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# From Guinness World Record Holder to Miss Nigeria Aspirant



Representing Oyo State, Ololade has emerged as a distinguished figure in the fashion and pageantry landscape, celebrated for her groundbreaking achievements and unwavering dedication to her craft. Her journey to prominence is a testament

to her resilience, talent, and passion for excellence. From winning prestigious titles to setting a Guinness World Record, Ololade has consistently pushed boundaries and redefined what it means to be a model and pageant queen.

Ololade's journey began in 2019 when she captured multiple prestigious titles, including Miss Amina, Miss Unique, and Face of Akoka Lagos State. These early victories showcased her poise, confidence, and ability to captivate audiences, setting the stage for her future successes. Her talent and determination were further recognized in 2021 when she was crowned the Most Beautiful Campus Queen Nigeria, solidifying her influence in the pageantry world.

Ololade's defining career moment came when she achieved a Guinness World Record for the **Longest Distance on a Catwalk by a Model. 130.62 KILOMETRES**. This remarkable feat not only highlighted her extraordinary runway skills but also underscored her dedication to pushing the boundaries of what is possible in the modeling industry. Walking an unprecedented distance on the catwalk required immense physical endurance, mental focus, and a passion for excellence—qualities that Ololade embodies in every aspect of her career.

Her Guinness World Record achievement has inspired countless aspiring models and pageant contestants, proving that with hard work and determination, even



the most ambitious goals can be realized. It also cemented her status as a trailblazer in the fashion and pageantry industries, earning her respect and admiration from peers and fans alike.

With her impressive track record, Ololade is now setting her sights on the coveted Miss Nigeria title. Representing Oyo State, she brings a wealth of experience, a strong sense of purpose, and a commitment to making a positive impact. Her participation in the competition is not just about winning a crown but also about using the platform to advocate for causes close to her heart and inspire the next generation of young women.

Ololade's journey to Miss Nigeria is a reflection of her dedication to excellence and her desire to represent her state and country on a global stage. Her unique blend of beauty, intelligence, and charisma makes her a strong contender for the title, and her story serves as an inspiration to many.

Beyond her personal achievements, Ololade is deeply committed to giving back to the fashion and pageantry community. With over six years of experience in commercial and fashion modeling, she has not only achieved personal success but also mentored 50 aspiring models alongside her coach. Her passion for nurturing talent and empowering others has led her to launch her own pageantry academy.

Through her academy, Ololade aims to equip the next generation of models and pageant contestants with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to thrive in the competitive world of fashion and pageantry. Her vision is to create a supportive and inclusive environment where young women can pursue their dreams and realize their full potential.

Ololade's journey is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of passion, perseverance, and purpose. From her early victories to her Guinness World Record and her aspirations for Miss Nigeria, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a desire to make a positive impact. As she continues to break barriers and inspire others, Ololade is not just a role model but a true icon in the world of fashion and pageantry.

Her story is far from over, and the world eagerly watches as she takes her next steps toward achieving her dreams and empowering others to do the same. Whether on the catwalk, the pageant stage, or in her academy, Ololade's legacy of excellence will undoubtedly continue to shine brightly for years to come.







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# A Beacon of Hope: Virginie Merime, Mrs South Africa 2025 Semi-Finalist



For Virginie, the glitz and glamour of the Mrs. South Africa stage are not just about the sash and tiara; they are a megaphone for her mission. As a dedicated advocate for the Ebenezer Hannah Home, a ministry caring for abandoned elderly and orphaned children, she has spent over a decade pouring her heart into this cause. Her motivation for entering the pageant is clear: to amplify the voices of those who often go unheard.

"Being involved in this ministry for almost 13 years has made me realize the struggles that the orphan child has to endure," Virginie shares. "Through this platform, I want to be that voice for the orphan child." Her vision extends beyond the pageant, aiming to upgrade the home's infrastructure and create empowerment programs for youth, ensuring they grow into successful adults.

Empowerment, for Virginie, is not just a buzzword—it's a way of life. She defines it as "pouring knowledge and skills into the next person and encouraging them to make a positive transformative change." As a mentor to young girls, a leader in her church ministry, and a beacon of hope in her community, she embodies this philosophy daily.

Her journey to empowerment has not been without challenges. A teenage mother who faced judgment and rejection, Virginie credits her faith and determination for overcoming adversity. "God picked me up and allowed me

to complete my schooling," she reflects. Her story is a testament to the power of resilience and the belief that it's not how you start but how you finish.

In the world of pageantry, fashion is more than just attire—it's a statement. For Virginie, every gown and ensemble she wears is a reflection of her mission. Her style is elegant yet purposeful, mirroring her commitment to making a difference. Whether she's walking the stage in a dazzling evening gown or engaging in community work in casual wear, her fashion choices are a celebration of her identity as a woman of substance.

As a Mrs. South Africa semi-finalist, Virginie is determined to use her platform to create lasting change. Her goals include collaborating

*By Lewis, Model Guide Magazine*

In the world of pageantry, where elegance meets purpose, the Mrs. South Africa platform stands as a testament to the power of women who are not just beautiful but also deeply rooted in their communities. This year, one semi-finalist has captured our attention not only for her grace and poise but for her unwavering commitment to uplifting the vulnerable. Meet Virginie Merime, a woman whose journey is a tapestry of resilience, faith, and service.



with like-minded individuals and organizations to empower, uplift, and transform lives. She also aims to spread the Gospel, ensuring that her work is rooted in love and compassion.

Her message to young girls and women is one of hope and self-belief: "You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Your failures and disappointments do not define you. Remember, it's not how you start but how you finish. Make sure you finish strong."

Inspired by powerful women like her late mother-in-law, Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, and Oprah Winfrey, Virginie is carving out her own legacy. She embodies the spirit of these trailblazers, using her voice and

platform to advocate for the marginalized and inspire others to do the same.

As she prepares for the Mrs. South Africa 2025 finals, we celebrate not just her beauty and grace but her heart of gold. Virginie Merime is a reminder that true pageantry is about more than just the crown—it's about the impact you make while wearing it.

To this phenomenal semi-finalist, we say: Keep shining, keep inspiring, and keep doing everything in love. Your journey is a testament to the power of purpose, and we can't wait to see the heights you'll reach.

**by Lewis, Model Guide Magazine**



# Wariinga Mhlanga: A Vanguard of Advocacy, Authenticity, and Holistic Empowerment



In an era where the modeling industry often prioritizes aesthetics over substance, Wariinga Mhlanga emerges as a luminary, redefining the paradigm of beauty and purpose. At 40, she is not merely a model but a multifaceted advocate, a devoted mother of four, a seasoned IT specialist, and a

fervent champion of health and wellness. Her journey into the Mrs. South Africa pageant is a testament to her unwavering commitment to using her platform as a catalyst for change, inspiring women to embrace their authenticity, prioritize their well-being, and harness their inner strength.

Wariinga's narrative is one of tenacity and transformation. With over 15 years of expertise in IT, specializing in databases and software development, she has navigated a male-dominated field with aplomb. Yet, her true vocation lies in health advocacy, a passion ignited by her medical missionary work and her own harrowing health battles. Overcoming tuberculosis and severe gynecological challenges, Wariinga was compelled to recalibrate her lifestyle, placing holistic health at the forefront of her existence.

This metamorphosis led her to pursue a Bachelor of Consumer Studies (Nutrition) and establish \*The Reeds Cookery\*, a venture dedicated to promoting plant-based nutrition. Through her culinary artistry, Wariinga empowers individuals and families to transition to healthier, sustainable eating habits, underscoring the profound interplay between nutrition and vitality. Her advocacy transcends the kitchen, as she endeavors to educate women on menstrual health, hormonal balance, and the transformative power of lifestyle choices.

For Wariinga, beauty is not a superficial construct but a profound expression of authenticity, confidence, and inner fortitude. "Beauty is about embracing who you are, valuing your



uniqueness, and radiating self-love,” she asserts. In a world that often imposes rigid standards, Wariinga champions the notion that true beauty emanates from one’s character, resilience, and purpose. She believes that when women internalize this truth, they become indomitable forces, capable of uplifting themselves and others.

Her guiding mantra, “You can never change a situation you are willing to tolerate,” by Miles Munroe, encapsulates her ethos. It is a clarion call to action, urging women to eschew complacency and embrace growth. Whether in health, career, or personal life, Wariinga emphasizes that transformation begins with the decision to no longer accept what does not serve us.

