

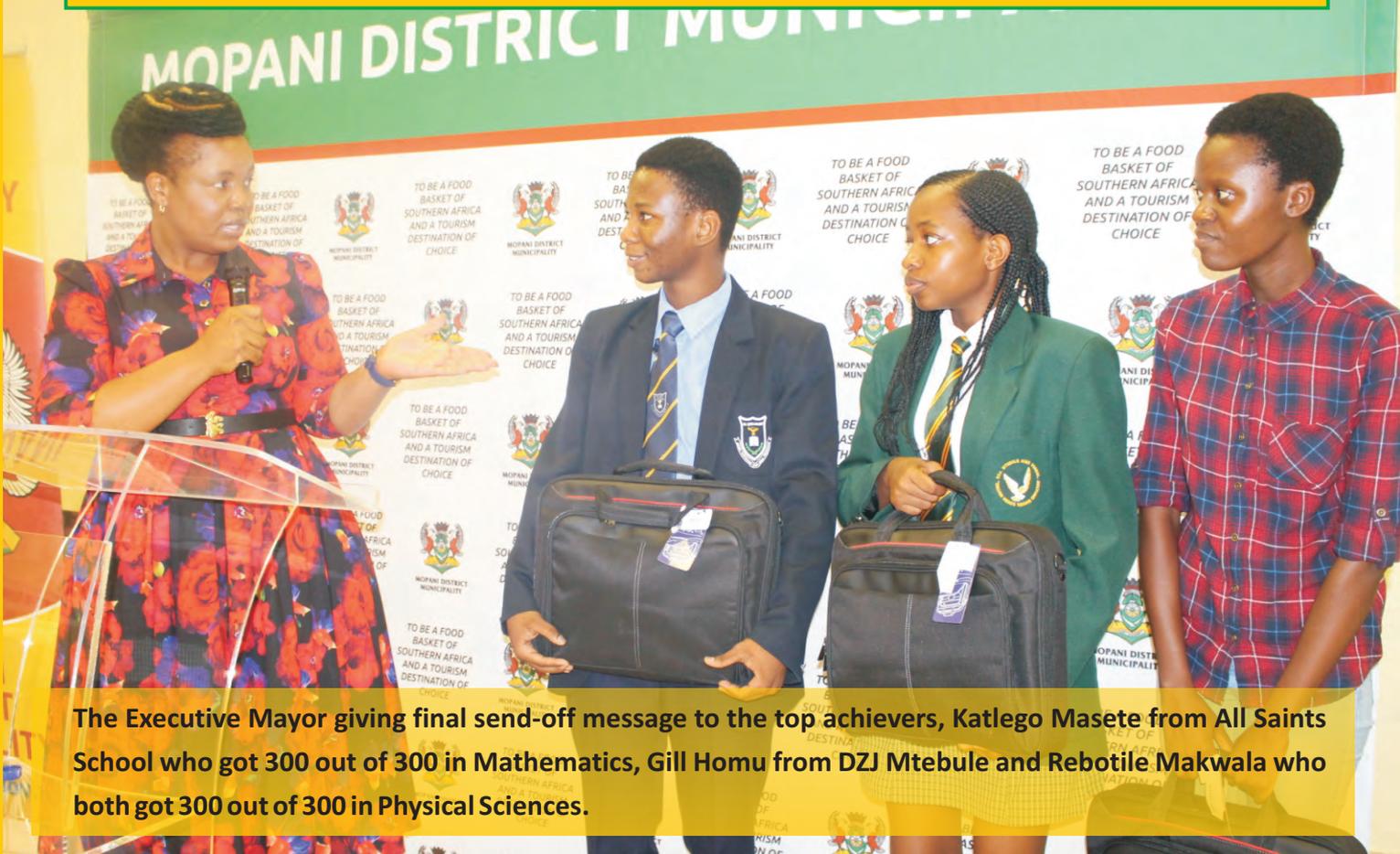


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## MOPANI HOST EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The Executive Mayor giving final send-off message to the top achievers, Katlego Masete from All Saints School who got 300 out of 300 in Mathematics, Gill Homu from DZJ Mtebule and Rebotile Makwala who both got 300 out of 300 in Physical Sciences.

The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has wished well to the top achievers in the 2018 National Senior Certificate, during the district's Excellence Awards held at the Karibu Leisure Resort on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Rakgoale urged them to go out and pursue career paths that will in turn benefit the local economy as per the expectations of the National Development Plan.

Addressing learners, principals, teachers and parents, Rakgoale said the 2019 prospective students must choose studies that will equip them with multi skills for various occupations.

*"While I know that you have already applied your minds on what careers you shall be pursuing this year, I do hope that you shall be choosing courses or careers that will prepare you extensively for more than one occupation. It would even be better if you can be choosing careers that will prepare you to be your own employers," she said.*

She said that education was the solution to the challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality. Our economy is not growing as we had envisaged when adopting the National Development Plan, and may not be able to create enough jobs for our people," Said Rakgoale.



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**Homu Gill from DZJ Mtebule High School in Nkowankowa is the top learner with the highest aggregate marks. She has also scored 300 out of 300 in physical science. With her is the executive mayor, hosi Ntsanwisi, district manager, mayor of Greater Tzaneen, School Principal and the circuit manager.**

DZJ Mtebule High School, St George College, and Meridian College were amongst the schools that received the most awards. Hoerskool Merensky received the top award for overall pass in the category of public schools from quintile 4-5 after registering a 97,31 pass rate, while Makala High School got the award for quintile 1-3 after registering 98.46 pass rate.

The Executive Mayor presented laptops, tablets, trophies and certificates to the best performed learners, principals and circuit managers. The top ten learners have also been awarded bursaries by the Mopani District Municipality.

Rakgoale also used the opportunity to call on stakeholders to join hands and ensure that there is no disruption of teaching and learning this year. "It can't be that when a community is unhappy about shortage of water, they resort to burning schools or disrupts schooling. School building should be sacred, and respected by everyone in our communities. It must be communities that care for our school buildings." added Rakgoale.

Gill Homu, a 2018 grade 12 female learner from the DZJ Mtebule High School in the Nkowankowa Circuit received the top individual award. She is the top learner with the highest aggregate marks of 1649. Gill also received an award for having achieved 300 out of 300 in Physical Sciences and 280 out of 300 in Life Sciences. Her dream is to pursue studies in Actuarial Science.



**MMC Maditshego Sefufi and MMC Nyiko Baloyi with the learners who scored 300 out of 300 in physical sciences. From left is Rebotile Makwala from Modubatse High School, Baloyi Moshe from Nghonyama High School and Homu Gill from DZJ Mtebule High School.**



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