



# NationRise Success Stories:

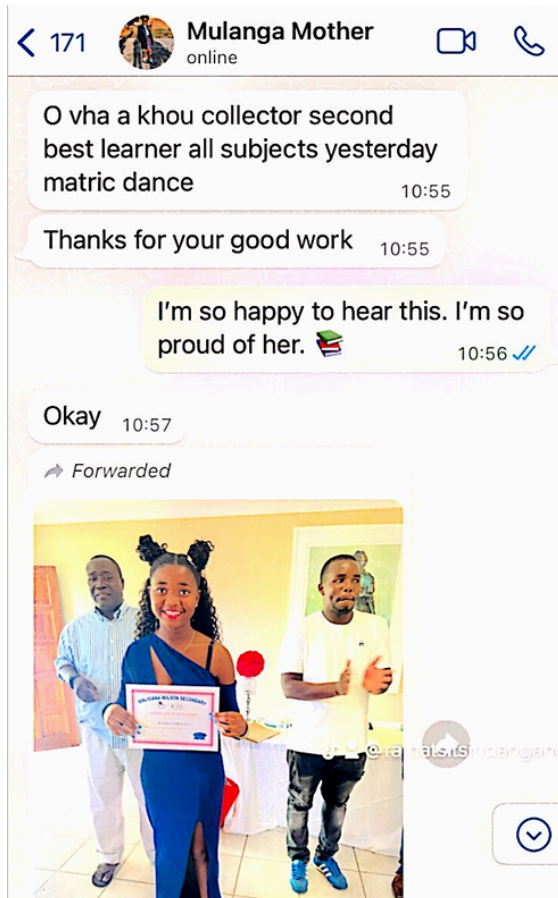
*Learners Who Defied the Odds*

# 2025

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# THE JOURNEY OF MULANGA



Mulanga joined NationRise in Grade 11 attending at Maligana Willson Secondary school LIMPOPO VENDA , carrying years of silent frustration and low academic performance. Since primary school, she had never ranked in her school's Top 20 and had never believed she could. Her confidence was shattered, and despite her efforts, she saw little to no improvement. Mulanga was overlooked, underestimated, and quietly losing hope in her potential.

That all changed when she became part of the NationRise family. We saw beyond her marks — we saw her dedication, her willingness to try, and her desire to change. Our tutors gave her more than lessons — they gave her belief. With patient guidance, motivation, structured study routines, and consistent feedback, Mulanga began to transform.

## Joined NationRise: Grade 11

Challenges: No confidence, never achieved academic recognition, no belief in her ability to succeed

Support Received:

- Weekly academic coaching
- Motivation and self-esteem support
- Personalized tutoring and goal setting
- Progress tracking and parental involvement

Results:

- 2nd Best Learner in her school by Term 3 of Matric
- Received 7 certificates for academic excellence

Final Matric Results:

- 3 A's (80%+)
- 4 B's (70%+)

Became a role model in her community and a source of pride for her parents

"With NationRise, I didn't just improve — I became someone I never thought I could be."





# THE JOURNEY OF SIYA

## From Failing Maths to Nearly Full Marks



When Siya joined NationRise in his Matric year, he was in academic crisis. Balancing subjects was already a challenge, but Mathematics was his greatest hurdle. For years, his marks were below 30%, and scoring even 50% felt like an impossible dream. Every time results came out, it was almost certain that he had failed Maths. More than just struggling academically, Siya had lost all belief in himself. He feared Maths. But we believed in him.

With little time left, we launched a full transformation strategy – not just academically, but mentally and emotionally. We rewired his mindset and rebuilt his Maths foundation from scratch. Through focused support, simplified techniques, emotional mentorship, and a lot of late-night sessions, we started seeing change. In Term 1, he scored 57%. In Term 2, he jumped to 70%. By Term 3, he hit 95%. And in the final Matric exam, he scored a staggering 98% in Maths – his only distinction and the only subject where he achieved above 68%.

