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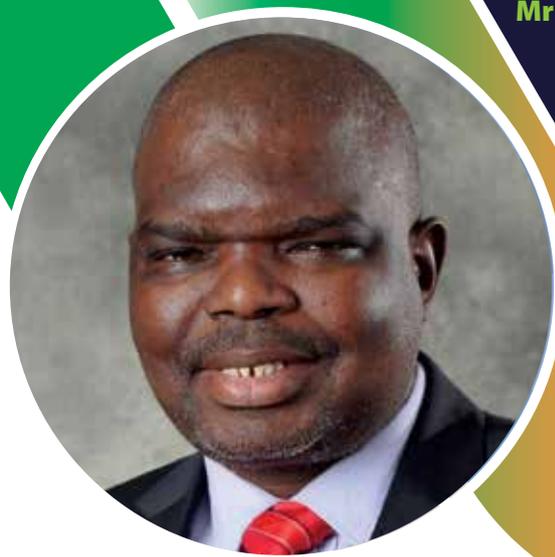
National Teaching Awards 2022

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We are very much grateful to be at this occasion in the company of the great and best teachers that our beloved province: The Place of the Rising Sun can offer. The Vision Statement of the National Development Plan says : " We love reading.

All our citizens read, write, converse, and value ideas and thought.

We are fascinated by scientific invention and its use in the enhancement of our lives. We live the joy of speaking many of our languages.

We know our history and that of other peoples. We have clear values."

By 2030, we will have achieved all these goals because we are determined, because we dare to dream, because we work together and, most importantly, because we have the finest teachers in the world".

It is these finest teachers that we are celebrating today who will transport this province to a brighter tomorrow where doubt, fear, ignorance and hopelessness will hopefully be something of the past.

It is these outstanding teachers that we recognise and celebrate for their excellent display and commitment to the teaching profession that will eventually help to transform and deliver our Province as a better place for everyone to live in.

It is for this reason, that we today acknowledge with great gratitude the very best amongst our teachers who exemplify a particular ideal commitment to advancing the growth and development of the teaching profession in our Province.

A good teacher is truly the most important and precious resource to guide a child, provide skills, knowledge, values and attitudes.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all these teachers who continue to provide our learners with education at times under trying circumstances.



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The Department, working together with its partners is making strides to improve the conditions of service for teaching and learning to thrive.

We are really appreciative of the enormous support that the Department receives from the Education Sector Unions, Associations of School Governing Bodies, Learners formation and from the business Community.

We attribute the performance of the Province in the 2021 scholastic results to this support. Our view is that it was going to worse in the absence of this support from the education stakeholders.

We need to continue to hold each other's hands and sustain this collaboration of purpose considering the negative effects caused by COVID-19 in the teaching and learning environment.

We therefore are making a clarion call to all our stakeholders and communities within the Province to support and protect teachers at all times.

We are also encouraging young and intelligent boys and girls to choose teaching as their first career choice.

We request that the spirit of the Rhandza XiKolo Xa Wena Campaign could resonate with this and be broadly embraced to manifest and lead to habitable, clean, healthy and favourable teaching and learning space within the Province.

Next week Tuesday, 20 September 2022 at the backdrop of the World Clean-up Day, the Department will be unveiling the Cleanest school in the Province.

The Department is moving ahead with the filling in of all vacant posts in schools to reduce the workload as a way of improving the conditions of service for our teachers.

We are also grateful to the Initiative by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa for granting additional human support through the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative.

Programme Director, allow me to state that the 33 000 teachers in the Province are all winners.

We salute all of them from the Early Childhood Development Centres, Special Schools and the mainstream, all of them are truly important to us.

Today, we celebrate teachers who understand that the only way out of poverty for the children of the working class and the poor is through Education and thus are working to achieve this goal.

This assertion resonates very well with the National Development Plan, which says that:



“Improved education...will lead to higher employment and earnings, while more rapid economic growth will broaden opportunities for all and generate the resources required to improve education.”

The National Teaching Awards enable the Department to provide an opportunity for all of us to recognise, learn and share best practices.

We therefore thank teachers for their unrelenting efforts to better the lives of our learners and communities.

Finally, we acknowledge with gratitude our generous sponsors, including Old Mutual Foundation; Fundi, Think Teacher and Telkom.

The Department partnered with old mutual to capacitate teachers on Financial Literacy and Mathematical Literacy as one of the subjects in the curriculum is used as a vehicle to enabling learning continuity and improved learning outcomes through the integration of financial education from a business perspective from Old Mutual.

To this end, 69 Mathematical Literacy educators from across the four district in the province were identified for training using online means.

Today 24 educators from the group will be recognised and awarded prizes for their commitment and dedication in completing the training programme.

We would like to thank old mutual for their interest and support to building the capacity of our teachers with personal finance but also with practical skills to better teach the financial literacy concept to grade 10 -12 learners.

Thank you very much for your patriotic generosity.Your support does not go unnoticed. You have assisted the Department greatly in sending the crucial message of gratitude to our teachers.

Today we will learn of all those teachers who have successfully challenged for the top awards at this level we call them Finalists.

