



Motivational and role model talks for students

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The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) is hosting VIP speakers, including NSTF-South32 Award winners, to engage with students of the [NSTF Brilliants programme](#) and the [Lewis BEST Students programme](#). The purpose is to inform and motivate students in their studies and for future careers. It is also an opportunity for the students to get to know one another, as there was no opportunity in the past 2 years for the 47 students to meet and interact.

Programme

Morning session

Time starting	Time ending	Topic	Speaker/ Organisation
10:00	11:00	Welcome and introductions	Ms Jansie Niehaus , Executive Director: NSTF
11:00	11:30	EVERY professional was once an AMATEUR	Dr Gillian Arendse , Manager: Communication and Stakeholder Relations, iThemba Labs
11:30	12:00	Scientists are needed everywhere!	Prof Carolina Ödman , Associate Professor and Associate Director: Development and Outreach, Inter-University Institute of Data Intensive Astronomy, University of Western Cape
12:00	12:30	Studying at University and making the right choices for your future career	Prof Stephanie Burton , Professor: Biochemistry; and Professor: Future Africa; and Immediate Past Deputy Vice-

			Chancellor (DVC): Research and Postgraduate Education, University of Pretoria (UP)
12:30	13:00	From classrooms under trees to unlocking the future through science	Prof Azwinndini Muronga , Theoretical Physicist and Executive Dean: Faculty of Science, Nelson Mandela University (NMU)

Afternoon session

14:00	14:30	Will AI rule the world in 10 years' time? How do you want to contribute to, or counteract that in the next 10 years?	All
14:30	15:00	Being a Contributor in SET and Innovation Fields: An Engineer's perspective	Mr Segomotso E Kelefetswe , Founder and CEO: Outlook Foundation
15:00	15:30	What is the STEMulator and how can you become involved?	Ms Kgaugelo Pule , NSTF/STEMulator Research Assistant
15:30	16:00	Discussion and closure	All

Presentations and proceedings will be available on:

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