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FOREWORD BY THE SAPSET CHAIRPERSON

Mr Vuyani Jarana

Today it is more than just about tee box, birdies, and friendly competition. It is about opportunity, hope and most importantly it is about securing the education of the SAPSET beneficiaries.

The SAPS Education Trust exists for one powerful reason, to support the children of our members, particularly those who have lost their parent in the line of duty, serving our country. Every rand raised through our organisation contributes directly to giving these young people access to quality education, giving them a powerful tool to opening doors that might otherwise remain closed.

As members of the SAPS community, we understand the sacrifices made daily by our officers. Behind every uniform is a family with hopes and dreams. Behind every badge is a child with goals, ambitions, and unlimited potential. Through this Trust, we honour that sacrifice by investing in the future of their children and ensuring that dreams come true beyond any circumstances.

Education is one of the most powerful tools we can give the next generation, it is something that lives with you forever and no one can ever take away from you. It builds confidence, resilience, leaders and through your generosity today, whether as a sponsor, player, or supporter, you are helping to build that future, you are contributing towards a bright future for the entire nation. And I want us to remember that in doing this we are honouring our fallen officers, we are not only honouring their lives but roles in their loved one's lives. We are fulfilling the promises they made to these children.

Together, we are not just providing education, we are restoring dignity and honoring the legacy of our fallen heroes.

“ Education is one of the most powerful tools we can give the next generation, it is something that lives with you forever and no one can ever take away from you. ”



**FOREWORD BY CEO: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
EDUCATION TRUST FUND (SAPSET):
MAJOR GENERAL**

Nonkululeko Phokane

Through initiatives such as the fundraising gala dinner, we reaffirm our collective responsibility to safeguard the educational future of the children left behind by our fallen heroes.

It is both a profound honour and a solemn responsibility to assume the role of Chief Executive Officer of the South African Police Service Education Trust Fund. As I take over this important role, I do so with a deep commitment to strengthen our fundraising efforts, expand our reach, and ensure that we continue to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of the children of our departed members.

The SAPS National Golf Day stands as more than a sporting occasion; it is a powerful expression of unity, compassion, and shared purpose. Through initiatives such as the fundraising gala dinner, we reaffirm our collective responsibility to safeguard the educational future of the children left behind by our fallen heroes.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General SF Masemola, the Deputy National Commissioners, Divisional Commissioners, Provincial Commissioners and all members of the

SAPS, for their unwavering support, fund raising initiatives and dedication to the work of the Trust Fund.

My sincere gratitude also goes to our valued sponsors and partners whose continued generosity sustains and strengthens our mission.

I further acknowledge the outstanding leadership of the SAPSET Board under the stewardship of Chairperson, Mr Vuyani Jarana, together with the Board of Trustees, for their excellent governance and steadfast commitment.

Our fallen members rest peacefully in the hands of God, assured that their legacy lives on through initiatives such as this – initiatives that solidify the future of their children and protect them from the deprivation that could have followed their parents' untimely departure.

Together, we honour their legacy not only in remembrance, but in action.



**FOREWORD BY THE ACTING DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR SUPPORT SERVICES:
LIEUTENANT GENERAL**

Lineo Nkhosha

Through SAPSET, we are committed to ensuring that the legacy of their service lives on by investing in the education and future of their children.

The South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET) Golf Day is an initiative that embodies the spirit of compassion, unity, and shared responsibility that defines the South African Police Service (SAPS) and its valued partners.

This event is far more than a charity golf day. It is a meaningful expression of our enduring commitment to the children of our fallen heroes and heroines; the brave men and women who dedicated their lives to creating a safe and secure environment for all who live in South Africa. In the line of duty, they placed themselves in harm's way and made the ultimate sacrifice, leaving behind children who must now continue life without a parent.

Through SAPSET, we are committed to ensuring that the legacy of their service lives on by investing in the education and future of their children. By supporting their academic journeys, we honour the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of their parents while helping to build a brighter future for the next generation.