I wish to express my gratitude to all of them for the great work and for being great teachers, role models of the profession and ambassadors of the Province.

Congratulations to all of you for having made it this far and to us you are all winners.



It takes a special, dedicated individual to teach another how to write, read, talk and count.

Those individuals, our teachers are the reason why we are gathered here today.

As our tradition, the National Teaching Awards are used as a medium ladder to show how much we appreciate teacher's hard work and dedication towards developing young minds and making the world a better place.

We therefore acknowledge the extraordinary efforts made by our excellent teachers and extend our appreciation by celebrating the teaching profession while we endeavor to encourage them to do more and to say thank you for an amazing work.

It is the same teachers who are continuing with covering for the lost time effected by the pandemic that are on a remedial path to ensure that our learners are not adversely affected by the loss of teaching time.

The South African nation is reliant on educators to lay the foundation, for the developmental agenda of our country.

We take this opportunity to thank all the participants who made us proud in 2022.

We thank them for their ambassadorial roles they played and the way they conducted themselves in the promotion of the teaching profession as well as advancing the course for education in the province.

It's the Department's intention, through the NTA, to recognize and promote excellence in teaching performance, honour dedicated creative and effective teachers and schools as well as encourage best practice in schools.

Teachers are nation builders as they mould the characters of our children and thus are change agents who make a difference in the life of the nation.

As nation builders, teachers are pillars of our societies, these men and women lay a foundation for each and every learner's future. It is also important to note that they accomplish this with learners who have different character traits and gifts.

Congratulations to all of you for your good work.



We wish to salute the excellent job that is being done by the teachers of our province. It is an honour to get the opportunity to come and witness the awarding to great men and women who contribute so immensely in the building of the future of our Nation.

Macmillan Education is a publishing company that has been providing a wide range of quality Learner and Teacher Support Material in printed and digital format to the Education Sector for many years.

Macmillan Education also offer a variety of Product Mediation Workshops as well as Upskilling Accredited Courses through its division called: Macmillan Teacher Campus (MTC).



The South African Principals Association would like to convey a message of support to all candidates who participated in Mpumalanga in the 2022 NTA's.

We do realize that participation in the NTA's during such perilous times takes up a considerable amount of time and adds to the burden of an already brimming academic schedule. We therefore want to use this opportunity to thank every participant for the extra mile added to the very demanding road of education.

It is a fact that teachers lead through example and it is a certainty that our candidates are no less than role models to all stakeholders in education. Whether you get rewarded as number one in the province and advance to the Nationals, or not – you are all still winners!

May your hard work and diligent efforts be rewarded. SAPA salute teachers with integrity, the capacity to enrich the lives of children and those willing to make a difference. Best wishes for your future in education, may you lead all stakeholders in education down this wonderful path towards the enrichment of our children. We thank you!



The Mpumalanga Prestigious National Teaching awards is held to honour and celebrate the teaching profession. This year's ceremony is held under the theme: Resilience in the pursuit of excellence.

SACE would like to congratulate all the finalists and winners of the esteemed NTA, the event should serve to inspire more excellence in the sector, especially in teaching literacy and numeracy in the foundation phase.

We acknowledge your extraordinary efforts, which have been achieved often under very difficult conditions and in service to our children, many of whom come from underprivileged families and economically depressed communities.

SACE recognises that a professional and committed teaching service is crucial for improved education outcomes in South Africa and acknowledges the challenges many teachers face daily.

Congratulations, to all the teachers who participated in the 2022 National Teaching Awards, you are all winners!



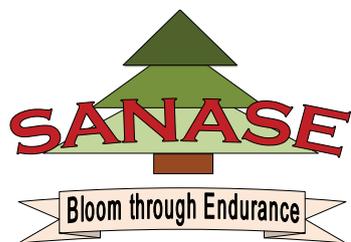
It is a pleasure for us to share this afternoon with all the Finalists here. The National Teaching Awards Ceremony is a traditional event that takes place annually.

SADTU, wish to congratulate all the Finalists for reaching the Provincial Level of the National Teaching Awards because they love their job and do their best to serve society, and thus these educators are truly role models for the young generation.

This is a clear indication that the roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best. SADTU will continue to support the National Teaching Awards because it takes courage to embrace the possibilities of educators' potential.

Thank you, Mpumalanga Department of Education, for your continuous recognition of educators' "excellence in potential". Both of us believe that the strength of their achievement is rooted in the depth of their passion.

To the Finalists, thank you for your hard work and for raising the banner of excellence.

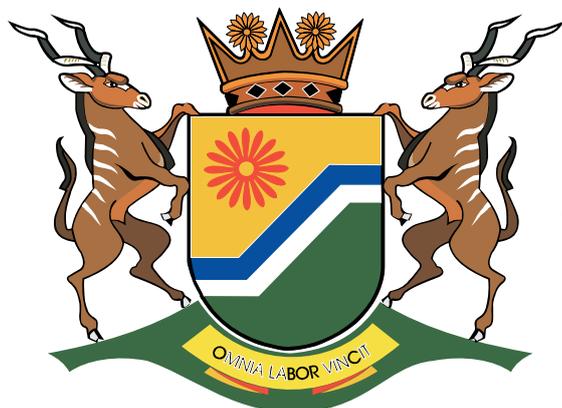


Excellent teachers who are receiving awards today are doctors who heal ignorance and are artists who inspire creativity. They are extraordinary teachers who let learners discover life on their own while watching over their backs. They are a link between knowledge and education.

