



“ My name is Luyanda Dlamini, currently doing grade 11 in Simon’s Town School, Lawhill Maritime Centre. I am originally from Clermont township in Durban where I am surrounded by people I don’t ever want to be like. I live with my granny, my sister and my other family members. Before I got the opportunity of living and studying at the Lawhill Maritime Centre I used to attend a school situated in a township, Sithengile Secondary School. Because of hardwork and the passion that I have for the ocean, I was selected to be part of a sailing program that was held by Sail Africa in Durban. While attending the program I showed determination and I was eager to know more about the ocean and the maritime industry. Because of my school results, my school teacher then selected a few learners to apply for the bursary and I was fortunate enough to be amongst the few. My family did not entirely like the fact of me going to Simon’s Town, they were worried about the costs they had to cover in order to for me to go. Now that I’m at Lawhill they are absolute happy with the results I produce and the life skills I have learnt. Looking into my future, I want to do navigation and work in large tankers and inspire the ones after me that a girl child from the township can also do it.”