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CGA celebrated outstanding athletics achievements for 2022

Central Gauteng Athletics Annual Awards Dinner took place on 13th of November 2022 at the Montecasino in Fourways. The purpose of the awards was to honour all athletics outstanding achievements in the province by athletes, coaches, technical officials and administrators of the sport.

The glamorous occasion was officially opened by CGA President Mr Steven Khanyile setting a very high tone for the awards ceremony, making it clear that as CGA we celebrate excellence of athletes and administrators. In his welcome address he acknowledged the presence of dignitaries present which included the National Federation President James Moloi. A special welcome in absentia was the MEC of Sports, Art, Culture and Recreation in Gauteng MEC Mosupyoe.

As part of the programme of the day Mr James Moloi, President of Athletics South Africa offered word of support. In his address he thanked CGA as the biggest Athletics province for continuously leading and positively contributing to the growth of athletics in the Country.

Due to an unforeseen emergency, Sports, Art, Culture and Recreation-Honourable MEC Morakane Mosupyoe could not be present to deliver her key note address. The MEC's address was read by the programme director Vaylen Kirtley. In the address, MEC urged that Central Gauteng Athletics continues to do a commendable work its doing in the lives of its athletes by striving to develop the athletes so that they perform to their best of abilities.

Amongst the categories awarded on the day, athletes that represented the country at various International Championships during the period of October 2021 to September 2022 were honoured. This included athletes that competed at CAA African Championships, Common Wealth Games, IAU World Championships and World Athletics Championships.

As all eyes were looking forward to the announcement of Senior Male and Female of the year category, these prestigious award were presented by CGA President Mr. Steven Khanyile and ASA President Mr James Moloi. Akani Simbine and Carina Horn respectively were crowned Senior Athletes of the Year 2022 with their dominance at both the World Senior Championships, African Championships.

ASA Cross Country Champ, Naledi Makgatha was crowned Junior Female Athlete of the year, while World Junior Championships Gold Medallist, Lythe Pillay was honoured with the Junior Male of the year award.

As part of the culture of the awards and equally important that we acknowledge the up and coming talent in the Most Promising Junior athletes' category. Lee-Sue Nyathi and Johannes Morepe were both awarded in this category as they are promising stars of the province.

The rest of the winners for other respective categories were as follows:

Development Coach of the Year:

- Lucy Thato

Coach of the Year:

- Werner Prinsloo (Coach of Akani Simbine and Carina Horn)

Technical Officials of the Year category was divided into athletics disciplines and each discipline had the technical officials' winner which was as follows:

- Jabulile Ndlangamandla - Cross Country
- Derocious Makhobalo- Track and Field
- Andrew Ramakgapola - Road Running

The Presidential Life Time Award category is one of a very significant of the day where we recognize a contribution of an individual in the province and in the sport of athletics. Mr Steven Khanyile, CGA President took the podium to announce three recipients of Presidential Life Time Award. The 2022 CGA Presidential Life Time Awards recipients were:

- Titus Mamabolo
- Owen Van Niekerk
- Agreeneth Mogotsi

In recognition of continues support of sponsors and various media houses, CGA Board Members Mbuyiselo Nkuna and Val Brentano were join by MMC of Wes Rand Local Municipality, MMC Gail Mphafudi honour and extend a token of appreciation to these very imperative partners of our organisation. The sponsors and partners that were acknowledged includes City of Joburg, City of Ekurhuleni, West Rand Local Municipality, Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation in Gauteng, Nike South Africa, University of Johannesburg, Spar South Rand and Southern Sun, Coca Cola Beverage SA and National Lotteries Commission.

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