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Tailor Your Own Destiny



In a world where the pursuit of dreams often takes unconventional paths, Letoya Madlala stands out as a shining example of a young and ambitious model who is showing the world that the sky is limitless. Life is full of chances. It is up to you - to drop the ball or to seize the moments in a pool of possibilities.

In the heart of Durban city, a 16 year old girl, an international South African Zulu model who was crowned as a Queen titleholder of 2022 in the country of Philippines. She represented her home country very well on an international stage by bringing the title home. After hitting such a huge breakthrough in her career, she went for a two - year - break from the pageant scene. Currently, she is a finalist for Miss Teen Universe South Africa.

Our cover page girl is a cutting edge leader and passionate entrepreneur who

is running 2 ventures which are La-Tee Kiddies Spa and Deco. Generally, it offers a unique and fun experience for kids, and La-Tee Clothing provides stylish and comfortable apparel for all ages.

As the sun sets on Durban, Letoya's star continues to rise, putting her city on a world map with her incredible gift. Currently, she is running an entrepreneurial program whereby she is training young people to generate their own money without depending on 9 - 5 jobs. It is one of the best ways of securing their precious future because you can be



fired or retrenched at work anytime. Furthermore, she vividly explained that entrepreneurship is a powerful tool for reducing poverty and the rate of crimes or prostitution in our communities.

I can personally attest to the fact that she is a masterpiece that deserves recognition. Her unwavering commitment to growth and her genuine passion for entrepreneurship and modelling will continue to evolve and thrive. She is sending a clear message to all models that modelling is not only about winning awards, titles, crowns and money. It is possible to turn your passion into business.

Despite her growing success, Letoya remains humble and grounded, crediting her parents particularly her mother as her greatest source of inspiration. "She is a God fearing prayerful woman who lives by Godly principles. She taught me to always pray in all days of my life," she says.

Her parting words were, "I did not get here by my own strength and wisdom. Someone opened the door for me and gave me an opportunity to showcase my gift. I strongly believe that we can achieve more by paving other opportunities. We rise by uplifting others."

Written by

Kudakwashe T Muganu







Rejected in South Africa, crowned in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria – Chidinma Adetshina, a Nigerian-South African model, was crowned Miss Universe Nigeria on Saturday at the Eko Hotel and Suites in Lagos. Her victory marked the culmination of a challenging journey, marked by personal and national controversies.

Adetshina, born and raised in South Africa to a Nigerian father and Mozambican mother, had long dreamed of participating in a beauty pageant.

However, last month, her aspirations were nearly shattered when she was forced to withdraw from the South African pageantry. She had been hounded out due to questions over her nationality. Concerned for her family's safety, Adetshina pulled out of the competition, leaving her dream seemingly in tatters.

But hope was not lost. Organizers of the Nigerian contest, recognizing her potential and resilience, extended an invitation to her to join their pageant.

"This journey has been a tough journey for me and I am so proud of myself and I'm really grateful for the love and the support," Adetshina told AFP minutes after being crowned in Lagos, where she surpassed 24 other models representing different states of Nigeria.

"This is something that I've always wanted, and I'm really glad that I have a second shot as well at achieving it," she added. Despite having not been in Nigeria for 20 years, she embraced the opportunity to represent her father's native land.

The organizers had framed this as a chance for her to "represent your father's native land on an international stage."

The nationality controversy was not far from everyone's minds, but Adetshina remained gracious. She expressed her love for South Africa and gratitude for the support she received there, despite the circumstances.

"We all need to stop with the xenophobia... with

the tribalism," first runner-up Paula Ezendu said in a show of solidarity. "We're all one family. We're all human beings."

Adetshina will represent Nigeria at the international Miss Universe competition in Mexico on November 16. "I know we are going to win," she confidently told reporters.



Rishantha Naidu: A Trailblazer in the Modeling Industry



Rishantha Naidu, a 35-year-old Human Resources Manager from Durban, KZN, is making waves as a finalist in the Mrs South Africa 2024 pageant. With a strong academic background and a passion for empowerment, Rishantha's journey into modeling is both inspiring and relatable.

Rishantha's foray into modeling began right after high school, where she participated in fashion shows. Her professional career as a Human Resources Manager for a leading bank in Africa complements her modeling aspirations. Rishantha is not only qualified in Human Resources Management but is also pursuing a BCom in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, showcasing her commitment to personal and professional growth.

Initially encouraged by her mother and motivated by a playful dare from her husband, Rishantha decided to enter the Mrs South Africa pageant. What she found upon researching the competition

was a platform that resonated with her values. Unlike traditional beauty pageants, Mrs South Africa focuses on woman empowerment and personal development, which inspired Rishantha to embark on this new chapter.

When asked about balancing her various roles, Rishantha candidly admitted that achieving a perfect balance is challenging. "Family always comes first," she emphasized, noting that most of her time and effort is dedicated to her husband and children. To manage her commitments, she stays productive during work hours and studies in the evenings after tucking her children in. "Every day is a new opportunity to do better," she adds, reflecting her optimistic approach to life.

As she looks beyond the Mrs South Africa pageant, Rishantha hopes to continue her presence in the modeling industry. She aims to enhance her social media influence, pursue brand ambassadorships, and secure endorsements from leading brands. Her vision for the future aligns with her belief in the power of storytelling and personal branding.

Rishantha offers valuable advice to aspiring models: "Build your brand strongly, be authentic, and stay grounded." She stresses the importance of kindness and self-love, reminding others to embrace their unique qualities.

As a finalist in the Mrs South Africa 2024 pageant, Rishantha invites everyone to support her journey. You can vote for her by sending an SMS with her name to the designated number.

Rishantha Naidu is not just a model; she's a role model, embodying strength, resilience, and the power of self-empowerment. Her story serves as a reminder that with passion and determination, anyone can carve out their path in the world.



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Ziyanda Mogoje

A Young Trailblazer in Pageantry

At just nine years old, Ziyanda Mogoje is making strides as a finalist in the International Miss South Africa 2024 competition. Her journey is not just about beauty; it's about inspiring change and empowering young girls in her community.