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XITHL	Xitsonga Home Language	67	5
ENGFA	English First Additional Language	54	4
MATH	Mathematics	98	7
LIFE	Life Orientation	57	4
ACCN	Accounting	42	3
BSTD	Business Studies	68	5
ECON	Economics	51	4

Siya's Umalusi results reflect a real, documented turnaround. This wasn't luck – it was hard work, belief, and the right support system. Today, Siya is studying a Bachelor of Economics at his dream university. Even more inspiring, he's now a tutor, helping other students conquer the same subject he once feared. He remains top of his class in Maths and has grown to love the very subject that once held him back.

Siya's story proves that failure is not the end. With mentorship, determination, and support, any learner can rise. He didn't just pass Maths – he mastered it.

## Where Siya Is Now

### Today, Siya is:

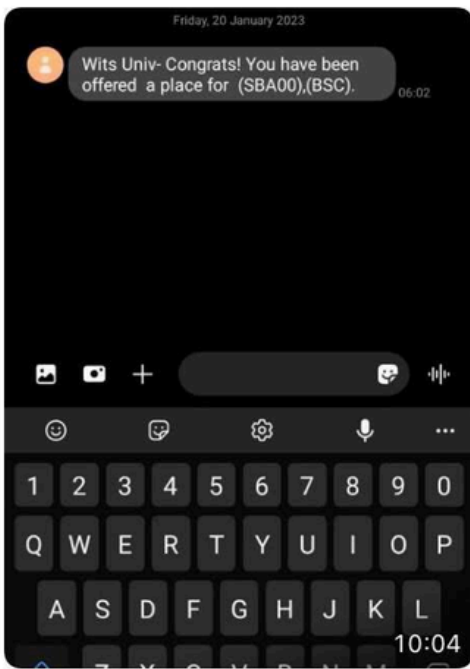
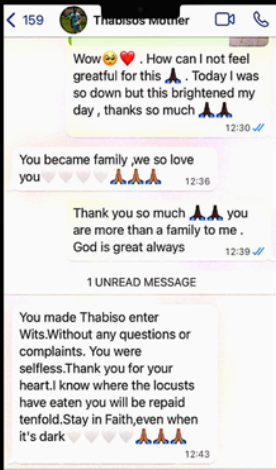
- Studying a Bachelor of Economics at his dream university
- A tutor himself, helping other learners conquer Maths
- One of the top students in his course, and a living example of what's possible with belief, support, and hard work

# THE JOURNEY OF Thabiso



## From Soweto to Wits Engineering

Thabiso was a learner from Soweto who joined NationRise in Grade 11. His academic journey was not easy, and the dream of studying engineering at Wits University seemed far-fetched when we first calculated his marks. He was far from qualifying. But every weekend, his parent would drive him from Soweto to Wits University, where his tutor was studying. This weekly routine became more than just tutoring sessions – it became a source of inspiration. Visiting Wits every weekend allowed Thabiso to see the university, feel its atmosphere, and fall in love with it. Even before applying, he started seeing himself as a future Wits student. Edwin, his tutor, made him a promise: “No matter what, we’re making it into Wits – it just takes hard work.” With consistent support, academic guidance, and mentorship, Thabiso began to push himself like never before. He studied day and night, strengthened his weak areas, and developed a sense of purpose and determination. The distance from Soweto to Wits didn’t matter anymore. What mattered was the dream. His parent’s sacrifice – driving long distances and waiting for hours during lessons – paid off. That support system between parent and tutor created an unstoppable environment of motivation. Thabiso made it. He was accepted into his dream course in Engineering at Wits University. His journey proves that nothing is impossible with belief, hard work, and a strong support structure. It also shows the power of exposing learners to their dreams early – visiting the university helped him envision his future before it even began. Thabiso’s story is a reminder that no matter where you come from, with sacrifice, expectation, and support, success is within reach.



