



International School Moshi



ISM Scholarship students 2009 and 2010: Ines, Abraham, Suzan, Vivian and Desmond.

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Inspiring individuals to be lifelong learners in a global community

In **Baseball** it's a **Grand Slam**

Hongera **Mhula Ngassa, Suzan Efata, Ines Muganyizi and Desmond Mushi!**

All four of the ISM scholarship students have secured scholarships to study at universities in Canada and United States in September 2009.

After one year out of school, working at the KCCO eye clinic at KCMC and as an assistant boarding parent at ISM, Mhula has become the third ISM scholarship graduate to win the prestigious "International Leader of Tomorrow Award" from the University of British Columbia. He will join ISM scholarship alumni **Daniel Mundeve** and **Leonard John** on campus in beautiful Vancouver, B.C., in the fall.

Ines was fortunate to be offered two scholarships: One to Trent University in Ontario, Canada, and one to Connecticut College in the U.S. She opted for Connecticut. Her choice left the Trent scholarship open for the next student on the university's wait list. It turns out it was Suzan! Meanwhile, Desmond will join Ines in New England. He will attend Bates University in Maine.

This four for four success comes thanks to their hard work, study habits as well as the perseverance of guidance councillor Beth Beveridge, the conduit who helped make this all happen. In baseball, this would be called hitting a Grand Slam, a term these North American-bound university students will soon get to know.

Their acceptance reflects the quality of an ISM education and highlights just how successful International School Moshi's Scholarship Programme is.

The ISM Scholarship Programme is entering its 7th year offering full scholarships to outstanding Tanzanian students to study the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at our Moshi boarding campus.

The Scholarship Programme was created to extend excellent education to outstanding Tanzanian students who, for financial reasons, would not otherwise have access. Its goal is to develop and prepare these students for future leadership positions within the nation and East Africa.

Students chosen for the Scholarship Programme have shown they are committed to improving themselves, their communities and Tanzania, through hardwork and social responsibility. To date, 16 students have been offered full ISM Scholarships.

Two new students **Salome Kiduko**, 18, from Dar es Salaam, and **Joseph Chuwa**, 19, from Iringa, will join ISM in August 2009. As they move ahead we will follow their progress.

Meanwhile, please read on to discover what Tanzania's future leaders are up to.





Mhula Ngassa heads to UBC

Mhula Ngassa was awarded the “International Leaders of Tomorrow Award” at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada. He will join fellow ISM scholarship students Daniel Mundeve, ('08), who won the same full four-year scholarship last year, and Leonard John, ('06), who got the award in 2007.

“Amazing,” is how Mhula, 22, describes this turn of events after the disappointment of not getting a scholarship in 2008.

“When I got that scholarship I thought, maybe that was meant to be like that last year, when I didn’t get it. Maybe I was meant to go to the same school as my friend, the short fellow, Daniel.”

The “International Leaders of Tomorrow Award” is given to the person who shows leadership skills in their community. For Mhula, at ISM, that included being the student representative to the board of directors and a member of the student boarding council. Back home he volunteered as a teacher at a secondary school. At UBC, Mhula will study applied science with his sights on chemical engineering. Last summer he worked for Barrack as a student mining engineer, learning how mining, chemical and mechanical engineers each apply their skills in the field.

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Ines Muganyizi off to Connecticut

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“I’m not nervous,” says Ines about heading to the United States to attend Connecticut College, the liberal arts school that accepted her on scholarship. “I’m excited.”

“I was hoping, but I didn’t know, that I would get a scholarship offer that early,” says Ines, who thought she would wait months, maybe even years for the opportunity. That she was able to choose between two — Connecticut College and Trent University in Canada — is not lost on her. “I had such luck,” she says. “I worked hard and I got it on time.”

Ines feels boarding life and the rigorous IB Diploma Programme, have prepared her for college. She wants to study environmental studies — the college has an award-winning programme in this field — and international relations. “Being at ISM has prepared me a lot — living with students from different countries and the difficult curriculum — I can interact with people from different cultures. That is what I am going to face over there.”

What will she miss most when she leaves ISM? “Interaction in the dorms. People are always there to make you enjoy the boarding life, despite the IB stresses and all those essays.”

Ines plans to work this summer in Dar es Salaam before she heads to college in the fall.



Desmond Mushi, a Bates man

“I was really excited when I got my first reply,” says Desmond Mushi of his first acceptance letter from a university. “It meant I was capable of being an undergrad.”