To everyone who continues to support this initiative, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. May you never grow weary in your generosity, knowing that every contribution plays a vital role in shaping brighter futures. Your commitment empowers the children of our fallen members to chase their academic dreams and to contribute meaningfully to the future of our country.

Together, we continue to make a lasting difference.



FOREWORD BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: GENERAL

Fannie Masemola (SOEG)

The South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET) Golf Day represents far more than a sporting event. It is a powerful expression of compassion, solidarity, and our collective commitment to the children of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country, South Africa (SA).

This initiative serves as a heartfelt reminder that while our fallen heroes and heroines dedicated their lives to protecting the people of SA, it is our shared responsibility to help safeguard the futures of the families they left behind. Their children carry the legacy of courage and service, yet many must navigate life without their primary caregivers. Through this initiative, we strive to ensure that their dreams and aspirations continue to flourish.

Since its establishment in 2010, SAPSET has made a meaningful and lasting impact. More than R21 million has been raised to support the educational needs of over 1 950 children. Funds raised through this initiative have opened doors to opportunity, enabling beneficiaries to graduate with university degrees, while many others have obtained diplomas. Currently, 551 beneficiaries are enrolled in various

tertiary institutions. In addition, 202 learners have successfully matriculated and earned their National Senior Certificate. In the 2025 academic year alone, 274 beneficiaries' educational expenses were funded through SAPSET. These achievements are a testament to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, partners, and every participant who continues to support this worthy cause.

By investing in the education of SAPSET beneficiaries, we restore hope, create opportunity, empower young people, and transform lives. Most importantly, we preserve the legacy of service and sacrifice, honour the memory of their parents, and reaffirm our commitment to building a better, safer, and more inclusive SA.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all sponsors, partners, and participants for your continued support. Your generosity ensures that the children of our fallen members are given the opportunity to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential.

Together, we make a difference.

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FOREWORD BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE

Mr Cassel Mathale

This is therefore an opportunity for us to show gratitude for the ultimate price that our fallen police officers paid to keep us and our children safe.

The South African Police Service National Golf Day has become one of the most anticipated and cherished events on the SAPS calendar. It is valued not only for the prestige associated with the sport of golf, but more importantly for its unique ability to unite partners, stakeholders and friends of SAPS in support of a deeply meaningful cause – the SAPS Education Trust.

This occasion transcends the fairways and greens of this beautiful course. It is, at its heart, a gathering defined by compassion, solidarity and remembrance. It is an opportunity for us to honour the memory of our fallen heroes and to extend tangible support to the families they left behind.

Many of our dedicated police officers pay the ultimate price in the execution of their duties, ensuring that all of us enjoy safety and security. In far too many instances, they leave behind young children who must navigate life without the guidance, protection and financial support of a parent. We cannot, and must not, stand by while the children of those who sacrificed their lives for our nation face hardship and uncertainty.

Today presents us with an opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude in a meaningful way. It allows us to affirm to these children – who strive to make their mothers and fathers proud despite the trauma of loss – that they are not forgotten. That we see them. That we hear them. And that we care about their future.

Every swing taken and every contribution made today brings us closer to our shared goal: raising funds to provide financial

assistance for the educational needs of the children of SAPS members who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Through the SAPS Education Trust, we invest not only in their schooling, but in their dreams and in the future of our country.

As you enjoy this day of sport and fellowship, I encourage you to reflect on the profound impact of your support. Whether your ball finds the fairway or the rough, your presence, sponsorship and generosity will make a lasting difference in the lives of the children of our departed men and women in blue.

I therefore urge each of you to continue supporting this noble cause – today and beyond – with open hearts and generous spirit.

As our erstwhile icon and President of our Country once reminded us: “There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.”

Your participation here today is a practical expression of that spirit of service and humanity. It reflects your commitment to standing with the South African Police Service and to building a safer, more caring South Africa for all.

On behalf of the South African Police Service, I extend my sincere appreciation to every sponsor, participant and organiser who has made this event possible.

I wish you a successful, enjoyable and memorable day.

Thank you.