# THE JOURNEY OF Llewelyn

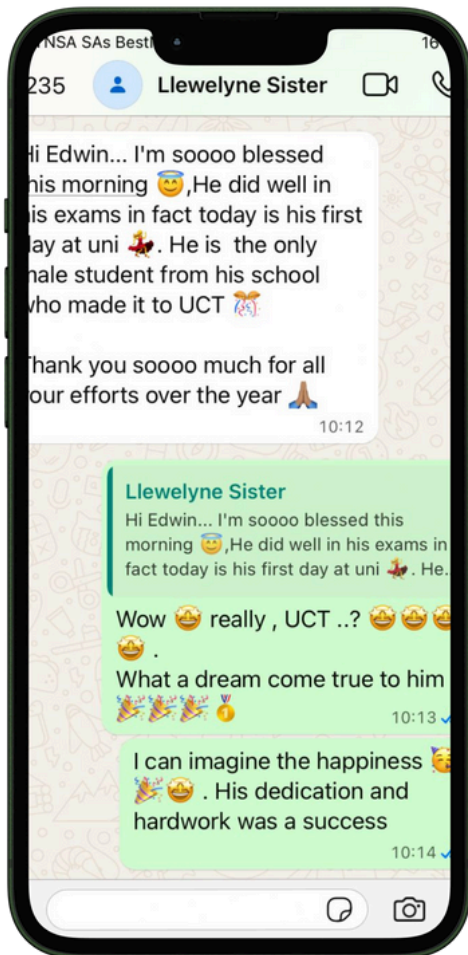


Llewelyn, from Mondeor, The Glen, had always struggled with Mathematics and had never been recognised with any academic award at his school. His marks improved slightly each term, but never enough to give him or his parents real hope for excellent results. Playful by nature and lacking focus, it seemed unlikely that he would achieve top results or get into a prestigious university.

When he joined NationRise, we knew it would take consistent, targeted work to change his trajectory. Over a full year, we applied multiple strategies – some worked, some didn't – but we refused to give up. The key was the unwavering belief of his parents in our ability to help him succeed. With that trust and our persistence, we finally broke through.

By the end of Matric, Llewelyn had transformed into one of the top learners, achieving results that made him the only male learner from his school to be accepted into the University of Cape Town. He had secured a place at the university of his dreams.

This journey proved that transformation is possible with the right mix of support, persistence, and belief. Sometimes parents may lose hope, but at NationRise, we believe in bringing that hope back. It takes hard workers to build hard workers – and Llewelyn's story is proof of that.





Miss Chantal Miller  
Unit 39 Thornhill 1 Rhinoceros Road, Weltevreden Park  
Johannesburg  
South Africa  
1820

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS**

Name and Surname: Chantal Miller      Programme: Advanced Diploma in Management  
8210270239087      NQF Level: 7  
Student Number: 22345231      SAQA ID: 118319  
Start Date: July 2023      Total Credits: 120

Assessment Period	Module	Credit Value	NQF Level	Assessment Scores			Result
				Year Mark %	Exam %	Final %	
2024.JAN	Management	20	7	52	79	69	P
2024.JAN	Economics	20	7	35	71	57	P
2024.JAN	Management Information Systems	20	7	57	82	72	P
2024.JAN	Management Accounting	20	7	28	64	50	P
Total credits achieved to date:		80					

Qualification Achievement Status : Incomplete

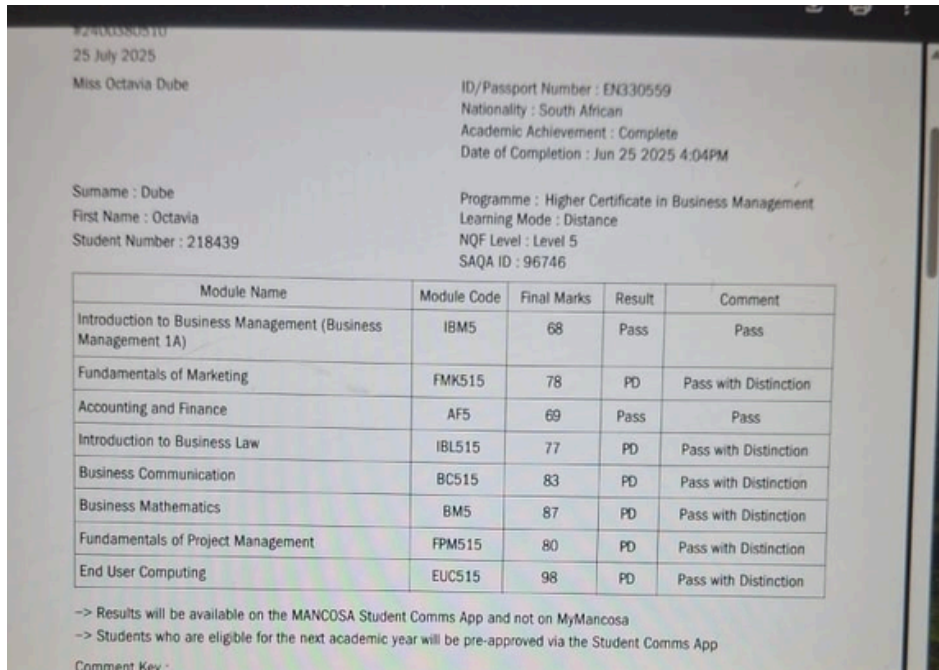
**Miss Chantal joined our lessons in July 2023. At the time, she was juggling a demanding job, parenting responsibilities, and her studies – a combination that can feel overwhelming for even the most determined learner. Between work deadlines, family duties, and study schedules, it became extremely difficult for her to manage her academic commitments and still perform well in exams.**

