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St Andrew High School shines at this year's SAYWP

A 15 year-old Grade ten learner from St Andrew's High School, Michelle Papp in Welkom made Free State proud by scooping position 3rd award in National South African Youth Water (SAYWP) Awards Competitions held in Gauteng.

The competition which target the youth begin at Provincial level followed by finals at National. The winner in the national leg of the competition gets a ticket to compete internationally at Stockholm Junior Water Prize competitions in Sweden.

The Welkom student's project is called "Leaks be Gone" an innovation to help prevent leakages in the toilet saving gallons of water resulting in water preservation. For her innovation she won full bursary to study towards a career in Water Sector at a University of her choice around the country. She further received price value of R5 000.00 in cash and a laptop.

The bursaries are in line with departments 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation programme aimed at teaching learners about the importance of water use efficient and protection of water sources. The programme attracts a number of schools participation across the country studying mathematics and science from Grade 9-11. Learners are encouraged to identify problems related to water and sanitation in their community and schools, conduct study and come up with innovative solutions to the problem.

Speaking after she was declared winner "Michelle said that it was emotional and overwhelming experience as she stepped on her sister's footsteps who also won the competition in 2015. I am grateful for the opportunity presented by the department of Water and Sanitation. To learners who really wants pursue their dreams, opportunities are out there follow your heart and become somebody in future" she said.

St Andrew's is extremely proud of their two learners' achievements and also very thankful to the Department of Water and Sanitation for their involvement and contribution. It is a wonderful and heart-warming thought that someday an idea that originated from their project may be the start of something that could change the world for the better. "concluded Principal of St Andrew's Mr G Hinrichs"



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