



2013 Teach With Africa – LEAP Teacher-in-Training Interns

Andisani Makapela – The Branson School



“I decided to become a teacher because I love working with people and seeing positive change happening to me and the people around me. I am currently studying at UNISA (University of South Africa). I am majoring in English, my mother tongue language (IsiXhosa) and psychology as my back up subject. I like learning and implementing new effective strategies in my teaching. I love to engage with people around me, getting to know people in a real and honest way.”

Andisani is in his 3rd year of studies at University and interned at Town School for Boys in 2012.

Nomfundo Silwana - Children’s Day School



“I was born in Port Elizabeth, but I grew up in Cape Town in Langa Township. My family comes from Eastern Cape. I attended high school at LEAP Science and Maths School. I have a 2-year-old daughter whom I love with all my heart. I am studying through University of South Africa (UNISA), getting a bachelor in education. I am also a student teacher at LEAP Science and Maths School. I attend staff meetings, assist teachers and I go to life orientation classes and assist in sports. I love meeting new people, laughing and making friends.”

Nomfundo is in her 2nd year of studies at University.

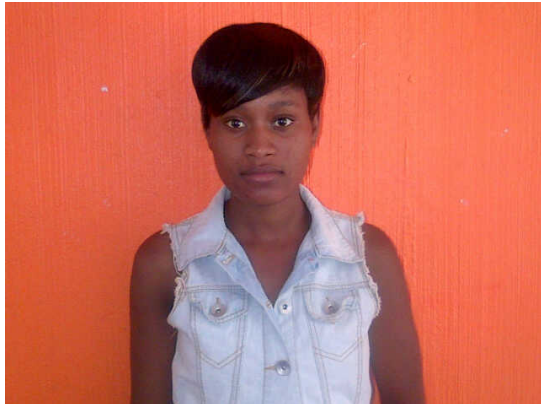
Sikhululwe Brian Ntshikila – Children’s Day School



“I was born in Cape Town in South Africa and attended high school at LEAP Science and Maths school. I’m studying at Bishops College doing my Post Matric. I will be doing student teaching next year at LEAP Science and Maths School. My main focus is teaching is Mathematics and Science because I had difficulties in those two subjects while I was at LEAP. My hobbies are singing, reading books and soccer.”

Brian is in his 2nd year of studies at University and interned at Drew School in 2012.

Ruth Hlatshwayo – Drew School



“I live in Bramley View outside Alexandra, Johannesburg. I attended high school at LEAP Science and Maths school. I’m interested in becoming a teacher because I’m willing to help and give back to my community in the form of education and to also help young girls to take their education seriously by avoiding teenage pregnancy and HIV. Teaching is the work of God, it’s noble and through it the community is saved from ignorance and self-destruction. My University focus will be Psychology courses that will enable me to relate better to learners and understand their emotional well-being. I enjoy swimming,

acting, playing sport (netball) and reading.”

Ruth is in her 1st year of studies at University and interned at Burke’s School in 2012.

Bulelwa Thanga – The Hamlin School



“I am originally from Eastern Cape, but I live in Cape Town. I moved to Cape Town for better education. I have two older brothers. I attended high school at LEAP Science and Maths school from 2005 - 2008. I am currently a student teacher at the school. I do life orientation in classes; help with sports and social development programs. I like meeting new people and laughing, I love pets especially dogs.”

Bulelwa is in her 1st year of studies at University.

Vuyelwa Poni – The Hamlin School



“Growing up I’ve always wanted to help people in any way possible and through lots of talking and searching I decided to be a teacher. I love teaching because you get to be there for kids in many ways. It’s not only about teaching a subject, but it’s also about being part of the kids personal growth. I will be focusing on psychology as a teacher. I grew up in a village in the Eastern Cape and I moved to Cape Town to start school. I love singing and being around friends.”

Vuyelwa is in her 3rd year of studies at University and interned at Drew School in 2012.

Ndumiso Nkozwana – Katherine Delmar Burke School



“I am a 27-year-old male. I was born in Johannesburg, but grew up in Cape Town in Langa Township. My family hails from the Eastern Cape. I currently study at the University of South Africa (UNISA). I am pursuing a degree in Education. Teaching is very important to me. I believe that through education one can be whoever they want to be. We live in a society where there is high rate of crime, unemployment and skills shortage. All these problems can be achieved if better education is offered.”