**With NationRise by her side, we provided targeted academic support, flexible scheduling, and consistent motivation to help her keep going even on the most challenging days. We understood that it wasn't just about passing exams – it was about helping her build a sustainable balance between her different roles.**

**Through discipline, hard work, and trust in our process, Chantal improved her performance in her exams and successfully graduated without issues. For her, it was a win; for us, it was a shared victory.**

**Her journey is a reminder that even when you feel like giving up, with the right guidance and persistence, you can finish strong. At NationRise, we don't just teach – we push you until you cross the finish line.**

# THE JOURNEY OF OCTAVIA



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25 July 2025  
Miss Octavia Dube

ID/Passport Number : EN330559  
Nationality : South African  
Academic Achievement : Complete  
Date of Completion : Jun 25 2025 4:04PM

Surname : Dube  
First Name : Octavia  
Student Number : 218439

Programme : Higher Certificate in Business Management  
Learning Mode : Distance  
NQF Level : Level 5  
SAQA ID : 96746

Module Name	Module Code	Final Marks	Result	Comment
Introduction to Business Management (Business Management 1A)	IBM5	68	Pass	Pass
Fundamentals of Marketing	FMK515	78	PD	Pass with Distinction
Accounting and Finance	AF5	69	Pass	Pass
Introduction to Business Law	IBL515	77	PD	Pass with Distinction
Business Communication	BC515	83	PD	Pass with Distinction
Business Mathematics	BM5	87	PD	Pass with Distinction
Fundamentals of Project Management	FPM515	80	PD	Pass with Distinction
End User Computing	EUC515	98	PD	Pass with Distinction

-> Results will be available on the MANCOSA Student Comms App and not on MyMancosa  
-> Students who are eligible for the next academic year will be pre-approved via the Student Comms App  
Comment Key :

## From Student to MANCOSA Graduate with Distinctions

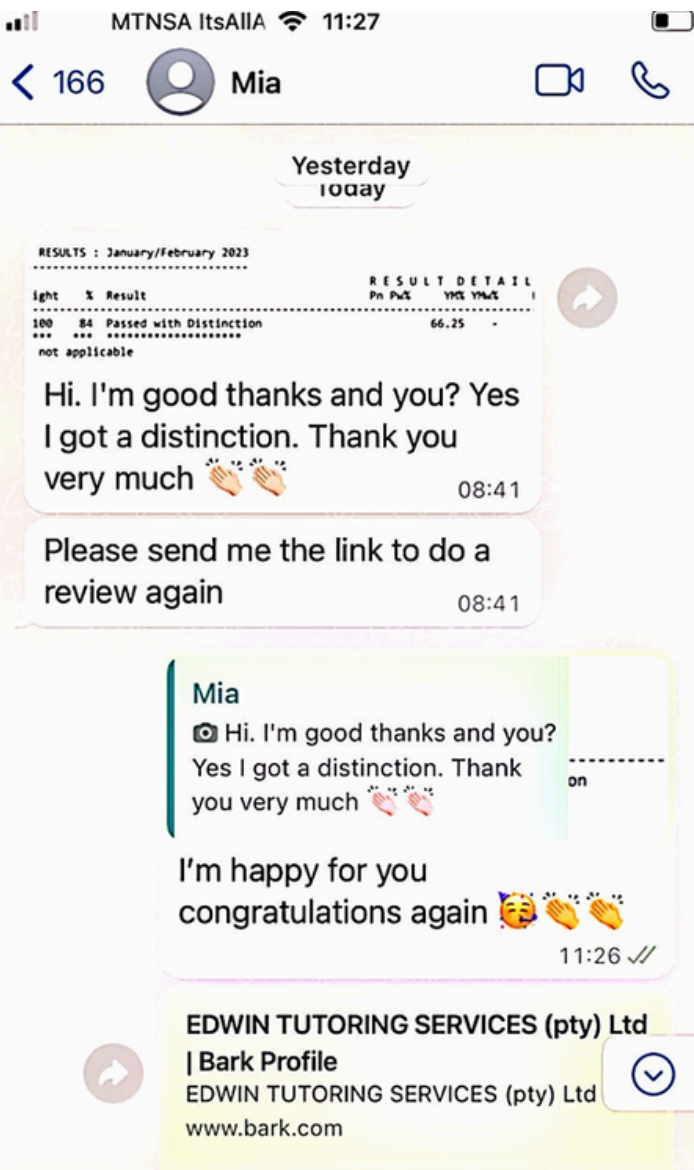
**Octavia joined our lessons while studying at MANCOSA. Like many adult learners, she faced the challenge of balancing coursework with everyday responsibilities. Managing deadlines, assignments, and exam preparation while maintaining focus can be overwhelming – but Octavia was determined to succeed.**

