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Get To Know: Tinodiwanashe Nguruve

Name: Tinodiwanashe Nguruve Age: 23 Location: Seattle, Washington, USA

Can you tell me a bit about yourself?

Hi, I'm Tino, a Product Manager and content creator, who is passionate about making a difference in the tech and social media industry.

I graduated from Bryn Mawr College, USA with a double major in Computer Science and Honors in Mathematics, which helped me develop my logical problem-solving and analytical skills.

With my technical background, I started my career as a Software Engineer, where I gained valuable experience in software development. I then transitioned into a Product Manager role, where I have been fortunate to be a part of numerous successful products at Microsoft. At Microsoft my team works on building products/tools related to engineering systems (like builds/deployments and metrics to track efficiency) so we can improve overall efficiency and output.

Apart from my professional work, I have a keen

interest in content creation, which led me to create various pieces of content, including videos, modeling and working on my current book. Sharing my knowledge and insights on various topics has always been a passion of mine. I'm also very passionate about mentoring because I never really had a mentor and had to figure out everything on my own which attests to how hard I work but having mentors is very important to personal development.

What inspired you to become a social media

influencer:

Well I wouldn't really call myself an influencer yet haha but, being a black, curvy girl with 4c hair, I understand the importance of representation and diversity in the media industry. Growing up, I did not often see people who looked like me in mainstream media, and it made me feel like my appearance was not accepted or appreciated.

When I discovered social media, I realized that it provided a platform where I could showcase my unique beauty and connect with others who share similar experiences. I saw the opportunity to use my voice to uplift and inspire other black, curvy girls with 4c hair, who may also have felt underrepresented in the media.

Additionally, as I began to gain a following on social media, I realized the power of influence and the potential to use my platform for good. I use my social media presence to advocate for body positivity, self-love, and inclusivity, and to amplify the voices of other marginalized communities.

If you could change one thing about social media. What would it be?

As someone who studied Computer Science I'm aware of the fact that social media uses complex algorithms to curate and personalize content for each user. If I could change one thing about social



media, I would prioritize investing in better AI tools to detect and remove harmful content promoting cyberbullying, harassment, misinformation, hate speech, and addiction. The takeaway is it's important for users to be critical of the content they consume and the ways in which they interact with social media platforms. By being aware of the potential negative effects of social media and taking steps to limit their use and exposure to certain types of content. Just remember that online isn't real and not to take comments to heart.

If you could be soneone for a moment who would you rather be and why

While I appreciate the spirit of the question, I honestly wouldn't want to be anyone else for a day. I am content being myself, and I feel grateful for the life that I have. I have unique experiences, relationships, and perspectives that make me who I am, and I wouldn't want to give those up for anyone else's.

However, if I had to choose, I would pick someone who has overcome significant adversity and used their experience to help others. There are many inspiring people who have faced great challenges and come out stronger on the other side, and I would like to learn from their experiences and perspective. But ultimately, I would still choose to be myself because I am proud of who I am and the life I have built for myself.

What is the best piece of advice you could give to a newbie:

Think about your target audience for your page. From there just be yourself, post consistently you will find your tribe and people who genuinely love your content. Don't really expect your friends tosupport you as they may not be your target audience and that's okay. What do you do about nasty or negative comments on social media?

Don't take critique from someone you wouldn't take advice from? Negative comments also help push your content so either way you are winning.



LOREN DONDO SPEAKS ON MENTAL HEALTH

A ental health awareness is close to my heart. I've seen some young talented people in the fashion and arts industry go through severe depression and a few take their own lives. It's especially traumatic when it affects those close to you. Whether you're a model, photographer, musician, student, entrepreneur or doctor mental health can affect you when you don't check in on yourself. Sometimes life happens and it can be hard to put a smile on your face at work. But with more

awareness and support in the workspace, I believe lives can be saved before it's too late. More conversations about mental health could be initiated in my industry and I hope to see that happening frequently.

Loren hopes to see her country's fashion and modeling industry become internationally recognized and to work with well-known fashion brands from outside Zimbabwe. Loren Dondo is a female model aged 25 under the management of Exclusive Modeling Agency

She started modeling at the age of 20. Ever since she was a kid she was obsessed with fashion. Her first encounter with the world of modeling was when she came across a channel called Fashion TV around the age of 9. She made the decision to be a model. Unfortunately her dream was delayed due to her commitment with studies

Besides modeling she is a full time digital producer for ZBC

When we asked how she balances her careers she said "It's become quite easy with

time. At first it was challenging, as most bookings can happen during the week and last minute. I normally enjoy working during the morning or day and work night shifts for my job as a producer. Weekends are usually where all the fun happens. My agent makes sure to book me over weekends as I'll have free time and the peace of mind to focus on my modeling. I believe anything is possible if you put your motivation in it and that's what I've done so far as a model."

Through modeling she mostly gained the recognition for her craft. She likes to bring her personality and sense of fashion on set. Most photographers and designers give her room to make suggestions and that's what made her unique as a model in Zimbabwe. Also she has gained the knowledge and experience from those she has worked with in the industry and the recognition and respect for what she brings to the table.

