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# **Denyse Payton Uwanjye** Miss Africa Unite Moçambique 2023 Finalist: (An Inspiration for African Youth)

Written by: Beauty Queen (Palmira Anifana)



Denyse Payton Uwanjye, a 23-year-old actress, photogenic model, and businesswoman, is more than just a pretty face. She is also an advocate and role model for African youth. Recently, Denyse was selected as one of the Miss Africa Unite Mozambique finalists for 2023. In an interview, Denyse shared what inspired her to participate and what she hopes to achieve.

"Well, what inspired me to participate in the Miss Africa Unite Mozambique was myself," Denyse said. "I wanted to show the people here as well as outside that I can be a role model to the youth through joining this kind of pageant."

Denyse believes that youth depression is one of the biggest challenges facing Mozambique and Africa as a whole. "The main reason is that some African parents don't know what depression is and don't believe that it exists, and that is real. So it is up to us youth to integrate youth depression prevention efforts into places where youth are most readily accessed."

She added, "Interventions to prevent youth depression may benefit from a focus on enhancing family understanding of youth depression. We need to attend to family processes that influence depression risk and that promote depression prevention."

Denyse also believes that the key issues that need to be addressed in order to promote gender equality and empower women in Mozambique and Africa are increasing women's representation in leadership and decision making, redistributing care work and productive resources, and empower-

ing women small holders.

With these issues in mind, Denyse is currently working on projects to encourage young graduates and those who were not lucky enough to have access to education to learn entrepreneurship and how to save from an early age. "Where they will be taught to work in cooperatives according to their skills in order to reduce the highest rate of unemployment in youth." Denyse sees a bright future for Mozambique and Africa if they have good leadership and leaders that will bring peace and unity among them. She said, "Our Africa will become the powerful continent and Mozambique as well."

Finally, Denyse's advice to African youth is to never give up, dream big, but also have vision, "Having dreams without vision is like pouring water on stone, and learn to say no."

Denyse Payton Uwanjye is not just a beauty queen, but also a role model for African youth everywhere. With her skills, vision, and determination, she is sure to make a difference.



# **Miss Environment Philippines** Shares Her Inspiring Story Of Overcoming Challenges

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi

Shannon Robinson, a 28-year-old model from the Philippines, shares her inspiring story of overcoming challenges, growing in confidence, and advocating for important environmental and social issues.

For Shannon Robinson, winning her local pageant was more about how she carried herself than simply winning. Her authenticity and growth during the pageant were the key elements that made her stand out from the rest. She grew exponentially in confidence throughout the screening, training, and coronation process, which led her to participate in the next level of pageantry -Miss Environment International. Growing up in different parts of the world, including polluted cities in the Philippines and a conservation-focused island in Thailand, Shannon's early life experiences shaped her advocacy for environmental causes. Living through the 2004 Tsunami while residing in Thailand made her keenly aware of the impact of environmental issues on natural disasters. Shannon's environmental consciousness and advocacy are a vital part of who she is.

During the local pageant, Shannon's advocacy efforts focused on the LGBTQI+ community, particularly for recognizing their rights, the ability to get married, and HIV *Model Guide Issue 55.* **9**  awareness. She used the platform to be the voice of people who needed their voices heard, and she won hearts by showing empathy, kindness, and honesty.

Shannon, who hopes to be a relatable role model, wants to share her journey with young women, proving that it's never too late to excel in life. She is determined to showcase how operating from a place of true kindness, vulnerability, and openness can have a powerful impact on the world around us.

Shannon Robinson is not just a model; she's a force to be reckoned with. She's an inspiration to women who may have lost hope, encouraging them to hold on, continue to grow, and, most importantly, use their voice to create positive change. Through her actions, Shannon is showing the world the power of advocacy, living authentically, and making a real impact.

# **Kickstart Your Modelling Career**

Written by Anesu N Pomerai

t some point in our lives, we've dreamt of doing our best catwalk on that Prada runway or working on that Calvin Klein photoshoot. We've dreamt of becoming the "Naomi Campbell" of Zimbabwe and basking in the attention and fame of our hard work, but as we looked at the prospect of modelling as a career, we've slowly realised that it is not a walk in the park or runway. It takes time, dedication and work to have a successful career.

First of all, we have to understand that a model uses their physical appearance to promote or help brands and companies advertise their products in this case, those extravagant clothes from Dior or Tapfumanei Munenge.

So let's dive in and look at what building a modelling career is like in Zimbabwe and how you can jumpstart your dream.

#### 1. Model?

Before you start researching how to get brand deals, you have to decide what kind of model you want to be. Modelling is not all about walking the runway (as much as many of us want that) but there are many types of models including but not limited to commercial models, plus-size models, parts models, fashion models or even alternative models. So you have to decide which one suits you and your personality best and use that as your starting point.

#### 2. Practice makes perfect!

Now if you decide to become a runway or commercial model then you have to start practising to walk the walk and talk the talk. Study how other models pose and walk. Their facial expressions and how they carry themselves. Practice and perfect your craft because the more you gain confidence in your work, the more you attract potential employers and brands. Besides you need the practice because who wants to hire a runway model that can't walk and you're gonna use this for number three!



