

Big bursary handover

OVER 300 students received bursaries from the Minister of Public Enterprises in Mandeni on Tuesday evening.

The recipients were those who had already been accepted into various tertiary institutions.

Speaking at Isibusisiwe Hall minister Malusi Gigaba, who hails from the Mandeni area, urged all the bursary recipients to commit to their studies.

“Education is the key to a brighter future. I encourage you to learn and listen to your parents and teachers so that you may have a brighter future.

“Have a thirst for knowledge so that you may become a beacon of hope for a better South Africa.”

Gigaba said education does come to an end after obtaining an undergraduate degree and said students should study until they receive post graduate qualifications.

He advised local teachers to make sure they attend class so that more students can qualify to study at tertiary institutions.

Mandeni Mayor, Siphesihle Zulu, emphasised that education is the weapon to fight poverty and inequality amongst disadvantaged communities.

Four of the students received bursaries from ArcelorMittal, the world’s leading integrated steel and mining company to study Chemical Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

The bursary includes a work experience component.