We went on to ask her the challenges you have faced as a model and she said "Well I think my body has gone many changes over the last few years. As much as I come across as confident in my own skin, I push myself to look my best. The biggest challenge has been some insecurities concerning my weight and height in such a competitive space with many beautiful ladies. It's only here and there that I'm reminded of it but I have a great support system and it's helped me fix my crown in times of doubt"



Togo Eyes For Miss Supranational

a thilde Honyiglo, Miss Supranational Togo 2023. Is a 28 year old model from Lomé - Togo. Beyond her title of beauty queen, she is a young woman entrepreneur, holder of a Master's degree in Marketing and Communication. Passionate about fashion and cinema, one day she would like to her own garment brand and be an actress in a film. Bold and committed, entrepreneurship is her favorite subject. For her, Investing in human capital is very important.

Competing Miss in Supranational has been her dream since 2006 when Togo won for the first time an international pageant. From there she told herself that "I will do the same one day". Now at 28, Mathilde is more determined to win the pageant. Not because someone once did it in 2006 but because she realized that she can use it to change her life, the life of people around her and necessary to change the way people are still seeing beauty queens in some Africa countries. "Today's, beauty queens are strong and powerful women with a voice" she said

In view of her aspirations, winning the Miss Supranational pageant will be her greatest opportunity to change the vision of beauty queens in some African countries and show the face of what beauty queens are today. For that, she will congratulate Olivia Yace, Miss World Africa 2021 for winning the battle for us. But there is still work.

Winning will increase her influence to help people and it will definitely help her grow her corporate brand (smile) and inspire young people and women all over the world because dreams are made to come true

To other candidates she said, "I will say that we are incredible women, as queens, we have every reason in the world to be proud of ourselves and of our background. Through the Miss Supranational organization, God has made us supra queens and sisters. Let's enjoy and use this connection to do amazing things to impact our countries and why not the world. Whatever the results, we will be the supra queens and sisters forever, the women of success and the women without limits. I love you before I met you. See you in Poland".



MATHILDE HONYIGLO



Lein Hora Takes on the Modeling World with Ambition and *Determination*



Lein Hora is an ambitious young model with a passion for her craft and a strong drive to succeed. In a recent interview, she shared her determination to make a name for herself in the industry and her willingness to overcome the challenges and obstacles that may come her way. With a clear goal in mind and a fierce determination, Lein is poised to become a shining star in the world of modeling.

ein Hora is a 19-year-old model with a passion for the industry and a determination to make a name for herself in the world of modeling. In a recent interview with Zim magazine, she shared her ambitions and her unwavering spirit in the face of the challenges and criticism that come with her chosen career path. Despite the negative misconceptions surrounding the modeling industry, Lein is confident in her ability to overcome them and rise to the top. "I know my purpose and I have a goal," she said. "I will only focus on that and leave the rest to God. I am prepared to conquer it all and with God's will, I will become a supermodel."

Lein's resolve to succeed in the modeling industry is not only driven by her personal ambition but also her desire to prove to her father and the world that modeling is a legitimate career path, not a form of prostitution. "It is not easy for a parent, especially a father, to allow his daughter to be a model because of these misconceptions," she said. "I would like to prove to my father and other parents out there that simply because your daughter is a model, it does not mean that she is into prostitution. Modeling is a career path, not a prostitution hub."

Lein is not only driven by her own personal goals but also by her desire to change the negative perceptions surrounding the modeling industry and to inspire other young women to pursue their dreams without fear of criticism. "I want to be an inspiration to young girls who dream of becoming models," she said. "I want to show them that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and God's will."

Lein Hora's journey to becoming a supermodel is not without its challenges, but she is ready to face them headon. With her unwavering spirit and determination, she is poised to conquer the world and make a lasting impact in the modeling industry.

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GET TO KNOW: GRACE ANIMAH





Name: Grace Animah Age: 23 Location: Ghana Modeling agency: igroompageantshub

At what age did you start modeling?

At age 18

In a space of 5 years you have managed to win pageants like Miss Emerald, Miss Eloquent, Missnmtc and others ... What's your winning formula

I believe that to be a beauty queen is to become a leader that serves from the heart. Because a real beauty queen does not just wear a golden crown but must possess a golden heart. Also I believe that a true beauty queen will always believe in the quote that she will be the change she wants to see the world.

Again, a beauty queen is kind, gracious, as well as generous. She utilizes her talents, skills, as well as her time as a way to help others and make the world around her a better place to be. She is also intelligent as well as disciplined, and works hard to set and achieve her goals This has been my winning formula and has taken me to places I never dreamt of going

On one of your Instagram posts you wrote.... "Pageant is one of the biggest gateway to involve our ladies in social and economic development ..." can you explain on that

You see for sometime now, women are recognized as house-helps and cannot contribute positively to the social and economic development of the society and county at large. But I believe aside Education, pageantry has paved way in teaching the society the essence of womanhood, friendship, dedication, professionalism, sportsmanship, and many more. Beauty queens are also a rolemodel not only to young girls who aspire to be like them but

to a lot of people who see them as an inspiration.

