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KF STUDENT GRADUATION

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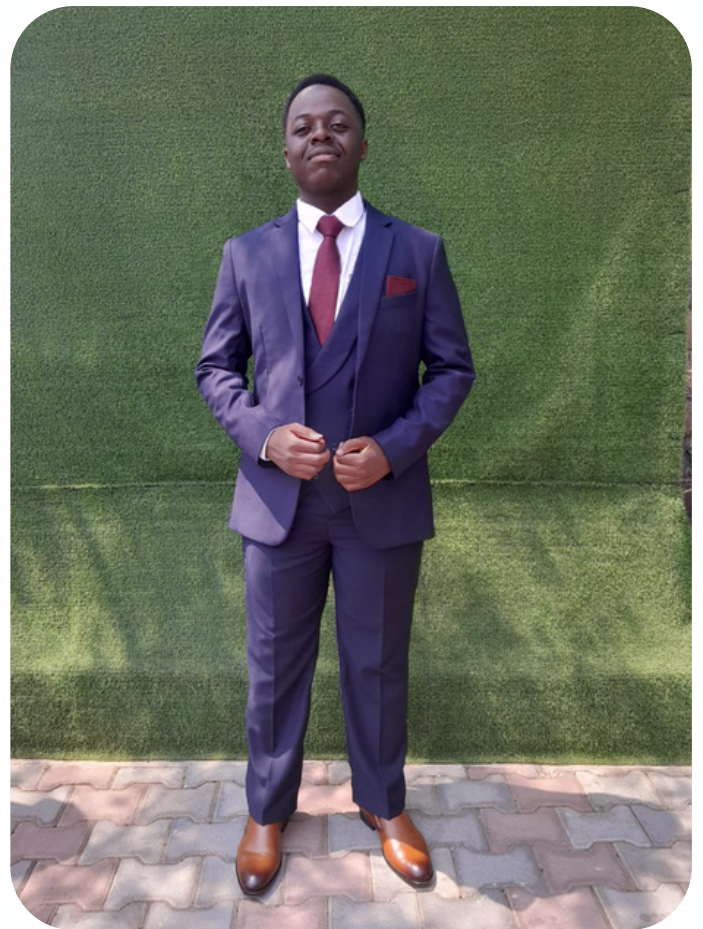
*PAULINE MASAKA AT
CHALO TRUST SCHOOL GRADUATION*

For some, it was a fantastic day to move a step forward in life and leave high school, but for others, it was a sad day because they had to leave behind all they had built for almost half a decade. Regardless, graduation day is a very cardinal day for everyone.

The 2022 graduation was very eventful and unique. It was the graduation of the first-ever IB cohort at Pestalozzi, and oddly it was held just a week before our final exams.

The most exciting aspect of the graduation is the award-giving ceremony. This could greatly elate everyone, even if not on the receiving end of the awards. It was a delightful awards ceremony for the Kucetekela Foundation in IB.

I received three subject awards, namely, the Best Student in Biology, Mathematics, and Geography, while my fellow KF student and close friend, Emmanuel Mutambo received the Business Management and Creativity, Activity, and Service awards. In addition, the Physics award was given to Grace Muyunda. This left only four other awards to other students.



ANTHONY KUNDA AT PEC GRADUATION

KF STUDENT GRADUATION CONTINUED

Graduating was a significant accomplishment for me. Afterward, I realized everything is up to me, and I must make things happen independently. It is euphoric to have completed what I call my biggest challenge yet. School had its ups and downs, but I'm happy to see that I have gone through pre-tertiary education.

I'm very grateful to be part of KF, who saw me through this journey that would have ended differently without them.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

REFLECTION ON ABEL NJAMBA

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ABEL NJAMBA ZULU, KF GRADUATE, PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)

I have known Abel Njamba for only three years, but his impact is remarkable and monumental. His departure after completing his last exam papers was both saddening and elating to me: sad because I wouldn't have as close an interaction with him as I would have loved, but elating because he was leaving to take on another challenge in life.

Being a person with impeccable accomplishments and participation in numerous extra-curricular activities, throughout his high school life, Abel is an ideal KF student! Attaining awards ranging from debates, sports, and even academic excellence, the school treasured him. With his intense passion for basketball, he made the most of the time he spent on the school team till his hard work earned him a gold medal. He did explore his other interests in things like music, dancing, chess, soccer, and reading. This helped him in his quest to find the best version of himself.

Abel helped me grow by urging me to try new activities. Abel also helped me with school and could always relate with and understand me in ways that other people couldn't. He knew his way around things, and his resilience will always set a good example and model everyone could look up to.

REFLECTION ON ANTHONY KUNDA

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*ANTHONY KUNDA, KF GRADUATE,
PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)*

Having someone like Anthony Kunda near me was genuinely a blessing. He always encouraged me to study hard to brighten my future. He made me have a tremendous experience at Pestalozzi boarding house and the school. Anthony is one person who has a great interest in reading and he has read a variety of educative books.

I met Anthony Kunda in 2020, the first week I started school at Pestalozzi Education Centre. I am delighted that I have known someone like Anthony Kunda because such people are rare.

