



SSP NEWSLETTER

Bridging Program a Success

Transitional program with Sekolo sa Borokgo (SSB)



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While it is often said that change is the only constant in life, we at SSP are all too familiar with the challenges that change brings. To empower and enable new SSP students to face the challenges of integrating into the new cultural environment and the academic

rigour of our partner schools, in 2007 we decided to embark on a bridging programme for all prospective SSP students.

After careful consideration and stakeholder consultation, SSP decided to introduce this
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A VISIT TO THE US

Special Report by SSP Scholars Mpho Mutloane and Nomlando Lukhuleni

The 7th of May 2008 was an unforgettable day, filled with a great deal of excitement for us, Mpho Mutloane and Nomlando Lukhuleni, as SSP flew us half way across the world as part of an academic and cultural enrichment programme and to be ambassadors for SSP at a fundraising



event in New York City. We were privileged to spend two days at Hotchkiss School in Lakefield Connecticut.

Hotchkiss is a private co-ed boarding school similar to the private schools we have

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programme in partnership with Sekolo sa Borokgo (SSB). The programme, fully funded by the Anglo American Chairman’s Fund (see also Sponsor Spotlight on page 15), ‘Epoch and Optima Trust,’ is meant to assist learners in transitioning into the new environment and to improve their proficiency in mathematics, science, English and computer literacy.

Learners

Out of a pool of more than 2200 applicants we were able to select 100 grade seven students who would attend the nine month bridging programme. Our partner Sekolo sa Borokga identified a further seven students to join the 100 SSP candidates in the bridging programme which included:

- Saturday classes
- Personal Development Workshops
- Winter and Spring Camps

Besides the Saturday classes and academic camps, students attended four workshops that focused on leadership development, diversity management, advanced computer literacy and personal management. From the response of the students, it is clear that they found tremendous value in the first SSP bridging programme.

“My intellectual level went up and I have learnt valuable lessons that I can keep for life.”

- Darryl Burgess



“I wish everyone else that is still to come is [sic] treated the way we were treated”.

- M. Nkgapele

Based on the success of the 2008 Bridging Programme and the commitment from our sponsor, we will once again offer the programme to prospective scholarship students in 2009.

SSP STUDENTS EXTEND A HELPING HAND IN SASDI BUILD

On the basis of several criteria, including community involvement, attendance at community development workshops, and academic performance, four grade 9 students were selected to join SSP graduate Lerato Maboya (Class of 2006) on a trip to Cape Town. The trip was funded by SSP sponsor Chris Hogg, with the objective of sending SSP scholars to participate in the Habitat for Humanity/SASDI building project in the township of Mfuleni. The students selected were Ntombiyezulu Khumalo (Roedean School), Grace Chilapondwa

(Brescia House), Lesego Chauke (St Martin’s School) and Nonhlanhla Lunga (Roedean School). The trip took place during the June/ July school holidays.

The project presented the four students with an excellent opportunity to give back to people who are less fortunate than themselves and to assist a family to realise their dream of owning their own home.

The volunteers worked hard and spent countless hours making sure

Full of smiles and excitement we are off to the Mfuleni informal settlement, map and all we find it without too many hiccups. Our punctuality gives us a great chance to meet the other volunteers. Our group is quite a blend, South Africans, Americans, Europeans and the like. I loved the other volunteers, I made nice friends.

- Ntombiyezulu Khumalo

that everything was done according to standards. The satisfaction and knowledge that they made a contribution to society will stay with them forever.



scholar spotlight: Vuyokazi Gwayi

Since the merger with Friends of South African Schools Fund, Inc. (FOSAS), SSP has been monitoring the academic progress of eight students at

three partner schools in the Eastern Cape town of East London.