The most wonderful part of being an excellent teacher is to think that many years down the line; there will be someone, somewhere out there, thinking about how lucky they were to be taught by teachers as wonderful as you. They are not those teachers who teach to pay their bills, but they are passionate about teaching and make the world a better place.

Behind every successful man and woman, there is an unsung hero – a teacher who silently enjoys tears of happiness when she or he sees her or his learners succeed. There is nothing more inspirational than teachers dreaming about being able to give flight to children's dreams.

Only the teachers who are truly passionate about teaching can make learners truly passionate about learning. You are the silent warriors who turn the world around for one child at a time. You do what books cannot and what parents are unable to do.



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In this year of resilience in persuading for excellence in Teaching and Learning, NAPTOSA wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to all Teachers who are participating in the National Teaching Awards, Even though we are facing steep and daunting challenges you don't lose hope but you are optimistic that's why you were able to do what is right, such as the burden that teachers should shoulder.

Today we wish to pay tribute to all the resilient spirit which makes teachers to rise to the challenge caused by Covid 19.

NAPTOSA wish to convey our sincerest condolences to the families that have lost loved ones during this time.

NAPTOSA wishes to employ the governments to continue to ensure that teachers' salaries should reflect the importance to society of the teaching function and compare favourably with salaries paid in other occupations requiring similar or equivalent qualifications

As I conclude

Programme director I am inspired by the words of the MEC for Education, Mr Bonakele Majuba on 09 June 2022 at the Mpumalanga provincial legislation in Mbombela when he delivered 2022 /2023 policy and Budget speech

He said" Time to the saying that the wise came from the East and as we wise people of the province of the rising sun, we wish to pioneer an education dispensation will also add great impetus in government's efforts of breaking the cycle of inequality, marginalization and poverty.



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Being a teacher requires a dedicated professional who will teach not only numbers and words (It requires a teacher who will also help learners develop socially, physically, and emotional In the past two years, teaching and learning was devastated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

This caused disturbances to the social, physical, and emotional wellbeing of both learners and teachers Nevertheless, we saw resilience and excellence from teachers on their work as reflected by the pass rate on the matric class of 2021.

Notwithstanding the changing of time (shift to 4 IR) which requires teachers to use resources that they are not familiar with Worse of it is that sometimes they do not have high tech resources.

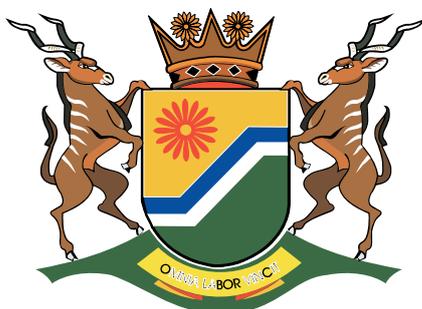
Yet, they do all they can with what they have, to ensure that teaching and learning occurs. Teachers have done and are still doing a tremendous job amid many challenges they encounter each day.

As the Professional Educators' Union, we take this tick to salute all the teachers who join in the 2022 National Teaching Awards to showcase their hard work and how they were resilient in all the challenges in pursuit of excellence, not only for themselves but for the learners as well.

Thanks to the Department of Basic Education for honoring teachers for their hard work All the sponsors for joining hands in celebrating our teachers.

All the stakeholders for the support given to our teachers.

Felicitations to all the participants and wishing all the best to those that will continue to compete at National Can they raise the Mpumalanga Province flag higher



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On behalf of the SAOU (Mpumalanga) I would like to share the following message with every person who has the dream of being unsurpassed in their profession.

Listen carefully to how William Arthur Ward describes the key to success of being an excellent teacher:

- The mediocre teacher Tells.
- The good teacher explains.
- The superior teacher demonstrates. And
- The Great teacher inspires.

Ladies and gentlemen, in my opinion, inspirational teachers are the type of teachers who go the extra mile to change hearts and those teachers deserve to be honored and rewarded by an initiative such as the National Teaching Awards.

We would like to congratulate the Department of Education for challenging teachers to accept nominations for the different categories in this campaign. We'd like to thank all departmental officials who have been involved, and remind them that quality management leads to quality service and eventually to quality education.

Teachers are ultimately responsible for quality education in their classrooms and the SAOU family firmly believes that quality education should be a non-negotiable truth.

The SAOU would like to congratulate all the teachers who have been nominated and those who have won in their respective categories.

We salute you for making a difference in our schools and our future. May you experience this occasion as one of the highlights in your teaching career and may you continue to inspire your fellow colleagues through your hard work and dedication.

You symbolize many teachers who work tirelessly to make a difference in the learners lives and whose efforts are often overlooked.

