

MEDIA ADVISORY

Water and Sanitation in the Western Cape to handover bursaries to learners tomorrow

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Western Cape will on Friday 27 November handover the prizes to the two South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) Provincial Winners. The winners from Oaklands High School, Jamie-Lee Williams and Thandile Ntanta will be awarded with their prizes. These two young minds participated in the department's school project: South African Youth Water Prize.

The Western Cape DWS will then send off six grade 11 learners to represent the province during the Agua Enduro National Competition to be held in Gauteng.

The SAYWP Provincial winners won the bursaries as well as a laptop each to pursue a career in water and sanitation related field as per the skills shortage objective. The SAYWP has three legs: Provincial, National and International legs.

Since the inception of the project in 1999, the Western Cape has managed to represent the country at the International Leg which is held in Stockholm annually during the World Water Week three times.

Ntanta and Lee-Williams observed the dangers faced by the community through the washing of hands' ritual after a funeral. The washing of hands in one bucket leads to the sharing of germs, which may lead to catastrophic outbreaks. They came up with a very unique non-sharing device, which will also ensure that water is recycled.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: 27 November 2015

Venue: Driftsands Nature Reserve (Khayelitsha)

Time: 10h00 till 15h00.

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