

S.A.T.S General Botha OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY FUND

Nurturing Sea Fever

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CELEBRATING

YEARS

CHAIRMANS LETTER AND GBOBA CENTENARY

Greetings to all our Bursary Fund friends as we enter a new year hopefully with more let-up and less stress as we endured in 2021. THIS YEAR IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE S.A.T.S GENERAL BOTHA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION'S CENTENARY. This institution with its many cadets have certainly impacted the maritime industry enormously through



the past 100 years. The motto – Honour and Duty – is a worthy maxim for the youth engaging in maritime training in 2022 thus fulfilling the centenary aptly. We wish the Association many congratulations. Bravo Zulu.

Our new year always begins with a warm welcome to our newly recruited bursary award scholars starting with Grade 10 at Simon's Town School. They will be more officially welcomed by their BF mentors at the SA Navy Museum in Simons Town on the 5th. February 2022. This is the Orientation Day we repeat at the start of every year enforcing the values of the Bursary Fund and its goals.

January is the month to also welcome new Bursary Fund sponsors who have visited Lawhill Maritime Centre (LMC), or heard what is achieved there, and have joined us to invest in tomorrow's youth. All old and new sponsors are assured of a strong partnership in the years ahead.

On the extra-mural front, we start with swimming classes before the scholars are permitted to venture onto the water in our sailing or motor program. As the classes at Lawhill occupy a high percentage of the children's' time and energy the extra murals have to be dove-tailed into the gaps in the year when most suitable. The pandemic has caused us all to constantly be ready to adjust our well-made plans for we don't compromise on the safety and wellbeing of scholars and their mentors.

Lastly, we have our tertiary group who are studying this year at either Cape or KwaZulu Natal tertiary institutions to further their maritime careers. We wish them well and know they will be for

ever grateful for the support they receive from sponsors, through the Bursary Fund, including their mentor's assistance in their three years of full-time study.

My thanks to all who engage with the Bursary Fund in whatever manner as your time and generosity is so well received especially by our youth as they settle into this wonderful opportunity of a worthwhile career in the maritime industry.

Simon Pearson (Chairman).

General Botha Old Boys' lan Hare (L) & Simon Pearson (R) and at the LMC 2021 Awards Ceremony.

LMC AWARDS 2021

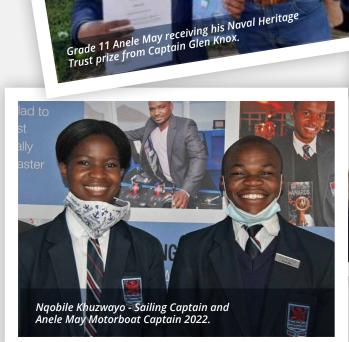
General Botha Old Boy's Association Bursary Fund students once again did the Bursary Fund proud by winning awards at the Annual LMC Awards Ceremony:

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- Newall Family Special Award Grade 12 Jodie Muleshi
- Sailors Home Special Prize Grade 10 Liqhawe Mdoda
- Naval Trust Heritage Prize Grade 10 Thobeka Mavundla
- Naval Trust Heritage Prize Grade 11 Anele May
- Captain Dai Davies Memorial Prize for Maritime Studies Grade 12 – Luyanda Dlamini
- Grade 12 Overall Achiever Luyanda Dlamini



WELL DONE BURSARY FUND ACHIEVERS!



A beaming Jodie Muleshi with Simon's Town school Deputy Head Boy Ronan Patterson on the day of the Awards Ceremony.



END OF YEAR GET TOGETHER

The Bursary Fund ended 2021 with a gathering at NSRI's Simon's Town base. This was an occasion to especially acknowledge the Grade 12's who have had such a challenging time completing their studies during the Covid Pandemic. In addition, the event was attended by the Sail and Motor Training Group students and was an opportunity for them and the Bursary Fund to thank their volunteer mentors who give up their Fridays and Saturdays to NURTURE SEA FEVER.

Dr Cleeve Robertson CEO of NSRI handed out certificates and a gift from the NSRI.

Grade 10 Thandokuhle Nyawose receiving her Swimming certificate from NSRI CEO Dr Cleeve Robertson.

