Exchange Students narrate their Experiences in Switzerland

The Polytechnic continues to expose its students to international trends, thanks to the generosity of the B360 Educational Partnership. Recently, four students returned from Switzerland. Underneath are the individual accounts of their three months internships.

NICCO MATENGU: Worked at Swiss Quality Testing Services (SQTS),
the food testing laboratory of Migros. He worked in different
departments and got to know the different aspects of food product
testing as well as performing food safety audits with clients
of the laboratory.

"It was truly an amazing experience. Work was great, and the people were awesome. They were very friendly and quite helpful.

The internship exposed me to a lot of information and enhanced my knowledge on food hygiene as well as on general environmental health issues. It opened better work opportunities as soon as I finished with my studies.

My sincere gratitude goes to the B360 organisation for the opportunity and support during the time of the internship; to SQTS, the company that hosted me, for their hospitality and the experience I gained; and the Polytechnic of Namibia for their continuing provision of excellent education through these remarkable partnerships".

WILLIAM KAIMBI: Worked at Coop Zentrallabor, the food testing laboratory of Coop. He worked as part of the team in the Micro- and Molecular Biology lab.

"The internship was very well organised. I was able to gain substantial experience that is not only beneficial to my career in food safety but to my colleagues as well. I am grateful for the opportunity granted to me".

ILONA SHIKONGO: Worked at Credit Suisse in the Portfolio Management (PM) Engineering Analysis and Support team. Her main duties were performance analysis and calculation of mandates and analysis of mandate performance within certain periods.

"Working at Credit Suisse was very interesting. Everyone at work was friendly and helpful. They treated me like an ordinary employee and not like an intern. I had the same responsibilities like any other employee. They explained everything clearly and I was therefore able to do what was required from me. Although it was a bit challenging at times, I accepted that it was part of knowledge and experience gaining".

NDAPWA KWEDHI: Worked at Credit Suisse in the Business Management Support of Asset Management Switzerland. She performed a variety of task supporting projects, analysis and processes of the COO Core Investments.

"My experience with Credit Suisse was just amazing! I have certainly grown and nurtured my professional skills. I have learned about the true meaning of dedication, teamwork and respect at all levels and in all directions of a workplace. My computer skills (particularly excel) have certainly improved and I was glad to have been able to apply what I have learned right away to my university assignments that I had to complete whilst on this internship.

I'm better informed about the Asset Management industry and being at Credit Suisse has fortified my will to be in the financial market. My experiences at Credit Suisse were diversified because I was able to learn about numerous topics in more ways than one. I had the opportunity to learn from a number of people specialized in various fields (Fixed Income, Real Estate, Multi Asset Class Solutions, etc.) of banking. In addition to learning on-the-job, I was also able to educate myself via web-based training sessions.

My team was very helpful. I am grateful for their guidance, input and constructive advice.

I also had the opportunity to travel with my host family, seeing places such as Bern, Schaffhausen, Genève, Luzern and Winterthur; as well as numerous outings with my teammates".