



IN THE NEWS

Known by her listeners as Shandapha, Thandeka is an HR graduate who has made a name for herself in both print and broadcast media. Hers is the voice heard by thousands of Imbokodo FM listeners where she is a newscaster.

Thandeka Makhoba - Class of '05

She is also a writer, having started writing stories in 2015 just for the love of writing. At the time she was not attached to any newsroom but was just following her passion in the hope that one day she would find an opportunity to do the work she had always aspired to do. **“Writing was my strength from an early age. I have always had a love for languages, which makes it easy for me to write for both Zulu and English publications,”** she reflects.

In April 2015 Thandeka was introduced to the editor of Inkazimulo newspaper by Bongani Gina after having read some of her stories to him. Her work caused an impression and she received an offer

to be trained in their basic writing style. She now writes for Inkazimulo newspaper, Umzinyathi newspaper, has reported for Divine Touch gospel radio station, and researches and reads news on Imbokodo FM.

Thandeka is a typical 21st century graduate who has used her competency and strong character traits to venture onto untested terrain. She harnesses her passion, determination and imagination to improve her competency levels and prospects of success. In September 2017 she launched her youth empowerment project called Siyaxhiwa Carpenter's Union, an organisation focusing on restoring basic life values and improving quality of life for the youth.