

# La Salle College Kenya

Educating Hearts and Minds to Transform Lives

## Our Dream



Be Part of the Dream!

Visit: [www.lasallecollegekenya.org](http://www.lasallecollegekenya.org)

# La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology



The Proposed La Salle College Nairobi, Kenya  
[www.lasallecollegekenya.org](http://www.lasallecollegekenya.org)



“God has chosen you to  
do his work.”

Saint John Baptist De La Salle





- 5** MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL OF THE LWANGA DISTRICT  
We Are Blessed to Have a Friend Like You!
- 6** DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
- 7** LASALLIANS WORLDWIDE  
Our Global Network of Educational Excellence
- 8** 5 CORE PRINCIPLES OF LASALLIAN SCHOOLS
- 9** LASALLIAN TRANSFORMATION STORIES  
Our True Inspiration
- 10** LASALLIAN OPENING DOORS
- 12** LASALLIANS TRANSFORMING LIVES222
- 14** LA SALLE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
Our Vision! Our Passion! Our Future!
- 17** THE COLLEGE'S PROJECTED COSTING  
An Investment to Transform Lives
- 18** WHY PARTNER WITH US?
- 20** LET US CONNECT

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

# Message From The Provincial/Visitor Of The Lwanga District



## **Brother Betre Fisseha, FSC**

It is my honor to share with you the dream of Lasallians from the Lwanga District of Africa. Our sector has ventured into an ambitious project of building a world-class college in the heart of East Africa. Our project isn't just about a new building, it's about the young lives that will be transformed through Lasallian education.

Indeed, we are blessed to have friends like you, who support the growth and development of our District. Today, the Lwanga District includes ministries in six African countries (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria and South Africa). We have one of the largest formation programs of new young De La Salle Christian Brothers. This particular blessing not only allows us to carry on the work of our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, it also allows us to expand our teaching ministries to the poor. East Africa is attracting large populations of young adults who are in need of skilled educators. Kenya is the up-and-coming African hub of business, science and technology. We are here through God's grace, to help provide an education to the increasing number of young men and women living in and around the informal settlements in Nairobi, but all students are welcome to our campus.

I pray that you will consider joining us to realize this life-changing dream. You are one of our brothers and sisters in Christ and this amazing project will be built by the faith and commitment of friends like you. I pray that you receive many blessings in return for your generous spirit of help. I thank you on behalf of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and pray that God will bless you for your compassion and generosity to educate the poor.

We are blessed to have friends like you!

# De La Salle Christian Brothers

The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, also known as the De La Salle Christian Brothers, was founded by Saint John Baptist De La Salle (The Patron Saint of all Teachers) in 1680. The Lasallian education mission that started small by establishing schools for the children of the working class and the poor in Reims, France, has expanded beyond borders and has now reached 80 countries across the globe, including Kenya (since the 1950s).

Currently, there are over 1,100 educational centers that are run by the De La Salle Christian Brothers and dedicated lay associates (together referred to as Lasallians) serving more than 1,000,000 students, every day, worldwide. Close to 70 of these institutions of learning are colleges and universities in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the United States of America.

The Lwanga District was founded in 1996. Currently, the Lwanga District is present in six African countries. The Brothers of the District are responsible for educating over 20,000 students from primary school to university level education. There are over 30 young Brothers currently in formation studying at Christ the Teacher Institute of Education (the sponsor of the School of Education of Tangaza University) within the District of Lwanga.

In Kenya, the Brothers are running nine (9) outstanding educational institutions where poverty cycles have been broken through access to quality education. The Lwanga District has a strong educational track record and is ready to respond to the needs of the local community by constructing a new college of education, science & technology to help Africa meet the demands of her current and future children.

*“Are you ready to give your very life, so dear to you are the young people entrusted to you?”*

***St. John Baptist De La Salle***

# Lasallians Worldwide

Our Global Network of Educational Excellence

Led by Brother Armin Luistro, FSC, Superior General in Rome, the Global Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is present in 80 countries. The Christian Brothers Conference in the United States has become a major donor of the Campaign for construction of La Salle College in Kenya.



Source: lasallianresources.org

There are five global regions of Lasallians which encompass local Districts. The Region of North America is assisting the Lwanga District of East Africa to gather the financial resources to build their dream of La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology in Nairobi, Kenya. La Salle College will be one of many Lasallian higher education institutes across the African continent.

