

USA scholarship for Tongaat student

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Tongaat resident Vinolin Naidoo, third year civil engineering student who recently got a scholarship to further his studies, flew off to the United States of America last week.

The 20 year old, who until recently was a student at Durban University of Technology applied for the scholarship last year and was chosen from 60 candidates.

"The application process was quite easy. We had to write an essay on how we would promote South Africa during our term of studying. After the essays we went for interviews that were held in Durban. I think I was chosen mainly because of my results for the first two years at varsity," said Vinolin.

He said he plans to teach fellow students in America the culture and history of our country.

"There are a lot of stereotypes about our country like the crime. Like any other state and place on earth there is crime but its been blown completely out of proportion. Also a lot of people think we live in one big jungle and keep lions in our backyards. So I want to address issues such as that," he said.

Vinolin's scholarship is fully sponsored and he will be studying in Washington DC for a year.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime and I love travelling. Civil engineering is an interesting subject because it keeps you on your toes."

Vinolin's mother Roselyn said she is proud of her son and hopes he will bring the knowledge back home.

"The whole family is proud of him. My husband who is a lecturer at a university in Durban, and I, have tried our best to instill in our children the importance of having an education. My other son is in symatology and my daughter is a cardiac technologist. We are very proud of our youngest child Vinolin," she said.



Vinolin Naidoo will be furthering his civil engineering studies in Washington DC, USA.