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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**

**F**ormer 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





# Kugucula Temfundvo Lephakeme

**INDVUNA NALEDI PANDOR** ihlela kabusha umkhakha wetemfundvo lephakeme kute uhambisane netidzingo temnotfo.

**Amukelani Chauke**

**I**mfundvo lephakeme eNingizimu Afrika iyagucuka, akusiko kuphela kutsi sekulula kutfola imfundvo lephakeme kodvwa futsi utfola lecondziswe kahle kutsi imelane netidzingo tetimboni. Letingucuko timcoka ngoba live letfu lisebenta kulungiselela bantfu labasha kute bame-lane nemisebenti nekufaka sandla kutemnotfo.

Njengoba sive sigubha Inyanga Yelusha, i-Vuk'uzenzele

ibukisisa indlela lusha lwalive luniketwa ngayo ematfuba ekuphumelela Litiko Letemfundvo Lephakeme Nekucesha.

Naledi Pandor, Indvuna Yetemfundvo Lephakeme Nekucesha lebekwe ngeNdlovana iniketwe umsebenti wekungenisa luhlelo lwemfundvo lephakeme yamabhala kulabo labaphuyile kanye nalabafundzi labavela kumindeni lehola imali lengetulu kwelizinga lelibekiwe kepha labasolo bangakhoni kukhokhela tindleko tasenyuvesi.

Emva kwesiteleka lesidze savelonkhe ngaphansi kwesihloko lesitsi: #Fees-MustFall, kwamenyetelwa ngeNgongoni kutsi lusha loluvela kumindeni lehola imali lengaphansi kwe-R350 000 ngemnyaka lutawutfo imfundvo yemazinga

lephakeme nekuceshwa yamabhala. Kuphake-lwa kwalemfundvo kusachubeka futsi kutawutsatsa sikhatsi lesingetulu kweminyaka lesihlanu.



## Luhlelo lwemfundzate

Indvuna Pandor icinisekise kutsi kungeniswa kweluhlelo lwemfundzate kuchubeka kahle.

“Loluhlelo lolusha lwemfundzate likungenelela lokumcoka kwahulumende waseNingizimu Afrika, ngoba, ecinisweni, bantfu baseNingizimu Afrika imali yabo yentse-la lekhokhela lemifundzate,” washo njalo.

Loluhlelo lwemfundzate luniketwa labo bafundzi labacala kungena emanyuvesi kanye nasemakolishi Etifundvo Tebuciko Bemisebenti Yetandla kanye Nekuceshwa (ema-TVET), kuyo yonkhe iminyaka yekufundza.

Lomfundzate wesekelwe nge-mali leyengetiwe yahulume-

nde letigidzigidzi leti-R7.166 ngemnyaka we-2018 – kwatsi tigidzigidzi le-R4.581 tabeke-lwa bafundzi labaphumelele kungena emanyuvesi kwatsi tigidzigidzi le-R2.585 tabeke-lwa bafundzi bemakolishi e-TVET.

Indvuna Pandor yatsi emakolishi labukene nemikhakha letsite yetemfundvo angahle abe tikhungo tebuchwephesha letikhicita emakhono lancono kulowo mkhakha wesifundvo.

Sibonelo, likolishi lelilodvwa lingabukana kuphela nemse-benti webunjiniyela betinjini bese kutsi lelinye libukane nebunjiniyela kutetindiza, wachaza njalo. Wangeta ngekutsi “ngiyatsemba kutsi kuvumela kutsi likolishi libukane kuphela netifundvo letitsite letimba-

Iwa kulikusasa lemakolishi.

“Sifuna emakolishi etfu ente tifundzo letahlukahlukene. Asifuni kutsi onkhe ente intfo lefanako.”

Kusesenjalo luhlelo lwemfundvo Lephakeme Lwekutfutukisa Bosomabhizinisi lasungulwa lomnyaka lophelile kute kugcugcutelwe bantfu labasha bacale amabhizinisi abo.

