

## Matric 2020

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### Army Buba



## Matriculants 2021

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I remember coming with my daddy to dish up the food in the Soup Kitchen of iThemba Labantu. And he enrolled me for grade 0 when I was 4 years old. Those were nice times because we all got school inform and other crèches did not have uniform at that time. I always looked forward to the Easter Holidays because I will get a blanket, presents consisting of Dolls, Biscuits and Juice. Every month we got food parcel but to take home. I enjoyed the activities such as Dance and playing girls soccer. Volunteers came and introduced Brass and trumpet, I enjoyed playing with those instruments at a very young age.

I did very well in high school and that my principal had me transferred to a more equipped school with technology for better education. I had to adapt very quickly and focus on my studies. Volunteers came and open up a library and we learnt a lot and they also came up with a Girls and Boys Club which I enjoyed being part of. We shared a lot with other girls and things that affected us negatively and how to rise above that and be creative.

I am going to be a lawyer one day because I know I did well in my exams but now I had decided to take a gap year for 2021 so that I can focus on registering my NPO as a path to give back to my community and do exactly what the Centre did to me and my family. I will start applying for sponsorship so that I can be able to bridge that gap to the family's that are suffering from poverty and that the children don't feel inferior to others.

I really have no words that can show my gratitude from what the Centre has provided for me and my family. I never felt alone or insecure at school as I did receive stationery and uniform on time. Being transported to school every day and I was never late. I would say life has been easy for me with the assistance of iThemba Labantu.