**With NationRise’s targeted academic support, structured lesson plans, and motivational guidance, she not only kept up with her studies but excelled in them. Almost all her modules were passed with distinctions, proving that hard work paired with the right guidance can create extraordinary results.**

**Today, Octavia has graduated from MANCOSA – a milestone that reflects her commitment and the value of investing in quality academic support. Her success story is proof that choosing the right educational partner is not just an expense – it’s an investment in both immediate victories and long-term success.**

**At NationRise, we believe in walking with you until you reach your goals, and Octavia’s journey is a perfect example of what happens when determination meets the right support system.**

# THE JOURNEY OF MIA

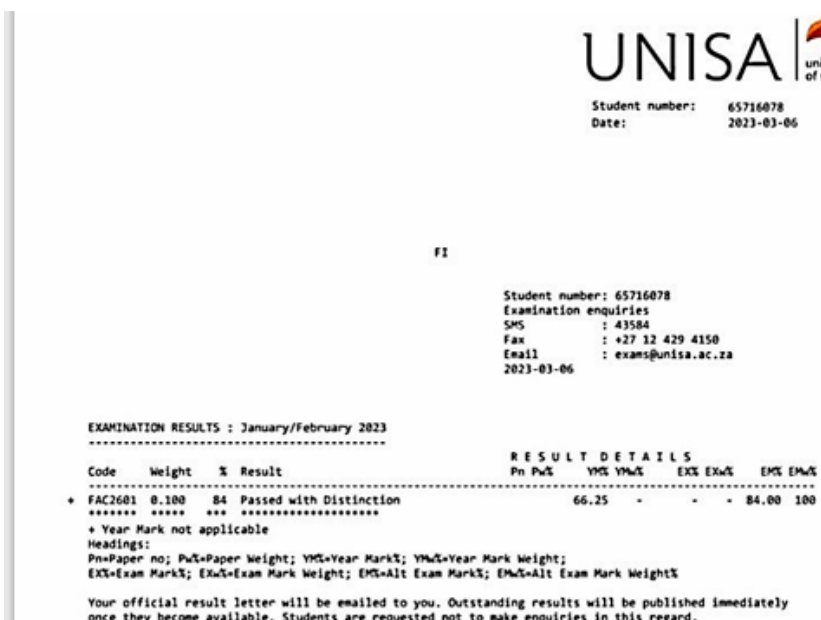


Mia, a UNISA student, had one module standing between her and graduation – and it seemed impossible to conquer. She attempted it three times and failed each time, growing more frustrated and discouraged with every try. It felt like this single subject was holding her future hostage.

When Mia reached out to NationRise, we knew this wasn't just about academics – it was about restoring her confidence and giving her the tools to succeed. Through focused one-on-one sessions, exam strategies, and continuous motivation, she began to see the subject differently. Her fear turned into understanding, and her understanding turned into mastery.