## OUR GLOBAL REGIONS ARE:

- PARC - Asia
- RELAF - Africa
- RELAL - Latin America
- RELAN - North America
- RELEM - Europe

# 5 Core Principles of LaSallian Schools

While we know that the schools of St. John Baptist de La Salle were a response to a particular social, cultural and religious situation in France at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, we also believe its characteristics - its essence - transcend his particular epoch and determine the shape of the Lasallian “education heritage” as it is handed down in our times.





# Lasallian Transformation Stories

Our True Inspiration

The Brothers of the Christian Schools have remained committed to their call of *Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds and Transforming Lives*.



## Teacher Training

Over the last 30 years, thousands of lay teachers have been trained by the Brothers of the Christian Schools and Lasallians in Nairobi, Kenya.



## Tradition

In the Lasallian tradition of educating those who are most in need, in the recent years, hundreds of students coming from Nairobi's informal settlements have been trained at Christ the Teacher Institute for Education (CTIE) which is the current sponsor of the School of Education of Tangaza University.

Over the years, the Brothers have made it possible for the children from the financially marginalized families to access quality education through availing scholarship opportunities since the founding of the Congregation in 1680. They have transformed the lives of millions of individuals, many of whom are giving back to their communities.

# Lasallians Opening Doors



**TRACY  
CTIE GRADUATE**

Tracy grew up in Kibera, one of Africa's largest slums. Most days as a young girl in school she went hungry. Thanks to a scholarship from the Brothers she is a certified teacher today.

Tracy was born and raised in one of the largest informal settlements (slums) in Nairobi, and the largest urban slum in Africa. In most cases, informal settlement life is all about survival; people use any means to keep living. The set-up is characterized by poverty, insecurity, unemployment, poor health systems, poor roads, and drug abuse among other social ills. Growing in such an environment is not a walk in the park; it is real struggle as expressed in Tracy's life.

"I had always seen life to be very unfair to me as I was growing up. Funny enough, this did not discourage me at all. Being brought up in the slum was not easy. Many times, I went to school

without having breakfast and staying in the school for a whole day without eating anything. I felt bad seeing others with lunch boxes enjoying their lunch while I had nothing to eat. After my primary school, I performed very well but I was unable to join secondary school due to lack of school fees. This was the lowest, toughest and most tempting time in my life as a young lady idling in the slum. I couldn't understand why God would allow me to pass through such an experience. After staying out of school for two years, well-wishers came through and educated me through high school even after the death of my mother in 2012.

Deep inside me, I felt that was the end of my dream, given that university education costs huge sums of money. How could a young girl who could hardly afford two meals a day afford to pay for university education? My life changed when I got a call from a religious Sister informing me that the Brothers of the Christian Schools had announced two scholarships for two most deserving ladies from the slum. I applied for the scholarship opportunity and explained my situation. My background was thoroughly checked and I was put under a Lasallian full sponsorship. Both my tuition and upkeep were catered for.

Indeed, at this time, a door of hope opened for me and a breath of fresh air given to my dream of pursuing university education. I am ever indebted to the Lasallian Catholic Education system. It has been a blessing not only to me, but many more Kenyan lives have been transformed through this tremendous generosity of quality and holistic education. I am a different (transformed) Tracy since, after my university

education, I am employed by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) as a Mathematics/-Computer teacher (my dream job that many would apply and not get) at a school located in Murang'a county which is about 85km from Nairobi. I moved out of the slum life. I only miss a meal if I choose to, and I am able to educate my siblings. I am grateful that I am transforming lives through education."



The Brothers  
draw their inspiration from the liberation  
stories of thousands of "Tracys" whom  
they have transformed. These are needy  
and deserving young men and women who  
were at the verge of losing their educational  
dream but their hands were held. Through  
La Salle College of Education  
Science & Technology,  
more hands shall  
be held.

# Lasallians Transforming Lives



## **DIDA CTIE GRADUATE**

Dida came from humble beginnings and the thought of receiving a university education felt unachievable. Through a scholarship his life changed, and he is now a teacher.

A transformational journey of a young man (Nkor Dida) who was born and brought up in a semi-arid land region in Kenya, affirms that with reduced educational inequalities, young men and women from financially challenged families can be solution-givers to their society. Despite coming from a region well-known for cattle rustling, poverty and child malnutrition that are exacerbated by drought and illiteracy, Dida has turned to be a blessing to his community and a role model to other youths in the Country.

