

OAKHILL CAREER DAY

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY'S

ROOM



Nareen Rebello
Marketing Officer AFDA

TOPIC: AFDA: Information for prospective students

AFDA is a private tertiary institution which offers degree programmes that are fully registered and accredited by the Council of Higher Education (CHE), the Department of Education and Training (DHET), the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). It comprises of the Film School, Performance School, Television School and The AFDA School of Business Innovation and Computer Technology.

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Alfred Lor
Alfred Lor Photography

TOPIC: Photography as a career

I am a South African born professional wedding photographer. I started out after 3 years of study, shooting mostly editorial stories for magazine and architectural assignments for hotels and corporate clients.

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Bianca Habib
Speech Therapist

TOPIC: A career in speech therapy

Bianca Habib graduated from Wits University in 2007 with a degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. In 2008 she began working at Johannesburg General Hospital, where she gained experience in acute Speech, Language and Feeding Disorders. Bianca then went into Private Practice at Fourways Life and Sunninghill Hospital, specialising in childhood language development and feeding disorders. Bianca has a post graduate diploma in the Management and Treatment of Dyslexia.

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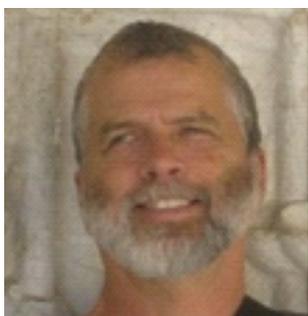


Carol Hampshire
Graphic Designer & Owner Red Hot Designs

TOPIC: Graphic design - freedom & success through working for yourself

I started my own graphic design business when I was 22 years old. I hated working for a company and boss, and knew that I was an entrepreneur at heart. I love being my own boss, the freedom of working from home, earning US dollars and taking holidays when I want to. For the past 8 years I have worked with people from all over the world designing their logos & web sites.

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Chris Gould
Owner Aspen Traduction

TOPIC: Details of a translation company

Owner of a leading French language translation company specialising in Legal, Financial and Corporate Translation.

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TOPIC: Commerce, IT & Law

CTI is accredited by the South African Council on Higher Education (CHE). This accreditation ensures that all programmes and academic service delivery are of the highest standards and that students have comprehensive employment opportunities available to them upon completion of their studies. CTI has degree-conferring status in South Africa, thus enabling learners the opportunity to study towards a degree at any of its twelve campuses.



David Shilton
Ocean Odyssey Skipper

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TOPIC: Unforgettable marine adventures

I play with big boys toys... really expensive ones. A Knysna boy, Qualified Navy Diver, living the life most people dream of! sailed from a young age on Lasers won the National Laser youth Sailing Championships in 2007 & 2008, crewed on the Navy's fast 42 in the Cape to Rio, joined team on Americas cup bowman & crew boss 2013, to top that I joined and sailed as crew in the 2015 Trans Atlantic race - onboard the 52" Yawl vessel Dorade which finished 5th overall, currently I am skipper for local sailing operator Springtide Charters.



Dean Prigge
Portfolio Manager

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TOPIC: Wealth creation through investment

Self employed Portfolio Manager. Portfolio Management is the art of selecting the right investment policy for individuals in terms of minimum risk and maximum return.



Donald Curtis
Director Mosdell Pama & Cox Attorneys

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TOPIC: Is practising Law: a) The Good Wife b) Suits c) Law and Order; or d) None of the above?

He obtained his LL.B. degree (cum laude) from R.A.U. (now the University of Johannesburg) and was admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa in 2009. He is a litigation attorney and deals with commercial, family and municipal law litigation.



Duran de Villiers
Entrepreneur, Businessman and Founder of SteadiDrone

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TOPIC: How I started an award winning international drone business

31 year old award winning tech entrepreneur, businessman and founder of SteadiDrone, Africa's leading drone manufacturer, based in Knysna.



Eleanor Bouw-Spies
Speaker and Ward Councillor Knysna

TOPIC: A perspective from a former Mayor, Politician, Social Activist & Ward Leader

Ms. Bouw-Spies has been resident in Knysna for most of her life, having attended Rheenendal Primary School and Knysna Secondary School. She holds a BA Degree and a Higher Diploma in Education from the University of the Western Cape. Ms. Bouw-Spies has over ten years of political experience, having served as a public representative from 2000- 2011. During this time, she served her community as Executive Mayor from 2007-2011. She was appointed as a Director of the Knysna Tourism Board and in 2005 a trustee and Board Director of the Knysna Sports School. In 2012 she became a Board Director of Hospice Knysna. She is also an Honorary Rotarian. Ms. Bouw-Spies has been involved in a number of community projects over the years, with many of these focused on sports development and education. As the duly-elected representative for Ward 5, she aims to alleviate many of the problems that her community faces as a result of poverty, drug and alcohol abuse and inadequate services.



