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DWS to handover bursaries and laptops to South African Youth Water Prize participants

13 November 2019

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Western Cape will hand over bursaries and laptops to Grade 11 learners of Knysna High School who participated in the South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition early this year.

SAYWP, spearheaded by DWS, is a science and technology initiative aimed at promoting and encouraging young people to develop an interest in the water and sanitation sector. Through this competition, they develop technologies that seek to address the current challenges faced by the sector at large. In addition, the competition is envisaged to harness young people to develop an interest in the water and sanitation sector with an aim of attracting new skills.

SAYWP gives learners an opportunity to identify water and sanitation related problems in their school or community (problems like water sources, pollution, water borne diseases, water conservation and awareness, invasive alien species); they conduct a research and present recommendable solutions to the problem to a panel of judges.

The winners at district level progress to compete at provincial level. The winners of the provincial competition represent the province at the national competition where they compete against their counter-parts from eight other provinces. The winners of the national competition represent the country at the annual Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition where they compete against other learners from 35 countries across the globe in Sweden

The media is invited as follows:

Date : 20 November 2019

Venue : Knysna High School, Knysna

Time : 08h00

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