The result? An outstanding 84% distinction in the very module she had once failed repeatedly. Today, Mia is a proud graduate, carrying not just her degree but the lesson that it's never too late to ask for help.

Her journey is proof that with the right people by your side, no academic obstacle is too big to overcome. At NationRise, we believe one subject should never be the reason you give up on your dreams.



# THE JOURNEY OF ROS

## Ros February – From Certain Fail to a Perfect Pass

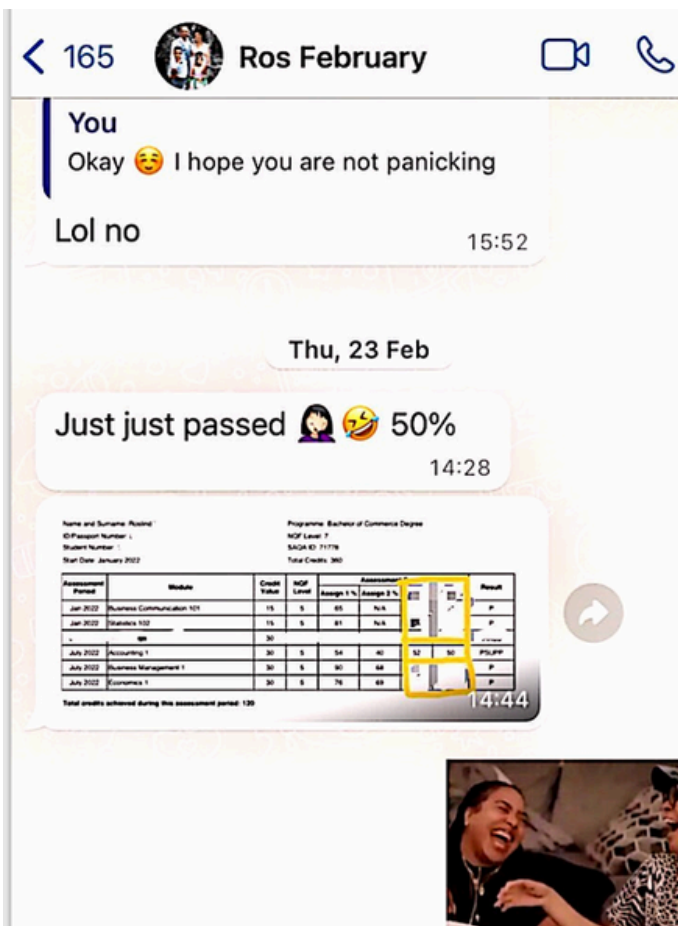
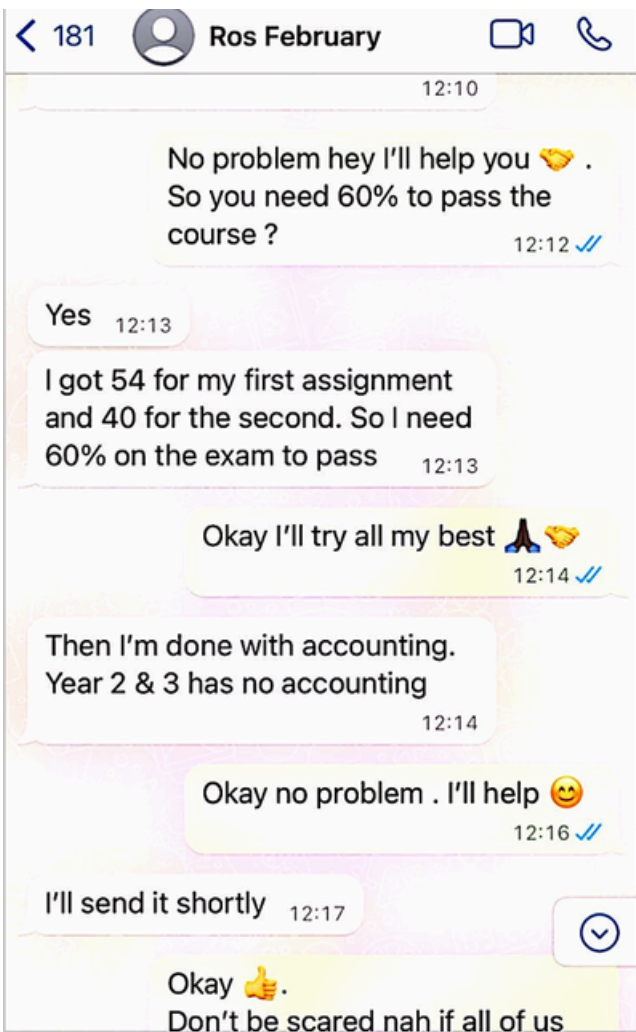
Ros February's academic year seemed doomed before the final exam even began. Her assignments – which made up 40% of her final mark – came in at 54% for the first and 40% for the second. When combined, that averaged 47%, and with the pass mark set at 50%, the result was an obvious fail unless she could perform exceptionally in the final exam.

