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“THE JOURNEY” – AT THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY OCTOBER 2016, CALA, EASTERN CAPE

These Awards make me feel motivated. They make me see that through hard work there is a reward. I would like to be a Cardiologist, as heart disease kills so many people in this country and I would like to save people's lives. There was a time when I was in hospital and I saw an old lady who was suffering from heart disease. She waited a very long time for a doctor from another hospital and that touched my heart.

**Pledge to iKDT in order to advance learner support programmes
Visit: <http://www.ikdt.org.za/register.html>.**



These are the words of Anele Thwani, a grade 10 learner at the Achievement Awards Ceremony of 2016 held at the Batandwa Ndondo Senior Secondary School in the small rural town of Cala, in the Eastern Cape.

Anele is one of the learners at this school who is being inspired and encouraged by the work of the iKamvelihle (A brighter future) Development Trust (iKDT). This non-governmental organisation was set up in 2015 by volunteers who would like to work with other like-minded partners and individuals in order to help improve educational outcomes and advance innovative local communities.

The Achievement Awards Ceremony is one of several interventions planned by the iKDT during the year, all with the aim of building up and encouraging our young people – precious young people, who are the future of our country.

The 2016 Achievement Awards Ceremony was made possible through the:

- **Gifts from the following organisations:**
 - Standard Bank of South Africa,
 - Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; and
- **Financial donations from the following individuals:**
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The iKDT rely entirely on sponsors and donations to support these rural schools and communities. Please pledge and get involved so that this work can continue to grow.

Another learner, Aphelele Ngqunga, in Gr 12, said,
It is an honour and a privilege to be awarded. It means a lot to me, because it really shows that I'm proud of my home language. Being awarded encourages me to keep on doing the good work and even more. I didn't expect this... I would like to be an author as I enjoy writing short stories and poems.



The school's chosen theme for Awards of 2016 was “The Journey”. In keeping with this theme, young graduates (Ms. Silindile Zulu and Mr. Nyameko Mlonzi) shared the story of their journeys from humble beginnings to educational success.



The Achievement Awards Ceremony serves to encourage and reward academic effort by celebrating with the learners, their educators, the School Governing Body and the local community.