FOREWORD BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE

Dr Polly Boshielo



Together, let us transform loss into hope and sacrifice into opportunity.

In doing so, we strengthen the bonds of unity, uphold the values of service and sacrifice, and build a future grounded in compassion and shared responsibility.

It is both an honour and a privilege to present this message for the Annual National Golf Day in support of the South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET). This significant event has become a cherished tradition on our calendar, symbolizing solidarity, compassion, and a collective national commitment to the welfare of the children of South African Police Service members who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Each day, the courageous men and women in blue dedicate themselves to safeguarding our communities and upholding the rule of law, often in challenging and perilous circumstances. When a member makes the ultimate sacrifice, the impact is felt well beyond the badge. Families are bereaved of parents, children are deprived of guidance and support, and communities lose devoted public servants. In such moments, we are reminded that the responsibility to serve extends beyond expressions of condolence; it encompasses sustained action and meaningful support.

The SAPSET demonstrates this commitment. Through the provision of educational assistance, the Trust offers not merely financial support but also hope, stability, and opportunity. Education remains one of the most powerful instruments for empowerment and transformation. It opens doors, restores dignity, and equips young individuals with the skills and confidence necessary to shape their futures. By investing in the education of the

children of our fallen heroes, we ensure that their dreams remain alive and their potential is fully realised.

The Annual National Golf Day plays a critical role in sustaining this noble mission. It serves not only as a sporting event but also as a platform that unites government, business, civil society, and community stakeholders in a common purpose. The funds raised through this initiative directly contribute to changing lives and building futures, demonstrating our collective resolve as a nation to honour the sacrifices made in the name of safety and justice.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all sponsors, organizers, partners, and participants for your generosity and commitment. Your contributions represent a tangible investment in the next generation and a lasting tribute to the courage and dedication of our fallen members.

As we continue to honour our heroes and heroines, let us do so not merely in remembrance, but through concrete actions that secure the educational aspirations of their children. Together, let us transform loss into hope and sacrifice into opportunity. In doing so, we strengthen the bonds of unity, uphold the values of service and sacrifice, and build a future grounded in compassion and shared responsibility.

Salute!



**FOREWORD BY THE ACTING MINISTER OF POLICE:
MINISTER**

Firoz Cachalia

**“ May we
continue
working
together to uplift
the families of
our dedicated
members.**

The South African Police Service (SAPS) Golf Day is a gathering that reflects not only camaraderie and sportsmanship, but also our collective commitment to a noble cause. It is a day where we come together in remembrance of our fallen heroes and heroines, and support the invaluable work carried out through the South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET).

Our men and women in blue selflessly dedicate their lives daily to safeguarding the people of South Africa. Their service often comes with profound personal sacrifice. When tragedy strikes and a member loses their life in the line of duty, the impact on their families—especially their children—is immeasurable. It is in these moments that SAPSET stands as a beacon of hope, ensuring that the dream of education and a better future remains within reach for the children of our fallen heroes and heroines.

Today's event is more than a fundraiser; it is an

affirmation of our collective belief that no child should be denied opportunity because their parent paid the ultimate price in service to our nation. To all the participants, partners and supporters: your participation, generosity, and presence here today strengthen the bridge of support that SAPSET provides, helping us honour the legacy of those who served with unwavering courage.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the organisers, sponsors, and each participant who has taken the time to be part of this important initiative. This day was filled with fellowship, reflection and a renewed sense of purpose. May we continue working together to uplift the families of our dedicated members.

I trust you all enjoyed the game. Please do enjoy the evening as you celebrate one another, never forgetting the true meaning behind this gathering: honour, remembrance, and hope.



Policing is widely regarded as one of the most dangerous professions worldwide, and members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) face these risks daily. The **SAPS Annual Report 2023/2024** highlights reducing violent crime as a key priority, yet the toll on officers remains severe. According to the **SAPS Roll of Honour (2025)**, between the 2019/2020 and 2024/2025 financial years, SAPS lost 40, 33, 33, 34, 39, and 27 members respectively in the line of duty. Over the past decade, annual losses have fluctuated between 27 and 68 officers. South Africa continues to experience police killings at levels above the global norm.

