

## So proud of our Thandulwazi Saturday School graduates

You may recall that in 2013, we reported on Ms Vuyo Ndaleneni in the annual report issued that year. Vuyo hails from Alex and was raised by her mother (Ms Connie Ndaleneni, a single parent). Vuyo attended the Thandulwazi Saturday School in 2013 and 2014.



Below is an extract from the 2013 annual report:

*“A Thandulwazi Saturday School parent, Connie Ndaleneni, wrote to the Foundation Director (Bev Johnson) about her daughter, Vuyo, a Grade 11 student at Sandton View High. Vuyo is a hardworking student who has potential to achieve well. She registered at Thandulwazi at the beginning of the year but Physical Science remained a challenge. After receiving Connie’s e-mail, the Director approached the Head of Science at the Thandulwazi Saturday School, Mr Pfarelo Mphaphuli, to see if he would take a small group of Thandulwazi Grade 11s, who wanted extra help, for an extra hour after Saturday School ended for the last four Saturday sessions of the year. Pfarelo ran intensive sessions, working through exam papers with the students and setting up experiments to demonstrate the work covered to the group, and clearly this paid off.*”

*Vuyo’s delighted mother sent a follow up mail below (dated 05 December 2013) to thank Thandulwazi for the assistance given to her daughter. Vuyo’s year-end report reflected great an improvement in Physical Science: from 60% at the beginning of the year to 71% at the end of Grade 11.*

*Good morning Bev*

*Bev, thank you very much for the extra physical science lessons that were offered by Mr Mphaphuli at the Saturday school. My daughter improved a lot. See the school report is attached on the email. Again thank you to Mr Mphaphuli for his time.*

*Regards*

*Connie”*

In a subsequent communication received in March 2014, Connie Ndaleneni advised that Vuyo had been awarded a full bursary by the Department of Water Affairs to study towards a Bachelor of Science degree at university in 2015. Vuyo was one of only 20 students, from across 9 provinces, to receive this award and she went on to study at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2015.

On 13 June, Connie Ndaleneni shared the wonderful news that Vuyo was awarded her degree and graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Physiology and Microbiology) in April 2018. Connie Ndaleneni writes:

**From:** Connie Ndaleneni

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**Sent:** 2018/June/13 12:02 PM

*"Good day Bev*

*Hope you are doing fine. Just want to tell you that*

*Vuyo finished her studies at the NMMU. **Thank***

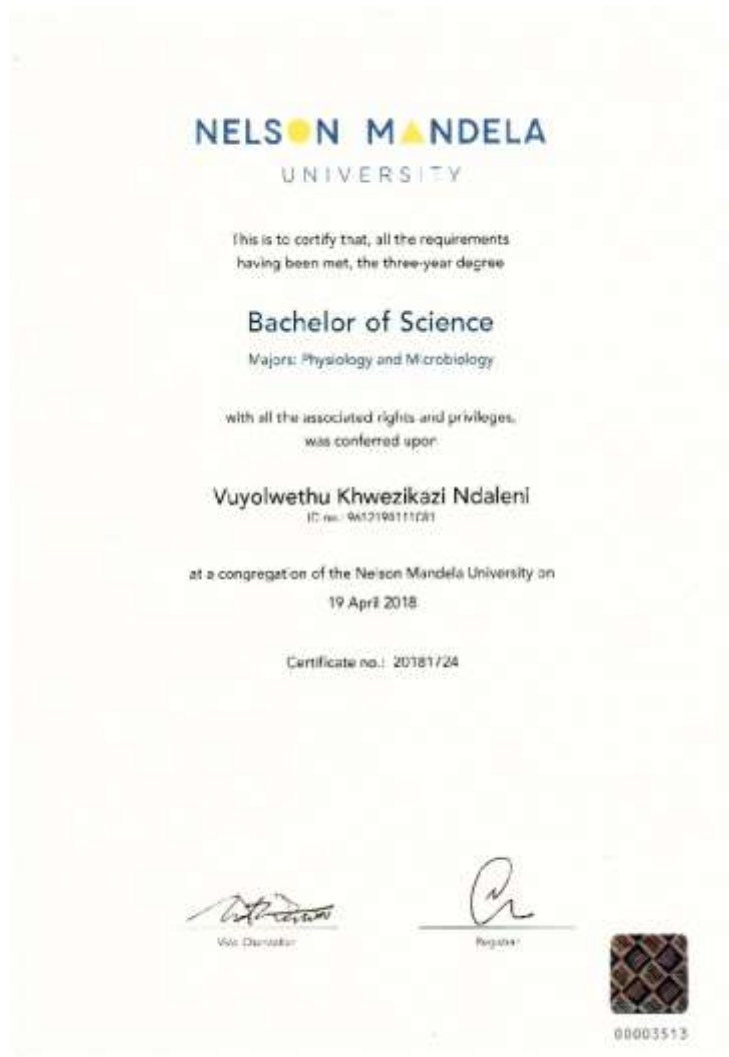
***you so much with Thandulwazi Saturday school***

***for maths and physics.** Please also send the*

*message to Mr Zeph Khoza and Mr Mphaphuli.*

*Kind regards*

*Connie"*



Thandulwazi is grateful to all the Thandulwazi Saturday School teachers, in particular Mr Zeph Khoza and Mr Pfarelo Mphaphuli, who inspired Vuyo to strive for excellence and achieve her dream. #MakingaWorldofDifference

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