OPENING VAN DIE SCIMATHUS-OORBRUGGINGSPROGRAM 2011

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Goeie more, almal. Molweni. Good morning. Baie welkom, veral:

- SciMathUS- en IWWOUS-personeel
- Skenkers, borge en ondersteuners
- Veral die Klas van 2011 – studente en hul ouers

Today is a big day, the start of a big opportunity for all of you. The fact that you are here shows that you are committed to make the most of your opportunities

Ek wil julle verseker julle doen die regte ding. SciMathUS is vanjaar 10 jaar oud. Daar is dus baie ervaring en groot kundigheid hier om studente op die pad van sukses te begelei.

The programme has had a 100% success rate the past four years. Every student who wrote exams passed, and on average improved their marks with 15% over their Grade 12 results.

Julle is die 11de groep studente hier. Honderde jongmense was deur die jare presies waar julle vandag is. Hulle het hard gewerk, vasgebyt deur die moeilike tye en uiteindelik hul drome verwesenlik, en vandag is hulle dokters en ingenieurs en rekenmeesters. Julle kan dit ook doen.

This programme is a symbol of hope. Hope is not empty optimism, hope is about realism. It asks of us to consider what we need to <u>do</u> today in order to make life better for the future – for yourself, your family and your community.

We will support you. We are there for you. We know you have the potential. If you stay motivated and work hard, you will succeed.

Vandag is die eerste tree op pad na universiteitstudies. Ons wil hê julle moet hierdie oorbruggingsjaar voltooi, en dan ŉ graad by Stellenbosch kom doen – en ŉ honneursgraad, en ŉ meestersgraad en ŉ doktersgraad.

A big thank you to all our funders and sponsors who have supported us through the years. None of this would be possible without your investment.

Alles van die beste aan al die studente en hul ouers, en baie sterkte.