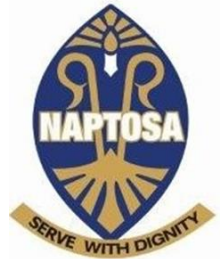


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CELEBRATING ONE OF OUR OWN – A WOMAN OF PHENOMENAL SUBSTANCE



During this World Teachers' Month, NAPTOSA is proud to celebrate one of her own, Ms Mokhudu Cynthia Machaba, a woman of phenomenal substance. NAPTOSA recognizes the essential role she plays in the advancement of education and the importance of her contribution to the development of a modern society through ITC.

Mokhudu Cynthia Machaba is a member of NAPTOSA in good standing. She is a teacher at Ngwanamago Primary School situated in the Mogodumo circuit of the Capricorn South District in Limpopo.

Ms Machaba is a special teacher who has experience in teaching different subjects from grade R-12 through her teaching career. She started teaching in 2003 as a temporary teacher and got permanently employed in 2005. She taught at the following schools: Little Bedfordview Primary, Mamaolo Primary, Mahlogedi Secondary and presently Ngwanamago Primary. She started ICT in the classroom in 2009 when Coza Cares Foundation visited her circuit to train teachers, and since then, she never looked back.

Ms Machaba was a Microsoft Certified Educator until 2018. In 2014 she received recognition as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert and represented South Africa at the Microsoft Campus in USA in 2015. She was also a Microsoft Master Trainer from 2015 to 2018. During this period she was able to train more than 600

of her peers across the country at SchoolNetSA Conferences, E-schools Network and Microsoft gatherings as well as the EdTech Teams summits. She has also trained more than 200 community members on computer literacy, most of them youth and women.

Ms Machaba was nominated as the Internet Service Provider Association (ISPA) Super Teacher in 2013, ISPA Super Champ Teacher in 2016 and ISPA Mobile Tech Teacher in 2017.

Because of her hard work and prowess, her school was awarded a Special Ministerial Award for introducing E-Learning at a quintile 2 rural school by the former Minister of Public Service and Administration, as recognized by the Center for Public Service Innovation, in 2016. The money was used to install the Interactive Whiteboard at her school.

This super teacher got nominations globally for Global Education Suppliers Solution (GESS) Awards for Innovation in Education in 2016. She was one of the fifty most Inspiring women in Technology in 2017. She won the "Hack the classroom" contest at the Microsoft Regional Conference in 2016.

Ms Machaba was the 2015 Provincial winner in the **'Excellence Technology Enhanced Teaching'** category and the National winner of the **'Excellence in Primary school teaching'** in 2018 Department of Basic Education – National Teacher Awards (NTA).

To crown it all, this teacher par excellence was selected amongst 12 000 applicants from around 140 countries to be in the Top 50 teachers in the Global Teacher Prize Award in March 2020 and now she is in the Top 10 finalists. NAPTOSA wishes Ms Machaba every success in this phase of the contest.

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings" *Ann Landers*

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