

Brightness Makhubele

I am living proof that dreams do come true.

I started school at Bonukukhanya Primary in Mpumalanga and later studied at Almont Technical High School in Soweto. I completed my matric last year.

Difficult stages in my life have been overcome through hard work and dedication. These include losing my mother when I was 12 years old and being raised by my grandmother with bottomless care and love.

I want to take this time to motivate all young people. Remember that when one door of happiness closes another opens. Never give up, no matter how hard the situation might be. Just hold on.

Never use poverty and financial problems as an excuse for not completing your studies or as an excuse for doing crime. There are so many opportunities that have been opened for us young people these days.

There are so many companies and philanthropists who can help you with scholarships and bursaries to further your studies, including Lucky Mazibuko, a man with a heart of gold.

I am a bursary student studying business management at Rosebank College because of him. I am honoured to be one of the recipients of a bursary that has been named in his honour.

This has changed my life, improving my fortunes, and I wish he could continue changing many people's lives, especially the youth.

Start finding out about bursaries and study loans right now. Anyone can get a bursary, irrespective of your skin colour, gender or your appearance – provided that they work hard.

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BUILDING DREAMS: Sowetan columnist and HIV-Aids awareness, education and advocacy activist Lucky Mazibuko with Brightness Makhubele, a business management student at Rosebank College.

Don't you ever give up hope

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