

Looking back over the past five years, the sub-programme, Further Education and Training at Elsenburg can feel proud of the achievements and successes reached over this period.

Delivering formal and non-formal training to beneficiaries, for the spectrum of agricultural beneficiaries as per the target group, the pass rate for the learnership students over the past five years averaged 77%. The graduation usually takes place during the first week of December, where all successful learnership students receive their certificates at Elsenburg.

Mr Simpi Mkiva, one of our Learnership students (Vegetable Level 4), was recently employed at Avondrust Farms, near Stellenbosch.



An independent Consultancy firm, Nosipho Consultancy, visited us on 25 March 2011 at Elsenburg, as commissioned by AgriSETA for monitoring and evaluation. FET; Department of Agriculture: Western Cape, was one of “few” that have been scored the maximum of 5 on each category of the evaluation report.

Furthermore, non-accredited short courses were presented to a total of 8 117 beneficiaries across the agricultural spectrum from 2008 till 2011, excluding the planned 1600 beneficiaries to be trained during 2012/2013.

From the FET band 38 students successfully articulated to the HET band, of which 7 were accepted in the B.Agric programme, 1 in the equine study field and the rest qualified for the Higher Certificate.

The Novare Bursary was awarded to the following FET students, who were articulated to the HET band: Peter-John Danster (2008), Neljanine Soman (2009), Lonia Malatji (2010) and Divan-Jon Paulse (2011).

- **PROFILE OF DIVAN-JON PAULSE : Best Learnership student 2011**



Divan-Jon was born on 25 June 1984 in Citrusdal as the second eldest of four children. He matriculated in 2002 at Schoonspruit Secondary School in Malmesbury.

He completed a management course in 2006 and from March 2007 to August 2007, he worked as an intern at FSD in Clanwilliam. He has always

been interested in Agriculture and after completing his internship, he worked in the Agricultural environment in Citrusdal until 2009.

Divan-Jon joined the FET Centre Clanwilliam in 2010 when he enrolled for the learnership in Plant Production, specialising in Pomology. He completed the level 1 Pomology learnership and was top of his class and received the award for the best level 1 Pomology learnership student at the end of 2010.

In 2011 he continued his studies and enrolled for the NQF level 4, Plant Production learnership. The curriculum exposed him all aspects of Viticulture, amongst other subject modules. At the end of the 2011, he once again excelled in his academics and was awarded the overall best learnership student for 2011, thus being nominated as the recipient of the Novare Bursary Award for 2011, to commence studies in 2012. Divan-Jon was accepted for the Higher Certificate Programme at Higher Education at Elsenburg via the articulation process and will be furthering his studies in Plant Production.

He is extremely grateful to his sponsor and for all role-players for affording him the opportunity to realise his dream and endeavours to work hard and eventually would like to become obtain a Diploma and or B.Agric qualification.

During the annual visits to AgriSETA, the sub-programme submits the Portfolios of Evidence of the Learnership students as part of the external moderation process. During the visit in November 2011, FET; Elsenburg's application to participate in Learnership Implementation during 2012/2013, was approved and our accreditation as an Education and Training Provider, was extended until 01 December 2014.

All these achievements can only speak of sheer commitment, diligence, hard work and dedication of all the FET staff.