During a number of the SSP staff visits the province, one of our three dedicated matriculants' string of achievements has caught

our attention. The zealous and ambitious Vuyokazi Gwayi at Clarendon High School for Girls earned the FOSAS/SSP scholarship largely based on academic merit. She continues to break new ground with accolades such as school debating merits, participation in annual National Olympiads, and the International Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Vuyo, as her peers and loved ones affectionately call her, is the second born to a police officer father and unemployed mother. She was raised to value hard work and to reap the rewards thereof. The kind, caring, self-motivated and determined grade 12 pupil is passionate about service to her community and adding value to the current business climate in South Africa. This she plans to achieve by earning an Accounting Sciences degree at either University of Johannesburg or University of



Pretoria. The East London community enjoys Vuyo's participation in several uplifting projects including her role as the National Blood Service peer promoter, the South African Youth Ambassador at the Volkswagen Group Worker's Council, and the Provincial Rotary Youth Leader. Vuyo also serves as a member of the Cares and Interact Clubs through which she gives back to those less fortunate than her.

As an outgoing SSP senior student, Vuyo encourages all other SSP students to "seize every opportunity granted to you with both hands and NEVER

think you are less deserving than anyone else." The ultimate motivational

tool for her is

knowing that she has a bright future ahead of her and that there are people who want the best out of her. The unsurpassed support of family and her academic structures have contributed to the proactive and disciplined individual that Vuyo is today.

It takes a very special student to embrace the prospect of joining the likes of "SA Woman of the year" Sindi Zilwa (Accountant and Auditor – *Nkonki and Nkonki*) to become one of the country's top Chartered Accountants and business women of our time.

"[S]eize every opportunity granted to you with both hands and NEVER think you are less deserving than anyone else."



programme news

SSP MOVES TO BRAAMFONTEIN

In July 2008 NBC, the company that hosts the Student Sponsorship Programme moved its premises to Braamfontein. Naturally SSP moved with NBC as they support SSP with the entire infrastructure. The move to Braamfontein also means that we are now easily accessible to our alumni at Wits University, and University of Johannesburg, our current students, and potential students.

We are now located at the NBC Building, 76 Juta Street, Braamfontein. Our contact telephone numbers remain the same.

SSP INTERNS 2008

In July and August of this year we were privileged to have two SSP alumni complete internships at SSP. Zandile Bekwa and Keratilwe (Thebe) Tsatsimpe graduated with the class of 2006 and are now studying at Amherst College in the USA. During their summer break they decided to give back to the current SSP students. Their commitment to the SSP cause and desire to give back to the current SSP students was outstanding and a motivation to all in the SSP office. These two talented alums dived into every task assigned to them and regularly initiated activities that added value to other current students, from assisting with organizing events to doing research and motivating the class of 2008 to apply to Amherst. Through sharing their experiences and their willingness to guide others they have brought the possibility of studying abroad closer for so many other SSP students. The example they set as pioneers and excellent ambassadors has truly encouraged other students to strive to reach the same heights that Zandile and Thebe have achieved.

We wish both Zandile and Thebe all the best with their upcoming exams and know that they will once again make SSP, their family and friends proud of their achievements.

We are also very pleased to have had Mmabatho Gaelisiwe as an intern in the SSP office since September. Her contribution to the marketing and recruitment process has been invaluable. Her experience in public relations and ability to recruit eligible students to SSP came at a time when our recruitment process was in full swing and definitely added impetus to this process.

NEW PARTNER SCHOOLS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome six new schools into our SSP community. Our existing partner schools have maintained excellent standards over the last number of years and can be regarded as the leaders not only in South Africa but on the continent as well. With the great success that we have achieved in partnership with these excellent schools, and the need to expand, we have entered into partnerships with six new schools in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

We are proud to announce that, beginning January 2009, SSP will place students at three Johannesburg-based schools: Jeppe High School for Girls; Sacred Heart College and SAHETI, as well as three Pretoria based schools, Pretoria Boys High School, Pretoria High School for Girls and St. Albans College. We know that these new partner schools will add tremendous value to our programme and will help fulfill the vision to develop academically excellent students from disadvantaged backgrounds.



