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Caster Semenya posted a photo of herself in a graduation gown after completing her national diploma in Sports Science.

Caster flies even higher with diploma

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FROM South African and world records to Olympic gold medals – Caster Semenya doesn't stop amazing Mzansi with her multiple achievements.

And now the world athlete is showing us all how to balance a sporting career with academics.

On Tuesday the World 800m champion graduated with a diploma in Sports Science from the University of North West's Potchefstroom campus.

She's been studying the course there for the past three years.

Only last Thursday, Semenya made history again when she broke the SA 1 000m record that had been standing for 35 years, another achievement on her ever-growing list of accolades. Semenya's time was 2:35.43 at the Athletix Grand Prix Series in Pretoria.

She shattered the previous record of 2:37.20 set by Ilze Wicksell in 1983.

Not one for many words, Semenya prefers to do her talking on the track.

She said she was elated to achieve another goal in her life, adding that it might not have been easy, but definitely worth every second.

Semenya's manager, Samuel Se-peng, said it was through hard work and determination that she was able to reach the heights she has today.

"Caster is a hard worker of note and keeps focused. We are happy for her. Her diploma tells us that she has long-term goals in her sports career.

"She's already focusing on the development of youth in sport, especially athletics and has to plan ahead as she won't be on the track forever."