To pass overall, Ros needed exactly 60% in her final exam – a number that felt out of reach for her at the time. The pressure was immense, and the idea of repeating the year felt inevitable. That's when she reached out to NationRise.

We created a targeted study plan, focusing on her weak areas, exam technique, and confidence. Session after session, we worked to ensure that 60% was no longer just a dream but an achievable target.

When her results came in, she had scored exactly 60% – securing a final transcript mark of 50% and passing the year. Ros was overjoyed, not just at avoiding a repeat year, but at proving to herself that even what feels "impossible" can be done with the right help.

Her journey is proof that NationRise holds the power to turn academic failure into success – giving hope where it's needed most and helping learners believe in themselves again.



# THE JOURNEY OF AKONA

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Akona - Turning Struggles into Success at Nelson Mandela University

I will get resources for you 15:09 ✓✓

Mon, 21 Nov

You

I will get resources for you

Owkk plz Sir. Thank u so much.

11:07

Today

Good day Sir. Thank u so much for everything. I made it 🥳🥳 just got the confirmation letter, i hv completed the course. 15:04

Congratulations ako im happy to hear that 🥳. It was nice working with you 🙌 19:07

Hello 😊. Thank you for contacting EDWIN TUTORING

Akona, a student at Nelson Mandela University, was facing serious challenges with her Business Management course and Econometrics – a demanding subject that combines economics and statistics to analyse real-world economic data and trends. Econometrics focuses on applying statistical methods to economic data to test hypotheses and forecast future trends, making it one of the toughest courses in any economics program.

Akona was struggling. After her first test, she scored 44% and began to panic, fearing she might have to repeat the year. But she reached out to NationRise for help. With targeted support, tailored study plans, and constant encouragement, her results transformed dramatically. In Test 2 and Test 3, she scored an impressive 70% in both, showing that hard work paired with the right guidance can turn failure into triumph.

Thanks to this breakthrough, Akona successfully completed the course and moved forward with her studies. What seemed impossible became a reality – a success story born from resilience, support, and belief.

At NationRise, we are more than tutors – we are the hope and lifeline for learners who refuse to give up. Akona's journey reminds us all: with the right support, no obstacle is too big to overcome.

Business Management III (EBM3022)