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BEST WISHES TO CLASS OF 2008

“Whosoever wishes to know about the world must learn about it in its particular detail. Knowledge is not intelligence. In searching for the truth be ready for the unexpected. Change alone is unchanging. The same road goes both up and down. The beginning of a circle is also its end. Not I but the world says it: all is one. And yet everything comes in a season. Heraklitos of Ephesos (450 BC)”

It may sound like a lot of clichés, but it is at the same time such astute and timeless wisdom.

As our Class of 2008 reaches the end of one season in their lives, we at SSP know that they have grabbed every opportunity to broaden their knowledge, immersed themselves in new experience in their high school careers, and prepared themselves to face the world beyond high school with confidence and courage.

To many, responsibility and the expectations of others can be a heavy burden to bear, and yet we realise that, at the same time, it is a privilege to be the pioneer and the hope on which so many others focus. To your families, you represent a new dawn; to your

peers, the manifestation of a dream; to other SSP students, a role model of what can be achieved; to your mentors, a chance to be better than merely ordinary; to your communities, a token of their prayers; and to SSP, the fulfillment of a vision.

Whichever path you decide to follow next, we know that you will always carry with you the lessons learned at your schools and through the many interventions offered by SSP. We wish you all the best and know that you will be excellent ambassadors of your schools, families and SSP.

“Hamba Kahle – Go Well”

NEW STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Annually, SSP embarks on its extensive recruitment campaign to identify bright young South Africans with leadership potential from disadvantaged backgrounds. For the 2008 recruitment campaign, our efforts were directed at grade seven students in East London and Pretoria in order to identify candidates that would start at our partner schools in these areas in 2009. At the same time, we identified eligible grade six candidates in Pretoria and Johannesburg that would be included in our Gauteng-based bridging programme for 2009. These candidates would be eligible for scholarships in 2010.

Through our established networks in the education departments, primary schools and media, we were able to draw applications from more than two thousand candidates who then wrote our entrance mathematics and English tests. We are always encouraged by the number of volunteers who offer their services at our registration days, exam sessions and other recruitment related events.

SSP will continuously strive to reach all grade six and seven students in order to broaden our applicant pool and thereby enable more students to qualify for the scholarships.

student/mentor spotlight:

Someleze Hamilton, Katelijn Aerts and Jason Van Der Poel

“I was extremely nervous before meeting my mentor as I did not know exactly what to expect from her,” says Someleze Hamilton, a matric pupil at McAuley House School. The relationship started off very well according to Someleze, as her mentor Katelijn Aerts and her husband, Jason van der Poel, are very friendly and warm people.

Katelijn describes Someleze as a hard working young lady who is motivated and involved. She has created her own success through determination and focus. Someleze was fortunate in that she was supported by both Katelijn and her husband, who took turns in guiding and coaching her. They would take her to their places of work for job shadowing and gave her advice on different career options. One of Someleze’s memorable outings was the weekend away with Katelijn and her family in Waterberg in Limpopo.



Through the support of her mentor and family, Someleze has excelled academically and she is determined to make a success of her future. She has realised the importance of education and choosing the right subjects to support her longer term career ambitions. Katelijn has helped Someleze discover where her career ambitions and talents lie, and how to make the choices that will enable her to pursue her ambitions.

Mentorship is a two way learning process. Both the mentor and the mentee benefit in the end, although they both have to make sacrifices sometimes. Katelijn believes that in order for the relationship to work, mentors need to know and understand their mentees. They need to use existing contacts to open up job shadowing and bursary opportunities for their mentees. Mentors also need to make the most of the relationship by sharing their successes, but in particular, their doubts and challenges.

“Mentor/Mentee relationships provide a risk free environment where you can get advice or just share,” said Katelijn. Someleze benefited tremendously from her association with Katelijn, whom she described as fun to be with, enthusiastic, hard working and family-oriented.



school spotlight

St David's Marist Inanda

History

The history of St David's Marist Inanda is more than just the story of bricks and mortar through a period of time. St David's is the heritage of a young French priest, Marcellin Champagnat, who founded a congregation in 1817 to teach poor children in country areas that were devastated by war and revolution.

