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## THE SHAZH FOUNDATION 2022 SCHOLAR COHORT

The SHAZH Foundation is thrilled to announce our 2022 scholar cohort. As our inaugural cohort, this is not only a special day for our scholars and their families; but also, for us at the Foundation. We would like to extend immense gratitude to our founding benefactors and advisors. Through their generosity we were able to extend scholarship awards to two students. We had an incredibly competitive pool of applicants this year. Applications were screened against multi-dimensional criteria and finalists were interviewed by an independent Application Review Committee. Recommendations were then presented to and ratified by The SHAZH Foundation Board of Directors. With incredible support from school administration both of our scholars were accepted to Hillcrest High School for the 2022 school year. Please join us in congratulating our 2022 scholars:

## SASELIHLE MKHIZE



Saselihle (age 13) attended primary school at both Wentworth Primary School (grades R-6) and Mariannridge Primary School (grade 7). She is a dedicated learner and completed grade 7 at the top of her class with commendations. Saselihle was raised in Umlazi township and now calls Marianridge, KwaZulu-Natal home. She enjoys swimming, baking, reading, and mathematics. Saselihle is inspired by her family's hard work and unwavering unity; they have been a supportive and guiding force in her life. She is passionate about changing society's narrative of orphaned children and has dreams of being a NASA astronaut. She believes that all children must be supported in order to shine and achieve more. Saselihle believes that she was born a leader and loves helping her peers academically. As she begins grade 8 at Hillcrest High School, Saselihle is looking forward to learning about ancient civilization in history class and taking up hiking and climbing.

## AIDAN ZUNGU

Aiden (age 13) attended primary school at Mariannridge Primary School and calls Mariannhill, KwaZulu-Natal home. He enjoys drawing, mathematics and science; and aspires to study towards a PhD. Aiden has the desire to raise awareness and action around animal poaching and climate change. He is passionate about renewable energy and aspires to be an architect and lead the innovative use of recyclables in construction. Aiden hopes to one-day support organizations that work with orphans, combat hunger, and support individuals facing addiction. He believes in the power of second chances. As he begins grade 8 at Hillcrest High School, Aiden is focused on maintaining high marks



and he is looking forward to participating in swimming and other sporting programs.

We look forward to supporting and celebrating the secondary school journey of these young leaders. To learn more and support The SHAZH Foundation please visit: <u>www.theshazhfoundation.org</u>.

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