ETA Sports College
Representative

TOPIC: Sports & sport management

ETA College is a private higher education and training college specialising in qualifications that lead to employment in the sport and fitness industries. We offer a wide range of courses, geared to equip students with the skills and experience to embark on careers in sport management, sport coaching, project management, personal training, sport conditioning, event management and becoming an exercise specialist.

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Evelyn Pepler
Owner of Ocean Odyssey

TOPIC: Unforgettable marine adventures

Evelyn Pepler, what I do? Sail, guide, travel, entertain & socialise...and work nonstop. having worked extensively in the hospitality & tourism industry, currently the owner of Ocean Odyssey & Spring tide charters, permitted whale watching Knysna, and chairperson of SABBWWA, I am passionate about showcasing this magnificent town and destination, I get to go out to sea and witness these incredible whales and dolphins, and its certainly an exciting industry! I have a special interest and a number of years experience in destination and activity product/tourism Marketing.

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Forensic Pathology Service Knysna
Representative

TOPIC: A career in forensic pathology

The Forensic Pathology Service is mandated by law to investigate all Unnatural Deaths.

The Forensic Pathology Service includes the following:

- Investigation at the scene of death.
- Collection of evidence.
- Assistance to the South African Police Service with the identification of deceased persons.
- Autopsy and post mortem examinations including specimen collection.
- Safe custody of all forms of evidence and specimens.
- Preparation of judicial reports and statements.
- Provide testimony in court proceedings.
- Training of doctors, registrars, undergraduate students, and forensic officers.
- Rendering FPS assistance to other provinces and countries.
- Provision of Mortality data to relevant stakeholders to inform research and prevention strategies.
- Research.

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Gordon Shutte
Chartered Accountant

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TOPIC: A career in finance

Gordon's expertise is on the financial side as a CA(SA) having gained experience at:

- Ernst & Young auditing firm
- A subsidiary of Transnet and taking it through the privatisation process
- JP Morgan Investment Bankers in London & Johannesburg as SA Reserve Bank liaison and management accountant
- Property investment and business management
- Project management
- Specialist NPO audit and trustee responsibilities



Greg Vogt
CEO Knysna Tourism

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TOPIC: Destination Tourism and Marketing

Greg Vogt has been involved in tourism management since 1996. He currently holds the position of CEO of the Knysna Tourism Board.



Guy Platt
Software Developer

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TOPIC: Software development as a career - an entrepreneur's view

Left home with my SA passport, a degree and \$400 cash. 2 years in Europe (Israel and England), 15+ San Francisco, 10 years Sweden. Been to 50+ countries. Worked for Sun Microsystems during the dot com boom.



Humphrey Price
CA & Portfolio Manager

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TOPIC: The eighth wonder of the world

Humphrey Price is a certified Chartered Accountant and now works as a Portfolio Manager at Sanlam Private Wealth.



Jacques Brink
Certified Bicycle Engineer

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TOPIC: If you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life.

Jacques Brink is a specialised service engineer (certified by Barnett's USA). He knows and loves cycling and it shows!



Jo Pieters
Jo Pieters Interior Design

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TOPIC: Interior design as a career

Jo Pieters Design Studio offers an extensive and professional Interior Design service, and prides itself on combining experience with design finesse to create interiors that are visually exciting, unique and practical.



Jo-Ann Bekker
Investigative Journalism & Creative Writing

TOPIC: Making a passion for words your career

Jo-Ann Bekker was a journalist for three decades and recently received her MA in Creative Writing.

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Julisa Petersen
DJ, Radio Presenter & Marketing Manager

TOPIC: Radio broadcasting dynamics, audio marketing & production

Julisa has always played an integral role in the music industry. She has been a DJ since 2001 and a radio presenter and MC since 2011, when Knysna 97.0FM launched. In 2015 Julisa took initiative, realizing the potential of our local radio station, and is now the Knysna Radio advertising agent. She records and produces the adverts for broadcast. She also creates the posters and visual marketing material. Operating independently via Custom Creation Agency - Audio and Visual Media.

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Karis Nafte
Animal Behaviourist & Dog Trainer; Film Animal Wrangler

TOPIC: A live demonstration by Karis & her dog

Karis Nafte is a professional animal trainer. She has been an animal wrangler for the film industry since 1996. She runs a dog training school and offers individual behaviour consultations for clients.

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Keith Turner
Civil Engineer

TOPIC: Why engineering is sexy

Civil Engineer (BSc. Eng), with professional registration, working mostly in water engineering, particularly water treatment and desalination.

