature. My passion for poetry and drama usually rubs off of my learners.

I would describe myself as very calm yet bubbly. I talk too much, but I know when not to. I am a good listener and I am very patient. I listen to music and watch YouTube vlogs more than I should. I love my own space, I read the Bible and pray so I need space to do that. I read a lot of books, I am fan of South African writers. I have great interest in South African history so I relate to South African literature more.

I absolutely love people, I love talking to people and sharing ideas, I also love to sing and make up songs. Oh and food, I love cheese and lemonade, actually anything tangy will do!



Solange Kabeya
25 years
English and History

My name is Solange Kabeya I am currently working at Inanda Seminary School for girl I am originally from DR Congo I came to South Africa when I was 12 years old to join my brother with his family in Johannesburg. Currently I live in KwaZulu-Natal (Durban). I was selected to represent GTI at Inanda Seminary to establish a relationship between Inanda and GTI which I am doing that very well the staff members are very impressed with pleasant character. I am currently on my 3rd year majoring in Business management and Psychology. I am a student teacher at Inanda Seminary but I am involved in different things like sizokhula soup kitchen that I and student go and help a local community with breakfast every morning. I am also part of social development team.

Becoming a teacher will give me a platform to share my passion and expertise with others, to Inspire others becoming a teacher will also allow me to play an active role in inspiring others, to Make a real difference as a teachers I will have the opportunity to make a significant difference in the world by touching the lives of my students, to do things differently from how I was taught As a professional educator, I

can incorporate some of the positive changes that I wish I had experienced in the classroom as a child, and i will also have opportunity to be part of a vibrant learning community.

I love doing anything that is community based and listening to music I am also interested in exploring new places and doing new things. I am a last born family 2016 I lost my mother due to breast cancer growing up without parents affections was nothing but very challenging which taught me survival skills that I adjust to any situation that life present me with.

Nthabiseng Lizzy
29 years
Maths



My name is Nthabiseng Lizzy Matsetela, I was born and bred in Limpopo province currently live in Johannesburg. Studying B.Ed with university of South Africa (UNISA) doing second year.

I want to be a teacher because I believe I have all qualities needed to be a teacher and a role model. I enjoy reading inspirational and entrepreneur's books. I also enjoy exercising and sharing information either by teaching or by having positive conversations.

Nalamote Ralph Riba
25 years
Maths



My name is Nalamotse Ralph Riba, at home am known as Kabelo but at school am known as Ralph. Born and bred in Tafelkop, Limpopo. Attended my high school at home and from high school enrolled with Unisa to study for BEd (Snr&FET).

During my first three years I was an intern at Thornview Prestige College with grade 8-10, I was also the head coach for under17 and under 19 first team soccer. Even though soccer is my main sport but I got involved in all the sporting activities.

Currently am at Waterkloof House Preparatory School as an intern, sport coach and house master. I stay in within the school premises in Brooklyn Pretoria.

Sinoyolo Dikana
26 years
English



I am an English educator at a township school in Johannesburg where I believe I was called to build excellence in the lives of our learners who, some of them, come from informal settlements. I am from Uitenhage, a small town in the Eastern Cape and was raised in a Christian home and my parents are pastors. I fell in love with English and teaching because of my high school teacher who saw potential in me with regards to English and mentored me until his retirement. Because he saw potential in me, I wanted to be a teacher who could ignite a love for learning in other people too.

I believe that I was called to teaching and to be a leader in education; which is why I am amongst the people who attend the most workshops where I work; because I don't believe a teacher should ever get to a point where they feel they know it all and they can relax. The world is changing and I believe a teacher should be at the forefront of that change in order to be prepare our learners, not for the present, but for the future.



Esethu Jelemsi
20 years
Accounting

My name is Esethu Jelemsi. I was born and grew up in Cape Town, a capital city of the Western Cape Province in South Africa. I was born on the 2nd of MAY on 1998 and I am 20 years old. During my high school years, I was enrolling at LEAP Science & Maths School which is a private school for black children who are from disadvantaged backgrounds. I am currently a second year student at the University of South Africa studying towards a degree in education.

I am also a Future Leader under Global Teachers Institute. I have almost two years of classroom experience. Throughout this period I have learnt a lot of things about this profession. I have always taken the teaching profession lightly until I stepped into a classroom as a teacher instead of a learner.

I have grown to love this profession. Lack of passion and commitment from some teachers is what motivated me to join this profession. I grew up helping learners in my neighbourhood with their homework and that is what most parents knew about me. The learners always loved working with me as I was patient and friendly with them, which is something that they never got from some of their teachers at school. This is when I got interested into becoming a teacher as I realized that I am good at working with learners. Another thing that motivated me to become a teacher is the lack of passion and commitment from teachers who are teaching at our public schools. I am a friendly person who likes to be around other people. I love participating in sports, most preferably cycling, athletics (running) and soccer. I also love cooking. I love working with other people. I love travelling and getting to know more places. I am always open to learn.



Zimkhitha Anelia Mliswa
30 years
English, History and Art

I grew up a tomboy and did boyish tasks and chores with my late doting maternal grandfather resulting to disapproval by my grandmother and mother who had misgivings with my tomboyishness. My artworks emphasises a serious strain that the lack of employment places on the family structure in the Eastern Cape.

In my community I have discovered that young people with absent parents, living in poverty have few prospects in life are more likely to have unplanned children or sometimes they are forced to get married to older men in exchange for cattle. This lack of opportunities places a serious strain on the family structure, especially the menfolk who society - Xhosa culture in particular only deem as "real men" when they support and care for their dependents. This expectation forces men to migrate in droves out of the Eastern Cape in search for greener pastures leaving their wives and children behind and never return back home. As this has also contributed to my brokenness of my own family.