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Lenasia South's Jordan Vereean, is using his TikTok journey to inspire his peers to follow their dreams

Look who brought slick Amapiano moves to GLOBE POST

TikTok influencer Jordan Tyler Vereean's smooth Amapiano dance skills have earned him 37.4k followers, sponsorships and promotional work with brands like Nike and Ellesse.

At 11-years-old, Jordan joined his mother, Lisa Vereean, a major TikTok influencer boasting 318.5k followers and 4.9M likes, together they created content that made TikTok lovers fall in love with Jordan. Jordan's sharp rhythm, footwork and standout Amapiano style quickly gained traction, making him a familiar face wherever he goes. Now, 16, Jordan has made a name for himself and his rising digital presence has opened doors for him. A Grade 10 learner at Lenasia South Secondary, he told **GLOBE POST** that his studies comes first and his dream career is Information Technology (IT). His grandmother, Faye Vereean, described him as a disciplined and humble young man. She said: "In a society where many youths fall into alcohol and drugs, I'm grateful Jordan chose differently. Despite his popularity, he remains focused, listens, does his chores and stays grounded."

Faye added: "Jordan loves challenges, before TikTok, he excelled in soccer and even won pool tournaments." Jordan is an inspiration to youth everywhere.

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Book Launch

A triple celebration featuring a book launch, the Lenasia Hitting the Headlines 46-book series and a world record attempt takes place on 30 November at Gandhi Hall, Lenasia, at 3pm. Entry is free. Limited packages include a reserved seat, goodie bag and a USB with 70 books. To reserve, WhatsApp "YES" to 082 457 3737.

Pimp My Bicycle Event

The event will be held in Ennerdale Ext 8, behind the new clinic on 16 December at 11am, featuring stance, sound check and spin bicycle activities. Prizes include a new bicycle worth R4,000 and medals. For more info, call 078 440 5665.

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Lawley residents join GBVF shutdown, demanding justice for victims



On 21 November, Basadi Pele Enkanyisweni - a local NPO championing women's rights and community safety - led a powerful Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) march from Lawley Fire Station to hand over a memorandum to Ennerdale SAPS precinct commander, Colonel Romeo Vassen



Lenasia South unites against GBV

On 20 November, Lenasia South and surrounding communities took to the streets raising awareness on gender-based violence (GBV) cases. The SAPS Youth Desk's Lindiwe Mthethwa, said that the march was supported by local organisations including SAPS, CPF, DIY, Lifeline, and Green Door. "Most GBV cases come to us that's why we joined the shutdown to say enough is enough. This violence against women and children must end," Mthethwa told *Globe Post*.



Finetown lights candles for GBV victims

Miss Finetown, in partnership with Finetown Radio, and supported by Ward 7's Cllr Lois Simonse, Pastor Batlhalehi Thebe, Samuel Johnson, residents, Finetown Movement Response Team, Zenzele Counselling Project and other NPO's, joined the Women For Change initiative on 21 November. They gathered to create a community-driven space where residents can learn and engage on issues

Broader Ennerdale communities say "Enough is Enough"



21 November, also saw residents from Ennerdale, Finetown, Meriting, Lawley Kokotela and surrounding areas march against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) at James Street, Ennerdale. The activists dressed in purple and black to show solidarity with survivors under the theme: "Enough is Enough - Break the Silence"



