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From domestic worker to doctor

A YOUNG WOMAN who washed dishes throughout high school to supplement her family's income is now a professional who proves that hard work pays off.



■ Dr Pamela Sithole is an example of how resilience and perseverance can help in achieving your goals.

Nonkululeko Mathebula

Former domestic worker, Pamela Phumzile Sithole is proof that dreams do come true.

Born and raised in Phoe-

nix in KwaZulu-Natal, the 24-year-old was able to juggle her studies with part-time work over the years having the ability to rise above her circumstances.

Despite working as a domestic helper from the age

of 14, Sithole's perseverance and determination helped turn her life around and she recently graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

She is currently doing her internship at the Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital in Johannesburg.

Sharing her story with *Vuk'uzenzele* the inspirational

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***"I pay tribute to the
endless heroism
of youth.."***

Nelson Mandela



Ukutjhugulula Ubuji amo Bezefundo Ephakemeko

UNGQONGQOTJHE U-NALEDI PANDOR wakha ngobutjha umkhakha wezefundo ephakemeko ngokutjheja iindingo zomnotho.

Amukelani Chauke

Ubuji amo bezefundo ephakemeko eSewula Afrika buyatjhuguluka ngokufikeleleka kwayo begodu ilungelelaniswe neendingo zomkhakha lo. Amatjhuguluko la ayathlogeka njengombana ilizwe lilungiselela ilutjha umsebenzi nokufaka kwalo isandla kezomnotho.

Njengombana ilizwe ligidinga iNyanga yeLutjha, i-Vuk'uzenzele iqalisisa ukuvulelwa kwelutjha amathuba wepumelelo ngamano wo-

mNyango wezeFundo ePhakemeko nokuBandula.

Ukusukela ekuqatjhwini kwakhe ngoMhlolani njengoNgqongqotjhe wezeFundo ePhakemeko nokuBandula, u-Naledi Pandor unikelwe umsebenzi wokwethula ngokweengaba ifundo yasimahla kabathlagako nabafundi "abamaphakathi ngokwengeniso ekuthiwa ma-missing middle".

Ngemva kwemitjhagalo eyarhatjheka nelizwe loke neyadosa isikhathi eside ngaphasi kommongo we-#FeesMustFall, kwamenyezelwa ngoNobayeni bonyana ilutjha elibuya emindenini lapho ingeniso yayo ingaphasi kwee-350 000 wamaranda ngomnyaka lizakufumana ifundo ephakemeko nebandulo simahla. Sekuthonyiwe nokwethulwa kwehlelwelelizekufakwa ngeengatjana esikhathini esiminyaka emihlanu.

Isikhwama Somfundalize

UNGqongqotjhe u-Pandor uqinisekile bonyana



ukwethulwa kwesikhwama somfundalize esitjha kukhamba kule.

Uthe; "Isikhwama somfundalize esitjhesi simphumela omuhle wokungenelela kukarhulumente weSewula Afrika, newabantu beSewula Afrika njengombana kungibo ababhadela intela ekusekelwa ngayo isikhwamesi".

Isikhwama somfundalizesi sisiza abafundi abathomako eyunivesithi abalungelweko ngokobujamo beemali nalabo bemaKholiji weFundo yamaKghono neBandulo leTheknikhali (ama-TVET), kiyo yoke iminyaka yokufunda kwabo.

Njengendlela yokusekela umfundalize lo ngeemali, kungezelelwe isabelo seemali sikarhulumente ngamabhili-

yoni ali-7.166 wamaranda ngomnyaka wee-2018 – kanti amabhiliyoni ama-4.581 wamaranda abekelwe abafundi beyunivesithi abalungelweko namabhiliyoni ama-2.585 wamaranda abekelwe abafundi bemakholiji we-TVET.

UNGqongqotjhe u-Pandor uthe amakholiji anqophene neemfundo ezikhethekileko angaba maziko wepumelelo ekunguwo azokukhiqiza amakghonofundwa aveleleko emikhakheni ethileko.

Isibonelo, wahlathulula ngokuthi ikholiji yinye inganqophana kwaphela neemfundo zobunjiniyere i-mechanical engineering enye iqalane nezemphaphamtjhini ekuyi-aviation. Wangezelela ngokuthi, "Ngiyathemba ikusasa lama-

kholiji lizokweyama khulu eemfundweni ezikhethekileko.

"Sifuna ukuhlukanahlukana. Asifuni woke amakholiji wethu anikele iimfundo ezifanako."

IHlelo lokuThuthukiswa kwabosomaBubulo kezeFundo ePhakemeko lihloniwe ngomnyaka ogadungileko ngomnqopho wokukhuthaza ilutjha bonyana lizitlamele amabubulo walo.

