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**DSACR CONGRATULATES MPENDULO MYENI FOR WINNING  
iamAFRICA SHORT FILM COMPETITION IN U.S.A**

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) hereby wishes to congratulate Mpendulo Myeni from the University of the Free State for being selected as one of the winners for the **iamAFRICA Short Film Competition**. His short film - **Eyelash** – beautifully captures the excellence and artistry of African filmmaking that the competition aimed to identify and showcase to the rest of the world.

Mpendulo's short film – **Eyelash** – will be showcased at The Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles, U.S.A on 22 February 2020. delivering her maiden 2019/20 Budget Vote Speech, the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation stated that, "The Department will pursue and engage with relevant structures for the establishment of the Free State Film Commission." To this end, DSACR is currently in the process of consulting relevant stakeholders for the realization of this injunction and further details will be communicated in due course.

"On behalf of the Department I wish to congratulate Mpendulo Myeni for his sterling achievement and hard work. As we find ourselves in the era of digitization and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution, we must appreciate film-making as a medium in which we can utilize to communicate better and narrate positive stories about nation building and social cohesion. Mpendulo Myeni remains a beacon of hope for many South African youths who are languishing in unemployment and are out of school. We encourage such youths to take heed of the talents and create economic opportunities for themselves" said MEC Limakatso Mahasa.

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