

Lasallians Transforming Lives

AN UPDATE FROM NAIROBI, KENYA

November 15th, 2024 was a big day for the Lasallian family. Sixty-nine (69) beneficiaries of the Friends of CTIE Scholarship Program were awarded degrees in Education in a colorful graduation ceremony held at Tangaza University. The ceremony was graced by H.E Most Rev. Hubertus Maria Van Megen, Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya, and on this same day H. E. Dr. William S. Ruto, CGH, the President of the Republic of Kenya among many other dignitaries.

Graduation celebrations form the pinnacle of the liberation journey for the needy and deserving young men and women from poor backgrounds under the care and love of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Friends of CTIE. The financial support we received over the years from well wishers has propelled access to quality education (Lasallian Education) in remote villages, informal settlements, and other vulnerable regions. Through your generosity, the hearts of humanity have been touched and awakened among the beneficiaries; minds have been empowered; and self-value have been realized.

We are grateful that our collaborative efforts have promoted access to quality education for hundreds of students, broken the inter-generational cycle of poverty for many families; and reduced inequalities between the haves and have-nots. Stride after stride, we are transforming lives.

Graduate Beneficiaries and Part of the Administrators on the Graduation Eve.



MESSAGES FROM THE RECENT GRADUATES

I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DOORS YOU OPENED FOR ME!

Eunice Juma - Beneficiary of Friends of CTIE / Mr. Alan Scholarship



My upbringing was a tough one. My mother worked tirelessly as a charcoal seller to make ends meet. Many times, she could be faced with a difficult choice of either paying school fees or providing food for her six children. The financial burden weighed heavily on the family to the extent that opportunities for higher education were out of reach. We could hardly take three meals a day.

When I was about to join university, life became more difficult. I became a mother to a lovely daughter who keeps inspiring me. This delayed my university enrolment for one year. Thereafter, I joined university but with the situation at home, my mother could not afford school fees, pay my house rent, feed me, and support my other siblings back at home. I was on the brink of dropping out of school.

I expressed my situation to Christ the Teacher Institute for Education (CTIE) Administration and guess what? I was placed under Mr. Alan Scholarship Program. This was a ray of hope shining through the darkness. I received a full scholarship for four years, a chance that seemed too good to be true.

This was a turning point in my life. This opportunity expanded my knowledge, broadened my horizons, and opened doors to new possibilities. It instilled in me a sense of purpose and a drive to make the most of the opportunities that came my way. It shaped my character, values, and aspirations. It was a transformative experience that lifted me out of hardship and propelled me towards a future filled with promise and potential.

My heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Alan and his family for his incredible generosity in paying for my university fees over the past four years. Mr. Alan, your support has truly transformed my life and given me an opportunity I could have only dreamed of. I will forever be grateful for the doors you have opened for me. I am committed to making the most of the education you have provided.

Your faith in me motivates me to strive for excellence in all that I do, and I trust that one day I will be in a position to pay your kindness to those in need. Once again, thank you for being such a crucial part of my journey. *Eunice Juma*

THE SCHOLARSHIP RESTORED MY FUTURE

Mercy Jelimo - Beneficiary of Friends of CTIE / Mr. Ross Scholarship



After weeks of stress and sleepless nights wondering how to get food, pay rent, tuition fees, and thoughts of dropping school, hope seemed like a distant memory, I received a phone call that changed everything. I was awarded a scholarship under the care of Mr. Ross. The news felt unreal and for the first time, I experienced the burden on my shoulders taken off. This moment reignited a spark within me. It was a sign that my prayers, efforts, and struggles had not gone unnoticed.

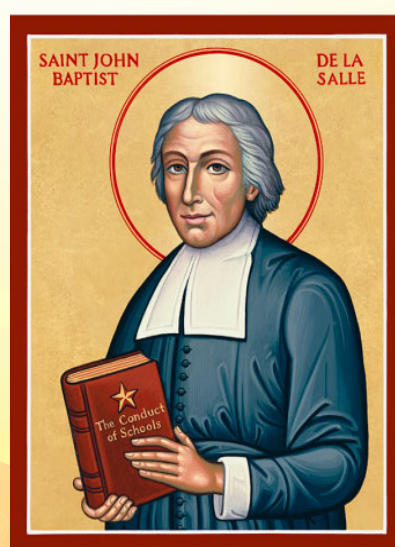
This scholarship did more than cover my tuition; it restored my belief in myself and my future. As I reflect on this four year journey, my heart is full of gratitude. I have graduated with a second class Upper Division GPA of 68.87 points, and I can't be more than grateful for the support CTIE has given me. Mr. Joe Ross's Scholarship has been life changing for many students, including me. Thank you for changing our lives.

Life has never been easy for me. Having been raised by my single mother, a woman whose strength was unmatched despite her limited means, every day was a struggle for us. This was compounded by the fact that my father's family had turned their backs on us, leaving us to navigate hardships on our own. Watching my mum struggle was an inspiration for me to work harder and change our family story.

This experience has taught me that even in the darkest times, there is always a light waiting to guide us. And when it does, it can transform not only our circumstances but who we are as individuals.

Mercy Jelimo

When I received my university acceptance letter, it was a moment of mixed emotions. The excitement of starting this new chapter was quickly overshadowed by the grim reality that we had no way to cover my tuition fees. I vividly remember making the difficult call to the university administration, crying and my voice shaking as I explained that I would have to defer my studies due to financial constraints. To my surprise, I was told to report to school and everything would be figured out.



MY ACCOMPLISHMENT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE LASALLIAN KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Moses Mudave - Beneficiary of Friends of CTIE Scholarship



I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable support I received from the Friends of CTIE throughout my university journey. I am deeply honored to have been a scholarship recipient under this program, generously sponsored by the Lasallian Community.

Coming from a single-parent household, with my mother as my sole provider, I faced significant financial challenges in my pursuit of higher education.

Despite these struggles, my dreams of obtaining a degree in education (English Grammar and English Literature) would not have been realized without you. Your support lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus on my studies wholeheartedly, ultimately helping me achieve my academic goals.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Christ the Teacher Institute of Education (CTIE) Administration for the Friends of CTIE scholarship support. I am incredibly grateful for your guidance and assistance in providing me with this life-changing opportunity.

As a graduate, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and pride, knowing that my accomplishments are not only a result of my hard work but also a testament to the kindness and generosity extended to me by Lasallians. The opportunity you provided me has been transformative, allowing me to envision a brighter future and equipping me with the tools I need to contribute positively to society.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. I am determined to honor your trust by using my education to make a meaningful impact on others, just as you have done for me. *Moses Mudave*

Kenyan Lasallians

The Lasallian transformation story is anchored in you (our friends) who believe in and support our mission. Through your demonstrated acts of love and concern for the poor, a seed of generous giving back has been sowed in our graduate beneficiaries. Their education dreams have now been realized and their lives are holistically transformed. We strongly believe access to quality education is the best weapon to eradicate poverty. On behalf of Eunice, Mercy, Moses, and **sixty-six** other grateful graduates of 2024, we thank you Lasallians for partnering with us on behalf of

this worldwide mission to better the society. We are blessed to have friends like you.

While the mission is changing the lives of many poor young people as affirmed by the graduate beneficiaries, we acknowledge that without your financial support, the education mission may have remained just a dream. We urge you, friends, to continue standing with us in our educational mission through your prayers and financial generosity.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever!