HOW I BECAME SUCCESSFUL

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My name is Mthetheleli Gxowa and I live at Khayelitsha in Mandela Park (21 Section to be specific). I am compiling this "document" in order to highlight to "you" as students, the things that I've gone through in order to be where I am. By doing so I don't want it to sound as if I am bragging about my success, I am just giving you guys motivation because I would also love for you to make it as I did.

I have to apologies for not being present in order to share my experiences and ideas with you in person, which is why I've decided to have them in black and white. And you don't have to worry, as Mrs. Dirmeik will be the one doing the honors on my behalf.

I'm a Western Cape College graduate and currently employed by Club Travel agency, on of the top-ten Travel Agency Companies.

I landed myself a position as Club Travel agency through the following: -

- HARD WORK
- BEING RESPONSIBLE
- RESPECT AND DISCIPLINE
- GOAL SETTING
- BEING POSITIVE

All f these were highlighted with the aid of help from my Lecturer Mrs. Linda Dirmeik who was my Life Skills Lecture. I consider has a role model to all the individuals she comes across, because I am where I am now because of her.

I remember how this venture started. Just after finishing my intro. To travel and tourism course I got worried about where to from, where I was at the time, as we all know that the most of our brothers and sisters are at the township jobless even after graduation or matriculating. I told myself, that I wouldn't just give up and I have made it that far.

Mrs. Dirmeik came into mind, and so I took a pen and paper. I wrote to her explaining y situation asking for advice in order to get through the situation. In reply, she asked me for my CV and then interviewed. She then took my CV to one of her friends and after a week she asked toto attend to an interview which she organized for me. I went to the interview and I was taken up for the position, went through a three months probation period. Through my determination, hard work and being positive I was then given a permanent position.

Basically what I am trying to highlight with the above statements is that Mrs. Dirmeik is friendly, kind, carrying and a good guardian. Due to the role she played in my well being I consider her to be a parent to me and would also love to see other students treating her in the same manner as I did and still do.

By saying all of these words I want to say thank you very much for what you did to me and may 'GOD BLESS YOU' for your kindness and kindliness

