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83%

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# PROVINCIAL RELEASE OF THE 2022 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS



# AN EXCITING START TO THE 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

**W**hen the Minister of Basic Education released the results on Thursday, 19 January 2023, the buzzword and the word on everybody's lips, was KwaZulu-Natal. It was as if the Minister was punctuating each and every sentence with the word KwaZulu-Natal.

This was because the province of KwaZulu-Natal had given the people of KZN and of South Africa, the ground-breaking results of 83%, becoming the third successful province on the provinces performance log.

Indeed, these KZN results were not only for the people of the province, because the good performance of KZN, translates into the good performance of the country, hence the national average shot up to 81%.

It was therefore not surprising that everyone was laughing from ear to ear, dressed to the nines, when the MEC for Education in KZN, Mbali Frazier announced the results at Bhethsaida Ministries International Full Gospel Church, on 20 January 2022.

The release of the 2022 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results event was attended by the Premier, Nomsa Dube-Ncube, MECs, the DG, HoDs from different departments, MPLs, including the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Education, Sifiso Sonjica, members of the Royal Family, SGB formations, members of top management and officials, led by HoD Nathi Ngcobo, different labour formations, stakeholders and the most important guests, who were learners with their parents.

***“Honourable guests, after recording a 76.8% pas rate in 2021, today we are thrilled to report that KwaZulu-Natal has joined the league of sister provinces that are in the 80% bracket. The class of 2022 has done us very proud by achieving the historic 83% pass rate,”*** said the





MEC, as she proudly announced the results. The excitement was palpable; and for others, their proverbial jaw was literally on the floor. The MEC thanked all those who were responsible for the good results, especially the educators.

She also extended her gratitude to the district for their good work, especially Ugu District which got the number 1 position for the 3rd consecutive year and Umkhanyakude District, which is the most improved district. Ugu and Umkhanyakude Districts were announced by Minister Motsekgga as being in the national top 10 of the best performing districts in the country.

The Premier and all the speakers gave kudos to KZN for their stellar performance. ***“As a Premier, on behalf of the provincial government we therefore wish to express our sincere congratulations to all learners who defied the odds- the legacy of Covid 19 pandemic, the July unrest in 2021 and the devastating floods disaster in April and in May,”*** said the Premier as she congratulated the class of 2022.

The HoD, Mr Nathi Ngcobo could not hide his jubilation, he was all smiles as he ably directed the programme during the event. The HoD had earlier wrote on his timeline, ***“ I am short of words to express my gratitude for the sterling performance of our Department. We owe it to the whole education team, from groundsmen and cleaners, admin staff, teachers and SMTs, especially principals and the whole management team from circuits through to the head office. You have made us proud as KZN.”***

As the centre of attraction and the most important people on the day, learners stole the show as they ascended and descended the stage getting their awards. The ululations from proud parents was never to be ignored.

All in all, it was a day of celebration, of academic excellence and a day of red carpet, glamour, splendour and of razzmatazz.



# IMPORTANT STATISTICS

A total of **164 308** learners sat for the 2022 NSC exams, **136 388** learners passed

## 100% Schools

2021	2022
145	212

## Bachelor passes

2021	2022
61856	68 849

## Diploma passes

2021	2022
42 128	43 908

# PERFORMANCE PER DISTRICT

Ugu District	87.2%
Umkhanyakude	86.3%
Amajuba	85.5%
Umgungundlovu	84.1%
Ilembe	83.9%
Zululand	83.7%
Umlazi	82.8%
Harry Gwala	82.5%
King Cetshwayo	81.7%
Pinetown	80.5%
Uthukela	80%
Umzinyathi	79.8%

# CLASS OF 2022: TOP 10 ACHIEVERS PROFILES





# POSITION 1

Nikita Govendor



**Age:** 18

**District Name:**  
Pinetown District

**School name:**  
Mountviews Secondary  
School

## **Secret of success:**

I don't think there is a secret to success, I think it's a personal possession. People can borrow it but can't keep it because everybody learns out in a different pace, you need to find a best way to be productive and efficient.

## **Advise to others:**

The matric year is all about you. Only you can decide what you need, nobody else. Studying should be something you want to do, not something you have to do. Be comfortable in your study zone.

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine

# POSITION 2

Asanda Ngcobo

**Secret of success:**

Was hard work and a close relationship with teachers.

**Advise to others:**

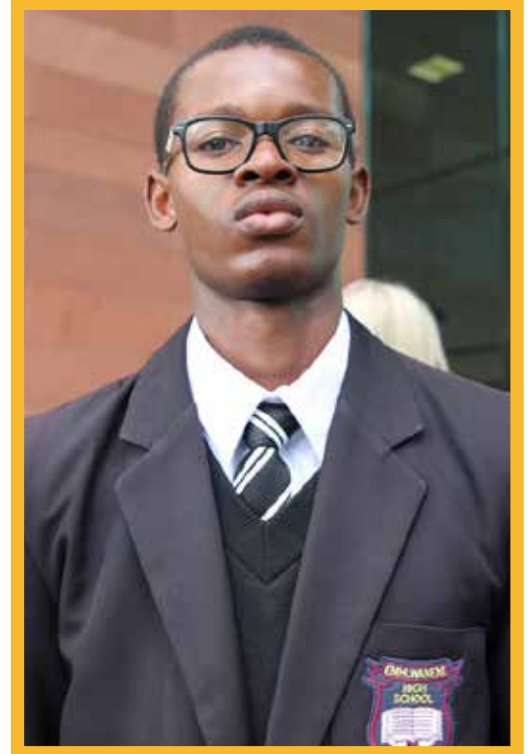
would be to pursue perfection. It is then that they will catch excellence.

