



Welcome Address by Mayor of eThekweni, Cllr Zandile Gumede at the Opening of New Classes at Adams College

- Programme Director,
- His Excellency- President Jacob Zuma,
- Premier of KwaZulu-Natal – Hon Willies Mchunu,
- The Former Chairperson of the African Union, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,
- Ministers Present,
- MEC Present,
- Amakhosi nezinduna,
- Adams College Development Trust Chairperson, Prof Sihawukele Ngubane,
- The Principal of Adams College, Mr Thulani Khumalo and all staff and learners
- Sanibona

Adams College stands out as one of the most important institutions that shaped the development of black people in the country and the region.

This is the only school in this country that has produced two African Heads of State and Government and key leaders, the former President

of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama and a former President Milton Obote of Uganda and also Mr Joshua Nkomo of Zimbabwe.

It has produced four African National Congress Presidents: Dr. JL Dube, Dr. Pixley ka Isaka Seme, Mr. JT Gumede and Chief Albert Luthuli. It produced the First ANC Youth League President, Mr. Anton Lembede.

Adams college also prides itself on having produced Prof ZK Matthews, the father of the Freedom Charter, the First African medical doctor, Dr. John Nembula; musical genius, Prof Khabi Mngoma, the late former Chief Justice Pius Langa and also its ambassador, the AU Commission Chairperson Dr Dlamini-Zuma.

Adams college also produced the presidents of two political parties in the country, Inkosi Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the IFP and the late Zephania Mothopeng of the PAC. It also prides itself on having two Attorneys-Generals of African States as former students, Herbert Chitepo of Zimbabwe and Charles Njonjo of Kenya.

We as the people of eThekweni Region are very proud of Adams College. It is one of the key institutions in the rich cultural and political heritage of our country and Africa. It stands as a powerful monument to the fact that education has always been a cornerstone of our existence as a people, even during the dark days of oppression.

On behalf of the city we would like to congratulate this school. Last year, I was here as a Mayoral candidate at the sword turning and today am here to witness this opening. I am proud to be here to this important school in our region with a profound history.

This school is a school of Dr Dlamini-Zuma who has been recently join the Parliament of Republic of South Africa. The first women to head the

Organisaiton of African Union in Addis Ababa – representing the country and women of Africa in the whole world. She is the first minister of Health who banned cigarette. She is the first minister of Home Affairs to achieve clean audit.

We believe she qualifies to be the first woman to occupy the highest sit in the land. She has a clear track record and we support her in all her future plans.

I thank you