When Tembi Maloney Tichaawa arrived in South Africa from Cameroon, he worked as a car guard. But this did not stop him from pursuing his education.

Today he is a senior lecturer at the Walter Sisulu University in the Eastern Cape. This week he graduated with a Doctorate in Philosophy from UKZN. His thesis examined the legacy impacts of the 2010 Fifa World Cup in Africa, looking at the stakeholder and soccer fans’ perceptions in Cameroon and Nigeria.

He enrolled to do his degree in Tourism and Hospitality and graduated in 2007, then completing his Masters cum laude.

He said: ‘Never give up! Look beyond all the obstacles you are facing and just go on. Educate yourselves and contribute to skills production and the economy of South Africa. Education will set you free.’