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## **NYDA CONGRATULATES MISS SOUTH AFRICA 2025, QHAWEKAZI MAZALENI**

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) congratulates Qhawekazi Mazaleni, the newly crowned Miss South Africa 2025, on her remarkable achievement and for representing the spirit, capabilities, and resilience of South African youth.

At only 24 years old, Qhawekazi embodies the qualities of leadership, compassion, and determination that the NYDA seeks to nurture in young people across the country. A Speech, Language and Hearing Therapy graduate from Stellenbosch University, currently pursuing her Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Pretoria with a focus on Autism, Qhawekazi's academic and social impact journey stands as a testament to the transformative power of education.

Her work in bridging cultural and linguistic gaps in speech therapy, her authorship of an isiXhosa children's book promoting literacy and numeracy, and her commitment to building inclusive education systems align strongly with the NYDA's mission to empower youth to contribute meaningfully to South Africa's development.

The NYDA Executive Chairperson, Dr Sunshine Myende, stated that, "Ms Mazaleni represents the best of what it means to be young, South African, and purposeful. Her journey is a reminder that excellence knows no boundaries, and with education, courage, and vision, young people can redefine their futures and inspire hope in others.

"As the NYDA, we celebrate Miss South Africa 2025 not just as a beauty queen, but as a changemaker and a young woman using her voice, her intellect, and her compassion to drive transformation in our education system and in our communities," said Dr Myende.

The NYDA wishes Miss South Africa 2025 every success as she embarks on her reign. Her story is one of hope, cultural pride, and academic excellence, which are values that will continue to inspire millions of young South Africans to dream boldly and act purposefully.

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