

MEC'S MESSAGE



The Class of 2019 was the sixth cohort to sit for the National Senior Certificate examinations based on the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS curriculum). This class entered Grade 1 in 2008, when the National Senior Certificate was written for the first time at Grade 12. In total there were 63 198 fulltime candidates that presented in 2019 and 48 331 passed the NSC, representing 76.5% pass. In Cluster A, 32191 candidates wrote and 24529 passed representing 76.2%, and in Cluster B, 31007 candidates wrote and 23802 passed representing 76.8%

The quality of passes in 2019 was significant, indicating a new turn in the quality of results for the Eastern Cape. The number of Bachelors improved from 22.7% in 2017 to 32.3% in 2019, with Cluster A Bachelor passes improving from 21.9% in 2017 to 30.9% in 2019, and Cluster B Bachelor passes improving from 23.5% in 2017 to 33.8% in 2019. Nelson Mandela obtained the highest number of Bachelors at 39.2%, followed by BCM with the second highest number of Bachelors at 37.4%.

Again, this bachelor pass rate is a sign of significant improvement in the quality passes by the Eastern Cape. Eleven of the twelve Districts obtained above 70% pass mark except for Amathole West, however, Amathole West recorded the most improved District pass at 11% improvement, from 55.6% in 2018 to 64.7% in 2019. Nelson Mandela is the leading Top Performing District at 81.4%, and the first District to break the 80% pass mark in the Eastern Cape. BCM was second at 77.9%, followed by Alfred Nzo East and OR Tambo Coastal tied for the third spot at 77.7%

Four of our Districts showed improvements in excess of 5%, these are Amathole West improvement of 9.1%, from 55.6% to 64.7%, followed by Joe Gqabi at 9%, from 67.4% to 76.4%, as well as Amathole East and OR Tambo Coastal at 8.5% and 8.1% improvements respectively.

Schools performance improvement took a new turn, with Quintile 1 schools performance improving from 69.4% to 75.3%, and Quintile 2 schools improving from 67.6% to 75%, as well as Quintile 3 schools performance improving from 66.2% to 73.8%.

The number of schools performing below 60% reduced drastically and schools performing above 70% pass mark improved commendably well. Centile analysis has shown that schools performing below 20% have declined from 17 to 8, and schools performing between 70%

and 80% pass improved from 164 to 188. Significant improvements were noted in centile 80% to 90%, where the number of schools improved from 144 to 209.

The turn of the decade, brings us closer to 20 years of Inclusive Education in South Africa, the 4th Goal of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030- ***“No learner left Behind”***. The Department in its Education Systems Transformation Plan, situating Inclusive Education as one of the fourth pillars, elevating the urgency and importance of quality education for all learners, especially those with barriers.

The Department has managed to increase the performance of learner's in Special Schools from 80% to 100% for the 82 learners who participated in National Curriculum Statement Exams for the academic year 2019. A second year of successful examinations written in South African Sign Language. The accommodations and concessions awarded to 230 learners, requiring scribes, extra time and large print etc.

This ensured that learners who required additional support to access their examinations were not disadvantaged, and were able to perform optimally at their best abilities. Intersectoral collaboration and societal coordination and integration of parents has ensured that learners with barriers to learning and/or disability are at an equal footing as their peers, striving towards a socially cohesive society through inclusivity.

Amongst the candidates we are proud of is Ms Sibabalwe Mkhunqwana a learner from Vukuhambe Special school who achieved Bachelor Pass in spite of her extreme disability, writing her final examination using 'Eye Gaze Technology', thus highlighting the strides the Department is making to ensure that learners have access to quality education through the use of modern technology.

The target for 2020 is to improve these results beyond the scope of imagination, and the 2020 Learner Attainment Improvement Strategy adopted by the Department has all the hallmarks of a useful plan that shall be sustained.

I thank you



MR FUNDILE GADE, MPL

MEC FOR EDUCATION: EC

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Province of the
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MEC'S AWARDS MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT

MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT

POSITION 3

DIRECTOR	Mr V. Mkentane
DISTRICT	Amathole West

MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT

POSITION 2

DIRECTOR	Mr V. Mabence
DISTRICT	Joe Gqabi

MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT

POSITION 1

DIRECTOR	Mrs P. Futshane
DISTRICT	Amathole West



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MEC'S AWARDS TOP PERFORMING DISTRICT

TOP PERFORMING DISTRICT

POSITION 3

DIRECTOR	Mr M. Mpupu
DISTRICT	Alfred Nzo East

TOP PERFORMING DISTRICT

POSITION 2

DIRECTOR	Mr S. Ncapayi
DISTRICT	OR Tambo Coastal

TOP PERFORMING DISTRICT

POSITION 1

DIRECTOR	Mr E. Gorgonzola
DISTRICT	Nelson Mandela Metro

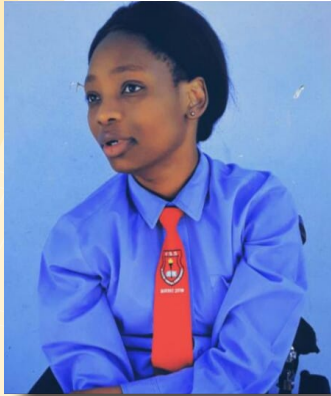


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MEC'S
TOP ACHIEVER AWARDS
in
Selected Subjects

SPECIAL AWARD

Starting the school at the age of 10 in 2000 I was discriminated against by people because of my disability. I could not talk or write except by using my chin. Relying on people assistance in everything I do and even when have to focus on my books. Receiving the eyegaze was at least a relief as I would at least start on my own using my eyes.



The person who inspires me is Lebo Mashile because she is a poet. Her poetry is out this world because she writes about things that women face every day and she inspires me to write poetry that is based on women issues and also uplifting or empowering them.

My first achievement was receiving my first laptop when I was in Grade 6 in 2013.

And I was able to write my examination on my

own with my chin. My second achievement was passing my grades against all odds. My third achievement was when I received the eye gaze in Grade 9 in 2016. I was able to use my eyes to write on my laptop. I am the first person in Africa who has an eye gaze and lastly the passing of matric.

I would like to advise the class of 2020 to work hard, and that they must not give up on their dreams. For me it was really not easy with to cope as I needed much assistant and depend on people. I would advise them to download previous question papers and memorandum because they will be helpful to them when preparing for their examinations.

I intend to further my studies and specialising in a language (English). I love English and the history behind it.

My role model is my mother because she fought for me to have a better education. She made me strong when I was weak, supported me in everything and she always reminds me to pray.

I would change the South African Laws that are about disabled people. I would change the South African schooling system to suit and be accessible to disabled people. The fact that we are in special schools, to me, seems as discrimination. I feel the government can accommodate disabled learners in main schools. This would be an alert to all people that we are also normal people.

My favourite quote says, “challenges come and I will always win”; by Pastor Chris Oyakhilome.

