



MBALI ZONDO

EFFSC DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Elected as the 3rd National Deputy Secretary of the EFF Student Command in its 3rd National People's Assembly hosted at the University of the Free State (Bloemfontein), from 12th-14th July 2019. The Deputy Secretary General believes that the EFFSC is the heart of the revolution just like that of the students of 1976. She joined the EFFSC inspired by the voice of her predecessors on free quality and well-resourced education. She believes firmly that the answer to the struggle of the black child is land, education and the emancipation of women, black women in particular.

"We became activists so we could breathe. We are breathing."

Born and raised at the dusty streets of Soweto, Zola North. At the age of nine years old, soon after losing her mother (Sibongile Zondo), she moved to the deep rural areas of Nkande in KwaZulu-Natal. It is there where she lived with her late grandmother whom she affectionately refers to as the "queen". Fighter Mbali was one of the first learners to rally behind the call for the fall of Afrikaans and advocated for the introduction of IsiZulu as an optional subject at Vryheid High School. Making history, she was granted the opportunity to study her home language, IsiZulu, which she had tirelessly fought for, in grade 11. She later went on to pass the subject with a distinction in her matric year. She believes that this was one of her greatest achievements, having contributed to the rich history of Vryheid High School.

Mbali Zondo has a degree in Bachelor of Social Science where she majored in Politics, Economics and Management. She is currently doing her Masters of Commerce in Management in the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. She has shown herself to be a formidable leader, rising as one of KZN's pillars in student politics. Leading as the 1st chairperson of her branch in 2017 at UKZN Howard College, she has mobilized one of the biggest strongholds of the EFFSC in KZN. Her leadership is well known to have been built through dedication, discipline and principle.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step, never undermine the POWER of that step."

