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Celebrating the class of 2014

The annual Mayoral Education Awards Gala Dinner celebrates the top achievers for the class of 2014. The top achievers managed to put Steve Tshwete Municipality on position three in the province with 85.6% and number one in Nkangala region with 92.3%. The aim is to provide learners that went the extra mile with the opportunity to be recognised for their achievement and commitment to higher standards.

The best performing schools in the Steve Tshwete are Mphanama Secondary School in Mhluzi, Middelburg Muslim School in town and the farm school Bankfontein Combined School. These schools managed to put the municipality on the map with 100% pass rate. The Bankfontein Combined School beat all the odds from taken into account that three years ago, they had a pass rate of less than 30%. This unprecedented pass rate will go is much attributed

Speaking at the awards the, Executive Mayor, Cllr Mike Masina said “the Municipality has partnered with Mr Mthimunye in advancing education targets, by ensuring that the percentage of people in Steve Tshwete with no basic education is further reduced and that the population with matric access tertiary education. The Council view education as an important aspect in changing the lives of ordinary people.”

He further encouraged the top achievers to continue on their steps for higher achievement and inspire those who did not make it, to do their level best for outstanding achievements in 2015.

The top learners in Steve Tshwete for the class of 2014, by outstanding achievements are as follows:

No	Name of School	Candidates	Aggregates
1	Steelcrest High School	Mahomed Latif Zhraa	93%
2	HTS Middelburg	Combrink Monique	91.71%
3	HTS Middelburg	Opperman Dehan	91.14%

4	HTS Middelburg	Van Staden Mieke	90.5%
5	HTS Middelburg	Mouton Coendraad	90.29%
6	Hoerskool Middelburg	Jansen van Vuuren Nicole	89.6%
7	Middelburg Muslim School	Gardee Usaamah	88.7%
8	HTS Middelburg	Swanepoel Anelia	88.7%
9	Sozama Secondary School	Maloa Mogase Prisca	87.8%
10	HTS Middelburg	De Wet Benjamin	87.2%

In 2014 in partnership with Paul Mthimunye Foundation, Mpumalanga Provincial Education Department, the private sector, and members of community have funded a total of 70 Secondary school learners and 16 tertiary students four whom have completed their studies. In 2015 six new students will be added to the existing 12, bringing the total of 18 tertiary students in different field of study such as; Electrical and Chemical engineering, Accounting, Metallurgy, Microbiology, Geology, Logistics, Actuarial and Environmental Science.

The Paul Mthimunye Bursary fund started funding tertiary students in 2005, up to now 32 students have qualified in the later field of study adding the Information Technology, Internal Auditing, B. Pharmacy, Financial Information Systems and Medicine. All this was in the spirit of partnership to assist deserving high school learners and tertiary students.

Yours faithfully

MUNICIPAL MANAGER