



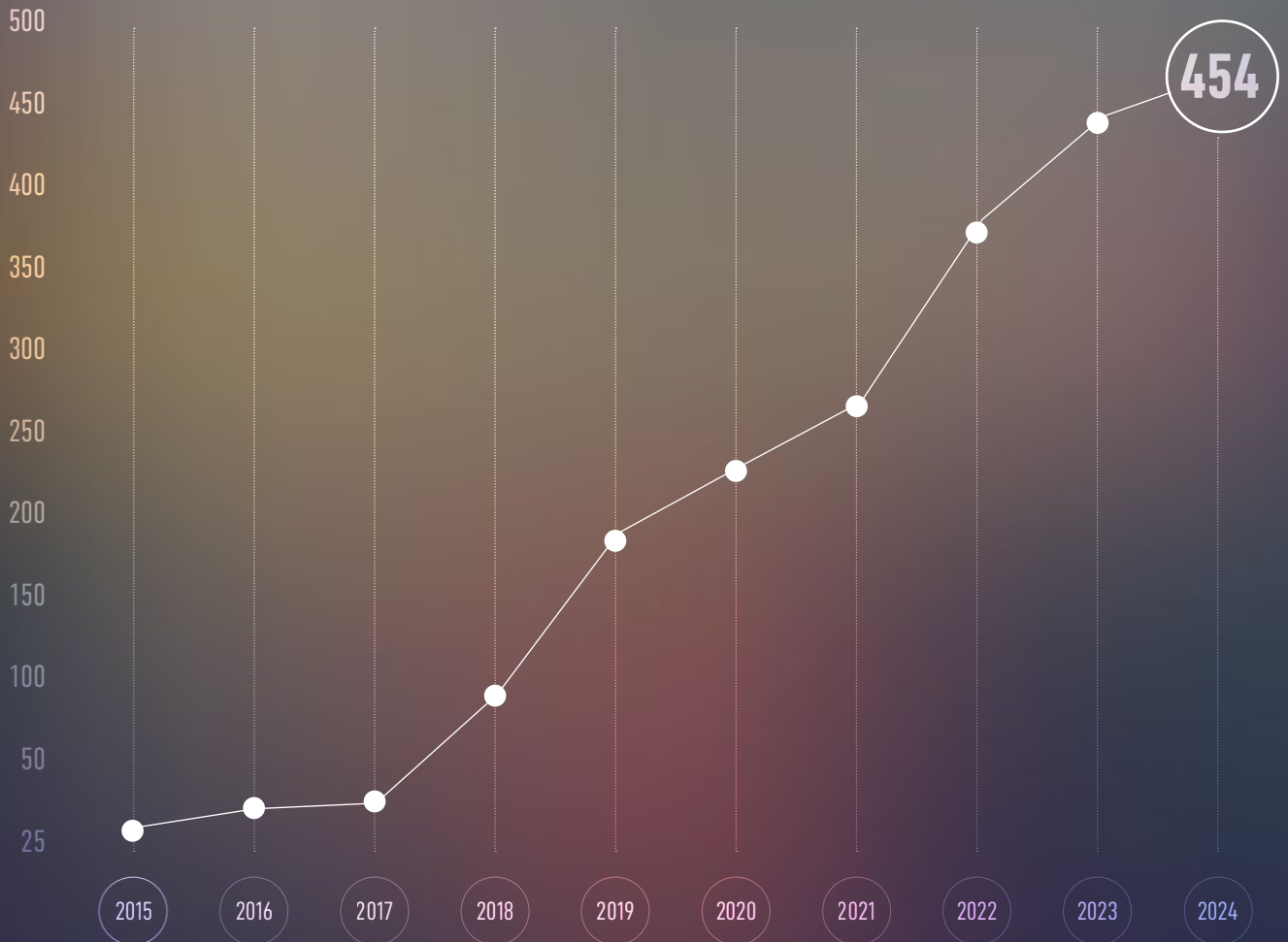
MASINYU CANE
Empowerment Through Education



GRAD 2024

THE ROAD TO 500

GRADUATES OVER THE YEARS



In 2024, we celebrated the graduation of 54 Masi students. We have now surpassed 450 graduates since launching our scholarship fund!

