

## NTA honours outstanding teachers

The National Teaching Awards (NTA) recently honoured 2018's national winners at the 19th annual NTA ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga.



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The NTA is one of the ways in which the Department of Basic Education (DBE) acknowledges the efforts made by teachers often in very difficult conditions. It is a comprehensive process that commences in the provinces with the nomination, identification and sifting through expertise and excellence in the teaching profession, and includes teachers from a range of South African schools.

After provincial processes that culminate with award ceremonies, the provincial winners proceed to national eliminations through an adjudication process overseen by various stakeholders. A total of 90 finalists from 10 categories across all nine provinces made presentations for the 19th annual NTA.

Underpinned by its long association with the DBE, Avbob has been sponsoring the National Teaching Awards for the past four years. Avbob donated three Renault Kwid Expression cars to the NTA and these were awarded to the first-place winners at the awards ceremony.

## The teachers awarded new cars

- Excellence in Primary School Teaching Phenyo Victorian Koka from Dikubu Primary School in Limpopo.
- Excellence in Primary School Leadership Thobya Marcus Matsebane from Rapoho Primary School in Limpopo.
- Grade R Teaching Lezanne Gail De Beer from Sunrise View Primary School in the North West.

In addition, Avbob rewarded cash prizes to the total value of R87,000 to the first, second and third place winners in the remaining categories. Avbob's support of the NTA forms part of their involvement with Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives aimed at improving literacy in previously disadvantaged schools across South Africa.

The organisation's contributions include the donation of more than 50 fully-stocked container libraries to underprivileged schools, the commitment of R135m to the Schools Infrastructure Project and, more recently, an investment of R15m to the Sanitation Appropriate for Education Initiative (Safe) – all in cooperation with the DBE.

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