A Passion for Change

Ziyanda was inspired to enter the competition to make a difference. "I want to be a role model for young girls like me," she said. Through this platform, she aims to showcase her culture, share her voice, and encourage others to pursue their dreams.

Growing Up in Kwamashu

Raised in the vibrant township of Kwamashu, KwaZulu-Natal, Ziyanda discovered her passion for modeling at a young age. She began her modeling career at four, supported by her loving family. "I grew up surrounded by love, and that fueled my dreams," she shared.

Memorable Moments

The turning point in Ziyanda's journey came when she saw the International Miss South Africa poster on social media. "I told my mom I wanted to be on that stage!" With her mother's encouragement, she prepared for a photoshoot that boosted her confidence. Wearing a beautiful purple dress, Ziyanda felt like a princess, solidifying her desire to compete.

The Thrill of Being a Finalist

When Ziyanda learned she was a finalist, her reaction was pure joy. "I was over the moon! All the hard work was paying off," she exclaimed. This recognition validated her efforts and motivated her to excel further.

Rigorous Preparation

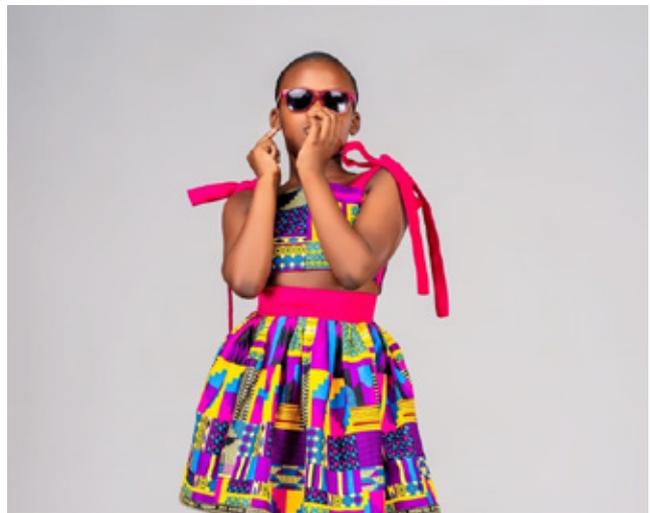
As the competition approaches, Ziyanda's preparation routine is intense yet fulfilling. Each day begins with a workout, followed by mental exercises like meditation and positive affirmations. She practices her modeling skills and public speaking, all while maintaining her schoolwork.

"My mom is my rock," Ziyanda said, highlighting the

importance of family support in her journey.

Overcoming Challenges

Ziyanda faced challenges, including self-doubt and balancing school with modeling. However, she learned to embrace her uniqueness and stay true to herself. "I've developed a thick skin and focused on my strengths," she noted.





Impacting Her Community

Beyond modeling, Ziyanda is dedicated to making a positive impact. She aims to advocate for education and children's rights, using her platform to amplify voices from marginalized communities. "I want to inspire hope and joy in my community," she said.

Future Aspirations

Looking ahead, Ziyanda aspires to continue her pageantry journey while pursuing her passion for fashion design and photography. She's also a burgeoning singer and a voracious reader, showcasing her diverse interests.

A Proud Mother

Ziyanda's mother expressed immense pride in her daughter's achievements. "Seeing Ziyanda recognized on such a stage is a dream come true," she said. The journey has been surreal, filled with joy and pride as Ziyanda continues to shine.

For Ziyanda Mogoje, being a finalist in the International Miss South Africa is just the beginning. With her passion, determination, and commitment to making a difference, she is poised to inspire countless others. Follow her journey on social media to witness how she uses her platform for positive change.

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Hlezipho Mhlongo: A Model with a Mission



Hlezipho Mhlongo is already making waves in the modeling world while pursuing her dreams of becoming a successful farmer and advocate for social issues. Born in BushBuckridge, Mpumalanga, and currently residing in Port Elizabeth, At just 21 years old Hlezipho's journey is one of resilience, self-discovery, and empowerment.

Hlezipho began her modeling career at the age of 19, driven not only by a desire for self-expression but also by the need for personal growth. "Modeling requires self-care, hard work, and discipline," she explains. These qualities, she believes, are essential for anyone seeking to become a better version of themselves.

Her journey into modeling was also a response to a difficult chapter in her life. After experiencing bullying and losing her self-esteem due to being burnt, Hlezipho found herself withdrawing from activities she once loved, such as poetry and public speaking. Modeling became a way to regain her confidence and serve as a beacon of hope for others facing similar challenges. "I wanted to prove to the world that it is possible to change people's views about us," she shares.

In addition to modeling, Hlezipho is a dedicated student at Nelson Mandela University, where she is pursuing a Diploma in Agricultural Management. Her passion for agriculture is matched by her entrepreneurial spirit; she also works as a hairdresser, offering braiding services to fellow students. Recognizing that many students struggle to afford salon prices, Hlezipho aims to provide an affordable option while helping her peers maintain their appearance.

Looking ahead, Hlezipho has ambitious goals for the next five years. She envisions herself as a successful farmer, committed to giving back to her community by donating 40% of her harvest to support families in need. Additionally, she aims to create job opportunities for the youth, fostering economic empowerment and resilience.

In the realm of modeling, Hlezipho hopes to become an influential figure in the pageantry world, participating in national and international competitions. She aspires to use her platform to advocate for critical social issues, including gender-based violence, women's empowerment, and LGBTQ+ rights. "I want to travel the world and share my story to motivate others to embrace their uniqueness," she states.

Hlezipho's journey offers valuable lessons for aspiring models. Her advice? "Take care of your physical and mental health; self-care is essential in this industry. Surround yourself with supportive people who uplift and encourage you." This mantra not only reflects her personal experiences but also serves as a reminder of the importance of community and self-worth.



The Inspiring Journey of Lwazikazi Sasayi: A Young Model with Big Dreams



Lwazikazi is a 14-year-old who grew up in a single-parent household, raised by her mother after the passing of her father when she was just two years old. Named after her father, she embodies his spirit and strength. Since entering the modeling scene in 2022, she has embraced the challenges and opportunities that come her way. Hailing from Scenery Park, Lwazikazi's story is one of resilience, ambition, and a desire to empower others.