In response, the Minister of Police and SAPS convened a national summit to address attacks on police officers. One of the resolutions was the creation of an **Education Trust** to support the children of officers who die in service. This initiative gave rise to the **South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET)**, formally registered with the Master of the High Court on 23 November 2010.

Rooted in its motto *“Educate Our Children for a Better Tomorrow”*, SAPSET represents SAPS’s commitment to caring for the families of fallen officers.

The National Commissioner of SAPS serves as the patron of the Trust. At its inception, General B.H. Cele was the founding patron, and successive National Commissioners have continued this role. Each year, SAPS hosts a **National Commemoration Day** on the first Sunday of September at the Union Buildings, where the names of officers killed in the line of duty are inscribed on the Wall of Memory. Families, widows, and children of the deceased are invited to honor their loved ones.

SAPSET’s mission is to provide quality education and training opportunities for the children of officers who have died while serving. Since its establishment, the Trust has raised more than **R21 million**, supporting the educational needs of over **1,718 children nationwide**.

The South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET) is dedicated to uplifting the orphaned children of fallen police officers by providing both financial and non-financial assistance.

- **Financial Support:** Covers school and tertiary education costs, ensuring children can pursue studies without financial barriers.
- **Resource Support:** Provides essentials such as stationery and uniforms to learners in no-fee schools.
- **Welfare Support:** Offers access to social workers, psychologists, and spiritual care through SAPS Employee Health and Wellness.
- **Employment Support:** Creates pathways for graduates through internships and permanent job opportunities within SAPS.

Beyond bursaries and scholarships for disadvantaged youth, SAPSET also seeks to align with SAPS’s skills needs, encouraging beneficiaries to consider the Service as a potential employer once they complete their studies.



SAPSET VISION

The Vision of the Trust is “to be an organisation which provides the best education and training for the development of children of SAPS employees who died in the line of duty and on duty.



SAPSET MISSION

Effectively and efficiently provide and manage resource support for the education of children of members deceased in the line of duty and on duty”.



SAPSET PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE

To create a fund for the provision of resource support or financial assistance to a child or children of a member of the south African Police Service that died in the execution of official duties or on duty, by financing the costs of such child’s or children’s educational needs.

MESSAGE FROM PLATINUM SPONSOR- METROPOLITAN LIFE

As Metropolitan we count it as a privilege to stand alongside the South African Police Service as a Platinum Sponsor for today’s SAPSET Charity Golf Day. Our partnership with the SAPS is built on more than just history; it is built on a shared responsibility toward the future of South Africa.

While we enjoy the spirit of competition on the greens, our true purpose is far more significant. We fully support SAPSET in its vital mission, that of ensuring that the children of our fallen heroes receive the education and opportunities they deserve. By investing in the education of these young ones, we honor the ultimate sacrifice made by their parents.

To every supporter of the SAPSET Charity Golf Day we say thank you for “fighting the good fight” with us. Indeed, Together We Can ensure a brighter future for the SAPSET beneficiaries and a safer South Africa for us all.

Mr Thabo Matime

HEAD OF MARKETING DEVELOPMENT



The table below shows the growth of the SAPSET since the eleven (11) beneficiaries' applications of 2013 to 2025:

YEAR	RECEIVED	PAID	AMOUNTS
2013	11	11	R 288 996,00
2014	49	16	R 357 024,00
2015	179	32	R 423 842,00
2016	312	208	R 2 011 346,00
2017	211	156	R 1 498 141,00
2018	341	231	R 1 936 795,00
2019	387	266	R 2 649 338,00
2020	440	116	R 1 244 674,95
2021	355	223	R 2 588 813,04
2022	139	84	R 907 666,00
2023	134	113	R 1 484 219,55
2024	273	220	R 2 598 348,00
2025	318	274	R 3 695 034,010
Total Received Applications	3 149	Paid Applications 1 950	R 21 684 237,60



The Trust is governed and directed by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by the Founder. The Executive Committee also appointed by the Founder and vested with the powers and functions of the Founder to oversee the operational management of the Trust.