Each graduate shines as a beacon of hope for their families and communities. We are inspired by their triumphs and honored to support them.

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

in shaping South Africa's future. As they venture into the workforce, they embark on a dual mission: forging personal career paths and lifting their families out of poverty. Their journey is a testament to conquering one mountain and courageously facing the next.

Your generous contributions have enabled these young stars to realize their dreams. Thank you.





Sanelisiwe Shiyani

BCom Accounting

Originally from Mthatha, Sanelisiwe thrived after moving into the Masi House of Excellence, with her results improving dramatically.

Passing every module, she secured a position as a trainee accountant at one of the city's top accounting firms immediately after graduation.

Sane is also on the South African National Volleyball team!



My graduation has been something I have been waiting for, for the longest time. Words cannot express how excited and honoured I am. Warm appreciation to Masinyusane for grooming me in all aspects. Not only did they take care of me academically but they made sure that mentally I was always well. Thank you for the continuous support and patience. It indeed takes a village to raise a child.



Amlindile Maneli

Diploma in Management

From Top Learner to Graduate, Amlindile exemplifies the spirit of Masinyusane. Despite having no family in Gqeberha, she thrived in the Masi House of Excellence, passing every module.

Known for her vibrant energy and humour, Amlindile now positively impacts the children she works with at Charles Duna Primary School.



I still remember the days I prayed for this day to be possible, and I am currently living an answered prayer – I am finally the first graduate at home. This would not have been possible without the unwavering support that Masinyusane gave me; they became my second family and gave me a home away from home.



Sinokhanyo Swartbooi

*Bachelor of Social Science
Honours in Psychology*

During her studies, Sinokhanyo, whose name means 'she has brought us light' took a year to work with our children while studying. This gave her invaluable practical experience, giving her a vital added advantage. She is studying further, and we look forward to watching her bring her light into the world.



I am so excited to apply my newfound expertise to drive positive change and make a real difference in the world.

Thank you Masinyusane for empowering me to reach new heights.





Esethu Ndlungwana

Bachelor of Science

Being the first person in her family to attend university and graduate, was a crowning achievement for Esethu. It was especially significant, because Esethu has lived all across the country, living with different family members. Her incredible journey now sees her doing her first year in Medicine.



My graduation marked a milestone of hard work, perseverance and dedication. Each step I took across the stage represented a step towards becoming Dr Ndlungwane, a promise to make Masi and my loved ones proud and be an inspiration to others.



Lunathi Boltina

*Advanced Diploma
Business Management*

Lunathi has had a seamless academic career, racking up two qualifications.

Of course, his journey has not been without challenges, but his hard work and ever present smile have ensured that he is safely employed at Transnet.

With a good job at one of South Africa's largest companies, his future looks bright.



Graduation to me is not just a culmination of academic achievements, but a testament to perseverance, dedication and personal growth. It represents the journey of acquiring knowledge, honing skills, and embracing challenges. As a two-time graduate, it signifies the continuous pursuit of excellence and the readiness to embark on new endeavours with confidence and determination.



A photograph of Pilani Nama, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown with a blue and green sash. He is standing next to another man in a yellow and blue patterned shirt. The background is a collage of colors including blue, green, and yellow.

Pilani Nama

*National Diploma
Analytical Chemistry*

Having survived an horrific attack during his in-service training, where he was left for dead in a foreign city, Pilani soldiered on and completed his Diploma the following year. He then lived in the Masi House of Excellence and immediately after graduating, received a job offer from the city's top cabling company, where he is now happily working, and of course studying further at the same time.

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With this graduation, I have now become the best influence on my nieces and nephews. The graduation regalia has dignified my family again. The first, but certainly not last, graduate in my family, I have broken a cycle. I cannot express my gratitude in words.



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Graduation means everything to me, thanks to Masinyusane. They supported me through financial struggles, and even covered my graduation attire. With their help, I have completed my Diploma and Advanced Diploma in IT. Now, their assistance has extended to securing a bursary for my Post-grad Diploma in Cybersecurity. I am immensely grateful for their unwavering support, which has been crucial in shaping my academic journey, and I hope others can benefit just as I have.