One of the most impressive aspects of Lwazikazi's journey is her ability to balance her modeling career with her schoolwork. She emphasizes the importance of organization: "I draft a schedule with time frames and days to ensure I remain dedicated and accurate." This commitment to both her education and her passion sets a strong foundation for her future.

Lwazikazi chose to compete in the Miss Golden Heart South Africa pageant to build her confidence and face her fears, particularly her anxiety about public speaking. "I wanted to master my public presentation," she explains. Her decision reflects a deeper desire to learn and grow, not just as a model, but as an individual.

Looking ahead, Lwazikazi envisions herself as a professional model who empowers young girls aspiring to enter the industry. She aims to change the misconception that pageants are only for the traditionally beautiful or slender. "It's about believing in yourself and having self-confidence," she asserts. Her mission is to coach and encourage those who may feel hesitant to pursue their dreams.

Beyond modeling, Lwazikazi enjoys a variety of personal interests. Her favorite foods include African salad and macaroni and cheese, while her favorite color is light blue. When it comes to sports, soccer holds a special place in her heart, reflecting her active and vibrant personality.

One of the highlights of Lwazikazi's journey in preparing for the Miss Golden Heart South Africa pageant has been the charity work. She finds fulfillment in giving back and believes that "a giving hand is a blessed hand." This commitment to helping others is a testament to her humble and generous spirit.

Lwazikazi's mother plays a crucial role in her journey, providing unwavering support. "Seeing my child in the pageant industry makes me feel good," she says. She emphasizes the importance of education, ensuring that Lwazikazi understands that school comes first. "Education is the key to success," she adds, highlighting her dedication to her daughter's dreams.

Lwazikazi Sasayi is a remarkable young talent with dreams that extend beyond the runway. Her journey in modeling is not just about personal success; it's about uplifting others and breaking down barriers. With the support of her mother and her determination to empower young girls, Lwazikazi is poised to make a significant impact in the modeling world and beyond.



Rising Star

Abongwe Gwavu's Journey in Modeling



Abongwe Gwavu is already making waves in the modeling world. Her journey began in 2018 when she entered a preschool competition at the tender age of three. Although her family didn't take it seriously at the time, it sparked a passion within her that would soon flourish.

Early Beginnings

Abongwe's true modeling journey took off in May 2024 when she participated in the Miss KwaDwesi pageant. To everyone's delight, she was crowned Junior Miss KwaDwesi 1st Princess. This experience revealed her potential and love for modeling, showcasing her natural talent and confidence on stage.

A Proud Mother

Her mother, reflecting on Abongwe's success, expressed immense pride. Initially nervous about her daughter's lack of formal training, she was taken aback by Abongwe's performance. "When she got on stage, she was on fire," she shared. "You could see she loved what she was doing—the smile, the walks, and the confidence were all there."

Balancing School and Modeling

Abongwe attends Parsons Hill Primary School and is set to enter grade four. Her mother emphasizes the importance of education, stating that Abongwe prioritizes her schoolwork, completing homework and revisions before attending modeling classes on Tuesday afternoons. Balancing both worlds, she continues to excel academically.

A Message to Other Parents

For parents of aspiring young models, Abongwe's mother advises, "Support your child with all that you have. Always be there for them and look for opportunities." She believes every child is beautiful and unique in their own way, encouraging parents to nurture their children's dreams.