All dedicated teachers deserve to be hailed as winners and to be ambassadors for education in our province.

Teachers, we salute you.



Good day my name is Maserame Mouyeme, Director of Group Marketing, Public Affairs and Sustainability at Old Mutual Limited. I am honoured to be delivering a message of encouragement and heartfelt thanks to all our teachers!

We at Old Mutual would like to express our deep appreciation for the contribution all teachers continue to make in the lives of our young people. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring the delivery of quality education in our schools is to be applauded. We thank you for all the long hours, effort and dedication you put into making a positive difference in our schools, in spite of very challenging conditions.

The role of the teacher goes beyond just standing in a classroom and going through the curriculum. Teachers are builders and mentors who inspire and prepare learners for the real world and therefore, they also are determined to see learners succeed and victorious.

You go above and beyond your job description to help our learners realise their true potential.

Nelson Mandela said that education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world and our teachers are fighting at the frontlines to make this a reality.

Television talk show host and media mogul Oprah Winfrey shared that she is what she is today because of her teacher, saying: “Teachers create a spark for learning that lives with you from then on and that is why she says she has a talk show today.”

Old Mutual appreciates you – you are our greatest asset in the quest to provide our future leaders with the quality education they deserve and will need to take on the world. May you continue to inspire, change lives and champion positive futures.

At Old Mutual we will continue to join hands with our education partners to support your efforts and to create an environment that enables potential to blossom, addresses societal ills and lifts barriers to economic growth.

At Old Mutual our purpose is championing mutually positive futures every day and we are committed to joining you to make the world a better place for us all.



Looking back, 20 years ago as we entered the new millennium, we carried so much hope for the future that we are in now, that no South African child will be left behind in getting access to quality free education.

As a business that stands by its ethos and is highly-committed to progress, we recognise how far we have come in our education system.

Acknowledging that many challenges still stand but much progress has been made.

We stand together with the Mpumalanga Department of Education to celebrate these Value Creators in our nation.

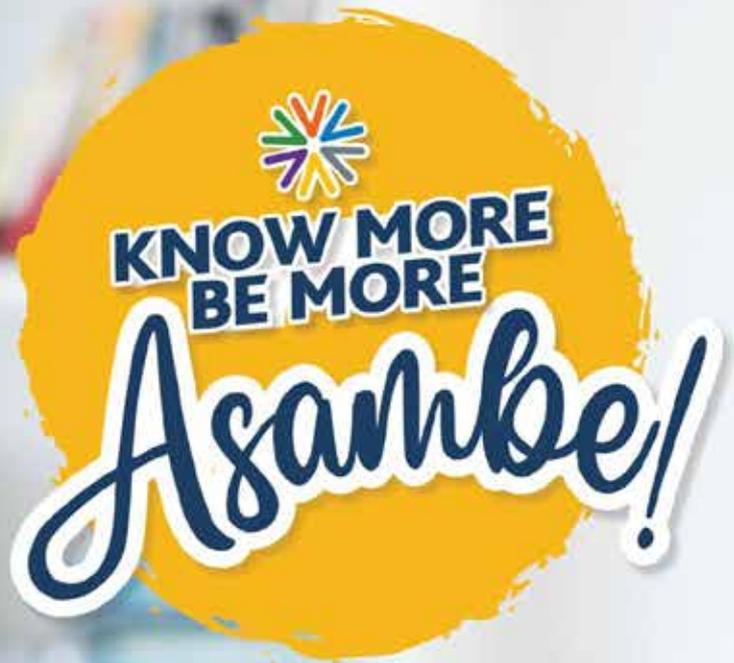
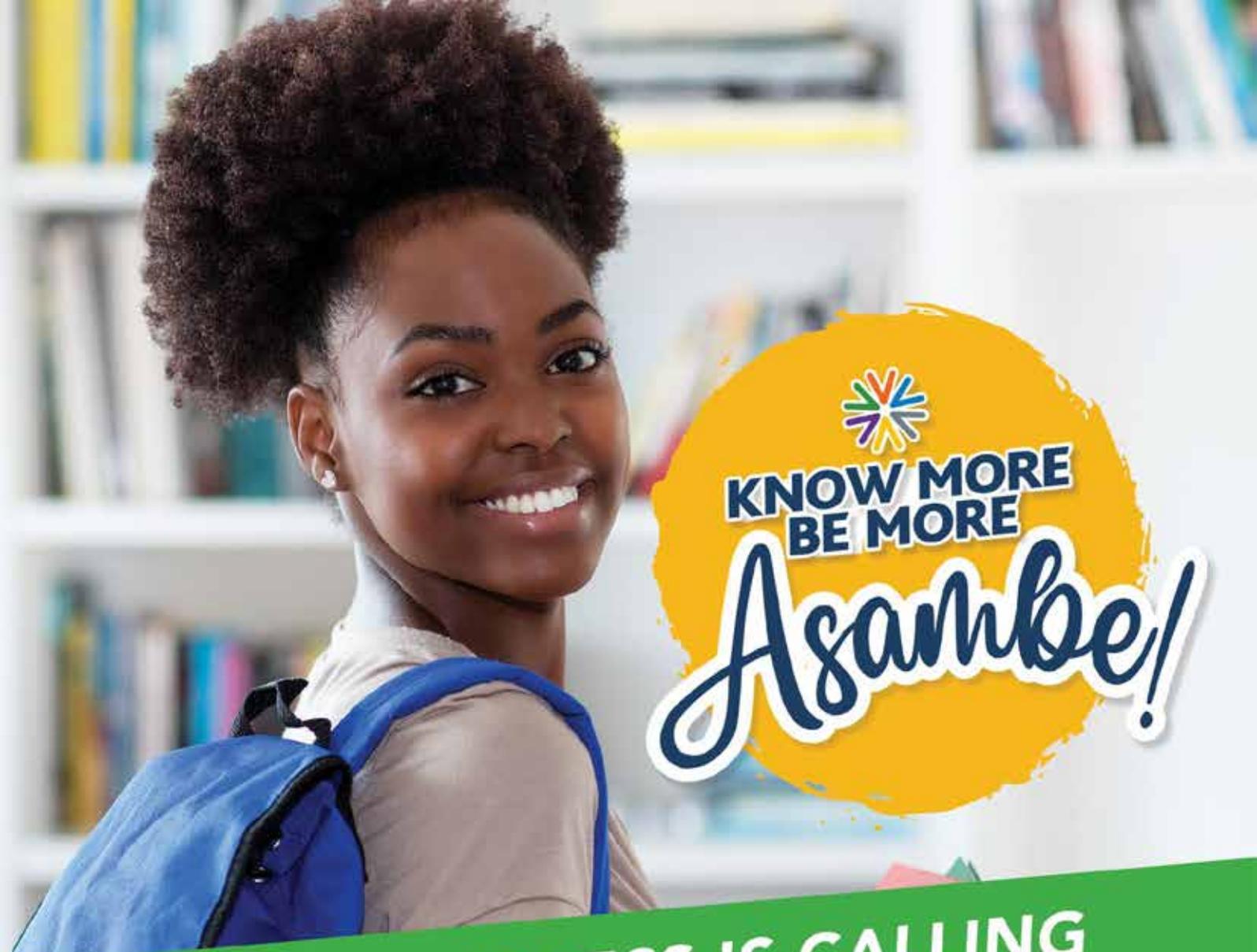
As part of our commitment as a business in value -creation we have identified the Quality Education and Decent Work and Economic Growth as a lever of our contribution to the global SDGs.

