



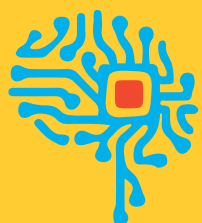
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One For The Books: A group photo of Dr Goodall (centre) and Roots and Shoots student members from St Jude's and other schools around Arusha.



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Finding Inspiration in Dr Goodall's Legacy



Dr Goodall's visit to St Jude's brings renewed hope and inspiration for students to pursue their dreams.

Saturday 19th August was a big day for The School of St Jude. The usually cool atmosphere of Sisia Campus was buzzing with activity and anticipation. There were students and staff from schools around Arusha, interested individuals, and stakeholders – all connected by their common love and appreciation for nature and the environment.

Dr Jane Goodall ascended to the stage at the St Jude's Primary Dining Hall and proceeded to address the crowd in a mixture of grunts, barks, and pant-hoots.

"That's how chimpanzees greet each other," she explained, to the amazement of the audience.



Special Visitor: Dr Jane Goodall speaking at St Jude's.

Dr Goodall is a world-renowned ethologist and environmentalist. She has devoted her life to understanding, protecting, and advocating for the delicate balance of nature. Her unique connection to Tanzania started when studying the social and family interactions of wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park.

"I have always loved animals from a very young age," says Dr Goodall of her upbringing. "When my mother took notice of my interests, she introduced me to the fascinating world of books and that is where I learned about Africa," she continues.

Dr Goodall's first experience of Africa came in her mid-twenties when she travelled to Kenya to visit a friend whose family lived on a farm just outside Nairobi. While in Kenya, she learned about Dr Leakey, a famed primatologist and archaeologist, who introduced her to the world of chimpanzees.

"My life took a different turn from there onwards," recalls Dr Goodall. "I spent the next 60 years studying wild chimpanzees in the forest. It was the most fulfilling activity of my life. I remember thinking to myself, 'This is what I was born to do,'" she adds passionately.

Over the years of working in the wild, Dr Goodall became increasingly concerned about the alarming threat posed by escalating environmental and climate changes. The trend highlighted the urgent need to act and protect the environment for the survival of both people and animals. She has since become an advocate for the conservation and protection of the environment.

"I would speak to young people about climate change and they would seem to have given up hope," recalls Dr Goodall. "They believed a lot of damage had already been done by previous generations and there was nothing they could do. But I encouraged them to take small actions of change, starting locally in their communities," narrates Dr Goodall.

From these conversations sprouted Roots and Shoots, a youth-led program that encourages young people to be agents of change by participating in projects that protect the environment, wildlife, or their communities. Over the years, Roots and Shoots has grown to include 70 countries around the world where its participants identify and address problems in their communities while becoming compassionate citizens of the planet.



Leaving a Mark: Dr Goodall's and St Jude's Special Programs Manager, Vivian, planting a tree at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School farm.

"Sometimes it might seem as if our actions are futile on the global scale," Dr Goodall encourages the youth. "But when you know that there are young people like you in 69 other countries that are doing the same thing as you. Then you can dare to dream globally," she adds hopefully.

Dr Goodall's visit was inspired by St Jude's active Roots and Shoots Club, one of the 50 student clubs at the school. In addition to sharing her life's experiences and adventures working with wild chimpanzees and speaking on various environmental-related topics, Dr Goodall engaged in a thrilling Q&A session with students, planted several trees, and visited the Art Gallery at St Jude's.

"It is such a wonderful idea to use education to lift people out of poverty," says Dr Goodall of her experience at St Jude's. "What I especially love about the school is that graduates have a gap year where they give back to the community. This is very impactful and cultivates a culture of giving back, thus raising a generation of responsible, compassionate leaders," she adds.



Sharing Inspiration: Jane Goodall meets the artists during a tour at St Jude's Art Gallery.

St Jude's Roots and Shoots Club is one of the fastest-growing student clubs at the school. Having started with only one student in 2020, the club has now grown to a dynamic group of more than 30 students actively taking part in making the world a better place one step at a time.

"Students can connect with Roots and Shoots because it touches on all three aspects: the human, the animal, and the environmental aspect," explains Mr Mayala, St Jude's Roots and Shoots Club Mentor. "Members are highly motivated in our activities, whether it is planting trees and maintaining gardens around the school, compassionate visits to elderly homes and orphanages, and debating on various topics on the environment and climate change to raise awareness about our mission," he adds.

