



INSPIRATIONAL: The University of Johannesburg's Kgothatso Montjane

Off to the Olympics

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A NUMBER of students from the University of Johannesburg are preparing to represent the country in the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics in London.

Among the students are Banyana Banyana captain Amanda Dlamini, the squad's striker Noko Matlou and goalkeeper Thokozile Mndaweni.

Rowers Kate Christowitz, Naydene Smith, Tony Paladin and Lawrence Ndlovu will also participate along with athletes Andrea Dalle Ave, Pieter du Preez, Chenelle van Zyl and Samkelo Radebe. Wheelchair tennis stars Kgothatso Montjane and Lucas Sithole also qualified.

The university's sport manager for students with disabilities Henriëtte Vermaak said the students had put in a lot of effort and hard work for the Paralympics.

"We started the club for disabled students about four years ago with adaptive rowing, track and field and wheelchair tennis," she said.

"A major challenge has been recruiting student athletes who can study towards a degree."

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