



New year, new journey for 12 aspiring mechanical and electrical engineers, as Jendamarck welcomes our 2019 crop of graduate interns and students.

The eight graduates will be doing their 12-month internship in various departments, while the four diploma candidates must complete their P1 and P2 practical training in order to graduate.

This is the last year that Jendamarck will host the National Diploma students, as this course will soon be replaced by a Bachelor of Engineering with different requirements.

Aspiring engineers

Sivuyile Fodi (21), a student at Nelson Mandela University (NMU), is completing his P1 practical training in electrical engineering.

Born and raised in Port Elizabeth, Sivuyile can be found in the electrical assembly section. "This opportunity is more than I ever imagined. I am gaining so much experience," he says.

Ruth Serfontein (24), an NMU graduate, is a mechanical engineering intern and also the only woman in the group.

Originally from Pietermaritzburg, she describes herself as a "technical person" and says mechanical engineering is her passion. Ruth currently works in the tooling department.

"We get to play around with tooling that already exists, modifying and redesigning it to suit our client's needs," she explains, adding that her internship at Jendamarck will definitely help pave the path to future success.

Always on the run

Two years ago, Chantel Rossi could barely run to the nearest lamppost and back. Little did she know that a simple run around the block would turn out to be a life changer, and she now has a number of half marathons under her belt.

In February, she finished the gruelling Bay Ultra Half-Marathon in a time of 2 hours 8 minutes, and is aiming to break the two-hour barrier sometime this year.

As personal assistant to our ops director, Siegfried, and a busy mom of two, Chantel's life is hectic.

"It was already difficult juggling a full-time job and growing children, so I had the idea of getting up early and going for a run for some alone time. I have not looked back since," Chantel explains.

And when she says early she means early, with her day starting at 4.30am so that she can be home by 6am to be with children Tyler, 9, and Katelyn, 5, before school.

The self-taught runner, who also gyms regularly, has the support of her husband, Doug, a keen mountain biker who helped Chantel through her first 21.1km race in Knysna.

"He taught me how to pace myself as I really had no idea," says Chantel, who also competes in trail runs because "they are a lot more challenging".

Wherever she goes, Chantel knows that she can count on the support of best friend and colleague Natasha Thompson, who accompanies her to most races.

"It can be extremely challenging trying to juggle my life, but Natasha always keeps me on track. I couldn't do it without her."



Good luck, Graeme!

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A dare while having a few beers after squash back in 2000 has seen our manufacturing director, Graeme van Zyl, go from amateur cyclist to avid Cape Town Cycle Tour participant. In fact, he'll be aiming to notch up his 18th tour when he lines up at the start on March 10.

"My best time so far is 3 hours 18 minutes, but that was when I was a little more up for that challenge. Now I ride for the medal, the notch on the belt, so to speak."

With Jendamark being so busy, Graeme says he has not had a lot of time to train and has no real ambitions other than to finish. "Hopefully in time to catch my flight back to PE that afternoon!"



Employees to the rescue

Four Jendamarck employees made us proud recently when they stopped on a busy freeway to help an elderly woman change a flat tyre.

Bernice Labuschagne, who was struggling on her own, said our Jendamarck team – Sean Whitebooi, Wayde Reyneke, Wayden Jansen and Clayton Alexander – were the only ones who stopped to assist her.

“We were on our way home from work and immediately stopped to help because it was getting dark,” says Sean.

On closer inspection, Wayde says they saw that the tyre was badly damaged and the bolts had stripped, so they took her tyre to be fixed at their own expense at the nearest fuel station – in Gelvandale.

The foursome then waited with Bernice until her family members arrived.

“I would want someone to do the same for my mother or sister. Our world is so dangerous,” says Wayden.

Bernice contacted Jendamarck via social media to express her gratitude:

Jendamarck, I want to congratulate you on the outstanding staff and gentlemen that you employ.

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12 – 14 March 2019

Star of the show

Jendamarck will be attending the NAACAM Show in Durban from 12-14 March. Aside from exhibiting our technologies at the show, our own Yanesh Naidoo will be one of the key speakers featured in the conference line-up! Because Jendamarck is at the forefront of Industry 4.0 in South Africa, Yanesh will be sharing our experience and knowledge about the future of manufacturing and automation with other automotive industry players. It's an exciting time to be part of the Tech People!

GETTING TO KNOW: Sayali Mahajan



Meet Jendamark Techcellency's energetic new key account manager, Sayali, who was in South Africa to learn more about our catalytic converter assembly systems.

Q: How long have you been with Jendamark?

A: It's been eight months now.

Q: What did you do before this?

A: I worked in the electrical field for companies building wiring harnesses for two- and three-wheeler trucks etcetera. I just had to present the concept to clients, handle the negotiations and get requests for quotations.

Q: How have you found working at Jendamark?

A: It's been very interesting! I fell into this field and initially wasn't understanding a thing, coming from an electronics and telecommunications background. I definitely prefer the core industries.

Q: Was this your first time in South Africa?

A: Yes, it was just a week, but people scared the \$#@! out of me about how dangerous it is. I didn't have any bad experiences. During my visit, I went to the beach and to Schotia Safaris where we saw lion and elephant and buck.

Q: You came here for the canning workshop, correct?

A: Yes – the workshops were intensive. It's been a bit hectic – just work, work, work. I've learned a lot but am going to scream, "Canning lines!" in my sleep.

Q: What's the toughest part of your job?

A: I have to coordinate with every department and people of different levels – from operator to management level. Sometimes customers want modifications, so I have to have a realistic idea of the extra time and costs involved.

Q: As a woman in a male-dominated industry, do you find it difficult?

A: I actually find it easier to deal with men. I was liaising with a client for around two weeks and he thought I was a man. I get that reaction a lot! Yes, you'll come across a few guys who try to put you down, but the more people pull me back, the more I want to go forward – it energises me!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2019

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02 Philile Ningi
04 Shaun Erasmus
05 Werner van Huyssteen

05 Corne Terblanche

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06 Dominic Dekker
06 Etienne Human

06 Mellisa Tobias

10 Brandon van Niekerk

10 Steven Venter

11 Grant Christian

12 Zithulele Melula

12 Anile Tyam

13 Nadia Kotze

14 Thandile Ndevu

15 Jason Slabbert

15 Terence Liebenberg

18 Tamarin Geyer

18 Dorina Black

19 Almero du Piesanie

20 Clayton Newland-Nell

21 Gordon Willers

21 Donovan Share

21 Greig Peter

22 Etienne Greyling

23 Matthew Gudmanz

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30 Marcha van Huyssteen

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