Kunqotjhe ukulungelelanisa ukhutjhuwa komkhakha wezamabubulo ezikweni lezefundo yemayunivesithi ngeSewula Afrika. Lokhu kufaka hlangana zamabubulo kezeFundo, ukukhutjhuwa kwamabhizinisi wabafundi namayunivesithi afundisa namkha abandulela ukutlama amabubulo.

UNGqongqotjhe u-Pandor uthe kunengi ekufuze kwenziwe ukulungiselela ilutjha umsebenzi nokuthi babe baqatjhi ngokwabo emikhakheni yemisebenzi ethe tjha.

Angathanda ukubona amaziko wezefundo ephakemeko ethula iimfundo zezamabubulo kizo zoke iziqu okusisenziso esizakusiza abafundi abasebatjha ukuthoma amabubulo angathuthukisa ikusasa lelizwe. **V**



UNGqongqotjhe wezeFundo ePhakemeko nokuBandula u-Naledi Pandor.

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young woman said her journey was not easy.

"Growing up there were a lot of challenges, including our financial circumstances and my parents' divorce.

"My mother was left to provide for us and she was unemployed for the longest time. As a result we had no choice but to rely on my siblings to put me through school from an

early age up until high school which put a lot of financial strain on them."

Despite these challenges, Sithole was determined to live up to her potential and applied herself diligently to her studies.

"For me giving up wasn't an option."

When she was a young teenager she got the opportunity to help do chores at a home nearby. This led to regular

domestic work during her December holidays and Sithole was able to add to the family's finances and help fund her high school studies.

Despite doing well in matric there was always the chance that she would not be able to study further because of a lack of funding. "I almost didn't go to a medical school," she adds.

Her hard work and commitment to her studies paid off

when she received funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme. This helping hand was to prove life changing.

"Even though I was a domestic worker, I didn't shelve my dreams and think that it's over for me. I continued to work hard and I'm glad that I did.

"For me it really was just a lesson in humility and it has enabled me to better under-

stand people from different walks of life and be able to relate to each person.

"I always knew that good things lay ahead for me and it was truly just a matter of time."

Her parting words are wise: "Never despise humble beginnings but equally, don't let them define where you will be in five or 10 years' time. With God, everything is possible." **V**



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Umtjhayeli Weenkepe Wenza Imikariromraro



■ UmLawuli weenKepe uLindile Mdlatshe unendlebe emsebenzinakhe wokutjhayela iinkepe.

Allison Cooper

ULindile Mdlatshe (oneminyaka ema-30), omtjhayeli weenkepe, usebenza ngeenkepe ezinamandla ezisetjenzisela ukusikinya nokutjhidisela iinkepe ezibukweni le-Durban. Iinkepe ezincani ezidosako zinamandla amakhulu godu ukuzilawula kutlhoga ikghono elidephileko.

UMdlatshe wabelethelwa bewakhulela e-Port Shepstone bese wafunda e-St Faiths.

“Ngaba nethuba lokufunda nokubona okunengi endaweni engakhulela kiyo. Kwakunganakwesaba, kungafani nesikhathi sanamhlanjesi, umntwana bekakhuliswa sitjhaba ngokuhlanganyela.”

UMdlatshe waphasa ume-thrigi ngomnyaka wee-2006 ngaphambi kokudlulela e-Durban University of Technology ukuyokufundela i-Diploma yeemFundo zeLwandle i-National Diploma in Maritime Studies ngo-mnyaka wee-2007

Ngemva kokuqeda iimfundo zakhe ze-S1 ngo-mnyaka wee-2007 neze-S2 ngomnyaka wee-2008, wathoma ibandulo leminyaka emithathu elwandle ngaphasi kwekhamphani i-Safmarine Shipping Co-

mpany. Lapha wafunda amakghono wokulawula isikepe esilayitjha ipahla nokujama emadoyelweni ahlukahlukeneko, leYurobhu, we-Afrika ne-Asia lapho gade abandulelwa ukutjhejwa kwemithwalo nezokuphepha.

Wafumana idigri yakhe yokuthoma aneminyaka ema-25, kanti ngakelinye ihlangothi bekaqedelela i-Master's ku-Port Operations. Idigri yesibili le yamenza waba yingorhomtjhayeli weenkepe opheleleko. “Lokhu kwaba yiselele ekulu ngombana ukuba mtjhayeliinkepe akutlhogi bonyana umuntu abe nedigri, kufuneka kwaphela iimfundo ze-S1, ze-S2 nebandulo lelwandle. Kunge-mva kwalokho lapho abantu bazitlolisela khona ukuba batjhayeli beenkepe. Wathi, “Nangitjhayisako bengiya esikolweni ngifunde egade kwenziwa emini, ngalokho ngenza kokubili kanyekanye”, wabeka watjho.

