

## **NEWS ALERT**

**ATTENTION: ALL NEWS EDITORS**

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# **DELAY IS NOT DENIAL**

The Youth Academy for Leadership Excellence in South Africa (YaleSA) is a private education provider and a registered assessment centre for the South African National Senior Certificate under the guidance of the South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI) and Umalusi.

It was envisaged that the Academy would commence full-time operations in January 2015, to offer assessment and curriculum resource materials for grade 10 and 11 & 12 in subsequent years, in addition to offering courses focussed on entrepreneurship, leadership and personal development in a full-time environment.

YaleSA completed all the required registrations, contracting, and sourcing of operational resources to operate as a registered Assessment Centre to allow candidates to sit the National Senior Certificate Examinations from grades 10-12. However, due to an insufficient number of confirmed registrations by 14 January 2015, the YaleSA administration found that it would not be feasible to allocate the resources to this number of students. The decision was not a light one and primarily considers the future sustainability of the institution.

At the core YaleSA exists to create a space for young people to thrive, explore and develop their entrepreneurial, leadership, cultural and sporting abilities over and above the regular school curricula. As such, we remain committed to still offering these programs in an *extra-curricula* setting. The Academy has already partnered with Bridging the Gap Organisation, The Tuition Club, and other educational institutions to offer such programs. It has also commenced a comprehensive supplementary exam preparation program for the February/March examination sitting, a year-long tuition program for grade 11s and 12s in 2015, and a series of monthly value-added workshops on leadership, entrepreneurship and personal development to the public. We will also be directing our capacity to offering students rewrite opportunities in the fields of Mathematics and Physical Science for the October/November sitting of the National Senior Certificate Examinations in 2015.

YaleSA remains committed to offering these services to the public while we further improve on our models in anticipation of a new launch date for the full time academy. The YaleSA

team aims to use this extra time in a constructive manner to further develop our model and make a significant impact on the education landscape in South Africa.

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