



Meet Naigan Wolmarans

Womb to Tomb George

Naigan Wolmarans is from a small town near the Outeniqua Mountains in Blanco, George. He was born into a large family. At 16 years old, he was granted an opportunity to attend a school in the Free State because of his passion and dedication to rugby. His driving force revolves around effecting positive change within his community – a dream ignited by his mother, who shares a similar vision and aspiration of uplifting their community.

What is the thing you are most proud of?

I'm proud that last year I was recognised as a Gold Star because I didn't expect it. I am also proud of how the Lord has chosen me to be the change in my community and slowly the change is happening. I can't take all the credit. YearBeyond has an impact on this change because most of the youth in my community want to be part of YearBeyond programme.

How has the YeBo Academy changed your life?

The YeBo Academy environment has developed my confidence and belief I have in myself. It has also equipped me with the skills to communicate effectively.

Any plans for the future?

I want to be a leader in my community, where people can come to me and ask questions. I want to be the helping hand and be the change. I believe this can be achieved when we stand together as a community. The Lord has plans for us to prosper not to harm us, for hope and a better future.

This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Amanda Hill.