St David's Marist is the heritage of his ideals: of humility, modesty and faith, of a desire to share and to educate spiritually, academically, culturally and in sport. It is this heritage that provides the fabric of St David's history and makes it what it is today: a school that is more than an academic institution - a caring, learning environment. The school opened its doors in 1941 and celebrated their first matric class in 1948.

The school is currently academic home to more than 1150 boys in both the Prep and High School.



Extracurricular Activities

St. David's prides itself on the wide range of sport, cultural and outreach programmes it offers to all the students. The emphasis is on maximum participation and healthy competitiveness. Each boy is encouraged to develop his talent and skills.



Through many outreach programmes, the boys at St. David's have the opportunity to touch the lives of many underprivileged South Africans.

Academic Achievements

Teaching and learning is at the centre of St. David's' school activities. The school provides its pupils with full academic support through its dedicated teachers. Thus the school consistently produces a 100% pass rate in the IEB grade 12 exams.

SSP is proud to partner with St. David's in our quest to develop the future leaders of our country.





news from East London and Pretoria

SSP EXPANDING TO EAST LONDON AND PRETORIA

In 2007, SSP merged with the East London operations of Friends of South African Schools Fund, Inc (FOSAS). The group of current high schools students, as well as all of the FOSAS alumni, was welcomed into the SSP fold and every effort has been made to ensure that the merger is a happy and mutually beneficial one. It has been a tremendous experience to see the potential and growth of each of the students in East London and at the various higher education institutions across the country.

In August of this year, we had a very successful recruitment drive in East London and surrounding areas and we received many applications from excellent candidates. As a result, we have been able to offer twelve new students scholarships to our three partner schools in East London. We are also currently working to expand the programme to Grahamstown and trust that soon SSP will extend its influence to the entire Eastern Cape province, as has been done in Gauteng.

This is also the first time that SSP has recruited and placed students at partner schools in Pretoria. With the reach of SSP growing and many excellent candidates from the Pretoria area applying, we set

out to engage with various schools in Pretoria in order to form partnerships with these excellent schools. We have been able to offer fourteen new students scholarships to our three new partner schools. We know that these partnerships will give many excellent students the ability to reach their full potential.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

At SSP we always strive to develop the leadership potential of each of our students and to enable them to develop into responsible, socially conscious leaders of South Africa and indeed Africa. With this vision in mind, a leadership development workshop for all the East London high school students was arranged in September.

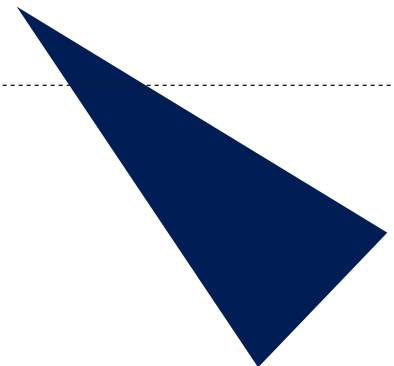
Laurence Corner, Deputy Director of SSP, facilitated this workshop for the learners. The workshop focused on identifying each learner's leadership strengths and to developing other leadership skills in order for each learner to reach his or her full potential. A healthy balance of western leadership, as well as African leadership philosophy, culture and practices was discussed in these workshops and each learner had the opportunity to

add his or her own views and experiences to the interactive learning environment.

Learners were challenged to actively look for opportunities to lead with integrity and to always use their influence for the better of all, based on the African principle of Ubuntu "A person is a person because of others."

All the learners that attended agreed that Africa has a lot to offer the world in terms of leadership and echoed Reuel Khoza's words:

If not us, then who?
 If not from Africa, then whence?
 If not now, then when?
 If not for Africa and humanity, why not?
 Let Africa rise to this quintessential challenge
 It is our date with destiny.