With education being a key contributor to socio-economic progress, it is with this reason that we believe that our ability to enable connectivity significantly impacts the future of education.

During this celebratory moment, we want to commend teachers in this province that ensured the achievement of a 73.6% pass rate in 2021. It is also encouraging to note that the province has not had a pass rate below 70% since 2012.

As one of the leading telecommunications companies in the country, we would like to shine the spotlight on the Mpumalanga Department of Education Provincial Teacher Awards. Congratulating them on this milestone achievement and further congratulating all teachers present today.

Your sublime work has ensured that we reach this vision and accelerate ourselves towards a South Africa full of hope and progress.



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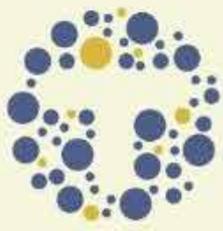
Pay for tuition fees, laptops and more

Teachers are the most importantly stakeholders in our communities so are they at Fundi. We are delighted to have serviced and enabled dreams of a thousands teachers in the education space through our education loans.

Today, we are honoured to celebrate your success stories. Continue to contribute in building our future leaders and a better South African for future generations.

Asambe, let's go! Success is calling.





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September News Flash

News from two of our new partners

RainTree Business Coaching

Too many teachers are leaving the profession they love because they can't meet their financial commitments. At RainTree Business Coaching, we specialise in business coaching that provides you, our ThinkTeacher clients, with the space and thinking time to explore how you can resolve this real challenge. RainTree will provide the framework to decide how to set up a side business that supplements your income in a way that does not deplete your energy and still do the teaching that you love.

This is especially important for teachers approaching retirement. As much because it will provide additional income as for the opportunity to find the new interest that will provide you with your "next" that will allow you to continue contributing to and building your next legacy.

RainTree Business Coaching is committed to supporting teachers across South Africa to become more financially free through building their own business. We believe that teachers deserve to be financially empowered so they can continue to bring their best to the classroom every day.

Watch this space on more information on our free introductory webinar – The Successful Side Business Recipe



Kia South Africa

Are you in the market for a new car, one that is dependable, good looking and most importantly, fuel efficient? ThinkTeacher is delighted to announce that Kia South Africa have partnered with us to enable the teachers of SA to get some incredible deals on their cars!

ThinkTeacher members will have access to the full range of KIA vehicles and if you are a paid up member you will pay cost plus 2% on any new vehicle. This benefit is available immediately for all TT members.

There is a model for all budgets and tastes, and finance can be arranged - either in house with KIA or with all the major banks.

