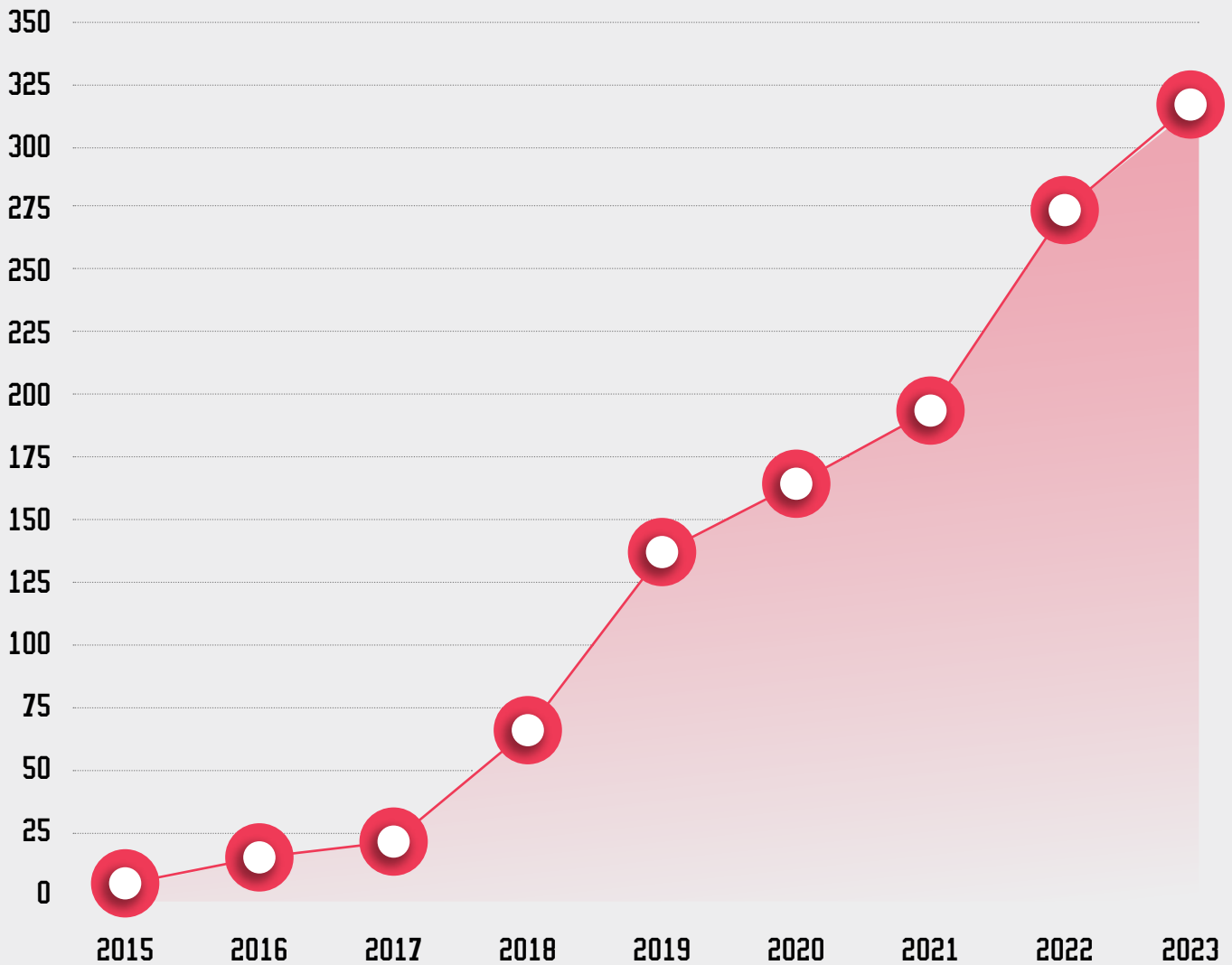


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GRADUATES REPORT



#OFGRADUATES Over the years



In 2023, Masinyusane marked a historic milestone. After celebrating the graduation of 50 Masi students this year, we have surpassed 300 since launching our scholarship fund! Each graduate is a beacon of hope for their families and communities. We're inspired by their triumphs and honoured to support them.

