

## JOHANNESBURG STUDENT COUNCIL

Good Evening Bahlali, welcome to “*The Talk*” with myself, The Speaker of Council. We excited to bring you another exciting show that seeks to educate communities and share the work of council.

As usual, we are live on various platforms such as the City of Jo’burg’s social media platforms, as well as my own page which is “**Nonceba Molwele**” on Facebook and **@Speaker\_CoJ** on Twitter.

We are also live on Jozi Fm until 7-00pm, following which we will then take the stream and play it on Eldos FM from 8-9pm. Today we are also joined by Radio Islam, and Eastwave FM. We also welcome Chai FM, who will stream the show tomorrow morning as per usual (Thursday from 09:00-10:00). Thank you very much to all the community media who continue to partner with us on this very important initiative.

Greetings to all the guests that are present on the platforms, all radio stations and partners on the platform, viewers that are online, officials and leadership. I wish to also give an apology on behalf of our partner Dr Fundile Nyati. He will not be joining us today and if he does it is likely going to be in the middle of the conversation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, when we launched the Speakers debating cup in partnership with the Pan Africanist School Debating Council a few weeks ago, we briefly also spoke about the Johannesburg Student Council as well.

The Johannesburg Student Council is a programme that seeks to involve young people of high school going age in the business of Council and to amplify their voices in council business and in the fight against unemployment, inequality and poverty.

The student Council recently held its Student Council Leadership Conference which was held at Saint Barnabas college on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March. The conference amongst other things elected the new Joburg Student Council leadership which consist of the Junior Speaker and the Junior Mayor along with the Junior members of the junior Mayoral Committee.

So today, I am hosting this group of talented young people as a follow up to our initial discussion where we introduced the concept of the student council. Today I would like to introduce the newly elected leadership of the student council so that members of our community also get to understand some of the work that they will be doing, but also to encourage more and more schools to participate in this programme, given that our application season will be open at end of October beginning November.

Mr Hans, Ms Brenda Andrews is also on the platform today, you will remember that she is the head of our Johannesburg Student Council. But today I wish to focus more on the young people on the platform and would like to invite their participation by way of them introducing themselves and telling us about their portfolio and the vision for their portfolio.

I will call them out one by one and perhaps they can just say a word or two.

Perhaps let me start with Shumikazi Radebe who is the Junior Speaker of Council. Shumi Please introduce yourself and tell us about your vision, followed by Elgar Schoeman who is the Deputy Speaker.

- Elgar Schoeman is the Junior Deputy Speaker
- Katlego Matsaba is the Junior Mayor
- Faith Kadjo: Junior Deputy Mayor
- Lesedi Makhubela: Junior Chief Whip of Council
- Daisy Mayisela: Junior Chairperson of Health
- Faith Van Greunen: Junior Chairperson of Environment
- Ndzhaka Baloyi: Junior Chairperson of Community Development
- Tyhirah Heradien: Junior Chairperson of Social Development
- Rhulani Simangwe: Junior Chairperson of Transport

(Okay I hope I have not left anybody out if I have just let me know, but I will now hand over to Mr Hans)

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## QUESTIONS:

1. Why did you find it important for you to participate
2. Why should more and more young people participate
3. How would you encourage your peers to participate in the Student Council
4. How will your community benefit from you being in the student council
5. What would you say other young people and parents must know about the student council