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DWS HELD THE NATIONAL BLM COMPETITION

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In an effort to promote health and hygiene, the Department of Water and Sanitation held the National Baswa le Meetse (BLM) competition at Pine Lodge in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday 28 June 2016 under the theme, “washing of hands, use and care of sanitation facilities for a healthy life”. The competition has 5 categories, namely, drama, music, poetry, praise poetry and poster. The winners are as follows:

CATEGORY	PROVINCE
Drama	Free State
Music	Western Cape
Poetry	Mpumalanga
Praise poetry	Limpopo
Poster	Gauteng

“All participants stuck to the theme this year and they managed the time allocated to them for their performances very well. As adjudicators, we also stuck to the guidelines of the BLM competition which are fairness, professionalism and consistency,” remarked Mr Luthando Gxowa from the World Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA).

The winners will receive a media classroom for their school which comprises of 20 computers, a printer, interactive white board, air conditioner and airtime to the value of R1000 per month over 24 months. In addition, they will get R6000 of which half will go to the school and the other to the learner/s for educational needs.



The following learners from Limpopo, R. Ramoshaba, M. Ramagoele, M. Maserumele were declared as the winners of the public speaking competition and they will each receive a bursary from the department to study in pursuit of a career in the water sector. Speaking during the competition, the learners were very delighted to be awarded bursaries. “This will give us an opportunity to study at university to fulfil our dreams,” they said.