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## FREE STATE POET – MOSHE SEKHOB – WINS AVBOB POETRY COMPETITION

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) is proud to announce that one of its own prolific authors and poets, Moshe Samuel Sekhobo, is the 2019/2020 AVBOB Poetry Competition award winner. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sesotho Language Category. The AVBOB Poetry Competition is a national competition that includes all 11 South African languages in all the 9 Provinces; with 15,000 poets competing in all 11 South African languages. The award ceremony was held virtually, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. Moshe Samuel Sekhobo is a Bloemfontein-based author, mentor and a performance artist. His writings cover poetry, radio dramas and novels.

He is a founder of *Ya ka Nalane* Arts Development Center. This praise poet is studying towards his Master's Degree in Marketing Management. He was also celebrated and honored in the Upcoming Talent Category by the Language Services Section of the DSACR during its annual Literature Festival, in 2017. In 2018, DSACR also awarded him an opportunity of an all-expenses paid trip to represent the Free State Province at the annual National Arts Festival, held in Makhanda, Eastern Cape.

"I entered the competition to encourage fellow South Africans to cherish Sesotho poetry with its rich idioms. I am really glad and proud to bring this award home, to the Free State Province, to enforce respect and love for the Sesotho language; and to actually make the Basotho proud of their language. I would be very pleased to see our Province purchasing and having my books in every library because I want to pass my knowledge to all South Africans,

young and old. I have two (2) powerful Sesotho books which I believe can assist our people in schools and in all our local libraries,” said Moshe.

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