Dida's journey to success is anchored in Kibera's ***Got Talent Project*** that commenced in 2019. Through this project, the Brothers of the Christ-

ian Schools partnered with Misesan Cara and made available 40 tuition scholarships for needy young men and women to pursue university education. Dida was one of them.

Dida says, "Through this project, I got an opportunity to join university and my tuition fee burden was taken away. This changed my life. My excitement was short-lived. Reality hit me when I started school in January 2020. A partial orphan from a drought-stricken region needed to cater for his upkeep and rent cost. Everything was a struggle and I opted to go back home and find work to do, at least to save some money to sustain my stay in school. This was during the COVID-19 pandemic period. While at home, I received a call from the Institute asking me to report back for classes after face-face classes resumed. I shared my challenges with the Institute and to my surprise, I was put on USD 50 monthly stipend sponsorship that saw me through university. This raised my grades and self-esteem which gave me the confidence to venture into other programs. While a student, my course facilitator, who was impressed by my involvement in community sensitization during the COVID-19 pandemic, introduced me to an international organization that responds to water sanitation and hygiene emergencies to save lives.

The organization took me in as a volunteer (field consultant and coordinator) and two months later, my team was already carrying out bleach-making trainings and health education sessions in Samburu County. In 2021, I participated in a limitless program challenge by the International Federation of the Red Cross Solferino Academy.

The challenge required young people from across the world to ideate and come up with innovative ways of helping their communities recover from the effects of COVID-19. I submitted two ideas. One was focusing on teenage pregnancy and menstrual hygiene and the second one was on sanitation which entailed training communities and giving them bleach-makers that generate industrial bleach from salt, water and 12V power supply. With my ideas, I was ranked among the top sixty innovators in the world.

This gave me a seeding funding 2500 CHF (Swiss Franc) from the academy which enabled my team to ship bleach-makers from the USA. The project was successfully concluded by the end of 2022. In reference to the Kenya Red Cross Society 2022 annual volunteer awards, my contribution to the humanitarian world was recognized. I was awarded the Kenya Red Cross Society Youth Volunteer of the Year 2022, an award that recognizes volunteer who has overcome diversity and

made great contribution to humanity and shown great devotion to help others. This was inspiring to me and many others.

In February 2023, out of a pool of 476 applicants, I was selected to be one of the two Kenya Red Cross Youth Delegates to Denmark for a leadership academy that took place in May 2023. Further, the International Organization invited me to their Headquarters in USA where I addressed an annual luncheon in the city of Louisville, KY, and met other stakeholders. I go back to the society as a fully changed, empowered and a networked person. The Brothers of the Christian Schools gave me and my friends "breath to live again". Personally, my Heart has been Touched, my Mind Taught and my Life Transformed. I am changing the story of my family and society at large. In a few years, I will be enrolling for a Master's Program. As a dreamer, I foresee myself starting an NGO back at home that will empower the pastoral communities through providing them with access to quality education; a tool that I strongly believe is instrumental in transforming a society from a local action to a global reach. All this could not have happened if not for a successful partnership between Misesan Cara and the Brothers of the Christian Schools. I will be forever indebted to them.

The Brothers of the Christian Schools have a bigger dream of producing thousands of the likes of Dida. This has yielded to La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology in Nairobi Kenya. You can be part of this dream! Let us partner and make it happen!



# La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology

Our Vision! Our Passion! Our Future!



*Proposed Design of LSC-EST*

Inspired by the Brothers' theme for the year 2022: *To Dream Is Our Way Forward* and in following the footsteps of our Founder who responded to the needs of the time, the De La Salle Christian Brothers together with their Lasallian associates are taking a daring dream of establishing a college in Kenya, La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology (LSC-EST).

The vision of the institution: "To be the center of innovation and educational excellence for socio-economic transformation" is underpinned by the motto of the College: "**Educating hearts and minds to transform lives.**" The college will expand the Lasallian Catholic Education in Kenya which is characterized by quality education, concern for the most in need, holistic approach to education, and faith in God.

LSC-EST will be a hub for innovation, holistic education, and a home for all but with a special focus on students who come from marginalized sectors of society. A state-of-the-art facility of LSC-EST shall expand the educational infrastructure space in Kenya; thus, providing more and better opportunities for Kenyan young women and men coming from financially marginalized areas to pursue tertiary education.



La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology will offer a variety of programs that allow for quality training of educators.



Our School of Science and Technology will train future engineers in critical thinking and collaborative problem solving.