Pageant has empowered women to take part in global issues. Pageants offer an opportunity to share viewpoints, uplift social causes and be a strong voice for change

Any message to other models out there

My advice to young models out there is to look beyond the glamour and seek to see a deeper purpose and reason to contest. I advise that they believe in themselves and be focus as well as determined.

I think that we have to invest in much in our girls because we are the heart of development in every country

Let's invest in them because "our voice our future"

I believe they are our voice and our future



Miss Environment Zimbabwe 2023 to walk away with a car

iss Environment Zimbabwe is not just a typical pageant but a project aimed at creating awareness of environmental problems which are addressed in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable development goals with the help of the beautiful and intelligent green ambassadors. The first Zimbabwean queen was Jemimwa Mandemwa in 2021 and she made it to top four at the world finals

For the final show there will be 18 finalists on the grand finale. There were 26 semifinalists from the 110 which we saw nationwide. The grand finale is penciled for the 25th of March at the HICC subject to advice. Expect fireworks from the bevy of beauties and the range of entertainment acts as well as a surprise host and selection panel. They are promising originality and celebration of local music The ultimate prize will be a brand new car and \$5000 cash which she will use to prepare for the international competitio, alongside other hampers







Success Can Be Engineered



"More crowns and more titles are coming on my way. I do not see myself stopping modelling anytime soon,"

This is what she said during the interview. It was a wonderful time to engage with a bubbly and ambitious young girl who is showing that her future is so bright.

Ladies and gentlemen allow me to introduce you, AZANDA MFEKA who is a 10 year old girl. Currently, she is studying at Greenbury Primary School. She is a model at DreamChasers Academy. Besides modelling, she is a good dancer. Her role model is Zozibini Ntunzi.

As we know that principles works for everyone regardless of age. Azanda is a living testimony who is making strides in her modeling career at a younger age. Previous year, she scooped several titles such as Pre-Teen Miss Glam Festive 2022, Miss Dreamchasers Academy Ambassador and the Queen under Junior Dreamchasers 2022.

Last words of Azanda If you can dream about it, you can achieve it.





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Inside of you, there is a mine which contains various expensive minerals. Ooh yes! All the precious minerals are buried inside you. What do you have to do? Unleash your gift within you so that it can be a blessing to the world. What l can promise you is that it is not going to be easy but you will smile at the end of the process.

Zime Melokuhle is not a one in a million kind of a girl but she is once in a lifetime kind of a youngster who is breaking barriers in her career of modelling. Zime wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She divulged that her role model is Zozibini, the former Miss South Africa. Simply because she is a disciplined person who managed to catapult her dreams into reality. This is not by luck but it is a result of hard work.

If she is going to be given an opportunity to have 1 billion, she would like to help the less privileged people by building homes and schools to better their standard of living. As a future doctor, she is going to utilize the money to build various hospitals in different places.

Words to live by

Never look down upon yourself. Dream big, aim higher and work hard. Remember that broken crayons can still make a beautiful colouring.

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Meet Francisca Manakana



Fransisca Manakana 15years old

How did you feel being the Miss teen glam first princess?

I was very excited and even still today l can't believe that l actually got that chance to be one of the winners.

Now that you have won what's

next?

Well I have entered a pageant miss teen Mpumalanga and I think that the miss teen glam South Africa platform has helped me a lot course it has opened doors for me. It has boosted my self-confidence and also it has made me become a better person in terms of giving and sharing

Besides modeling what do you do?

I am a young entrepreneur lm also a netball player

What's your message to other models?

The secret to modeling is not being perfect. It's about staying true to yourself and to people around you

And as Miranda Kerr said "A rose can never be a sunflower, and a sunflower can never be a rose. All flowers are beautiful in their own way, and that's like women too. I want to encourage women to embrace their own uniqueness."

I hear there is a lot of model abuse in the industry, have you ever faced any abuse

I have never faced that but l think if you not in the right modelling agency and you not treated for what you worth to it will drain you and abuse you mentally

What do you think should be done to protect models from abuse...?

Their talent is usually taken advantage of if we as a nation we speak out and let everyone know, it will be easy to get help and be treated



"I will like to motivate every lady and gentlemen who is thinking about joining the modelling industry but is afraid to because of what people will say. Who cares about what people will say it's your God given talent so if you don't take the risk now you might regret later so take that risk now"



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Question N Answer: Sheryl Gabriella



Name: Sheryl Gabriella Age: 22

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and how you started?

I am a first born in a family of 4. I have 2 siblings; a sister and a brother. We were raised by a single mom. I was born in a town called Sotik and raised in Bomet town. I started content creation in 2019. I majored in comedy and music. Since then I have been doing the same.

What inspired you to become a content creator?

I have always had a passion for acting. I also wanted to be my own boss and by creating content, I had the chance of earning my own money.

What would you do if you didn't become a content creator?

I would be a journalist (I am actually studying journalism & mass communication at the moment). I would also be a musician.

What's the best comment you've ever received:

A fan once commented that I had saved her life through a video I did (I was mentioning the challenges I had gone through before becoming famous) She saw that as a sign to move on.

