

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER & CEO

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Dear Colleagues,

Forty Nine (49) Years of June 16 Legacy for the Youth.

It is almost half a century for the commemoration of the June 16, 1976 heroics by the youth of Soweto.

These were learners that were mobilized to stand against a brute force of apartheid army and grand policies to impoverish the minds of African children.

As it was in 1976, the youth of 2025 faces stark choices. The choice is whether to fight against colonial education, unemployment, drug addictions, and dangers of soft life or be condemned by them.

The South African Council for Graduates' (SACGRA) mission and commitment to raise the bar on graduate employability and entrepreneurship is a stellar contribution to the legacy of 1976.

As we forge forward with our mission, the challenges of unpaid stipends and delays in releasing payments will not derail nor deter the organization. We will hold steadfastly to the bold mission of developing a high caliber youth in South Africa.

Our work is to foster an environment for the youth to become co-creators with host employers in the public and private industry, sector education, and training authorities (SETAs) to build an enduring and flourishing African dream. To this end, we challenge the learners, students and graduates of 2025 to become world class in their thinking, speech and actions. Doing so will honor the sacrifices made by Hector Peterson, Mbuyisa Makhubo and many others who paid the ultimate price with their own lives.

Halala to the youth and we believe in your greatness. Our future is in your hands.

Regards,



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Founder & CEO