

General Botha Old Boy's Association awards Lawhill Bursary

SATS General Botha Old Boy's Association once again show their commitment to the South African youth.

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For the second year running the S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's Association, under the chairmanship of Capt Tony Nicholas, have awarded a Lawhill bursary to TS Woltemade Sea Cadet to further their maritime studies at Lawhill Maritime Centre in Simon's Town.

This action demonstrates the long term association which S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's have established with the Sea Cadets Corps to provide suitable maritime training for scholars.

The S.A.T.S. General Botha was a decommissioned British Cruiser which was purchased by Capt TB Davis, a Master Mariner, entrepreneur, yachtsman and philanthropist as a training platform for the Cape Town Naval Cadet Corps in 1920. It was sailed to Simon's Town by Naval Cadets under the guidance of experienced officers. As a result there is a strong bond between the Sea Cadets and the S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's.

TS Woltemade is one of several Sea Cadet units throughout South Africa who provide nautical and maritime training to the youth between

13 to 18 years. These units are staffed by qualified volunteer adult instructors drawn from the SA Navy, maritime occupations, ex Sea Cadets and parents.

This bursary was awarded to Able Seaman Jody Terri Muleshi who is an active member of the TS Woltemade ship's company living in Table View where she is at high school. She is the eldest of two children and has a younger 9 year old brother. On Saturdays she attends TS Woltemade activities where she has grown to enjoy the mar-

itime and nautical opportunities offered.

Able Seaman Muleshi is active in the Beconridge Methodist Church, enjoys netball, hockey and hiking to balance the other aspects of her life in her spare time.

Initially Able Seaman Muleshi researched career options and wanted to become a urologist as she was studying maths and science and had learnt that the nation needed urologists. As her high school and sea cadet activities provided more insight and opportunities she changed and focussed her mind on seamanship, sailing and boating opportunities at TS Woltemade. This convinced her that she wanted to be a ship's Captain. Not just any ship's Captain, but the best she could be.

She recited the Sea Cadets code of conduct flawlessly with confidence at the annual prize giving parade.

The Sea Cadet Code of Conduct reads:

"Through Honour and Skill, I shall diligently strive to uphold the core Values of Integrity, Excellence and Service of the South



Able Seaman Jody Muleshi

African sea Cadets, all of which embody Honesty, Morality, Loyalty, Responsibility, Accountability, Self-Respect, Discipline and Obedience.

Thus by my actions and words will I strive to encourage valuable personal attributes and high standards of conduct both within myself and in my fellow Officers, Instructors and Cadets and any other persons with whom I interact."

Able Seaman Muleshi's advice to the South African youth is "to grab every opportunity" in order to develop the nation and to "never be scared to achieve what you want."

Thank you to the S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's Association group of "old salts" who have again proven that they are committed in assisting the South African youth with their seafaring dreams whilst keeping the values of their old training ship alive.

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THANK YOU: TS Woltemade Sea Cadet is awarded prestigious S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's Association bursary for Lawhill Academy, Simon's Town High School.

Left to Right: Mr H. James, Capt Tony Nicholas, Chairman S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's Association, Lt Cdr (SCC) Paul Jacobs, Officer Commanding TS Woltemade, Able Seaman Jody Muleshi, Mr Peter Coetzee Vice Chairman S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boy's Association, Capt K. Cox.



MAKING A CHOICE: Able Seaman Jody Muleshi with, Nelson and Abrahams, from TS Woltemade Sea Cadets choosing Answer Series study guides from the ship's library.