

Dreams can come true



Thulisile Mthembu making her acceptance speech

Parmalat SA has announced that Thulisile Mthembu (20) from Protea Glen, Soweto, is the first person to receive the new Parmalat bursary. This bursary allows her to study for a three-year diploma in culinary arts and hospitality management at the Swiss Hotel School in Johannesburg. Thulisile received the bursary at a special dinner held earlier this year at the Waterfront Restaurant of the University of Johannesburg.

According to Lungile Zondo, Parmalat FSI's channel manager, Parmalat decided to give the bursary together with the South African Chefs Association (Saca). Both organisations feel they need more skilled people in the hospitality industry. "By awarding a culinary arts/hospitality management bursary to a successful previously disadvantaged matric candidate, we show our optimism for the future," says Zondo.

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Thulisile matriculated at Soweto's Tetelo Secondary. She passed her matric in difficult personal and financial circumstances. "I always strived to get the best results, knowing that through hard work I could make a difference to my own life and that of my family," she says. **UM**