Anthony has contributed to my personal growth by offering real-life teaching, such as how to conduct myself, be open-minded, and be ready to do anything positive and productive. I usually looked up to Anthony for his bravery in positively reacting to change. He was persistent, patient, humble, practical, and respectful. He laid an excellent foundation for the junior KF students.

The other side of Anthony is that he loves watching movies and playing different sports. Sadly, in his final year of high school, he never had much time to play sports due to the pressure he received from class and considering that he was writing exams. However, he took advantage of every free time he had to play basketball, badminton, volleyball, and a bit of football with his fellow students. He has been a role model to many and could tell us some great stories about his Kucetekela Foundation journey.

Further, Anthony has motivated me to continue with Art because I nearly lost hope in it. Through his drawings, paintings, and crafts, he has managed to uplift my spirit. He is the school's most outstanding artist who left a tremendous and memorable impact on everyone. Thanks to the Kucetekela Foundation for recruiting Anthony Kunda and allowing me to meet and learn from him. He has been helpful not only to me but to everyone around him. Anthony Kunda is one of my role models and one of the people I will never forget.

REFLECTION ON BLESSINGS KASABO

Blessings Kasabo is a sweet, friendly, jovial, and fun person who associates with almost everyone and helps them with whatever problem they may have. She is a person who is full of life, always focuses on the positive things in life. She cares about the people and the environment and likes exploring the world, learning new things, and engaging in activities that bring out her unique personality, talents, and capabilities.

During my first year of boarding school, I was so insecure and had no friends. Blessings Kasabo was the first person to walk up to me and offered to be my Playing-Mom. She advised me on how to live with others, helped me develop communication skills, and made me feel at home when I was so uneasy in this new environment.

Blessings Kasabo always corrected me when I was on the wrong path and was there for me when I needed someone to talk to. As if that was not enough, she helped me overcome my negative mindset with her positive energy.

Her leadership skills, social skills, and problem-solving were exceptional. Her interest in helping people is something I looked up to. At one point, she took interest in helping me with my mental health assessment during my RISE application. In summary, Blessings is a people person and makes people comfortable around her. I will miss her greatly and will always look up to her.



*BLESSINGS KASABO, KF GRADUATE,
PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)*

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GLADYS MWANGALA

REFLECTION ON EMMANUEL MUTAMBO

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PATRICK SIMUYEMBA

Being involved in most of the great activities inspired by a great leader has been a privilege for me. When I thought I could not do it, Emmanuel held me by my hands and said I could do it. Emmanuel Mutambo has played a very impactful and unforgettable role in my academic and extracurricular life. He made sure to spare his time by socializing with everyone and put us in the right direction when we went astray.

Emmanuel often brought us together when we seemed to be drifting apart as the KF family. He sacrificed his time to understand us and improve cooperation amongst ourselves. One characteristic of great leaders is a "No segregation" rule, which Emmanuel Mutambo possesses. While serving as school Head Boy, he ensured no perceived segregation between KF and Pestalozzi Education Centre students.

Emmanuel was also an exceptional student who almost always was in the top five students in his class and in the process collected some awards. One wonders how he managed to strike that balance because apart from school, he took keen interest in extracurricular activities and made tremendous achievements. He is a great poet and he wrote some of the most moving pieces of poetry I have had time to listen to.

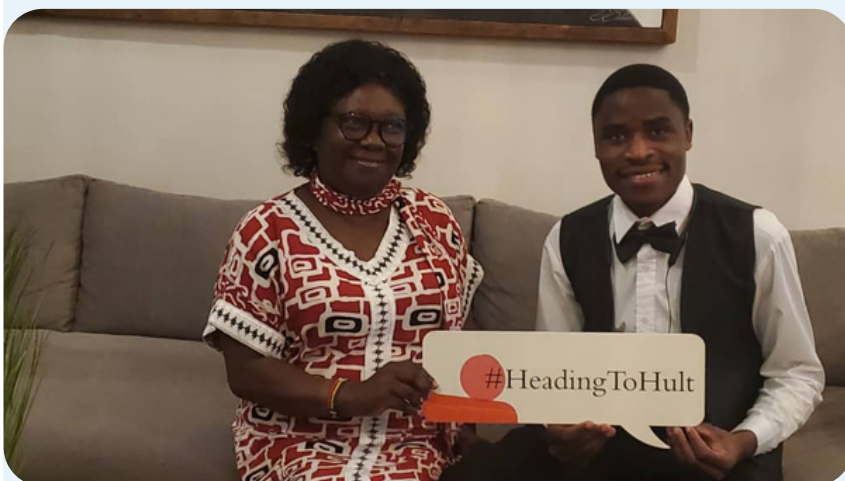


*EMMANUEL MUTAMBO, KF GRADUATE,
PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)*

EMMANUEL MUTAMBO STORY CONTINUED

One thing is for sure, Emmanuel is a born leader who is headed for great things. His inert leadership ability does not mean that he is bullish or mean, quite the opposite actually. He is calm, soft spoken and very humble. He thrives under pressure and mostly smiles through it. He truly is an exceptional being.