#### 3. Build your portfolio.

This might be the hundredth time you hear this but build your portfolio because sadly your word is not enough, especially in the modelling industry. People and brands want to see that you can do the "Naomi Campbell" walk. So building your portfolio from the early stages helps potential brands and agents to determine you're the right fit. Remember Balenciaga models are not the same as Louis Vuitton models.



#### 4. Start reaching out.

Now that you've established the kind of model you want to be and have built your portfolio, you need to start reaching out to the brands and agents you want to work with. Do not be shy to self-promote. Use your social media platforms to advertise, network and connect with other models and creatives that work for the brands you like. You never know who is going to say your name in places you can't be at!

Now that you've gotten a glimpse of how you can start your modelling career make sure to dedicate your time and effort to creating opportunities for yourself because no one knows you until you show up.



#### Every Model Is Doing Pilates And Here Is Why You Should Too. Written by Anesu N Pomerai



It's not a secret that famous models and fitness influencers have sworn by Pilates and the amazing advantages that come with this workout. But do they work or it's just one of the many influencer trends going around?

This workout has gained so much traction around the world that it has been the number workout for models. But what makes it better than your regular squats or crunches? According to experts, pilates is the perfect workout to help tone up your muscles and make them stronger yet leaner. Pilates is well known for targeting small muscle groups that usually get neglected during other types of workouts.

Now that we know what pilates is, let's look at some of the amazing benefits that come with pilates and why you should incorporate them into your exercise routines.

#### 1. Stress Relief

As a low-impact workout, pilates provides the perfect way to end a stressful day. No one wants to go to the gym after a long day so a twenty-minute pilate session is also a total body workout relaxing your mind whilst strengthening your muscles.

#### 2. Improves Posture

Ever wondered why models never slouch on the runway and always find the right balance when walking or posing? Well, the answer might just be pilates and other exercises of course. But pilates has been proven to promote flexibility and improve posture making this the perfect low-impact workout for you.

#### 3. Time Efficient

With your busy schedule as a model, you probably don't have time to do a full-body workout at the gym. That's why models have gravitated towards the workout as it can be done at home and make you feel refreshed afterwards. It's a win-win.

#### 4. Stronger Core

Now we're not saying that you'll magically have a six-pack overnight but this full-body workout requires you to use your core a lot. This means that you are getting a core workout every time you do a Pilate session. So you don't always have to do those painful crunches.

#### 5. Leaner Muscles.

Have you ever realised that most models don't have bulky muscles? This is because workouts like Pilates were designed to help tone up those muscle groups that usually get missed during other types of workouts and also make them stronger and leaner. This is because it focuses on lengthening and expanding the muscles rather than bunching them up.

So even though pilates is an incredible way to get and maintain that lean model figure, they still require you to practice the proper form and consistency to avoid neck pain and get the required results.

# Flight Attendant Announced As Miss Environment Belgium

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi



harlotte Bulcke who is a 28 year old flight attendant for Tui Fly Belgium was on 29 March announced as the official delegate for Belgium to the Miss Environment International 2023 taking place in India this May 2023. The news was announced by the Belgian powerhouse CC Production of Mrs. Carolyn Collinda. Charlotte Bulcke has a Bachelor Degree in Business Management with specialization for event management. She started modelling when she was 18 years old, and did her first pageant Miss Coast Belgium. After that she became 3th runner up for Miss Style Belgium. In 2016 she place in the top 30 for Miss Belgium during the national pageant. In 2018 she became Miss Progress Belgium where she placed in top 3 within the section Health Care with her project "self-love first" about mental health. And now I'm Miss Environment Belgium 2023.

Charlotte Bulcke is very happy and honoured that she will be representing her beautiful country Belgium in India. When we asked her who do you give thanks to? She said "First of all my family and my boyfriend for always believing in me. To support me in everything that I do and to always have my back. They have witnessed all the ups and downs during all these years of following my dreams second of all my National director Carolyn Collinda for believing in me and giving me this chance to represent Belgium". She is not sure whether she will be in Belgium in the near future because she have always wanted to live abroad, so maybe that will be happening finally. So we will see what the future brings.

#### Article by Lewis Nyamakosi



# Puncuality Is My Greatest Strenght- Natalie Cecilia Tembo

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi





Having worked with so many models I must say punctuality is a hardest trait to find in a model, however working with the newly crowned Miss environment Zambia has proved that punctuality can still be found in some models

Natalie Cecilia Tembo is the Miss Environment Zambia. Growing up she would tell herself she was a model and she would walk like one. This pushed her to have the guts to compete for the national titles

"My auntie once saw me take part in one community modeling competition and it was everything to me because that's all I wanted to do be a model. When I put my mind to doing something I make sure I all effort needed to be successful." She said

Natalie is a hardworking, passionate, consistent and disciplined person, she loves challenges and she has the will to succeed. She is motivated and she has the ability to learn fast. She started her modeling journey in 2019 where she took part in Miss Zuri Africa Zambia and she came out amongst the top 5 out of 15 girls that were competing and later that same year she walked for her first ever fashion show with Zam-Drop with the theme Zlook fashion show.

