



BACKING JTG LEARNERS WITH SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

Our 'Back to School' Programme continues to support over 1,000 learners across the John Taolo Gaetsewe District by providing essential school items to those in need.

In addition to our annual supply of uniforms and backpacks, this year we introduced scientific calculators for the first time—marking a significant investment in STEM education. This new element is a direct response to changing curriculum requirements and aims to enhance learners' problem-solving skills and understanding of complex subjects.

Scientific calculators are powerful tools that can improve academic performance in mathematics and science, empowering local learners with the resources they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.



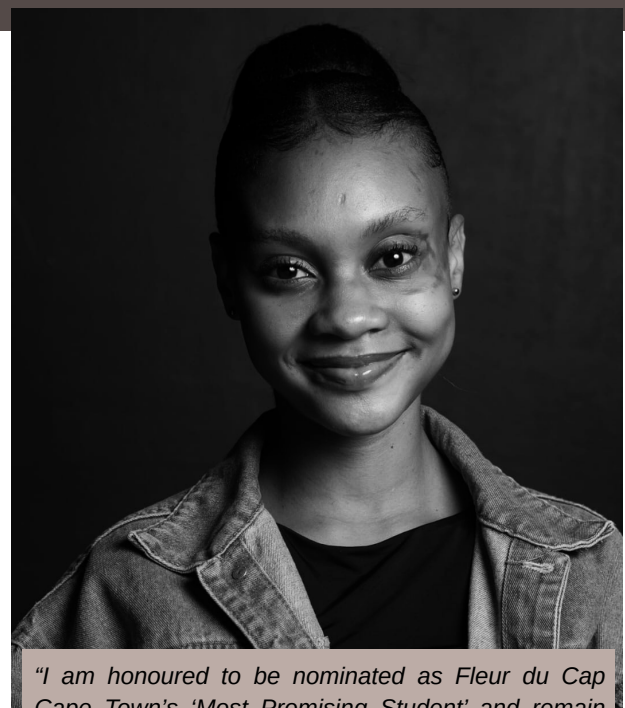
SUPPORTING PASSIONATE LOCAL TALENT

Among the five bursary programme beneficiaries who have recently celebrated their graduations, Tshepiso Modise (23) from the small village of Borsa, credits the programme with making her journey to obtain her BA in Performing Arts & Media Studies possible, allowing her the opportunity to embrace her passion for storytelling and film.

"The Kathu Solar Park bursary changed everything—it validated my dreams and provided the stability I needed to focus on my studies."

Since its launch in 2022, the KSP bursary programme has provided financial and academic support to 29 students, with 11 having completed their studies to date.

Along with Tshepiso, we congratulate the other current graduates as follows: Rebhone Keogatile (Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy), Gofaone Mogale (Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting), Tlotlo Rametsi (BCom Honours in Transport Economics), Ashley Jooste (BEd Intermediate Phase).



"I am honoured to be nominated as Fleur du Cap Cape Town's 'Most Promising Student' and remain dedicated to using my qualification to uplift my community."



ENGINEERING TALENT AT KATHU SOLAR PARK

Gabriel Wolfson, a newly qualified Mechanical Engineer (Wits 2024), based his final year research project on "Developing More Effective Strategies for CSP Plant Operation Using Machine Learning."

Gabriel conducted this research in partnership with Kathu Solar Park, highlighting new and innovative approaches to improving the efficiency, sustainability, and performance of Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) plants.

"CSP captivated me due to its ability to address renewable energy's variability through thermal energy storage. By integrating machine learning, I aimed to enhance its operational resilience, aligning with the global transition to a low-carbon future." - Gabriel Wolfson, who has taken up a position on ENGIE Renewables Graduate Programme this year, further exploring data-driven optimisation across diverse renewable energy and green hydrogen projects.



SUPPORTING ECD IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The implementation of our 1-year stipend programme for ECD Practitioners, as part of our overarching Early Childhood Development programme, is supporting over 60 staff members across 25 ECD centres, easing the financial strain of many practitioners earning below minimum wage.

By improving working conditions and offering financial relief, we aim to retain qualified educators and enhance the quality of early childhood education.

"Fair compensation boosts morale and improves staff retention. This programme is vital for the future of our children and our local communities." - Sandisiwe Mntonintshi, SED Manager, Kathu Solar Park.

In addition to the stipends, the programme also provides training and mentorship to ensure that educators can continue delivering high-quality education to young learners.



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