The Trust only uses its income and property to promote the main objective. Operationally the SAPSET operates as an independent legal entity. The SAPSET operational team (officials) administer and manage the operationalizing activities of the Trust, which include; Processing all financial, procurement and other such administrative operations of the SAPSET. This team accounts to the Trustees to comply with accounting and reporting provisions.

SAPS hosted its 5th Annual National Excellence Awards Event on 26 January 2018, in Durban, KwaZulu Natal. As a build-up towards the National Excellence Awards, the first fundraising Golf Day was planned for the SAPS Executive Management and Corporate Guests on 25 January 2018.

The aim of the Golf Day was to raise funds for the SAPSET. A total of R627 088.30 comprising of R340 588.30 (registration fees) and R286 500.00 (individual pledges). The Golf Challenge is anticipated to be an annual event and with the aim of raising awareness and funds for SAPSET.



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mr Vuyani Jarana
Chairperson



Lieutenant General (Retired)
Moeketsi David Sempe



Dr Leah Shibambo
Deputy Chairperson



Mr Boitumelo G Pheleo



Lieutenant General
(Dr) Bongwiwe Zulu



Ms Thandi Mkhize



MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Trust Deed also provides for the appointment of an Executive Committee which will be vested with the powers and functions of the founder. The following commissioned officers in the SAPS have been appointed as executive members.



Lieutenant General L Nkhua
Acting Deputy National Commissioner:
Support Services, Acting Chairperson



Major General NH Phokane
Corporate Communications and Liaison.
CEO | Overseer



Lieutenant General TC Mosikili
Deputy National Commissioner:
Policing, Deputy Chairperson



Brigadier NN Mbatha,
Division: Legal Services
Committee Member



Lieutenant General NS Mkhwanazi
Provincial Commissioner: KZN,
Committee Member



Brigadier S Davraj
Division: Finance Services
Treasurer



Lieutenant General MH Hadebe,
Provincial Commissioner: Limpopo,
Committee Member



Brigadier NG Jezile
South African Police Service Education
Trust, Executive Secretary



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of educational opportunities due to these tragic circumstances.

The Trust provides financial assistance for schooling from Grade R to Grade 12 at institutions accredited by the Department of Basic Education, as well as tertiary education at institutions recognised by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

To date, more than 1700 children have benefited from SAPSET's support. Since last year, more than 18 beneficiaries proudly achieved their matric certificates, collectively earning distinctions – a remarkable testament to the impact of sustained educational support.

Reflecting on the history of the initiative, Chairperson of National Police Golf, Colonel Hugo Delpport, explained that the concept of a dedicated fundraising golf day was inspired during a 2017 golf event held at Sun City. During that event, Lieutenant General Lineo Nkhua identified the potential of leveraging the platform to raise funds for SAPSET, which does not receive funding from the SAPS budget vote.

With this vision in mind, Colonel Delpport and Colonel Weber began planning the inaugural fundraising event. The first official SAPS National

Golf Day was hosted in 2018 in KwaZulu-Natal at the renowned Durban Country Club, with Assupol as the platinum sponsor and strong participation from external stakeholders. The event raised R1 946 785,00 a promising start that laid the foundation for future growth.

Growing from strength to strength, since its inception, the event has demonstrated remarkable growth:

2018 – Hosted at Durban Country Club, KwaZulu-Natal: R1 946 785,00 raised.

2019 – Hosted in Mbombela, Mpumalanga: R2 592 750,00 raised.

2020 – Hosted at Port Elizabeth Golf Club in the Eastern Cape: R1.1 million raised.

2021 & 2022 – Events did not happen due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2023 – Hosted at The Pietersburg Club in Limpopo: R1.95 million raised.

2024 – Hosted at Strand Golf Course in Cape Town: R6 678 256.91 raised.

2025 – Hosted in KwaZulu-Natal: R11 920 000,00 raised.

The upward trajectory of funds raised highlights the growing support from stakeholders, sponsors, and partners who believe in the cause.