TOP ACHIEVER: IsiXhosa H. Language



MKULA AMAHLE

ZWELAKHE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL



TOP ACHIEVER: Sesotho H. Language



VUTELA AKHONA

SIDINANE SENIOR SECODARY SCHOOL

1. My name is Akhona Vutela, I am the last of two children at home. I was born in Mount Fletcher (in a village called Ramafole) and raised there by my grandmother while both my parents (Lulama Vutela and Moleboheng Vutela) were in Gauteng working. Being raised by my sick grandmother (Makatlheho Lairi) has taught me, amongst other things, responsibility and accountability.
2. My sister has always been my biggest motivation. I looked up to her from a very young age and all I wanted was to be like her or better. Other than that, coming from my village where most girls are not as motivated and as ambitious, doing great and showing them that it is possible is one of my priorities. I want to set an example and to pave the way for those behind me.
3. I aspire to be an entrepreneur so I am going to be doing entrepreneurship. I love creating. Employment is not always guaranteed in South Africa, so what a better way of securing your own future than to create your own employment?
4. I'd advice them to find themselves and know what works for them and stick to it. That will help academically and in life in general.

TOP ACHIEVER: SASL



MGCA AVIWE

ST THOMAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

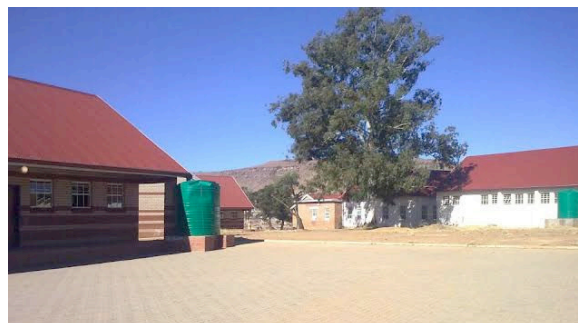


TOP ACHIEVER: Mathematics



SAHO ANGANATHI

BIZANA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL





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MEC'S AWARDS

Top Learners from Special Schools

Physically Challenged



MNTONGA YIVA
VUKUZENZELE SPECIAL SCHOOL

I Yiva Mntonga was born in Butterworth in the province of Eastern Cape. I became disabled when I was 3 months old. I am the only child from my mother Nonkanyiso Mntonga who passed away when I was 6 years old. The most challenging part of my life is growing up disabled with no parents, but that did not stop me from studying and focusing on my school work.

My dream is to be a lawyer so that I can protect vulnerable people and motivate people living with disability to achieve their goals.

To the class of 2020 I want to say DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU DO NOT HAVE JUST APPRECIATE EVERY MOMENT IN LIFE DISABLED OR NOT. USE TIME WISELY, MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY.

Learning Difficulties



SMIT JAMES
CAPE RECIFE HIGH

My parents are Fanie and Lené Smit. We live together in Love-more Heights, Port Elizabeth. I was an only child until recently when our family took in a young boy to foster. I was born right here in Port Elizabeth, where I have lived my whole life. I wanted to repay all the teachers who invested in me at Cape Recife High School and wanted to make them proud of me. Being diagnosed with Aspergers, time management and abstract thinking has always been a huge problem for me, but practicing time management skills and alternate approaches to creative writing helped me to cope with this.

I am passionate about languages, history and speculative zoology and will use 2020 to determine which one of these directions I will pursue. I will do this by taking a gap year during which I plan to become a camp counsellor in the USA. This will help to develop my social skills - something that is important for people with Aspergers.

Identify your weak points and find a way to overcome them. Then work diligently, sticking to a planned schedule throughout the year and don't leave things for the last minute. Also make sure you make time to do the things you love and enjoy.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Amathole East



SAMPIES MIHLALI
KHANYISA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND



TOP HDI LEARNER: Alfred Nzo East



POSITION 2
LIQHWA PHINDILE
AD TSHAYINGCA SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Alfred Nzo East

POSITION 1



BHULO MELISIZWE

MPONDOMBINI SENIOR SECONDARY

I Bhulo Melisizwe was born in the Eastern Cape, Flagstaff, Marashu a/a. My parents are Mjikelezwa Bhulo (father) and Nobuntu Elizabeth Bhulo (mother), we are a family of 5(five). My motive to work hard so that I can be in a position to improve my poor background with both my parents being unemployed. My biggest challenge was finances; my sister helped to overcome the above-mentioned challenge. I am planning to study Medicine I want to be a Neurosurgeon.

To the class 2020, constant studying is the key to achieve in any class.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Alfred Nzo West

POSITION 2



DUNGELO MAZISI

SUKUDE SENIOR SECONDARY

I strived to be best there is from the word go by committing myself to working hard and challenging myself. Being consistent in achieving the best results with every test or exam. Training myself to set targets and constantly putting pressure to achieve those targets. To reevaluate whenever I was met with results that I am not pleased with and correct my errors.

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TOP HDI LEARNER: Alfred Nzo West

POSITION 1



MGOBOKA ZONKE

SUKUDE SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Amathole East

POSITION 2



MAKULENI TEMBELA

GWEBITYALA SENIOR SECONDARY

I am Tembela Makuleni, a 19 year old from Gwebityala S.S.S. I am passionate about my studies and always motivate myself to do better every day despite the external motivation I encounter along the way. I am the son to Nolubabalo Makuleni and Mqwalaseli Songwevu. Living in a home of 17 Individuals. I was born in Butterworth; my home is situated in the deepest rural areas of Butterworth under Mnquma Municipality and goes by the name of Tobotshana Location. This is a house hold that is decorated by poor socio – economic background and hence struggles to sustain the dozens of children that burry their heads in it.

I must say the fact that I knew that God has blessed me dearly gave me self – motivation to strive to do better. What motivated me is self – belief pressure from self and the inner drive that was triggered by my mother at a very young age, and also the society I grew up into. My uncle who is my pillar and role model to be precise, always motivates to do better, reminding there's no difficult subject in life if you give it love and full time to practice and study, also the fact that I was not used to a great deal of work that was given through the year became firing but knowing what was at the end of the tunnel that was more motivation. These challenges were more like problems that were psychological, as I saw them, which I dealt with psychologically by adapting my mindset to them.

I am planning to study Medicine (MBchB) following the discovery that I was fond of helping people manage their health mentally and physically, making myself expendable.

The key to success in Grade 12 is discipline more that anything following trusting in God. Discipline entails respect for teachers by doing whatever they require you to do. Hard work, perseverance, focus, dedication, determination also brings success.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Amathole East

POSITION 1



PAHLA BRANDON

LAMPLOUGH SENIOR SECONDARY

My name is Pahla Brandon Mpumelelo. I was learning at Lamplough Senior Secondary School. I am a quiet person who likes associating with disciplined and God fearing friends. I eat food that is prescribed in the Bible. I love exercising, I do gardening to assist my guardian during my spare time and focusing on my studies because I have a dream to accomplish. I don't know my biological parents. I was brought up by my guardian. We are six at home, my guardian, her four children and I. We come from Krakrayo village in Centane but spend most of our time in Zizamele township in Butterworth town.