Do you enjoy being famous:

I partly do. It has its ups and downs but considering this is what I love doing, we have to endure the negatives.

When did you first realize you were famous?

I guess my fame didn't just come once? It was a process. I have grown slowly since 2019.

If you could be someone for one day who would it be and why:

Broda Shaggi. He is a big content creator in Nigeria. He is my idol in terms of content creation. I aspire to be like him one day.

Looking back what would you do differently?

I honestly wouldn't change a thing. Everything that happened, happened for a reason.

What do you do about nasty or negative comments?

I just ignore them. Giving them attention will only hurt me.

Have you ever had any setbacks and if so, what were some of them:

I guess lack of shooting equipment has been one of the major setbacks I have had. They are very expensive.

What's the dumpiest way you got yourself injured?

I once fell while swinging on a gate

What's the best piece of advice you could give a newbie:

If you have a passion for something, go for it and don't let anyone or anything stop you.



MODEL: Divine Hlatshwayo



Divine Hlatshwayo

24 years

Divine Hlatshwayo graduated at Truth Models Academy 2 years ago

What made you venture into modeling?

It was passion. I've always been passionate about modeling since primary and from there I started partaking in school pageants

Besides modeling what else do you do?

I hold a bachelor's degree in tourism and hospitality management, I'm currently working at Trigger lodge as a receptionist. I opened my own modeling agency (Undeniably Divine models) recently where I coach kids from the ages of 6-13 years. I run a eyelash business as well (undeniably divine mink lashes). I'm part of a charity organization called Beauty Against Poverty where from time to time we visit homes and donate the little that we can

Which type of modeling do you mainly specialize in?

Pageantry and Commercial

which one pays more and why

I would say commercial pays more because in most cases you get to charge any amount you want and it's guaranteed at the end of any commercial you do for them you're getting paid and as well as celebrity status comes with it and that can play a big role in raising a model's fees unlike pageantry where one is not guaranteed he/she will get their prize money after the competition

What do you think should be done to safeguard pageantry models?

I think there should be more organizations which stand for us pageantry models and make sure we are not oppressed by the industry perpetrators also I think awareness should be raised to models on what are the green and red flags to watch out for before partaking in a pageantry because that way a lot of cries of theft, empty promises etc. will reduce as all models will be shunning the red flagged pageants

What advice would you give to the 15 year old you?

Stop caring about what other people think of you and never let your background define and delimit yourself for you can be whatever you want to be as long as you dream it, set your mind to it and work hard on it

Where do you see yourself in the next few years?

I see myself prospering in all the businesses I'm currently in 1and the ones I will venture in and most importantly I see myself winning on a big international stage and my face and name on big billboards across the world.





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IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START A BUSINESS

The unemployment rate is dramatically increasing day by day due to less jobs in the market place and usage of computerised machines. It is not a secret that many families are struggling to make the ends meet. This is why there is high rate of people who are committing crimes, suicide, engage into prostitution or to do corruption as a way of surviving. Entrepreneurship is the best solution to eradicate this crisis and it should be widely promoted and encouraged across all generations. Today, 1 am going to unpack 4 crucial keys that can help you to start and run your own business. The list goes as follows

1) Discover your own passion

What do you want to become at an early age of your life? What was your favourite subjects at school? Currently, what do you really enjoys to do without getting tired or checking the clock? If you discover your passion then take it higher to turn your passion into the business so that you can create a stream of income out of it. What I can assure you is that business is not easy like walking in the park but if you love what you do, it gives you thousand reasons not to give up.

2) Understand your own strength and weakness

There is a lot of power in knowing others and yourself as well. A wise person truly understand himself or herself much better than anyone else. This is only way you are going to realize your own weakness and strength. Do not wait for someone to tell you what you are good at because some of the people will mislead you based on their perception. Take advantage of your own strength and competence to leverage your own business and you can simply hire employees who can help you strength your own weakness.

3) What is your life experience

As we know that we are raised from different backgrounds and it can critically influence the well being of a man to such an extent that it can deter-



mine what we are going to become in the future. Before you start your own business, consider the environment you grew up, your work experience as well as the professions you have acquired in your life so far. The knowledge which you have gathered in the past can help you to start a based in the line of your knowledge. For instance, if your guardian was a electrician, policeman, accountant or artist. There is high probability that you are going to be well - versed in that area. It is possible to turn that knowledge into a business.

In a nutshell, age should not be a limiting factor or seen as a hindrance. Despite the fact that you are young or old. Age should be added advantage to the entrepreneur. It is never too late to start and run your own business unlike to spend years and years hunting for a job. Aspiring entrepreneurs should be encouraged and supported by government because they will be contributing positively in the economy.

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DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH



t is often said that queens are not born in a comfort zone. They are formed in unfavourable environment. Hard work, perseverance and persistence is what makes them to be outstanding.

