



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### North West Learners awarded bursaries in the Water and Sanitation Education Programme

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The Department of Water and Sanitation hosted a weeklong Water and Sanitation Education Programme (WSEP) at the Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg 03 - 07 October 2022, which is aimed at getting school learners to come up with innovative ways to propel awareness around the water and sanitation sector career opportunities.

School learners from the North West took part in this year's competition. Six (6) students from 6 schools in the North West province were participating in the Aqua Enduro. Aqua Enduro is an action project, an initiative aimed at addressing the skills shortage in the scientific and engineering disciplines, targeting Grades 10 - 11 learners.

Two (2) learners out of the 6 won the bursaries. They are Vuyo Mokgotho from Mmabatho High School and Lesedi Pule from Ramotshere High School. Vuyo Mokgotho says that more learners should take part in these competitions as they were informed of different job opportunities in the sector. "Grade 10 and 11 learners should make sure that their results are good, because the marks are very essential in getting a bursary", he said. He also thanked the Department of Water and Sanitation for the opportunity to visit the lab, water treatment plants and most importantly to receive a bursary.

Three grade 10 learners from Mmabatho High were the provincial winners in public speaking. These learners represented the province in the national competition. Public speaking targets learners from Grades 10 - 11 that are pursuing Maths and Science subjects in school. The learners researched about water problems in Setlagole in Ratlou Municipality, and their research was based on the socio-economic problems within that area, particularly pertaining to water access to the poor. The learners won second position in the National competition and were awarded bursaries. One of the learners Paballo Sebopelo thanked the Department and all stakeholders for this opportunity and he advised others learners to take part in next year's competitions. "Be original, believe in your craft and don't let your background define you. Determine the path you want to take and always give your best to make use of the opportunities that comes your way", he said..

Baswa le Metse (BLM) different schools from different parts of the province were taking part in this competition. Four Primary schools, Ntswelotsoku, Lykso, Modimokoane, Seetsele, were taking part in praise, drama, music, poster, poetry reflecting water and sanitation project within their schools.

Modimokoane primary school from Mathibestad in the NW took position 2 in the music category in the nationals. They took home R15 000 cash prize, a trophy and certificates.

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