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SHAWCO helps learners to SHINE

With a social entrepreneurial spirit, SHAWCO (Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation) at the University of Cape Town introduced the SHAWCO SHINE programme to support students in grade 10, 11 and 12, by improving their academic results, boosting their confidence as well as stimulating their ambitions for further tertiary education.

As a social development business, SHAWCO shaped this concept in an attempt to tackle a rising social issue: alleviating poverty through education. The concept is based on "the haves" helping "the have-nots". The payment received for the SHINE learners partly subsidises the costs of the SHAWCO Saturday School programme, which supports more than 200 carefully selected learners from disadvantaged communities. Thus, the SHINE learners receive academic support while at the same time helping other learners with fewer opportunities.

Every Saturday the learners receive tutoring by qualified educators, who have produced excellent results over the past years, in the stimulating environment of UCT. The fields of study offered are Pure Mathematics (compulsory), Physical Science, Accounting and English (home language). The learners also receive career guidance and take part in motivational workshops by the Career Development Unit at UCT, to provide better information on higher education. Assistance in completing application forms for tertiary education and bursaries is also provided.

The SHAWCO SHINE programme starts on 21 January 2012 and ends on 13 October 2012. For those learners who are particularly interested in improving their academic marks, more information (including the application form) is available on www.shawco.org. The closing date for submission of applications is 25 November 2011. For any further information, please contact Carl Herman on 021 404-7680 or Thara Kallungal on 021 406-6223 or email cr.herman@uct.ac.za / thara.kallungal@uct.ac.za.

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