Still in 2019 she took part in Miss Cavendish University and came out in top five (5), she never gave up and because of my zeal to succeed

Her school union chose her to represent Cavendish University at the inter-university pageant Miss Queen of Lusaka by the Ace models of Zambia and came out 4th runner up and Miss Personality. She also walked for the Urban Fashion show under models for change and under Phresh models and walked for Phresh off the runway season 1. In 2021 she took part in Miss Elites International Zambia and came out with the title of 1st runner up with two (2) other titles Best in Talent and Best in Swimsuit. Later in 2022 she walked for Phresh Off The Runway Season 2 and took part in Miss Zim/Zam and came out as 1st runner up (Zambian Queen).

She is the current Miss Environment international Zambia 2023 and representing Zambia at this year's Miss Environment International competition in India being held from the 5th to the 15th of June.



Natalie believes her strengths as a model are in time management, punctuality, originality, flexibility, creativity and I am also an interpersonal communicator, being open minded.

As she flies the flag of her country Zambia high expect her to represent her country Zambia well and definitely she will do her very best to bring the Crown Home.

In her closing remarks she said "I give thanks to God almighty for this opportunity, my family and friends and everyone that is supporting me through this journey as miss environment international Zambia and my country people.



## **TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE is Revolutionizing** the Modeling Industry with Full Sign Language Model Training Written by Lewis Nyamakosi



The modeling industry is known for being incredibly exclusive and catering only to a certain type of person. But TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE (@topmodelzimbabwe ) modeling agency is challenging that notion, by expanding the range of models that they represent and train.

TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE is a modeling agency that provides full sign language model training to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. This training covers everything that a typical model would learn, such as posing, runway walking, and etiquette. The agency aims to bridge the gap between the deaf and hearing communities, both in the modeling world and in society in general.

The founder of TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE, Karin Corin, saw a gap in the industry and an opportunity to create a more inclusive modeling community. Her vision was to provide an opportunity for deaf or hard-of-hearing models to pursue a career in an industry that has traditionally been closed off to them. Additionally, the agency's approach helps to promote inclusivity and build understanding between the deaf and hearing communities.

TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE has already made a significant impact in Zimbabwe's modeling industry with its innovative approach. The agency works with some of the biggest names in the fashion industry, including local designers and beauty brands. They have been featured in various media outlets, raising awareness and demonstrating the value of full sign language model training.

Models who are deaf or hard of hearing have been typically excluded from the industry because they do not fit into the long-held stereotypes of what a model should look and sound like. TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE represents a revolutionary shift in the industry's status quo by breaking those stereotypes and promoting inclusivity.

TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE is a game-changing modeling agency that is opening doors for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals who want to pursue a career in the industry. The agency's unique approach to training has enabled them to work with top designers and beauty brands in Zimbabwe, making it evident that inclusivity in the modeling world is possible. This initiative is a significant step forward for the modeling world, changing the perception of what constitutes a model and breaking down stereotypes for good. TOPMODEL ZIMBABWE is a prime example that the modeling world belongs to everyone and can be used to build bridges between communities.

Article By Lewis Nyamakosi



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#### Mpho Mogotsi: A Queen, Entrepreneur, and Humanitarian

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi

Mpho Mogotsi is a South African powerhouse of a woman. She holds titles such as Mrs Universe Africa 2022/23, award-winning author, life coach, energy healer, model, TV presenter, and brand ambassador. Her long career in corporate and investment banking has helped her become a strong advocate for Women Empowerment in Corporate South Africa.

Having lived through body shaming, domestic violence, and sexual harassment, Mpho learned to turn her misfortune into power and is now a sought-after life coach, organizing one-on-one coaching sessions, masterclasses, workshops, and retreats through her company, Heal Vibration (PTY) LTD. Mpho helps individuals get unstuck from self-limiting beliefs and unlock their full potential in all areas of life, including relationships, business, career, health, wealth creation, and finding their purpose in life.

Mpho's passion for empowering underprivileged communities extends beyond her entrepreneurial ventures and into her non-profit organization, the Heal The World Foundation. The foundation aims to heal social ills, injustice, and inequality and transform the lives of underprivileged communities. Mpho is also a gender-based violence activist and advocate for the safe protection of women and children. Her book, "Awakening to Truth," tells her story of how she overcame the challenges and obstacles in her life.

Mpho's vibrant personality and authenticity have earned her a wide following on social media and the media spotlight. Her handmade, organic skincare line, Truth Organix, radiates healing energy from the inside out. She is a Talk Show Host/Presenter on Soweto TV of a show called "Come Alive with Mpho Mogotsi."

Mpho has also been featured on various media platforms such as Power FM Breakfast show for the #987Woman Campaign, Daily Theta TV show on SABC 1, ABSA Banking on Woman platform, Pineer Woman Magazine Jan 2022. She is the cover girl for Lauriam Magazine July 2021 and Sista Bosso Magazine August 2022; her articles have also been featured in the Sowetan newspaper and various other publications.

Her career as a brand ambassador for the Mrs Universe Africa Pageant has opened doors for her to work with a variety of brands, from health and beauty to fashion and lifestyle. Mpho is currently advertising for Lamelle, Portia M, Asteria Aesthetics, New Romantics Couture, Afrocardz, Sculpt Aesthetic clinic, Ruutos Hair Care, Unique Brows, Ascot slimming clinic, and Gerrit Pienaar Designs. Mpho's platforms expose these brands to untapped markets, broadening their reach and impact.

