Out to Impress

Agnes Seopela grew up in Limpopo. After completing her schooling, she studied Financial Management N4 to N6 at Ekurhuleni West College, Kempton Campus.

She would like to encourage more and more young South Africans to make a Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) (previously FET) college their institution of choice. “You do not have the pressure at a TVET college that you have at university. You only do four subjects every six months and then you obtain your certificates. Thereafter, you obtain work-based experience, which is a requirement to obtain your National Diploma. One you have a National Diploma you can go to university and complete your degree,” Agnes explains.

Numbers have always been her forte: “I have always been good with numbers and I have always loved accounting. I love the maths.”

When choosing a career she says it is very important to “see where the opportunities lie”. “There are very few accountants in South Africa, so I went into accounting,” she informs.

Agnes, a beneficiary of Fasset’s TVET Workplace Experience Project, has been placed at the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC): “I am very thankful to Fasset for helping me to get the experience. In order to obtain the National Diploma in Financial Management, I needed the work-based experience.”

Someone who likes to impress, her academic performance at college certainly impressed. When completing her N6, she obtained distinctions in all four subjects.

She has already impressed her employer: “Comments from my mentor and the manager that I work with are very nice. They have told me I am doing a great job. I am very proud of myself.”

Within the next five years, she hopes to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. She plans to complete her degree either through the University of Johannesburg or through Unisa.

Agnes has a special message for young South Africans: “It does not matter where you are. So long as you are determined and you know your goals, you can do it. Anyone can do. It is about attitude. You need to have the attitude that you can do it.”