

# THANDOKAZI KONO

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An energetic and analytic BCom (Management Sciences) graduate, currently completing BComHons in Logistics Management. Developed innovative, cost-effective packaging solutions for customers at Nampak Corrugated. Acquired strong planning, organising and quality control abilities for efficient flow and storage of goods at Pack-house Productions. Established a successful branding business which strengthened a commercial acumen to assess business decisions and costing.

## EDUCATION

2015 – Currently	<b>BCom Hons Logistics Management</b> Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa <i>Thesis Topic:</i> Transport challenges to Namibia
2012 – 2014	<b>BCom (Management Sciences)</b> Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa <i>Majors:</i> Logistics Management; Project Management <i>Relevant Module:</i> Supply Chain Management Financial Accounting
2011	<b>National Senior Certificate</b> Rhenish Girls' High School, Stellenbosch

## LEADERSHIP, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2015	Chair: LLL Village House 1 (Tech & Innovation)
2014	Project Manager: Funda Fundisa, Kayamandi
2013	Head Mentor: Irene Ladies' Residence
2012	Residence Committee: Irene Ladies' Residence
2011 – 2013	Accounting Tutor: Funda Fundisa, Kayamandi
2010	Head of Debating Society
2009 - 2010	Member of School Learner Representative Council

## WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2015

### **Logistics Intern**

Nampak Corrugated, Neopark

- Developed innovative packaging solutions for customers
- Applied cost-effective packaging solutions to cartoons
- Optimise packaging and palletisation to attract customers.
- Liaise with customers, drivers and line manager

November 2014 – January 2015

### **Waitress**

Tokara Restaurant, Stellenbosch

- Prepare tables
- Place and process orders
- Provide hospitality to guests
- Maintain table for guests, clearing, replenishing etc.
- Handle complaints and ensure customer satisfaction
- Process payment and balance cash

December 2011

### **Seasonal Worker**

Tokara Elgin

- Picking table grapes
- Strip pick grapes for dried fruits or wineries
- Select picking for fresh table grapes.
- Package grapes for the table grape industry

## SKILLS

**Commercial Awareness:** Awareness gained from different levels at Tokara Elgin in a logistic environment and at Nampak as an intern; currently applied in the personal branding business.

**Efficient routes:** Knowledge of best possible routes to take to different places at pick and off pick hours, an experience accumulated as a Tour Guide at Stellenbosch Tours.

**Multilingual:** Fluent in English and isiXhosa. Basic Afrikaans.

**Interpersonal:** Advanced through involvement in societies at school and community work at university; through all levels at the logistics environments; as a tour guide and as a waiter.

**Decision making:** Developed at an early age with leadership positions held as a Debating Society Head and chairperson of societies. Ability to alter the direction, as a Project Manager, so as to achieve the desired goals, if after evaluation the results demand such an action.

**Project management:** Experience gained managing community projects like Funda Fundisa, evaluating progress and making alterations where necessary.

**Ability to think quickly, logically and analytically:** Displayed as an intern at Nampak when faced with solution demanding tasks.

## INTERESTS

- Wine-tasting
- Tour guide

## REFERENCES

**Professor Tandoori:** Senior Lecturer  
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