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Chandeline Jordaan a toast of her community after DWS's bursary award

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A 21-year old Chandeline Jordaan is the toast of her community in Hopeland in the Western Cape after she became one of the Department of Water and Sanitation's bursary recipients.

The inquisitive Chandeline landed the bursary after she participated in the Department's Aquo Enduro Programme in 2014. Chandeline, who did Physical Science as one of her subjects, was encouraged by her school teacher to be part of the Aqua Enduro.

Riding the top of the wave at being one of the 20 pupils to be awarded the bursary, Chandeline is now studying a BSC in Construction Studies at the University of Cape Town, an institution which prides itself as amongst the best not only in the country but indeed around the world.

Chandeline, an ardent believer in putting her head down and working hard to achieve her academic goals, says she will be completing her studies this year and go on to do much bigger things in life.

Being the first in her family to see the inside of a lecture room, Chandeline says she is grateful to the Department of Water and Sanitation for realising her potential and awarding her a bursary to fulfil her dreams.

"I am so grateful for having been given this opportunity to further my studies. This opportunity comes with great responsibility because I have to work hard and motivate myself at all times," Chandeline says with a glint of smile on her face.

Raised by a single parent, Chandeline admits that she had never thought she would receive a bursary, adding that it was a dream come true for the Department to come through for her in her hour of need.

"I never thought I would get an opportunity like this. I was raised by a single mother along with my two sisters. As a domestic worker, she always believed in education and encouraged us to work hard at school because education is the key," says Chandeline with nostalgia as she talks about her mother's wish for them to make something good of themselves.

She says she knows that her mother, who died in 2017, had peace when she passed on because she knew that her studies were taken care of by the Department.

"I would like to thank DWS for making it possible for me to be where I am today. I am living my dream and by the end of this year I will proudly become one of its graduates," says Chandeline, expressing her innermost feelings.