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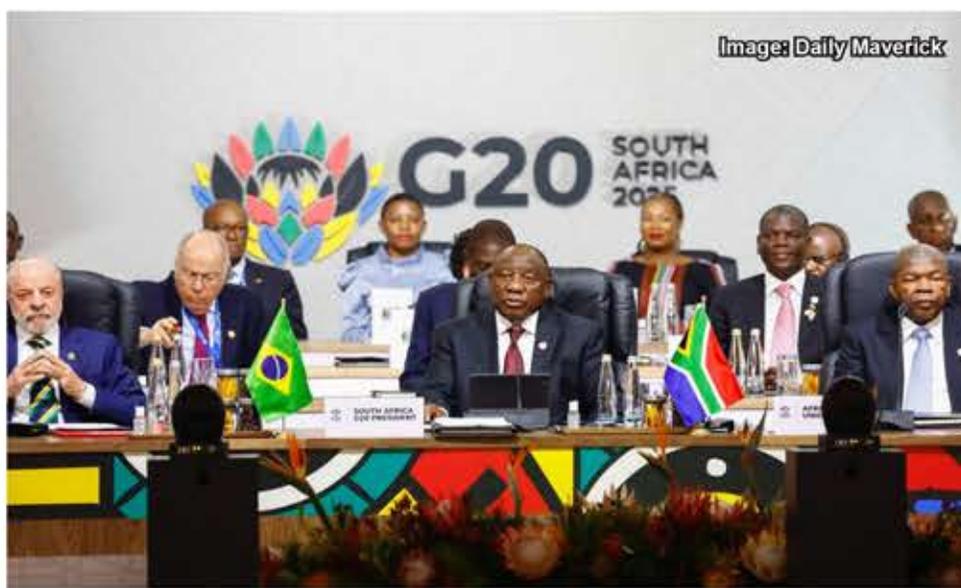
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South Africa hosts successful G20 summit

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South African State President, Cyril Ramaphosa, presides over the summit, which drew delegations from more than 40 countries

This achievement is a major diplomatic milestone with the adoption of the G20 Johannesburg Leaders' Declaration on 22 November, marking the first time the influential global forum has been hosted on African soil.

The gathering drew delegations from more than 40 countries. The United States delegation, led by President Donald Trump, did not attend. Ramaphosa, nonetheless described the summit as a success, urging global unity and rejecting Trump's claims that South Africa faced discrimination.

Established in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis, the G20 has become the world's leading platform for economic coordination, now shaping decisions on climate action, digital governance, global health, energy transitions, food security and economic stability. This year's declaration delivered several key outcomes. Leaders reaffirmed climate commitments-despite U.S. objections and pledged support for peace initiatives in conflict-affected regions. Debt sustainability was a central theme, with Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, promising to halve Africa's debt over the next decade. Africa's severe energy access challenge, with 600 million people still without electricity, received strong attention. Leaders backed increased investment, productivity measures and support for institutions like the African Development Bank. The summit also endorsed reforms to strengthen the Global South's role in global governance and promote fairer trade rules, moving away from models that have historically relegated African countries to raw-material suppliers.

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Minister in the Presidency, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, said the event had "firmly placed the African agenda on the global map."

The summit faced brief disruptions when members of Operation Dudula, attempted to block G20 motorcades. Two protesters were arrested and a police officer injured, with charges including public violence and assault laid.

Despite strengthened partnerships under the Compact with Africa and the Finance Track Africa Engagement Framework, media groups raised concerns after the final declaration omitted issues of information integrity and journalism. More than 70 organisations had endorsed the earlier Media20 Declaration. Nobel laureate Maria Ressa, warned that without information integrity, democratic societies cannot build trust or respond effectively to global crises.

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Future Mathematicians shine bright at the 2025 Albert Allie Olympiad



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From Left: Neo Mokoena, Chemondre Wilkens, placed 3rd Gianno Singh (Mid Ennerdale), 1st Place Brynn Deysel (Odin Park), 2nd place Deusa De Matos (Saint George), Myles Daniels and Naomi Abraham

The 2025 Albert Allie Mathematics Olympiad celebrated young talent and community spirit earlier this month at Odin Park Primary School.

Twenty-four top Grade 7 learners from schools across Lawley, Ennerdale, Finetown, and St Ives Primary (Klipspruit) competed, showcasing their skills in a day organisers Myles Daniels and Hamilton Dickson described as "a tremendous success." Inclusivity remains at the heart of the Olympiad, with each school nominating one boy and one girl. This year's top three winners - Brynn Deysel (Odin Park Primary), Deusa De Matos (Saint George Primary), and Gianno Singh (Mid Ennerdale Primary) - reflected both

gender and school diversity. All participants received Grade 8 mathematics study guides to support their high school transition, promoting sustained learning. Grade 10 volunteers Naomi Abraham and Neo Mokoena from Fred Norman Secondary assisted, embodying leadership and community spirit. Organisers extended thanks to teachers, parents and local supporters, including Odin Park Primary staff and local caterers, for making the day possible. Founded by Fred Norman alumni, the Olympiad continues to inspire learners to see mathematics not as a subject to fear, but as a language of logic, creativity and endless possibility, nurturing the next generation of confident problem-solvers.