**Are you accepted to any institution?**

I have been accepted at UCT

**What will be your field of study?**

I will be studying Actuarial science



**Age:** 18

**District Name:**  
Uthukela District

**School name:**  
Umhlwaneni High School

# POSITION 3

Sinakhokonke Siyaya



**Age:** 17

**District Name:**  
Amajuba District

**School name:**  
Phendukani Full Service School

## **Secret of success:**

Getting rid of all distractions, knowing what I want and working towards my goal. Most importantly, motivating myself at every point because school can be draining mentally and physically but it's not worth giving up.

## **Advise to others:**

Work hard, give it your all but remember not to put too much pressure on yourself. Be humble so you can ask for help whenever you need it.

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, University of Cape Town (UCT)

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine

# POSITION 4

Priyasha Naidoo

## **Secret of success:**

Balance is very important, managing your time between academics and extra co-curricular such as sports. You need to manage time effectively, plan ahead so that you don't fall behind with your work.

## **Advise to others:**

Your academics are very important but taking care of your mental health is even more important. You need to have a healthy body and mind in order to perform at your best

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

UCT or WITS

## **What will be your field of study?**

Computer Science



**Age:** 18

**District Name:**  
Pinetown District

**School Name:**  
Westville Girls High

# POSITION 5

Sihle Khumalo



**Age:** 18

**District Name:**

Umgungundlovu District

**School name:** Congco

High Sschool

**Secret of success:**

Consistency and hard work, support from teachers, family and friends

**Advise to others:**

Start studying as early as possible, always set a positive mind and make compromises to succeed.

**Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, WITS or UCT

**What will be your field of study?**

Medicine or Actuarial Science

# POSITION 6

Keenan Rajah

## **Secret of success:**

Hard work is one most important thing and believe in yourself. My belief in myself carries me at times. Remember what is most important to you, it will help you know what you are fighting for. My faith, God is most important to me and my parents were always encouraging and supporting me.

## **Advise to others:**

Devote yourself to your work and never give up. If you believe in who you are and what you can do, you can do anything. Even its hard, you can accomplish anything if you believe. Chase your dreams and never let anyone else limit you. Always remember to stay true to who you are, and always remember to have fun and enjoy school and life.

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, I was provisionally accepted at the Universities of Cape Town, Stellenbosch, KwaZulu-Natal, Johannesburg, Pretoria and WITS

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine or Actuarial Science



**Age:** 17

**District Name:**  
Umlazi District

**School name:**  
Glenwood High School

# POSITION 7

Roshaina Depnarain



**Age:** 17

**District Name:**  
Umlazi District

**School name:**  
Queensburgh Girls High

## **Secret of success:**

Consistency is key in achieving academic success. From day one of matric, I zealously completed any task with dedication. Procrastination is an Achilles Heel for many pupils, therefore I made many sacrifices by minimising time-wasting tasks as I remember watching a maximum of four movies for the whole year. My wonderful parents, educators and family played a pivotal role in my journey through matric by offering endless motivation and support.

## **Advise to others:**

Work hard from day one. Remember that matric is the passport to life, and only you have the key to unlocking your dreams. Maintain a balance between academics and your hobbies to maintain a sense of wellbeing. Although you may face constraints, anxiety or pressure, have faith and persevere. Remember the words of Walt Disney, "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue it"

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, UKZN

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine

# POSITION 8

Jordan Nadasen

**Secret of success:**

Playing at your own strengths and being goal driven. I have been like a dog with a bone whenever I have a goal, I do everything to achieve it.

**Advise to others:**

Prioritise your mental health, don't seek academic validation. Don't base yourself worth on a single bad exam

**Are you accepted to any institution?** Yes, UKZN

**What will be your field of study?**  
Medicine



**Age:** 17

**District Name:**  
Pinetown District

**School name:** Greenburys



# POSITION 9

Mthokozisi Nkomo



**Age:** 18

**District Name:**  
Harry Gwala District

**School name:**  
Impiyamandla JS

## **Secret of success:**

Self introspection is the most powerful and potent weapon to pave your way to your success. As there is a variety of study methods, one should find the method that works best for them. You must always ensure that you use your time as effectively as possible. That could be done by drawing yourself a study timetable, obviously with the help of your teachers.

## **Advise to others:**

I'll advise every other person to start working hard now. They must not waste their time relaxing, every moment should be taken very seriously regardless of the season in time. They must familiarise themselves with working with other students with the same goal as theirs. They must try by all means to learn from others so as to improve their own understanding

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, UKZN

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine

# POSITION 10

Theesan Narasimulu

## **Secret of success:**

I am a self-disciplined individual who is academic oriented. I have been consistent in my work since Grade 8. I restricted my social life and prioritised my life. I maintained a good work ethic throughout my life. My ethos enabled me to achieve academic excellence in my schooling career. Through hard work, dedication and sacrifice, I was able to achieve success.

## **Advise to others:**

I would advise the class of 2023 to give their 110% to their matric year. They should work hard throughout the year and maintain consistency. They should also believe in themselves and emulate those who achieved success before them. Maintain a good work ethic and be self-disciplined. Take time to distress and do what you enjoy. Plan ahead, ask for help and most importantly, work as hard as you can.

## **Are you accepted to any institution?**

Yes, UKZN

## **What will be your field of study?**

Medicine



**Age:** 17

**District Name:**  
Umlazi Distric

**School name:**  
Kharwastan Secondary School



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