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Welcome to this edition of The LCE Chronicle, where we celebrate the progress, achievements and commitment of the Lesotho College of Education community. This issue highlights key milestones, student-focused initiatives and outstanding institutional successes that continue to position LCE as a leading centre of excellence in Lesotho.

The returned vehicles including a one-ton truck, two twin-cab vans, a mini-bus and a sprinter now support teaching practice supervision, outreach programmes and administrative duties. This achievement restored full mobility and strengthened service delivery across departments.

Through interactive presentations, engaging discussions and informative sessions, LCE highlighted its commitment to quality education and career guidance for Basotho youth. The College's dedication and creativity were formally recognized, as LCE proudly won First Place for the Best College Stall, a testament to its excellence and strong community presence.

Back on the Move: LCE's Vehicles Return

After months of disruption, Lesotho College of Education regained five essential vehicles that were previously impounded in September 2025. The release of the fleet in early February 2026 marked a major operational breakthrough for the College.



The College's fleet is back on the road after months of disruption.

LCE Triumphs at CHE Fair and Standard Bank Career Expo

Lesotho College of Education (LCE) made a remarkable impression at the 11th Council on Higher Education (CHE) Fair and the Standard Bank Career Expo in early February 2026. Representing its programmes, initiatives and student opportunities, LCE captured the attention of prospective learners, education partners and fellow institutions.

Both events were celebrated as a resounding success, reinforcing LCE's role as a leading institution in shaping the future of education in Lesotho.



Proud Moment: LCE's stall crowned Best College Stall at CHE Fair

Student Empowerment and Wellness Programme

On 13 February 2026, LCE successfully hosted the Student Empowerment and Wellness Programme in line with the 2025–2026 Almanac of Events. The programme focused on personal development, mental well-being and positive decision-making.

Staff and students participated actively, reinforcing the College's dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment that nurtures both academic and personal growth.

This programme serves as a reminder that student success goes beyond academics. By investing in mental well-being, self-awareness and personal growth, LCE continues to empower students to become confident responsible and resilient leaders of tomorrow.

A New Chapter for LCE: Leadership Change and Expanded Access to Education

The Lesotho College of Education (LCE) has ushered in a new era with the appointment of Dr. Solomon Chibaya as its Rector. Starting his five-year performance-based contract in January 2026, Dr. Chibaya pledged to strengthen the college's financial stability, academic standards and strategic vision. "I am determined to transform LCE into a centre of excellence in teacher education and expand opportunities for all students," he stated, reflecting his commitment to the institution's growth.

Complementing this leadership change, LCE has launched its Open & Distance Learning (ODL) programme, designed to overcome geographical and time constraints for students across Lesotho. This initiative allows learners to access teacher education without attending campus full-time, marking a significant step toward flexible and inclusive education.



DR. Solomon Chibaya, new Rector at Lesotho College of Education

With Dr. Chibaya at the helm and the ODL programme now underway, LCE is poised to enhance its academic offerings and progress toward becoming a degree-granting institution and, eventually, a university. This strategic move signals a bold new chapter for teacher education in Lesotho, combining innovation, accessibility and quality teachers education.

Giving Back to Learn Forward: LCE Staff Support Students

The Lesotho College of Education (LCE) recently hosted a meaningful Back-to-School initiative where staff members came together to donate essential items for vulnerable students. The event reflected the College's spirit of compassion and solidarity, ensuring that all students have the support they need to begin the academic year with confidence and dignity.

The programme also featured a motivational session by transformational coach Liphoo Matlakala, who shared inspiring insights on personal development and financial independence. Encouraging participants to create value and think beyond limitations, she reminded the audience that, "If you want to make money, learn to solve problems for many people and do it in a unique way."

The initiative was a great success and highlighted the strong sense of community within LCE. Through such acts of generosity and encouragement, the College continues to promote a supportive environment where students are empowered to pursue their academic journeys without barriers.

Looking Ahead: Building on Success

LCE celebrates milestones like the successful inauguration of the council, the Thaba-Tseka visit, engagement with the various stakeholders and its presence in Parliament during the budget release. Moving forward, the Rector plans to meet faculty leadership, collaborate with DOLENCYMRU, host courtesy visits with HEIs, upgrade the website, and strengthen networks, all steps toward advancing excellence in teacher education across Lesotho.