Giving Back to the Community

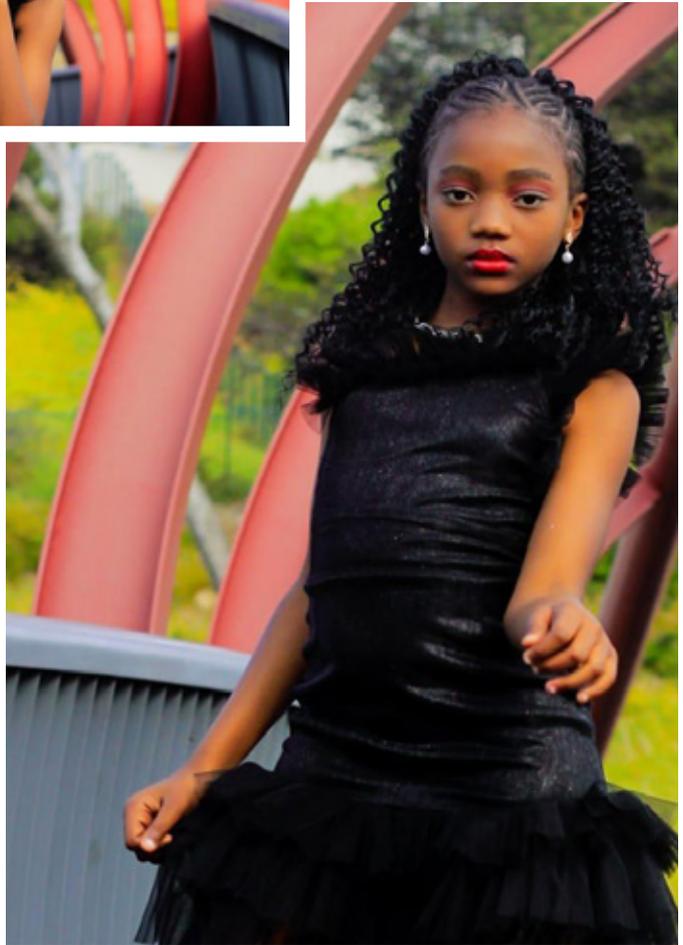
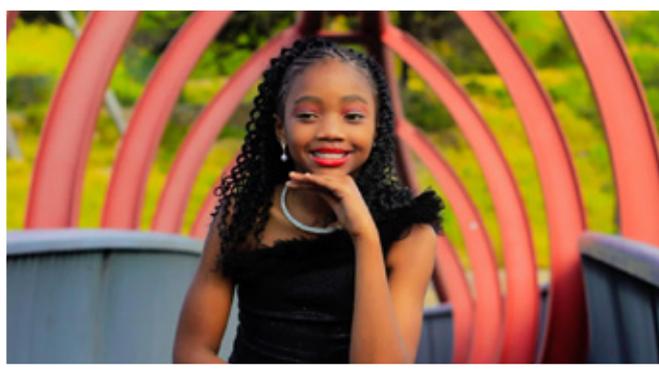
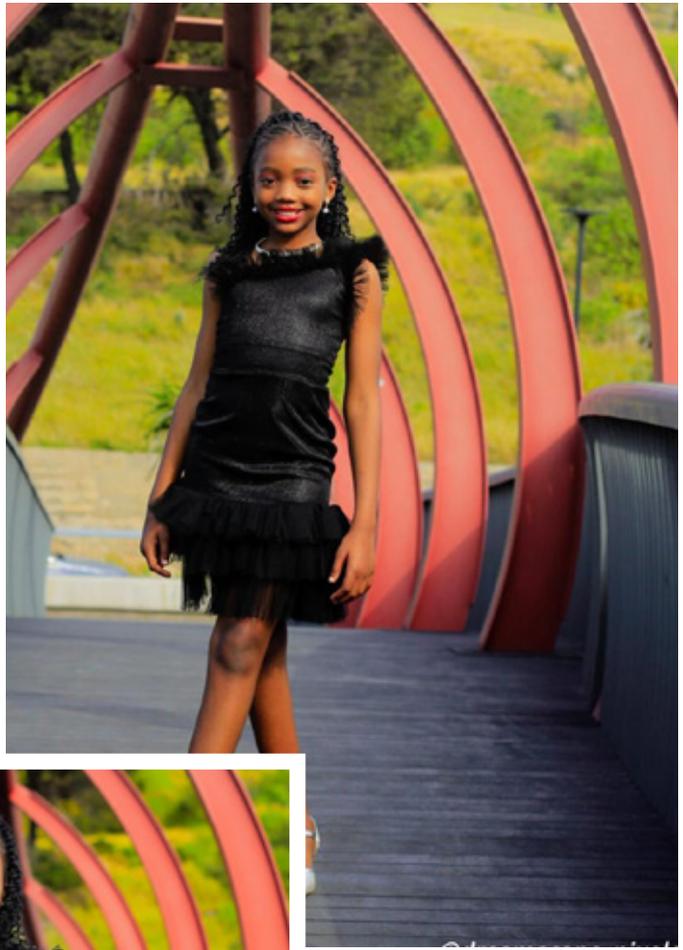
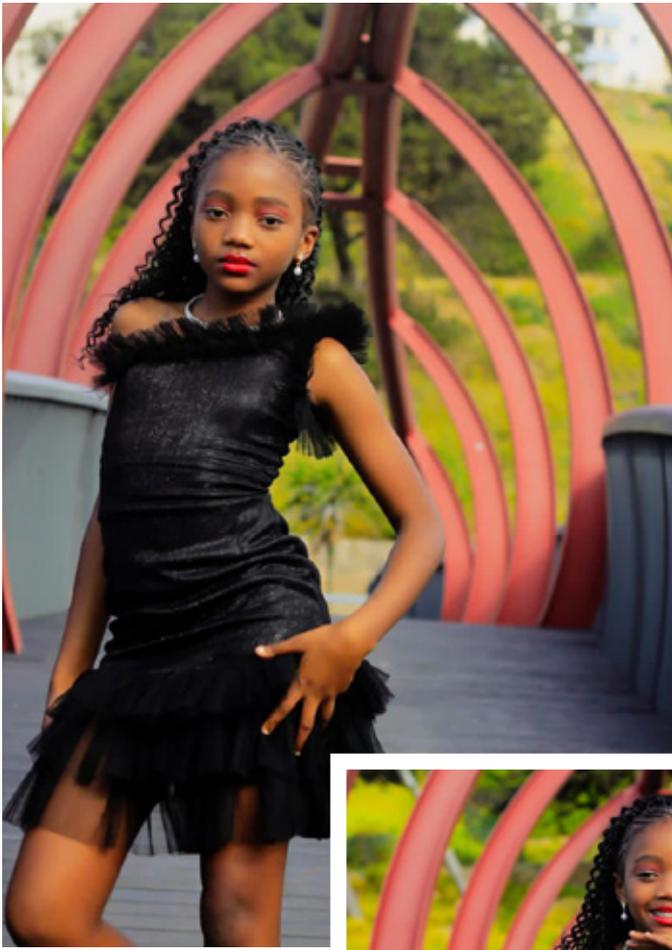
Abongwe's journey is not just about glitz and glamour; it also involves giving back. During her time with Miss KwaDwesi, she visited the pediatric ward of Livingstone Hospital, bringing party packs to sick children to show love and support. Recently, for the Miss Glitz and Glamour SA 2024, she organized a soup kitchen in honor of Tata Mandela's legacy, dedicating her 67 minutes to serve her community.

A Bright Future Ahead

In August 2024, Abongwe achieved a significant milestone by winning a modeling contract with TMA Models, marking the beginning of her professional career. Her mother proudly states, "This is her dream come true. TMA is a good agency, and you will be seeing more of her."

As Abongwe Gwavu continues to shine in the modeling world, her story serves as an inspiration to many young aspiring models and their families. With her talent, dedication, and strong support system, the sky is truly the limit for this remarkable young girl.





A Journey Of Strength And Ambition



The beaming smile said it all that she made it! Nearly 3 decades in the modelling industry spear heading a powerful vision of equipping, empowering and motivating young girls and women to discover their purpose on this earth. This fireball is annoyed and graced with a gift of coaching and mentorship; thousands and thousands of youngsters were positively affected by her ministry. What a phenomenal and incredible leader of our time!

It is not a secret that August is a special month for women whereby the entire world will be celebrating their uniqueness, strength, creativity and hospitality. On 10 August 2024, Londeka ka-Madlala Mavundla walked away from the event holding 2 significant awards which are The Best Activist of the year and The Best Modelling School Award. What a triumph!

She could not believe her ears when they were announcing her name twice as a winner. It was a shock to her because she did not expect to scoop all these significant awards. She vividly mentioned this sentiment during the interview," Without any element of doubt, all the nominees are great phenomenal women who are making a positive change in their various spheres. By the grace of God, He chose me to win those awards. If it was another day, it would be another person."