To overcome the first challenge I had to ask a friend of mine I used to study with to ask her mother to give me a hike, hence every day she would take me to school. I also used the traveling time to read and increase my language efficiency and understanding. I battled hard to befriend the teachers in a bid to get maximum help such as borrowing their personal text books. I am planning to study Computer Science and Mathematics because I believe I have a flair for both subjects and they both are a strong foundation for an easy way to solve day to day modern, business and industrial challenges. They also form one of the fast growing and important fields in the upcoming fourth industrial revolution.

I would advice the class of 2020 that the formula to success in studies in as far as I am concerned is to be disciplined, to marry your school work and always remember the old adage that says, "Too much work without play makes John a full boy". Do not forget to feed your curiosity and please, do not be shy to ask and always pray before you start your studies because without God's intervention in everything that we do is vanity

TOP HDI LEARNER: Amathole West

POSITION 2



SIKO TAMELA

NATHANIEL PAMLA HIGH

I am Tamela Siko. I am 20 years old. I was born in Queens-town and later moved to Peddie where I completed my Matric at Nathaniel Pamla High School. My parents are Nomonde Siko, who is currently not working and Sydwell Siko who is a teacher at Ndwayana Primary School in Peddie. We are a big family of six children, and I am the fifth child and there are three grandchildren also living with us.

What motivated me to do well in grade 12 was the support I received from my parents and teachers who have constantly reminded me of the importance of education in order to attain a brighter future.

The challenges I faced were sharing the study material and having to endure constant distractions from other peers while studying as I was staying in a hostel. I had to overcome these challenges by changing study times so that I can have all the study material to myself.

I am planning to study teaching as it has been my passion and to ensure that the future generation realises the importance of education. I chose teaching as a career so that I can pass on the knowledge, give guidance and support to the children coming after me.

I advise the class of 2020 to be disciplined and remain focused on their studies. They should listen to their teachers and make use of all the resources that will be given to them. They should avoid pressure and circumstances that will deter their focus.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Amathole West

POSITION 1



GWAVU YONGAMA

NATHANIEL PAMLA HIGH

My name is Yongama Gwavu, I am 17 years old and I have just finished grade 12 at Nathaniel Pamla High School. I am the last born of Mr Vuyo Ngoqo and Ms Yekiswa Ethel Gwavu. I am the third born from my mother and seventh from my father. I was born in East London at Frere Hospital but currently live in Cisira Location at Peddie with my mom, older sister, 3 nephews and 1 niece in a four-room house.

Coming from a poor family motivated me to work hard so that I can succeed and head to a better future for me and my family. There were a lot of distractions due to social media and peer pressure, but I got through it with determination and pre-occupying myself with my studies. I would have my study session or help other learners in need.

I plan to study medicine and become a surgeon. I want to help save lives as in South Africa we do not have many surgeons. I want to help in improving my country's development so that people do not depend only on people coming outside the country.

To future matric learners, I say the road to success is not easy, but with faith in the Lord, hard work, dedication, perseverance and focus it will be better. Push hard, focus and always choose to hang around with people that will better you and do not let anyone or any situation bring you down.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Buffalo City

POSITION 2



NYANGWA ESONA

FUNIWE HIGH

I'm Nyangwa Esona, son of Pindiwe Theodorah Nyangwa and Sipho Nyangwa. I was born in Orkney, North West, with two siblings. I'm currently living in Mount Coke Location, King Williams Town.

As a Grade 12 student at Funiwe SSS, there were numerous challenges and motivations of achieving my goal of passing this grade with remarkable grades. Seeing my parents' efforts in making sure I receive what I needed for my education, under difficult financial conditions was my main motivation. And ofcourse with the support I got from my educators, made me want to make myself and them proud by performing well. My challenges were overlooking painful situations back home, adapting to various environments with classmates through different study camps. I kept my focus on studying my books, accepting things I couldn't change and ignoring negativity.

I'm planning on studying Mechanical Engineering at WITS University. Driven by the passion of innovating machinery that will make life more easy, without exploiting our resources for future generations.

Grade 12, class of 2020, the formula to succeeding the final lap is setting goals, make your studies your first priority, put in maximum effort, obedience and always PRAY

TOP HDI LEARNER: Buffalo City

POSITION 1



KENE SINOMHLOBO

KHULANI COMMERCIAL HIGH

My name is Sinomhlobo Kene. I am 17 years of age and I was born and raised in the township of Mdantsane, Unit 1. My mother's name is Akhona Cassandra Kene. At home I live with my mother, aunts, siblings and cousins, in total we are 13.

The main thing that kept me motivated throughout my matric year was my dream of becoming a medical practitioner and the desperate desire to accomplish it. The biggest challenge was staying motivated to commit to my studies 24/7. I also had to attend the Kutlwano ProMaths program on weekends in addition to attending regular school on weekdays, so finding the will to attend regardless of how I am feeling on the day or what the weather was – as I had to walk to school, was quite the task at times. I managed to overcome such through being a disciplined individual and understanding what I have to do, at what time and doing just that.

I am planning to pursue a career in medicine and I want to study a MBChB degree at the University of Cape Town this year. The reason why I want to become a doctor is because I have a deep love for science and for people, this is one career that merges both. Having also completed a job shadowing experience at Cecilia Makhiwane Hospital in 2018, I have gained insight on the kind of environment doctors work in and I honestly do not see myself doing anything else.

My advice would be – stay disciplined and understand the kind of life you want for yourself and for your loved ones and let that be the reason for every action and decision you make this year. This is your final high school year, be sure to enjoy it but also make decisions that your future self will thank you for.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Chris Hani East

POSITION 2



MACINGWANE MTHAKAZI

ST JAMES SENIOR SECONDARY

I am Macingwane Mthakazi a daughter to Miss Macingwane Margaret and Mr Faya Mkhathazi. I was born and grew up at Mount Frere in a small home and village-Essek along with 3 siblings.

My motivation as a 'loner' at Grade 12 St James SSS was the company of a dream to better the lives of my hardworking average parents – who always strive that I receive the best education. One of my greatest challenges in 2019 matric year, was juggling between tutoring Grade 11s Mathematics from 4 PM to 5 PM then rush straight to an Accounting extra class up to 7 PM this was all after attending 8 full school ordinary hours! Moreover, unsupportive classmates who always seemed to target me on exam time for attacking me and pulling my spirit down sometimes shifted my focus. However, the unshakable support I received from St James SSS staff and from my family allowed me to always rise and shine each term.

