

ANDILE MAZIBUKO - ULUNDI, KWA-ZULU NATAL

Name: Andile Mazibuko

Region: I come from eMbedlane in Ulundi, Kwa-Zulu Natal and currently live in Berea

Age: 23 (December 17, 1997)

Occupation:

I am a final year homoeopathy student at the Durban University of Technology. With my qualification I hope to raise awareness of homoeopathy as an alternative form of medicine, especially to less informed communities.



Previous beauty competitions or pageants:

Top 5 of Miss Ushaka Marine World 2018 and winner of Miss Durban University of Technology 2019.

Why did you decide to enter Miss South Africa 2021 and why do you deserve to win this title?

I entered Miss South Africa because I want to amplify all the socio-economic issues currently faced by young people. The Miss South Africa mission statement and values of the platform align with my goals so I believe my skills, with the help of those before me, will make an impact in bettering the future.

Tell us about your biggest disappointment and how you bounced back from it.

Not passing Grade 12 with the marks I had wished for which led me to being rejected by all institutions I approached. I then applied to an upgrading school to improve my marks which allowed me to be accepted into university the following year.

What do you think is the biggest problem facing young people today?

Unemployment

Who are your role models?

My biggest role model is my mother. Throughout the hardship we endured growing up, she remained a strong and resilient woman by being an anchor, not only for our family but for the community as well. I also draw my inspiration from Bonang Matheba, because to me she has always been a true reflection of consistent self-elevation.

Tell us a bit more about your family?

My father passed away in 2010. My mother (Sibongile Mazibuko) is an HR officer. I have two brothers and two sisters and I am the youngest. My one brother Mthobeli (30) is an industrial engineer with a two-year-old son and the other, Vusumuzi (27) is a physiotherapist and an entrepreneur. My one sister, Mbalenhle (30) is a dentist and the other, Ntombifuthi (28) holds a law degree.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy journaling, reading, listening to music, dancing, going on solo-dates and improving my make-up skills.

What is your single biggest achievement?

Being able to establish and continuously grow my small make-up business which brings in an extra income.

In what way do you think beauty pageants are still relevant today?

Beauty pageants continue to empower women, bring out the beauty of diversity and allow women to gain and maintain solid confidence. To those that say they degrade women, I would advise them to not only look at pageantry as a beauty contest but as a platform for women to amplify their voice in society.

What is your message to young girls and young women in South Africa?

No-one can hold your crown up high better than you can. Rise against adversity and prove to the world just how much of a superpower being a woman is.

What do you love about South Africa?

I love how united South Africa has grown to be. I also love all the different cultures which outline the beauty of our rainbow nation and how much we take pride in being South Africans.

What is one thing you would like to change about South Africa?

The violence in our country.

2020 and 2021 have been extraordinary years and difficult for people around the globe. Do you see any positives in what has happened in the past 18 months?

The past 18 months have proved how connected, supportive and empathetic nations are towards each other. Even though we were physically divided, we remain united in spirit and work together as one.

If you won the Miss South Africa crown and was able to meet one person, who would it be and why?

Oprah Winfrey. From her upbringing to the phenomenal woman; she is today is truly inspirational. She is the definition of female excellence.

What is the one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

That at my age I still do not know how to ride a bicycle.

What is the No 1 piece of advice that you would give to your younger self?

I would advise myself to be more open and not be afraid to ask questions and seek guidance when needed.

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

Describe yourself in three words:

Inquisitive, determined, kind.

What's the best advice you can give in exactly four words?

You only live once.

Who's your favourite designer and why?

Gert-Johan Coetzee. His ability to turn an imagined image into reality is impeccable

You have to give up one of these? Handbags or shoes?

Handbags.

What is one thing that we would not know about you just by looking at you?

That my extroverted side rules my introverted side.

What would be your dream holiday?

An entire week on the beautiful Greek island of Santorini.

If you could have any superhuman power, what would it be?

To have the ability to make every wish I make come true.

What are you reading?

The Lido by Libby Page.

What music are you listening to?

South African gospel, Afro-pop, deep house and amapiano.

What are your favourite TV shows?

Grey's Anatomy, *The Buzz*.

What is your favourite meal?

Creamy samp and oxtail.

Who is your local and international celeb crush?

Thapelo Mokoena and Naomi Campbell.

What's your guilty pleasure?

Browsing through property sites looking at houses that cost millions and convincing myself how affordable they are.

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