

## Reflections by Dr Lyndon Bouah - Nickeldeon Genius 2017

Every Saturday I look forward to purchasing the Weekend Argus because it normally has loads of news about the coming week and of course some great sport reads. This weekend of 8 July 2017 however had a pleasant surprise when on page two I found this delightful article and I quote from it:

" The coveted title of Nickeldeon Genius 2017 has been snatched by Western Cape pupils after an intense final match. Genius is a quiz show that pits teams of three schools children across the country against one another in testing their knowledge of subjects such as algebra, calculus, physical science and life science. The show aired on Dstv channel 308. The victorious trio were from Curro Durbanville Independent school. They were Dantelle Joubert, Ralph Mcdougall and Joanie Thom or, as they were know in the competition, team Spontaneous Combustion. They proved their superior smarts in maths and science by beating pupils from Kwazulu- Natal's Reddam House and Danville Park Girls High School



*Joanie Thom, Dantelle Joubert and Ralph Mcdougall*

Dantelle, the teams' self-appointed motivator, said: I still can't believe we won Genius 2017! What an experience. The three have each won R100 000 and a trip to NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. They will get to meet an astronaut, experience a simulated space shuttle launch and participate in an astronaut training programme as well visiting Universal Studios in Orlando".

Dantelle is a Woman FIDE Master who is also the African champion in her age group. She recently competed in the Zone 4.3 team championships where she achieved sixth position. She holds a Ministerial bursary for chess and this year at the age of 17 years has achieved her senior colours.

Congratulations Dantelle . You have made us all proud and enjoy spending that fabulous R100k and the trip to the United States!

Regards

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