She described her modelling journey as a gradual process which was filled with moments of upwards and downwards. Our award - winning entrepreneur and philanthropist have assurance that there are more heights that she has to climb in her career. She is motivated and inspired to take on new challenges which can make her to learn something new. This is a perfect recipe for growth.

Words of wisdom

To young girls : believe in yourself, your worth, and your abilities. Do not be afraid to stand up for what you believe in, even, if it means standing alone - do it. Your uniqueness is your superpower, and your dreams are worth chasing.

I want to remind all the women that your voice matters, your story matters, and your presence matters. Do not let anyone dull your sparkle or dim your light. Keep shining, keep pushing boundaries, and keep breaking glass ceilings.

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Young, Driven and Ambitious



model at Flying Academy. Her modelling training classes cemented a strong foundation with her. Now, she is flying and soaring in the marketplace. She is bold enough to showcase her skills, creativity and gift to the world.

"I could not reach this far, if it was not my biological mother who is always on my side supporting my dreams. The modelling industry is not easy like strolling in the park. The good news is that I am blessed to have wonderful people in my life who can make my life easier," she says during the interview.

Words of wisdom

Magic is believing in yourself. If you can make that happen, you can make anything happen.

Written by
Kudakwashe Muguu

It is true that dynamite comes in a small package. As a model guide magazine, we are super excited to feature one of the youngest girls in the city who is gifted and talented at the same time. She is a rising star that is making noticeable waves in the modelling industry.

Nicky Deve is a 8 year old Zulu speaking young girl who is doing grade 3 at a beautiful school which is called Palment Primary School. Besides being a top notch model, she is good at dancing and singing as well.

She is a certified and professional model who was thoroughly groomed and trained to be a professional



Art From Her Heart

Resilience is her super power. Bravery is her crown. Endurance is her shield. Patience is her suit of armour.

The strongest action for a woman is to live herself, be herself and shine amongst those who never believed she could do it. Ladies and gentlemen meet a seasoned commercial and fashion model, writer, sketch artist and designer who goes by the name; Hlumelo Dlamini. This gem is very gifted in the area of arts. She is a 19 year old Xhosa speaking young girl who is based in Johannesburg, Katlehong.

In the early days of her life, she was passionate about modelling. Hlumelo expressed how her love for fashion led her to participate in one of the modelling competitions. When she won the competition, she never looked back or slowed down towards her modelling career. Actually, she started to participate in several fashion show events, collaborating with different organisations and contesting on various

pageants. Her success story is a result of commitment, dedication, perseverance and patience.

Why do you love to be in front of the camera?

A photoshoot session is one of the best moments in my life whereby I can easily learn more about myself as an individual. Copying others is cheap but authenticity is priceless. As a professional model, I have been trained to be confident with my body structure, skin colour, physical height or accent. Simply because God created me in his own uniqueness and image.

What is your platform?

I enjoy to go to orphanages and spend quality time with them. Usually, I visit them with items such as toys, food and clothes. As a model, it is my responsibility to spread love everywhere I go. Letting no one come to me without leaving happier.



What is your philosophy

Be beautiful like a butterfly but be hard to catch.

Last words

Faith is like a muscle which is usually strengthened by using it, not by talking about it. Each storm we go through equips us to handle the next one in an amicable way. In simple words, you become a wiser and a better person. Next time you won't be shaken by the same storm because you will know how it will end.

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Cultivating Confidence: The Remarkable Journey of Miss Mini KwaMagxaki's Runner-Up

In a world where self-assurance and poise are revered, one young ingénue has captivated the hearts and minds of her community. Oyintando Sodo, at the tender age of 6, has etched her name in the annals of local pageantry, earning the prestigious title of Miss Mini KwaMagxaki's Runner-Up 2024.

As a parent, Asive Sodo, Oyintando's mother, reflects on this remarkable achievement with a profound sense of gratitude and awe. "As a parent, there is no greater feeling than seeing your child happy, confident, and achieving their dreams. This win is not just a recognition of her talent but also a testament to her hard work and determination. I am so grateful to be her parent and to have shared this journey with her."

Oyintando's fascination with the realm of fashion and photography began at a tender age, as she would adorn herself in her mother's sartorial delights and strike poses before the mirrored canvas. "At the age of 5 years, she would dress up in my clothes and possess in front of the mirror, That is when I started to see her genuine love and interest for modeling," Asive recounts, her voice brimming with a mother's pride.

Recognizing her daughter's burgeoning passion, Asive made the conscious decision to nurture and support Oyintando's creativity and confidence, ensuring a safe and positive experience. "Yes, we are definitely going to see her more of her in pageantry. She is falling in love with the stage and is interested in participating in more pageants and modeling



events," Asive declares, her eyes alight with the prospect of her daughter's future triumphs.

Asive firmly believes that Oyintando's foray into the world of pageantry has imparted invaluable lessons, honing her poise, self-expression, and confidence. "As a parent parent, it is amazing to see her grow and develop her skills, and I am excited to support her every step of the way. Pageantry has taught her valuable lessons and confidence, poise and self-expression, and I believe it will continue to play a significant role in her life."

Oyintando's ascent to the ranks of Miss Mini KwaMagxaki's Runner-Up is not merely a testament to her natural talent, but a reflection of the unwavering support and guidance of her mother, Asive. Together, they embark on a journey of self-discovery and empowerment, inspiring all who bear witness to their extraordinary narrative.

As Oyintando continues to captivate and inspire the community, one can't help but wonder what the future holds for this remarkable young woman. With her mother's steadfast support and her own indomitable spirit, the possibilities are truly limitless.



The Parent's Pride: How Siphokazi's Daughter Buhlebemvelo Shines on the Pageant Stage

By Lewis, Model Guide Magazine

At just 8 years old, Buhlebemvelo Ngqungqumba is making waves in the modeling world. The young beauty recently captured the title of 2nd Princess at the prestigious Miss Magxaki 2024 pageant, much to the delight of her proud mother, Siphokazi.