In the end, he accepted a four-year scholarship to Bates College in Maine. “I really liked that it is smaller – 1,700 students – and one of the best liberal arts colleges,” says Desmond, who credits his extra curricular activities with giving him the edge on his application to Bates. His work outside the classroom has been impressive. He has coached football and organized a tournament, worked on hard labour projects at Kidachini and Mwereni, and played games with the orphans at Light in Africa. Desmond spent last summer teaching at a school in Butiama and plans to do something similar in a different community before he heads to university at the end of August. He’s been considering studying medicine or politics, but is no longer certain what career he will choose. “I just want to help. It doesn’t have to be big. I’d be happy if I can work with kids and give them the desire to help others. I want to help improve their education.”

“My father did not go to school, but he sees that if you put so much effort into something, you can succeed.

“He is happy I made it myself.”

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Suzan Efata takes on Trent U

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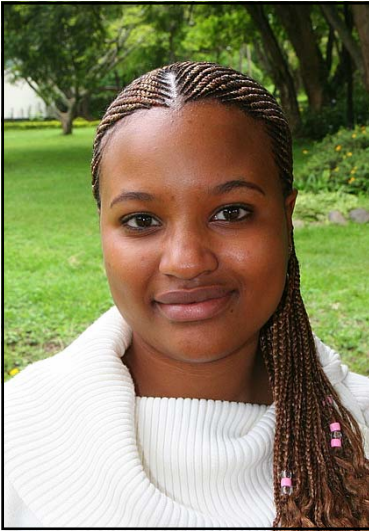
Suzan spent much of this year writing essays for university applications. “Too many. Twenty three!” says the 19-year-old from Moshi. But with each paper she wrote, she was able to refine the process and improve her essay writing skills to great success! She landed a scholarship to Trent University in Ontario, Canada, where she will study bio-chemistry. She wants to become a pediatrician.

Suzan is quite nervous about her move to North America. “I’ve never been away from home for such a long time and I don’t know what it looks like there.” But she figures being at ISM and having lived with people from different backgrounds is an edge. “I got to learn so many things.”

The strangest experiences at ISM this year were Spirit Day, when her D2 classmates dressed like hippies, and watching Keiron White and the other teachers perform a version of Mama Mia! at variety night. “I found the silly behaviour of the teachers strange.”

But she figures such antics over the past two years have prepared her for campus life in Canada and the “IB has prepared me for university studies.”





Vivian Ngowi

Vivian Ngowi has come up with a solution to the biggest challenge she faced adjusting to IB studies and enjoying all the extra curricular activities ISM has to offer.

“I found a way to organize myself so I have time for everything and so I don’t have a nervous breakdown, says the 18-year-old who just completed D1. “I keep a diary of everything.”

Otherwise Vivian says she would have spent all of her time cracking the books. “Thanks to CAS, I don’t just study. It makes me make time for other activities and explore my talents.”

This year this included joining a D1 band, piano lessons and getting involved in theatre productions. Vivian will spend the summer working on her extended essay in economics. She is interested in marketing structures, advertising and branding.

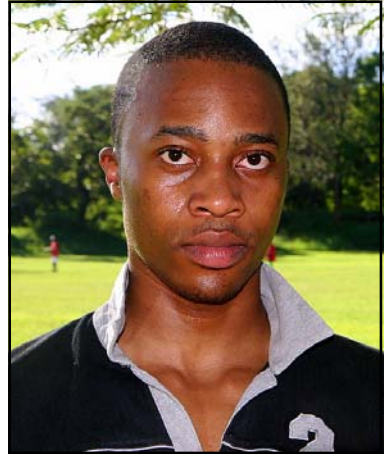
Abraham Ng’hwani

The first year of IB has been a tough transition year for Abraham, but the 19-year-old has risen to the challenge.

“IB is turning me into an academic person,” he says. “Even though it is harder, I actually enjoy school more than before.”

The biggest difference is the mix of academic work with the rest of it – sports, community service, music. “I enjoy doing it all. Before it didn’t exist in my mind as school work. The IB system just makes me fall into the rest of it.”

Abraham also participated in the Model United Nations and coached football to groups of local students. He wants to study medicine in the future. But first Abraham will return to Shinyanga this summer where he will work in the community shamba. He plans to incorporate that work into research for his extended essay.



SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT GRADUATES

Daniel Mundevea '08

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Daniel was overwhelmed by the size — 40,000 students — and the collective brain capacity at UBC but quickly found his place. He threw himself into leadership roles participating in UBC's biggest Student Leadership Conference as both a facilitator and a participant. His presentation was titled, "Africa from an African Perspective: Simple Minds on Complex Matters." Daniel connected with the "authentic" Vancouver community playing soccer off-campus as well as through the Church and participated in a University Christian Ministry weekend retreat at Hope. "I had the side advantage of taking on the closest, highest, snow covered hill, not as challenging as Kili, but tough enough." Daniel will be home in Kahama this summer to refuel with the African spirit and to work out new community services.