Contact Nathaniel via the TT website for more information on the amazing range of vehicles that Kia can provide TT members



Watch this space for incredible deals from Telkom

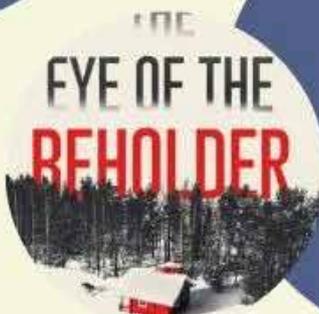


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A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything "- unknown

Congratulations to all the award winners today, as well as those who have received their Awards.

ThinkTeacher looks forward to supporting you all as you lift the flag high on this most noble profession.





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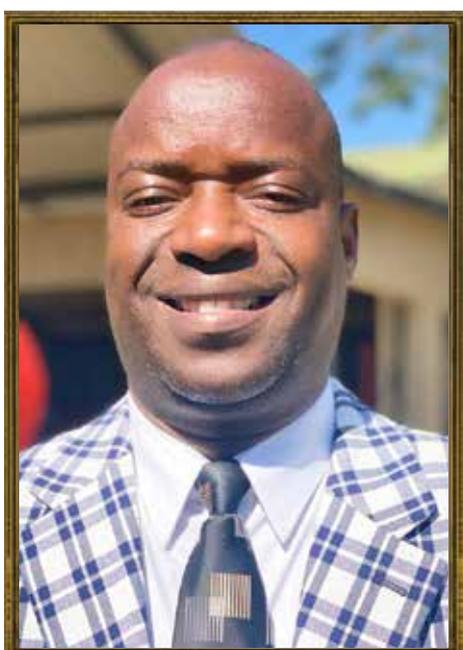
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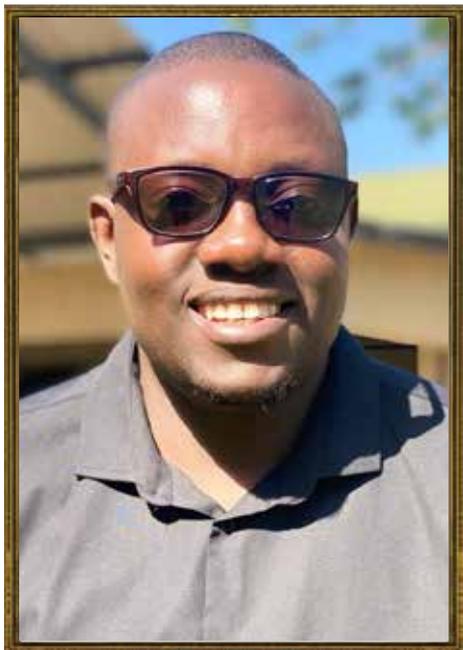
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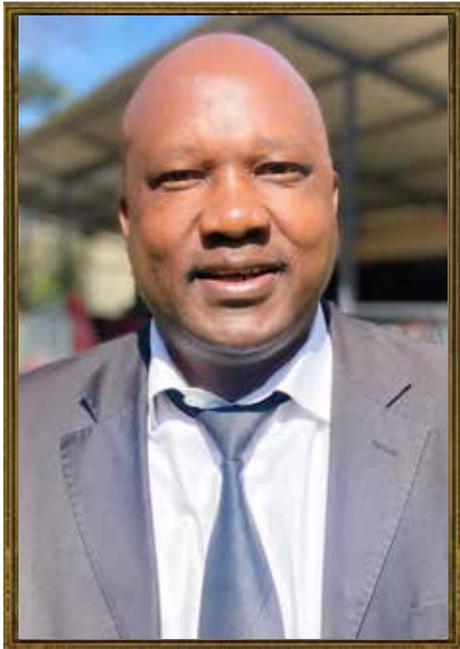
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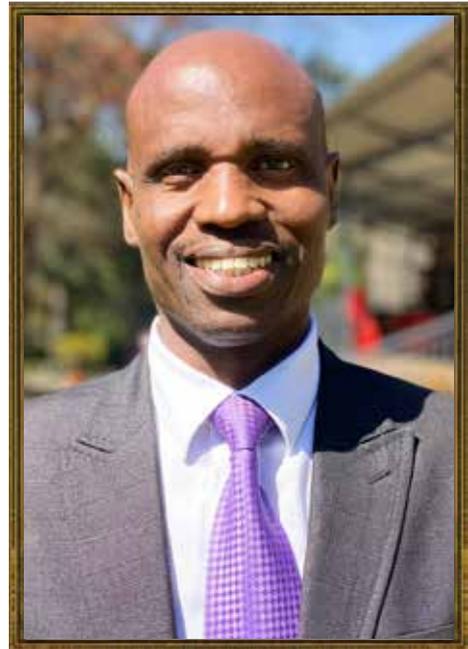
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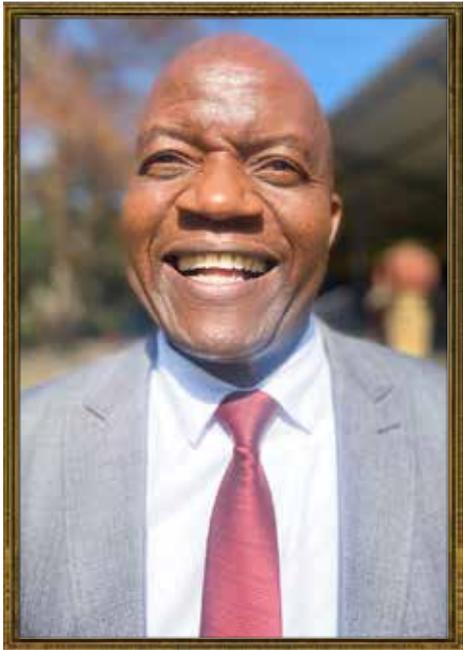
