



Meet Sisipho Gxogxo

Masinyusane Development
Gqeberha

Sisipho is a 23-year-old born in the village called Emnyameni in Bisho. In a household of 13 family members, she later relocated to Gqeberha. One of the blessings of growing up in a larger family, is the amazing support structure. Whenever she went through something difficult, like when she was bullied in high school, her family was there for her. She never feels alone when dealing with her problems. She credits her family for molding her into who she is and where she is today.

Your motto is “Pay now and Play later”. How do you apply this in your everyday life?

I always want to tackle the difficult tasks and, all the hard stuff now, whether at work or in my personal life. I first deal with my challenges head-on. This is different to many others who want to have fun first and then tackle the challenges later.

What is your favourite part of the YeBo Academy?

My favourite part of the YeBo Academy is realising that I have a home away from home. It is a space where I can be free and push myself to the limit. It is also knowing that I am creating a network that will last me a lifetime.

What would you tell a younger version of yourself?

Don't rush, just breathe! Whatever you're going through, it will pass. Just let go and let God and the ancestors take charge. Take everything as it comes. Don't stress yourself with things that are out of your control or things that you cannot change. Whatever problems may come your way, always remember to breathe.

This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Siphosethu Plaatjies.

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