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## **Laptops from NWK the icing on the cake following Ditsobotla matriculants' improved pass rate**

The pass rate of Ditsobotla sub district's 2024 matriculants improved with 11% and now stands at 88,66%.

The top performing matriculants of 21 schools in this sub district were honoured at a prestigious event hosted by North West's Departement of Education where everyone also received a brand-new laptop, furnished with the latest software, from NWK.

The company has been undertaking this project since 2013/2014 to support the studies of prospective tertiary students. The value of this year's donation is about R283 000.

Ditsobotla is situated in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West and is home to towns like Lichtenburg, Coligny and Itsoseng.

Benedict Modise, director of Economic Development at NWK, congratulated the matriculants of 2024 with their hard work and dedication, which obviously bore fruit.

"You have proven that success comes to those who believe in themselves and strive for greatness. Keep inspiring others with your exceptional accomplishment. You have raised the bar for future matriculants."

He encouraged them to consider the diverse career opportunities that NWK offer and work at South Africa's oldest agricultural company once they are qualified.

Marilie Rossouw of Hoërskool Lichtenburg is the top matriculant in Ditsobotla and boasts eight distinctions. She said it required "hard work of many hours" to achieve this significant result. She advised future matriculants to never give up and keep on trying, even if they achieve poorer results in the record and other examinations.

She will be studying B.Sc. Health Sciences with Biochemistry and Physiology at the North West University's Potchefstroom Campus. "This laptop from NWK makes me feel truly special. My hard work was worth it and is being recognised," she smiled.

Also, Galaletsang Tsetse of Bophirima Secondary School in Itsoseng was ecstatic on accepting her laptop. "I'm thrilled!" she exclaimed. "My mother is unemployed. We have only two family members who are currently employed, but they don't earn enough money to afford a laptop like this."

She will be studying social work at the University of Johannesburg.

Oarabile Realeboga of Gaetsho Secondary School in Lichtenburg encouraged other matriculants not to let challenges hinder them from achieving great marks. He aims to acquire a degree in nursing from the University of the Free State. "I like the subject Life Sciences and I can feel in my heart that this is a career I must pursue."

Aobakwe Thuto Sebokolodi of Tau Rapulana Secondary School in Bodibe will be studying pharmaceuticals at the North West University's Potchefstroom campus. "It is awesome!" he said about the laptop. "I am very grateful."

### ***Photo captions***

#### **Matrieks 2024**

The recipients of the laptops are front f.l.t.r.: Karabo Lekhafola (Bethel High School), Tumelo Tlotlo Masuge (Baitshoki High School), Keamogetse Ntshoe (Reboneilwe Secondary School), Oarabile Realeboga Tsetse (Gaetsho Secondary School), Tshogofatso Motsamai (Kgoke Lesabe Public School), Rethabile Matshaba Selesanyeng (Hoërskool Coligny), Safeeyah Mpho Zweni (Rekgonne Secondary School), Kgosietsile Thebeyame (Regolotswe High School), Relebohile Hoza (Bodibe Secondary School), Larisa du Preez (CVO Skool Lichtenburg) and Aobakwe Thuto Sebokolodi (Tau Rapulana Secondary School).

Back f.l.t.r.: Johan Bezuidenhout (group manager of Corporate Marketing and Communication at NWK), Amiel Tlhabane (senior education specialist at North West's Education Department), Samuel Nkone (former area manager of Ditsobotla in the North West Department of Education), Matlhogonolo Mojaki (Lichtenburg English Secondary School), Oratile Moeng (JM Lekgetha Commercial School), Marilie Rossouw (Hoërskool Lichtenburg), Phemelo Tshoetetsi (Tswelelopele High School), Phenyio Diphoko (FM Ramaboa Technical School), Gomotsegang Tshabadira (AG Malebe Secondary School), Galaletsang Tsetse (Bophirima Secondary School), Boitshoko Innocentia Shika (Kopanelo Combined School), Michael Oarabile Molebatsi (Gaborone Secondary School), Primrose Mmalefa Seeta (More High School), Benedict Modise (director of Economic Development at NWK), Dr Phillip Maboe (area manager at North West's Department of Education) and Orapeleng Simon Rabotsho (principal of Bophirima Secondary School).

#### **Benedict 1 and/or 2**

NWK's director of Economic Development, Benedict Modise, addresses the matriculants of 2024.

*Individual photos of matriculants who are being quoted in the release:*

Marilie Rossouw of Hoërskool Lichtenburg.

Galaletsang Tsetse of Bophirima Secondary School in Itsoseng.

Aobakwe Thuto Sebokolodi of Tau Rapulana Secondary School in Bodibe.

Oarabile Realeboga of Gaetsho Secondary School in Lichtenburg.

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