

MATRICES IN ANTARCTICA

1 October 2020

For the desk of the Principal

Dear Sir/Madam

We know that as educators and as the leaders of your school, you want to create as much opportunity for your learners as possible. Here is an opportunity that will get everyone excited.

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.

We 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 will open 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?”

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 South African Department of Education, the South African Department of Environmental Affairs, WWF South Africa, Riaan Manser and URUP Connect. We encourage you to personally drive the entries so that every matric will enter and hopefully represent your school in Antarctica.

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 or send us an email on info@matricsinantarctica.co.za.

See you in Antarctica!

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