

Rising Star Award winners announced

The winners of the 5th Annual Standard Bank Rising Star Awards were announced at Sandton Hilton on 22 July. The Rising Star Programme - operated by BlackBark Productions - recognises, celebrates and connects young talented individuals who have the capacity to excel in their chosen fields, and who contribute to the future of our nation in an inspirational manner.



ICT winner: Britehouse's Gareth Kingston (left) receives his award from Eric Shipalana, group HR director of ADVTECH Group.

The awards are for individuals in the 28-40 year age category, and form part of a platform where winners can go beyond just the recognition for work already done, and participate in a leadership and development programme throughout the year after winning. They also have an opportunity to network across industry sectors, with both their fellow winners, and top minds in the country through a mentorship programme.

Hosted by MC Siv Ngesi, the evening was opened by Standard Bank's Lincoln Mali (group head of card and emerging payments across Africa in personal and business banking), who encouraged this year's rising stars to soar to great heights, but to always remain grounded and remember the lessons learned by those who came before them. The guest speaker was David Molapo, management consultant, educator and well-known motivational speaker, who shared his experience in dealing with challenges, and encouraged the audience to understand that a life without challenges is a life without strength, and that tough times don't last, but tough people do.

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And the winners are:

Banking & Financial Services	Brian Mahlangu	Nedbank
Construction & Engineering	Charlene Joseph	Liviero Group (Pty) Ltd
Energy & Environment	Leon van Wyk	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
Entrepreneur	Grant Gavin	RE/MAX PANACHE
ICT (Telecoms & Technology)	Gareth Kingston	Britehouse - A Division of Dimension Data
Manufacturing, Retail & FMCG	Lerato Legoale	Aberdare Cables
Media & Marketing	Tsoku Maela	Okuhle Media
Mining & Minerals	Rousseau Jooste	AngloAmerican
Professional Services	Dapo Adeyemo	Khonology
Service Public & Private	Nomthandazo Dlanga	Johannesburg Property Company
Tourism, Leisure & Hospitality	Thabo Ngoepe	Emperors Palace - Peermont Global
Transport, Logistics & Security	Ntsako Nukeri	Transnet Freight Rail

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