I dream and hope of becoming one of the few black female Actuaries in South Africa through studying at University of Cape Town as from 2020 this year. My beacon of hope being Machela Sathekga who was our first black female Actuary at Liberty Corporate (Joined as an Actuarial Specialist in 2011). I am driven by Sathekga's belief that "Impossible is nothing!"

To grade 12 class of 2020 I can say the greatest formula is trusting in God, self belief, discipline and humbleness. In as much as hard work pays off it is important to grasp the concept of studying smart.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Chris Hani East

POSITION 1



HLANTOLO SINATHI
COFIMVABA SENIOR SECONDARY

TOP HDI LEARNER: Chris Hani West

POSITION 2



JACK SIYAMTHANDA
BULELANI SENIOR SECONDARY



My name is Siyamthanda Jack born by Thobeka Jack. I was born at a village called Cala and moved to live at Ezibeleni to live with my grandmother, aunt and my two siblings at the age of six years.

My greatest motivation was seeing the situation at home, and my mother who has been going through her ailments throughout the years with a mental disorder and with being faced with these difficulties that made hard work a necessity and not a choice, so that I could better the situation and conditions of my family and lend a helping hand to the needy. One of the greatest obstacles that I was faced with when it came to school work was that I couldn't really study at home, that forced me to make use of the facilities provided at school and be at school from 06:30 am and only go home late, even on Sundays at times.

My ultimate dream and goal is to pursue a career in medicine and become a well renowned doctor through studying at UCT, I shall strive for this because I value health and I would love to be listed amongst people who restore people's lives back to normality.

To the class of 2020, this is your year to sacrifice and prioritise schoolwork above everything, be disciplined, strive for better results and lastly pray to God and have faith in him and only him.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Chris Hani West

POSITION 1



MGIDI SOLOMZI

NTSONKOTHA SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Joe Gqabi

POSITION 2



MASANGWANA NKOSIVUMILE

THOMAS NTABA SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Joe Gqabi

POSITION 1



MANJIYA NOKUTHEMBA

ST TERESA HIGH



TOP HDI LEARNER: Nelson Mandela

POSITION 2



NORONGWANA YOLANDA

DOUGLAS MBOPA SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Nelson Mandela

POSITION 1



MIYANA LISAKHANYA
NDYEBO SENIOR SECONDARY

My name is Lisakhanya Miyana. My mother's name is Vuyelwa Miyana and my father's name is Mpumezo Zidepa. I live with my father, step mother and younger sister. I was born in a small town called Knysna. Now I currently live in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth.

My passion for mathematics, geography and science motivated me to do well in the exams. I also wanted to make all the people who look up to me proud including my family, school and peers. Especially for my younger sister, Liyema, whom I want to set an example for. The main challenge for me was coping with the pressure the exams created. I found it difficult to focus during the entire course of the exams. I was also physically drained as my back hurt from sitting down and studying.

My mental strength, determination and positivity helped me to overcome my challenges. I trained my mind to use the pressure to its advantage. As a result, I was calm and relaxed during the exams. I also did a research on how to stop the back pain. I ended up doing yoga.

I am planning to study Mechatronics at university. My love for mathematics, science and computers led to me to this decision. As we are entering the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Mechatronics is the ideal career path for me as it will better equip me with chances of employment and to be part of the future technological advancement. I also want my ideas to come to life as I will also be an inventor to make the world a better place.

My advice for Grade 12 learners is that the first day of school at the beginning of the year is exam time. They need to be focused, determined and be strong as there will be challenges along the way. They also need to prioritise, 80 percent of the time must be spent on studying, 10 percent on physical activity and 10 percent on leisure time.

TOP HDI LEARNER: OR TAMBO COASTAL

POSITION 2



SIBI YOLISA
ST PATRICKS SENIOR SECONDARY

1. I am Sibi Yolisa (the future doctor). My mother is Zuzeka Sibi, I have never seen my father. I was born at Ntlaza in the O R Tambo Coastal District.
2. The first quarter results motivated me to push harder in order to maintain all the level 7s I got. My educators also encouraged and supported me to work very hard. Social challenges were only my challenges as I do not have a father.
3. I want to be a doctor to save the lives of people.
4. My advice to the class of 2020 is for them to be dedicated and focused and work hard in their studies in order to obtain good results and represent their schools and districts like I did.

TOP HDI LEARNER: OR TAMBO COASTAL

POSITION 1



KETSHANE ONGEZIWE

TOLI SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: OR TAMBO INLAND

POSITION 2



MFUNDISI BONGO

ST JOHNS COLLEGE



TOP HDI LEARNER: OR TAMBO INLAND

POSITION 1



QOSHOLO NIKITA
LITTLE FLOWER SENIOR SECONDARY

My name is Nikita Qosholo. I am 18 years old. I was born and raised in Marhambeni, Qumbu. My parents are Nomzekelo Qosholo and Lulama Libala. I grew up in a household of six people, my mother, grandmother and siblings.

My poor background motivated me to work hard to improve this poor it. Grade 12 granted me the opportunity to redeem myself and my family. I knew if I worked hard and got good marks it would open doors for me and provide an escape from poverty.

One of my challenges this year was finding a safe environment for me that supported learning as I live in a very noisy neighbourhood. Another challenge was financial support, it's not easy to get resources for learning as I only depended on my grandmother's pension.

If all goes well, I hope to study a MBChB degree in UCT. Ever since I was a young boy I saw the world as a better place, although that picture no longer exists in my eyes, I hope to bring it back again. Medicine has the ability to make the world a better place, a place that cures sickness and saves lives but most all, brings back a smile to humankind.

The most essential advice I would give to the Grade 12 class of 2020 is to get in gear from get go and keep accelerating. As a Grade 12 learner it is important to be consistent. In order to succeed you need to use every resource given to you and not just end there, be creative and find the resources that work best for you. Surround yourself with the best and you'll eventually be better than the rest. Lastly, you need to be dedicated, focused, determined and disciplined.

