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Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete encourages youth to look into opportunities in the water and sanitation sector

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Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete has called on the youth to look into opportunities in the water and sanitation sector, assuring them that the Department of Water and Sanitation will provide the necessary support.

She was speaking at the official launch of the state of the art Magalies Water Services Laboratory in Brits, North West on Thursday 22 January 2019.

Addressing more than 300 high school pupils and scores of community members from the Madibeng Local Municipality, she pleaded with the youngsters to help address water challenges, through new innovation.

“The Department of Water and Sanitation as the sector leader is keen in developing capacity for the benefit of South Africa. The department does this through its Learning Academy which drives the sector capacity building,” said Deputy Minister Tshwete.

Part of the Learning Academy Programme speaks to the development of Graduate Trainees in the department in different disciplines relevant to the water and sanitation sector; In-Service Training in partnership with Group 5; as well as the availability of full bursaries to follow different disciplines at numerous universities in the country.

Boitumelo Mohotlane (16), a Grade 10 learner from Tshepagalang Secondary School, who is looking to further her studies in engineering, said she was encouraged to learn about the department’s bursary programme.

“I would like to study civil engineering after completing my matric and I am encouraged to know that the Department of Water and Sanitation will help me to achieve my goals,” said Mogotlane.

Currently, 22 South African Universities including the North West University has eight bursaries that are sponsored by the department.



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The department also offers comprehensive bursaries for full qualifications on average of R75 000 per student per annum.

Advocate Mosotho Petlane, Magalies Water Board Chairperson assured the deputy minister that the water entity, through its outreach programme will expose learners about the career opportunities in the water, sanitation and scientific fields. This will be done through school visits to the laboratory.

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