THE GOD OF DOUBLE-UP



By Ps Radha Moodley Faith Bible College

Simon Peter and his brother Andrew needed to meet their bills and to provide food for their beloved families.

Fishing was the only trade they knew. With their rods, reels, hooks, bait and strong fishing lines all packed, off they went one late evening to the Sea of Galilee.

James and John, their business partners joined them. These were fishermen. They knew the sea and the time to fish. Often, they had caught fish in that sea. But that clear night, to their surprise, they caught nothing but just tiny, little weeds on their nets.

A new day greeted them. Mentally and physically exhausted, for they had toiled all night, they returned to land and set themselves on washing their boats and cleaning their nets. That morning Jesus showed up at the Sea. He got into Peter's boat and taught the great crowd that followed Him to hear His words. After His teachings, he didn't enquire anything from Peter, for He knows all things. But He asked Peter to let down his nets into the deep. Peter hesitantly

lowered one net into the deep. To his sudden amazement, he had a net-breaking catch. Can you picture the fish slipping back into the water for it found no more space in the net? Peter, now fully awake and strengthened, shouted out for the other partners. With a great rush and excitement, they joined Peter, only to find out that without any toil, fish just jumped into the nets and both the boats so that they ended up with a net breaking, boat sinking catch. God doubled up! Double-up thoughts doesn't begin in the net but in your heart and mind, for as a man thinks so is he. You keep thinking decrease and shortage, what will you feast on? Peter could have thought, "Well, by the time my partners get to the deep of the sea, the fish will no more bite near the net, maybe I will just let it go and we will call it a day." No, Peter was quick to respond and double up on his vessels. There was no time for that kind of thinking in the middle of a double-up. There might have been times, whereby, you have tried and tried and there was no increase in your sales, business deals or profits. Jesus told Peter to let down his nets and not a net. If Andrew his brother could have jerked him and shouted out, "The master said, 'nets.' Andrew just went along with him. Luck had nothing to do with this double-up. It was God's mighty working power (Luke 5:1-11).

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In a country where less than half of Grade 4 learners can read for meaning, educators in Orange Farm and Lenasia South are demonstrating the power of community initiatives to close the gaps.

In the heart of Orange Farm Ext 1, a group of preschoolers sit cross-legged around a sandpit, tracing letters in the dust. "B + A + L + L = ball," chants their educator, Dimakatso Mbele in English. She then repeats the exercise in isiZulu and Sesotho.

Mbele is a founder of Tshebedisano Daycare and Pre-School, a Department of Basic Education (DBE) accredited centre, which charges R350 per month per child. She says: "We teach in English and translate in both Zulu and Sotho to balance understanding. Before we teach the children to write their names, we teach them to spell them - in all three languages." Mbele believes that literacy begins where children feel most at home - in their own languages. Her approach aligns with a central premise of South Africa's Funda Uphumelele National Survey (FUNS), which was released by the DBE on 10 and 11 November:

that home languages are an asset, not a barrier, and that strong skill transfer occurs between home-language literacy and English Additional Language tasks. A few kilometres away, Agnes Ramosela, principal of DBE registered Tshepiso's Kiddies World and Tshepiso ya Lerato Preschools in Lenasia South Extension 4, has chosen a different path, adopting an English medium of instruction to best accommodate hundreds of learners from diverse home language backgrounds.

"Children come from homes where isiZulu or seSotho are spoken. It's difficult at first, we translate constantly. But after six months, they begin to understand, and by year-end they're confident in English."