Sthabile Dladla is a 18 year old girl who was born and bred in Kwa - Zulu Natal Pietermaritzburg, eMbali. She is a fearing child of God who was raised in a Christian family. She believes that she has got a major role to play in the community to help other youngsters who are facing hardship in their lives. For instance, depression, anxiety and trauma. It may lead them to have suicidal thoughts. As a model, she decided to take a route to become an advocate for mental health at a younger age. Sthabile firmly believe that there is no challenge that cannot be solved.

" If you want to shine like a diamond, you have to be willing to get cut and there are many cuts along the way to the top , both small and big cuts. The small cuts are about the micro - aggression, the comments people make about you and the doubts about your talents. If you are not careful, it can take - away all your confidence and happiness. The big cuts are life changing situations like death, accidents or having critical diseases such



as cancer. What determines your victory is how you response to calamity," she says.

Sthabile is a well - versed person who can juggle a lot of things at the same time. She is a reigning Miss Teen Imbali Dream Chaser 2019 Certificate for Best Confidence, Miss Teen Dream Chasers KZN, Pietermaritzburg ambassador 2020,

Miss Teen Kwandengezi ward 12 Queen, Miss Royal beauty : Durban North 2022,

Miss Royal Deauty : Durban North 2022

Miss National Beauty: Durban South 2021,

1st runner up Royal beauty South Africa 2021, Miss Royal Queen Durban South Africa 2021, Global beauty South Africa Durban 2021, South Africa Exclusive Fastion walk finalist 2021, Southern African Childrens Awards finalist2021, 1st runner up Miss Teen SA Exclusive fashion walk 2021, Miss wild wild west 1st runner up 2021, Black Barbie ambassador finalist 2021, Miss Naturally beauty KZN overall winner 2021, Miss Ethekwini municipality Role model finalist, Miss Ethekwini municipality Role model sportwomen 2022, Miss Teen Ethekwini municipality role model 2nd runner up, Miss Teen Ethekwini Municipality role model philothrophist, Miss Christmas Sparkly SA 2022 Queen, Miss Cultural diversity 2022 Queen, Miss wild wild west 2022 1st princess, Miss peacock princess SA 2022 1st runner up and Miss Teen World Tourism and Culture South Africa.

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As a Model Guide magazine, we would like to wish the best to our gifted and blessed young girl, Sthabile who is going to Monrovia Liberia on the 27 April to 5 May 2023 for Teen World Tourism and Culture 2023 as well as Welcome South Africa Teen Star.

Written by

Kudakwashe T Muganu

SMASH BARRIERS

Thando Mbambo is a voluptuous 16 year old girl who is doing grade 11 at Ntee high school. She is a definition of courageous, confidence and hard work. This gem is a model and skilful baker. You can even see how the future will looks like. Absolutely, Thando is a young entrepreneur who is taking baby steps toward greatness.

Baking is one of the greatest God given gift which is paving a clear lucrative way for me.l do not want to lie, the skill of baking is within my blood veins. At an early age, l was baking cakes, cookies, biscuits without any formal training. I also love modelling in the same manner because it allows me to explore creativity beyond my imagination. As we know that creativity is what makes a man to be outstanding than the rest. Generally, 1 really enjoy to stretch my mind on my spare time, thinking outside of the box is a passport to success.

Know your worth

People loves me, l attract great clients in my business, l am highly favored and l am a goal achiever. I live my life fully with no doubts. I am happy with who l am and what l see every day when l look at myself in the mirror. I am beautiful queen, l run and rock my own world.

What gives you a drive each an everyday to move forward?

I am pretty sure that there are many plus size young girls and women whose spirit are down and they have low self - esteem. The size of your body does not define you. It is what you can offer to the world, this is what matters most. One of my greatest goals in my life is to be the voice of plus size young girls and women.

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu



DRESSING THE WORLD

imphiwe goodman gcaba is a 27 year old young man who was born and bred in uMgababa. He is a South African fashion designer, entrepreneur and multi-talent gem who is dressing the rich and famous models, actors and artists in proudly African designs. He firmly believe that he has what it takes to be the best designer of the town. His journey of designing clothes embarked when he was in Primary school. It started as a joke and it was a way to generate a source of income for himself to buy food at the break time or to use it as a bus fare money. The

passion grew bigger and bigger to such an extent that he bought several sewing machines when he finished his Matric. This was the turning point in his life because he wanted to provide an excellent professionalism into his business. Through thin and thick his business is still standing even up to now.

How has the fashion industry changed since you entered it?

Currently, we are living in a global village whereby our special customers have wide variety to choose on what they really want. As a designer, you have to





strive to be creative and innovative so that customers can buy your products.

The plain truth is that customers of nowadays are more educated and knows their rights unlike in the past years.

What did you learn so far in your entrepreneur journey?

I have learnt to deal with pressure from my clients especially in times like festival seasons such as Christmas or Easter holidays whereby everyone desires to dress up and look good. Above all, what keeps the business flowing is the customer service. Treat customer with respect and dignity so that he or she can come back again or market your business on your behalf to the next person.

What was your biggest fear when you decided to be a full time fashion designer?

Not knowing what the outcome would be and having to write my own blueprint.