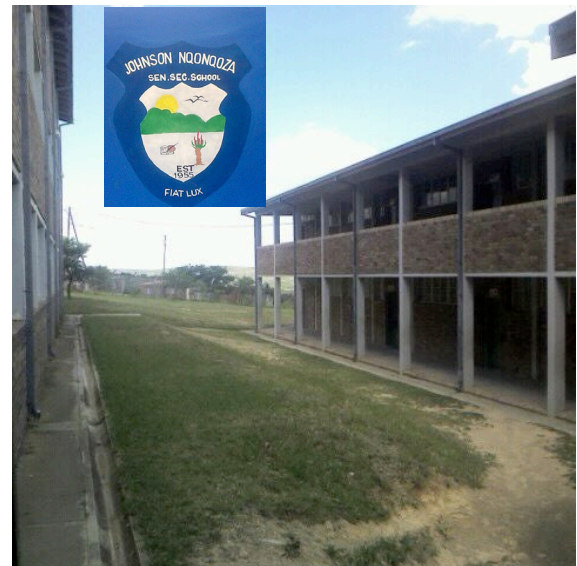
TOP HDI LEARNER: SARAH BAARTMAN

POSITION 2



JACOBS LONWABO

**JOHNSON NQONQOZA SENIOR
SECONDARY**



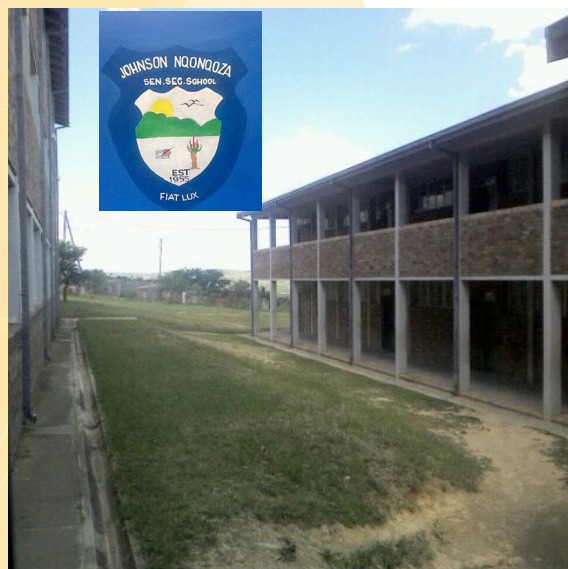
TOP HDI LEARNER: SARAH BAARTMAN

POSITION 1



MAJOKA NELISWA

**JOHNSON NQONQOZA SENIOR
SECONDARY**





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MEC'S AWARDS

Top 3 HDI IN CLUSTERS

TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 3



DUNA AZANDE
TOLI SENIOR SECONDARY

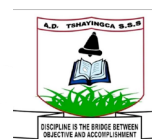


TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 2



MNDIYATA LUYANDA
AD TSHAYINGCA SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 1



POSWAYO SIYAMTHANDA

ST JOHNS COLLEGE



TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 3



SANGQU SIYAMZUKISA

JS SKENJANA SENIOR SECONDARY

1. I am Sangqu Siyamzukisa Zubenathi, a 17 year old ambitious male, prepared to achieve the desired goals I have set for myself in life. I am a hardworker, self-motivated and goal-oriented individual who is always looking for a challenge to enhance my skills and knowledge in order to enlighten my destiny and broaden my horizons.
2. What motivated me is self-belief, pressure from self and the inner drive that was triggered by my mother at a young age, and also the society I grew up in. Lack of study material and resources such as school science laboratory and libraries, were some of the challenges. I overcame them by making the internet my friend, and by using study groups. What I lacked in resources I made up for in dedication.
3. I am planning to pursue studies in medicine. Since childhood I have always aspired to be a doctor, to me medicine is not just a career but a platform to reach out to communities to inspire the young and empowers you to help those in need.
4. My advice to the grade 12 class of 2020 is "Devote yourselves to your studies as soon as the year starts off. Always look to achieve beyond what you have already achieved. There is no success in indolence, only hard-work, perseverance, focus, dedication, determination and discipline induces success.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 2



MAKAPELA ATHI
KWA-KOMANI COMP

1. I am Makapela Athi who was once a learner at Kwa Komani Comprehensive School. My mother is Bukelwa Hilda Makapela who had died in 2007 when I was 7 years old and my father is Mbulelo Makapela who is recently alive. Growing up was consistently dependent on my sister, Nokuthula Makapela who gave me that motherly love and support. Recently we are a family of three, my older sister (Nokuthula), my brother (Xabiso) and me. I was born and bred in a small area of squatter camps named Polar Park in Queenstown which is an area that I still call home.

2. I was motivated by the encouragement that I got from my sister, the pressure that I received from my principal, Mr Mrubata and his colleagues who were always expecting the best out of me. I had a challenge of wanting to study each and every subject everyday and sleep early at the same time. I tackled that challenge by reducing my sleeping hours into 4 hours which made me to have enough time for studying. Grade 12's work was a lot in a short timeframe so I used my holidays to study the upcoming chapters so that I easily understand when they are introduced in class.

3. I'm planning to study Actuarial Sciences because it deals with a lot of mathematics which is one of my favourite subjects. Choosing this qualification was at my best interest because at the end of the day I will be employed as Actuarial Scientists are in demand.

4. My advice to the Grade 12 class of 2020 is that they have to sacrifice a lot and concentrate on their books because time wasted never returns, meaning they have to work hard as early as possible. As a matriculant you need to start where you are, use what you have to do what you can do because everyone has 24 hours a day but it all depends on you how you use them.

TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 1



MIYANA LISAKHANYA
NDYEBO SENIOR SECONDARY

My name is Lisakhanya Miyana. My mother's name is Vuyelwa Miyana and my father's name is Mpumezo Zidepa. I live with my father, step mother and younger sister. I was born in a small town called Knysna. Now I currently live in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth.

My passion for mathematics, geography and science motivated me to do well in the exams. I also wanted to make all the people who look up to me proud including my family, school and peers. Especially for my younger sister, Liyema, whom I want to set an example for. The main challenge for me was coping with the pressure the exams created. I found it difficult to focus during the entire course of the exams. I was also physically drained as my back hurt from sitting down and studying.

My mental strength, determination and positivity helped me to overcome my challenges. I trained my mind to use the pressure to its advantage. As a result, I was calm and relaxed during the exams. I also did a research on how to stop the back pain. I ended up doing yoga. I am planning to study Mechatronics at university. My love for mathematics, science and computers led to me to this decision. As we are entering the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Mechatronics is the ideal career path for me as it will better equip me with chances of employment and to be part of the future technological advancement. I also want my ideas to come to life as I will also be an inventor to make the world a better place.

My advice for Grade 12 learners is that the first day of school at the beginning of the year is exam time. They need to be focused, determined and be strong as there will be challenges along the way. They also need to prioritise, 80 percent of the time must be spent on studying, 10 percent on physical activity and 10 percent on leisure time.



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MEC'S AWARDS

Top 3 LEARNERS HDI

TOP HDI PROVINCE

POSITION 3



GWILIZA NOLUBABALO
MAKAULA SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 2



MKULA AMAHLE
ZWELAKHE SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP HDI PROVINCE

POSITION 1



KHANZI LUTHO

ST JOHNS COLLEGE

I always wanted to change my situation at home and my community and I think that's where I got my biggest motivation. Watching my mom struggle as we were growing up wasn't an easy thing to do. I told myself I will study and work hard because I knew what my goal was and I did just that.

The challenges I faced were that I couldn't afford most things at school, so I missed some of the school programmes but still I didn't let that get to me. I couldn't afford to buy extra textbooks I had to borrow from other students which was a big challenge for me because I couldn't use those textbooks to the fullest extent as I had to return them.

