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758 Fortunate learners complete their first month of the KZN Tourism Ambassador programme. First Resorts, one of the principal host establishments, with 21 learners located at 9 of their KZN resorts, are pleased to be associated with this initiative and support the National Department of Tourism in their drive to alleviate unemployment in the country.

Each host resort is responsible to ensure that each learner receives the relevant experiential and practical training. Bongeka Nyawo, aged 25, positioned at the Don Oceanic in Durban has gained valuable knowledge through the programme. Bongeka is currently part of the entertainment department, and had this to say about her experience so far, “I have always loved working with people, and feel part of a team at this resort. Working with the guests and being part of the entertainment team, has opened my eyes about the types of employment and positions on offer in the tourism industry.”

Nomusa Mkhize is one of 3 learners gaining her working experience at the Palace, situated along Durban’s beach front. “Being part of this programme has given me opportunities that I would not have previously been able to achieve. My dream profession in the industry is to be an events coordinator, and organise international conferences in the province.”

“We are proud of the enthusiasm each learner has displayed during the first stage of this programme, and we look forward to watching them develop their skills throughout this year,” said Johann Jordaan, Managing Director of First Resorts.

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