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DWS rewards innovative young water ambassadors

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), in partnership with the Department of Education in Mpumalanga, held a ceremony where innovative learners from Sitintile Secondary School were awarded their prizes for being the best South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) ambassadors in the Mpumalanga Province for 2017. The award ceremony was held in Mbombela on 18 June 2018.

Siphokazi Magagula, Lindelwa Sambo and Thandi Khoza formed the female champion team that received laptops and bursaries to further their studies after Grade 12. The learners are currently in Grade 11 and they do not have to worry about tertiary education as that is already taken care of by the comprehensive bursary provided by the Department. They now only have to concentrate on their studies and get the marks for university admission. The future is in their hands.

“Receiving this bursary from the Department has given hope for the future. At first I did not think I would have an opportunity to go to university due to the dire situation at home, having been raised by a single parent. I am grateful for this opportunity. It will change my life for the better”, said one of the learners, Siphokazi Magagula.

In his address, the Provincial Head, Mr Fikile Guma, thanked the learners and the educators for their efforts. “I am happy to see that the programme is able to unearth potential in the province, especially to see that the beneficiaries are female. To the beneficiaries, I am proud of your achievement and for representing and putting the Mpumalanga Province on the map. To the teachers, thank you for the effort you are putting into this programme. You sacrifice a lot to unearth and put up gems like these. On behalf of DWS, thank you for your efforts in assisting the Department in this programme aimed at developing water ambassadors and a brighter future with water security”, he said.

The SAYWP is one of the Department’s programmes aimed at youth development to bridge the skills gap in the country. The SAYWP targets grade 9-11 learners doing Mathematics and Physical Sciences wherein they have to identify water and sanitation related challenge in their schools and communities, do research and develop a project model to address the identified challenge.



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