

## SAN empowering future leaders from Durban University of Technology

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A call by Government on state entities encouraging them to empower young people by creating job opportunities and skills development was answered by the South African Navy (SAN).



K. Ngcamu Maritime Intern at NS Dbn.

The SA Navy in partnership with the Durban University of Technology (DUT) has taken five students on to facilitate their work-integrated learning for a period of 6 months. They joined the SA Navy on the 3 February 2014. All five students that were chosen to take part in this initiative are keen to experience new career-related challenges, but most of all are excited to learn new things as this is an unexpected career path.

All these students were chosen from four different departments within DUT. Sabathile Shabangu is from the Human Resource Management department; Patric Hlapiso and Kwazi Ngcamu are from the Maritime Studies department; Mawanda Xaba is from the Operations and Management department and Mthokozisi Buthelezi is from the Public Relations Management Department.



Last year during the workshop that was conducted at DUT by the Department of Water Affairs and the SA Navy, interns had the opportunity to meet their mentors, the SA Navy's representative was WO2 P. Poolchand (who is the training officer at Naval Station Durban). The idea behind this workshop was to paint a picture of what they should expect when they arrive at the Naval Station

Durban. They were also given the opportunity to ask questions to get a better understanding of how a military organization works.



Their first week at work started on 3 February, WO2 P. Poolchand and CPO J. Govender organized a presentation about the safety and health procedures that need to be followed while on duty.

The SA Navy is also thrilled to have the opportunity to equip and shape promising young leaders to become competitive in the work environment.