In conclusion, Mpho Mogotsi's journey from a banking career to a life of entrepreneurship, humanitarian work, and advocacy has been nothing short of inspiring. Her success as a coach, author, TV presenter, and brand ambassador is a testament to her commitment to empowering others. Mpho Mogotsi is a true warrior and role model, and her work continues to uplift many.





#### Ms Ayisha Nyembezi: Beauty Queen, Singer, Author, Philanthropist, and Pageant Director.

Written by Beauty Queen (Palmira Anifana)

s Ayisha Nyembezi is a remarkable woman who wears many hats. She is the reigning Ms World Emperial Beauty South Africa Classic and also a Mrs Africa Classic 2023 2nd R.U. However, her accomplishments are not limited to the pageant world as she is also a singer, author, pageant director, and an award-winning philanthropist.

As the founder of "Madressa Tul-Umar" orphanage, Ms Nyembezi provides a home for 44 orphan children. She adopted one of the children, Lebukgang, when he was just five years old after both his parents passed away. Her dedication to these children is evident through the success story of two of Lebukgang Nkosi who recently have graduated from the University of Johannesburg with a degree in Psychology.

In addition to her work with the orphanage, Ms Nyembezi is also the founder of M.T.U, a pageant organization that fundraises towards building a home for the 44 orphan children. The organization also aims to fundraise for a cancer project in DRC Congo.

Ms Nyembezi's achievements are even more impressive when you consider her background. She shares that she grew up as an orphan herself and was homeless and helpless. It was during her time working as a domestic worker that she got the vision to adopt and care for homeless children, which grew into the dream that is now Madressa Tul-Umar.

Ms Nyembezi has always wanted to tell her story in writing and was fortunate enough to connect with her brother, Khathutshelo Muthivhi, to assist in writing the book. Xolani Gule helped in publishing the book, "FROM PAIN TO POWER." The book is a testimony that regardless of one's pain, struggles, and hurt, they can rise into victory and power.

However, the road to success was not without its challenges. Ms Nyembezi shares that they encountered difficulty when applying for children to get their identity documents and registering them in schools, due to uncooperating departments and jealous community members. Despite that, things have improved, and naysayers and haters now realize that she is not into philanthropy for self-gain but to benefit these children.

To balance all the things she does, Ms Nyembezi's typical day is characterized by early prayer, preparing food and clothes for the children to go to school, attending any school or community meetings, checking and contacting her publisher concerning the book's progress, marketing and distribution, spending time with aspiring beauty queens, attending her children's graduations, and giving motivational talks in schools and centers.

Ms Nyembezi is determined to make a difference in the lives of her children and the community. Her dream is for her book to be a best-seller so that her story can touch and impact lives. Additionally, she wants to see the lives of all her children changed for the better, to see them graduate, find jobs, and become key and essential members of society.

Ms Nyembezi believes in teaching selfless values to young people. She emphasizes the values of ubuntu, helping one another, and celebrating success stories from their very own. She encourages everyone to start where they are and work towards growth and expansion.

Ms Nyembezi intends to use her title and influence to establish wellness, beauty, and modeling platforms and centers for disadvantaged beautiful queens. The book will be distributed for free and a lesser amount to poor children so that they can read and educate themselves. She wants them to find the courage and light from her story.

In conclusion, Ms Ayisha Nyembezi is an inspiration to us all, demonstrating that it is possible to make a difference in the world regardless of our circumstances. Her dedication to the orphanage, her beliefs, and her willingness to help others is truly remarkable. We can all learn from her example and strive to make the world a better place.

# Miss Tiny World SA 2021: Meet Phagamiso Napo, a 7-Year-Old Powerhouse from Limpopo



t just seven years old, Phagamiso Napo from Burgersfort, Limpopo, is already making waves in the modeling industry. She recently participated in the Miss Tiny World SA pageant, a platform that empowers young girls of all cultures and backgrounds to become the best versions of themselves. In this article, we dive into Phagamiso's inspiring journey to success, her dreams and aspirations, and her message to young models out there.

Unlike many children who are often pushed into modeling by their parents, Phagamiso requested to join modeling school at the young age of three. Her mother, a firm believer in trying out different things, enrolled her daughter in a good modeling school. It was from then on that Phagamiso discovered her love for modeling, a passion that has only grown with time.

At the Miss Tiny World SA pageant, Phagamiso was able to showcase her talents under the watchful eye of industry experts. She speaks highly of the sisterhood the pageant encourages between girls and is of the view that the pageant seeks to promote beauty and social action. The winner of the pageant gets the opportunity to represent the country at an international level in Colombia, an achievement that Phagamiso aspires to reach one day. Phagamiso's ambition is to become a medical doctor, looking after mothers and babies. Her love for modeling, however, remains unwavering, and she intends to continue pursuing it on the side. Her ultimate goal is to become Miss Universe, inspired by Zozi Tunzi, her all-time favorite pageant queen.

