

TO ALL MEDIA/ NEWS EDITORS

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THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NYDA) WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE MATRIC CLASS OF 2024

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) wishes to congratulate the matric class of 2024. The NYDA notes these matric results as a historical moment in the education system of South Africa.

The National Senior Certificate (NSC) results were announced as an impeccable 87.3% pass rate for the 2024 matric class. The NYDA would like to highlight the impact of educators on learners for their dedication, resilience, motivation and efforts. Educators form a cornerstone in the lives of learners in the country at large. This is testament to the fruits of democracy that South Africa enjoys.

Within this acknowledgement, the agency encourages that matriculants that have not achieved their desired results enrol in the Second Chance Matric Rewrite Programme to have an opportunity to redo or improve their matric results.

Young people who have passed matric are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to further their studies through Public Universities and Technical and Vocational Colleges utilising the differential bursary and scholarship opportunities available to them.

Young people who are entering the world of work are encouraged to make use of the opportunities available through the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention where all opportunities are loaded through the National Pathway Management Network, SAYouth.Mobi.

The NYDA especially recognises the plight of many young people from Quintile 1 to 3 schools who truly have had to overcome multiple socioeconomic challenges.

The NYDA would like to reiterate its position as being an agency established primarily to address challenges faced by the nation's youth and is therefore committed to continue to serve young people in South Africa. All branches of the NYDA across the country are ready to engage with young people in the services we have to offer.

Young people are encouraged to continue in confidence in the pursuit of opportunities that are still available in supporting their academic endeavours. The following websites offer a range of bursaries that are still available in South Africa for the 2025 academic year.

<https://www.zabursaries.co.za/>

<https://www.gostudy.net/bursaries>

The NYDA also encourages matriculants to continue to check their status on the NSFAS portal and seek for the necessary assistance by following the link provided for appeals in their applications.

<https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/appeals.html>

"Today marks a milestone, not just for the learners, but for the community who supported them on their academic journey. Today bears testament to the African Proverb: 'If You Want to Go Fast, Go Alone. If You Want to Go Far, Go Together.' As the NYDA, we commit to travelling together on their journey as they embark on the next chapter of their lives and ensure that we leave no young person behind!" said the NYDA Executive Chairperson, Ms Asanda Luwaca.

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