

A close-up portrait of a young Black woman with her hair styled in a bun, smiling and looking upwards and to the right. She is wearing a small diamond earring.

THE YOUNG CAPABLE

Ms. Pretty Mqolweni

ENTREPRENEUR, PHILANTHROPIST, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COACH & MODEL

Miss Pretty Mqolweni is a 23-year-old, pioneering lady from the Eastern Cape, in Tsolo, Phumla. She went to Ngwayibanjwa High School in Mthatha for her high school education. Miss Mqolweni is currently a full-time master's student at the University of Fort Hare, where she also obtained her Undergraduate and Honours Degrees in Agricultural Sciences.

In as much as she is an animal scientist by profession, working on becoming a Master of Animal Sciences, miss Mqolweni is much more! She is the young lady who found everything in what life took away from her.

"Finding myself after losing my parents was the most difficult obstacle I had ever faced, and it still is. I had to redefine who I was, and I had to venture into this new world of being an orphan, which is not something any child wants or can bear. Due to this occurrence, I discovered that when we tend to look at what we lost, we overlook what we have, what we have to give and what life has to offer", stated Miss Mqolweni

She is also a self-taught fashion designer, owning "Pretty Designs" clothing brand. She has a certificate in filming and is the founder of "Royal Models" modelling academy.

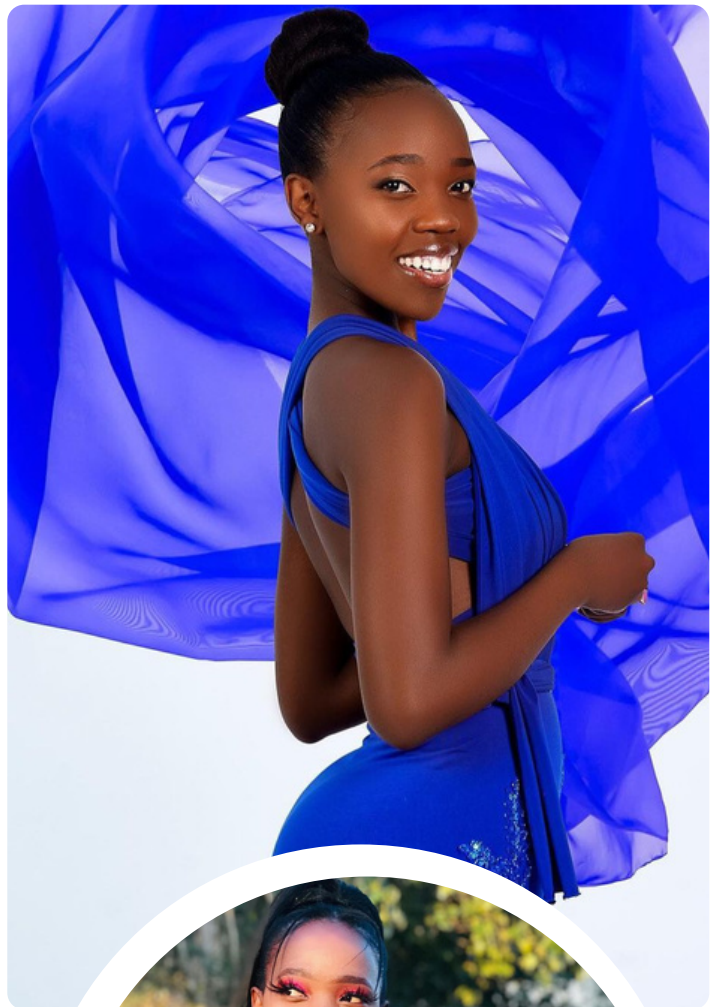
The primary function of the organization is to groom talent and develop skills in various departments within the entertainment industry. Furthermore, the organization grooms pageant training, develops leadership skills, and puts on fashion displays and pageants. It has carried out the responsibility of going out of the way to prioritize the needs of the people in her community. Ultimately, that was the catalyst for the birth of "The Movement Charity Organization".

The organization has no specifications to what it does, thus they collaborate with the youth to bring about change. They have visited schools and centres to conduct campaigns on various social ills such as teenage pregnancy, GBV, and bullying to mention a few. It also promotes local businesses and encourages youths to participate in activities that keep them off the streets.

Miss Mqolweni is a model herself, and she endeavours to create an environment that provides a sense of security for everyone, and that allows people to not only dream, but to work on turning their dreams into a reality. ``That is my ultimate goal. I want to be the bridge that will connect one`s dream to reality``, she expressed herself.

In addition to the loss of her parents, academics, and to some extent, finances, have also put an extra load on her shoulders. She has found herself losing friendships and having her overall social life disrupted due to the

inability to manage the time she allocates between her work responsibilities and her social responsibilities. Miss Mqolweni has also had to fight the mindset of seeing herself as a victim and being vulnerable to the series of frustrations that life exposed her to. Despite it all, she still makes it a point to prioritize her family, herself, and most important, her mental well-being as well.





Every cloud has a silver lining! Miss Mqolweni looked beyond her struggles and saw the beauty of success. She believes that she is the gas in the tank, that everything starts with her, and she strives to be the change she wants to see. Her challenges taught her that time is of the essence, to make the most of it because it waits for no one. To not be selfish about the purpose and goals that one might have, but to live to serve these, as well as to never ignore the vision one has, because ultimately, even if it is unfulfilled, no one could ever do it in your place, let alone better than you could have.

She is of the notion that every individual should have a sense of who they are, I know and understand who Pretty Mqolweni is, and what she wants. That means I will not stand to be told who Pretty Mqolweni should be and want! miss Mqolweni voiced out.

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