In a fast-paced world where women often juggle myriad roles, Wariinga underscores the importance of self-care. “Prioritizing mental health starts with setting boundaries, seeking support, and engaging in activities that bring joy,” she advises. She advocates for open dialogues about mental health, dismantling the stigma and guilt often associated with seeking help.

Similarly, she encourages women to make intentional choices about their physical health. From nutritious meals to regular exercise and adequate rest, Wariinga believes that small, consistent efforts can yield profound results. “Prioritizing health is not a luxury; it’s a necessity for long-term well-being,” she asserts.

Wariinga’s vision for women’s empowerment is rooted in collaboration over competition.

She believes that women can uplift each other by celebrating successes, offering mentorship, and creating safe spaces for dialogue. “Instead of vying for a seat at the table, we should ensure that every woman has one,” she says.

Her message to women across South Africa who feel marginalized is one of hope and resilience: “You are not alone, and your struggles do not define you. Strength comes from adversity, and no matter your circumstances, you have the power to rise.”

Wariinga’s passion for women’s health education, particularly menstrual health and hormonal balance, is a testament to her commitment to creating tangible change. She aims to dismantle the silence surrounding issues

like fibroids and severe period pains, offering solutions through nutrition and lifestyle adjustments.

As she steps into the Mrs. South Africa pageant, Wariinga hopes to grow as a leader, connect with like-minded women, and amplify her advocacy. Her journey is a clarion call for women to embrace their authenticity, prioritize their well-being, and use their voices to inspire change.

In Wariinga Mhlanga, we find not just a model but a movement—a movement toward a world where beauty is synonymous with purpose, and every woman is empowered to thrive. Her story is a beacon of hope, a reminder that true beauty lies in the courage to be oneself and the audacity to dream of a better tomorrow.



# Melissa Malander: A Beacon of Light And Laughter



When you think of a woman who embodies strength, resilience, and purpose, Melissa Malander immediately comes to mind. But what truly sets her apart is her infectious humor, warm personality, and ability to make everyone around her feel seen and valued. In a world that often takes itself too seriously, Melissa is a breath of fresh air—a woman who can tackle serious issues with grace while still keeping things light and relatable.

Melissa's journey is undeniably inspiring, but it's her down-to-earth nature and quick wit that make her so endearing. When asked how she stays positive during tough times, she doesn't just talk about faith and resilience—she adds a hilarious twist:

\*“And let's be real—us women have this unique ability to cry our eyes out and act like it's the end of the world one minute, only to stand up the next as if nothing happened and take on the world again. It's a superpower we all share!”\*





This ability to laugh at herself and find humor in life's challenges is one of Melissa's most relatable qualities. She doesn't pretend to have it all together, and that's what makes her so approachable. Whether she's talking about balancing motherhood, work, and advocacy or sharing her late-night MBA study sessions fueled by sheer determination (and probably a lot of coffee), Melissa's stories are always laced with humor and humility.

Melissa's welcoming nature shines through in every interaction. She has a way of making people feel like they're part of her journey, whether she's mentoring young women, collaborating with peers, or simply sharing her story. Her advice to young women starting their careers is a perfect example of this:

\*"Don't wait until you feel 'ready' or 'perfect' to step into your power—because that moment may never come. Take the first step, trust the process, and never let society define your worth. You are capable of more than you can imagine."\*

Her words are not just motivational—they're inclusive. She reminds us that we don't have to go it alone and that seeking guidance and support is a sign of strength, not weakness. This mindset creates a sense of community, encouraging women to uplift one another rather than compete.

Melissa's humor isn't just for fun—it's a tool for empowerment. By sharing her struggles and triumphs with a touch of wit, she breaks down barriers and makes her message accessible to everyone. She doesn't shy away from the hard truths, like the societal pressures women face or

the challenges of balancing multiple roles, but she always finds a way to infuse hope and laughter into the conversation.

For instance, when discussing the challenges of completing her MBA while raising a young child and working full-time, she doesn't just focus on the struggle. She highlights the absurdity of it all, joking about the late-night study sessions and early mornings, and then ties it all together with a powerful message of resilience and faith.

Melissa's journey as a Mrs. South Africa semifinalist is a testament to her commitment to empowerment and advocacy. For her, the pageant is not just about beauty or competition—it's a platform to amplify her mission of uplifting women and children.

\*"Mrs. South Africa is not just a pageant—it's a woman empowerment movement. It gives women a platform to redefine beauty, challenge stereotypes, and create real change in their communities. It empowers us to be role models, leaders, and changemakers."\*

As a semifinalist, Melissa is using this opportunity to advocate for women in STEM, fight against gender-based violence, and create opportunities for those who need them most. Her goals are ambitious, but her approach is grounded in humor, humility, and a



genuine desire to make a difference.

Melissa's mission is clear: to uplift, inspire, and create meaningful change. But what makes her truly special is her ability to do so with a smile on her face and a joke on her lips. She reminds us that empowerment doesn't have to be serious all the time—it can be joyful, funny, and full of life.

As she continues her journey with Mrs. South Africa and beyond, Melissa's warmth, humor, and unwavering commitment to making a difference will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact. She's not just a role model; she's a friend, a mentor, and a reminder that even in the face of adversity, we can find reasons to laugh, love, and keep moving forward.

So here's to Melissa Malander—a woman who proves that you can change the world while still keeping your sense of humor intact. Whether she's advocating for women in STEM, fighting against abuse, or simply sharing a laugh, Melissa is a true force of nature, and we're all lucky to have her in our corner.

And as a Mrs. South Africa semifinalist, she's not just walking the stage—she's walking the talk, inspiring women everywhere to embrace their power, their purpose, and their ability to laugh along the way.





# GET TO KNOW Rea Seabela

## **Can you tell us a brief about yourself and how you got started in the modeling industry**

I'm a multi-talented performer from Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni. I'm passionate about storytelling through Acting, Theatre and Podcasting. Trained at the Market Theatre Laboratory, I have performed in notable productions like "Stardust" & "Tomorrow the Musical". I've also appeared on TV shows like "The Legacy", "uBettina wethu" & "How to ruin Christmas" and have done several TV commercials. I also host the W.O.C.E Rea Sea Podcast, where I engage in meaningful conversations and support community initiatives such as being an Ambassador at The Gap College for children with mental impairment. I'm a former General Manager and Operations Manager in established organizations in South Africa. I did a Ms Boksburg pageant when I was 9 years old and because of height and other restrictions I couldn't continue, I am grateful that Mrs South Africa is more than a pageant, it gives an opportunity to women like myself that have had a suppressed dream and have become self-conscious of their body because of motherhood.



## **What motivated you to participate in the Mrs. South Africa pageant?**

Being a freelancer can be lonely and demotivating at times, with all the No's along the way. I needed a platform that can assist me to regain hope and confidence, and when I looked at Mrs SA's women empowerment programme I knew I had to do register.

## **Can you share with us your favorite South African dish or traditional food?**

Nothing beats Braai'd meat, pap & chakalaka

## **If you could have dinner with any inspirational woman, past or present, who would it be and why?**

Past: Winnie Madikizela Mandela, She conquered so much and remained authentic, "How to be confident, resilient and beautiful through challenges of life"

Present: Connie Ferguson we would talk about "how to build a production company and a reputable brand image"





**What do you think are the most significant challenges facing women in South Africa today?**

Remuneration for equal skill in a work place in comparison to man  
 Instigated prejudice against multi racial woman salary equivalency(e g black vs white woman salary)  
 Balancing women and girl child empowerment without offending a boy child.  
 GBVF still remains number 1

**How do you plan to use the platform provided by the Mrs. South Africa pageant to make a positive impact?**

I advocate for children that are mentally impaired, and I am an ambassador for school called the Gap College. I would like to ensure that such children are looked after beyond their learning centres to how they are also treated in our communities. To get overall support for women that are raising such children.

What message would you like to convey to young girls and women about their rights and potential  
 Be knowledgeable about the spaces you are in or opportunities given to you, find ways to affect policies that minimize woman, be a sister you need at a workplace or in your community.



# Interview with Verushka Singh: Mrs. South Africa Semifinalist

A semifinalist in the prestigious Mrs. South Africa Pageant, Verushka is not only a successful chemical engineer and climate change consultant but also a devoted mother and mental health advocate. Her journey is one of overcoming personal challenges, embracing her multifaceted identity, and using her platform to inspire positive change.