Ramosela's response stems from a pragmatic belief that early exposure to English equips children to succeed later, as most formal schooling in South Africa is English-medium. Parents in her community tend to agree - enrolling their children precisely for that reason. Her approach mirrors widespread parental sentiment: that English is the language of opportunity, even if comprehension comes at the cost of connection.

Read full story and the rest of the 4 part series online: <https://globepost.co.za/2025/11/20/sandpits-and-story-circles-how-lenasia-south-and-orange-farm-pre-schools-are-rewriting-their-own-literacy-story/>

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Children at Tshebedisano Preschool and Daycare in Orange Farm enjoy a fun-filled playtime

How a faith-rooted preschool in Lenasia South offers a model for safer, stronger early child care



Nursery learners fully engaged as they explore early learning through play, color and curiosity at Wasalaam Nursery and Preschool

One of the highlights of 2025 was having this Lenasia South story published by our US partner newsroom, Richland Source in Ohio, as part of its 'It Takes a Village' series.

GLOBE POST is proud to have partnered with Richland Source in Ohio on this powerful Solutions Journalism project, uncovering childcare gaps and the community-led solutions stepping in where formal systems fall short. In a township crowded with unregulated crèches, Wasalaam Nursery and Preschool stands as a beacon of community-led innovation, safety, and dignity in early learning. In the heart of Lenasia South, a township within Johannesburg's Region G, one early childhood centre is proving that community-led education can raise the bar for safety, trust, and developmental quality. Wasalaam Nursery and Preschool, initially established in 1995

by a local couple but now under the auspices of the Lenasia South Muslim Association (LSMA), has become a standout example of how grassroots leadership can reshape township education. "We found a niche for pre-school education with an Islamic ethos. There were no libraries or health facilities at the time, so we also filled an emotional and educational gap," says board member, and former school principal, Mohamed Farouk Hassen. Wasalaam didn't just provide a place to leave children - it provided structured, holistic learning in a nurturing and spiritually aligned environment. And over the decades, the school has built a reputation as a positive deviant - thriving where others struggled. See full story: <https://www.richlandsource.com/2025/08/19/how-a-faith-rooted-preschool-in-south-africa-offers-a-model-for-safer-stronger-early-child-care/>

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Undisputed Boxing Academy: "Forget violence, create kings..."



Young fighters show heart, skill and unwavering determination at Ennerdale's Ext 9 Civic Centre

The Academy, in partnership with FVCK, hosted a spectacular boxing event on 22 November at Ext 9 Civic Centre, drawing participants and spectators from all districts.

Organisers promoted the event widely, including features on SABC 1, ensuring maximum community engagement. Virgil DeBeer, head coach and founder of the academy, described the event as "a life-changing experience. He told **GLOBE POST**: "Forget violence, create kings. This is where victory begins." Assistant coaches, Zaheer Hendricks and Bongzi Martin, also helped guide the young fighters throughout the day. "Despite the bad weather, 31 bouts took place, with 10 boxers from the Academy competing - six taking gold while the other four gained valuable lessons. The atmosphere was electric, with attendees enjoying youth-focused fun without alcohol, staying until the very last bout," said DeBeer. The organisers thanked boxers, trainers, community members, sponsors and partners for making the event a huge success.



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Ennerdale residents join forces to revive public pools

These residents clean-up vandalised pools in Ext 9

The community came together to reconstruct the long-closed Extension 9 public pools on 15 November. The pools had fallen into severe disrepair due to vandalism.

Roof sheets were stolen, toilets and showers damaged, and pipes removed, leaving the site completely unrecognisable. Once a safe and vibrant space for children to swim and stay active, the pools had become a painful reminder of neglect. Residents say they raised concerns repeatedly, but no action taken. In response, the community launched a Public Pools Clean-Up Day, a volunteer-driven initiative aimed at restoring the site, rebuilding unity and raising funds to reopen the pools.

Public Pools Clean-Up Day, founder Cassian Van Niekerk, shared that the effort is entirely community-based and non-political, focused on giving youth a positive space and keeping them away from substance abuse. The campaign calls for support from sponsors, the government, and the City of Johannesburg to bring the pools back to life.

This story is still developing as *Globe Post* awaits official comment from the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.