To all young models out there, Phagamiso has a simple yet powerful message. She encourages young models to have faith and trust in their dreams, never to give up, and to strive to become better from each pageant. She also emphasizes on the importance of treating others with kindness and never hurting fellow human beings.

In conclusion, Phagamiso Napo is a young powerhouse who has already achieved remarkable feats in her life. At seven years old, she is a model, aspiring medical doctor, and social advocate committed to empowering young girls. Her journey to success is a testament to the power of believing in oneself, having faith, and working tirelessly towards achieving one's dreams. She is a true inspiration to young models out there and the perfect embodiment of what can be achieved with hard work, dedication, and unwavering determination.

#### Article By Lewis Nyamakosi

#### Meet Jacqueline Cronje - The Multi-Talented Miss Grand Finalist Taking the Modeling World by Storm

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi



At just 22 years old, Jacqueline Cronje is quickly making a name for herself in the modeling industry. Based in Boksburg, Gauteng, Jacqueline is not only a successful model but also a dancer, dance teacher and the proud owner of a successful dance studio called Dancers World Academy.

Currently, Jacqueline holds the title of Miss Grand Finalist, and she is looking forward to the finals on the 22nd of July, in the hopes of winning to represent South Africa in Vietnam. Her passion for modeling and dance goes beyond just the financial aspect, as she knows that establishing a successful personal brand will allow her to inspire change and make a positive impact on the world.

Despite still being a young adult, Jacqueline has already accomplished so much. She is a skilled premium champ level freestyle dancer, which speaks volumes about her dedication to her craft. Along with her dancing success, Jacqueline is also a dance teacher, where she gets to impart valuable knowledge and skills to aspiring dancers, helping them to become confident and skilled in their craft.

As the owner of Dancers World Academy, Jacqueline has also established herself as a successful businesswoman, which is a remarkable accomplishment at her young age. Her business success is a testament to her dedication and hard work.

Jacqueline's belief that modeling can be a successful career that can generate a decent salary is what has driven her to pursue it. Through her work as a model and building her personal brand, Jacqueline is confident that she can make a name for herself globally and continue to inspire change in everyone around her.

Jacqueline credits much of her success to the support of her coach, Lauren-Lee Porter, and her family, who have been with her every step of the way. She knows that the journey ahead has many obstacles, but her passion and drive will undoubtedly propel her to greater heights, and we can't wait to see what she'll achieve next.

In conclusion, Jacqueline Cronje is a multi-talented force of nature, whose passion for modeling and dance is evident in everything she does. As a Miss Grand Finalist, she is using her platform to inspire positive change and make a difference in the world. Her success is a testament to her hard work, dedication and determination, and we're excited to witness the greatness she continues to achieve.



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# Miss Environment Zimbabwe Pageant Bootcamp, A Celebration of Beauty and Environmental Consciousness

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi

The Miss Environment Zimbabwe pageant has just kicked off its bootcamp, and the stunning pictures and videos on Instagram are a testament to the beauty, elegance and sophistication of the participants. This year's theme being, "Beauty begins with environmental care".

The boot camp began on the 8th of May 2023 and will run until the 13th of May 2022, which will be the grand finale starting at 3pm-5pm at WaterFront Resort. The five-day event is packed with activities and lessons aimed at promoting environmental consciousness and imparting life skills to the pageant contestants. The boot camp is taking place in places around Kariba, Zimbabwe, which provides the perfect location for the contestants to be in touch with nature. The after party will be at Lake Harvest featuring great musicians like Jah Master, Poptain, DJ Sir Rolex and Elbee The Miss Environment Zimbabwe pageant is unique in many ways.

Unlike most beauty pageants, it is centered on promoting environmentalism and environmental consciousness. The pageant contestants are expected to be ambassadors of the environment and use their fame and platform to promote environmental causes. The pageant organizers believe that the contestants' credibility is elevated in light of their focus on environmental issues and their role in promoting mainly ecosystem restoration.

The boot camp program features various activities and training in areas such as public speaking, environmental activism, personal grooming, and fitness. The program also includes a variety of outdoor activities and challenges, such as hiking, water sports, and a series of challenges. These activities are designed to challenge the contestants and help them develop their mental and physical strength, preparing them for the pageant competition. From the stunning photos and videos that have been shared on Instagram, it is evident that the contestants are having a great time and learning a lot. The contestants are full of energy and enthusiasm, and they embody the pageant's ideals of beauty and eco-consciousness. The photography and videography styles used to capture these moments capture the beauty of the surroundings and the elegance of the contestants.

Miss Environment Zimbabwe aims to provide a platform for young Zimbabwean women to showcase their intelligence, talent, and leadership skills. The pageant promotes environmental awareness and focuses on encouraging communities to adopt sustainable living practices. The pageant also provides contestants with training and development opportunities that help them build their careers and give back to their communities.



#### Young and spontaneous Written by Kudakwashe Muganhu



n a serious note, Sanga is one of the earth movers in both entertainment and modelling industry. She is an epitome of excellence. This gem is not a force to be reckoned with as she is a full package, a great combination of beauty with brains.