In this exclusive interview, Verushka opens up about her path to the Mrs. South Africa stage, her passion for sustainability, and her commitment to raising awareness about mental health. She shares her thoughts on the challenges facing women in South Africa, her vision for a more equitable and sustainable future, and the powerful message she hopes to convey to young girls and women everywhere. Join us as we dive into the inspiring story of Verushka Singh—a woman who is redefining what it means to be a role model in today's world.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** Thank you for joining us today, Verushka. To start, can you tell us a bit about yourself and how you got started in the modelling industry?

**Verushka Singh:** Thank you for having me! I'm a 39-year-old mom living in Steyn City, Johannesburg. I studied Chemical Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand and have spent the last 14 years working in climate change consulting. My career has been focused on addressing global sustainability challenges, which has shaped my problem-solving skills and deepened my commitment to creating a positive impact on the world.

Outside of my professional life, I'm a mother to a wonderful son with ADHD, and I've also faced my own struggles with depression. These experiences have taught me the importance of mental health, self-care, and finding balance in life.

As for modelling, I've always admired the industry but never pursued it. Entering the Mrs. South Africa Pageant was a way for me to embrace my whole self—not just as an engineer and a mother, but as a woman who has overcome challenges and emerged stronger. It's an opportunity to celebrate my story, connect with others, and advocate for mental health and sustainability.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** That's inspiring! What motivated you to take part in the Mrs. South Africa Pageant?

**Verushka Singh:** The decision to enter the pageant came from a place of personal growth and a desire to embrace who I am beyond my professional and personal roles. As a corporate woman, a mother, and someone who has faced depression, I've had to build resilience and confidence through adversity. The pageant is a way to celebrate my journey and show that it's possible to excel in multiple roles while still pursuing self-expression and growth. It's not just about outer beauty but also about inner strength, perseverance, and embracing one's



true self.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** That's a powerful message. Now, let's lighten things up a bit—what's your favourite South African dish or traditional food?

**Verushka Singh:** Definitely biltong!

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** Great choice! If you could have dinner with any inspirational woman, past or present, who would it be and why?

**Verushka Singh:** There are so many incredible women I'd love to meet, but if I had to choose one, it would be Michelle Obama. Her journey of resilience, leadership, and advocacy is deeply inspiring. As a mother and someone who's balanced a demanding career, she's used her platform to discuss the importance of self-care, mental health, and empowering others. I'd love to hear her perspective on balancing multiple roles while staying true to what matters most.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** Speaking of challenges, what do you think are the most significant challenges

facing women in South Africa today?

**Verushka Singh:** Gender-based violence, economic inequality, and access to education and healthcare are some of the most pressing issues. Gender-based violence remains a major problem, with devastating effects on women and communities. Economic inequality also limits opportunities for many women, particularly in rural areas, and access to quality education and healthcare remains a challenge. Despite these obstacles, South African women have shown incredible resilience, and there's a growing movement toward gender equality.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** How do you plan to use the Mrs. South Africa platform to make a positive impact?

**Verushka Singh:** I want to use this platform to raise awareness about mental health, particularly for women juggling multiple roles. I also want to advocate for sustainability and inspire others to take action on climate change. Additionally, I hope to be a voice for women facing daily struggles, reminding them that it's

okay to not be perfect and that they can navigate life with strength and authenticity.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** What message would you like to convey to young girls and women about their rights and potential?

**Verushka Singh:** I want them to know that their potential is limitless. They have the right to dream, succeed, and be unapologetically themselves. Challenges will come, but they don't define you—it's how you respond that shapes your story. Surround yourself with supportive people, stay true to your values, and never be afraid to ask for help.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** Finally, how do you stay positive and motivated during difficult times?

**Verushka Singh:** It's not always easy, but I focus on small wins, practice gratitude, and remind myself that challenges are temporary and part of growth. I draw strength from my purpose—whether it's advocating for sustainability or being a role model for my son. Surrounding myself with positive people and practicing self-care also helps. Staying positive is a mindset, and while it takes work, I've learned that we all have the strength to push forward.

**Lewis Nyamakosi:** Thank you for sharing your inspiring journey and insights, Verushka. We wish you all the best in the Mrs. South Africa Pageant and beyond!

**Verushka Singh:** Thank you so much!







*Verushka Singh*



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# Okereke: A Rising Star in Modeling and Beyond



At just 22 years old, Okereke is already making waves in the world of modeling. Hailing from Enugu State, Nigeria, Okereke's journey into the fashion industry began at the age of 20. But her story is more than just about modeling—it's about ambition, self-belief, and a desire to inspire others.

Okereke's foray into modeling was driven by a deep-seated belief in her own potential. "I believe I'm an icon," she says with confidence. "I didn't want to keep it all to myself. I needed the world to see my iconic self and what I can show." This self-assuredness has been the cornerstone of her journey, propelling her to pursue a

career that allows her to express her creativity and individuality.

While modeling is her primary passion, Okereke is a multi-talented individual. She is also an actress and a student, balancing her academic pursuits with her creative endeavors. This versatility speaks to her dedication and ability to juggle multiple roles, a skill that will undoubtedly serve her well as she continues to grow in her career.

Okereke's aspirations extend far beyond the present. She envisions herself on a bigger and more influential stage in the coming years, where her impact can be felt on a wider scale. "I see myself in a place where my help would be wider," she shares. This statement reflects not only her ambition but also her desire to use her platform to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

### ### Gratitude and Support

No success story is complete without acknowledging the support system that makes it possible. Okereke is quick to express her gratitude to those who have been instrumental in her journey. She gives thanks to God, her supportive mother (whom she clarifies is not her biological mother but has always been there for her), and Mr. Charles, whose guidance and encouragement have played a significant role in her growth.

Okereke is more than just a model—she is a young woman with a vision, a strong sense of self, and a determination to leave her mark on the world. Her journey is a testament to the power of self-belief and the importance of having a supportive network. As she continues to rise, there's no doubt that Okereke will inspire many others to chase their dreams and embrace their own iconic selves.

# Hills Debbie's Journey to Modelling and Pageantry

At just 19 years old, Hills Debbie, a vibrant and ambitious college student at the University of Nigeria, is already dreaming big. With a passion for modelling and pageantry, she envisions herself as a star, a queen known far and wide. Her journey, though still in its early stages, is a testament to her determination, self-belief, and unwavering faith in her dreams.

Hills Debbie's love for modelling and pageantry is deeply rooted in her admiration for the glamour, confidence, and empowerment that come with it. Though she admits she is not yet actively involved in the modelling industry, her participation in a school pageant marked the beginning of her journey. For Debbie, modelling is more than just a career aspiration—it's a way to express herself, inspire others, and leave a lasting impact on the world.

"I just love everything about modelling," she says, her enthusiasm shining through. "I don't see myself doing any kind of white-collar job. I imagine myself as a star, a queen known far and wide. I just know I will be something big."

Debbie's journey is not one she walks alone. She credits her faith in God as the foundation of her strength and determination. "First, God, because He is the alpha and finisher of our faith," she says, acknowledging the spiritual guidance that keeps her grounded. Alongside her faith, she is grateful for the unwavering support of her family, especially her parents, and her friends, who have stood by her through difficult times.

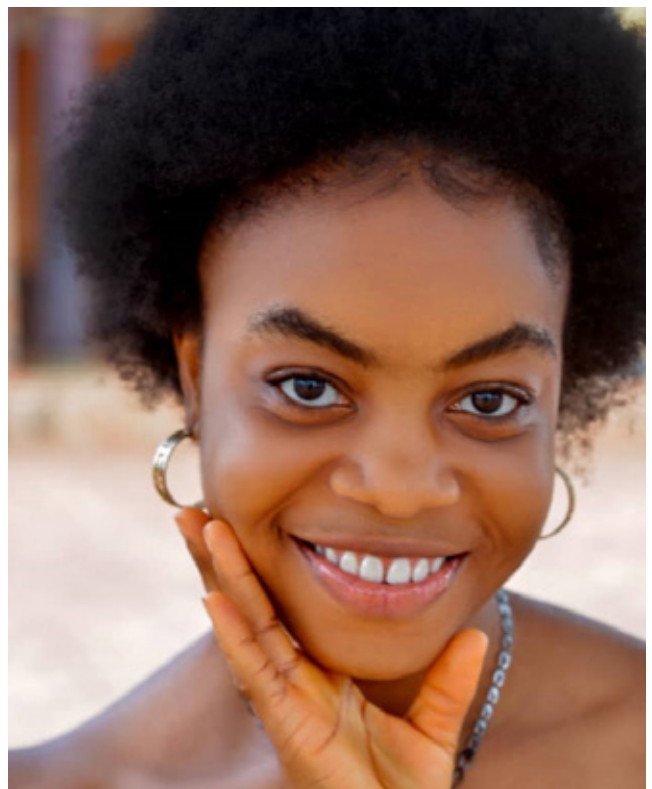
This strong support system has been instrumental in shaping Debbie's confidence and resilience. It's clear that her family and friends believe in her potential, and their encouragement fuels her ambition to achieve greatness.

