

STUDENT x INDUSTRY CONNECT 2026

DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS | 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

Big Ideas. Real Insights. Your Future Starts Here!

What a way to kick off our 3-day WebCast!

Hosted by AFSUG and SAP and SAP Academic Partnerships Africa, Day One was all about discovering the SAP world, exploring AI and unlocking opportunities to grow your future career.

Here is what went down! 🙌

1. Welcome to the SAP World!

De Wet Naudé (SAP) & Amanda Gibbs (AFSUG)

SAP is bigger than you think!

From finance to HR, supply chains and AI, SAP helps businesses run smarter.

And through AFSUG, you can connect with the people, knowledge and community behind it all.

2. Your Mindset Is Your Superpower!

Kagiso Hlabahlaba (Sanlam)

Technical skills matter, but so do confidence, adaptability and personal growth.

Build your personal brand, celebrate small wins, keep learning and never be afraid to ask for help.

Big takeaway: Be a student of life, for life!

3. AI Is Changing the Game!

Stanley Dube (SAP)

Welcome to the Autonomous Enterprise!

AI is changing how businesses work, automating repetitive tasks and creating new opportunities for human creativity, decision-making and innovation.

Big takeaway: Don't just use AI. Learn to adapt and grow with it!

4. Meet Joule – Your AI Sidekick!

Eshaanan Gounden (SAP)

We explored SAP Business AI, Joule and AI agents in action!

From creating dashboards to automating workflows and building apps, AI is making powerful technology more accessible.

Your challenge: Explore the SAP Discovery Center and discover what you could build!

5. Learn SAP. Get Certified. For FREE! 🎓

Aderinola Oloruntoye & De Wet Naudé (SAP)

Yes, FREE!

Eligible university students can access SAP Learning Hub, practical learning resources and two free certification attempts.

Use your university email to register, explore certifications that match your studies and start building your SAP skills before graduation.

Your Day One Action Plan

Ready to turn learning into action?

- Connect with an SAP professional on LinkedIn
- Explore SAP Learning Hub and choose a learning journey
- Discover one SAP AI tool that interests you
- Update your LinkedIn profile to showcase your skills

The biggest lesson from Day One?

Your Degree is your starting point.

Your curiosity, connections, skills and willingness to keep learning will help shape what comes next!

Stay Curious. Stay Connected. Keep Growing.

CONNECT. LEARN. GROW. 🚀