Developing young maths masters

Description

Girls from 25 Cape Town high schools recently attended the Women in Mathematics mini convention, where they had the opportunity to learn about mathematics as a career from role models in maths and maths-related careers.

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Founded in 2007 by Professor Shaheed Hartley, the Women in Mathematics Programme supports female high school learners who excel in maths, giving them an opportunity to interact with successful women who use maths in their areas of expertise.

For this year's mini convention at the Capetonian Hotel, sponsored by AfroCentric, 25 schools from the Cape Flats and surrounding areas were invited to send five Grade 10 and 11 female learners. The professionals, several of whom came from the participating schools, spoke to the girls about their own background and how maths played a crucial role in their success.

Representing a diverse array of industries, the speakers included actuarial scientists, mathematicians, accountants, astronomers, biotechnologists, chemists, civil and mechanical engineers, government department leaders, CEOs, and more.

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