These graduates represent the exclusive 1% from our communities with a university education. Their bright minds and resilient spirits are pivotal

in shaping South Africa's future.

Venturing into the workforce, they're on a twofold mission: forging personal career paths and uplifting their families from poverty. Their journey brings to mind the image of mastering one mountain to face an even greater one.

Your generous contributions have helped these young stars actualize their dreams. **They will be eternally grateful.**



Yonela

Nika



“ I would like to thank Masinyusane for making my day special because I did not have any plans after my graduation. The party they threw for me and my family is really appreciated.

The Masi team has supported me since high school. They helped me with applications in varsity whereas I was clueless where to begin. I was also exposed to the working environment because of Masinyusane and the bus fare fees on daily basis from home to varsity were a huge help. They even hired me work in my community so I could earn some much needed money to study while raising a daughter.

I would like to thank everyone there for giving me this special opportunity.

When Yonela had a baby, she chose to work at our schools whilst pursuing her undergrad. Four years later, she has a beautiful little girl, and is a double graduate. On top of that, she is also working for a local non profit organization.

Okuhle

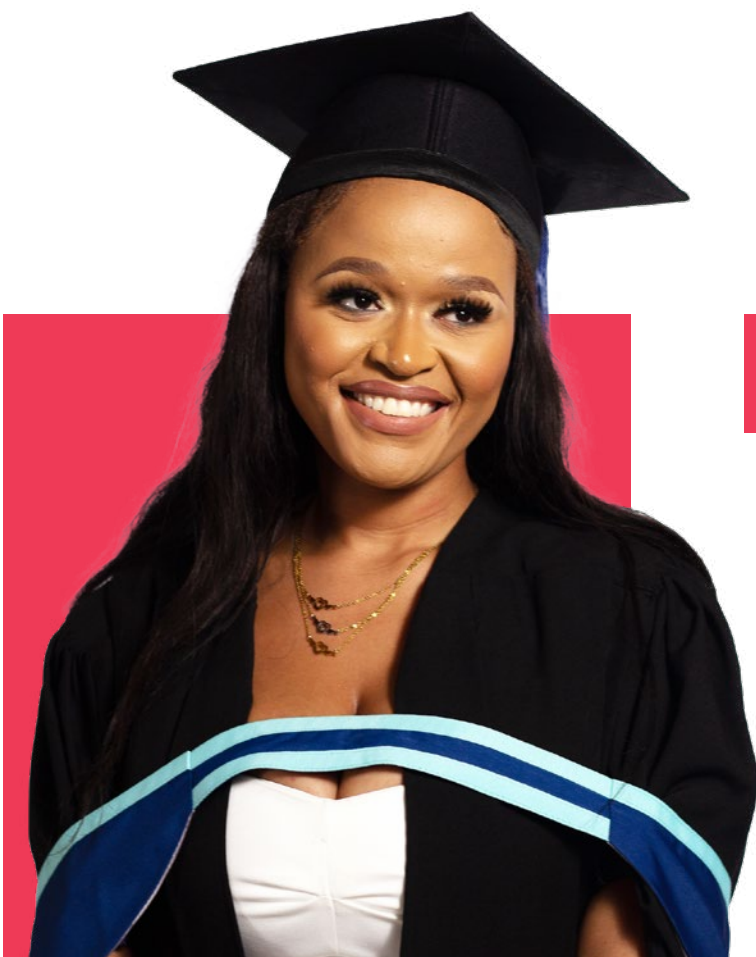
Mlonyeni

“The Masinyusane Organization is doing an amazing job changing lives. You have helped me in ways unimaginable, even in my personal life. You still are. I wish for many other students to get the same experience I did.”

As the first in her family to graduate from university, Okuhle is a pioneer. She lived in the Masi House of Excellence and has always been close to our Masi family. Even today, she is working at one of our primary schools in our Grade 3 programme. The experience has consolidated her love of children and she wishes to pursue Education as her next qualification.

We are particularly proud of Okuhle because of the extra-ordinary home challenges she overcame. There were many, many times where everyone would have understood if she gave up. Yet she never did.





