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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

CEDARA COLLEGE GRADUATION 2015

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Cyril Xaba congratulated all Cedara College students on obtaining their diplomas and Bachelor degrees in various Agricultural fields at the recent graduation ceremony held at Cedara.

Addressing the graduates, MEC Xaba stated that he is passionate about changing the mindset of young people and getting them to understand that studying in the agricultural field is not about becoming a farm labourer. "My vision is to take agriculture to our schools and introduce learners to opportunities in the field. These range from the diversity of farming activities that can be carried out to becoming agricultural engineers or soil scientists or veterinarians." said MEC Xaba.

The MEC also commended the staff of the College for their hard work and for upholding the tradition of Cedara as a leading agricultural institution.

Among the top graduates was Siphesihle Queen Khoza, recipient of the Dux Award. She is currently enrolled in a learnership programme with Umhlathuze Valley Sugar Company LTD in Richards Bay.

The Acting Principal of Cedara College, Mr B. Lutge left the students with the following words of advice:

"As you leave here, there is no more core curriculum and compulsory subjects - everything from here on is an elective. Whatever electives you choose is up to you. You may not know where you are going, but as long as you spread your wings, the wind will carry you."



The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Cyril Xaba together with Mr Bernd Lutge the Principal of Cedara College of Agriculture, arriving at the Graduation Ceremony



MEC Cyril Xaba delivering his keynote address



MEC Xaba flanked by senior government officials of the Department during the graduation ceremony



2015 Graduates of Cedara College of Agriculture



Miss Queen Khoza being hooded MEC Cyril Xaba



MEC Cyril Xaba together with the Vice President of South African Sugar Association Mr Bongani Linda and the 2015 Graduates