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Dear HeronBridge Community,

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Please see below a media release on HBC Athletics Club/Clarence Munyai.

HBC star athlete to represent Gauteng North District at SA Youth Athletics Championships

A world-ranked athlete in the 200 metre youth category will fly the HeronBridge College flag high at the South African Youth Athletics Championship in April 2014.

Clarence Munyai, the outstanding athlete who triumphed in the under-17 youth 200 metre and ended third in the 100 metre race at the recently held Gauteng North Championships, will represent the Gauteng North District in Stellenbosch, Cape Town from 3 to 5 April 2014. This achievement ranked Clarence as number 18 in the world in the 200metre youth category.

At the South African Youth Athletics Championship, Clarence will run the 100metre, 200metre and the 4x100metre relay race.

Another HBC student, Ryan Wallbanks, came fourth in the 5000 metre race, and sixth in the 1500metre and 800metre races respectively at the under-19 junior level.

These sporting accomplishments are testimony to Heron Bridge College's rich heritage as an avid supporter of athletics, where the annual six-week athletics season has always been part of the co-curricular programme.

With this in mind, HBC last year decided to embark on establishing the HeronBridge Athletics Club, which is affiliated to the Gauteng North District, resulting in the HBC athletes enjoying a longer athletics season, allowing them to strengthen their talent on the track.

HBC is now the only independent English school in Gauteng with an athletics club that is affiliated to the Gauteng North District.

Athletics achievers such as Clarence and Ryan can ascribe their victories to the tutelage of HBC athletics coach and founder of the HBC Athletics Club, Mr Billy Beyneveldt, an Engineering, Graphics and Design teacher, head of learner support and accommodations; and a senior executive committee member at HBC. They are



in good hands: Billy, an accomplished athlete himself, obtained Gauteng North Colours for the 400metre and 800metre distances during his student days.

“I am immensely proud of the HBC students and would like everyone to give them their support. We have extraordinary talent here, and it is our duty to help them hone it and perfect their skills. We boast with some of the best in student athletics at HeronBridge College,” says Billy.

Through Billy’s vision and hard work to make the HBC Athletics Club a reality, ten HBC athletes have participated in the Gauteng North League and the New Balance Permit meetings in track events at both the youth and junior levels. “We are looking forward to the new season where even more HBC athletes will be joining the league to take part against the best,” says Billy.

Clarence, currently training hard for the upcoming race, needs sponsorship assistance to attend the Championships. The HBC Athletics Club would like to send Clarence and Billy to Stellenbosch and cover their flights, accommodation, meals, car hire and energy supplements for Clarence, amounting to R15 500. We appeal to potential sponsors to come forward and pledge their support.

For more information about how to pledge sponsorship, contact Mfundo Ncube, Marketing Leader at HeronBridge College, on 073 349 3794 or email mncube@heronbridge.co.za

Regards,

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