MEC shapes his future
Masters in commerce for finance MEC only enhances the provincial leadership further

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THE province can look ahead to stronger financial leadership now that its MEC for finance has obtained a Masters in commerce summa cum laude.

MEC Madala Masuku has just graduated from the University of KZN with a Master in commerce: leadership studies (MCom).

Despite a hectic schedule he decided to broaden his knowledge of Local Economic Development (LED) for the development and sustainability of municipalities in Mpumalanga, he said.

Masuku started his career as a teacher but his love for politics and leadership qualities quickly saw him being appointed as the project manager and coordinator for the Youth Education Trust and serve on the regional executives of the ANC and the ANC Youth League at various levels.

Masuku who has served in the provincial legislature’s various portfolios for over a decade is among the students who have been draped by the university after having completed the degree for master of commerce in leadership studies.

The MEC says he decided to study further his studies because in order to serve his people fully he needed to have the knowledge and understanding of the relevant issues.

He wants to use his knowledge to further help his party, the ANC to transform the lives of the provincial citizens, especially in his rural home of Bushbuckridge where he says the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality are serious.

“I am not just a politician but also an individual with a personal development plan to take the province and the country at large forward as the ANC-led government says.

“I am proud because I managed to accomplish my goal and in line with my commitment to continue leading and changing the lives of people,” Masuku said.

Masuku already has a master’s degree in public development and management as well as post-graduate diploma in the same field.

Masuku is not only bouncing in the ruling party but also in its alliance.

He is a member of the central committee for SACP. Before that, he was the SACP provincial chairperson.

As their terms as members of the provincial legislature comes to an end this month, Masuku said he was confident that his academic background would play an essential role particularly as his name appeared in the ANC national list. “I felt it was never too late to commit myself in education. I thank the ANC for still recognising my potential to continue working under its guidance at the national level.

“As a person who was also affected by the apartheid regime, I inspire my fellow South Africans, especially youths that education is rewarding also as one of our priorities as the ANC-led government,” Masuku said.

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