. . . more news from East London

SSP STUDENTS ATTEND THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & THUTHUKA CAMP 2008

The brave, confident and determined East London based grade 10, 11 and 12 SSP students attended a highly empowering camp in Sumcay, Port Elizabeth. Held from the 30th June until the 07th July, this camp was organised by the Department of Science and Technology in partnership with Thuthuka and the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

These students had an opportunity to improve their knowledge in mathematics, science and accounting. While the main focus of the camp was academic assistance, students also enjoyed interacting with learners from various parts of the Eastern Cape. The career choices, goal setting and decision making sessions were very informative and will definitely put the students in good stead. Delighted Milisa Janda, a grade 12 student from Clarendon High School for Girls, commented, "The camp gave us so much physically and emotionally and we all left as changed people". The most exciting part for Milisa was being rated in the Top Ten achievers out of about 350 maths students.

A moment of honour also came to Sibusiso Mbandazayo, a grade 11 student at Selborne College, when he was announced in the Top 10 maths students for his grade.

We are proud to have established this relationship with SAICA and we hope it will grow to great lengths.



East London students at mathematics camp.



MENTOR TRAINING

On the 7th August 2008, SSP hosted the second Mentors Training Workshop. The purpose of the training was for mentors to share their challenges and knowledge regarding their relationships with their students, as well as to continuously empower our mentors with skills and knowledge.

All the mentors who attended found the presentation by our guest speaker, Mr. Setlogane Mchidi, the Head of Corporate Social Investment at Investec, very enlightening and informative. While the presentation reflected on the importance of mentorship programmes and their impact on the youth of our country, it also taught tools for dealing with challenges and building a sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship between mentor and student.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On the 13th September 2008, SSP hosted the Community Service Day at Selope Thema Primary School, Orlando East, Soweto. Teams of SSP mentors and students worked together to provide assistance to the school in a variety of ways, including planting trees and flowers, gardening, and cleaning the school premises. The purpose of this event was for the mentors and students to get involved with our communities as part of a partnership initiative that will benefit those communities and also to give our mentors and students an opportunity to bond.

The day started off with a bang as all the mentors and students got into preparing the vegetable garden and flower beds before planting the seeds and trees and cleaning up the school premises. At the completion of the planting and cleaning, the edutainment team of Pick it Up performed a short play teaching the schools learners and staff about the importance of looking after our environment. All of the garden tools donated by Lasher tools were handed over to the school and we were pleasantly surprised when many mentors donated their personal garden tools that they had brought with. We trust that the school will benefit greatly from this initiative.

SSP would like to thank the following sponsors for their part in ensuring that the event was a success: Cultera, The Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, City Parks, Lasher tools and Pick it Up.

STUDENT FUN DAY

On Saturday, the 22nd November 2008, SSP hosted the annual Student Fun Day at the Zoo Lake, Johannesburg. The purpose of the fun day was for the students to have fun in a less structured environment, to interact with their fellow students from different schools who are part of the SSP family, and to allow them to take a break from their studies and to spend time together.

The event included a number of organised games, dancing, soccer, rugby, socializing and a braai. The event was well attended with 87 students participating in the activities offered. With the dance talent displayed, our students are probably ready to audition for "So You Think You Can Dance."

SSP ORIENTATION AND LEADERSHIP CAMP

The incoming grade 8 class was welcomed into the SSP community at an exciting Orientation and Leadership Camp held at Venterskroon from the 06th to the 10th December 2008. This camp aimed to prepare these students for their entrance in high school and to start their leadership development journey. The camp allowed the students to learn more about SSP, get to know and respect one another, and make new friends. The goal of the camp activities was to help students confront their limits, overcome their fears, gain self-confidence and learn to work in a team. The students left the camp with a broader understanding of leadership and community service.



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in South Africa. This school has amazing state-of-the-art sport facilities which include an Olympic size ice-rink, a nine hole golf course and an indoor athletics track. At this school we both made a lot of friends, as the students as well as the teachers were great and accommodating. The food at this school was out of this world.

