



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP HOSTS SUCCESSFUL OPEN EVENING



Prospective postgraduate students interact with UKZN Business School staff.

Business leaders, managers, entrepreneurs and industry practitioners travelled from as far as Zululand, KwaDukuza and Pietermaritzburg to attend the Graduate School of Business and Leadership's (GSB&L's) inaugural Open Evening. Once at the event they were informed of the postgraduate study options open to them at the School.

The event saw the School's academics and administrators engaging, on a one-on-one basis, with over a hundred enthusiastic prospective students about the School's programmes which include a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Commerce programmes, Postgraduate studies in Regional and Local Economic Development, postgraduate diplomas in leadership and business management as well as doctoral studies.

In his welcome address, the School's Dean and Head, Professor Theuns Pelsier, highlighted why enrolling with the GSB&L should be the first step for exceptional leaders pursuing career growth.

'We offer quality programmes which are conducted by qualified professors and industry practitioners. I believe that we are a price competitive university and are value grown and value conscious. Our fee structure is what makes this institution the ideal choice hence I hope to see you all here next year,' he said.

Commenting on how the information sharing gathering had enriched them, prospective students Mr Lindani Dlodla and Ms Noluthando Sithole said their interactions with the School were not only informative but they had given them insight on which direction to take for their personal and professional development.

'The Open Evening was an eye-opener, in the sense that we as students were not aware of the opportunities available to us. I believe in investing in postgrad education, the problem is that we tend to benchmark with other universities and forget to value the standard and service delivery of our local universities here in KZN,' said Dlodla.

Sithole added that the event also created a platform for networking and sharing of ideas.

'The evening was a good platform for individuals to learn how to improve their business, management and leadership skills in the workplace,' she said.

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