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Subject: Yes they can! South African students rock the U.S.

South African students ROCK the U.S. Special Message from our Senior at Piney Woods!



Yes, they can! What happens when talented students -- who just happen to come from disadvantaged backgrounds -- are given a chance? We can tell you: amazing things! The underprivileged South African students we placed at Piney Woods School are on the Honor Roll. Just half-way through their first year at Piney Woods, Claudia and Sidwell will serve as Pages in Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran's office. Gadaffi, a Presidential Scholar, is now sending out college applications with the hope he'll win a scholarship.

Special Message from Gadaffi Nkosi:

I am Gadaffi Manqoba Nkosi; a 17 year-old student originally from Pretoria, South Africa. I grew up in a small township called Mamelodi and lived with my grandmother because my mother was unemployed. I attended school with very few resources and my grandmother paid for my school fees with the money she received for pension.

When we completed primary school, most of my friends could not afford to go to high school and as a result, dropped-out so they could go work at supermarkets and construction companies. My community was poverty-stricken and crammed with negative influences stimulated by crime. Everything around me was constantly deteriorating, but the poverty I experienced kept me determined to succeed in school and also bring up my community from the stigma that has been attached to it.

After winning an essay and oratory contest sponsored by the Douglas Foundation and Kappa Alpha Psi, I received an opportunity to attend Kappa Kamp at the Piney Woods School. My impressive performance during the camp got me a TV interview and honored as the most outstanding speaker. Following a remarkable camp, I was awarded a scholarship to attend at the Piney Woods School.

I am currently a senior with a 3.5 GPA. During my stay in the United States I have achieved being classified as a presidential scholar, honor-roll student, and student ambassador. I have also attended the Morehouse College Pre-freshman Summer Program where I took three college courses and successfully graduated with straight A's. In March I will be interviewed by CNN and will also be featured in the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal.

Upon my graduation, I intend on going to college where I will major in political science and international relations and pursue a career in the diplomatic field. Although I have received numerous offers from colleges in the US, I still cannot afford to enroll as a student unless I receive a scholarship or grant that will help pay for my education. I am reaching out

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Gaddafi's Bio
Claudia's Bio
Sidwell's Bio



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scholarship or grant that will help pay for my education. I am reaching out to you because I need your help regarding to this matter. If possible, I would appreciate it if you can provide me with contact details of people, organizations, scholarship programs that help unprivileged international students, or any suggestions pertaining to raising funds for college.

Regards,
Gadaffi Nkosi

Be part of the solution. We need your energy and support to make a difference in the lives of South Africa's youth. These scholars are thoroughly vetted; some of them have been accepted by Make A Difference Foundation (MAD), a dynamic and progressive South African organization providing long-term mentoring and pledges for university scholarships. These kids have proven themselves to be stars.

Your investment funds tomorrow's leaders TODAY. Please forward this email to family and friends. Consider making it a family project to sponsor one of our kids. Together we can continue changing the world, one student at a time. Want to talk more? I encourage you to email me directly at vwilliams@thedouglasfoundation.org. Thanks for making a difference!

Sincerely,

Victor Williams, President
The Douglas Foundation

TODAY is the day you can change a life. It's easy!

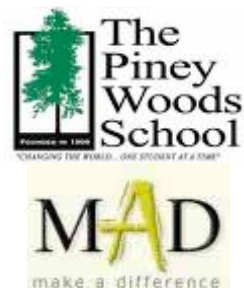


President Victor Williams with students from Pretoria Secondary School's leadership club (photo taken at the U.S. Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa). "

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South African Escorts:

Madi van Staden, MAD
Linda Geldenhuys, MAD
T. Esther Ndlovu

Students:

Nathi Mpindwana, MAD
Lwando Madlingozi, MAD
Mawande Neti, MAD
Jonathan Cloete, MAD
Elizabeth Cloete, MAD
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