



# CIEE SCENE

## WEEKLY UPDATE



Friday 03 August 2012

### CIEE ORIENTATION

The Cape Town Study Centre staff have been very busy over the last three weeks with welcoming and settling in our Fall 2012 students who arrived 10 July 2012. Our orientation program was a great success including an exploration of Cape Town and fantastic Welcome Dinner at Moyo at Spier Wine Estate in Stellenbosch. We had a lucky draw where students had the opportunity to win a trip to Victoria Falls as well as a dinner at the Africa Café. Our orientation program took place over three days culminating on Friday 13 July when students were moved into their semester accommodation.



Welcoming our students at Cape Town International Airport, 10 July 2012



Quinton speaking during our orientation program in Baxter Hall, 11 July 2012

### WELCOME DINNER: Moyo, Stellenbosch. Students and staff

enjoying the dinner



Quinton getting his groove on...



Theodore Robinson receiving his prize- free trip to Victoria Falls donated by Southern Ambition.



Students with their faces painted at Moyo

## CIEE events

### Rugby

On Saturday 14 July 2012, we organized a group CIEE event to watch a rugby game at Newlands Stadium. The match was a between the Stormers, who are from Cape Town and the Melbourne Rebels. It was a really exciting match and the students had the opportunity to sit close to the action. The Stormers won the match making it even more memorable. The atmosphere in Newlands during a Stormers game is really one of a kind and something one should not leave Cape Town without experiencing.



Upcoming events: Kat and The Kings at the Fugard Theatre, Winetasting

## Community Action Plan (CAP): Mzolis

One of the responsibilities of the RAs is to organise four events per semester for their students. Within the first few weeks of this semester several RAs have chosen to take their students to Mzolis, a famous meat restaurant located in the heart of Gugulethu township. In order to organise a CAP an RA must first submit a proposal to the Resident Life Co-ordinator. The RLC ensures that the CAP proposal meets the CIEE mission and goals. Four of our houses have been to Mzolis this semester so far and several others have organized this event as an informal house activity.

Many of the houses included an informative township tour which culminated in lunch at Mzolis. The tour includes a walking tour through Gugulethu including some powerful stops only the way like the Amy Biel Memorial and Gugulethu 7. The tour provides the students with a first-hand glimpse into the lives of South Africans living in poverty. The tour guides covered some key topics including access to water and sanitation for those living within Gugulethu.



Shalom (far-right), an RA, with his students at Mzolis



The entrance to Mzolis.



The meat...

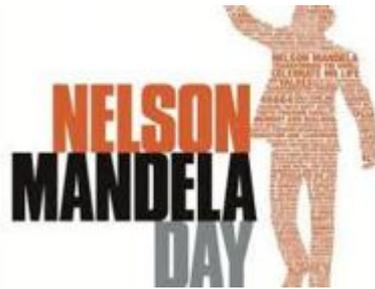
Upcoming CAPs: Bo-Kaap tour

## 18 July 2012: MANDELA DAY

To celebrate Nelson Mandela's Birthday all South African's are encouraged to participate in 64 minutes of community service. The CIEE Cape Town Study Centre, staff and students, participated in an array of events taking place at Blikkesdorp, a township by Delft. The Boundless Heart Foundation was the main organizer of the event.

All 7 staff members as well as approximately 120 students were involved in this great event. The night before students began making sandwiches. We took over 300 sandwiches, 300 pieces of fruit and 300 lolly pops for the children. We also took face paint to entertain the children as well as six trees which were donated to us. We planted the trees around the newly installed library for the community.

Students also participated in painting, planting in the vegetable garden and playing with the children.



Staff and students at Mandela Day in Blikkesdorp



## Volunteering: Training

Over the last week our Resident Life Co-ordinator, Earl Erasmus, has been busy organizing and running volunteer training. Training took place from Tuesday 31 July – Friday 03 August 2012 during lunch from 13h00 -14h00.

Volunteer training afforded us the opportunity to connect and engage 80 CIEE volunteers with the broader context of Volunteering in Cape Town. It exposed all our volunteers to the basic assumptions and modus operandi of our partner organizations. Through vibrant, interactive and volunteer specific information sessions we allowed our students to learn about volunteering and the role of volunteers in the Cape. The training was a pilot project to a new way of inducting our volunteers. It didn't come without challenges but overall it laid a great foundation for possibly one of our best semesters.

## NEW ARRIVAL!!!!

We are very proud and excited to announce the arrival of a new addition to the CIEE Cape Town Family. Ronel Stevens, Resident Co-ordinator-Service learning, gave birth to a healthy 3kg baby Girl on Tuesday 31 August 2012 at 16h30. We wish her all the best!