The hospitality and interest in the development of South Africa of all the potential funders who attended the fundraising event was amazing and we believe that we represented SSP very well. This trip was a definite eye opener as it showed us that this world is one full of endless possibilities and anything can be achieved if you put your mind to it. Make the world your oyster!

The trip to New York City, also known as Manhattan, would not have been complete without the opportunity to take in some of the world famous sites of this beautiful and vibrant city. Our visit to many monuments such as the Empire State Building, where we went to the top and were able to view the whole of New York and its five boroughs; St. Patrick's Cathedral (one of the world's most beautiful churches), Macy's (the world's biggest store) and the most famous Central Park will definitely be lifelong treasured memories. We also took a river taxi which took us around the New York harbour and to the Statue of Liberty. This we both agreed was breathtaking, the next best thing after walking in Times Square. Madame Tussauds and the ESPN zone, which is a very well-known sports restaurant, were great entertainment.

We would like to thank everyone involved in helping us get there. You have truly enriched our lives and we really appreciate it.

SSP STUDENTS ATTEND HOTCHKISS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SUMMER PORTALS PROGRAM

In July 2008, Xola Ndebele, a grade 9 SSP student at Parktown High School for Girls, and Theresa Mwesigwa, a grade 10 student at Redhill School, could not believe it when they were awarded a full scholarship to attend a three-week Environmental Science Summer Programme at Hotchkiss School, USA. The programme is well sought after and attended by learners from various countries. Selection of learners is very stringent and academically focused.

These talented young leaders came back at the end of the programme very excited and grateful to have been granted this "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity". They interacted with students from various countries and got to learn many things concerning the environment.

Conducting the experiments in the fields was the most fascinating experience for Xola and Theresa.

"We have enjoyed interacting with students from various parts of the world, learning about different cultures and languages, and not to mention such delicious food! We have learnt a lot from the patient and helpful teachers in this magnificent environment of Hotchkiss," Xola and Theresa exclaimed, trying to describe their life changing experience.

SSP is very grateful to Robert Barker, the Dean of Summer Programs at Hotchkiss School, and his team for making it possible for our students to attend this programme and for the tender care they gave to these young leaders. We trust that through this partnership many more SSP students will experience the wonder of the Hotchkiss Summer Portals Program.



THREE MORE SSP ALUMNI AWARDED IYL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications being accepted now for 2009 Programme

As was the case in 2007, three SSP alumni were awarded the prestigious IYL scholarship in 2008. SSP partnered with IYL to provide Gabriella Du Plessis, Yvonne Magopa and Sibonelesihle Shabalala with an invaluable leadership development experience. IYL and SSP selected talented scholars who have demonstrated leadership through high school and university. Scholars traveled to the United States in June/July 2008 to tour major cities and meet with top-ranking leaders in both the private and public sectors.

SSP will again select up to three candidates to embark on the 2009 EEE trip. In 2007 and 2008, SSP represented 60% of the IYL Foundation scholars, and we would like to maintain this positive statistic. **Interested candidates should call SSP at (011) 520 0162, or email khumalos@nbc.co.za.** Your punctuality will be considered in our choice of the final candidates, as admitted IYL scholars will be responsible for procuring their U.S. Visa and responding in timely fashion to IYL requests.

Based on her experience on the EEE trip, Gabriella Du Plessis writes:

The United States of America...the land of opportunity and where dreams do come true, but only with will and effort. For three weeks I was fortunate enough to be exposed to the culture and way of life of an American. I was given an opportunity that many South Africans, even Americans themselves, will never get to experience; to visit places and meet people of high caliber, which helped enrich my life. The Expose, Enlighten and Educate (EEE) trip exposed us to people and ideas in various areas of government, media, education, non-profit organizations and business. I was privileged to meet many inspiring people, and learnt many lessons. The trip gave us an all-around exposure to companies varying in their areas of expertise such as finance, information data, airlines, and law. My favourite company was Dimension Data. Not only because it is a South African owned company, but also because I saw how much the people enjoyed working there! In general, all the South African companies, like Old Mutual and Standard Bank, were among my favourites. In light of the fact that the American market is one of the most difficult markets to break into, it was inspiring to see the success of these and other South African corporations.