The gorgeous and dazzling, Sanga Mdledle is a 25 year old girl who was born and bred and buttered in Easter Cape. Later on, she relocated to Durban. She is a multiple - talented person who is recognised in different fields. She is an actress, a professional fashion model, modelling coach, poet writer, singer and dancer. She was trained at DreamChasers Academy. Currently, she is reigning as Miss African Royalty South Africa.

Modelling is not about pretty faces, fame and possessing many titles. It is more than that. Sanga understood one of the

principles of life that will never get out style which encourages people to give back to the community. As a modelling coach, she lead by example by doing good so that the followers can do the same. In her spare time, she go to various schools to mentor many students on a free of charge. She firmly believe that knowledge is like buton stick which has to be passed from person to another.

#### How do you define beauty?

Beauty is not only about outward appearance but beauty starts within. You must have a tender heart which is filled with kindness, love, compassion, loyalty, ability to forgive someone.

#### Last words

Run your own race. Never allow peer pressure to destructs you. Stay true to yourself and move with your own pace.

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# From The Engineering Workshop To The Writing World

Ben Okri once said, "To poison a nation, poison it's stories. A demoralized nation tells demoralized stories to itself." Writer's are magical and writer's are extraordinary species who has great ability to influence and to shape the mind of the people, neither in a positive nor negative way.

Kudakwashe T Muganu popularily known as Village boy, Engineer by profession, multi - award winner author, seasonal preacher, graphic designer, business consultant who has earned a strong reputation as a skilful inspirational writer. Honestly speaking, It is so hard to change a career in life and still be able to make it . Kudakwashe said that he did not have any dreams to become a writer but he had to switch the lane because the calling was so



#### loud.

"You cannot fake passion, time will reveal the truth. Writing is my passion and I take my craftwork very serious because I treat writing as a business career, not as a hobby. As we know that business operates with principles. I do not leave myself to chances. Success is predictable if you follow the rules of the game. Therefore, I am always eqquiping myself with information and honing my skills so that I can make a positive impact in the world, " he explains.

#### How did you manage to penetrate in the media industry?

One of the greatest achievement's in my life is when 1 discovered my purpose - to know the reason why 1 was born on this earth.

I always had an intuition deep down that l could offer something beneficial to the world, something unique with the intention of helping others in the process. My desire was to work with different species and travelling throughout the world. I did not take any second chance, I took a step of faith and l started to pursue my dreams.

It is not a secret that embarking something new is a feat. To matter matter worse, when l started this journey I did not have any journalism background and l was so young. So, you can imagine what the people would think before they hire me? Absolutely, it was a risk. The usual perception : is this person capable to do the work? Thankfully, they were individuals who took it upon themselves to help me. It was a great experience and learning curve for me. I have learned a lot, in a short period of time. I have learned graphic designing and entrepreneur skills. As time goes on, l started to do my own stuff.

Entrepreneurship at a young age has it's own challenges. As a young entrepreneur you also have to work even harder for anyone to buy into your vision. In my journey of entrepreneurship, 1 have learnt that to never take things for granted. Work harder each time and prove that you are worthy of anyone's support.

"Transitioning from being a writer to entrepreneur was a natural progression for him," Kudakwashe says. He went on to say that there is never the right time or right amount of money to dive into business. If you are serious about your dreams, you will start with whatever you have. Dr Martin Luther King once said, " the time is always right to do what is right." What separates the entrepreneurs from the entrepre-never-wills is the action towards their desires.

#### What is your favourite scripture in the bible?

Proverb 19 verse 21 reads as follows; "many are the plans in the mind of a man but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

Is there any particular piece of work that has stood out above rest and why?

I would not want to lie that there is any particular project that has stood out above the rest because l always do my best to maintain the same golden standard that l have established in my life.

In the same manner, I am very hard on myself. I start afresh with each project. I forget who I am and my past achievements. It keeps me grounded and focus on my ultimate vision. Therefore, I take every project very serious because every project counts. Greatness is a result of what you constantly do everyday.

Written by Lewis Nyamakosi

# THE KING OF THE JUNGLE

Written by Kudakwashe Muganhu

e is a great king who is running his empire in a amazing way. He is unstoppable. We cannot talk about male models who are making positive impact in modelling industry without mentioning his name. Otto Madlala is a 20 year old God fearing young boy who resides in Durban, business management student, co founder of Mr and Miss Kwandengezi ward 12 and Esewonke company.

Every road is rocky, it will never be smooth like water flowing in the river. It takes courage and boldness to pursue your dreams. Otto faced a great resistance when he was trying to penetrate in the modelling industry. A large number of people doubted his capacity. The good news is that he did not throw away the towel. He is a dreamer, a man of action, a goal - oriented person and an influencer. Surely, he is a living testimony who is sending a positive message to the world that

nothing is impossible, if you are so determined to achieve your goals.

" Becoming Mr World and Culture South Africa 2023. Indeed, it was a stepping stone to greatness. I will be representing South Africa in Laberia at the end of this year, " he says. It opened so many doors that I never imagined in my life. I was able to be featured in several magazines, newspapers and being interviewed on broadcasting platforms like radio stations.

Many thanks to his mother who has played a crucial role of being his biggest supporter and inspiration. Otto actually expressed the importance of his mother in the journey of modelling.