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Aviwe Gangule

*Advanced Diploma
Information Technology*

The dictionary definition of 'playing the long game,' this was Aviwe's second qualification. He is currently pursuing his third qualification, and he will not stop until he has attained his Doctorate in IT.

This is possible because of support from his parents, who have told their only child to follow his dreams, and not look for work (an incredible sacrifice). Funding struggles do not deter Aviwe, as he forges ahead each year climbing the ladder in a fast-growing industry.



Elethu Mchwechwi

*Advanced Diploma
Architectural Technology*

The true definition of wunderkind, Elethu's interest in Architecture started only in grade 11. Having done no Architecture related subjects in high school, he made house drawings in his free time. Soon enough, these drawings enabled him to create a portfolio, which then helped him get accepted into Architectural Technology. In fact, after this graduation, Elethu received awards from the university, one of which being the Best Student in Adv Architectural Technology.



Reflecting on my journey, I initially faced challenges in my first year, as I had no experience with a computer. However I persevered, learned quickly, and ultimately excelled, culminating in academic recognition by my alma mater during my fourth year. This journey underscores my dedication and commitment to continuous growth. I am excited to apply these qualities and skills to contribute meaningfully to the field of architectural technology.





Nomaphelo Baxana

*Advanced Diploma
Logistics*

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As a two time graduate, my future holds exciting opportunities in the field of supply chain management. My goal is to become a trusted advisor in the logistics field, influencing industry practices and driving positive change in the way goods are sourced, manufactured and delivered worldwide.



Minqweno Mapuma

*National Diploma
Information Technology*

A torrid first year led to Minqweno losing his government funding, and yet despite this, he persevered. Masinyusane gave him access to a bursary, from his second year until graduating. He did so well that he was immediately scooped up by one of the city's biggest automotive manufacturing plants, as an IT intern.



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This graduation is a representation of my dedication, perseverance and growth, a testament to my hard work and commitment. I believe it will offer opportunities for personal and professional development.

Aphiwe Magaya

*Master of Sciences
Applied Mathematics*

From the deep rural areas of the former Transkei, this former herd boy is now well on his way to attaining his PhD. Despite having lost his brother and father recently, he credits his family for their support. He now works in Africa's richest square mile (Sandton) for the corporate powerhouse Altron Digital Business.



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Graduation to me means more doors opening. Yes we are faced with high unemployment, with many graduates struggling to get that entry-level job in the job market, but it's not a waste at all because you can still use your skills to create employment in your own community. Graduation has not only landed me a job but has also expanded my network, with many organizations looking to collaborate with me to develop this country for the better.

Aphelele Njajula

*Diploma
Analytical Chemistry*

Blessed with natural leadership abilities, Aphelele broke the family mold by being the first person to not only finish Grade 12, but go to university. Living in the Masi House of Excellence propelled her motivation even further. It is with pride to announce that she is a Lab Assistant at one of the city's major steel companies.



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For me graduating means that I was able to remain unshaken throughout the journey, a testament to my hard work and dedication. My journey has allowed me to grow and understand the importance of not giving up. With this qualification I believe so many opportunities are coming my way, and the world is my oyster.

Abongile Jacobs

*Advanced Diploma
Public Management*

After his first graduation, Abongile spent a year studying further and pursuing a side hustle of being a music producer. He only had tuition money, and fought incredibly hard with very little support, and often going hungry. Yet through it all, his smile never left his face, not even once. Words cannot describe how happy we were, when, a week after his graduation, he got a post as a graduate intern.



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Being able to celebrate with my peers and family made for a magical day and allowed me to close the door on my university chapter and start a new life. I am happy to report that my new life begins at the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, as a graduate intern.



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This graduation serves as a stepping stone to future endeavours, be it academic or professional. Proof of the potential that I have to become a future leader.

Thembisipho Mama

*National Diploma
Information Technology*

A supportive family unit makes all the difference in the world for our students. Thembisipho, whose name means 'We trust this Gift that God has given us' can attest to this. Being the first born in the family, Thembisipho has been a good example to his younger siblings, one of whom is also on the programme as a university student.