With each activity, ranging from formal boardroom meetings to sitting around the dinner table enjoying jazz music, I learnt many lessons for future professional and personal life. I picked up on five common lessons with the greatest effect on me:

- Lifelong learning - there is no such thing as enough!
- Giving back to your local community - once that's done, focus on helping the rest of the world.
- Be open-minded and step out of your comfort zone - you'll be surprised at what talents you'll discover.
- Be culturally aware - become a global citizen to get a competitive advantage over your peers in business.
- Be patriotic - as the Americans would say, *"ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country"*.

In between all the business meetings and in-depth interviews, there was play. The monuments and sites that we had previously only seen on television were finally right before our eyes. These included the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C. The Statue of Liberty and Time Square were my favourites in New York. A taste of all the different foods and drinks from Burger King and Starbucks also added to my American experience. I am grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Howard, the Impact Young Lives Foundation team, the Student Sponsorship Programme, my fellow travel mates and all those who helped make this trip possible.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SSP students worked tirelessly throughout the year in their academics and various extramural activities at their schools. SSP acknowledges their hard work and congratulates them for their achievements. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Name	School	Achievements/ Awards
Adian Da Gama	St. Martin's School	Excellent Academic Achievement
Buyisiwe Dlamini	St. Mary's School	Marketing Certificate- Excellent Contribution to the Edge Magazine; Magazine Prize for Poetry; Certificate for isiZulu; Library Monitor Awards
Delicia Arjunan	St. Martins' School	Effort and Progress and Excellent Academic Achievement
Dexter Padayache	St. Martins' School	Excellent Academic Achievement; Boshoff Cup for Endeavour (all round and conspicuous effort, both in the classroom and extramurally) and Spirit of St Martin's
Emmanuel Sangweni	AISJ	Represented the school in a soccer and volleyball tournament in Ethiopia, 2nd Place 5km Run
Falone Minga	McAuley House	Dux (First in Grade 12), Holley Trophy Award for Public Speaking, Award as top student in Maths, Accounting, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences
Felicia Arjunan	St. Martins' School	LO Project Prize, Effort and Progress and Excellent Academic Achievement
Jade Grantham	St. Martins' School	Geography (higher average for subject in Grade)
Jaishil Manga	King Edward VII School	School Magazine Award, English Editor's prize, Joint English subject prize and the Life Orientation subject prize
Johannes Matake	AISJ	Captain of the soccer team, represented the school in a soccer and volleyball tournament in Ethiopia (captain of the soccer team that won the tournament)
Joleen Tarr	McAuley House	Diligence Trophy, Afrikaans Award
Lerato Motimele	St. Martin's School	Life Sciences Project Prize, Excellent Academic Achievement
Lesego Chauke	St. Martin's School	Excellent Academic Achievement (attributed to students with 80% or above overall average in Grade)
Lesego Libisi	McAuley House	Full Academic Colours, Third Place in Grade 10
Lorraine Ngubane	St. Martins' School	Netherlands Bank Cup for Effort, Form 5 Effort and Progress Prize, Life Orientation, Excellent Academic Achievement
Lunga Biyela	St. Stithians Boys' College	Represented the College on an Exchange Programme in England.



