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# NEWSLETTER



Impact Young Lives  
Foundation

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## A Word from IYL's Founder

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support over the last 5 years. Your commitment to our mission has helped us to improve the lives of young adults in South Africa. It is with our supporters' generosity and energy that we continue to expand our program. And it is thanks to your willingness to make dreams come true for students in South Africa that IYL can offer them a better brighter future. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for what you have done and continue to do. The IYL Foundation is privileged to have your support.

During the last year we have made some changes to our program in order to serve the students in South Africa better. The essay contest will not be open to students in the 11 grade; instead we decided to open it to students in the 12 grade. Also, the contest will include over 40 schools in the Johannesburg region. IYL asks university eligible grade 12 students from previously disadvantaged public high schools to submit a 1,000-word essay on why they want to be an IYL Scholar. The selection committee will select up to 10 winners and two alternates on the basis of those essays, student applications and personal interviews.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Chris Howard

## A Word from an IYL Scholar

**Puleng Gloria Taunyane** is a 20-year old student at the Vaal University of Technology, where she is pursuing a Building Engineering / Built & Environmental degree. This is a reflection from Puleng after her visit to America in July, 2002:



"My best memory from the trip is visiting both Princeton and Howard University. I fell in love with Princeton University the moment I saw it and said to myself, I would love to come and study at an institution like this one some day. The environment was so welcoming and harmonious; I was so surprised to come across a place like that in US because we thought that we were going to see something similar to the music videos from these rap artists. Princeton University has this program that they are running with the University of Cape Town that also interested me. This program recruits competent students from SA that are studying at UCT to study at Princeton.

I enjoyed Howard University because that was the first place where we actually got to interact with people at the same age group as us. It was interesting for me because we found them having a formal argument and I like listening to different opinions from different people. What interested me most was the topic that they were talking about and at some point I also took part in that activity. The topic was, "Can woman be trusted or not?"... (contd. on next page)



All IYL students at the US Ambassador's house during a reception in 2004

## 2005-2006 Essay Schedule

Competition Launch-13<sup>th</sup> June 05  
Students Submit to school-29<sup>th</sup> July 05  
Schools Submit to Districts -4 August 05  
Districts Submit to IYL-9<sup>th</sup> September 05  
Finalist Interview with IYL- 5<sup>th</sup> October 05  
Winners Announcement-October 05  
Parents Meeting  
Passport Application

## Alumni Corner

Congratulations to Zandile for getting the **Golden Key** award from Wits University!

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## **Word from IYL Scholar, contd.**

IYL FOUNDATION has changed my life for the better and for that I will forever be grateful. This foundation has made me realize that making my background an obstacle will drag me down. Instead of turning it into an obstacle, let me turn it into something that will motivate me into achieving what I want for myself. Before I went to the US, I had doubts about myself and what I wanted for myself but it all changed when I interacted with people who made things happen for themselves. It encouraged me to know that life is what one makes of it and it will be "cruel of me" if I do not use the opportunities it provides me with properly. It taught me that giving up is not an option and one must continue trying even when the going gets tough because one might never know the fruits that lie ahead.

My trip to the States was an eye opener in that it made me realize just how ignorant I've been. I expected to see what I normally see on the music videos and the movies but boy, was I wrong! I now have a better idea of what goes on in the States than before and I owe it all to IYL Foundation. This organization made me a proud citizen and made me realize that the first step to knowing what you want is to know yourself and accept and love who you are. I'm not saying that I was not proud of being me. No! I'm saying that it has taught me to love myself even more, and when you love yourself it is easy to love others.

I will forever be grateful to IYL Foundation; it is increasing the chances of students of color to live a meaningful and progressive life. What this Organization is doing is very important and for us who have actually experienced it we would like to thank it as a whole and wish it all the best in the world."

## **A Special Thank You to...**



...Trevor and Jordan Smith for helping us design the website.

They moved from New York City to Johannesburg in August. Trevor will be working with Endeavor in their Entrepreneurship Services group, and Jordan will join the Student Sponsorship Programme. Trevor will also conduct the interviews with the IYL finalists in October.



Students with Dr. Bradley Ruby from Johns Hopkins University



Daniel visiting Bristol Myers Squibb



2002 students with Chris Eaglin (Morehouse College) and IYL's founder in front of the White House



IYL Scholars with Mark Suzman at the UN in New York City

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## **New Board Member Profile**



Anthony C. Hooper is President U.S. Pharmaceuticals, Worldwide Medicines Group; and a member of the Executive Committee for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Mr. Hooper received his M.B.A. and a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of South Africa. He joined BMS as a General Manager, BMS Australia/New Zealand in 1996. He was then promoted to Managing Director, United Kingdom and Ireland, followed by his role of Vice President and General Manager for Northern Europe. In 2001 Tony became President, Asia-Pacific, Middle East & Southern Africa, International Medicines. From 2001 to 2002, he was President, Intercontinental, International Medicines. In 2002 to 2004, Tony was President, Europe, ME & Africa, Worldwide Medicines Group. Presently, Tony is President, US Pharmaceuticals, Worldwide Medicines Group.

Prior to joining BMS, Tony was the Assistant Vice President of Marketing for Wyeth Laboratories International. He also worked for Lederle International in New Jersey, Lederle Laboratories in South Africa and South African Cyanamid Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Hooper is an active member in a number of non-profit associations. He resides in Hopewell, New Jersey with his wife, Norma and two children.

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IYL Scholars with New Jersey Congressman Payne



Scholars with Dean of Howard University Law School Kurt Schomoke



Christian Bonat and Erik Schmitt with IYL students



Daniel and Claudia with Suzanne Nora-Johnson of Goldman Sachs in her New York City office