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COPE CHALLENGES YOUTH TO EMULATE '76 CLASS.

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The youth of our country are challenged to emulate the example of their forebears of 1976 and to create their history.

The youth of 1976 did not succumb to the conditions of hardship, marginalization, and exclusion but fought very hard against the apartheid regime and the educational inequalities that sought to deprive the black child of quality education.

"As COPE, we are appealing to today's youth to ensure that they build on the foundation laid by the June 76 class, work hard, and get involved in politics and civic society duties," said COPE Acting National Chairperson Pakes Dikgetsi.

"The youth of today suffer hardships, and many are discouraged. The unemployed graduates wallow in despair."

Dikgetsi added that the youth must ensure that they create their own future and rise against the oppression that still exists in the country. They must rise against the exploitation that in latter day South Africa.

A nation with no youth has no future.

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