TM1 - 44, TM2 - 70, TM3 - 70  
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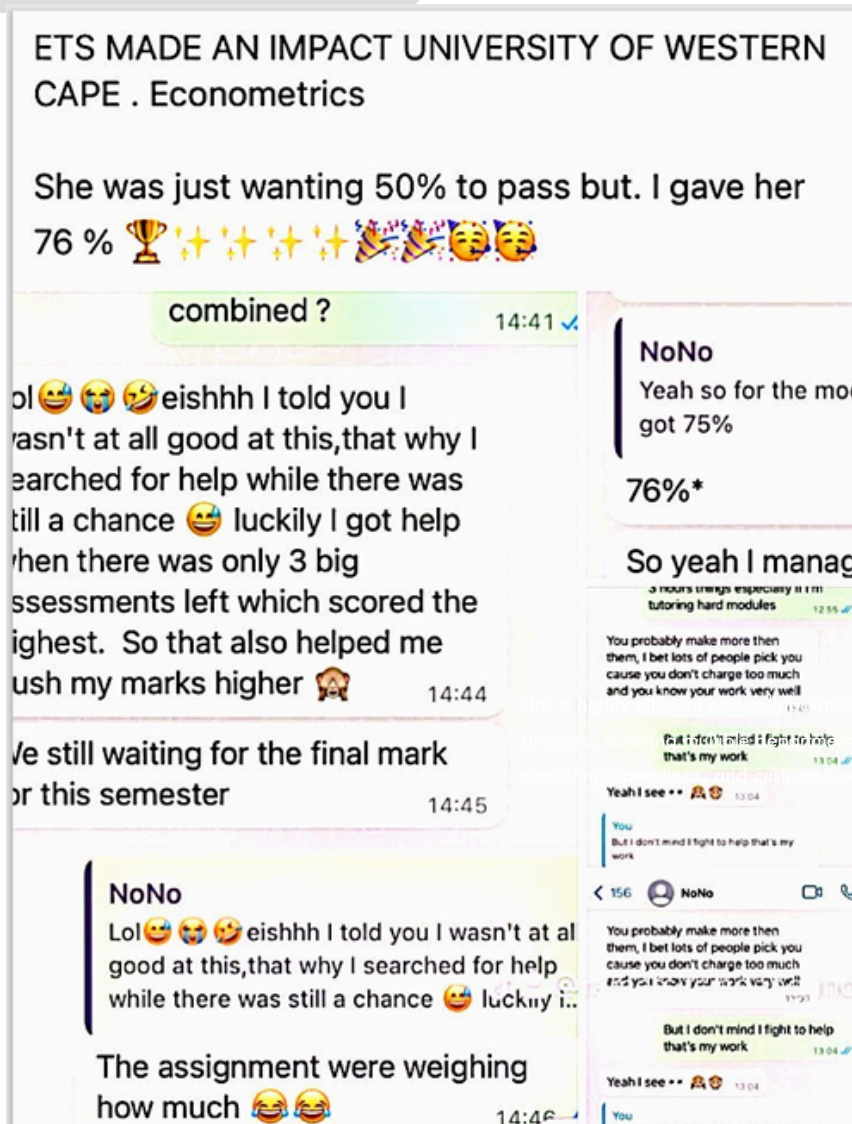
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Again 70 % 17:31 ✓✓

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## THE JOURNEY OF NONO



### Nono – From the Brink of Losing a Bursary to Distinction Success

Nono, a student at the University of Western Cape, was facing a critical moment in her academic journey. She was struggling badly with Econometrics – a tough course that blends economics and statistics – failing many assignments. When her marks were added up, it seemed almost impossible for her to pass the year.

The pressure was intense. Not only was her graduation on the line, but her bursary was also at risk because Econometrics was her major module. With no options left, Nono reached out to NationRise.

She needed just a 50% pass rate to keep her bursary and stay on track. But we didn't settle for "just passing." We went all out, providing focused tutoring, exam strategies, and constant motivation. The result? Nono scored a stunning 76% – not just passing but achieving a distinction – saving her bursary and keeping her dreams alive.

Her story is proof that it's never the end, no matter how hard it gets. If you're serious, reach out, push yourself, and stay dedicated. At NationRise, we turn your burning desire for success into real results.

## **Our Success Stories: The Heart of NationRise Academy**

**At NationRise Academy, success isn't just a goal – it's our mission. Every learner who walks through our doors brings a unique story filled with challenges, determination, and dreams. What unites them all is one thing: the power of the right support to transform their potential into real achievement.**

**From learners struggling with fear of failure to adults balancing work, parenting, and studies, our success stories prove that with consistent guidance, motivation, and tailored tutoring, academic breakthroughs are possible for anyone.**

**Whether it's Khuliso conquering self-doubt to become a district top achiever, Siya's remarkable turnaround from struggling in maths to scoring distinctions, or Nono saving her bursary with a distinction in a challenging university course – these stories inspire us every day and fuel our commitment to excellence.**

**We don't just teach; we walk alongside our learners, pushing them beyond their limits, helping them believe in themselves, and celebrating every victory – big or small.**

**At NationRise, your success is our success. These stories are living proof that with the right team, mindset, and support system, greatness is within reach.**

**For more inspiring stories and incredible results, visit our social media channels where we regularly share updates about our learners. This is just a small glimpse – there are many more success stories waiting to inspire you.**

**Join us, and let's write your success story together.**