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BAIANCED DIET



ife is a facet of many aspects. All areas of your life are equally important as a living being on this earth. You may try your best to ignore some other areas of your life and focus on what you considered to be valuable to you. Generally, unbalanced life style usually affects the efficiency and effectiveness of a man. As a result of this, it can even affect your eating and sleeping pattern as well as psychological state.

There are many aspects in life which can make a man to be outstanding. For instance, career, marital status, financial stability, physical health, spirituality, mentality, just to mention a few. How do you define success? Simply because when you are faced with a real dilemma - you can visibly see the effects of unbalanced diet? Other areas will be suffering because of your selfish decisions. The real deal is not to make more money and have better relationships only. Strong balance and quality life - you must having it all. You might be doing very well in your career or business but everything else is dead. Is one area of success enough? Real wealth is to have abandant of joy, peace of mind, good physical health and financially stable.

Take note of this, money does define your wealth. Even though, money is part and parcel of our daily lives. Financial stress can affect all other areas of your life . When you are making money - you feel good, creative , expressive and open. In simple words, you will be a good environment. But, when you are not making money. Your energy level is low, down and you will be depressed.

Finding a perfect balance in your daily life can be challenging. It depends with your age, geographical location, marital status, level of your education. For example, married people who have got kids might say they are living a balance life style when they spending quality time with their family,feeling passionate about their career, spiritually connected to their faith. There is no one size fit.

Why would you strive to balance all areas of your life? Life is consisted of several aspects like Iove life, social life, healthy, our philanthropic endeavors, career, spirituality and many more. All of these areas requires your attention and you have to thoroughly work on them so that you can live a happy and peaceful life.

Balance lifestyle makes everything to move in a positive direction.

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Choose Your Own Style



hile, other little girls were dressing dolls and dreaming of princes and princesses. Luthando gambuse was seeing herself on the stage, the crowd cheering at her, camera and lime lights gets into action. It sounds so impossible from the starting point because she did not have any mentor or any idea about modelling. Luthando is blessed with a wonderful family who are very supportive and her family members believe in her dreams. Her mother worked so hard to make sure that everything will fall into right places. Luthando Gambuse is a six year old girl who was born and bred in Durban. She is now doing grade 2 at Maranatha Primary School and she was groomed by Londeka Tamera kaMdlala Mavundla at DreamChasers Academy. In 2022 she won 23 tittles and she was elected as an ambassdor by house of Saint Luke For Durban Fashion Fair 2022.

How do you define your own personal style? Usually they say that, "all flowers are beautiful in their own way." Wise people embrace their uniqueness in their own style. Personally, I love to be comfortable and to look stunning. I am kind, loving and caring person who wants to see other people making progress in their life.

What is your favourite scripture in the bible? Proverbs 22 verse 29; it states that," Do you see a man skillful in his work? He stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men."

How do you see yourself in the next 10 years to come?

I see myself as an collective and well groomed young lady, possessing good character and God fearing person. I am confidence that l would have established greater skills in my career and becoming a holder of many titles in my pageantry side of modelling. I will also be a modelling coach - training both local and international model's.

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MAKING GREAT MOVES!

Life is a great equalizer. Life does not favor anyone. The quality of your harvest is determined by the quality of seeds you have planted. There are no negotiations about it. Nqobile shezi is an entrepreneur, blazing model, a degree holder of Bachelor in Administration, Honors in Supply Chain Management and diploma in Financial planning. She is one of the individuals who prove that success has nothing to do with gender. It is not a suprise to her see in the next coming years as a Millionaire.

This gem is a 26 year old girl who was born and bred in Durban. She started her modelling career while she was at school and it was very hard for her to find a perfect routine to balance her studies and career at the same time. The good news is that she did not give up. She was also trained at DreamChasers Academy and she managed to scoop top model titles within a short period of time. This what boosted her confidence, then proceeded to contest in other pageants. She is a reigning Miss KZN colleges, Miss Dreamchasers KZN, Miss Pretty Face South Africa, Miss Glitter KwaZulu-Natal. Recently, she was crowned as Miss World Paradise South Africa.

I would like to educate our reliable readers that modelling is not all about winning and getting rewards. It is more than that. Modelling taught Nqobile to become an innovative leader who can display leadership qualities even in the society. She learnt to pay back to the community, do good to others as you want them to do good to you. For instance, she donated sanitary pads at the orphanage and clothes to homeless people.

What do you think is your superpowers?

To enter a room and bright light to it with my smile. Smiling is my weakness and it makes me to be a good environment around the people.

Who are your biggest champions?

Both parents, especially my dad. He always think highly of me. And he knows how to pick me up when l am feeling down.

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Signature of resilience

Buyisile Sikonde is a young vibrant and motivated young girl who grew up in Mpumulanga. Her up - bringing was not an easy road, it was consisted of ups and down yet full of love and joy. Actually, it was a learning curve, grooming and at the same time scary. She was born in a family of 5 and she is studying Eco-Tourisn management at Tshwane University of Technology, Mbombela Campus.

"Education is a master key to greatness. As a Model, you have to be armed with knowledge so that you can be able to deliver the best especially on international platforms. I am also an advocate for disadvantaged youths who cannot be able to take care of themselves, I must have sound mind so that l can make wise decisions. Simply because my decisions as a leader can affect people who rely on me as well, " she explains.



