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Mzansi's young scientists win big!

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IT IS good to see many young Mzansi minds do well in international science competitions.

Zara Nijzink-Laurie, a Grade-8 pupil at Rustenburg High School in Cape Town, represented Mzansi at the prestigious Taiwan International Science Fair.

She scooped home second prize in the behavioural and social sciences category.

This year, the annual Taiwan challenge saw pupils from over 23 countries participate. Also competing at the fair was Kalsee Nadasen, a fellow South African from Hatfield Christian School in Gauteng.

The pair were selected to represent Mzansi, thanks to the outstanding projects they presented at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair last October.



Young scientists, Zara Nijzink-Laurie and Kalsee Nadasen.

Laurie did research on barriers to the use of the menstrual cup among schoolgirls.

Said Laurie: "Although menstrual cups are cheaper and more environmentally-friendly than pads or tampons, they are not widely known or used."

Her research found that there are a range of barriers to using the cup and ways to address these issues.