Zimkhitha Ndongeni

Zimkhitha is pioneering a female career in Construction Management, a rarity in South Africa. Shattering stereotypes and breaking glass ceilings, she is pursuing a post-graduate Diploma right now. Like Okuhle above, Zimkhitha is earning extra cash by working with our children during the day while pursuing her advanced degree at night. A role model in every sense of the word!

Strong, confident, and brilliant, she has an amazing future ahead of her.



Simamkele Skweyiya

“ I cannot thank Masinyusane enough for their love, patience and belief in me. I promise to make you guys proud.

After a long journey, Sima has attained her Mechanical Engineering Degree! She joins Zimkhitha (above) as a pioneer, blazing a new path in a male-dominated field by showing what a young women with big dreams from the townships can achieve.

Sima is off to the Netherlands after securing a dream job at one of the world's leading semiconductor manufacturing suppliers. Another impossible story come true.



Palesa Ndimba

“ Mandimbulele iGqwashukazi lam elihle for imfundiso yakhe, uthando lwakhe, noxhaso lwakhe. I will forever be grateful.”

(I would like to thank my late grandmother for all of her teachings, love, and support).

What do you get when you have a determined young lady, and a loving grandmother? A double graduate and an online English teacher. The passing of her beloved grandmother towards the end of her studies was devastating. But it has strengthened her resolve to reach her potential and live up to the expectations her grandmother had for her.



Nomvuyisi Wanyaza

“ I would like to thank Masinyusane for assisting me with the transition from high school to tertiary. I had no worries, nor stress as I knew I had a family that will help me where I lack, and make things easier for me.

Thank you Masinyusane.

As soon as Nomvuyisi completed her undergrad, she already knew that she will go even further. This she did with consummate ease and a smile which never goes away. Less than two years later, she has completed her post-grad, and has a job at international powerhouse Coca-Cola.





Anathi Skaap

A female graduate in Information Technology, Anathi has left our home in the Eastern Cape to join one of South Africa's largest IT companies.

She is working hard everyday to prove herself in one of South Africa's fastest growing industries and will have a wealth of opportunities in front of her in the years to come.



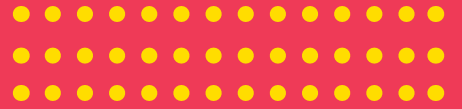
Khotsofalang Ntlai

“Umzingisi akanashwa.”

Loosely translated, this saying means ‘he who perseveres throughout, will never suffer misfortune.’ This is especially true for Khotsofalang, who, when many others would have given up, chose to go the long haul.

He is now a Mechanical Engineer at Tenneco!





Mandisa

Nodlawu

Mandisa, one of our exceptional graduates, stands as an inspiring testament to perseverance. Despite grappling with the challenges poverty presents, just like her peers, Mandisa has been a beacon of positivity. She never complained, seldom asked for help, and demonstrated a remarkable ability to focus on her goals and work diligently towards them. Her infectious radiant smile (see above) added a touch of sunshine to even the toughest of days.

Mandisa's influence reaches far beyond her own accomplishments. So inspiring is her journey that we invited her to join our team for a year. As she prepares to make her mark in corporate South Africa, Mandisa is currently enriching the lives of our children and youth with her infectious spirit and signature radiant smile, spreading light and hope across our schools in Motherwell.

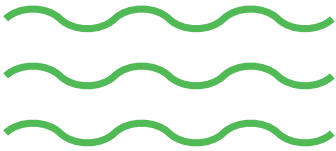


Olwethu Ngcikwe

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I would like to thank Masinyusane for taking me in my most difficult time in varsity. In 2020 many students including me were asked to leave accommodation while at home we moved to a shack. This was a hard adjustment there was no electricity and water was delivered by truck.

I remember when online learning started I was depressed about how will I be able to even participate. Masinyusane was like a father to me. I moved into the Masi House of Excellence, where they provided food and a safe place to stay so that I can continue effectively with my studies. I will always appreciate what Masinyusane did for me.”



Zukhanye Vokwana

It is always a wonderful feeling to celebrate milestones with families within a very short space. A year ago we were all celebrating Zusakhe getting her first degree.

A year later we celebrate her second!

As she enters the 'real world' of work, we are excited to see all she achieves.