"It makes me feel very good and proud at the same time," beams Siphokazi, a 42-year-old Mrs. "We aimed for 1st princess, but I guess she was just a little too nervous. But I'm so happy to see the improvement in each pageant she enters. The wins really boost her confidence to take on more competitions."

What inspired Siphokazi to venture her daughter into the world of modeling at such a young age? "Buhlebemvelo is a very shy person, and I wanted her to be able to speak in public and stand up for herself against bullies at school," she explains. "That's when I came across the Kungawo Mpini Foundation, which has been tremendously helpful in nurturing and training her to become a certified model."

And it seems the investment has paid off handsomely.

With the recent 2nd Princess title under her belt, Siphokazi is confident that this is just the beginning for her daughter's pageantry journey. "You're definitely going to see more of her," she assures. "We're grabbing every opportunity that comes our way."

As Buhlebemvelo continues to blossom on the stage, her mother's pride is palpable. "The wins also boost her confidence to enter more competitions," Siphokazi shares, beaming. "I'm so happy to see her grow and shine."

With a supportive parent like Siphokazi in her corner, there's no doubt that Buhlebemvelo is destined for greatness in the world of modeling. Keep an eye out for this rising star - the future is bright for this young 2nd Princess.



Inspiring the Next Generation: An Interview with Junior Queen Miss KwaMagxaki 2024, Sothando



By Lewis, Model Guide Magazine

Sothando is already making waves in the modeling world. Hailing from the vibrant city of Port Elizabeth, this young dynamo was recently crowned the Junior Queen Miss KwaMagxaki 2024, proving that age is just a number when it comes to pursuing your dreams.

Sothando's journey into modeling has been marked by a delicate balance between her studies and her passion for the catwalk. "Time management and discipline are two most critical skills a model should possess," she explains, her eyes shining with determination. "My wish is not to only be a model but a qualified doctor as well. To ensure my dream come true, I have designed a timetable to help manage my time effectively."

This meticulous approach has paid off, as Sothando seamlessly juggles her modeling commitments with her studies at Urban Academy. "I complete my homework first before starting with pageant preparations. Fortunately, my modeling classes are only on a Monday, unless if we are preparing for a competition, we normally have 1-hour

rehearsals on a Saturday, which still gives me enough time to study and play."

Looking ahead, Sothando has set her sights on even greater heights. "I see myself walking on an international stage as Miss SA teen. My main goal is to inspire young girls that nothing is impossible, if you believe and work hard you can be anything you want to be," she declares, her voice brimming with confidence.

Sothando's message to other aspiring models is one of unwavering self-belief and determination. "If you believe you can achieve, just put your mind to it. Work hard, pray hard and believe in yourself. You will not win every competition but that does not define you, take that as an opportunity to learn and improve. You are worthy and more than capable to be anything you want to be."

The 11 year old's modeling journey is a testament to the power of dreams and the boundless potential of the human spirit. At just 11 years old, she has already proven that age is no barrier to success, and that with the right mindset and dedication, anything is possible.

As Sothando continues to inspire and empower the next generation of young models, one thing is certain: her story is just beginning, and the future is brighter than ever.

[06/09, 11:35] Lewis - Model Guide: Here is the feature article on Linovuyo Moni, the Miss KwaMagxaki 1st Runner Up 2024:

Redefining Beauty with Brains



Linovuyo Moni is already making waves in the world of pageantry. Hailing from the vibrant city of Gqeberha, this young beauty was recently crowned the 1st Runner-Up in the prestigious Miss KwaMagxaki 2024 competition, proving that she is not just a pretty face, but a force to be reckoned with.

Linovuyo's journey into modeling, however, wasn't always an easy one. "I've always wanted to do modeling at a very tender age," she reflects. "Reasons why I joined modeling is to boost up my confidence, deal with my anxieties, to face and walk in a crowd full of people without having any fears."

It was a decision that would ultimately change the course of Linovuyo's life. "To build a name for myself, not only a name but a brand that represents me as a person. Also to inspire others and for young girls to see me as someone who they can look up to as a role model," she says, her eyes sparkling with determination.

Alongside her burgeoning modeling career, Linovuyo is also a dedicated student, currently studying Financial Management at the Russell Road Campus. "In my spare time, I love to read novels as a form of increasing my vocabulary," she explains, showcasing her commitment to personal growth and development.

Looking ahead, Linovuyo has set her sights on even greater heights. "In a few years to come, I see myself being a part of Miss South Africa's Top 3. I also see myself furthering my studies,

for I want people to refer to me not only as Miss Moni but 'Dr Moni'," she declares, her ambition palpable.

Linovuyo's message to fellow models is one of unity and self-acceptance. "Modeling isn't about beauty, and it will never be about that. Modeling is about what's inside of you, not only in your heart but a matter of having brains also, so they say 'Beauty with Brains,'" she says, her voice firm and resolute.

"Everyone wants to place or be a title holder, however, when one doesn't get what they want, it becomes hard to celebrate others' wins. With that being said, always celebrate the wins of your fellow contestants. Always remember that you have the perfect body and shape, don't ever let anyone tell you otherwise," she adds, her words a powerful reminder of the importance of self-love and supporting one another.

At just 20 years old, she is a shining example of what can be achieved when passion, intelligence, and determination collide. With her unwavering spirit and unshakable belief in herself, this rising star is poised to inspire and empower young women everywhere. Keep an eye on this remarkable young woman - her story is just beginning, and the future is bright.





GET TO KNOW Siyamthanda

Miss Magxaki 2024 2ND RUNNER UP



Siyamthanda Wendy Komani a 18 years old, has already made a name for herself in the competitive world of pageantry. Hailing from the vibrant city of Gqeberha, this young beauty was recently crowned the 2nd runner-up in the prestigious Miss Magxaki 2024 competition, a testament to her unwavering determination and unwavering passion.

Siyamthanda's journey into the world of modeling, however, wasn't always a smooth one. "Honestly, it was a spark within me that ignited a passion for modeling," she reflects. "I was hesitant at first, struggling with self-doubt and low confidence, but I decided to take a leap of faith and embrace the opportunity."

