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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS to award bursaries to three learners from Living Faith Combined School

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in North West has changed the lives of three (3) learners from Living Faith Combined School for the better when they were awarded full bursaries to study any water related course at universities of their choices.

The three learners triumphed during the South African Youth Water Prize competitions held at the University of North West in Mahikeng on Friday, 25 May 2018.

This flagship youth programme is in line with the department's 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme that is aimed at educating learners about efficient use of water and protection of water sources.

In addition to the full bursaries, the young bright minds, Thoriso Taukobong, Luyanda Dibe and Oratile Monnamme will receive laptops, prize money of R6 000. The bursaries will cover accommodation, books and pocket money from first year until they complete their studies. Upon finishing their studies, the department will absorb them for a period of three years to learn ropes of a working environment and for them to acquire necessary skills.

The learners from Living Faith combined school competed with their peers from nine schools across the province and obtained position one for designing a water monitor.

Thoriso Taukobong, One of the learners who won, could not contain himself as the announcement was made and highlighted that their invention came after being told that the water bill at their school was too high.

"We did an inspection at our school to ascertain the cause for the high water bill and discovered that there were leaks on the water pipe. These made us to realise that our school was contributing to the 37% of water lost through leaks causing the country to lose R7 billion per year."

"As a result, we came up with the water monitor which will assist to identify leaks on the main municipal water pipe line and give a direct location of where the leak is located on the pipe line, said Thoriso Taukobong."

Addressing the learner's during the competitions, Mr Peter Mogosetso, Project Manager for 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme expressed his outmost gratitude for teachers and officials who are dedicated to equipping youth with valuable information that they can armour themselves with into the future.

"Nothing is the limit for you, all you have to do is study hard to meet the requirement at any University and enroll for any water related course. Those of you who could not win today, you are encouraged to apply directly for bursaries at the Department", said Mr Peter Mogosetso.



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The **SAYWP** is one of the projects that the DWS is implementing in its education programme called 2020 Vision for Water Education Programme (2020 VWEPE). This project is aimed at educating Grade 9-11 learners about efficient use of water and protection of water sources.

Winners of the Provincial competition will proceed to compete with their counter-parts in national competition in June. The winners of the national competition will have an opportunity to compete internationally at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize in Sweden where they will test their abilities against winners from 35 countries.

This year's Provincial SAYWP competition winners are as follows:

1ST POSITION — Living Faith combined school

R6 000.00, bursaries and laptops

2ND POSITION — Holly Family Secondary School

R5 000.00

3RD POSITION — Pitso Letlhogile Secondary School

R4 000.00

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