SAPSET invites corporate partners, stakeholders, and members of the public to consider partnering through sponsorships or other forms of support. Such partnerships directly transform the lives of SAPSET beneficiaries by covering tuition, uniforms, educational resources, and other essential needs. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference in securing a brighter future for the children of fallen heroes.

Together, through unity, compassion, and commitment, we can ensure that the legacy of our fallen members lives on through the education and success of their children.

BANKING DETAILS FOR DONATIONS

Account Holder: SAPS Education Trust

Bank: Nedbank

Account Number: 1003359825

Branch: Bellville, The Bridge

Branch Code: 198765

Reference: Donor's/Company's Name and Surname

The South African Police Service (SAPS) has once again rallied its partners and stakeholders for a cause that lies close to the heart of the organisation, supporting the children of members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The 2026 annual SAPS National Golf Day hosted at the prestigious Serengeti Golf Estate in Pretoria aims to raise more than R15 million for the SAPS Education Trust (SAPSET).

The SAPS National Golf Day has grown into a flagship initiative aimed at raising funds to support the educational needs of children whose mothers or fathers lost their lives in line of duty. SAPSET exists to ensure that these children are not deprived

2025 SAPS NATIONAL GOLF DAY

Platinum Sponsor for 2025 - Date is Metropolitan Life



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Platinum Sponsor for **2018 - 2024** was **Assupol**



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Platinum Sponsor for **2018 - 2024** was **Assupol**



2025 SAPS NATIONAL GOLF GALA DINNER





SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE NATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAY

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR HEROES AND HEROINES WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

SAPSET FUND - A Fund Built on Sacrifice

The SAPS Education Trust was founded in 2010, born from the realisation that families of officers killed in service often face severe financial hardship, especially when those officers were young or in junior ranks, with little or no pension contributions.

Today, the fund has already helped over 1,700 children, paying for schooling and tertiary education through discretionary payments to accredited institutions recognised by the Department of Basic Education or Higher Education.

During the annual Commemoration Day SAPS pays tribute to those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The event takes place at the Union Buildings in Pretoria and is attended by families of the deceased officers.

Real Stories. Real Futures.

The fund doesn't just pay school fees. It changes lives.

Testimonial of SAPSET beneficiaries

The testimonials of SAPSET beneficiaries are a testament to the trust's impact on the lives of young individuals who have been left behind by fallen police officers. Here are some highlights from the testimonials:



- **Godfrey Monene:** After losing his father, Godfrey Monene managed to obtain 10 distinctions during his tertiary education with the support of the SAPSET. He expressed gratitude for the bursary received from the SAPSET, which saw him through financially and helped him achieve his goals.
- **Pheladi Grace Mphahlele:** A beneficiary whose father was a SAPS warrant officer, Pheladi Grace Mphahlele is now studying towards a Bachelor of Business Administration at MANCOSA. She expressed her appreciation for the support received from the SAPSET, stating that it means the world to her.
- **Amukelani Rivombo:** Another beneficiary, Amukelani Rivombo is working towards becoming a civil engineer. He wrote in a letter that without donors like the SAPSET, he wouldn't have made it this far.

These testimonies reflect the positive impact of the SAPSET on the lives of its beneficiaries, providing them with the opportunity to pursue their education and achieve their dreams. The trust's commitment to supporting the children of fallen officers is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who serve in the line of duty.

SAPSET LEADERSHIP CAMP EQUIPS LEARNERS FOR SUCCESS



The first South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET) Leadership Camp for children of the late SAPS members in Grade 11 and 12 took place in March 2024 at Sediba Kwele Adventure Camp in the North West. The commitment of the SAPS management to invest in the education and skills development of children of police officers, reservists and Public Service Act members who died in the line of duty continues to thrive to date.

The Student Leadership Camp aims to provide virtual academic support, offer psycho-social support facilitated by various practitioners, expose matriculants and post-matric application opportunities related to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), Universities, Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges, and Community and Education Training (CET) Colleges, and link matriculants to second chance matric programmes.

