

THE RWANDA SCHOOL PROJECT

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As we have reported in previous newsletters, we have put many measures in place to ensure the safety of our students. This includes several hand washing facilities, non-contact infrared thermometers, as well as washable masks for students and staff. Isolation rooms, one for male and one for female, have been set aside if necessary.

We thank you for your support this past year, and we look forward to 2021.

School Reopening



*Karl
Smith*

PRESIDENT

This has been quite a year! After a long wait since March 16, 2020 when the government of Rwanda closed schools to curb and prevent COVID-19 infections to the students in Rwanda, the government has announced a staged reopening of schools. Senior 3 (9th grade), Senior 5 (11th grade), and Senior 6 (12th grade) returned on November 2, with the rest returning on November 23 for a 22-week academic journey. All students are returning in the same grade they attended when school closed in March.

To ensure more safety for our students, all students are required to board on campus. To this end, we needed more living space, so during the COVID closure we added 45 additional rooms to the boys' dormitory. This building, shown in the photograph above, has been completed and is now ready for use. With this addition, Rwamagana Leaders' School has a capacity of accommodating 200 boarding students 100 female students and 100 male students. We thank you for your support this past year, and we look forward to 2021.

YALE YOUNG AFRICAN SCHOLARS (YYAS)

OUR STUDENTS, Melissa Kabanyana (S6--12th grade) and Fabrice Niyonsenga Muvunyi (S6--12th grade) were selected and attended the Yale Young African Scholars Program (YYAS). YYAS is an intensive academic and enrichment program designed for African secondary school students planning to pursue tertiary education and who wish to make a meaningful impact as young leaders on the continent. Melissa and Fabric enhanced their academic skills, received guidance on university admissions and career path options, and joined a network of young leaders from across Africa. Unlike previous programs where students gathered physically, this year's program was virtual from the 25 to 28 July 2020. To learn more about the program, please visit <https://africanscholars.yale.edu/>. Congratulations to Melissa and Fabric. Your leadership will inspire more of our students to attend in 2021.



BREAST CANCER INITIATIVE

Our students Nkera Serge Mugabo, Melissa Kabanyana Muvunyi, and Karangwa Sandra (pictured) attended the launch of The Breast Cancer Initiative East Africa (BCIEA), under the theme "One Breast Cancer Smartphone per Village" which aims at distributing smartphones to help raise awareness on breast cancer in Rwandan communities. Melissa Kabanyana Muvunyi said that her role is to spread awareness of breast cancer which is why she and other youth are going to form clubs that will spread the message regarding breast cancer beyond Rwamagana Leaders' School. More about this story is detailed here. <https://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/initiative-raise-awareness-breast-cancer-using-smartphone>





Please help us build a library

OUR MISSION: EDUCATE STUDENTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN RWANDAN SOCIETY

- Archive space for 4,000 books
- Meeting room
- Study Areas
- Administrative offices
- Health Clinic
- Teachers' offices
- Creative reading & mezzanine areas
- Space to promote creativity and concentration
- Includes expanding our dormitory space to 200 beds
- Will free up three classrooms in existing classroom building

HOW DO I DONATE?

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Give today, impact tomorrow!

WE HAVE A **TWO-PRONG STRATEGY** TO STAY OPEN DURING COVID AND FLOURISH AFTER A VACCINE IS AVAILABLE.

STEP 1: BUILD A LIBRARY

While part of our 5-year Master Plan, a new library would free up three classrooms. We need that extra space for social distancing and for safe student learning.

STEP 2: INCREASE STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

Because of COVID, all our students need to remain on campus. Currently we have 79 students who need sponsorships.



WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD START! PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.

FOR THE LIBRARY: ANNUAL DONATION FOR 3 YEARS

- \$10,000 GRAND BENEFACTOR
- \$5,000 BENEFACTOR
- \$1,000 CORNERSTONE
- \$500 BENCHMARK
- \$100 PARTNER
- MY _____ CHECK IS ENCLOSED



◀ GOAL: \$280,000

◀ RAISED: \$157,000

- 100% of RSP board pledged financial support
- 100% of Rwanda LEDO board pledged financial support
- 14 donors pledged \$157,000

TO SPONSOR A STUDENT: ONE YEAR DONATION

- \$1,920 SPONSORSHIP
- \$160/MO SPONSORSHIP
- \$80/MO HALF-SPONSORSHIP
- \$40/MO QUARTER-SPONSORSHIP
- _____ ANY DONATION HELPS



Nyungwe park, Nyungwe, Rwanda

MISSION STATEMENT

We provide high-quality secondary education in Rwanda by offering a secure and nurturing school environment that transforms vulnerable youth into future leaders and problem-solvers who champion environmental sustainability and social change.

VISION STATEMENT

We envision quality secondary education that is universally accessible and equitable, with the aim to equip Rwanda's youth with the necessary skills and tools to develop into the next generation of skilled and compassionate leaders.

VALUES STATEMENT

We set standards for responsibility and high achievement, and develop an inclusive, supportive, and trusting student body that is able to leverage critical thinking and make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond. Founded upon the principles of Christianity, we recognize and acknowledge students from all religious backgrounds and beliefs by promoting a school culture of respect, awareness, and tolerance. Core to our philosophy is experiential learning, a pedagogy that empowers students through cross-disciplinary instruction, project-based learning, global awareness and character-building.

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