It was a decision that would ultimately change the course of Siyamthanda's life. "It's been a journey of growth and



self-discovery, and I'm grateful for that initial push that got me started," she says, a smile spreading across her face.

Alongside her blossoming modeling career, Siyamthanda is also focused on improving her Grade 12 results and exploring ways to make a positive impact in her community. "Besides modeling, I also enjoy taking on freelance work and odd jobs to earn extra money and expand my skill set," she explains.

Looking ahead, Siyamthanda has set her sights on becoming a role model for young people in her community. "In the next few years, I see myself as a beacon of inspiration, helping others and sharing my experiences and knowledge," she says, her eyes sparkling with determination.

Siyamthanda's message to aspiring models is one of unwavering self-belief. "If not now, when?" she declares. "This is your time to shine, believe in yourself and trust your abilities. Don't let self-doubt hold you back from pursuing your dreams."

With her infectious energy, unwavering determination, and natural talent, Siyamthanda Wendy Komani is poised to become a true force to be reckoned with in the world of modeling and beyond. Keep an eye on this rising star - her story is just beginning, and the future is bright.





Lisakhanya Yiba's Inspiring Rise to the Top

By Lewis, Model Guide Magazine

At just 19 years old, Lisakhanya Yiba is already making waves in the world of pageantry. Hailing from the bustling city of Gqeberha, this young beauty queen was recently crowned the Senior Queen of the prestigious Miss Magxaki 2024 competition, a testament to her unwavering determination and natural talent.

Lisakhanya's journey to the crown, however, was not without its challenges. "I started exploring modeling at the age of 19 when I entered the Mr and Miss KwaDwesi competition," she recalls, a hint of determination in her voice. "Unfortunately, I didn't make it."

But Lisakhanya's story didn't end there. "I wouldn't say I was forced into modeling, but I was encouraged by the director of the Kungawo Mpini Foundation, Mama Asanda Mpini. She saw some potential in me that I didn't see in myself, and I'm grateful for that."

Inspired by Mama Asanda's belief in her, Lisakhanya decided to take a leap of faith and enter the Miss Magxaki 2024 competition. "I also wanted to challenge myself and try something new," she explains. "That's when I decided to enter the competition."

Balancing her studies in IT (coding) at the university and her blossoming modeling career has been no easy feat, but Lisakhanya is determined to excel in both areas. "Besides modeling, I am passionate about technology and innovation, and I'm excited to see how I can apply my skills and knowledge in the industry," she shares.

Looking ahead, Lisakhanya envisions a future where she seamlessly merges her two passions. "In the next few years, I see myself becoming a leading IT professional and using my skills to make a positive impact in my community," she says. "I also see myself continuing to model and potentially exploring new opportunities in the entertainment industry."

To aspiring models, Lisakhanya offers words of wisdom. "Authenticity and hard work are the keys," she advises. "Stay true to yourself and don't be afraid to take risks and try new things. Remember, your beauty and worth go beyond modeling, and rejection is not the end. I didn't make it in the Miss KwaDwesi pageant, but I'm still pushing forward and exploring new opportunities."



FROM INSECURITY TO EMPOWERMENT

By Lewis, Model Guide Magazine

Ezimnandi Kwini The Gqeberha native recently claimed the title of 2nd Runner-up in the pre-teen category at the prestigious Miss KwaMagxaki 2024 competition, and her journey to get there is nothing short of inspiring. she is just 16 years old.

"My love affair with modeling began years ago, during a time when I was struggling to find my place in the world," Ezimnandi recounts, her voice laced with a touch of nostalgia. "Bullies, insecurities, and anxiety had taken a toll on my self-esteem, leaving me feeling lost and alone. But it was in those darkest moments that my mother introduced me to the world of beauty pageants, and everything changed."

Watching those confident, poised women strut down the runway awakened something within Ezimnandi. "I saw a glimmer of hope," she says. "I realized that I too could be like them - strong, beautiful, and empowered."

Balancing her studies at Woolhope Secondary School and her burgeoning modeling career hasn't been an easy feat, but Ezimnandi credits the Kungawo Foundation for their invaluable guidance. "They've taught me to prioritize my education, reminding me that in the modeling industry, beauty alone is not enough - it must be accompanied by brains and substance."

And that mentality has clearly paid off. As the second runner-up of Miss KwaMagxaki 2024, Ezimnandi is now poised to become a beacon of hope for those who, like her, once felt unworthy or unprivileged. "I want to empower them to chase their dreams, no matter how impossible they may seem," she declares, her eyes shining with determination.

Ezimnandi's ultimate goal is to become the next Miss



South Africa, using her platform to inspire and uplift others. "To anyone with a dream that seems too big, I say: don't be afraid to pursue it," she offers, her voice brimming with conviction. "It won't always be easy, but remember that baby steps lead to success. Keep pushing forward, and never lose sight of your aspirations."

With her poise, intelligence, and determination, there's no doubt that Ezimnandi Kwini is destined for greatness. Keep a close eye on this rising star - the future is bright, and she's just getting started.

How a 4-Year-Old Beauty Queen is Captivating the Pageant Scene



By Lewis Nyamakosi, Model Guide Magazine

Mesuli Majola a 4 years old is already making her mark as a force to be reckoned with on the pageant stage. The young queen recently captured the coveted title of Miss Mini KwaMagxaki 2024, much to the overwhelming pride and joy of her beloved grandmother.

"Seeing my little pumpkin shine and achieve something so special is just... it's just indescribable," gushes Mesuli's grandmother, her voice brimming with emotion. "The tears of pride and love just won't stop flowing. I'm so thankful for this opportunity and experience for her, and I have to give a huge thumbs up to the Kungawo Mpini Foundation for all their support."

So, what inspired this doting grandparent to venture Mesuli, a student at the Alba Kids Pre-School, into the world of modeling at such a tender age? "I've seen some truly special qualities in her," she explains, her face beaming with adoration. "This child oozes confidence and has an eye for beauty and style that belies her young years. She loves to be the center of attention, and you should see her in front of the camera - she's a natural!"

