

Memory Mwakhwawa



Dental Technician

Family circumstances

Memory

is from Ntcheu district in the southern region of Malawi. However, she was brought up in Mangochi in the eastern part of the country. She is the third born in a family of 6 children. The family is headed by her mother after her parents divorced in 2017. Her father does not support them. She is the first in her family to reach college. One sibling dropped out of school due to lack of funds and the other is at secondary school. Her younger siblings are all at primary school.

Education

Memory

went to a government secondary school. Her school fees were affordable for her mother at the time. She achieved **24 points** in her Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). Student points are calculated by adding their 6 highest subject points together. The better you do, the lower the score; 1-2 points = distinction; 3-4 points = credit; 5-6 points = pass. During her first year of college, her mum took up loans to pay for her school fees.

Why Dental?

Memory

has always wanted to be a health worker so that she can help patients suffering from different dental conditions. She would like to work in Mangochi district and help her community as she has noticed that a lot of people do not know about oral health. She aspires to be a good dental therapist who everyone will rely on to help with their oral problems.

Girls are more vulnerable than their male counterparts in Africa. We have a preference to support females students who are struggling.

Prior to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery course starting in 2019, dental services in Malawi were solely provided by dental technicians trained at the Malawi College of Health Sciences in Lilongwe. Dental technicians are a vital component of providing oral services to Malawi's 19 million people.

"When a student gets an education, you would have broken a very big poverty chain in their clan..."

Head of Nursing, Mzuzu University

Thank you for supporting **Memory** through her education as a Dental Technician.



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