

Intellectual sets her sights high

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For many, the search for success may take a lifetime, but ArcelorMittal's Face of Success, 24-year-old Yuthika Murilal has been working towards that goal all her life.

Awarded a bursary from her current employers after she had matriculated from Lincoln Heights Secondary, Ms Murilal continued to shine even at university, and obtained a degree in Metallurgic Engineering in four years at the age of 21.

"I've always loved pushing myself, and as they say, at university you have to choose between three things: a social life, sleep, or good grades. I chose sleep and good grades, and although I didn't have a

hectic social life, receiving my degree at the end of the day made all those hours of studying totally worth it," explained Ms Murilal.

Even now, as she works as an engineer for ArcelorMittal, she is continuing her studies towards a Masters degree through the University of Witswatersrand.

This avid book fan, poet and traveller, enjoys reading works of authors such as Dan Brown. Some of her poems have been published. Through her hard work, she afforded herself the opportunity to tour Europe. Ms Murilal made it clear she was dedicated to uplifting the community. She is the vice chairperson of the Young Professionals Forum (YPF).

"Much of my free time is spent doing charity work. For example, together with other YPF members, we have decided to offer free Maths and Physics tuition at certain schools," said Ms Murilal.

Being committed to women's empowerment is one of the many reasons why she pushes herself so hard.

She laughingly said she would not be surprised if she were the breadwinner in her future household.

"I'm never going to stop pushing! I would love to get into management one day, but I have to work for it," said Ms Murilal. She advised young scholars to work hard and study hard.

She believes hard work always pays off and it put her



Yuthika Murilal.

on her path as an independent woman, but a support structure is very important in achieving success.

"My parents have always been there for me, and they've given me the knowledge to distinguish between right and wrong. I can't thank them enough for their support," concluded Ms Murilal.