Words of encouragement to up - coming models

Three key principles of life - confidence, communication and connections. Any successful man on this earth has developed these areas in his or her life.

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu





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# Meet Elelyon, A Talented 18 Year-Old Model From Zimbabwe

Written by Tapiwa Nyamakosi

eet Elelyon, a talented 18-year-old model from Zimbabwe who is building a name for herself in the modeling industry through her sheer passion and hard work. Elelyon is currently working with the Mhetu modeling agency and is determined to make a name for herself.

She got into modeling because she enjoys the profession, and fashion is her passion. She loves nothing more than trying out new pieces and styles of clothing. Although modeling can be a challenging job, she enjoys doing it and is willing to put in hard work to succeed.

In the next five years, Elelyon sees herself as an integral part of the company that has helped contribute to its growth and success. She is focused on making her mark in the industry and is willing to work hard to achieve her dreams.

Aside from her modeling aspirations, Elelyon's message to others is clear and straightforward. She encourages individuals to take pride in their identity and to have confidence in whatever they do. This message is crucial since self-confidence is crucial in life, regardless of what one chooses to pursue.



In conclusion, Elelyon is an inspiring young woman whose passion and dedication are evident in her modeling career. She encourages others to be confident in their skin and to pursue their passions with dedication and hard work. Elelyon's journey reminds us that with hard work and dedication, we can achieve our dreams and make a difference in the world.

# Hard Work Pays: The Story of Nomatter Sibanda AKA The BlackBeatle

Written by Tapiwa Nyamakosi



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The young model is not just into modeling; she also has a passion for acting, poetry, scriptwriting, cooking, and make-up artistry. Her passion and dedication to her craft have seen her become an inspiration to young girls who struggle with issues of self-esteem and confidence due to background or societal issues.

Nomatter is focused on leaving a mark in the modeling industry, grooming girls from the outskirts, and helping them to reach their full potential and realize the strength in them. She has set her sights on becoming an African fashion and beauty icon and owning her music studio in the next few years.

As a role model to young girls, Nomatter believes that every model should live as an example in society, and female models should be people that young females can look up to. She emphasizes the importance of knowing one's worth and value, integrity, dignity, and intelligence, which should be the flowers that one should carry to add to their elegance. Nomatter also calls for models to be principled individuals because the industry comes with its challenges and requires resilience to overcome difficulties.

In one of her messages, Nomatter calls for industry players to make the modeling industry an empowering platform instead of manipulating it for individual gain. She advocates for creating a revenue-making platform for Zimbabwe and making modeling a reputable profession, which will enable Zimbabwean models to take over the international stage.

Nomatter's story is an inspiration to many young people who are pursuing their passion and working hard towards achieving their dreams. Her resilience, dedication, and hard work have opened great doors of opportunity and success for her. Her story proves that hard work pays, and with dedication and a strong work ethic, anyone can succeed.



# **BUILD YOUR OWN EMPIRE**

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu

Shallom maposa, the face behind the Kre8tive store, is a 21 year old, ambitious young black female entrepreneur

with good morals and principles. She is someone who people look up to and want to be like her one day because she managed to catapult her dreams into reality. She is a role model to others, a God fearing young girl, a daughter, a sister, business partner, a reputable brand, a beautician.

#### Story behind Kre8tive beauty bar

I see myself as a successful business young girl and l am very grateful to have been in a position to run my own business for a year, without having any thoughts of closing it. I started my beauty shop in Pretoria and it usually specialises in hair, nails, facial and make up. On a broader perspective, l am working very hard on a long term goal to open myraid of branches in different places of the two countries; Zimbabwe and South Africa.

I am a very creative, passionate person and love what 1 do, 1 solve problems in an amicable way and get on easily with clients and 1 am able to offer them my personal interaction in order to meet their needs. The deepest secret of success in business is to satisfy your customers. No customer, no business. Therefore, the main goal of a wise entrepreneur is to make sure that every customer is happy and satisfied with the service or product that has been delivered in the beauty store.

Reaching the target market has not been strenuous because of Social media, face to face meetings, publications, attending of workshops or conferences, word of mouth and many other useful channels.

#### Do you support women empowerment?

Absolutely, women who are empowered have greater control over their health, their careers and their quality of life.

#### Tell us, what you have learnt in your entrepreneurial journey so far?

There is a fine line between confidence and arrogance. The one pulls people towards you, other is a



turn off. Therefore, be careful how you treat people. The plain truth is that business is about building relationships with other people. This is how you get customers through connections.

#### Words of encouragement

Most of the opportunities does not come by cheque first. The level of your commitment, persistence and dedication is what draws money to you.

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# **The Lyrical Master Of Our Time**

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu



eeroy is one of the up - coming gospel artists whose growth game is rapidly moving so fast in a short period of time. Honestly speaking, he is a game changer who is so determined to add a new flavour in the music industry. This fire - ball is just highly gifted and extraordinarily talented.

Generally, music is viewed as a therapy or source of entertainment by many people but to musicians; they utilize music as a tool to deliver message to the world. Music is not only about playing of the instruments to produce melodious sound or the flowing of the rhymes. It is a combination of intertwined factors that can lead to produce an excellence output.

