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SEED Institute Newsletter

Science Education to Enhance Development



It has been a long time since we last sent out a newsletter but we have a big celebration to share:

The **SEED** Institute has just graduated its first 12 Science Education Teachers !



9 of the new graduates on Graduation Day

In 2015, **Great Lakes Regional College** received provisional accreditation as **Great Lakes Regional University** and since then, the administration has been working hard to fulfill all the necessary requirements.

- All the curricula have been re-written and re-accredited to meet university standards
- New faculty have been hired with higher academic qualifications

- Finding leadership with the necessary qualifications and experience has been challenging for a university in this remote area and, as a result, there have been several personnel changes in the role of Vice Chancellor, University Secretary and Director of the SEED Institute.

We are particularly proud of our graduates given all the changes that they have had to deal with during their 3-year degree course.

We have supported these students and the University during this period of transition - after all, without the university, SEED can not survive. We are delighted to report that greater stability has now been restored and we are excited to return the focus of our support to the SEED Institute and its needs.

SEED by the numbers:

12 students graduated with a BSc in Science Education
25 students are currently studying Science Education
 (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Math, Computer, Agriculture)



Three years ago, we asked new SEED students what their goals were in studying science education. Now that they have graduated we are delighted to look back on those goals:



“I want to inspire children, but especially girls, to love maths and science.

“I am excited to influence younger generations and my hope has returned.”

“I want to inspire students to become professional scientists or science teachers.”

“I feel that I canhelp to bring change to the community.”

Great Lakes Regional University, located in Kanungu in southwest Uganda, draws its students from a remote rural area of subsistence farmers. Our main goal now is to improve access to all qualified students on the basis of need and merit. The plan is to increase SEED enrollment to at least 100 students, in line with our mission to train much-needed high school science teachers for the region. If you would like to support this effort, we invite you to visit our website to donate (see below).

Our continued thanks to all who have taken an interest in the work of SEED and our special gratitude to those who have helped to make this happen through their financial by contributions.

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To visit the Great Lakes Regional University website, go to:

Thank you! Yebare munonga!

from Paul and Jessica Schendel