UMdlatshe uthanda khulu ukuba ngemanzini. “Amanzi akutjela okunengi ngobujamo belanga. Kamanye amalanga athule, kamanye abaneewuruwuru, kuyindawo enamatjhuguluko! Iinkepe nazo zakhiwe ngokwehlukana ngobujamo godu zithwala ipahla engafaniko begodu kufuze zilawu-

lwe ngendlela ehlukileko,” kwatjho uMdlatshe, othabekile ukusebenza nabasebenzi besikepeni beentjhabatjhaba ngokwamazwe ahlukileko.

Umsebenzi Oneselele

Ukuba mumuntu wengubo emkhakheni wezemalwandle “kubujamo obuyiselele” kwatjho uMdlatshe, ohlathulula ukudlanga kweendaba ezikhambisana nokukhethululwa ngokobulili njengombana ubunengi babasebenzi kubabantu bembaji.

“Ifundo isikhali ongeze wasemukwa mumuntu. Izinto eziphathekako zingatjhabalala, kodwana ifundo izakunamathela safuthi.”

Wathi, “Nanyana abomma balinga ukuzibumba ngomnqopho wokuveza ikghono labo, kodwana kubudisi. Ngaphumelela ekuninweni ngokuvala phetjheya, ngaba nommoya wokuzimisela nokusebenzisana ngalokho bagcina sele bangihlonipha nge-

nca yomsebenzami. Nawuzimiseleko godu unommoya wokusebenza ngamandla, ungazisusa iinqabo endlelanakho”.

Ipumelelo kaMdlatshe ekuseni iinqabo zomsebenzakhe ibonakele ngokutlonyeliswa kwakhe unongorwana wokuba mjaphethe womphathi wezemisebenzi okhamba phambili. “Ngafumana unongorwana ngokuphuma phambili esikhathini esifitjhani ngombana ngaphasa ukulhlolwa ngeveke yokuthoma ngimjaphethe.”

NgoSewula wee-2017 wafumana uNongorwana wokuba ‘mtjhayeli weenkepe oyikutani’ ngokuphulukisa iinkepe esiwururwini esikhulu esakhe sabonwa e-Durban.

Wathi, “Ukuba mtjhayeli weenkepe kesinye isikhathi kutjho bonyana kufanele ufoye ube nesibindi”.

Ukuthweswa kwakhe idigri yesibili i-Master's kwenza umehluko omkhulu epi-lwenakhe.

“Ukufumana kwami idigri kwenza bona abasebenzisani bami abaduna bangihloniphe. Bayangibuza qobe lilanga bonyana ngimajadu ngani ngombana sibabili kwaphela abakhambe bebakhelela kilelibanga begodu ngingewokuthoma owaqeda iimfundo ze-Maritime Diploma eDoyelweni le-Durban. Lokhu kukodwa kwangenza ngabonakala”

wakutjho lokhu ngahlanye ahlathulula bonyana iimfundo ngezelwandle zibudisi.

Umsebenzi Womtjhayeli Weenkepe

UMdlatshe uhlathulula wabekawathi umtjhayeli weenkepe ulawula isikepe nabantu abangakiso.

Kufuze aqinisekise bonyana iinsetjenziswa zokuphepha nezokuvikela nokucima umlilo zisebujameni obulungileko, enze ukuhlolwa kwesikepe kezokuphepha kwaqobe mnyaka, aqinisekise bonyana abasebenzi bafumana ibandulo elifaneleko bebatlikitle neencwadi zabo zebandulo, ahlole ukubuyekwezwa komsebenzi asize nabasebenzi bazitlamele ihlelo lokuzithuthukisa elikhambisana nebizelo labo, asebenzise imithethomgomo yekhamphani alawule iindawo zokubeka ipahla noku-oda iinsetjenziswa.

Wathi, “Umsebenzi welanga uthoma ngerhelo leenkepe eziphumako nezingenako, ekufuze lilunge nakubetha isikhathi sokutjhayisa. “Sithoma ngomsebenzi weenkepe nge-iri le-06h00 siqede nge-iri le-17h50. Abatjhayeli beenkepe basebenza ngababili, amunye wenza imisebenzi engabunane. Ngemva kwalokho sizalisa woke amaphepha. Nakunobujamo oburhabako sitjhayisa ngemvanyana kwe-iri le-21h00”. ■