



## First Car Rental: Making a Difference in the Community through Partnerships and CSR Initiatives

At First Car Rental, we are deeply committed to making a positive impact in the communities we serve. Our 2024 Teachers Across Borders Southern Africa (TABSA) team, comprising members from six different US states and KwaZulu-Natal, arrived safely in Johannesburg on June 12th. After months of online preparations, it was wonderful for the team of dedicated professionals to come together in person for a two-day retreat in Muldersdrift. During the retreat, the group had the privilege of visiting the Cradle of Humankind, reinforcing connections in this incredible journey.

TABSA arrived in Bloemfontein on June 15th, hosted by the exceptionally hospitable Free State Department of Education. This marks the organisation's fourth visit to the Free State and TABSA's 21st year of STEM workshops in Southern Africa. In an opening ceremony on June 16th, the significance of Youth Day was discussed with 70 Grade 11 and 12 girls, focusing on STEM subjects.

Nelson Mandela once said, "We must be honest and open about the power relationships between men and women in our society, and we must help build a more enabling and supportive environment that puts the role of women centre stage in this struggle." President [Cyril Ramaphosa](#) echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the need to free South African women from social, cultural, and economic constraints.

On June 17th, TABSA was joined by 70 Grade 6 Maths and Science teachers from various Free State districts for a full day of workshops. The agenda was set by local teachers months in advance, ensuring that priority topics were addressed. The international collaboration and cooperation in these workshops were truly inspiring.

After the Free State, the group moved to Ntsu Secondary School in Bethlehem to meet with 210 colleagues in various curriculum areas, including Grade 7-9 Maths and Natural Science, Foundation Phase R-3, and Coding & Robotics.

The exceptional TABSA team includes teachers from six US states, most with advanced degrees and many years of teaching experience. The youngest member is 29, and the most experienced is 81. As First Car Rental, we are grateful and blessed to transport such a generous, competent, and committed group of professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to work with their colleagues in Southern Africa.

Thank you to all the TABSA family and friends for your continued support. Together, we are making a difference in the community through education and empowerment.