# La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology

La Salle College of Education Science & Technology (LSC-EST) will offer a demand-driven curriculum in the areas of Education, Applied Sciences and Information Technology. All of the programs will be tailored to meet the evolving socio-economic needs of the country. Certificate, Diploma and Degree programs will be availed to meet students' needs. The College shall be anchored on quality education, relevant research and innovation.

Through La Salle College of Education Science & Technology, committed quality educators, community leaders, researchers and innovators will be produced.

The De La Salle Christian Brothers strongly believe in partnerships. LSC-EST will collaborate with other Lasalian institutions globally to bring the best educational learning and teaching experiences to Kenya.

Ultimately, LSC-EST will strive to play its role to: End Poverty (SDG 1); Promote Quality Education (SDG 4); Reduce Inequalities (SDG 10); Enhance Partnerships (SDG 17) and provide solutions through research and innovation.

## Four Pillars For Success:

### ● Highest Quality Education

We will focus on recruitment of talented educators and students, as well as offering high quality programs.

### ● Relevant Research

We will place research at the heart of the institution. We commit to finding resources and partnerships to create a culture of research to respond to the needs of the society.

### ● Engagement and Partnerships

We will ensure that programs are relevant both for entrepreneurship and employment for graduates.

### ● Operational Effectiveness

We commit to invest in technology and infrastructure.

# The College's Projected Costs

An Investment to Transform Lives

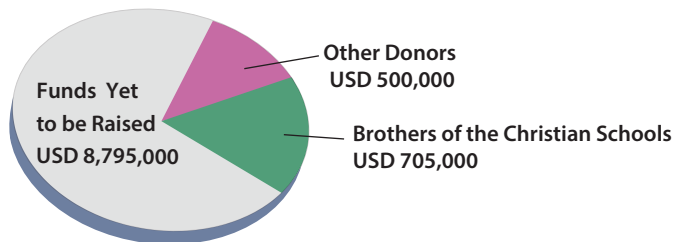
La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology is not primarily about the physical buildings; it is about building and transforming lives. The total construction and start-up costs for the college is USD 10,000,000.

## Projected Costs

Narration	USD
Construction Related Costs	8,500,000
Office and Facilities Furnishing	500,000
Start up Operations and Activities	500,000
Scholarship Endowment	500,000
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>

## Our Achievements So Far

- i. Land Allocation:** The De La Salle Christian Brothers of the Lwanga District have made available 10.23 acres piece of land in Karen, estimated USD 6,000,000 for establishing La Salle College.
- ii. Partners Contributions:** In a special way, we thank our partners for standing with the La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology dream. We appreciate your contributions and commitments. Below is our achievement so far.



***You Can Be Part of  
This Amazing Dream!***

The De La Salle Christian Brothers and their associates acknowledge that they will not be able to raise all the necessary funds to construct the proposed educational facility and further provide financial support to needy students alone. Our desire is to raise the remaining USD 8.795 Million to realize this dream. Let us collaborate to build La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology.



# Why Partner With Us?

La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology is a viable and sustainable project that will be:

- a. Hub for Innovation, Quality Education and Research;
- b. Home for students who come from financially marginalized areas (at least 25% of the students' population will be needy students on scholarships);
- c. Place for state-of-the-art modern facility that befits the current and future education needs;
- d. College that offers demand-driven programs; and
- e. Link between students and employers/entrepreneurs.





# Back View of the Proposed La Salle College, Nairobi, Kenya



# La Salle College of Education, Science & Technology



*Proposed Design of LSC-EST*

An innovative vocational technical college to meet the educational demands of the young and growing population of East Africa. Our vision is to empower more individuals in Africa to transform their own destinies, and in many cases, to overcome cycles of generational poverty and to become a center of innovation and educational excellence for socio-economic transformation within the sector.

## Let Us Connect

Bro. Dennis Lee, FSC

**La Salle College Project Director**

Email: [projectdirector@lasallegekenya.org](mailto:projectdirector@lasallegekenya.org)

Phone: (+1)929 3654 833

Bro. Prof. Paulos W. Mesmer, FSC

**La Salle College Project Coordinator**

Email: [projectcoordinator@lasallegekenya.org](mailto:projectcoordinator@lasallegekenya.org)

Phone: (+254) 729 924 839 | 771 800 737

De La Salle Center, Lang'ata North Road

P. O. Box 24083 – 00502

Nairobi, Kenya

Web: [www.lasallegekenya.org](http://www.lasallegekenya.org)