Science
Lab



Laurel Giddy
Medical Doctor

TOPIC: A career in the medical profession

Laurel Giddy is qualified as a General Practitioner and is an expert on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

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Marike Vreken
Marike Vreken Town Planner

TOPIC: Planning liveable and sustainable spaces

Obtained the B. Art et Scien (bep) degree at the University of Potchefstroom in 1996

1996-1998: Worked as Town & Regional Planner in training with a private consultancy firm De Jager & Associates in Potchefstroom.

1998-1999: Worked as Senior Technical Assistant in the Department of Town & Regional Planning at the University of Stellenbosch.

1999-2002: Town Planner at Drakenstein (Paarl) Municipality.

2002-2003: Town Planner at Urban Dynamics Western Cape as Town Planner.

2003-2004: Town Planner at VPM Planning in Knysna

2004 to date: Marike established Marike Vreken Town & Regional Planners CC

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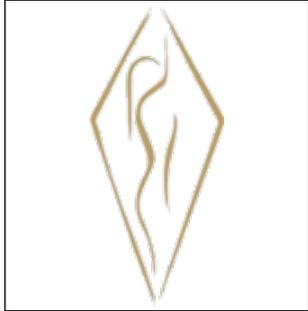


Tony Cook
Owner and Manager Tony Cook Adventures

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TOPIC: SleepWhenYouAre Dead

Tony Cook is a fully qualified FGASA guide and is registered with Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. He is a member of Knysna Tourism. Tony has worked extensively overseas in tourism, sailing, and adventure. Tony himself is a self proclaimed adventure addict, and competes in mountain bike races, walks and hikes every trail possible, climbs mountains, paddles a canoe, races surf-ski's, runs, surfs, kiteboards, is fanatical about Stand Up Paddling, and has salt water in his veins!



Total Concept Academy
Representative

TOPIC: Career in beauty, health & skincare

Total Concept is a Port Elizabeth based business established in 1992 and dedicated to the Beauty Health & Skincare Profession. The Academy is authorised by SAAHSP, CIDESCO, ITEC & CIBTAC to offer their training through a variety of courses in beauty health & skincare.



Penny Venter
Event Organiser

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TOPIC: Events management on a global scale

Event Organiser for a large Global Marketing & Events Agency in London. She lives in Knysna. This job gives you a world of opportunity to explore, travel, and do something that is extremely rewarding.



Piet du Plessis
Self Employed IT Entrepreneur

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TOPIC: 5 ways to use your career as a programmer to make a million

Pieter started out as an actuary and later moved into programming and then marketing.



Rik Orts-Hansen
Architect & Principal Partner of TCNO Architects Pty Ltd

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TOPIC: Architecture is not just a career; it becomes a way of life.

I have been in professional practice since 1988 working both in the United Kingdom, Europe, specifically Moscow and in Africa. I am most comfortable doing contemporary buildings that draw strong references from vernacular architecture and are spatially pure. The work has ranged in scale considerably from the South African Constitutional Court, which my practice won in an international competition in 1998, to the Cape Town Stadium for 2010 World Cup to bespoke private homes. I have assisted as an external critic at UCT School of Architecture and the Bartlett UCL London. Architecture is not just a career it becomes a way of life. If you choose this path you will learn to see. The landscape, whether built or natural will never be the same. Light, shadow, texture, materiality, and space will become companions in your senses for the rest of your life. You will have the tools to transform your clients' biographies into physical space, bring dignity to the poor, change skylines...and lives. It's an exciting journey, which comes with considerable responsibility.



Robyn Kidwell
Occupational Therapist

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TOPIC: A career in occupational therapy

Robyn Kidwell graduated from the University of Pretoria in 1999 with a degree in Occupational Therapy. She practiced as a school-based occupational therapist at Christian Brothers College, St Mary's DSG Pretoria, and Southdowns College. She is now in private practice and operates from an independent school in Knysna.



Tim Carr
Guide, Ranger and Owner Reflections Eco Resort

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TOPIC: Working outside the box

Tim shunned the trodden path to university. Instead, he offered himself as a volunteer skivvy at Phinda safari reserve. Learning from the outstanding ecologists at the reserve, and with unlimited enthusiasm, Tim grew to become one of the most respected private safari guides in Southern Africa.



Wayne Sternsdorf
Station Commander, Fire & Rescue Knysna

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TOPIC: A career in fire & rescue

FIRE AND RESCUE - This department is responsible for extinguishing fires and removal of dangerous animals such as snakes and bees. After-hours contact point for all municipal incidents and reports such as water leaks and electricity outages.



Walter Corbett
Creator of Sparklife 3D Animation

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TOPIC: Comic books, animation, game development, 3D printing and virtual reality

SparkLife Animations is the brain-child of Walter Corbett, previously a motivational speaker and business developer.



Warren Bright
Blueberry Farmer

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TOPIC: The best thing about farming is...

Special thanks from Julia Warren to our two dynamic moms Milly Adams & Joyce Hughes for your fantastic help in arranging our Careers Day!