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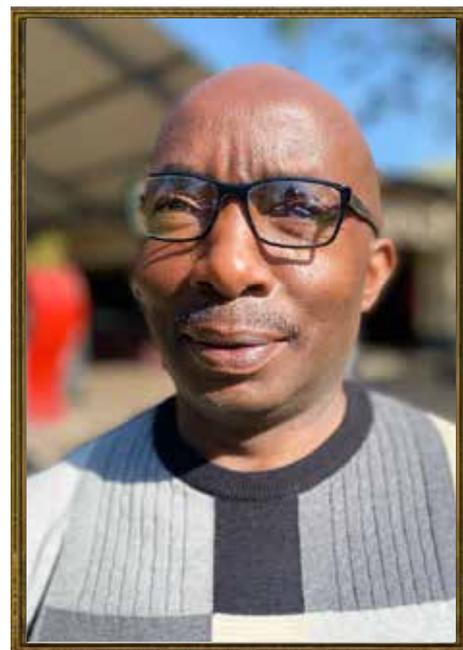
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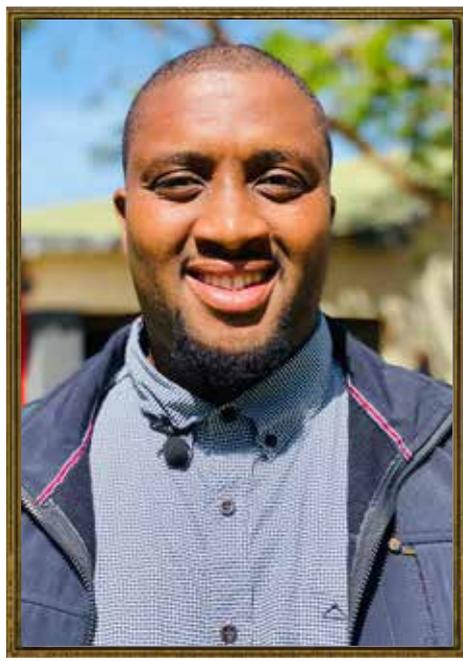
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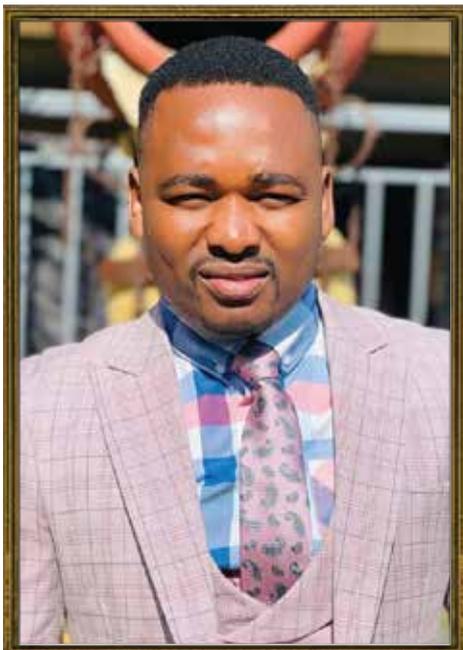
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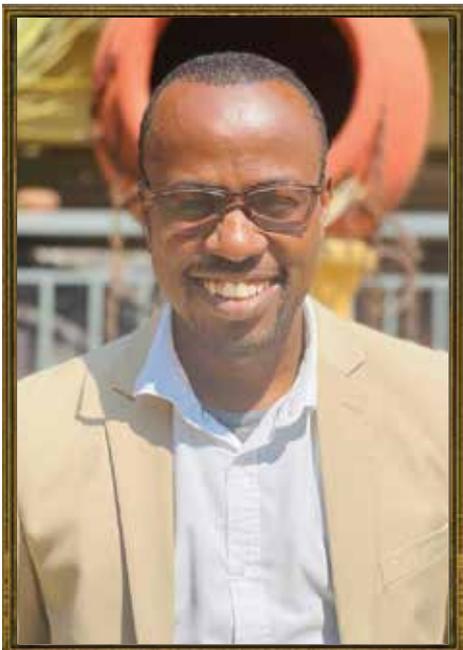
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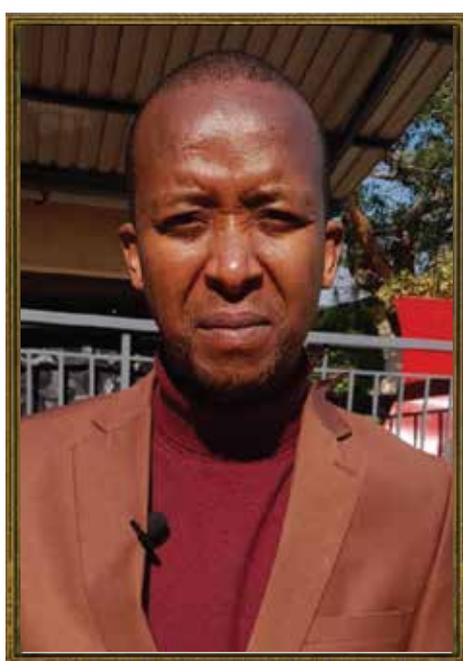
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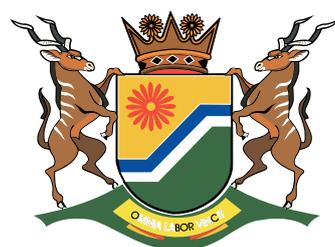
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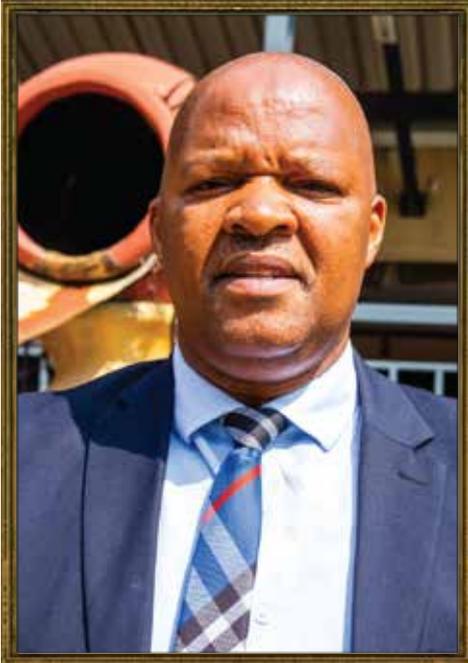
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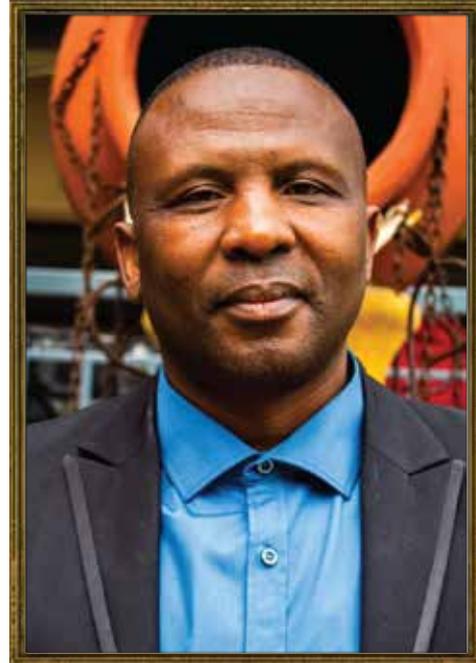
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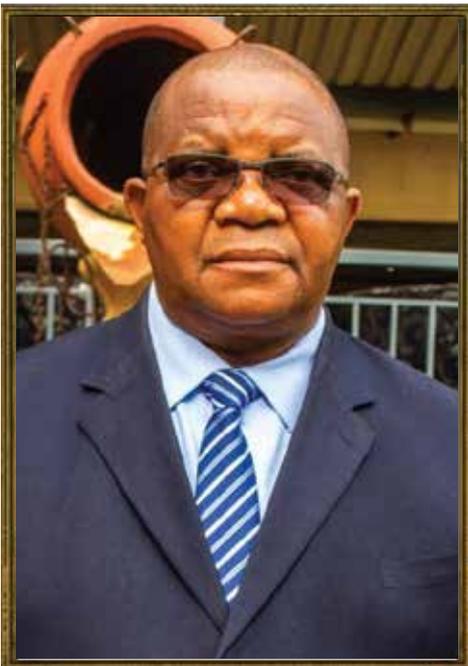
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The National Teachers' Union acknowledges, supports and appreciates all activities and programs that develop, empower and elevate the standard of teaching and learning.

Natu extends her sincerest gratitude to all stakeholders particularly the Department of Education and the NTA team for co-ordinating and facilitating this competition successfully.

I would like to quote Steve Jobs where he said “The only way to do great work is to love what you do”. This quote is extended to all the Contestants.

We encourage and urge all teachers to participate in this Contest.

Programme Director let me take this opportunity to salute and congratulate all the winners from different categories for their "Resilience in pursuit for excellence" which resonates with the Theme for this year 2022, we really appreciate your efforts, hard work and wish you All the Best in the next stage which is Nationally and will be our Ambassador for Mpumalanga.

To those who did not make it, do not despair to us you are all winners.



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