



## SINW PROMINENT WOMEN AWARDS RISING STAR FROM UKZN



**Ms Shongani Dladla receives recognition for her poetic talent.**

Education student Ms Shongani Dladla was recognised recently for her poetic genius by Sakha Isizwe Ngomuntu Wesifazane Global Organisation (SINW), a non-profit organisation dedicated to championing specific social causes.

On 25 August in an award ceremony held at the Blue Waters Hotel Dladla took home the Best Woman in Poetry award.

SINW is committed to building solid relationships with families in communities, as it espouses the belief that “healthy families create healthy communities”.

SINW founder Dr “Lady N” Nomusa Madlala (Mam Sphithiphithi) looks to create this consciousness through appreciating and awarding phenomenal women.

Dladla’s achievement exudes this vision as her poetry speaks to the essence of nation building. Her life’s story radiates hope and the manifestation of authentic transformation.

Coming from a disadvantaged background, Nkandla where she was raised by a single parent, Dladla has overcome many obstacles to be where she is today.

At 20 years old, she is now a second-year student teacher, a motivational speaker through her poetry and a goalkeeper for the Edgewood ladies soccer club.

Her love and attraction to the performing arts was born from a desire to fight some of the ailments that plague the South African society.

Her advice is, ‘whatever you do, just keep on shining, wherever you go keep that journey shining, use each and every opportunity wisely and intelligently. Do not compete with somebody else, do whatever you’re doing to make your talent better than yesterday.’

Dladla plans to travel the world and hopes to reach a wider audience, but most importantly she strives to empower people through her poetry and hopes to leave a mark in the hearts of listeners.

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