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Hard work always pays off

Lindhaven — Masechaba Phooko has been selected to attend the 2019 International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP), which will be held in May in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia.

The ISLP is part of the Envision family of leadership, career and scholarship development programmes that provide today's top students with the experiences and applied skills they must have for global success in the 21st century.

Masechaba is currently doing her final year in Psychology and Sociology at the North West University (Vaal Campus). "Through hard work and dedication to my studies, I was fortunate enough to be selected to be part of the Golden Key International Honour Society in 2018 and in the same year I was nominated to be the Vice-President of the Vaal Chapter," she said.

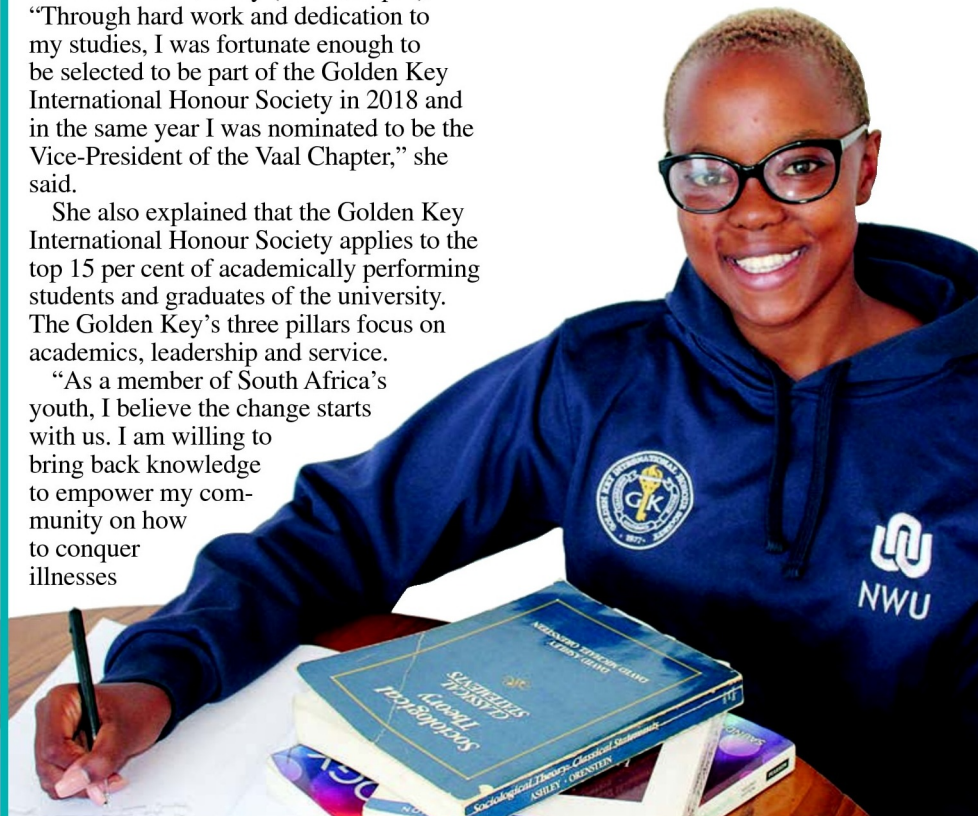
She also explained that the Golden Key International Honour Society applies to the top 15 per cent of academically performing students and graduates of the university. The Golden Key's three pillars focus on academics, leadership and service.

"As a member of South Africa's youth, I believe the change starts with us. I am willing to bring back knowledge to empower my community on how to conquer illnesses

such as depression, anxiety and so forth that affect the youth, find out why they affect the youth and hopefully to find more solutions in the future," she added.

Since the total cost of participating in this programme is \$5 966,83 (R82 580,93), Masechaba is appealing to the community and local businesses to sponsor her and make it possible for her to attend the programme.

For more information, email Masechaba on chabitjie.phooko@gmail.com or call her on 076 401 7541.



Bookworm, Masechaba Phooko. **Photo: Lungi Ndimande.**