AS A RESULT OF THE BURSARY FUNDS LONG TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH TS WOLTEMADE SEA CADETS, SELECTED CADETS PARTICIPATE IN SAIL AND MOTORBOAT TRAINING.



Petrus Swart together with Sea Cadets Layla Manuel, Jared Bomiester, Liqhawe Mdoda and <mark>Speranza</mark> owner Ian Hare.

Chairman of the Sail and Motorboat Sub Committee Petrus Swart, bids farewell to Grade 12 participants Garth Drude, Jonoel Meyer, Sifundo Sithole, Busang Tsukulu and Jodie Muleshi. andre Williams with Homero Sail Trainer Wayne Beattie.



BURSARY FUND STUDENTS SAY THANK YOU

Cape Simon Reason - Chairman - GBOBBF

I go by the name of Thandokuhle Nyawoe. Jam part of the hawhill Maritime Programme. I am aurently in Grade 10. I come from KZN in Durban at a small tocordhip called Clermont.

I am writing this letter to thank you as a GBOBA member, for openeoring me. Without you I would not be in this place. There are many good things that I have learnt in this programme. Firstly it is being independent. I have learnt to make my own decisions and also using my time weeky. Secondly it is team work, at home I used to do things and also study alone but now I do get a chance to do certain things with my peers. We also get a chance to choose any sea sport that we love.

All of these wouldn't be possible without you. I am really greatful

Yours Sincerely

Thandokuhle Nyawase.

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TERTIARY NEWS

The Bursary Fund is delighted to announce a new partnership with **Fairfield Chemical Carriers** to fund two students for their Diploma in Nautical Studies at Durban University of Technology. **Fendercare Marine** will be assisting with further costs related to their 2022 Tertiary Studies.

The lucky recipients of these bursaries are **Sifundo Sithole** who has just completed Grade 12 at LMC and **Amanda Gasa** who is going into her second year of Nautical Studies at DUT. Both Sifundo and Amanda have a long association with Bursary Fund's Durban partner Sail Africa and are presently completing their Day Skippers Licence through them. They will thus be able to give back by assisting Sail Africa with their programs when they have free time during their studies.





Sifundo Sithole with Bursary Fund Vice Chairman Nomkhitha Mbele on the announcement of his Tertiary Bursary.



PAST STUDENT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Tsoso Hanong the first Master of the General Botha Old Boys' Association Bursary Fund past students.



WELL DONE to 2021 Grade 12 Jodie Muleshi who was selected for a learnership at MSC which she started in January 2022.



PLEASE CONTACT GENERAL MANAGER THALIA HOCK AT gm@generalbotha.co.za SHOULD YOU BE ABLE TO OFFER ANY WORK SHADOW OPPORTUNITIES IN DURBAN OR CAPE TOWN.



Amanda Gasa -

Tertiary Bursary

THE BURSARY FUND WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE SAIL AFRICA FOR THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF WINNING THE WORLD SAILING 11TH HOUR SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY







This wonderful opportunity for the Marine Industry to network took place on 18 November 2021 at Rondebosch Golf Club. The successful occasion was a fantastic send off to the Golf Day's longstanding Chairman Keith Burchell who has been very ably assisted by his wife Mary Burchell and Treasurer Neil Lawson. Their incredible organisation of this event will be sorely missed.

THE EVENT RAISED A WHOPPING R153 000 WHICH WILL BE USED FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION IN NAUTICAL STUDIES! A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE DAY.







The winning Four Ball(from L to R) Marc Frauendorf, Buddy Woodborne, Thomas De Silva and Johan Badenhorst together with Rondebosch Golf Club Manager Dominique Jacobs.



FUNDRAISING APPEAL

THE SAIL AND MOTORBOAT STUDENTS REQUIRE PEAK CAPS AND T-SHIRTS TO WEAR DURING TRAINING. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMPANY TO HAVE THEIR BRAND VISIBLE AS A SUPPORTER OF NURTURING SEA FEVER. Please contact: General Manager Thalia Hock at gm@generalbotha.co.za for further details.





SAVE THE DATES!

wMARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY

1 June 2022 - Mount Edgecombe Golf Course, Durban 17 November 2022 - Rondebosch Golf Course, Cape Town



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