St Jude's uses education to raise leaders of tomorrow who will use their skills to improve the well-being of their community in all aspects, including the environment. The supportive environment at the school encourages students to express themselves and pursue their true passions in various fields. Industry leaders like Dr Jane Goodall serve as a constant inspiration to many youths around the world that with determination, hard work, and discipline, they too can make a lasting difference in the world.

Thanks to your invaluable support, St Jude's is creating remarkable local and global impact. Visit us to see first-hand our success in fighting poverty through education. **Visit Today!**

Steven's Journey of Determination and Innovation



Steven returns to St Jude's to promote entrepreneurship among students.



A Full Circle: Steven, an alum at St Jude's running a workshop training at St Jude's Secondary School.

When Steven joined The School of St Jude, he immediately knew it was different from any other school. But he couldn't have predicted the immense opportunities that lay ahead of him.

"I was a Standard 1 student and everything was new to me," recalls Steven. "From the playing fields to the classroom to the library – it was all eye-opening," he adds with a smile.

As Steven continued to explore his new school, his curiosity finally found an outlet in the computer room. In the following years, Steven deeply developed his enthusiasm for computer studies making the most of St Jude's educational resources and opportunities.

"I frequently took part in various regional and national science competitions and exhibitions," says Steven. "These experiences and exposure inspired me to combine my passion for technology with creativity leading me to develop various innovative projects," he continues.

One such project was Alice, an artificial intelligence computer program that Steven co-developed with a friend. The innovation was so popular for its ingenuity and functionality that the pair were invited to present their prototype to the government agency for science and technology.

Determined to develop his skills further, Steven resolved to pursue a higher education scholarship at the African Leadership Academy (ALA) in South Africa. The educational institution is renowned for its pioneering leadership and entrepreneurship programs for aspiring African youth. To ensure that he had the best shot at getting the scholarship, Steven knew just the place to go.

"Students begin to develop their career interests at a young age," says Mr Malisa, St Jude's Career Guidance Officer. "It is therefore important to prepare them early with career guidance lessons so that they can make informed choices when the time is right. That's what my office does here at St Jude's," he adds.



Proud Innovators: Steven (left) and fellow student, John, posing with their trophy after winning the St Jude's Science Fair of 2019.

As a Career Guidance, Mr Malisa routinely works closely with students looking to apply for international scholarships at various academic institutions and advises them on career choices. This includes prepping students to write compelling essays, interviews, and guiding them throughout the application process.

“Luckily, around that time, students from ALA came to St Jude’s for a training seminar,” recalls Steven. “Some of them were alumni of St Jude’s and they gave me some valuable tips in addition to counselling from the Career Guidance Office,” he adds.

Thus, equipped with mentorship from St Jude’s and driven by his unwavering ambition, Steven applied for and successfully got a scholarship to ALA.

Four years later, Steven, now a graduate, returned with four other colleagues to run a boot camp training at St Jude’s Secondary School. Dubbed BUILD-in-a-box, Steven and his team sought to extend their knowledge to help students improve their entrepreneurial and problem-solving skills through creativity and innovation.

“It is a step-by-step strategy that walks students through the process of identifying a problem, developing a solution to the problem and creating a business out of the solution, and then scaling it to reach a wider market,” explains Steven.

The two-day training camp was segmented into various engaging activities for students to learn, practice, and refresh.



In the Spotlight: Nelson sharing his ideas during the bootcamp training.

“One of my biggest takeaways from this training is the power of teamwork,” says Nelson, a Form 5 student at St Jude’s Secondary School. “It’s incredible how much we can accomplish by putting our collective minds together towards a problem,” he adds.

The open and interactive learning also inspired Nelson to develop his confidence and practice his presentation skills. Despite his generally reserved personality, Nelson admits the engaging activities of the boot camp inspired him to challenge his fears and dream big.

“I think I might even run for a position in the students’ government in the near future,” says Nelson with a smile. “We had sessions where we mimicked pitching our solutions to potential investors. I enjoyed presenting my ideas and it was truly an enlightening exchange between me and my peers,” he adds.

St Jude’s has long maintained a mutually beneficial relationship with the African Leadership Academy (ALA). Over the years, students from St Jude’s have won scholarships to pursue their studies at the academy with many of them returning to facilitate bootcamp workshops for their peers. No doubt Steven’s transformational journey has inspired more students to pursue their dreams and use their skills to create innovative solutions to problems around them.

Your support enables students to prepare for a dynamic and competitive future by developing critical problem-solving and entrepreneurial skills.

