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BRING HER UP: WOMEN OF FIRSTS AWARDS –

HONOURING, PRESERVING AND CELEBRATING WOMEN OF

EXCELLENCE

CHARLOTTE MAXEKE INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

ZK MATTHEWS HALL, WINNIE MADIKIZELA MANDELA BUILDING

27 AUGUST 2019

20:10 - 20:20 AWARD PRESENTATION

Chairperson's Award

The trail blazed by Dr Anna Mokgokong in our society in the past 2 decades demonstrates beyond doubt that Africa's kingdoms stand on the shoulders of great women.

A road cannot be built on highway but it is dug on a thorny and bushy veld.

- Bill Gates Watched His first company crumble
- Walt Disney was told he lacked creativity
- Abraham Lincoln was defeated many times before he was elected President

Dr Mokgokong, your success evinces the resilient spirit in you which never gives up whatever the odds. You have Dared the multitude of frontiers: Science, healthcare, ICT, Logistics, Mining, Infrastructure, Power and Energy, Aviation, energy, Governance -- round and strong IMBOKODO indeed! And, you still remained a sister to your siblings; a mother to Dineo and Neo, and a daughter to the late Mama MM MaWilliams Mokgokong and Babe¹ SS Mokgokong, both stalwarts of education in their own rights and you work side by side with your better half – advocate Madungandaba. You have been the epitome of a grounded family woman who knows humanity and lives humanely. You know challenges and confront them without losing her identity. **The strong cultural identity and work ethic you display are a good reminder**

¹ Babe = uBaba, Dad. The parents lived worked and spent all their lives eSwatini. The Father was a leading Mathematician in high school education eSwatini.

of Queen Nzingha (1582 - 1663) of Angola whose prowess in war shines to this day. Congrats on your success!"