What is your driving force towards your goals?

In my little life experience, I realised that life is about choices and decisions. Imagine that l can sit down and fold my hands and expecting to get outstanding results. It is my duty to fight for what l desire to acquire in my life. The battle is not over until l win.

What is your philosophy?

Some life obstacles are not to be there to be resolved but we should learn to live with them and become stronger in the process. The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.

How do you see yourself in the next years to come?

Global, global, global!

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THE JOURNEY TO GREATNESS



thousand miles journey starts with a single step. Never undermine your humble beginnings, this is how greatness is formulated by taking baby steps. Ayanda is a living testimony who showed the world that it is possible to start anything from the scratch or from the lowest point and produce amazing results at the end of the process. This gem embarked her modelling career at an early age and she already created her name so big. Actually, she managed to put her name on the world map. Thankfully Londeka Mavundla, the co -founder of DreamChasers Academy helped her to turn her dreams into reality.

Ayanda Mkhize is a 7 year old girl who is doing grade 2 at Silindele Primary school. She was born

and bred in Kwanyuswa, Durban. Currently, she is working very hard on her communication and leadership skills because she want to be a brand ambassador in the next 10 years to come. She is pretty sure that one day, it will come to pass.

What advice would you give to other young models just starting out in the industry?

Persevere and do not let anyone tell you it is impossible. Aim higher, the sky is limitless.

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Pretoria's own, Lemé Van Der Walt can now add Mrs. South Africa semi-finalist to her impressive resume



ince her debut in 2011 in the South African music industry, Lemé is a familiar face and is making a different return after 7 years. Releasing albums and touching hearts with her career years, Lemé 's love for music combined with her singing voice, reached more than 160 000 views on her music videos, and she proudly embraced her most downloaded song award for 2011. "I am passionate about life. I believe when life or situations knocks you down, your best defense is to get right back up, but that is not always easy." says Lemé after being subjected to an armed home robbery that changed her life drastically in 2014.



Lemé van der Walt received the happy news on Friday, 03 February after the National Casting event at Emperors Palace, in Johannesburg. Following the announcement, the semi-finalists took part in a jam-packed two-day conference filled with motivational talks, workshops, up skilling sessions, socializing and networking opportunities, and an introduction to the famous Mrs. SA sisterhood.

Mrs. South Africa is foremost a self-discovery and empowerment program that celebrates



diversity, ambition, and confidence while showcasing some of the country's most phenomenal and talented women, and giving them the skills and tools needed to achieve their dreams. The platform Mrs. South Africa creates each year, inspired be to become part of the unique sisterhood. Lemé wants to take this opportunity to give change to the world, and invest positively into other's lives around her.

Lemé is convinced that Mrs. South Africa is a platform that represents woman of different cultures, believes and social orientations. Thus I believe that should I be the one winning the pageant, that I will be able to live out the qualities of what the organization is representative of, and strives towards as a strong, courageous, inspirational woman, who is proud to be South African.

To other mothers out there Lemé said "I would like to tell each mother out there in South Africa, and all over the world: "YOU are doing such a good job, you have been chosen to be the mother of your child, and you are blessed! " and no matter how hard life get's, no matter what circumstances you may face, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Believe in the blessing of the new day and never give up.

Please also take note of her social media platforms: Facebook: Lemé Van Der Walt - Mrs. South Africa 2023 Semi-Finalist Instagram: Lemé Van Der Walt

UP FOR THE CROWN RECHAUX BROWNE

Name Rechaux Browne Age 41 years old Location (city,) Strand, Cape Town, Western Cape Your Pictures Attached to email

A brief about yourself

I am originally from Durbanville in CPT and decided to relocate to Strand in September 2022. It has been one of my life dreams to live on a beach which I now am privileged to do. I am an entrepreneur and I run a small staffing business from home

I have 7 amazing children and I am a proud wife.

When I get free time I enjoy hitting some golf balls, reading and cook-ing.



What inspired you to compete in Mrs. South Africa?

It was something I always wanted to do but I always seem to find a reason not to enter. My husband encouraged me to give back to myself by investing in me too. So I took the leap. I also have a cause so close to my heart being a survivor of woman and child abuse I believe the Mrs. SA platform is a great platform to be a voice of hope and encouragement for women of abuse. Lastly I would like to show my children

what courage is and that your past does not define you. You are never defeated only when you give up and this mom is not ever giving up.

What would winning the pageant mean to you Firstly it will be a dream come true.

I think it is something that will encourage those around me who hears my story it will give them hope. Hope of a life full of possibilities no matter what obstacles we go through. Winning Mrs. SA will be amazing but ultimately changing a life or encouraging another woman to take a stand for her self to know her worth to speak up and set ourselves free will be the crown I want to wear.

Any message to other mothers out there

Yes I have 3 things I would like to leave with each mom

Nothing is impossible if you love yourself enough. Change is sometimes ugly and uncomfortable but it is so worth it.