Asemahle Kweta

Deeply rooted in her faith, Asemahle has some serious long term plans for her life.

“Trust your journey and the process. Your journey is unique and unlike anyone else’s. It may sometimes feel like you’re stagnant or lagging behind (compared to your peers) but that is all for a reason. You will get to where you need to be eventually.”

She is currently a finance assistant at a local computer accessories store. She has already enrolled to study further. Naturally.



Yvonne Mramba

Yvonne's natural settings are to put her head down and get the job done. With a 100% pass rate, she graduated on time and is flying her family's flag high.

She recently secured a learnership with Enviroserv and is putting what she has learned into practice.

Like so many of our young stars, Yvonne is pursuing a graduate degree at night.



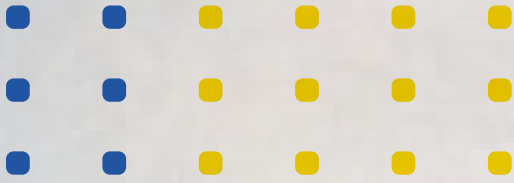
Ayabonga Mdlankomo



A few years ago a young man with ears like Will Smith (Fiks joke) completed his Higher Certificate in IT.

Fast forward to 2023, and Ayabonga is now a triple graduate, currently an IT practitioner at Coega Development Corporation.

I am Legend.



Lesley Tore

Years ago, Lesly's mother left Zimbabwe, seeking a brighter future for her children. When two Catholic nuns from a rural South African village recognized Lesly's potential and contacted Jim, her journey with Masinyusane began. As a foreigner, Lesly had no access to local funding, making Masinyusane her only hope. Supported by our generous backers, we provided a full scholarship and moved her into our Masi House of Excellence.

Today, Lesly, a law graduate, is enrolled in a Master's program and has accepted a junior lecturer position at the university.

She is a talented young lawyer, empowered to shape her future, pull her family out of poverty, and unleash her incredible potential.

Remember the name, Lesly Tore; she's on a path to greatness.



"I would like to thank Bhuti Jim, who is a father to me."





2023 GRADUATES

**Jozay
Gouws**
Professional Chef

**Uyanda
Betela**
Legal Practitioner

**Zintle
Mathanjana**
Agricultural Management

**Ovayo
Mcimeli**
Applied Studies

**Ncebakazi
Jacobs**
Business Studies

**Zanele
Nangomso**
Economics

**Zolani
Sibengile**
Economics

**Sibulele
Balakisi**
Business Management

**Asemahle
Kweta**
BCom Accounting

**Yonela
Nika**
Logistics

**Asemahle
Tom**
Business Management

**Lutho
Didishe**
Industrial Psych

**Athule
Fumbeza**
Economics

**Sanelisiwe
Dick**
Law

**Azama
Zamani**
Information Technology

**Lesly
Tore**
Law

**Sipheshile
Davids**
B Arts

**Inganathi
Nqokoto**
Criminal Justice

**Siyabulela
Mankahla**
Medical Lab Sciences

**Nonelelo
Vuba**
Economics

**Siphokazi
Mzwakali**
Adv Dip Teaching

**Nomawethu
Matiwana**
Economics

Palesa
Ndimba
Adv Dip IT

Zikhona
Jeyi
Quantity Surveying

Lilitha
Skaap
Psychology

Cebisa
Sonyabashe
Polymer Tech

Khotso
Ntlai
Mechanical Engineering

Sibusiso
Mcingana
Information Technology

Asiphumze
Ntabeni
Education

Aphakanyisiwe
Ngam
Nursing

Yamkela
Botman
Biology

Amanda
Zinto
Information Technology

Luyolo
Nkomana
B Arts

Yvonne
Mramba
B Arts

Avumile
Zanaye
Medical Lab Science

Simamkele
Skweyiya
Mechanical Engineering

Zimkitha
Ndongeni
Construction Mgmt

Nosicelo
Poni
Education

Thandokazi
Nyathi
Education

Asavela
Rono
Bach Visual Arts

Lonalihle
Mkontwana
B Arts

Lukhanyo
Mdazuka
Polymer Technology

Sibabalwe
Magala
Economics

Nomaphelo
Baxana
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