



The GSPORT AWARDS, is the country's longest running women's sport Awards hosted at the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg on Friday, 31 August 2018 by the Minister of Sport and Recreation, Minister Tokozile Xasa, MP. The awards were hosted in partnership with the Gsport for Girls Trust and Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA). Importantly, the awards became the dusking curtain for a month long programme of SRSA with special dedication to Mama Albertina Sisulu "A Woman of Fortitude". Befitting to Mama Sisulu's honor, five outstanding South African disabled women in sport, who have overcome all odds to achieve on the global sporting stage, were conferred with Albertina Special Recognition awards and were there following: International swimming icon, Natalie du Toit, South Africa's first black Paralympic gold medallist, Zanele Situ, Rio Paralympic silver medallist, Anrune Liebenberg, SA's number one wheelchair tennis star, Kg Montjane and visually impaired 5000m world champion, Louzanne Coetzee.



Photo caption: In the spirit of highest respect in memory of one of the nation's foremost women struggle icons, represented on the night by Zoya Sisulu (third from right in main group), South Africa's first woman Sport and Recreation Minister, Tokozile Xasa MP, (second from left in main group) bestowed Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards on Anrune Liebenberg (far left), Zanele Situ (in wheelchair), Louzanne Coetzee, Natalie du Toit and Kgothatso Montjane (represented by Anthony

Moruthane) in a fitting occasion to mark Sport and Recreation South Africa's celebration of the Albertina Sisulu Centenary, at the 2018 gsport Awards, hosted at the Wanderers Club in Illovo, Johannesburg, on 31 August, 2018. Photo: gsport

Mama Sisulu's granddaughter Ms. Zoya Sisulu speaking on behalf of the family, indicated the following about her grandmother: "I think she is in great company amongst you all, amongst trailblazers. It's great to have her recognised and to have women uplifted and recognized for their contribution to the struggle.

"Being Women's Month, I think it is important to recognise the Women's March and what can be achieved by women when they act collectively, when they are moving with purpose towards a goal. This platform shows the power of collaboration and co-ordination."

The evening concluded with Minister of Sport and Recreation South Africa, Tokozile Xasa, honoring formidable women in sport and awarding them with five Ministerial Recognition Awards: The recipients were Rikenette Steenkamp, Saray Khumalo, Palesa Manaleng, Mbali Zantsi and Blanche Moila.

During her opening remarks, Minister of Sport and Recreation South Africa. Tokoxile Xasa MP, had this to say:

"Tonight's G-sport Awards are in honor of Mama Sisulu, whom had she lived will be celebrating 100 years. Mama Sisulu's political struggles resonates well with Sport Women, who continue to face difficult choices, to choose to be an athlete or to be a mother, to be an athlete or to be a wife.

Tonight, we celebrate women of Fortitude who succeeded against all odds inspired by the generation of Mama Sisulu when they spoke truth to power. That generation that told Prime Minister Hans Strydom, *Wathint' bafazi wathint' mbokodo*, those women who refused to carry passbooks and engraved their names in the history of struggle. Therefore, tonight we are here to engrave your names in the history books of sport that future generation can look back with pride that they are what they are because of you", Minister Xasa.

The evening started off in the best possible fashion when South African greats, Natalie du Toit and Blanche Moila, presented Minister Xasa with a commemorative plaque in celebration of her becoming the first woman Minister of Sport in South Africa.

Winners at the 2018 gsport Awards:

Award	Winner
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1. Volunteer of the Year	Mpho Makhoba
2. Sports Federation of the Year	Golf RSA
3. Supporter of the Year	Shannon Landman-Kriel
4. Sponsor of the Year	Private Property
5. Woman of the Year	Caster Semenya
6. Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards	Zanele Situ
7. Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards	Anrune Liebenberg
8. Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards	Kgothatso Montjane
9. Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards	Louzanne Coetzee
10. Albertina Sisulu Special Recognition Awards	Natalie du Toit
11. Woman in PR & Sponsorship	Lali Stander
12. Woman in Print	Frennie Shivambu
13. Woman in Social Media	Cheryl Roberts
14. Woman in Radio	Rachel Makhura
15. Woman in TV	Lebo Motsoeli
16. Style Star	Vaylen Kirtley
17. Special Recognition Award	Mpho Makhoba
18. School Sports Star	Gontse Morake
19. Coach of the Year	Karin le Roux
20. Sasol Emerging Athlete	Tatjana Schoenmaker
21. Athlete with Disability	Zanele Situ
22. Team of the Year	Momentum Proteas

23. Public Choice Award	Kesa Molotsane
24. gsport Athlete of the Year	Caster Semanya
25. Hall of Fame Award	Thelma Achilles
26. Minister's Recognition of Excellence	Rikenette Steenkamp
27. Minister's Recognition of Excellence	Saray Khumalo
28. Minister's Recognition of Excellence	Palesa Manaleng
29. Minister's Recognition of Excellence	Mbali Zantsi
30. Minister's Recognition of Excellence	Blanche Moila



Photo Captions: 2018 gsport Awards winners take in the moment at the conclusion of the night's broadcast in which champions of women's sport in SA were recognized for outstanding work driving the movement forward. Photo: gsport