Luhlose kuchumanisa inkhundla yekutfutukisa temabhizinisi kulomkhakha wetemfundvo weNingizimu Afrika. Loku kufaka ekhatsi kuba sifundziswa kutemabhizinisi, kutfutukisa bafundzi kutemabhizinisi kanye nema-nyuvesi etemabhizinisi.

Indvuna Pandor yatsi kunge- ngi lokufuneka kwenteke kute kungasitakali kuphela bantfu labasha kutsi balungele kusebenta, kodvwa kutsi bona bavule ematfuba emisebenti lesezingeni lelikahle.

Unesifiso sekubona tikhungo temfundvo lephakeme titfola temabhizinisi kuwo onkhe emakhozi, lekusinyatselo lesitawenta labo labaklonyelisiwe ngetimindlela temfundvo bacale emabhizinisi lamancane latawugucula likusasa lalalive. **V**



**Indvuna Yetemfundvo Lephakeme Nekucesha, 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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# Umshayeli wetikebhe longundzabamlonyeni



■ Umshayeli wetikebhe Lindile Mdletshe uyingcweti emsebenzini wakhe.

Allison Cooper

**N**jengemshayeli wetikebhe letidvonsa letinye eTransnet Lindile Mdletshe (loneminyaka yebudzala lenge-30) ushayela tikebhe letinemandla letisebenta kusita kudvonsa leminyane mikhumbe Elugwini LaseDurban. Nanoma titincane ngebukhulu, letikebhe tinemandla kakhulu kantsi kutishayela kudzinga likhono lelisezingeni lelisetulu.

Mdletshe watalwa futsi wakhulela ePort Shepstone wabese ufundza e-St Faiths. “Mine ngakhula kamnandzi kakhulu. Ngesikhatsi ngisakhula bekute kwesaba, kungafanani nanamuhla, futsi wonkhe umuntfu beka-khuliswa sigodzi sakhe.”

Mdletshe waphotfula matikuletjeni ngemnyaka we-2006, ngembi kwekuya eDurban University of Technology kuyofundzela i-National Diploma kutifundvo te-Maritime Studies ngemnyaka we-2007.

Emva kwekuphotfula i-S1 ngemnyaka we-2007 kanye ne-S2 ngewe-2008 wacala kuceceshwa kwakhe iminyaka lemitsatfu elwandle, ne-Safmarine Shipping Company. Lapha wafundza kushayela umkhumbi wemtfwalo, ahambe ngawo elwandle lolunemagagasi lamakhulu aye kumagu lahlukahlukene e-Europe, e-Afrika nase-Asia

enta imisebenti yemikhumbe yemitfwalo kanye nelucwaningo ngetekuphepha.

Watfola ticu takhe tekucala aneminyaka le-25, abe ngaleso sikhatsi acedzela ticu takhe te-Master's ku-Port Operations. Letifundvo te-Master's tamenta waba ngumshayeli wetikebhe loceceshekile. “Loku kwaba yinseyeya lenkhulu ngoba kuba ngumshayeli wetikebhe akudzingi kutsi ube neticu temfundvo tasenyuvesi, kodvwa kudzingeka kuphela ticu te-S1 ne-S2 kanye nekuceceshelwa kuba selwandle. Emva kwaloku, bantfu bavamise kubhalisela kuba bashayeli betikebhe. Ngente kokubili sikhatsi sinye. Uma ngiphuma emsebenzini, bengiya esikolweni ngiyofundza msebenti wesikolwa lowentiwe ngalelo langa,” washo njalo.

Mdletshe uyakutsandza kuba semantini. “Emanti angakutjela lokunengi mayelana nekutsi lilanga lakho litawuba njani. Lamanye emalanga litawuba ngelelibindzile, lamanye libe ngulelinebungoti futsi kube nemagagasi lamakhulu. Ngalamafisha, lwandle luyagucugucuka! Imikhumbe futsi iba nemimo leye-hlukahlukene kantsi itfwala imitfwalo lehlukene, leku-chaza kutsi kufuneka ilawulwe ngetindlela letehlukene,” kwasho Mdletshe, lekumtfo-kotisa kakhulu kusebenta

nelitsimba lelinebantfu labahlukahlukene labavela emaveni lahlukene.

