

## About the school song writer/composer



Chanté, Martha, Bronwyn du Preez was born on 14 December 1993 in Uitenhage, out of the union of Jeffrey and Sharon du Preez. Her father, Jeffrey, is an ex-learner and teacher of John Walton Secondary, and was head boy in 1982.

Chanté is part of the matric 2011 class at Clapham High School in Pretoria, the same school at which brother Jefferson matriculated in 2007. She hopes to pursue a career in international relations after school. She regards herself as a principled person, and a committed Christian with a strong belief- and value system. Amongst a list of many interests, she is very passionate about music and dancing.

She is currently busy with her level 3 theory and level 4 practical piano courses. She is part of her church's spiritual dancing group, and also obtained national colours in acrobatics a couple of years back-a sport she unfortunately had to give up due to a full extra-mural programme. She also successfully completed a beginner's course in modelling.

Clearly a girl with many talents she recently (February 2011) won a trip to the United Nations headquarters In New York, USA as one of the two top prize winners of a competition ran by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) in August 2010, coinciding with women's month. It started with writing a piece on gender equality and what can be done to enhance the equality of women in society, which culminated in a mock UN debate at the DIRCO offices in Pretoria in front of a live audience, which included the Minister of DIRCO.

## **Song Author**

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On the school song, Chanté has this to say: “Composing this song has allowed me to build a relationship with John Walton, alias Mama Walton, emotionally. Creating an indescribable bond. A bond which only God has full control over.”