

## Kay Mason Foundation in a nutshell

The Kay Mason Foundation (KMF) is a small Non-Profit Organisation providing schooling and social support to deserving disadvantaged children with great potential. Our aim is to **build leaders** in our society through good education and to **ensure success** through our support programmes.

The KMF was founded by Richard Mason in 1999 to eliminate barriers to quality education for underprivileged children and bridge the opportunity gap which is one of South Africa's greatest challenges. We enable scholars to transform their lives through education and self-development and we do this through our Programmes for Success and Continuum of Care Model.



### Junior Programme for pre-entering high school via the KMF Senior Programme:

Working with many ECD networks, Primary Schools, CBO's and NPO's we recruit bright, motivated and financially disadvantaged scholars in their Grade 6 year. After an intensive assessment and evaluation process, successful candidates join our Junior programme which ensures that scholars are academically and socially prepared to attend a quality high school with high academic standards. In this programme we start focusing specifically on maths, English, science, IT, life skills and personal development.

During the Junior programme, scholars attend Saturday tutoring in Maths, English, IT and Science, are taught life skills and personal development and are monitored, evaluated and supported throughout the year.

Scholars who complete the Junior programme successfully are awarded a KMF Senior Scholarship.

### Senior Programme: Schooling throughout high school:

During the Senior Programme the scholars receive a bursary which enables them to attend a quality high school. We pay for their school fees, stationery, textbooks, uniform, transport, extra mural activities, school hostel and food to school. Our aim is to ensure that our scholar achieve success and our tutoring programme is focused on maths, English, science and IT. These are critical skills that ensure that our scholars can enter tertiary education institutions after school.

In addition to our academic performance we focus on the personal development of each scholar. Our development programme includes: Leadership development, public speaking, self-esteem development, study skills, goal setting, critical and analytical thinking, problem solving, volunteering and mentoring. All our scholars do volunteer work, learning how to become agents of change and developing generosity of spirit.

## Alumni Programme

We prepare our scholars for life after school starting with study choices and career guidance, also doing job shadowing placements within several different work environments. We then assist them with the application process to tertiary institutions and bursary applications. We provide support and advice to all our alumnae and connect them with leaders in a wide range of fields.

### Success stories:

To date we have supported more than 266 scholars. Scholars are part of the KMF community for life and we are extremely proud of what previous KMF scholars have achieved in life. These snapshots give an indication of the range of KMF success stories, and there are many more.

**Nadine Moodie** was one of our first four scholars in the KMF. At St. Cyprian's she was elected Head of Day Girls. She graduated cum laude in International Relations, completed an LLB, and then studied an MC in Journalism, all at Stellenbosch University. She was very active on campus mentoring younger students, lecturing for law society, and representing students in the student Moot court. She also started a program to assist first year students adapt to university life. She now works at McKinsey in Johannesburg.



**Alyson Adams** of Livingstone High School received the second-highest matric results in the Western Cape. She was the recipient of the Yvonne Parfitt bursary at UCT, and studied medicine at UCT. She was voted on of South Africa's "Brightest Young Minds".



**Ziyana Lategan** attended Livingstone High School and achieved seven distinctions in Matric. She studied politics and philosophy at UCT and won the class medal in Politics at UCT. She was awarded the AW Mellon Foundation scholarship in 2013 to complete her honours degree in politics.



**Elana Kroneberg** of Livingstone High achieved seven distinctions in Matric and studied Environmental sciences at UCT.



**Nono Pongolo** studied B.Sc in Property studies at WITS University and plays professional cricket for Gauteng Lions.



**Siyamthemba Mrawli** of SACS became a prefect and Head of the Boarding House. He graduated from UCT in social sciences majoring in International Politics, Economic History and Industrial Sociology. He was then granted a scholarship to study an MBA at Blackburn University in the UK, which he completed cum laude in 2013. He was awarded a full bursary to do his masters in Business Science at one of the top UK university, which he completed with a cum laude.



**Jessi Africa** matriculated with 7 distinctions and a 93.4% average at Rhenish Girls High in 2015. She received a full bursary to study Actuarial Science at the University of Cape Town. Her sister, **Lisa Africa** matriculated in 2012 at Rhenish Girls High and are currently busy with her 4<sup>th</sup> year Medicine at University of Stellenbosch.



You can help us give more incredible children the future they deserve!