



MPUMALANGA REGIONAL  
**TRAINING**  
TRUST

Empowerment Through Training

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO. ALL MEDIA HOUSES**

**DATE: 06 November 2019**

### **THE MPUMALANGA REGIONAL TRAINING TRUST CONGRATULATES MR SAMKELISO MATHABA ON HIS JOURNEY AS INTERNATIONAL CHEF**

The Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust (MRTT) congratulates Mr. Samkeliso Mathaba on his journey as an international Chef. Mr. Mathaba started his training in Assistant Chef learnership programme in the year 2015 at MRTT. He furthered his studies in Professional Cookery, Diploma in Culinary Arts and recently completed his Advanced Diploma in Culinary Arts at the Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust through the NYCTP (National Youth Culinary Training Programme) sponsored by NDT (National Department of Tourism).

Mr. Samkeliso Mathaba will be starting his internship program in the United State of America, at Colorado Springs at the Broadmoor Hotel. Broadmoor Hotel is one of the biggest Hotels in Colorado with 18 restaurants including cafés and Lounges.

He has worked in various hotels and restaurants in the City of Mbombela as part of his training which gave him valuable experience as a trainee chef.

Mr. Samkeliso Mathaba grew up in Kanyamazane Township Ext 01 and completed his Grade 12 at Thembeke High School. He developed his passion in cooking after he was not accepted as a Civil Engineer student in one of the South African Universities.

He says upon his return he would like to give back to the community and as he grows in the industry to start his own business, participating in the South African economy by creating job opportunities for other upcoming and inspiring chefs.

Mr. Mathaba will be departing to Colorado Springs in the United States of America on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**End**

**Issued by Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust. For any inquiries please contact Mr. Simphiwe Shungube on 013 656 0857/ 072 033 7559**