While Debbie's modelling journey is still in its infancy, her vision for the future is crystal clear. She dreams of gracing the covers of magazines, walking international runways, and representing her country on global stages as a pageant queen. Her ultimate goal is to become a household name, not just in Nigeria but across the world.

Debbie's story is a reminder that every great journey begins with a single step. Her participation in a school pageant may have been her first step, but it's only the beginning of what promises to be a remarkable career. With her passion, determination, and the support of her loved ones, there's no doubt that Hills Debbie is destined for greatness.

For young women who share her dreams, Debbie's journey serves as an inspiration. She encourages aspiring models and pageant queens to believe in themselves, stay focused, and never give up, no matter the challenges they face. "I just know I will be something big," she declares, a statement that reflects her unshakable self-belief.

As Hills Debbie continues to chase her dreams, the world eagerly awaits the rise of this Nigerian star. Her journey is a testament to the power of passion, faith, and perseverance—a story that will undoubtedly inspire many to follow in her footsteps.





# A Rising Star in the World of Pageantry and Modeling

**A**t just 22 years old, Florence Francis from Enugu, Nigeria, is already making waves in the modeling and pageantry world. With a passion for culture, fashion, and self-expression, Florence is not only a model but also a student of Archaeology and Tourism at the prestigious University of Nigeria. Her journey into the world of modeling and pageantry is a testament to her determination, creativity, and love for showcasing the beauty of African culture.

Florence's interest in modeling began at a young age. As a child, she was fascinated by different cultures and how they were represented. This curiosity, combined with her love for art and fashion, inspired her to pursue a career in modeling. She started by participating in local pageants and fashion shows, which eventually led her to her current role at CA-Advert Modeling Company.

Her pageantry journey began early, with her first win at the age of nine as the "Face of the Best Children School." As a teenager, she continued to shine, winning the title of "Miss Methodist High" among all high schools in her region. These early successes fueled her passion and set the stage for her future endeavors.

Florence is currently preparing to compete in several prestigious pageants, including the Face of Africa Nigeria 2025, the Face of Nsukka Empire 2025, and Miss Bold and Beautiful of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Nigeria. The Face of Africa International Beauty Pageant, in particular, holds special significance for her. This pageant is not just about beauty; it's a platform that promotes African culture, empowers young girls, and provides educational support to those in need. Florence sees this as an opportunity to represent her heritage and inspire others.

When asked about her competition, Florence remains confident and fearless. She believes that the only limitations one faces are self-imposed. By working on herself and striving to be the best version of herself, she feels prepared to take on any challenge. Her positive mindset and determination are key to her success.

Florence's aspirations extend far beyond the pageant stage. She dreams of working with globally renowned brands like Fendi and Victoria's Secret,

bringing African culture to the forefront of the fashion industry. She also hopes to represent Nigeria in the Miss Universe pageantry, bringing the crown home and proving that the African girl-child is a queen in her own right.

In addition to her modeling career, Florence is passionate about being a role model for young African girls. She wants to show them that with hard work, dedication, and self-belief, they can achieve their dreams. Her journey is a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding everyone that no dream is too big.

Beyond her modeling and pageantry pursuits, Florence is a well-rounded individual. In her free time, she enjoys reading, maintaining her fitness routine, experimenting with new recipes, and learning new dance steps. Her love for learning and trying new things reflects her dynamic personality and zest for life.



# Less Effort, Great Results!

**T**atenda Ashley Tsiko is a child of God who is doing mighty works in the body of Christ. He is down-to-earth even though he is commanding great results in the vineyard and penetrating all sectors of the marketplace. Being a Bible school lecturer and school coordinator are bonus talents among many God-given ones that he possesses.

He is an epitome of excellence. This gem is a force to be reckoned with, as he is a combination of immeasurable grace and a fountain of wisdom. An ordained pastor, effective leader, spiritual son of Apostle T and Pastor C Vutabwashe, energetic preacher, radical evangelist, philanthropist, and climatologist by profession, he is a phenomenal Zimbabwean man of God based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is also a husband to a beautiful wife, Comfort Tsiko.

He told The Model Guide magazine that he did not plan to become a pastor. The calling was too loud to the extent that he had to answer God's call at a young age. He began preaching the undiluted word of God when he was 13 years old in his hometown, Kadoma. He was able to balance his time between academics and ministerial work. He is a studious Pastor who reached university level. While at Bindura University, he was well-known for his provocative and mind-blowing sermons. He was elected as a youth leader of the United Methodist Church campus. After graduating from Bindura University, he furthered his studies by attending Bible school to sharpen his knowledge and skills. Now, he is a full-time pastor serving at Heartfelt International Ministry.

Moreover, he is highly active in many programs, such as soul-winning, charity work, providing Christian counseling, praying for people, and offering spiritual guidance for free. In simple words, he is a community builder who is restoring love, peace, faith, morals, and values in local South African communities.

In an interview with the Model Guide magazine, he said, "It is not always about me. I did not call myself; God called me to do His work, and I love His people no matter who they are. I was anointed to serve them. This is what gives me power each and every day to serve His people without getting tired. Simply because it is not always about me, everything on this earth, including His glory, belongs to Him."

Pastor Tsiko is a dynamic individual who can juggle many things at the same time. He always delivers high-quality work in his career and ministry.

Moreover, he is a professional Pastor who works with integrity and he is very easy to work with. "Do not get caught up in the fast life. Slow down! If you rush, you crash and spoil everything. I learn so much from young, gifted people, and I believe that they have vast new ideas that can change the world for the better. I feel fortunate to be old enough to have some wisdom but also young enough to have the ability to adapt and learn," he explained clearly.

## **Outside of ministerial work**

"I enjoy traveling and visiting places I have never been. It allows me to meet new people and learn about new cultures, norms, and values. Furthermore, what interests me most is observing how they do business, their marketing strategies, their customer care, and their level of courtesy to customers.

I spend a lot of time with my partner. I am a very family-oriented person, and she makes up a huge part of my life. We do everything together, including serving the Lord, organizing church events or conferences, and running our own business."

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Kudakwashe T. Muganu





# Dressing The World



**M**enzi Mabuza is a 27 year old young man who was born and bred in Johannesburg. He is a South African fashion designer, entrepreneur and multiple - talented gem who is dressing the rich and famous models, actors and artists in proudly African designs. He firmly believes that he has what it takes to be the best designer of the town. Eye catching is a solid brand that promotes cultural pride and youth empowerment with high quality stylish and comfortable garments that fit all body shapes and sizes.

His journey of designing clothes embarked when he was in Secondary School. It started as a joke and it was a way to generate a source of income for himself. The passion grew bigger and bigger to such an extent he bought several sewing machines when he matriculated. This was the turning point of his life because he wanted to provide excellent professionalism into his business. Through thin and thick his business is still standing even up today.

## **How has the fashion industry changed since you entered it?**

Currently, we are living in a global village whereby our special customers have a wide variety to choose what they really want. As a fashion designer, you have to strive to be creative and innovative so that customers can buy your products. The plain truth is that customers of nowadays are more educated and they know their rights unlike in the past years.