With a degree in IT, Thembisipho will be entering the workforce with one of South Africa's most in-demand skills.





Mykyle Solomon

PGCE

Coming from the rural areas of Humansdorp, Mekyle had been taught entirely in Afrikaans. He only started studying in English at university level. He put his head down and worked very hard, living in the Masi House and juggling a university rugby career.

Last year he graduated in a BA, and this year he graduated again, doing his Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

Teach us, sir. We are your students.



If I were to put a heading on my academic life story it would read: "God's Grace." I am forever thankful for the support of my family and friends, the Kouga Wind Farm Foundation and last but not least Masinyusane for mentoring me throughout my academic journey. I am forever grateful for this beautiful chapter in my life. For now I would like to feel something. After that I want to heal something. And after that I want to build something. But today I just fulfilled something.





Siphiwe Mabuya

*Bachelor of Arts
Development Studies*

From mowing grass, to running an informal mobile restaurant, Simphiwe has been hustling for almost all of his student life. This hustling has given him a steely resolution to make the best of things for his future.

He's now a university graduate and will take those entrepreneurial skills and apply them to the real world. You can't teach hustle, so we're excited to see this young man achieve big things!



Hearing strangers shouting my name as I walked across that stage, symbolized doors being opened for me, doors of new opportunities. This qualification has motivated me to become a better person holistically.





Sinazo Mpofo

*National Diploma
Information Technology*

Putting her head down and just working on herself is what Sinazo did. Nery a peep would we hear from her, even during her tumultuous first year, which was the year of covid. Her quiet spirit is now working with children every day at one of our schools.

But don't let that quiet nature fool you. Sinazo is going places.



I want to thank Masinyusane for giving me the opportunity to get closer to my dreams. I felt blessed and honoured to share my graduation with them, and witness the outcome of my hard work. It is a memory I shall treasure for the rest of my life.

Azama Zamani

*Advanced Diploma
Information Technology*

After her grade 12 academic performance was not enough to get into university, Azama spent a year improving her marks so she could qualify for university. Four years later she graduated with a one hundred percent pass rate. Of course, a diploma was never going to be enough for her, and she completed her degree (Advanced Diploma) this year. Side note, her twin sister, also a Masi graduate, is also an IT double graduate.



To be in the IT space with my twin sister, has been our dream for as long as we can remember. This qualification means we are one step closer to being Black females dominating the IT industry.

**Abongile
Jacobs**

**Afika
Gxumisa**

**Alex
Dickson**

**Alwaba
Nxawe**

**Amlindile
Maneli**

**Aphelele
Njajula**

**Aphelele
Mosani**

**Aphiwe
Magaya**

**Asemahle
Mlomzale**

**Asiphumze
Ntabeni**

**Aviwe
Qangule**

**Azama
Zamani**

**Bathi
Boyce**

**Chulumanco
Mali**

**Elethu
Mchwechwi**

**Esethu
Ndlungwane**

**Felicia
Geelboi**

**Jean-Earl
Hill**

**Khutazwa
Swayi**

**Kwanda
Mbengashe**

**Lelethu
Oliphant**

**Lindokuhle
Mcopele**

**Liyabona
Malangeni**

**Lukhangela
Malahla**

2024 GRADUATES





Lunathi Boltina	Mandilakhe Sito	Lelethu Oliphant	Mekyle Solomon	Mihlali Ndulula
Minqweno Mapuma	Mpho Nemudzivhani	Nolusindiso Silumko	Nomaphelo Baxana	Nomfundo Wyn
Ntombuzuko Qoko	Ntsika Mayekiso	Okuhle Nyoka	Philasande Nohamba	Pilani Nama
Sanelisiwe Shiyani	Sibongile Ntantiso	Sibongisipho Jola	Sikhona Gude	Simamkele Madlebe
Simamkele Mngcongco	Sinazo Mpofu	Sinokhanyo Swartbooi	Sinovuyo Nombona	Siphesihle Doyi
Siphiwe Mabuya	Siphosethu Fenibanzi	Siphosethu Mafenuka	Sisanda Solani	



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