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Championing Change with St Jude's Holistic Approach

St Jude's Sports Program renews hope for female athletes.

Joining The School of St Jude presents a significant academic transformation for students. The spacious classrooms, well-stocked libraries, and computer learning programs unlock new ways for students to engage in their academic interests. For Heavenlight, however, one of her favourite places at school is the football playground.

"I love the computer rooms and the libraries," says Heavenlight. "But on the football field is where my heart jumps with excitement," she admits.

Heavenlight joined St Jude's Girls' Secondary School after completing her primary education at a government school. In the two years she has been at St Jude's, Heavenlight has greatly developed her talent in sports to become one of the leading footballers at the girls' school. She is a regular starter on the girls' football team and routinely represents St Jude's in interschool competitions around Arusha.

"I credit my improved footballing abilities to St Jude's," reflects Heavenlight. "Although I have always loved playing football, the supportive environment and robust sports program at St Jude's have greatly complimented my talents," she adds.

Football is predominantly regarded as a boys' sport in Tanzania, a custom that has made it significantly harder for aspiring girls to pursue the sport. This situation is exacerbated by students in government schools, which generally have limited options for sports to accommodate both girls and boys.

"If I ever wanted to play football, then I had to train with the boys," Heavenlight shares of her experiences before joining St Jude's. "We didn't have a dedicated sports teacher, we hardly ever played any interschool games, and there was only one football for the entire school. Furthermore, we didn't have a girls' football team, so I never got the chance to play in competitive tournaments," she adds.



Her Favourite Place: Heavenlight warming up ahead of a friendly football match at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School.

Since joining St Jude's, however, Heavenlight feels as though she has reinvented herself once again. Her new school has a dedicated sports program, well-maintained infrastructure, and sufficient sports gear for various sports.

"I immediately joined the girls' football team and quickly established myself as an important part of the team," she says happily. "In addition to regular practices, we get professional coaching and frequently participate in interschool or interclass tournaments and friendly games which help us maintain our enthusiasm and competence," she adds.

A dedicated sports program is an essential part of St Jude's approach to holistic education. This ensures that students not only excel academically but also develop their natural talents and skills to become well-rounded individuals. In recent years, the school has complemented its academic achievements with extraordinary performances in national and international sports competitions.

"The sports program is a massive success because of all the support we get across the board; from students to staff, external stakeholders, and the government as well," says Jenerali, St Jude's Sports Department Assistant Team Lead. "As a result, our comprehensive sports program is quickly garnering attention around the country and is opening the school to more opportunities within and beyond Tanzania," he adds.

One such opportunity came in the form of a friendly match between St Jude's and Les Hijabeuses, a women's football team from France. Having learned of St Jude's excellent record and promotion in women's sports, the team reached out for a friendly match during their recent tour of Tanzania.

"It was good exposure for our students because it was the first time they played against a team from Europe," says Jenerali. "In the end, everyone was happy and enjoyed themselves... and yeah, we came out on top," he added with a smile.

The holistic approach to education at St Jude's continues to unlock a wealth of talents and capabilities for students helping them fulfil their academic potential and develop leadership qualities to lift their communities out of poverty.



Work Hard, Play Hard: Jenerali ensures all St Jude's students develop their skills on the field as much as in the classes.

Your support ensures St Jude's continues to promote an equal opportunity sports program catering to both male and female athletes.

Sponsor a scholarship today.



All Smiles: Thomas, St Jude's Operations Senior Manager leading the opening of the new Biology Laboratory together with staff and representative students from the Girl's School.

A New Biology Laboratory!

St Jude's launches a new biology laboratory at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School.

The School of St Jude recently opened a new biology laboratory at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School. The inaugural celebration was marked with a speech from St Jude's managers, a tour of the laboratory and a group photo in the newly finished building.

Students now enjoy a fully furnished and spacious laboratory building thanks to your generous donations.

With the addition of the biology lab, we are confident that boosting the love and interest in science studies at the school will help students reach their future goals of being doctors and scientists who are much needed in the community.





A Quick Tour: Students, Salome (right), former Head Girl and Lilian (left), the girls' school new Head Girl, lead the tour around the laboratory building during the launch ceremony.



Showing the Ropes: Lilian, a Form 3 student showing the attendees of the launch event how the practical equipment works.



Future Scientists: Science students posing outside the new building at Girls' Secondary School, Sisia campus.

Your support enables St Jude's to provide the best resources and learning facilities for students so that they can excel and develop their skills.
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