## **What did you learn so far in your entrepreneur journey?**

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

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

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

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# Financial Expansion

**M**odern life is overloaded with demands which require a lot of money to keep up the standard. The cost of living is constantly going higher and higher each an everyday. As a matter of fact, Financial illiterate is very crucial in life. Wisdom will help you to spend your money wisely. My main aim is to help you to be financially prudent. I have outlined 4 tips you should follow to eradicate financial stress. The list goes as follows :

## 1) Live a simple lifestyle

In this 21st century, most of the people are living a lavish lifestyle as a way of proving a point. They do their best to impress people around them. If you take a look, rich people do not get their fortune by overspending beyond their income. If you want to improve your revenue, just live a normal life and it is a simple recipe to live a peaceful life which is free from unnecessary drama. Let me give you words of wisdom, live a normal lifestyle which is equivalent to your means.

## 2. Avoid debt

Strive to avoid debt at all costs. Start by treating your credit card as a way out of an emergency rather than a luxury. The best practical practice you should do is to avoid taking credit cards for shopping.

## 3. Put money aside

If you are earning money, you need to create a strategy to split your income between your

- *Living costs* - tithe, fixed bills such as rents, grocery shopping, mortgage, fuel or transport money,
- *Personal expenses* - cinema, evening outdoor, vacation
- *Your savings* will be split into 2 accounts which are retirement savings plans and emergency savings plans.

## 4. Create another source of income

A large number of millionaires do not rely on one form of revenue. Actually, they have several channels of making money. Start small and find a side job that can generate extra money for you. For instance, you can start to bake cakes or muffins, do online tutoring, open an online store or venture into farming.

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# The Beauty Of Being Authentic



Keitumetse is not an ordinary girl and she is by all means exquisite. Beauty, confidence, creativity and originality is what defines this outstanding jewel. In other words, she is a ground breaker.

Keitumetse Ngomane is a seasoned and professional model, North West dweller, philanthropist, brand ambassador of Getto Motivation, dancer and public speaker. Moreover, she is an advocate for people who are not confident enough with their bodies. Her mission is to teach youngsters that beauty comes in different shapes, sizes and colour. Everyone is unique in his or her own way.

The spirit of boldness was geared from her childhood experiences. What was supposed to destroy her converted to be a wonderful blessing. All the negative criticism about her body was a fuel she used to go higher in her modelling career. Indeed, this gem is a real conqueror who rose above all the storms she faced in her life. Thank God for Judith Nyikisa, a cutting - edge leader who usually motivates our beautiful model to dream big dreams and to make big moves.

As a title holder ( Miss Beauty North West Queen 2024), she is teaching a lot of youngsters to learn to love themselves without seeking

any validation from anyone. Self - acceptance is an individual decision you have to make for yourself. It is a greatest weapon against low self - esteem. Everyone has got the ability, capacity and potential to excel in life. It is so sad that most of the people lack confidence in themselves. They think that success is only reserved for special people, not for them.

## **What do you say about gender based violence?**

First, we have to pay attention to the word " violence". It is against human rights because it affects the victim in a negative way both physical and mental health. To such an extent that some of the people can be mentally disturbed. Violence is not a way to address the matter. You can talk in a peaceful way to understand each other.

## **What advice would you like to give to upcoming models?**

Being a title holder has absolutely nothing to do with the outside, it is all about the inside. You do not start to be a title holder on the day of ordination but you were born on this earth to fulfill this assignment.

Always remember that everything you do today, both young and elders are watching you. Lead by example as a leader. Being a title holder means to be a positive influencer, an ambassador, community builder and problem solver.

## **Last words**

Your latitude determines your altitude.

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# One step at a time

**G**reatness is achieved not when everything is in place but when there is nothing left to take away. Greatness is pursued, it is impossible to earn greatness because you have got potential, capacity or ability to do it. All successful people are men of action. Be willing to roll up your sleeves and do the work.

As a Model guide magazine, we are excited this month to feature a young vibrant and motivated girl who is currently staying in the place of the rising sun, Mpumalanga. A 23 year old young girl, an effective leader, entrepreneur, role models to many girls , a pageant owner of Miss Dipalaseng Pageant and a diploma holder of Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

## **Rising from the ashes**

There is an old saying which says that Rome was not built in a single day. My modelling career is almost 5 years journey, I went through different pageants which requires different strategies and approaches. To be an outstanding model, you need to master your craftwork very well so that when you present yourself on the stage, you can magically allow favour to locate you. But, if you take a short cut, you won't survive for a long period of time in the game. There are no negotiations about it, " she says.

## **What is your driving force towards your goals?**



In my little life experiences, I have come to realise that life is all about choices and decisions. Can you imagine, if you are doing nothing and expecting to obtain outstanding results. It is impossible, right? It is my duty to fight for what I desire to accomplish in my life. My personal motto is that the battle is not over until I win.

## **What message do you want to tell your family members, friends and fans?**

There is a proverb which says that it takes an entire village to raise a single child. I am so grateful to each an everyone who positively contributed something in my life. May God bless you for your kindness, love and gentleness.

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

Global, global, global !

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# Young, Gifted And Beautiful Model



He is one of the best youngest Durban girls who is making waves in the modelling industry. To her, being a model means to be an ambassador, effective leader and a good positive role model for those who look up to her. As an outstanding model, she vividly understands that modelling does not only happen on limelights when the cameraman and stage lights get into action. There is more to it.

A finalist of Miss Inspire SA Junior 2025, philanthropist, Lusanda Mabasa is a 10 year old girl who is currently doing grade 6 at Resmount Primary School. She is a seasoned and professional model who was groomed and mentored at Expressers Modelling Agency. Besides being a model, she is a gifted dancer and singer.

She firmly believes that God did not call her to be a celebrity but to help others who are in need and to mentor many kids on how to discover their gifts and talents that are hidden inside of them. All successful people have a common denominator, they focus on strength rather than on their weakness.

Moreover, she started working with numerous organisations at a tender age as a volunteer. Her passion led Lusanda to spend her spare time to both children and elderly orphanage homes. She usually donates sanitary towels, clothes, toys and clothes.

## What are the qualities that make you stand out?

Be original, be yourself and be real. You never know who you are going to impress by just being you. Stop trying so hard to be someone else. The world wants to see your own uniqueness and creativity. The world is ready to celebrate you for doing that.

What is your favourite quote?

Life is a journey and celebrate it in style.

## What words do you say to the upcoming models?

You do not have to be a Millionaire to make an impact in your generation. You already have what it takes to be a game changer. Believe in yourself, take action and be persistent in whatever you will be doing; you will be amazed how things will come together.

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THE CROWNING OF INSPIRATIONAL FEMALES

# HOW TO VOTE

LUSANDA MABASO

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- 100 votes=R250
- 200 votes=R450
- 500 votes=R1000

JUNIOR FINALIST





# Rising Star



If you asked her 10 years ago if she ever thought that one day she will be a perennial figure in the modelling industry. Absolutely, she would have blatantly refused. So, how did she manage to rise to the top and capture the hearts of many people? I can simply summarise everything in a single phase, unleash the hidden treasure within you and thoroughly refine your gift.

Khumoetsile Sello is an 18 - year - old girl who was born, bred and buttered in Rustenburg has defied social expectations by relentlessly pursuing her passion for pageants regardless of the challenges that she encountered in her life. Her ultimate success is a testament of unwavering determination, hard work and the ability to balance multiple roles in her life.

Her modelling desire started to spark in 2022 when she watched a modelling show on television. Our fireball had million reasons to be a model. She did not waste time by procrastinating on her goals , she participated at Miss Cosset Pageantry and she won 3 titles. This breakthrough in her career boosted her confidence to take another mountain. Currently, she is a finalist of Miss Supremacy South Africa 2025.

**Why is mental healthy wellness is very important subject to tackle in our societies?**

Depression is real. Many young girls or women are going through a lot in their lives but they will try to run away from the situation. They will put everything at the back of their heads and act as if everything is okay. Later on, it will affect their mental healthy. As a model, I urge young girls to confront the situation and resolve it or to seek help from professional counsellors.

**What advice would you like to share with young girls who look up to you?**

Be the girl who set goals. Be the girl who values the truth. Be the girl who possesses a kind heart, be kind to yourself and dream big dreams. Discover your purpose and live your life to the fullest.

**Words of wisdom**

Do not let your dreams only happen in your sleep, wake up for yourself and make them happen.

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# Turn Success Into More Success



**L**unathi, one of the most gifted and talented models of our time. She is a model who raised the bar with her unique style, creativity, excellence and unshakable confidence. She is an undisputed extraordinary young jewel who does not compromise her personal standards to fit in. Her vision determines how she lives. Currently, she is thoroughly preparing for an international trip (Turkey ) to represent her motherland country (South Africa).

