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DWS awards SAYWP winners with bursaries

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Three learners from Kimberley Girls high school, who won the 2016 Northern Cape Provincial South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition, have this morning been officially handed over their prizes by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

The three learners; Isago Seane, Palesa Molale and Precious Nikani have each won a full bursary for their awareness projects and for also creating a model that purifies water by sand filtration, osmosis and finally disinfecting the water.

The bursary will cover tuition fees, accommodation, meals and books at any South African university of their choice to pursue a career in the water sector. They also received 3 laptops with software worth R5 000 each. Precious Nikani says she is interested in pursuing a career in environmental management while Isago Seane and Palesa Molale indicated interests in geo-hydrology and hydrology, respectively.

“I was inspired by the incident of water pollution in the Gong Gong area, where we subsequently investigated and came up with what we call the WAQUA mechanism, which is able to destroy microbes that cause waterborne diseases”, says Palesa Molale.

The SAYWP competition encourages learners to identify water and sanitation related problems in their schools or communities, conduct research, recommend and implement solutions.

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