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**FROM: A/ DIRECTOR: E-TEACHING AND LEARNING
MS LS KOTA-MGWALI**

SUBJECT: MATRICS IN ANTARCTICA OPPORTUNITY

DATE: 09 OCTOBER 2020

Here is an opportunity that will get everyone excited. We have recently been contacted by the organiser of Matric Antarctica Project; through a virtual meeting.

Five (5) matrics students from the class of 2020 will be chosen from across South Africa to travel to Antarctica with pioneering explorer Riaan Manser & distinguished Professor Jonathan Jansen and his team of professors from Stellenbosch University.

They are not looking for any matric in particular. They do not have to be the nation's top performing science or maths student. They do not need to be from a certain school or a certain province. They do however need to be **enthusiastic**. Enthusiastic about the chance to go to the most unspoilt part of our planet. Enthusiastic about our natural environment. Enthusiastic about having their voice heard with regard to long-term solutions to saving our natural earth. An earth that they will inherit.

On 1st October 2020 entries have opened for all the current matric students in South Africa via a digital platform where they will be asked to answer this question (100 words or less):

["If saving nature and the environment is a world problem, how can you help? What can you do in your own hometown that you believe will make a positive impact on the planet and Antarctica?"](#)

NB. Closing date is 31 October 2020

Based on all the proposals received, Professor Jansen, his team, Riaan Manser and Morne Du Plessis - CEO of WWF South Africa will announce the top 100 applicants on 1 November 2020.

During the month of November the team of professors will work closely with each of the Top 100 learners, assisting them in developing their ideas further.

Finally, the top 5 matric students will be announced on 1 December 2020. These winners will then travel from Cape Town to Antarctica in January 2021, for an all expenses paid 5 day educational adventure. The students will be testing some of the ideas they have proposed to the team of professors. 'Matrics in Antarctica' is proudly partnered with the Department of Education (National and Provinces), the South African Department of Environmental Affairs, WWF South Africa, Riaan Manser and URUP Connect.

We are encouraging that the current cohort of grade 12 learners not to miss this opportunity and enter their essays in the virtual platform as indicated:



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Finally, we believe the opportunity exists to unite and involve the entire school in supporting their own matrics.

For any queries please contact your provincial department directly Mr K. Molaoa – khayalake.molaoa@ecdoe.gov.za or send us an email on info@matricsinantarctica.co.za.

Attached to this correspondence are the posters, correspondence from organisers; also we have posted the posters and other information on this opportunity in the Curriculum website: www.eccurriculum.co.za – NB. posters can be printed and posted in the school notice boards, etc.

Wishing the best for all our Matrics that will enter for this great opportunity, that may craft their future careers and endeavours.

Yours in Education



09/10/2020

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