This philanthropic initiative is one of the many strides taken by the SAPSET to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children left behind, ensuring their parents' aspirations for their children's education remains on track. Through such support, management aims to alleviate the additional burden of school fees,

books, and school uniforms, knowing that their educational needs are being taken care of.

The second SAPSET Student Leadership Camp was hosted in April 2025, where learners were equipped with the tools and mindset needed to succeed in both the public and private sectors. It brought together 42 beneficiary learners from Grade 10 to 12, at the Sediba Kwele Adventure Camp. The camp focused on developing confidence, responsibility, and leadership which are essential for success.

Among the learners was Mr Uminathi Madolweni, a Grade 10 student from Queenstown, who dreams of becoming a mechanical engineer, architect, or pursuing a career in medical sciences. Having lost his father in 2024, Uminathi expressed his gratitude to the SAPS for introducing the Student Leadership Camp and shared how much he values the support he receives from SAPSET.

"In terms of the support I am receiving from the SAPSET, I am very happy, after all, I am doing very difficult subjects, hence it is reassuring to know that I do not have to worry about my mother struggling financially," he said.

Thirteen Grade 12 learners received laptops, and all learners were provided with school supplies to support their academic journeys. During their time in the camp the learners were exposed to team building, personal development and leadership skills through various outdoor activities. The students displayed a spirit of unity, actively participating in agricultural activities, obstacle courses and zip lining. They embraced a fearless and open-minded approach, ultimately discovering their full potential.

The camp was honoured by the presence of the National Commissioner of SAPS, General Fannie Masemola who showed support to the learners, the SAPSET initiative and encouraged the students to strive toward a brighter future.

"We are here to encourage you to achieve the outcomes needed to enter careers vital to our economy. The only difference between those who succeed and those who do not is their discipline and dedication. South Africa needs future leaders. You must rise and help build the nation. Identify areas where you can add value and take charge," said the National Commissioner.

Representatives from various stakeholders including Liberty, Fundi, Telkom, and Dimension Data engaged students in discussions around scholarships, career paths, and business opportunities. The Employee Health and Wellness unit also pledged ongoing support to students as they navigate the pressures of adolescence and life's challenges.

The sustainability and impact of SAPSET's work are made possible through partnerships and collective goodwill. These collaborations enable the Trust to continue honouring the memory of fallen SAPS members by empowering their children through education.

By investing in these young lives, SAPSET honours the memory and sacrifice of the fallen, while shaping a future where their children can thrive, contribute, and lead with dignity.





Mario Celentano, Colonel Pushpa Wade, Yona, Maj Gen Anthony Goapul, Sihle Madikane and Kevin Osborne

A trip to remember - 02 February 2026 was a dream come true for South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET) beneficiary, Ms Sihle Madikane. The 19-year-old Bachelor of Social Science student at the University of Free State started her four-day cruise aboard the MSC from South Africa to Mozambique.

Sihle was the top matric performer among all SAPSET beneficiaries in 2024, a feat that earned her a cruise trip for two during the National Golf Day Gala Dinner, which was held at Mount Edgecombe, KwaZulu-Natal in January 2025. The Ngqamakwe-born Sihle elected to take Yona, her cousin to the cruise and the two were given a befitting send-off by the Acting Deputy Provincial Commissioner responsible for Crime Detection in KwaZulu-Natal, Major General Anthony Gopaul. He also doubles up as the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Commissioner's Golf Day Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chairperson.

On behalf of the national office of the South African Police Service, Maj Gen Gopaul welcomed Sihle and Yona as they took a majestic walk along the isle towards the Nelson Mandela Cruises Terminal at the Durban Harbour. The cruise trip was sponsored by MSC in conjunction with Adventure Worx.



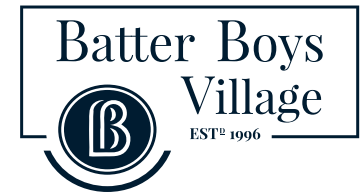
Yona and her cousin who is a SAPSET beneficiary, Ms Sihle Madikane.



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