You always have a choice

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Just for any woman in a bad situation in your life whatever the situation is step out of it make that choice? Too often we more concerned about how we might look or what others might say but, at the end of the day you need to understand that people will always have something to say and that we are responsible for the lives we live we choose the lives we live. So choose wisely and choose you because you are loved, magnificent and beautiful. You are Queen"

I thank you for your time and the opportunity. I truly appreciate it

Warm regards Rechaux





UP FOR THE CROWN R A T I L E MABITSELA

MRS SOUTH AFRICA 2023 FINALIST



Ratile Mabitsela is a 32 year old, wife, mom and businesswoman.

She grew up in Thembisa, and growing up in a disadvantaged community where substance abuse and teenage pregnancy are so common made her want to break the mold and build a career for herself, not forgetting to be a beam of hope to the rest of her community. Which is the reason why she has entered Mrs. SA.

She holds an honors degree in program management, is a University of Johannesburg alumni, former Miss Tembisa 2013, and now co-director of the Miss Tembisa Pageant. In addition to all that she is an entrepreneur that is passionate about wellness, fitness, and graceful ageing, through her business



venture, Youth Fountain Infusions, which entail IV drips and aesthetics. An advocate for beauty pageants, with a desire to become a professional pageant coach.

She has been announced as a semi-finalist for Mrs. South Africa 2023, and she would like to have the opportunity of an interview about her journey, votes, and making the community aware of the pageant.

Instagram: pageant_mom_rati

FB: Ratile Boitumelo Mabitsela Mrs SA Semi-finalist 2023

To vote on SMS: SMS Ratile Mabitsela to 47587

She was inspired by the women that have transformed through entering this pageant. "I'm on a constant growth cycle, and I appreciate taking on new challenges to take me to greater heights.

Mrs. South Africa has evolved from being just a "pageant" to being a female upliftment program with influencers to showcase the virtues of real, relatable South African women" she said.

Winning the pageant will give her a bigger platform to give back, to touch more lives, and to mainly inspire women to dream bigger. Coming from a township, she would love to see multitudes of women from townships raising the bar and putting townships on the map of greatness.

To other women out there she said "Before you are a mother, a wife, a sister, or anything else, you are yourself. You can't pour from an empty cup; make sure you are well filled up before you fill up the cup of others. Mothers should not stop dreaming big and embarking on self-development journeys for the sake of others. At the end of the day, happy moms build happy homes."



UP FOR THE CROWN: ROSELINE MUSEKIWA

oseline Musekiwa aged 23 was born and bred in Filabusi then later moved to Bulawayo to chase her dreams in the arts industry as well as a Degree in Media Studies. Now she is currently a professional model, TV Personality and Founder of the Pad A Girl foundation She has always been passionate about being the voice of the voiceless and she wanted to create an impact in the community and give hope to those who feel alone as she advocate for them, either boy child or girl child hence the Zimbabwean Queen was the right platform to fulfill a lifelong dream.

"I resonate with the values of the Zimbabwean Queen Organization so winning would open doors not for me but for everyone who look up to me as it will give them hope that we are all destined for greatness and following your dreams is the best decision you can make in life. It will inspire a lot of young girls especially from Filabusi where I come from to believe that there is life beyond marriage" she said when we asked what winning the pageant would mean to her

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To other contestants she would like to congratulate them for making it this far as a pact and she's grateful to be part of the sisterhood thanks to The Zimbabwean Queen for the platform. She wish them all the best as they go forward in the competition and create more meaningful memories.

PROFILE: ABRAHAM MUZONZINI ::: BENJAMIN MANHIMANZI

'y name is Abraham Muzonzini.l am a boy and lm 20yrs old. My primary level l learnt at Budiriro 3 Primary School. I started acting drama and got into music industry at Grade seven. I continued doing so even when l went to High School l continue into music and drama industry. Royal College is where I began to get professionally into this. I have worked with many producers like J.M.P, Chillspot and Simplex records. All I want is to have more people getting into talents like these so I encourage everyone to work hard and never give up on what you're doing. To get more information follow me on Social media ON TIKTOK GSHUTT FECABOOK GUSPY SHUTT **INSTAGRAM GUSPY SHUTT** CALLS AND WHATSAPP 0778924130 / 0781666273

My name is Benjamin Manhimanzi I'm 17 years old and I'm a model under miss golden heritage (MGH) agency. I started my career as a model at the age of 14.What pushed me into modeling is that modelling is diverse and allows you to channel what style you prefer so by that I made modeling a hobby and a lifestyle activity. Giving modelling as a hobby my goal was to learn about how to make a style trend, advertising and brand influencing so that one day I will publish my own clothing brand. The dream of publishing my own label is now in process because my own clothing brand name is being published on 15 March and the name of the brand is manpower.

The challenges I have faced as a male model are Managing Finances for Future. In the next few years I see my label being successful being the most successful label in Zimbabwe to be run by youths and I also see myself in Europe playing soccer for a big team and being a successful model too like my idol David Beckham who did both modeling and soccer. My message to other models is just believe, pray for your goals and anything can happen





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" You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food" PSALMS 65:11

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