

Gert educational awards

Staff Reporter

On Thursday the 12 of January 2012, Sasol hosted the 17th annual grade 12 Achievements Awards, at a glittering function at Sasol Recreation Club in Secunda. This event was designed to recognise and award the learners from Govan Mbeki Municipality Region in the Mpumalanga Province who passed their Matric with three or more distinction. The learners were issued with Sasol grade 12 Merit Award Certificates and Monetary Incentives.

The top learners in the Mpumalanga Province who excelled in Mathematics and Physical Science were also Awarded Monetary Incentives and Certificates. Mr Isaac Modise, the Acting Manager and Cooperate Affairs at Sasol had this to say, "Sasol would like to congratulate the learners who have excelled in the 2011 National Certificate Examination and congratulate them, they have done their schools, parents and greater Mpumalanga region proud. This evening is to recognise their dedication and hard work. At Sasol we believe in excelling in everything we do. Sasol is committed to continue recognising and awarding excellence in learner performance and in giving support to the Department of Education, teachers and learners in our community." Concluded Mr Modise.

30 Learners were awarded for 3 distinctions. 16 learners received awards for 4 distinctions. 14 learners received 5 distinctions. 7 Learners received awards for 6 distinctions. 11 Learners received awards for 7 distinctions. 2 learners received awards for 8 distinctions. Herman Wenhold and Schalk Augustyn both from Hoerskool Secunda received merit awards for 9 distinctions. Hoerskool Secunda became the top achieving school with 28 distinctions while Hoerskool Oostrland and Hoerskool Hoogenhout shared the second spot with 15 distinctions each.

During the key note speech, the MEC Education, Ms R Mohaule unpacked the overall performance of Mpumalanga province with 64.8% pass mark and up by 8% compared to 2010. 18 schools recorded a 100% pass rate with 8 schools being in Gert Sibande. The MEC expressed her gratitude to all schools that contributed to the Department's successes of the year 2011. She expressed hope that in 2012, Mpumalanga would continue to climb the ladder of success as a province. She attributed the success to the joint efforts by teachers, parents and learners. She further expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Sasol for their continued support.



PUMP UP THE PERFORMANCE: Front row from left: CLR Lindi Masene Executive mayor of Govern Mbeki, Sasol Executive Director Ms MSV Gantsho, MEC Department of Education Ms Reginah Mhaule and Regional Director Gert Sibande Ms N Mthethwa

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THE ESSENCE OF IMPROVEMENT

I am humbled to get this opportunity to welcome all the readers of Khanyisa news and this column as we begin the year 2012. I am delighted to once again share information with the community at large. I wish everybody a prosperous new year, filled with blessings, happiness and success. Success comes as a final product of planning, commitment, sacrifice and focus. This is the recipe that never goes wrong.
By Godfrey 'Tiger' Mdluli.

It is very essential to make resolutions and set achievable objectives for the future, making an extra effort to push the threshold to an upper level than where it was previously. Athletes, teams and players who are at the top of their game, are those who did that with success. In any sport, the difference in performance improvement is called hyper-compensation hence a principle that it is important in conditioning of an athlete's physical attributes being strength,



speed, endurance, agility, power and nutrition. Those are the very essential aspects to ensure

improvement in a player and they are also the areas vital in development of a player from the grassroots to the elite level. We have seen great players dropping in form, like Tiger Woods in the golf world rankings and Ronald of Brazil, bowing out of the game due to injuries. A positive mind creates room for improvement and determination is the catalyst for success. Players who have shown this resolve are best epitomized by Louis Oosthuizen who has just won the

Africa Open golf tournament and has moved to number 69 in the world rankings. Jacques Kallis too, has earned his 150th century in test cricket, a tremendous achievement. Lionel Messi of Argentina at international level has won the much coveted Fifa footballer of the year Award for the third time running setting a world record. This year, I would like to see players and athletes being motivated and positive enough to achieve the extra ordinary.