

Mrs. A. Jonker

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I was exposed to ways to fully utilise your brain capacity from a young age. As with any other thing in life, the more you deal with something, the more you realise that there is always someone out there who knows more than you do – and it is precisely this thought that inspired me to always try to collect as much information as possible and to always push myself to keep going a little longer and further than I had to.

It has always fascinated me that one can improve and strengthen one's brain, just like with physical exercises. Brain development programmes and educational talks always caught my attention.

I completed my National Senior Certificate at Hoërskool Dinamika in Alberton, and passed my high school career with 5 distinctions. I realised, "I am entering the adult-world now!" – or so I thought...

Choosing a field of study was a particularly difficult decision for me, but I have always been interested in people's way of thinking and to understand why people behave in a certain way, and this helped me to realise that BSc Consumer Sciences was the ideal field of study for me, and it was a bonus to know that my creative brain could also be developed through this field of study. Thus, by God's grace, I obtained my BSc degree in Consumer Sciences with an additional subject of Tourism Management, at the North-West University of Potchefstroom, and then passed my NGOS (Postgraduate Education Certificate) with distinction. I was also named the top performing student in the subject of Tourism in 2012. It was never part of my plan or ideal picture to qualify as a teacher, but one path just led to another. I still wanted to know more and improve myself even further, from which I then obtained my B.Ed Honors degree in Curriculum Development with distinction, at the North-West University's Vaal Triangle campus in 2018. I noticed many gaps in the educational circles, from where I then really got to work trying to fill some of these gaps. Today I practice as an educational consultant and author of ISBN-registered study guides that are currently in use among schools, teachers, learners and home-schooling systems all over SA. My goal is to help and inspire learners and teachers to reach their full potential. I am the founder of the A+ Study Material series, and have currently released my 7th ISBN registered study guide for learners.

Since I can remember, successful women have always marvelled me. I always thought that power lies in a title or a degree, but I soon realised that life's real value is captured in the fact that one can be a holistic human being. I always use the following quote when someone asks me how one can become successful: "A winner is just a loser who tried one more time." Thus, success does not lie in your pay slip, degrees, titles or what you do, but rather in how many times you decide to try again!



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