

## **DSACR HOSTS THE YOUNG PATRIOTS PROGRAMME (TYPP) GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) proudly partnered with stakeholders such as the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) to celebrate, recognize and honor young people who have volunteered their time, energy and expertise to work across sport, arts, culture and heritage sectors in the province in an effort to keep these sectors alive and relevant to the needs of our times. This exercise was conducted through The Young Patriots Programme (TYPP) graduation ceremony that took place on 02 April 2022 in Ventersburg.

“The staging of this graduation ceremony will go a long way in ensuring that The Young Patriots Programme (TYPP) graduates receive due recognition and honor for the hard work that they have invested in our communities”, stated Dr Mathene Mahanke who delivered the keynote address at the ceremony on behalf of the Acting Head of the Department.

TYPP is a flagship programme of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. The programme involves youth between the ages of 18 -35 years old who are recruited and engaged in service delivery projects as a way of building a culture of patriotism and nation building. The programme also seeks to make young people active participants in community development and nation-building initiatives by involving them in activities around sport, arts, culture and heritage. Young Patriots are expected to provide their time to do volunteer work by helping other young people of a similar age as themselves with information and training in sport, arts, culture and heritage.

The programme continues to be implemented on an annual basis as a partnership between the aforesaid stakeholders.