
Newsletter

Issue 3



Alumni Updates

Welcome to our Edu4Talent newsletter! We're thrilled to update you on our ongoing efforts to create a positive change in our Dzivarasekwa community

Join us with this newsletter to honor and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our graduating class. We salute the resilience, dedication, and spirit of our graduates as they prepare to embark on their next adventures. Congratulations to all of our extraordinary achievers!

We're excited to share that our latest student cohort has excelled academically. We have nine graduates from the University of Zimbabwe earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in fields including Engineering, Medicine,

Dentistry, Human Capital Development, Media, and International Trade and Diplomacy.

We are expecting a few more tertiary students to graduate this October 2024.

Thank you our dedicated sponsors for your ongoing support, which has kept our programs running smoothly. Together we shall put our alumni on the map in the professional world.

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

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“Through thoughtful innovation , we can leverage technology to enhance accessibility and promote inclusivity, transforming the lives of individuals living with physical challenges .” - Ashley Mpatsi

ASHLEY MPATSI - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

As part of his final year, Ashley designed and implemented an innovative project. He stated, “This project fulfills my Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Automotive Engineering. I created an electric shopping cart for people with disabilities and the elderly, focusing on Electric Vehicle Design. After completion, my project was recognized as promising, and I was encouraged to improve the prototype. I’ve registered for the University Paperette Project Competitions in this last quarter of the year 2024.” The Student Paperette Competition is an annual event held by the Faculty of Engineering to promote research, innovation and provide engineering solutions.

“I plan to participate in the Innovation Hub's Research Week in November. The UZ Innovation Hub is dedicated to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological advancement. Its mission is to cultivate a culture of innovation within the University of Zimbabwe, promoting economic growth and societal impact. The Hub supports startups, facilitates industry/academia collaborations, develops skills in technology and innovation, and promotes intellectual property protection and commercialization.”

I’m excited about engineering opportunities, and Edu4Talent has helped me pursue my goals. I look forward to my innovations making a difference, inspiring new ideas, and supporting the next generation of talent.



TAFADZWA MANDABA



Tafadzwa is a 4th year Medical student at the University of Zimbabwe. In her own words, Tafadzwa said “After attaining a Bachelor’s degree in Biomedical Sciences, I am excited of what lies ahead. Becoming a cardiologist, a rare specialty in Zimbabwe is my focus now. Engaged in healthcare and community outreach, I’m driven to specialize in cardiology by witnessing the transformative impact of medical initiatives on diverse populations”. As a female medical student, Tafadzwa aims to inspire other girls. She expressed her gratitude to Edu4Talent for empowering girls to pursue their ambitions.



GRACE MAREKERA



Grace is the first qualified dentist through Dzikwa Trust Fund support. "Since 2012, I have been supported by Dzikwa Trust throughout my medical studies. Their assistance helped me secure a place in dental school at the University of Zimbabwe.

I have provided career guidance in schools and organized free oral health awareness sessions in communities. In 2023, with my fellow final-year students and Dr. Chingwena, we reached around 150 students at Dzikwa Trust. About 80 students received free treatments at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals.

I am committed to making a difference with my dental expertise. Empowering young women is crucial for enhancing their potential and benefiting our communities.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

ASHLEY CHIZORA-MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS

“I earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Administration and received the best overall student award in my 2023 IPMZ (Institute of People Management of Zimbabwe) diploma class, and am currently pursuing a higher diploma in HR, all thanks to the support of my educators and mentors.

I’m happy to announce that I’ve graduated with a Master’s degree in Human Capital Development Systems, earning merit on the 13th of September 2024. This accomplishment reflects my dedication to advancing my knowledge in the field and my commitment to fostering effective human resource strategies. I’m eager to apply what I’ve learned to drive positive change in the professional world. I wrote an article on diversity's impact on employee engagement, published in the 2024 IPMZ Magazine. This opportunity helped me share my insights and led to being headhunted by several companies, affirming my efforts in the field.

At the age of 25, I’m proud to be a Human Resource and Learning Development officer for the Edgars Group, managing five divisions. This achievement reflects the foundation I built in the Dzikwa Trust Performing Arts group and all the support I’ve received from Dzikwa Trust. The confidence and presentation skills I developed at Dzikwa Trust have been crucial in advancing my career”.

Since 2006, a total of 162 motivated, gifted, underprivileged students in Dzivarasekwa have completed various tertiary studies with Dzikwa Trust support. Currently, 66 students are pursuing their studies locally and abroad, supported by dedicated sponsors, government scholarships and Edu4Talent arrangements as indicated by the table below.



	University PhD Degrees	Universities Masters Degrees	Universities Undergrad Degrees	Academic Courses more than 1 year	Vocational Colleges/Training Centres less than 1 year	Finished studies by July 2024, graduating end of 2024	Totals
Female	0	9	35	11	36	2	93
Male	1	9	30	8	20	1	69
Totals	1	18	65	19	56	3	162

CALL TO ACTION

As Edu4Talent continues to bridge the gap between potential and opportunity, it is crucial we perpetuate this vision. A lot of tertiary students harbor dreams, awaiting the spark that edu4talent provides. By sustaining this initiative, we empower scholars to become leaders, innovators and change makers.

- **Select a student to support with a scholarship** and engage with emerging talent in Zimbabwe. Groom future workforce in your line of business.
- **Contribute to Edu4Talent's general funds** to help sustain our efforts. Your donations will enable us to expand our programs and reach more students in need.
- **Share your PR and networking skills with our implementation team.** Your expertise can help us enhance our outreach our outreach for scholarships and other support.
- **Volunteer as a mentor to provide career guidance** Your experience and insights can inspire them to pursue their goals and navigate their career paths with confidence.
- **Provide internship and job shadowing opportunities** to give students hands-on experience in their fields of interest. These opportunities are invaluable for their professional growth.
- **Collaborate with us on special projects or events** that can further our mission and engage the community.

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In Zimbabwe:

Dzikwa Trust Fund

USD account

Account Name: Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe Ltd

Branch: Minerva

Account Number: 9140000915725

Swift code: SBICZWHX

In Finland:

EUR account

Account Name: Children of Zimbabwe Society

Nordea Bank, Helsinki, Finland

Account Number: FI76 1745 3000 0616 40

Swift code: NDEAFIHH

In United States of America

USD account

Account Name: Friends of Children of Zimbabwe Society Inc. Truist Bank

Branch: Oakton Branch, Oakton, VA 22124, USA

Account Number: 1470013859957

Swift code: BRBTUS33

IRS approved 501 (c) (3) tax exempt charity

In United Kingdom:

Account Name: Zimbabwe Aids Orphans Society GBP account NatWest Bank, Bromley, UK

Account Number : GB77 NWBK 6004 0287 0112 12

Swift code: NWBKGB2L

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