I always knew that I wanted to be a Civil Engineer. I love working outside, working with people, getting my hands dirty, you know. I love dealing with models and I knew that this career was made for me. The technical design and construction of public works (buildings, roads, bridges, harbours, public greens) is what I strive to do and I would love to improve such designs.

The formula I would give to the Grade 12 class of 2020 is to 'study very hard'. It may seem like an easy thing but it is very hard to do because there would be times where you'd feel like giving up because of the pressure at home and pressure from within so you'd stress a lot. One needs to be dedicated and know what they want to achieve in life and they must strive to achieve those goals and most of all "to pray" that's where I got my strength to continue.



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PREMIER'S AWARDS

Top 2 LEARNERS FROM THE DISTRICTS

TOP LEARNER: Alfred Nzo East

POSITION 2



MKHOHLWA SANELE
NONGEKE SENIOR SECONDARY

I Mkhohlwa Sanele was born at Eastern Cape in Bizana. We are a family of 5(five), four siblings including me and our mother who is a single parent. My motivation was my mother, teachers, and community (ethnicity), with challenge of not being able to balance between my academic and social life.

Whereas i took a decision of taking a break in social media and spend more time with people who are more into academics. I want to study bachelor of commerce in accounting, because I believe that accounting has many opportunities, also to become the first chartered accountant in my family.

The best advice to give the class of 2020 is to start studying early, "the right time is now, never postpone" utilize your time efficiently and accordingly.

TOP LEARNER: Alfred Nzo East

POSITION 1



SAHO ANGANATHI
BIZANA SENIOR SECONDARY

I Saho Anganathi was born at Eastern Cape in Bizana, Makhwantini location. My parents are Mxolisi Zameko (father) and Weziwe Saho (mother), we are a group of six siblings. My motive was my background seeing my mother without a proper job had to support all of us as sibling, with the less amount of income she had.

The challenge was the long distance to school, resulting to fatigue and sleepiness, ended up taking a decision of taking a nap after school and wake up around 22h00, that's only when I could study properly.

I want to study medicine, because it is painful to see a lot of people dying from nonsensical diseases which can be cured. To the class of 2020 Work hard!!!! While you still can, believe in yourself.

TOP LEARNER: Alfred Nzo West

POSITION 2



NAIR ADITYA
KING EDWARD HIGH

TOP LEARNER: Alfred Nzo West

POSITION 1



HANSEN HANNAH
KING EDWARD HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Amathole East

POSITION 2



MOLOSE BAXOLELE
ISOLOMZI SENIOR SECONDARY

TOP LEARNER: Amathole East

POSITION 1



MONDLIWA ASIFANELE
BUTTERWORTH HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Amathole West

POSITION 2



BAKADA ANATHI
NATHANIEL PAMLA HIGH

I am Anathi Bakada currently living at a rural community at Feni Location situated at Peddie. I am living with family members amongst them is my mother who is the sole provider.

Seeing the previous top candidate from my school gave me confidence to walk the long walk. My homestead is far from school and my mother could not afford to pay for accommodation close to school. After school, I would study until midnight.

I want to study Public Relations and Communications. I am keen to protect the interest of the public in terms of government sectors and be the spoke person of companies and represent the municipal council.

To 2020 grade 12 learners, just listen to your teachers and do exactly what they command you to do. Establish study groups and use every second you have to study and give it all.

TOP LEARNER: Amathole West

POSITION 1



SIGIDI ASISIPHO
NATHANIEL PAMLA HIGH

I am Asisipho Sigidi, born on 1 July 2002. My parents are Cokiswa Gladys Sigidi and Mzuvukile Sigidi. At home we are 11 including my parents. I was born in Peddie at Bongweni A Location.

I was motivated by the situation at home because my parents are both unemployed and depend on social grants for a living. Having a child at a young age also encouraged me to do well and change my wrong and prove that I can still be successful in life even if I have a child. Something that was a challenge for me was when my younger brother got very sick, that had a huge impact on me but I knew what I wanted so I did not let that put me down instead it made me eager to move forward and even study harder. I guess it made me stronger.

I want to study BSc in Agriculture, do animal studies so I can fulfil my dreams of becoming a Veterinarian. The reason I want to pursue these studies is because the country is currently at a bad situation with drought, so I want help the farmers with dying animals.

I would encourage the class of 2020 to start studying as early as possible, they must not procrastinate. Matric is important, make every day that passes count.

TOP LEARNER: Buffalo City

POSITION 2



BRUTON ERIN
HUDSON PARK HIGH

My name is Erin Bruton. My parents are Liezl and Barry Bruton. I have one younger sister. I was born in East London and have lived here my whole life.

I am very self-motivated and have a drive to achieve my goals. Some of the challenges of Grade 12 were time management and self-doubt but I was able to overcome these by remaining organised and maintaining a positive attitude. Another thing that helped me was the support from my family and friends.

I plan to study a BCom (Accounting Science) at the University of Pretoria. The reason I chose this is because I found that I enjoyed Accounting at school and had an aptitude for it.

My advice to the Grade 12's of 2020 is to work hard consistently and believe in yourself because you are capable of more than you think.

TOP LEARNER: Buffalo City

POSITION 1



MC CAUSLAND PETER
STIRLING HIGH

My name is Peter McCausland and I was born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. I grew up in East London where I lived with my parents, Dr Katrin Middleton and Dr Adam McCausland and a younger sister.

My main source of inspiration definitely came from my family and their example. 2 grandparents, 2 aunts and both my parents studied Medicine. It may just be in my blood... Healthy competition among schoolmates and a particularly fierce one between my sister and myself were strong motivators to perform. Lastly I had continuous support from my teachers at Stirling High School.

The main challenge throughout high school was limiting how much time I spent on my PC and cell phone. Restricting myself from accessing said devices was only a temporary solution, but was sometimes necessary. A better solution was to identify what was important to me, set goals and plan how I was going to achieve them.

I have been accepted to study mechanical engineering at Stellenbosch University. My interest in maths, physics and playing with Lego are probably the reason for my choosing engineering.

My advice to the matrics of 2020 is to seek help even if you believe it won't help. It will... After attending a few extra Afrikaans lessons my mark improved by more than 10%. However, start by fixing yourself before you fix your marks or at least do both. Self-improvement outside of school is crucial. Get into shape, monitor your bad habits, learn new skills and read books!

Nothing is more valuable than your time, acquire as much knowledge as you can so that you may spend it wisely.

TOP LEARNER: Chris Hani East

POSITION 2



MAKELENI SILIZIWE
COFIMVABA SENIOR SECONDARY

TOP LEARNER: Chris Hani East

POSITION 1



DAWETI ESONA
ST JAMES SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP LEARNER: Chris Hani West

POSITION 2



KANKAM JOSEPH
QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS' HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Chris Hani West

POSITION 1



KOSHY ALLEN
QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS' HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Joe Gqabi

POSITION 2



NXILOLO SIMBULELE
ETHEMBENI SECONDARY

My name is Simbulele Nxilolo and I am originally from Burgersdorp. I was raised by a single parent my mother Monica Nxilolo and there is only the two of us at home.