Our lovely readers meet our wonderful girl, Lunathi Manzi is a passionate, vibrant and dynamic young lady who is making great moves in the modelling industry at a younger age. She is a 11- year - old girl who is a professional model, student, philanthropist, actress, dancer and tennis player. She works very hard in her academics because she strongly believes that leadership is all about influencing others to do well. Also, she has got a pure heart to serve a multitude of people in various walks of life. Her philosophy states that a good citizen is a faithful servant who can serve people in an amazing way.

" I always had a passion for beauty, excellence and leadership since I was young. Modelling was one of the best platforms that was going to turn my dreams into reality," she clearly explained during the interview.

Being a model is not an easy road as many people think of, it takes resources, commitment and hard work to produce an outstanding work. Success cannot be attained by luck or an accident. It is all about taking action.

## **What is your platform as a model?**

We are living in the days whereby there is high rate of suicides, alcohol or drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, violence, corruption and all forms of abuses. All of these predicaments led me to establish my own organisation which is called Lunathi Manzi Foundation. The main purpose of this foundation is to restore the broken souls of young people.

Furthermore, I established several pageants which are called Mr and Miss Inanda, Mr and Miss Ubuhle Besintu KZN and Mr and Miss Sentimental Beauty DBN. I mentored millions of youngsters to discover their own purpose on this earth, to start their own businesses and groom them to be professional models.

## **What message do you want to tell your family members, friends and fans?**

I am so grateful to have such kind of amazing people in my life such as Simone Eichler and Carolyn Baldwin Botha who are very supportive and destiny helpers in my modelling career. I really appreciate them from the bottom of my heart.

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# Choose Your Own Style



From an early age of 3, she showed a natural flair of modelling. Her craftwork speaks for itself that she was destined to be a model. At the age of 5, she was already on the runway and scooped many awards. What an incredible individual! This early childhood awareness made our superstar model to take her career very seriously and it set her on a path to success.

As a model guide magazine, we are super excited to feature a vibrant, self - driven and ambitious girl who was brought up in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal Province. Allow me to introduce you to a remarkable individual who is making waves in the modelling industry, a world shaker. Meet Sbahle Lethintokozo Chilliza is a 5 year old Zulu speaking girl who is doing grade 1 at Ekuphileni Primary School. She is also gifted in the area of public speaking, dancing and drawing.

Our game changer model usually give her spare time to do charity activities. Sbahle's impact goes beyond the stage.

She is committed to use her platform to make a positive difference in her community. She donated school uniforms, school shoes, clothes, toys and food at local orphanages. On 14 February 2025, she bought Valentine gifts to all of her classmates including her 4 teachers and Principal as well.

## **What challenges did you face on your journey as a Queen?**

Success is not a matter of luck. It is an ability to manage challenges and resources like time. To be a student and reigning Queen at the same time is not as easy as many people think of. I had to develop a routine to balance my school work and modelling career.

## **What kind of advice would you like to tell upcoming models?**

Success is a rocky road but it is achievable. Keep showing up each an everyday with a fresh mind and zeal. Keep moving forward. Do not accommodate any arrival-mentality thoughts in your head, there are vast opportunities that are waiting for you on top.

## **Words of wisdom**

The world is tired of listening to noise makers. Talk few words, let your fashion style or positive impact do the talking for you.

## **Social media handles**

**Facebook :** Sabahle Chilliza

**Tik Tok :** Sbahle9208

**Instagram :** sbahle\_ lethintokozo



# The signature of Excellence

She is phenomenal, petite and powerful, one of the few young girls who have overtime defied the odds and made waves in the modelling industry.

Keneilwe Noge is a 21 - old - girl who is a professional model, public speaker, writer , poetry, philanthropist and an advocate for mental and gender based violence. She was born, bred and buttered in a small village which is called Majemantsho, North West. On 22nd February 2025, she was crowned as a Queen; Neo M Face Of Gbv. In addition, she got other titles such as Neo M Face Of Gbv North West 2025, Neo M Face Of Gbv Best Introduction and Neo M Face Of Gbv Charity Ambassador.

In an interview with Keneilwe magazine, she stated that she was so passionate about modelling from a younger age. Most of the people were encouraging her to be a model because of her petite body. She did not waste time to enter a pageant of Miss Golden North West. The rest is history, she is still standing up to this day.

To become a Queen of Neo M Face Of Gbv was one of her goals she set for herself. When we asked her about



achieving this esteemed title, Keneilwe expressed, " I am proud of myself and I am having confidence in my abilities because my achievement is a sense of hard work."

As a Queen, Keneilwe endeavors to visit several orphanage homes, to offer free homework classes for students, teaching people about the subject of mental healthy wellness and counselling the victims who are suffering from depression, dipolar etc Furthermore, she is planning to use her platform to raise awareness campaigns on Gbv and leverage her social media presence to drive meaningful change in her community and society at large.

## Advice to upcoming models?

Be original, be yourself and be real. You never know who you are going to impress just being you. Stop trying so hard to be someone else. The world wants to see your own uniqueness and your creativity. The world is ready to celebrate you for being yourself because it is your signature.

## Last words

Do not pray for rain if you are going to complain about the mud.

Keneilwe's journey is a testament of resilience, passion and the power of kindness. As she prepares for her next move in the year of 2025. Her story serves as an inspiration to many, proving that with determination and a big heart can truly make a difference.





# The Game Of Giving Back To The Community



**T**hengiwe is a sophisticated lady who is a self - motivated, focused and goal - oriented individual. She is a dreamer who does not allow her current circumstances to think big.

Her growth game is dramatically escalating each an everyday in her modelling career. Absolutely, you can visibly see that she is not slowing down or looking back. Indeed, she is an earth mover, earth shaker !

Ladies and gentlemen, let's meet a phenomenal inspirational and determined young girl who goes by the name, Thengiwe Nkazimulo Myende . A 9 year old girl, a dedicated Primary school student, founder of Mr and Miss Trinity SA and Mr and Miss Distinct KZN. She

is highly active in participating in extracurricular activities such as volunteering and doing charity work. An philanthropist model is well - known in her local community by doing greater works. She has got a big heart to help others especially students, families or individuals who are in need.

**Do you think education is very important to models?**

Absolutely, yes! It provides financial security, independence and self - confidence. It develops interpersonal skills, helps models to think clearly and to make wise decisions in their lives.

## **Words of advice to youngsters**

Humbleness is a true virtue of life. Be mindful of your behaviour on social media is very crucial in today's digital world. Social media has the power to make you or to destroy you.

Thengiwe is not just a rising star in the modelling industry, she is a beacon of hope and inspiration to countless young people. Her career journey illustrates that success has nothing to do with age.

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# When Beauty And Brains Combine



Being a model is one of the greatest gifts which only a few individuals possess. This is the major reason why we have got a small percentage of models in our towns. As a Model guide magazine, we are very excited this month to feature another talented and beautiful gem whose name is Lihlithemba who managed to catapult her dreams into reality.

Modelling is not just walking like a duck. A professional and seasonal model must have the ability to display skills, confidence and excellence on the stage. This is a very critical technique that is expected from professional models so that they can be able to

market their brand name very well.

One may ask, "how is it possible that other students are able to balance their school work and career at the same time?" Well the answer is simple as evidently exhibited by Zama Lihlithemba Hlongwane. She is a 16 - year - old girl who is doing grade 11 at Ziphembeleni Secondary School. The sky has no limit, everyone has the same capacity to excel into higher dimensions. The real question I can ask you is that, are you willing to pay the price for you to attain your goals?

**If you could go back and tell yourself one thing before beginning your modelling career, what would it be?**

Work hard and do not panic - everything will be alright.

**What is your greatest lesson in your modelling career so far?**

Modelling is all about people. You cannot be a model in your own world. You need people who can come to watch you on the stage, people who can support or sponsor your craftwork, people who can market your brand or speak on your behalf when you are not around. I have learnt to value men in my life regardless of their current status, age or qualifications.

Last words of Lihlithemba

If you can dream it, you achieve it.

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# Take A Leap Of Faith And Follow Your Dreams



*She is not an ordinary gem but rather remarkable in every sense.*

She is beautiful, intelligent, talented, bubbly, sophisticated and exotic. She embodies poise and unmatched grace, a queen in her own right.

