



Meet Zizipho September

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Zizipho September was born and raised in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape. After she matriculated, she volunteered as a tutor at Ikamva Youth. In 2019 she joined Community Engagement at Rhodes University and became a mentor to Grade 12 students.

In her spare time, Zizipho likes to read about astrology and conspiracy theories. She also likes to watch documentaries and listen to podcasts. She enjoys reading self-development books to evolve and become a better person.

What lessons have you learned in the past 5 years?

Believe in yourself, believe in your dreams, and work hard. As youth, we tend to be so caught up on social media or relaxing. We live by the motto, "life is too short". We should work on building solid networks and find ways to make money for our future.

Would you recommend the Year Beyond programme to anyone interested in joining?

Definitely! The programme has opened my eyes. I've grown and learned so much about myself through the self-reflection activities we did during Future Fit sessions. This has compelled me to be self-aware and to develop myself in areas where I felt I was lacking. Through YearBeyond, I have gained skills that equipped me to be work-ready.

What is your motto in life, and how do you apply it?

Just do it! The minute I start thinking about an opportunity or an intimidating task, I over-analyse. I end up in a cycle of doubt, and sometimes missing great opportunities. I realised that when I just go for something without overthinking, I achieve so much, therefore just do it.

This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Zukisa Mnguphane

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