I am coming from a very poor background, so changing that kind of a situation has always been my mission and I knew that for me to accomplish that, I had to put in extra effort, and that is exactly what I did.

The major challenge that I had faced is that, the environment that I live in is very noisy, I struggled to focus, I remained behind after school to study. I am very far from the school and I had to walk to school every day, at times I would get very tired, as a result I would procrastinate. I overcame that by listening to tapes from famous motivational speakers such as Eric Thomas and I would feel refreshed again.

I am planning to take Mechanical Engineering because I have always been interested in machines, besides that there are very few Black Engineers in South Africa, I'd like that to change.

My advice to the class of 2020 - respect time, in Grade 12 time is not on your side, you have to use each and every chance you get to study.

TOP LEARNER: Joe Gqabi

POSITION 1



PHAHLA NQABA
TLOKWENG SENIOR SECONDARY

My name is Nqaba Phahla, 18. I was born and raised in Sterkspruit, EC. I'm from a family of 3 children, including myself. I live with my mother, Mrs Emily Phahla who works as a teacher at a primary school in my village. My father, Mr Scelo Phahla passed on in 2015.

I believe I'm a perfectionist, whatever I do has to be outstanding and perfect. But above all, my family is my motivation. The most challenging thing in my matric year has to be the distance from my home, Hlomendlini Village to my school in Palmiet. Its about +/-40km and I had to use 2 taxis to get to school. Limited study material was also a challenge but we made use of online resources and we'd share information amongst ourselves as matriculants

Being a medical practitioner has always been my dream. I love helping people.

My advice to 2020 matriculants is to stay committed to their studies and accomplishing their goals. They must be disciplined and take full responsibility for their studies, no one owes them anything.

TOP LEARNER: Nelson Mandela

POSITION 2



ROODE BENJAMIN
GREY BOYS HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Nelson Mandela

POSITION 1



CLOTZ CHELSEA
PEARSON HIGH



TOP LEARNER: OR Tambo Coastal

POSITION 2



MCETYWA SISIPHO
TOLI SENIOR SECONDARY



TOP LEARNER: OR Tambo Coastal

POSITION 1



PANI LONWABISO
TOLI SECONDARY SCHOOL



TOP LEARNER: OR Tambo Inland

POSITION 2



SONQISHE TINA
ST JOHNS COLLEGE

1. My name is **Tina Sonqishe** and I'm currently 17 years old. I attended my primary education at Mount Frere Community School and my high school where I wrote my grade 12 paper at St John's College. I was born and raised by a single parent, **Axolile Sonqishe**, my mother. We are a family of 5; my granny, mom, aunt, myself and little sister. I was born in Kokstad but my home is in Mount Frere.
2. My upbringing motivated me. I convinced myself to work hard so that I could change the standard of living at home and make my mom proud. Competing with other pupils was my challenge and procrastination but I talked to God about it and told myself that blowing out someone else's candle won't make mine shine brighter and instead I worked with the pupils I got jealous of.
3. I am planning to study medicine. I want to make a change in today's public hospitals where patients especially children die in waiting rooms because there are not enough doctors or the services are very poor.
4. I want to tell the Grade 12 class of 2020 to: Know what you are working for and do not let the devil lead you astray because he comes in many forms just to hold back your dreams. Work with other pupils so you learn different strategies to attack a learning area and do not ever let your parents down.

TOP LEARNER: OR Tambo Inland

POSITION 1



DANA CHULUMANCO
LITTLE FLOWER SENIOR SECONDARY

I am Dana Chulumanco Liseko. I am 18 years old. I was born and raised in Marhambeni, Qumbu. My parents are Dana Nokwazi and Dana Ncoko. I grew up in a household of five people, my mother and my siblings.

My mother is my source of motivation. She empowered me with motivating words every single day. Just like she's a pillar for our family, she was also a pillar in my education. She did all she could to make ends meet, ensured that I heard all the learning material I needed from her small salary. One other thing that motivated me further to do well this year was pressure I got in order to qualify for my career. There's nothing more motivating than testing your limits and succeeding exceedingly.

I have a history of being a top learner in all my previous grades thus my family and friends expected a lot from me this year. My challenges were to find ways to deal with the pressure of excelling and making my family proud. I had to be consistent throughout, which was very challenging for me considering the pressure.

I wish to study BBusSc Actuarial Science in UCT. I have always loved mathematics and accounting. Obtaining this degree would put me exactly in my favourite world of numbers. I am an analyst that looks forward to ensuring financial stability and finding nothing but the best solutions for our beloved country South Africa.

The advice I would give to the class of 2020 is that they must utilise all the resources available. The engine to succeed is hard work, dedication and discipline. Do things at the right time.

TOP LEARNER: Sarah Baartman

POSITION 2



DU PREEZ CAITLIN
HOËR VOLKSKOOL

TOP LEARNER: Sarah Baartman

POSITION 1



VAN DER MERWE PIERRE
HOËR VOLKSKOOL





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PREMIER'S AWARDS

**Top Learners
from
Special Schools**

TOP LEARNER: Special School: Cluster A



FILANE PAWU
**EFATA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
AND DEAF**



TOP LEARNER: Special School: Cluster B



SMIT TENIEL
CAPE RECIFE SPECIAL SCHOOL

My mother is a stay at home mom who takes care of my medical needs full time. My father is not involved in my life. It is just my mother and I at home. I was born and raised in Port Elizabeth, and I attended Cape Recife for my entire school career. I live in the Military base in Forrest Hill

I am a Cystic Fibrosis sufferer, having been diagnosed at birth, therefore it was decided to place me in Cape Recife High School.

Throughout my school career my teachers motivated me never to give up and to do well. They helped me overcome these challenges by supporting me every step of the way and going above and beyond to accommodate me. Some even came to hospital to give me extra classes so I wouldn't fall behind on work.

My Faith in the Lord also helped me overcome these challenges, as I knew I wasn't alone and He was carrying me every step of the way

I plan to study B.Com Logistics and Transport Economics at Nelson Mandela University. I am doing this course because it enables me to work from home, and thus I can still work when I am ill and unable to go to work

Work as closely with your teachers as possible. Take part in class discussions and don't be afraid to ask questions, your teachers are there to help you. Work hard throughout the year, and always do your homework and projects on time. Work through as many old exam papers as possible.