Judity Nyikisa was born, bred and buttered in the country of South Africa. She has made a huge mark in her modelling and business career.

Our fireball started her modelling career in 2023, she never either slowed down or looked back. She is also blessed to have supportive family members who strongly believe in her dreams and they do their best to keep her dreams alive. This is what makes her fearless and grounded in the marketplace.

Life does not start when you are born. Actually, it starts





when you discover your passion and purpose on this earth. She took a step of faith to be a fashion model. Currently, she is the founder of Miss Beauty North West. She is the director of Face of Devotion North West and director of Gbv North West.

**Tell me lessons you have learnt in the modelling industry?**

Failure is part and parcel of the process. You do not have to be afraid to fail. Embrace failure with an attitude to learn. Personally, I do not allow my past failure to define me because I live for something which is bigger than me. I still have a long way to go in my business and modelling career. I won't promise anyone to give up too soon.

**What is your take on gender based violence or early child marriage?**

Gender based violence affects both physical and

mental health that may lead to depression and isolation. We can prevent gender based violence by empowering young girls or women economically. Also, the government or individuals should provide a safe place to stay.

Judity is more than just a superstar fashion model in the modelling world. She is a beacon of hope and inspiration for young individuals everywhere. With her blend of talent, ambition and wisdom, she is poised to make a long lasting impact not only in the modelling industry but also in the lives of those she aspires to mentor. As she continues her journey, we can only expect great things from this remarkable young woman.

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# Inspired To Inspire Others



A 15 - year - old superstar model, Adele is making waves in the modelling industry in her hometown of INanda Dube Village, in the city of Durban. Her inspiration for modelling came from her friends, she began her modelling journey in the year of 2022 at Escort Wembesi.

" My friends were a big motivation for me to get into modelling. They saw something in me that I did not see in myself and their constant support pushed me to take the leap of faith, " she says.

Our fireball is grateful for the unwavering support of her family

and friends who have been by her side throughout her modelling journey. " I could not have done any of this without my loved ones," she says. They have been my biggest cheerleaders and I am so thankful for their encouragement."

Adele Nompilo Nkosi is a Zulu girl who is doing grade 10 at Ntshisekelo High School. When she is not in front of the camera, Adele is a dedicated student, coach and public speaker.

When I am on set, I feel confident, vibrant and truly myself. For Adele, modelling goes beyond just strutting on the runway. It is a powerful platform which she uses to express her personality and to inspire others. At the heart of her mission is a desire to empower young boys and girls. "I strive to promote self - love, confidence and character building," she emphasized the importance of embracing individuality.

## 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 better person. Next time you won't be shaken by the same storms because you will know how it will end.

With her natural talent, determination and the backing of her community, this gem is poised to become a force to be reckoned with in the

# Meet Ruvarashe Kimberly Mugwenjedzi



**A**t just 17 years old, Ruvarashe Kimberly Mugwenjedzi, affectionately known as Kim, is already making waves in her community. Hailing from Masvingo, Zimbabwe, Kim is a bright and ambitious young woman with a passion for modeling and pharmacy. With her stunning looks, sharp intellect, and infectious enthusiasm, Kim is undoubtedly a rising star to watch.

Kim's journey into the world of modeling began at a young age, participating in beauty pageants in primary school and consistently taking home top honors. Although she took a break from modeling to focus on her academics, Kim's dream of becoming a full-time model never faded. Her experience in beauty pageants

not only boosted her confidence but also taught her valuable skills such as poise, public speaking, and stage presence.

When asked about her aspirations, Kim revealed that she hopes to land a job as a pharmacist's apprentice in the near future. Her ultimate goal is to become a full-time pharmacist within the next four years. Kim's interest in pharmacy stems from her desire to help others and make a positive impact on her community. She believes that pursuing a career in pharmacy will enable her to achieve this goal while also providing her with a sense of fulfillment and purpose.

Kim cites Kenz Lawren, a model based in the United States, as her role model. She is inspired by Lawren's success and determination in the competitive modeling industry. Kim admires Lawren's confidence, resilience, and passion for her craft, and she hopes to emulate these qualities as she navigates her own modeling career.

In her free time, Kim enjoys listening to music, particularly Olivia Rodrigo. While she doesn't have a specific music taste, she finds solace in Rodrigo's soulful voice and relatable lyrics. Kim believes that music has the power to uplift and inspire, and she often turns to it when she needs motivation or a boost of confidence.

As Kim continues on her journey, she is aware of the challenges that lie ahead. She knows that the modeling and pharmacy industries are highly competitive, and she is prepared to put in the hard work and dedication required to succeed. Despite these challenges, Kim remains optimistic and focused, drawing inspiration



from her role models and supporters.

With her stunning looks, sharp intellect, and infectious enthusiasm, Kim Chiredzi is undoubtedly a rising star to watch. As she navigates her journey in modeling and pharmacy, we can't help but feel excited about the incredible things she will achieve. We wish Kim all the best on her path to success and look forward to seeing her make her mark on the world.

***Follow Kim's journey on social media and stay tuned for updates on this talented young woman!***



# Tadiwanashe Mzambi A Rising Star in Modeling



rents and sells event tents, and is developing her own line of cosmetics and perfumes. Her ability to juggle multiple businesses showcases her determination and versatility.

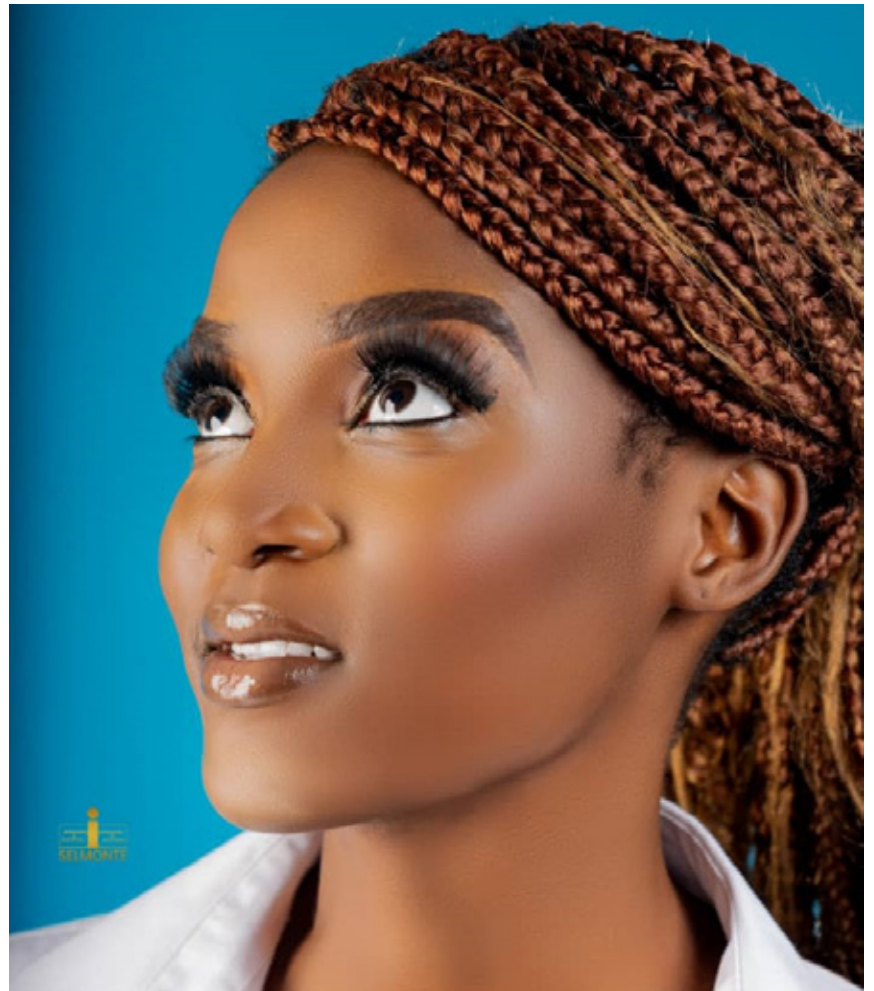
Looking ahead, Tadiwanashe has ambitious plans. She envisions herself as a successful model and entrepreneur, using her platform to empower young women globally. She aims to challenge stereotypes, proving that women can excel in both modeling and business. Her ultimate goal is to inspire others to pursue their dreams and break free from societal constraints.