## Umsebenti Lonetinseyeya

Kuba ngumake kulomkhakha wetelwandle kumatima kwasho Mdletshe, lochaza tintfo letimayelana nebulili njengaletiyinseyeya lenkhulu ngenca yekutsi kusakholelwa kutsi ngumkhakha wemadvodza.

**“Imfundvo isikhali lesikhulu lengeke umuntfu akutsatsele sona. Letinye tintfo letiphatsekako tihamba tiphele, kodvwa imfundvo itawuhlala nawe sonkhe sikhatsi.”**

“Nanoma bomake batama kungena basebente nge-kutikhandla kute babonise bantfu kutsi bayakhona, kumatima kusebenta elwandle. Ngikuncobile loku ngekuhlala ngiphansi, nginemoya lokahle wekuphumelela kanye neku-sebentisana kute bangihloniphe. Ngemandla ekubeketela nawebuhlakani, ungatincoba letihibe,” washo njalo.

Imphumelelo yaMdletshe yekuncoba letihibe ibonakala kundvondvo layitfola ngesikhatsi alibamba lempha-tsi wetebuciko bemisebenti yaselwandle. “Ngatfola umklo-melo wekuba ngulohamba embili ngekuphotfula tifundvo masinyane ngoba umsebenti wami watfola umphumela wekuhlolwa kwemabhuku lote lichashati ngeliviki leku-cala lekuba libamba kulesikhundla.” Waphindza watfola umklomelo wekuba yingcwetu” ngeMphala 2017, ngekuvikela imikhumbi kutivunguvungu letimbi kakhulu letake tabonwa eDurban.

“Kuba ngumshayeli wetikebhe kusho kutsi lesinye sikhatsi kufanele usebente ngekutimisela futsi ube nesibindzi,” washo njalo.

Kutfola ticu takhe te-Master's kwenta wonkhe umehluko. “Kutfola ticu tami kwacinisekisa kuhlonishwa balingani bami lababobabe. Bangibuta onkhe malanga kutsi ngimatasatasa ngani ngoba sibabili kuphela labafundze ngalendlela futsi ngibe wekucala kuphotfula i-Maritime Diploma Elugwini LaseDurban. Loku kodvwa kwangeta ngahluka,” watsi, kuchaza kutsi tifundvo tetelwandle atisihlelelolulula kutifundza.

## Umsebenti Wekubamshayeli Wetikebhe

Mdletshe utsi kuba mshayeli wetikebhe kusho kutsi

umlawuli wako konkhe lo-kwentekako kanye nabo bonkhe labagibele umkhumbi.

Kufuneka acinisekise kutsi tinsita tekuphepha netekucisha umlilo tisesimeni lesikahle futsi kunesicinisekiso saloko, ente lucwaningo lwetekuphepha njalo ngemnyaka, acinisekise kutsi balingani bakhe lasebenta nabo emkhunjini batfola kuceceshwa lokufanele aphindze asayine emabhuku abo etekuphepha, abuyekete tivumelwano tekusebenta futsi asite tisebenti kutsi tibe neluhlelo lwentfutuko loluhambisana nemisebenti yabo, acinisekise kutsi tinchubomgomo tenkhapani tiyalandzelwa bese ulawula kuphatfwa kwesitoko afake nema-oda etinsita letidzingekako.

Lilanga lelitayelekile la-Mdletshe lekusebenta licala ngeluhlu lwemikhumbi lefikako nalehambako, leku-fanele ticedvwe uma kufika sikhatsi sekushayisa. “Sicala ngemisebenti wekuhambisa tintfo ngensimbi ye-06:00 sicedze ngeye-17:50. Ngalo-kutayelekile tikebhe letimbili tiyasebentisana, bese kutsi ngasinye sicedze lokungenani imisebenti lesiphohlango. Emva kwaloku, kufuneka sicedzise wonkhe umsebenti wemabhuku. Uma kunetimo letiphutfumako, lesinye sikhatsi sicedza kusebenta ngensimbi ye-21:00,” washo njalo. **V**