With the above said, he inspires and motivates me to do more incredible things than he has done. As time goes on, I pray he continues being that very great and active person everywhere he goes, as he did in school. I wish him all the best as he takes a new step in his life.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

REFLECTION ON GRACE MUYUNDA

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY:
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GRACE MUYUNDA KF GRADUATE, PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)

The first time I met Grace Muyunda was at Chalo Trust School during the Kucetekela Foundation recruitment process, and that was the exam stage. We had a chat and I discovered how social and kind she is. When I got into the Kucetekela Foundation program, I realized that she was moved to Pestalozzi Education Centre, the school where I was enrolled. This was a relief because I knew she would make me feel comfortable and welcome.

First and foremost, she is a hardworking person. During her stay in high school, she would always ensure to make time for her studies while maintaining her relationships. Since I was a new student, I would follow in her steps which I must say shaped my knowledge on how to live at school. When I first arrived at the school for the first time in grade 8, she was always there to guide me. In short, she was like a mentor to me. She would offer me advice whenever I needed it.

REFLECTION ON GRACE MUYUNDA

Grace is one of the most caring and helpful people I met at Pestalozzi. She would always be there for me. Her willingness to put her work aside and help those who were struggling amazed me. I remember the time I was applying for the Yale Young African Scholars Program, she helped me despite her preparations for a rigorous IB presentation.

Her being a first born in her family means she is a leader by nature. I am very proud to say she is indeed a good leader and it is no wonder she managed to attain the position of the Vice Head Girl in her final year of high school. She did not practice favoritism and would punish anyone who was an offender of the school rules regardless of their status, whether friend or a fellow KF scholar.

Grace is the kind of girl who is able to inspire others through her actions and behavior. She is also a great source of encouragement and strength for anyone going through challenges. I am mostly inspired by the way she handles problems. Though she may breakdown at times, she's primarily calm when bearing pressure and does not stress about solutions.

Despite the pressure from the IB curriculum, she maintained a positive attitude toward academics. This enabled her to overcome the challenges she faced and attain good scores. As a result of her determination and hard work, she earned a diploma which is a great accomplishment.

I pray and hope she continues with her personality. I enjoyed the three years I spent with her, and I wish her all the best in her new journey in life. May she continue being a blessing to others.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

REFLECTION ON PAULINE MASAKA

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PAULINE MASAKA KF GRADUATE, CHALO TRUST SCHOOL

85 Kuctekela Foundation students have graduated high school, and among them is Pauline Masaka, whose impact has given me enough reason to write about her. Pauline has been and will always be a big sister to look up to. Her positivity, strengths, and passions have been a drive to many students at Chalo Trust School.

In 2017, a group of innocent and ambitious young boys and girls from Pakachele primary school had to convince Kucetekela Foundation that they were worthy of a high-school scholarship. Among these was Pauline Masaka, emerged as the best candidate, was recruited into the KF scholarship and was enrolled at Chalo Trust School.

Since I stepped onto Chalo Trust school, I was convinced that she would head the student body someday. Her interaction with others, energy, passion, confidence, and morals made her a perfect match for school Head Girl.

REFLECTION ON PAULINE MASAKA

She made mistakes but always knew how to correct them, move on, develop and never repeat the same error. She has an impressive personality that calls for high leadership positions. Another attribute I love about Pauline is that she heeds instructions. She is very objective and knows how to take advantage of every resource and opportunity.

Pauline's admirable character and energy brought life to several school clubs, such as poetry, drama, and music. She is the former chair lady for the school choir and built the club so that the impact is discernible even after she left. Apart from that, she implemented some club financial strategies and worked hand in hand with her best friend to organize funds for an end-of-year choir party.

It's now ten years of friendship I have had with Pauline. I have seen how she has built on her character since primary school. Personally, Pauline has been a teacher, sister, friend, and sometimes a mum, and that's what sisters are for, after all.

Being the senior KF student, she ensured we were on the right track in academics, relations, and extracurricular activities. I wish her the very best in her next journey.

KF STUDENT GRADUATION

Highlights of our students who have graduated from high school.
Congratulations!



EMMANUEL MUTAMBO SHOWCASING CERTIFICATES AT PESTALOZZI GRADUATION



ABEL, GRACE AND ANTHONY POSING FOR GRADUATION PICTURES AT PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE (PEC)



PAULINE AND EMMANUEL POSING FOR PHOTOS AT CHALO GRADUATION



BLESSINGS KASABO AT PESTALOZZI EDUCATION CENTRE GRADUATION



About Us

Kucetekela Foundation is an organization that sponsors talented, high-achieving students in secondary school. Not only do we provide these high-need students with opportunities for quality education, but we also support their holistic personal development, through mentorship, work experience and community service programs. All of our secondary school graduates are currently enrolled in or have completed tertiary programs. We pride ourselves in providing high-quality services for our students, and always strive to inspire them as much as they inspire us.

For more information go to: <https://kucetekelafoundation.org>

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“Kucetekela” means “hope” in Bemba, one of the major languages in Zambia.

KF’s vision is to create hope by developing our students into the next generation of Zambian leaders.



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