To her fellow models, Tadiwanashe offers a powerful message: "Your worth goes beyond your physical appearance. You are strong, resilient, and talented. Don't let societal standards define you. Support one another, celebrate each other's successes, and together, let's create a more inclusive and empowering industry."

Tadiwanashe Mzambi is not just a model or entrepreneur—she is a role model, inspiring others to embrace their potential and strive for greatness. Her journey is a testament to the power of passion, hard work, and self-belief.

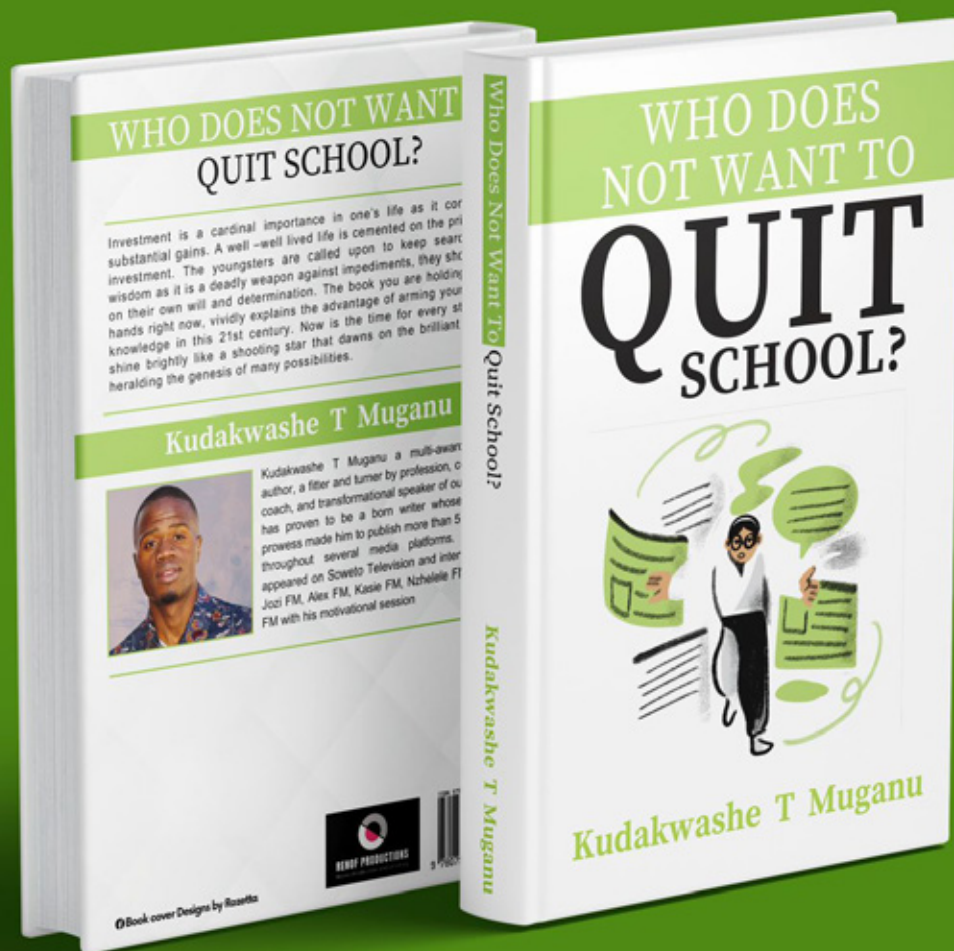
**T**adiwanashe Mzambi, a 22-year-old from Waterfalls Prospect, is making waves in both the modeling and business worlds. Despite being relatively new to modeling, Tadiwanashe has already shown a deep passion for the industry. She began her journey just a few months ago, though her interest was sparked a year earlier when she assisted her uncle with promoting his clothing line. This experience gave her a glimpse into the world of modeling, but she initially hesitated due to the industry's challenging reputation. Now, she is focusing on personal growth while exploring modeling as a potential career path.

Beyond modeling, Tadiwanashe is a driven entrepreneur with a diverse range of ventures. She owns a hair salon in St. Martins, where she helps clients enhance their appearance and confidence. Her entrepreneurial spirit doesn't stop there—she also creates and sells custom wigs,





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# UP for the CROWN



She is a true embodiment of the mantra, "age is just a number." This belle is one of the vivacious youngsters who chose to get up from her comfort zone and started to pursue her modelling career at a younger age. Her journey serves as a powerful reminder that with passion, a clear vision and hard work, one can accomplish the loftiest dreams. In this particular interview, Amanda was clearly explaining her modelling journey when she joined the Expressers Modelling Agency in 2024. She managed to scoop the title of Miss Future SA. Currently, she is a finalist of Miss Charity Influencers 2025.

A newbie South African model, Amanda Dlomo is a 12 year old girl who was born, bred and buttered in Adam Mission. She is doing grade 8 at Adam College. Her dedication and determination extends beyond modelling. She is a philanthropist, public speaker and dancer as well. Indeed, she is a multiple talented

person who fits in so many areas. She clearly understood the proverbs which say that do not put all your eggs in one basket.

Our fireball vividly elaborated that modelling is an art that can be expressed through fashion, beauty, pictures, body language, voice and many other forms..

Furthermore, she is a community builder who is making a positive impact in the city of Durban. Naturally, she has got a pure and generous heart. A large number of people are benefiting from her unwavering kindness, love and faithfulness to her God - given assignment on this earth.

If she is going to be given an opportunity to have 1 billion Rands in her bank account, she would like to help the less privileged people in Durban by building more hospitals, schools, homes and creating many **jobs in South Africa.**

## **What is the benefit of being a model?**

It is a wonderful and honour to be trained at Expressers Modelling Agency because it dramatically changed how I conduct myself as an individual and it improved my reasoning capacity - I view life from a better perspective. Also, I am capable of doing team work, to work under pressure and to interact with different social classes of people.

## **What would you like to say to upcoming models?**

Embrace every moment of this incredible journey. Be true to yourself, stay dedicated and use your platform to inspire others. You have the power to make a long lasting impact in your generation.



# IRONHEARTED MODEL MAKING BIG MOVES



**R**aw talent, real and extremely rare. There is something alluring about a young beautiful lady who has a solid vision about her future. Who cannot be easily intimidated by others success. A well rounded individual who is successful in all areas of her life. Fatness in all angles. A great combination of beauty and intelligence. What an incredible full package!

Welhemia Montoedi is one of the dynamic young ladies who has defied the odds and proven that everything is possible and goals are achievable, if you work very hard in everything that you do in life.

This is a 30 - year - old girl who hails all the way from the beautiful city of Pretoria, Soshanguve. She is an actress, entrepreneur, radio presenter, motivational speaker, pageantry judge, nurse by profession and medical practitioner student. Our superstar model has scooped several

titles in the year 2024. The list goes as follows; Miss Influence S.A 1st Runner - Up Princess 2024, Miss Influence South Africa Public Choice 2024 and she was also awarded at Pheli Awards as a Best Model Of The Year. Currently, she was nominated on South African Awards which are called The Women of South Africa Awards Imbokodo. Welhemia acknowledged the need for community support. "Honestly, you cannot build an empire alone. You need the help of others to succeed," she said. "I am calling on all my fellow Africans to help me win this special award. Every vote counts, every vote matters. Check my social media for details on how to participate."

Her modelling journey started in 2023, she never looked back or slowed down but her passion towards her modelling career is getting stronger and stronger on a daily basis.

"I thank God for my biological mother who supported and encouraged me to go to modelling school after I took a long break. Everything that I have achieved in my personal life, I could not make it alone. There are many hands that contributed to my ultimate success. It includes my family members, friends, fans, mentors, school teachers, Pastors, the list is endless. I salute you for believing my dreams," she says.

## **Where do you get your inspiration from?**

I am inspired by hardworking people who never gave up and did not allow their past failures to define them. Life is hard and tough But, it does not stop any man from achieving his or her goals.

## **How do you define beauty?**

Beauty cannot be defined by the physical appearance. Often, eyes can deceive. It is about intelligence, how you conduct yourself and how you treat others especially people whom you know that will never repay you one day.

Beauty is about having a clear vision and goals which govern how you live your daily life. Also, beauty is about having self - love. Loving and having confidence with your skin colour, body shape or physical height.

## **Last words**

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

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