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Gauteng learners get an opportunity to pursue their dreams

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Learners came from all angles to compete for the top prize during the Department of Water and Sanitation Gauteng Provincial South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) Competition held on Friday, 12 May 2017, in Roodeplaat Training Centre.

The SAYWP Competition is a Department of Water and Sanitation's science and technology initiative which encourages and empowers the youth to participate actively in integrated and community based water resource management.

During the competition learners presented solutions on identified water and sanitation problems within their communities or schools through an awareness or innovation model.

The school that convinced the judges to walk away with the top prize was Lesiba High School who will now advance to compete with schools from other provinces at the national competition that will be held soon. Lesiba High School was awarded R3 000.00 plus comprehensive bursaries for Thendo Modau, Siyabonga Radebe and Nando Mathabela who represented the school from Daveyton.

At the second place was Phelindaba High School which walked away with R2000.00 and R1 000.00 went to Leondale High School for the third position.

Thendo Modau, a Grade 11 pupil from Lesiba High School could not hide her jubilation after the announcements of the results. She attributed their success to hard work and good team spirit. "It feels great to be announced as the 2017 Gauteng Provincial Youth Water Prize winners, this goes on to show that hard work does pay", said Modau.

Another Grade 11 learner, Nando Mathabela was also over the moon that his dreams of becoming a civil engineer was now becoming closure to realisation. With the fully paid bursary from the Department he is saying nothing will stand on his way of achieving his dreams. "From today I will make sure that I concentrate on my school work, I want to achieve good grades at the end of the year," said Mathabela.

Lesiba High School educator Mr Vincent Raphesu was proud of his schools' achievement and he praised his team for a sterling performance. "This is our second time in the competition, the last time we were here we got position 2, now we knew what was expected from us and we delivered accordingly", said proud Raphesu.

Lucky Makgarengi