



2019 Graduating IkamvaYouth Alumni Profiles

Noluthando

(Western Cape)

BA in Psychology and Sociology, University of the Western Cape



IY: *In 5 words or less, tell us who is Noluthando?*

NN: Enthusiastic, Passionate, Empathetic, Hard worker

IY: *Very briefly, can you tell us about your IkamvaYouth journey?*

NN: I joined Ikamva Youth when I was in Grade 9 in 2011. I was part of the programme throughout my high school journey. Ikamva Youth played a big role in my life. It helped me to meet with the right people in life. I got a mentor from IY who guided from high until varsity even now we still have good communication. Tutors at IY contributed a lot in the results I got in my matric. They gave their all to make sure that we passed well. It didn't end there IY assisted me with applying in varsity. I got enrolled in UWC for BA.

After matric I came back to IkamvaYouth as a tutor because I believed that I was in varsity because tutors sacrificed their time for me so I had to do the same for other learners, I had to give back my time more like giving back to the community.

IY: *What have you learnt from your university experience, that you'd like to share with other Ikamvanites?*

NN: The transition from high school to varsity is not easy. Having make good networks can help you when you arrive in varsity. You can start by talking with your tutors as most of them are in varsities, make them your mentors. Also as a first year, get involved as much as you can.

IY: *What advice would you like to share with other Ikamvanites who are still in matric/pursuing their tertiary studies?*

NN: I would advise Ikamvinites to use wisely all the facilities/resources offered in IY. Make good use of the time they spend in IY. The career workshops they attend, open days they must never take those for granted. They should engage in those workshops and ask the right questions. Making a decision of what of you want to study in varsity is not easy especially when you don't have the right information.

IY: *Now that you've graduated, is there anything that you're glad you did, or wish you had done?*

NN: I'm glad that I have grabbed all the opportunities Ikamva Youth exposed me in with my both hands. As I am currently working as an intern of Ikamva Youth

IY: *Now that you've graduated, what are your plans for the future?*

NN: I have a passion for working with young people and I have experience of working with young people as I have been a tutor in IY, facilitator, a mentor in community projects which I have been involved in. Career-wise, I would like to pursue my studies in PGCE as I want to be a teacher. I want to make a huge impact on the education of this country.

Mthobisi

(KwaZulu Natal)

**Diploma in Human Resource Management, Mangosuthu
University of Technology**



IY: In 5 words or less, tell us who is Mthobisi?

MM: I am ambitious and goal driven

IY: Very briefly, can you tell us about your IkamvaYouth journey?

MM: I joined IkamvaYouth 2013 repeating my grade 10 and through the assistance I get from tutors I managed to help others learners who were not part of the programme and I also matriculated in 2015 with a bachelor's pass and 3 university firm offers. Since the culture of helping was installed to me, in 2016, I came back as a tutor till today I'm still enjoying to be the part of IkamvaYouth team.

IY: What have you learnt from your university experience, that you'd like to share with other Ikamvanites?

MM: I learnt so many things through Enectus MUT. I learnt that you must not be a job seeker but be the job creator and academically, I learnt that proper preparation prevents poor performance (five P's). During my course, I've never failed or had a supplementary exam because the culture of learning was installed while I was still in high school by IkamvaYouth.

IY: What advice would you like to share with other Ikamvanites who are still in matric/pursuing their tertiary studies?

MM: For those who are doing matric, they must apply for their selected course as early as possible, and to those who are still in tertiary, they must know pride kills everything. If you are learning, you are not only learning for the workplace, but you learn many things in life, so avoid pride because it can limit you from getting new knowledge.

IY: Now that you've graduated, is there anything that you're glad you did, or wish you had done?

MM: Yes, I am glad that I graduated while my mother is still alive. In that way, I see myself having accomplished her goal to wear that black graduation gown, and now I am looking forward to accomplishing my goal which is to wear the RED graduation gown.

IY: Now that you've graduated, what are your plans for the future?

MM: To find employment so that I can start contributing to the capital I need to start my own business. My future plans are to own my accommodation business

IY: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

MM: Nothing, other than thanking the IkamvaYouth organization for helping me where I was to where I am now!

Tumelo

(Gauteng)

Diploma in Labour Law, Vaal University of Technology.



IY: In 5 words or less, tell us who is Tumelo?

TM: Hardworking, self-motivated, focused, dedicated and selfless

IY: Very briefly, can you tell us about your IkamvaYouth journey?

TM: IkamvaYouth has been really helpful. I wouldn't be where I am without IkamvaYouth youth. I benefited a lot from the programme. With the tutors' help, the motivational talks and peer to peer homework sessions also played a part in ensuring I do well in my matric, which enabled me to get to varsity.

IY: What have you learnt from your university experience, that you'd like to share with other Ikamvanites?

TM: University is not about how intelligent you are. Working hard and putting your all can make you survive varsity. And also self-discipline.

IY: What advice would you like to share with other Ikamvanites who are still in matric/pursuing their tertiary studies?

TM: They should never give up no matter how hard it is. Your past doesn't determine your future. The future is in your hands.

IY: Now that you've graduated, is there anything that you're glad you did, or wish you had done?

TM: Am glad I got to be part of IkamvaYouth.

IY: Now that you've graduated, what are your plans for the future?

TM: I plan to study further this year and look for employment next year.

IY: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

TM: I would like to thank IkamvaYouth for the help, for exposing me to opportunities.