

Bongiwe takes her first year by storm

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SOUTH Africa national netball player Bongiwe Msomi, who has been awarded with her city's achievers award, is over the moon about her progress in only her first year at international level.

Msomi was one of six citizens who received achievers awards at Durban's 14th annual mayoral awards for excellence.

The third-year Durban University of Technology student, whose performances attracted attention at the netball world championships held in Singapore in July, is ambivalent about her new-found fame, and prefers to concentrate on her game.

"I am proud and humbled, but there is still more I need to do on the court. This award is not to say I have arrived, it just means I

have to keep working hard to be a better player. I am progressing well, and I'm happy for that," the former under-21 captain said.

Msomi's recognition came after e-Thekwini mayor James Nxumalo read an article written about her performance for the Proteas in Asia. Msomi's stellar showings saw her voted player of the match in the Proteas' victory against Botswana. Msomi was

also at her most ferocious in the team's semifinal match against Northern Ireland, as she helped the team win 46-41.

"The world championships was my first major competition at senior level. I had great experiences, both on and off the court. It was thrilling to play against some of the game's iconic players and meeting others."

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