

BURSARY: RECIPIENT REACHES FOR HER DREAMS



Nombuso Msomi is the 2009 winner of the KZN Businesswomen's Association (BWA) bursary. In her own words, Nombuso has defied her humble background in the quest to reach for her dream. Msomi's academic career was almost derailed by well-meaning teachers who, identifying her superior talents in Grade 10, catapulted her into Grade 12. Skipping a year resulted in her matric results being insufficient to attract scholarships for tertiary education. The subsequent death of both parents left Msomi the head of her family, determined to earn a living to support her siblings. While working for Umgeni Water, Msomi enrolled in a bachelor of business administration degree. She got married and had a child, and still managed to complete her degree in three years part time, complete with a Dean's Commendation for Academic Achievement, an invitation to join the Golden Key International Honour Society and Certificates of Merit in accounting, project management and corporate strategy. Msomi is enrolled in the MBA programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, travelling from Pietermaritzburg to Westville several days a week to attend lectures. Msomi has been awarded a bursary of R11 000 and a year's membership to the BWA. Pictured celebrating the achievement are (from left) Catherine Smith (BWA co-ordinator), Angeli Druce (BWA committee member) and Nombuso Msomi (bursary recipient).