Makhotso Moname	St. Mary's School	Drama Certificate- Contribution to House Plays; Prefect
Musa Mboweni	McAuley House	Certificate of Merit for Commendable Achievement
Nicole Jones	St. Martins' School	Life Science, Excellent Academic Achievement
Nompumelelo Martin	St. Mary's School	Certificate for isiZulu
Nongcebo Mngomezulu	St. Martins' School	Excellent Academic Achievement
Nthabeleng Mzizi	St. Mary's School	Bryn Jones Trophy for progress in Music; Frances Laycock Trophy for the best Singer; Certificate for isiZulu
Ntombenhle Shezi	McAuley House	Certificate of Merit Half- Colours, Holley Trophy Award for Public Speaking. Award as Top Student in History
Patricia Mabula	McAuley House	Second Place in Grade 9
Portia Sangweni	St. Mary's School	Debating Certificate- Enthusiasm and Excellence, Library Badge
Rebekah Naidoo	St. Martins' School	Accounting Project Prize, Accounting and Effort and Progress
Richard Sibeko	St. Stithians Boy's College	Academic Colours; Executive Head Prefect and Chairman of the Duke of Cornwall Singers; St. Stithians Choir Award; St. Stithians Music Award; St. Stithians Pr Award For Outstanding Service To The Pr Group; Music Colours & Drama Wreath; Co-Director "Train Surfing" - Won Best New South African Play At The Mutual Theatre One Act Plays Festival; Collins House Special Award- For The Boy Who Shows Integrity And Respect to Others; Matric Leadership Tie; Commendation Certificates-All 3 Terms; Collins Award for Diligence In Academics; Diploma For Solo Vocal Recital - National Eisteddfod; Diploma For Vocal Duet - National Eisteddfod; Inter House Drama- Best Comic Scene; Inter House Drama- Best Alternative Scene; Grade 8 Voice Trinity College London - 80%
Rudolf Ramaboea	King Edward VII School	Full sports colours for Soccer
Sebastian Rodrigo	King Edward VII School	Class RCL representative for 2008, third place in the grade 8 Academic Top Ten
Someleze Hamilton	McAuley House	Runner up to Dux (second in Grade 12), Certificate of Merit- Half Colours, Award for Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Accounting
Thenjiwe Mabope	McAuley House	Holley Trophy Award for Public Speaking
Theressa Mwesigwa	Redhill School	Scholarship for Hotchkiss Summer Portals - US.
Tshegofatso Kgasago	McAuley House	Holley Trophy Award for Public Speaking, English Award, Life Orientation Award, Business Studies Award
Tsholofelo Motaung	McAuley House	Award for Mathematics Literacy
Xola Ndebele	Parktown High School for Girls	Scholarship for Hotchkiss Summer Portals - US

sponsor spotlight: Anglo American Chairman's Fund



Formally established in 1974, the Anglo American Chairman's Fund is a dedicated instrument through which the Anglo American Group of companies channel their social investment spend in South Africa. The broad mandate of the Fund is to support development initiatives aimed at transforming the lives of South Africa's disadvantaged communities. The Fund is committed to creating an environment in which ordinary people are given a 'hand-up' rather than a 'hand-out', thus helping them to assume greater control of their lives.

The Fund is committed to improving the quality of, and access to, education for all South Africans and supports programmes in both formal and informal educational settings, but is mindful of national and provincial education departmental priorities. Against this backdrop, the Fund has longstanding agreements and partnerships with education departments regarding the delivery of teaching and learning, as well as the provision of buildings and other infrastructure.

Anglo American currently sponsors six current grade 9 learners: Naadira Alli, Mpho Lekalakala, Kamogelo Moloi, Tiisetso Makhene, Blessing Maseko and Willie Morgan.

By providing financial sponsorship for these learners, the Anglo American Chairman's fund is not only offering them an opportunity to obtain a top class education, but also the support needed to excel at their schools. We are humbled by the support that we have received from Anglo American and trust that we will reap the fruit of our partnership in due season.

Graduation and Prize-giving Ceremonies 2009



Former Miss South Africa Peggy-Sue Khumalo addressing the January 2008 graduating class.

Graduation and Prize-giving Ceremony in East London will be held at Selborne College on Saturday 17th January 2009, while the Johannesburg event will take place on Saturday, 24th January 2009 at St John's College, Houghton at 12h30. Invitations have already been sent to the SSP community. Please remember to RSVP. We look forward to seeing everyone at these exciting events.

The Student Sponsorship Programme will be recognising the outstanding accomplishments of our scholars in Johannesburg and East London. The inaugural



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