Ndumiso is in his 2nd year of studies at University and interned at Children’s Day School in 2012.

Pandora Neziwe Qongqo – KIPP SF Bay Academy



“At first, I was hesitant about being a teacher, but the whole learning experience has become interesting. I was a TWA intern last year and after I went back to South Africa, TWA was running informative advanced workshops on educational programs, creativity in the classroom and providing me with new learning techniques and teaching skills. I like helping others and sharing. I am also interested in psychology, which involves human behavior. Working with young people/students inspires me to do more and push harder for both of us.”

Pandora is in her 1st year of studies at University and interned at Children’s Day School in 2012.

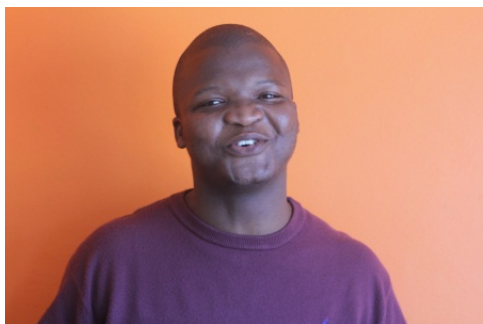
Zintle Mpayipheli – High Tech High International (San Diego)



“I am studying to be a teacher at the University of South Africa. I am majoring in business studies and psychology. I live in the township of Langa in Cape Town. I love singing.”

Zintle is in her 3rd year of studies at University and interned at Howard Charter Middle School for Math and Science in DC in 2012.

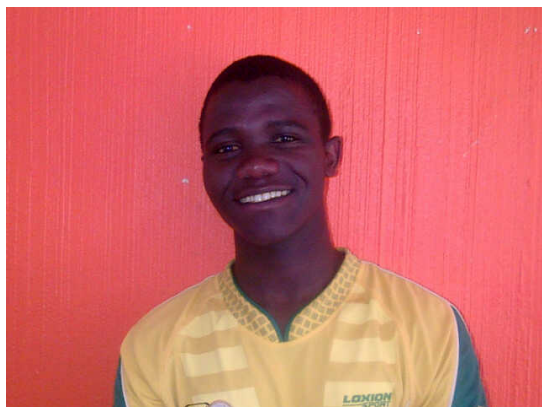
Luntu Manxilana – Town School for Boys



“I was born in Gauteng Province, but grew up in Cape Town in South Africa. I attended my high School in LEAP Science and Math school. I’m studying through University of South Africa (UNISA), getting a bachelor in education. I chose teaching as my field because I enjoy being with people, working and making relationships with them. My main focus on teaching is Mathematics and my home language known as IsiXhosa. My hobbies include singing, playing rugby and soccer.”

Luntu is in his 2nd year of studies at University and interned at The Branson School in 2012.

Victor Selowa – Town School for Boys



“My name is Victor Selowa and I grew up in Tsutsumani Village in Alexandra, Johannesburg. I attended high school at LEAP Science and Maths school. I’m interested in becoming a teacher because there is a shortage of teachers in South Africa and I do not want to see the youth living a lifestyle of the teenage boys in my community who believe that marijuana is the way. I want to make a change in my country’s level of education and to empower many young people who have lost hope. I enjoy swimming, chess, recording songs and playing soccer.”

Victor is in his 1st year of studies at University and interned at The Hamlin School in 2012.

Faculty Exchange Program

Babele Emedi – The Branson School



“My name is Babele Timothee Emedi. I am originally of the Democratic Republic of Congo but I have been living in South Africa for 14 years. I have been working at Leap Science and Maths School as a full time Physical Sciences and Life Sciences teacher since January 2011. I love teaching and I think one of my strengths is my ability to break down scientific concepts in ways that students of any grade can understand. I build close and trustful relationships with my students, whom I strive to inspire to become scientists. I have a strong laboratory background that allows me to create lessons that are hands-on and exciting. Moreover, for over a year now I have been part of Leap School’s Instructional Leadership team. “

Babele teaches Chemistry, Physics and Biology at LEAP.