Leeroy Simabyu Shiri is an entrepreneur, a holder of Diploma in Theology studies, a co-founder of a Prophetic Ministry - **The Spring Of Living Waters Ministries International** which is called The spring of living water, gospel artist, loving father and husband. Many people started to pay much attention to his music when dropped 3 hits songs which are called Nyaya Iripo, Bakatwa and Ndisunungure. The hit maker became so popular in his residual city ( Kwekwe) and throughout the country. It opened a huge door for him to be interviewed on one of the biggest radio broadcasting stations in Zimbabwe (ZBC Radio Zimbabwe - Nhepfenyuro Yevanhu).

The prolific song writer vividly explained that he started to pursue his musical career at a tender age where he found himself so attached into music through the influence of his biological father who was a choir master. He began to nurture his gift at the Sunday School choir. Everyday, he was honing his skills, stimulating his creativity pattern and the burning desire to sing did not quench since from that time. Now, he is enjoying the fruits of his labour. Without an element of doubt, hard work pays off indeed.

## What do you want your fans to know about your music?

I am not ashamed to say these words with audacity that all my songs are inspired by the Holy Spirit. The main purpose of my gift is to reachout to myraid of people by spreading the good news through music.

#### Words of wisdom

Patience is a virtue of life. Can you imagine that God waited enough for a snail to enter in the ark of Noah. Patience will take you to the top and hard work will make you to remain at the top.

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# CHOOSE YOURSELF

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu

The plain truth is that you have never truly lived and enjoyed life if you have not yet discovered your passion. There must be a single activity or hobby that makes you happy, which makes your life meaningful and worth living on this earth. You will never get tired or even get bored when you are doing something that you were born to do on this earth.

The City of Durban never disappoints when it comes to produce talented youngsters. Sinothile Dlomo is a 6 year old girl who is doing grade 1 at Miriannhill Primary School. She is a Durban girl who is in a mission to make impact in the modelling industry. "Age is just a number. Life rewards to anyone who is willing to pay the price. Always remember that whatever you soweth that shall you also reap.", she boldly says these words during the interview.

## What do you love most about being in front of the camera?

Let's me be frank with you, l do not love camera but camera loves me. What a priceless moment to be infront of the camera? The joy is very hard to explain because l will be meeting with myself in the picture. Whatever l see on the picture, it is a true reflection of me. I am confidence about myself - l am beautiful , l am a blessing in my wonderful country, my face always shines.

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

I am proudly to say that I managed to scoop three titles which are Miss

Dream Chasers Academy, Miss Dream Chasers Academy Ambassador 2022 and Little Miss Easter Bunny 2023. I am looking forward to do more in my modelling career and academics as well. It is not a secret that education is very crucial in our lives.

#### What is your favourite philosophy?

Just smile everywhere you go - every culture and language understands it.



## The 6-Year-Old Model and Philanthropist Taking the World by Storm

Written by Kudakwashe T Muganu

Aledi Legoabe is a 6-year-old girl from Pretoria, South Africa, who is taking the world by storm with her love for fashion, modeling, and philanthropy. Her story is both inspiring and heartwarming, reminding us that age is no barrier to success.

From the tender age of three, Naledi showed signs of her passion for fashion and modeling. Her parents did not hesitate to enroll her into a Vogue Catwalk South Africa (SA) modeling school at age five, and since then, she has been making waves in the industry. She has competed in several pageants and has already won five titles, including the prestigious Miss Global Princess SA.

During the Miss Global Princess SA pageant from 27th of April to 01 May, Naledi showcased her exceptional talent in various categories and emerged victorious in most of the titles which were being competed for, including Talent, Public Choice, Photogenic, Photoshoot, and even won the Leadership Award. Her dedication to her modeling practice paid off, and she was crowned Miss Global Princess Mini SA, an achievement that left her mother Lipalesa Komota overwhelmed with joy and fulfillment.

Naledi's passion for modeling is fueled by the desire to empower, evolve, and inspire young girls like her and contribute proactively to the community. She is passionate about giving back, and her love for storybooks has driven her to donate books to SOS Children's Village in Mamelodi and Butha-buthe orphanage. Naledi believes that every child deserves better education, and she is determined to make a positive impact in the world.

Apart from her modeling career, Naledi is also a champion gymnast and acrobat and an actor too. She is currently a champion of Gauteng North SA under Level 01, 6 years and under. She attends the Dutch School in Pretoria and studies everything in

German. Her school dismisses her at 13:00, giving her enough time to attend to her other activities and assignments.

Naledi's mother, Lipalesa, is inspired by her daughter's dedication and love for all the activities she enjoys. She is proud of her daughter's accomplishments, including being crowned Miss Global Princess Mini SA, and credits her success to hard work and commitment.

Naledi's message to young girls out there is to love themselves better, embrace their beauty with all their imperfections, and teach them the importance of giving back to the community through kindness. Lipalesa's message to other parents is to support their children in all activities they enjoy and love.

Naledi is still waiting for her contract and duties as Miss Global Princess Mini, which could include competing in one of the African countries and America. With her dedication and passion, it is no doubt that Naledi has a bright future ahead of her and will achieve great things in life while inspiring others to reach for the stars like she does.











Naledi Legoabe