Catherine Kayila '06

COTTEY COLLEGE, MONTANA, USA

Catherine completed her first year at the all-girls college, with a GPA of 4. This put her on the Presidents' List as one of the school's top 10 students and was one of 4 awards she won this year including highest cumulative grade point average. Catherine is at Cottey on a scholarship that covers 80 per cent of her education. The other 20 per cent is funded by private sponsors.

At first she was homesick, but the college's family-like atmosphere made it easy to settle in. Catherine, who comes from Shinyanga, is president of the International Friendship Circle and treasurer of the Student Government Association among other clubs. She spent spring break in St. Louis, where she went to the top of the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the Zoo! "It was so much fun to see the lions, zebras and giraffes from Africa." She will volunteer at a women's shelter over the summer.





Leonard John '06

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Leonard John just completed his second year at UBC. The 24-year-old who is originally from Dodoma, is the first of three ISM students to receive the International Leader of Tomorrow Award at U.B.C. where he got a full scholarship to study Computer Science. He is the Sports representative for the Computer Science Students Society (CSSS) where he organizes social and sport events within the department. He is also volunteering his time teaching Kiswahili. Leonard will work part-time this summer while he continues to take summer courses. Come September he plans to study “vigorously to fulfill the requirements for my bachelor degree.”

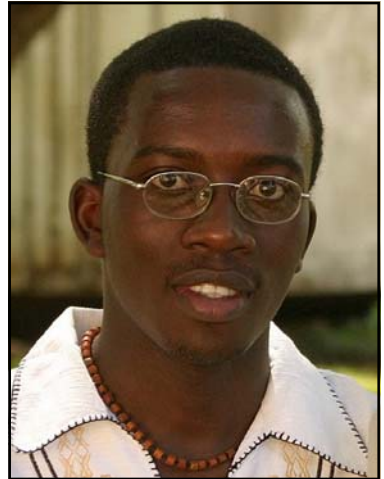
Nicholaus Mollé '06

AMHERST COLLEGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Nicholaus Mollé is studying computer science at Amherst College in Massachusetts where he just completed his second year. He ended this semester doing research on Africa-related projects. For his foreign policy class, he looked at U.S. foreign policies in Angola. And in his film and media course he looked at Kenyan and Tanzanian political cartoonists and censorship in the age of internet. The work was presented in a blog:

<http://internetafrica.wordpress.com/>

This summer, Nicholaus, who is from Arusha, is working on preliminary research for his thesis project in computer science. “The work is going to be on artificial neural networks and computer virtual memory.” He plans to spend a month and a few weeks at Dartmouth College working in its IT department as a computer security intern.

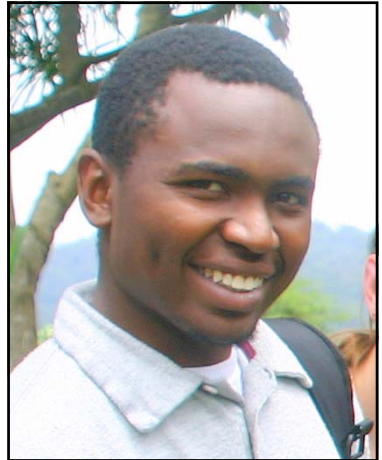


SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT GRADUATES

Stephen Lwendo '06

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Stephen, who is from Arusha, just completed his third year at Harvard University where he is studying engineering. Over spring break he carried the Tanzanian flag at the Education Without Borders Conference in Dubai. This summer he will be in Namibia where he will deploy Microbial Fuel Cells for Project Lebone, which he brought to Tanzania last summer. Stephen will also work with the One Laptop Per Child Project in Namibia and will attend a workshop about that project in Rwanda. Then it's back to Cambridge to work on a research project and his senior design project.



Marceline Finda '05

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Marceline will enter her final year at Western Washington University in Bellingham this fall, where she is majoring in Biochemistry (BS) and Anthropology/Biology (BA). This year she worked at the university's tutoring center where she was a math and chemistry tutor. "The most fun I've had this past year was Boni's visit for the Thanksgiving weekend. I hadn't seen him for almost four years. It was the closest to home that I had gotten for the almost three years that I have been here. Marceline will be back in Tanzania this summer. "I really can't wait; it's been the longest time I have ever been away from home." She will meet her new extended family, reconnect with her mother and brothers and friends and work at KCCO. "So I'm really looking forward to being home again.





Boniventura Mwapule '04

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Boniventura Mwapule graduated from Duke University, N.C., on May 10, 2009 with a B.Sc. in Economics and a B.A. in French Studies! "I am happy now after having gone through all this, it's been a very tough time for me. It has been bizarre too because I felt like university life was too challenging for me compared to all my previous schooling, something I wasn't expecting." Boniventura, who is from Tanga, hopes to work as a language instructor in the U.S. for the next year and then start a Masters program in 2010. After that he plans to return to Tanzania to work.

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