

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA applauds visually impaired student on attaining LLB Degree Cum Laude
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) applauds and commends Mr Lethabu Maleka, a visually impaired student, on his outstanding achievement of obtaining a Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree from the University of Limpopo, graduating with top honours (Cum Laude).

Mr Maleka's accomplishment stands as a testament to resilience, courage, and unwavering determination. Having lost his sight at the age of ten, following a tragic incident involving a spitting cobra whilst using a pit toilet, his journey has been marked by extraordinary hardship from a young age. Despite these life-altering circumstances, Mr Maleka persevered through his schooling years at Siloe School for the Blind outside Polokwane in Limpopo. Through sheer dedication and strength of character, he excelled academically, ranking amongst the top 20 achievers nationally in 2021, which secured him admission to the University of Limpopo and a merit bursary.

His attainment of an LLB degree is a personal triumph and a profound symbol of hope for many South Africans who face inequalities and daily challenges. It underscores the urgent need for improved infrastructure, safer sanitation, and better resourcing of schools, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities. Mr Maleka's success highlights the importance of inclusive education and the responsibility of institutions to provide meaningful support to students with disabilities, ensuring that no learner is left behind. His story should inspire government and society to intensify efforts to eradicate unsafe conditions such as pit toilets, which continue to pose serious risks to learners across South Africa.

The PSA extends congratulations to Mr Maleka and wishes him success as he embarks on his legal career. His achievement is a beacon of hope and a reminder of what can be accomplished against all odds.

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