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15-year-old twin sisters from KZN flew the South African flag high during the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competitions

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15-year-old twins from KwaDabeka, outside Pinetown in KwaZulu-Natal flew the South African flag high at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition that took place recently in Sweden.

The twin sisters, Sandisiwe and Sanelisiwe Nhlozi, won the South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition in June this year. The competition is spearheaded by the Department of Water and Sanitation and is a call-to-action programme, challenging secondary and high school learners to identify a water problem in their communities and come up with innovative and technology-based solutions to address those challenges.

The duo, who are currently in Grade 10 at Buhlebemfundo Secondary School, presented their aptly named “Drop-Drop” water education and awareness app that is aimed at enhancing education around the importance of prudent water use in communities.

The Nhlozi sisters have high hopes for their lives and expressed that through the comprehensive bursaries awarded by the Department of Water and Sanitation after winning the SAYWP competition, they plan to pursue studies in Civil Engineering after completing their matric, with the hope of working in the water sector and contributing solutions to address water challenges in the country.

“When we won the SAYWP competition, we were so overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. Although we did not think that we would win, because of the tough competition with our counterparts from other provinces, it was through teamwork and dedication that we were crowned winners,” said Sandisiwe.

The twin sisters and best friends expressed their excitement about travelling together for the first time outside South African shores.

“Being provided with this opportunity to represent South Africa is an incredible honour and privilege. We felt proud, excited, and nervous, but we find comfort in each other and in knowing that learners at our school and even those we competed with supported us throughout the journey,” said Sanelisiwe.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize is a competition for learners aged between 15 to 20 years who have developed research projects that can help solve major water challenges. The competition attracts tens of thousands of entries from approximately 35 countries.

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