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NYDA HAILS MATRIC CLASS OF 2022.

National Youth Development Agency congratulates the Matric class of 2022 and wishes them well in their future endeavours.

The NYDA would like to applaud this cohort of young people for excelling in their basic education career. We are encouraged by the performance of young people in all 9 provinces, highlighting Kwa-Zulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga, and Limpopo. This is an indication that there is great improvement in our education system especially in rural parts of our country.

The NYDA is greatly impressed by the class of 2022 who exuded a spirit of resilience and excellence during this difficult economic era. The Matric class of 2022 performed greatly regardless of the challenges they faced, they made certain that they attain their National Senior Certificate. We welcome the 80,1% pass rate obtained by these buoyant group of young people.

The agency would like to encourage the young people to forge harder and higher in playing an impactful role in our communities and country. We would also like to inspire young people who did not perform satisfactorily.

Executive Chairperson Ms. Asanda Luwaca said "We look forward to helping all young people reach their dreams and be change agents in their communities through the opportunities we have in the National Youth Service (NYS). Young people who have not done well should not be dismayed about the future because the NYDA is there to upskill and develop them into being a youth that is economically active."

The NYDA has partnered with stakeholders that believe in the betterment of the youth. Partners such as NFSAS are ready to assist young people who are interested in furthering their academic ambitions at institutions of higher learning."

Ms. Luwaca further encouraged, "Young people who will be furthering their studies are also encouraged to access our partner offering NFSAS at our district and full-service branches. The agency is also looking into ventures that will assist young people in rural areas with economic opportunities post their basic education career."

The NYDA will be leading extensive back to school drives across the country for young people who are still within the basic education sector, as well as those who are looking to access higher education opportunities. Young people can take full advantage of our opportunities by visiting the website <u>www.nyda.gov.za</u> and registering on our ERP portal.

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