

Speaking notes by the MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule at the occasion of the graduation ceremony for Good Work Foundation on 14 March 2014

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Representatives from Londolozi Digital Learning Centre

Prestigious Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Graduates

Good Afternoon,

I am delighted to join you today on this auspicious occasion as we celebrate the hard work that our graduates have put in. This is a very special event as it stands as evidence that there are South African men and women who are still eager to study.

We are continuously urging young people to seek for education so that they may acquire knowledge and skills that will assist in their growth and a secured future.

This occasion is one that gives us hope that the future of the Province is in good hands, we are encouraged and hopeful that our endless requests do not fall onto deaf ears.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it can only be through dedication and hardwork that we are celebrating you for your achievements today.

We acknowledge that there must have been hurdles and potholes that you needed to overcome to achieve these great accolades.

We therefore appreciate that the challenges that met you on the way did not deter your spirits but encouraged you to reach your goals.

Allow me to steal a few words from Eleanor Roosevelt as she stated that “***The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams***”.

By these words, remember that you have laid a foundation and created possibilities for your future, this however, does not mean working hard stops today. Each and everyone of you should believe in your dreams and work even harder to reach them.

Education empowers us to turn our dreams into realities; you are therefore equipped with knowledge that will let you make informed decisions.

I appeal to everyone to always keep your flame glowing and burning by taking part in the growth of the province, and by encouraging others in your different communities to also follow suit.

Personal growth and skills development is very important but empowering those that are less informed plays a vital role in the growth of our communities.

Let me take this opportunity and also acknowledge everyone who has been involved in the growth of these individuals. We appreciate your dedication and hardwork.

You have played a pivotal role as sources of information, and have instilled a great sense of pride and knowledge in the individuals we celebrate today. It is through your selfless inputs that our graduates were able to realize their goals.

We wish you the best for the future and can only hope that your dedication will be ignited even more as you witness the fruits of your labor.

Siboyabonga!

Ladies and Gentlemen allow me to take this opportunity to once again congratulate our graduates.

I plead with you to grab this opportunity with both hands and run with it. You are now henceforth the representatives of not only our province but our country.

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government encourages those that still seek experiential learning to always be on the lookout for internship or learnership posts that are constantly advertised on our local and national papers.

Congratulations again.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

I thank you.