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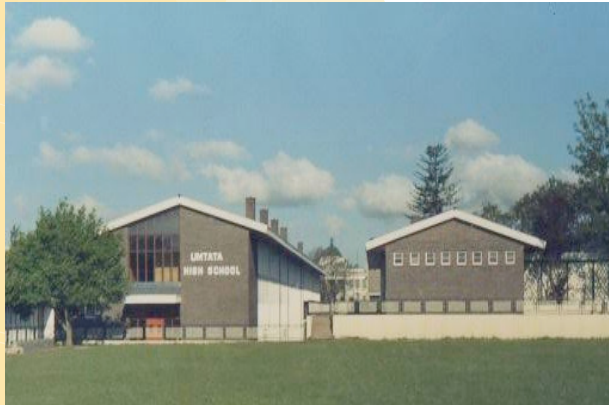
Top Learners in Clusters

TOP LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 3



ISLAM MD
UMTATA HIGH



TOP LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 2



MASINDWA SIYOLISE
ST JOHNS COLLEGE

1. I am Siyolise Anelitha Masindwa, a grade 12 class of 2019 student of St. John's College. I'm from a small village outside Mthatha, called Mhlakulo in Tsolo. I was born second out of three children by Nomzekelo Masindwa, a health promoter and Lulama Tile, a professor.
2. I mentioned my parents' professions because they're the ones that motivated me to apply my best effort in schoolwork, from seeing how tirelessly they worked to earn their education and how much they have earned from the education. One of my greatest challenges would have to have been getting to school on time with an adequately rested mind to concentrate in class. I was a victor from this however through routine and time-keeping. Knowing the number of hours needed to study, sleep and time to leave the hostel helped.
3. I plan on pursuing a career in Actuarial Sciences. This is because, from all the careers I have researched on, it is the one that resonates mostly with me. It's amongst the professions on the list of occupations in high demand of the Minister of Higher Education and Training. Actuarial Sciences combines two of my favourite subjects; Mathematics and Accounting, it also has zero percent unemployment chances at the moment.
4. To the grade 12 class of 2020 I'd like to advise them to create a critical and strict study timetable for everyday. They must commit to it and the books they study. They shouldn't take studying as a punishment but should make it fun.

TOP LEARNER: Cluster A

POSITION 1



ALEX SHAUN

UMTATA HIGH

My name is Shaun Alex, a proud learner of Umtata High School. My father, Mr Anil Alex, is a Mathematics teacher at Umtata High School and my mother, Prof Jogymol Alex is a Mathematics Education lecturer at Walter Sisulu University. My sister, Anusha Alex, is a Business Science graduate, pursuing a career in Chartered Accounting at the University of Cape Town. I was born and brought up in Mthatha and completed my primary schooling at Transkei Primary School.

I plan on studying Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Cape Town. Until Grade 12, I was undecided on what I wanted to do in life. All I knew is I wanted to have a meaningful impact on the world. Since Mathematics and Physical Sciences were the two subjects which I both excelled in and enjoyed, engineering seemed to be the best career path to follow in my quest to be successful and make a difference.

My advice to future matriculants would be to first understand that success does not happen overnight. You cannot expect to do well in your final examinations if you only start preparing at the very end. Be serious at the very beginning and understand what is at stake. Study hard for June Exams and Trials so that by the time you sit for Finals you are confident in yourself. Most importantly, believe in yourself and always remember the following words, the words that not only got me through matric, but through the difficulties of life, "The man who thinks he can and the man who thinks he can't are both right".

TOP LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 3



VAN BILJON WILMIËN

HOËRSKOOL NICO MALAN



TOP LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 2



CILLIERS NICOLA

PEARSON HIGH

TOP LEARNER: Cluster B

POSITION 1



BEUKES JESSICA

PEARSON HIGH





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**Top 3 Learners
of the
Eastern Cape**

TOP LEARNER: Province

POSITION 3



DUMEZWENI LOMSO
NYANGA SENIOR SECONDARY

I have been doing well since I started school so I told myself that I should keep that up. I was motivated by a lot of people around me, my family, teachers and the support that the Nyanga High family gave us as their learners.

My biggest challenge was the pressure that I was given. Everyone always expected me to be on top. They were very sure that I'll represent them on National awards. That gave me a lot of pressure but I managed to handle all that by keeping these words from my father, "Stay calm, and do what you do best. That will put you on top, nothing more".

I want to study Medicine. I am very passionate about science, especially Chemistry. I want to pursue studies in Medicine because I take it as my responsibility to participate in the Medical space. When I look through the window at home I see graves. My family has been cursed with chronic diseases. I have been told that it has been like that from the previous generations. I volunteer to break the curse, not only in my family but nationwide. I am determined to work very hard and save my family and the world. I strongly believe that in the next 10 years we will no longer be talking about those diseases in my family.

To the Grade 12 class of 2020 : Always work hard from the first day of your Matric year. Stay disciplined and don't leave God behind. Divide your time evenly for all the seven subjects. Never underestimate yourself, respect your fellow peers and always work with them. If you need help seek for help. If you can help, offer help. Take every exercise seriously, from homework to classwork.

TOP LEARNER: Province

POSITION 2



GRIFFITHS GARETH
SELBORNE COLLEGE BOYS HIGH

My name is Gareth Griffiths and I was born and raised in East London by my parents, David and Liesl. I have one younger sibling, Daniel.

My motivation in Grade 12 in 2019 was to prove to myself that I could use my skills and abilities to produce excellent results. One of the biggest challenges in my matric year was to maintain the balance between academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual activities. Time Management became an important skill. I am blessed through my faith as well as the support and encouragement from my family, friends and the staff and the brotherhood of Selborne College.

I plan to study BCom (Accounting Sciences) at the University of Pretoria this year, 2020. I wish to pursue these studies as the first step to qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. I would love to have a career in commerce and enjoy working with numbers and people.

To the Grade 12 Class of 2020, enthusiasm and hard work is the key to success. Time Management will also be very important – use your time wisely! Believe in yourself and do not compromise your morals and beliefs. A quote by Art Williams sums up what I would like to say about your matric year in 2020: "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy. I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."

Hard work and dedication will bring success. All the best for your 2020 matric year.

TOP LEARNER: Province

POSITION 1



SIBI ALETA

KING EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

I am Aleta Sibi, a National Science Olympiad winner, best public speaker in the provincial schools debate competition in 2018, and a matriculant from King Edward High School in the Alfred Nzo west district. My parents, Mr and Mrs Sibi are both teachers. I am a South African citizen who was born in India. Our family of four is living at Matatiele.

My dream to pursue a career in medicine encouraged me to set high goals in my academics. My sister's outstanding results in grade 12 also motivated me to work hard. The workload in grade 12 and the pressure to excel increased my stress levels at times, but I was able to overcome such challenges through my commitment and the support of my parents.

I wish to study medicine due to my desire to serve the sick and the suffering. My empathetic nature, passion in learning about the human body and dream to make a positive difference in the lives of others caused me to choose this career.

Lastly, to the matrics of 2020, remember that the ingredients to success include hard work, perseverance, planning, time management, sacrifice and most importantly love for what you are learning. Always believe in yourself and no matter how dire the situation may become, never give up.

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