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HBCU-ACC Student Spotlight: South African student featured in *Mail & Guardian* Top 200 Young South Africans

Cape Town, South Africa – Enzokuhle Sabela, third year journalism student at the Durban University of Technology (DUT) and a current member of the HBCU-Africa Correspondent Corps (HBCU-ACC), was awarded the *Mail & Guardian*'s Top 200 Young South Africans in the category of Editor's Choice.

Sabela received this prestigious award after publishing with the *Mail & Guardian* as an undergraduate student and was commended for his work with Tomorrow's Leaders in Training (TLT South Africa), where he serves as program facilitator.

Sabela recently had an [opinion editorial published](#) in the *Mail & Guardian* that gained a lot of traction. Sabela's op-ed, influenced by the enthusiasm of South African youth in the 2024 national elections, underscores the importance of young people's involvement in shaping the country's future. This work complements the HBCU-ACC Program's mission to provide student journalists with professional development, exposure, and experience.

Participation in the program has been a transformative experience for Sabela, refining his writing process, enhancing his question framing, and allowing him to work with accomplished journalists and industry professionals.

"I've learned a lot about my writing process as a journalist and how to frame my line of questioning in the best possible way," said Sabela. "Working with brilliant, up and coming journalists from different parts of South Africa, Africa, and the U.S has taught me about different aspects of journalism that I will carry throughout the rest of my career."

The HBCU-ACC, an initiative of the Center for African Studies at Howard University, aims to facilitate deep understanding of practical journalism and create a foundation for future careers as international correspondents, political commentators, or global public relations

professionals. The HBCU-ACC Program also provides an opportunity to work with and learn from accomplished journalists and industry professionals.

This approach enables students to leverage the program as a pathway for securing internships and jobs.

The HBCU-ACC is not just training the next generation of journalists, but equipping them with the skills and networks needed to make a significant impact in the world of journalism and beyond.

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