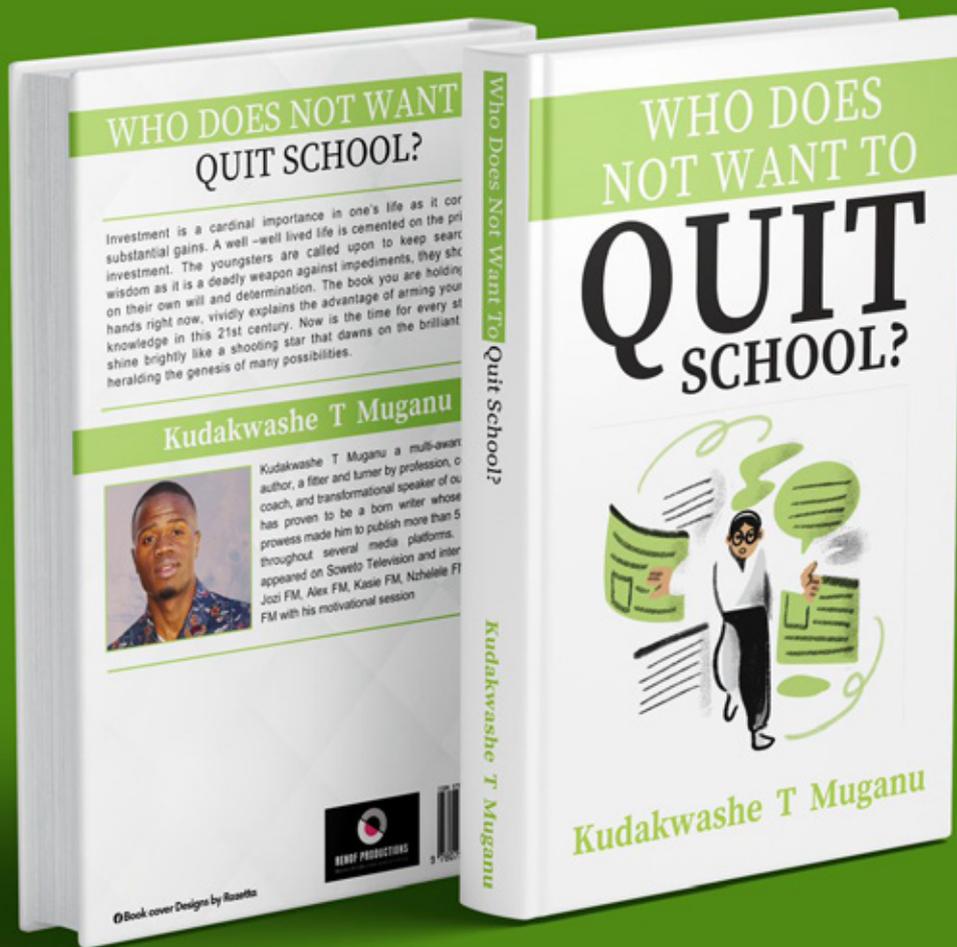
Mesuli's sparkling personality and captivating smile have already won over the hearts of many, and her grandmother is confident that this is just the beginning of her journey. "Definitely, with a big yes, you're going to

be seeing a lot more of her in pageantry," she affirms. "She just loves modeling, and I hope it will help her develop invaluable skills like confidence, public speaking, and self-expression. Who knows, maybe this could open the door to new experiences like photo shoots, fashion shows, or even TV and magazine appearances!"

As Mesuli continues to captivate audiences with her regal presence, her grandmother's pride and support are unwavering. "I'm just so grateful to be a part of her journey and to be able to support her in all her endeavors," she says, her eyes shining with joy. "This little queen is destined for greatness, and I can't wait to see what the future holds!"



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In today's digital age, social media has become an integral part of our lives. With millions of users across various platforms, it can be challenging to stand out from the crowd. However, Azanda Mfeka, our brand ambassador, has managed to do just that.

With a strong presence on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, Azanda has built a massive following and is inspiring countless individuals with her energy, enthusiasm, and passion. Her social media handles, Azanda Mfeka (Facebook), princessZazurh (Instagram), and Zazurh -Mfeka (TikTok), have become synonymous with creativity, talent, and dedication.

As we sat down with Azanda to learn more about her journey, it became clear that her success is no accident. Her hard work, perseverance, and commitment to her craft have propelled her to the forefront of the social media scene.



"I'm thrilled to be working with such an amazing brand," Azanda exclaimed. "I'm passionate about inspiring others and making a positive impact on the world."

With her vibrant personality, infectious smile, and undeniable talent, Azanda Mfeka is undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with. We are honored to have her as our brand ambassador and can't wait to see what the future holds for this social media sensation.

Follow Azanda Mfeka on social media:

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Stay tuned for more updates and insights into Azanda's journey as our brand ambassador!

Unity in Action TogetherWECAN Make a Difference



Inspired by the iconic phrase "Yes We Can" from former US President Barack Obama's election campaign, King Future Nyoni has adapted and expanded on this rallying cry to create "TogetherWECAN". This phrase embodies Nyoni's belief that collective effort and collaboration are essential for achieving success and driving positive change.

Nyoni's vision is to foster a supportive environment where individuals can work together to address common challenges and create a brighter future for all. By transcending geographical, political, and social boundaries, we can unlock our full potential and make meaningful progress.

As a dedicated member of the Rotary Club Victoria Falls, Nyoni is committed to serving his community through various initiatives. The club recently welcomed seven new members, including Nyoni, who was inducted during the Rotary Membership month celebrations. The club's motto, "Service Above Self", resonates deeply with Nyoni, who is passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of others.



The Rotary Club's latest project, "Put the Roof Back at Detema", aims to rebuild the damaged roofs of three classroom blocks at Detema Secondary School in Dete. The school has been struggling to provide a safe learning environment for its students since the roofs were blown off by storms last December. The club is appealing for donations and support to help source the necessary materials, including:

- 256 cromadek sheets (36×4)
- 64 cromadek cranked ridges
- 12 brandering sheets (76×38×6m)
- 5kg of 4-inch nails
- 2kg of 3-inch nails
- Transportation of materials to Dete

Every contribution counts, and the club is grateful for any support that can help bring dignity back to the school and provide a safe learning environment for its students

