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INTRODUCTION



Open Dreams Pre-Scholars 2024 - The Batch of Triumph (with some mentors)

It is with a very full heart that I open our 10th Year Anniversary brochure to you with the deep gratitude we have for this incredible organization and the amazing scholars, volunteers, and mentors within it. Just over 10 years ago, the idea that we could have brilliant Cameroonian students on full scholarships at prestigious universities all over the world seemed like a far-fetched dream. But today, that dream is a reality. It all started with a conversation in 2013 and a simple idea - to help ambitious students from Cameroon, especially those from lower-income backgrounds, study alongside the world's brightest students on full scholarships.

This idea, inspired by the concept of the butterfly effect, has had a remarkable impact. In just 10 years, almost 300 students from Cameroon have had their lives transformed, and countless others have been impacted. The organization, Open Dreams, has grown from a small idea into a mentorship-based program that emphasizes the importance of character traits like grit, determination, community service, and ambition over just test scores and grades.

As these Open Dreamers gain their wings and take flight, they are creating their own butterfly effect, forming organizations that promote various causes throughout Cameroon and the world. The sky is the limit for where these wings will fly, and the positive impact they will have on the global community for generations to come. We are so grateful and blessed to have served as part of their journey.

- Hans Kullberg, Open Dreams Co-Founder, California USA

ABOUT OPEN DREAMS

We Dream, We Believe, We Do, We Move and We Grow Together

About Us

Open Dreams helps high-achieving, low-income Cameroonian students pursue their academic dreams.

In 10 years, we've assisted nearly 300 students in securing scholarships to top universities and summer programs worldwide.

Our scholars are excelling, with many earning advanced degrees and securing prestigious jobs. We're building Cameroon's next generation of leaders.



Our Mission

Open Dreams empowers Cameroonian students through education to become global leaders.

We believe education transforms individuals and communities.

By mentoring students and connecting them to international universities, we create a ripple effect of positive change.



A certified 501c3 non-profit (CBO), we are a proud member of the [HALI Access Network](#).



ABOUT OPEN DREAMS

Board of Directors



BLAISE BUMA

CO-FOUNDER, (OPEN DREAMS AND KAPPA PAY)

Cameroonian scholar Blaise Buma founded Open Dreams, helping nearly 300 students win scholarships. Now leading Kappa Pay, he mentors future African leaders.



CRISTINA BERNARDO K.

CO-FOUNDER OPEN DREAMS

Cuban immigrant Cristina co-founded Open Dreams with Blaise Buma. Believing in education's power, she empowers women and honors daughter Aviva through maternal and child health and our women's leadership programs - She Shines.



HANS KULLBERG

CO-FOUNDER, (OPEN DREAMS AND PATHFINDER HEALTH)

Hans leads product development at Pathfinder Health, focusing on child development data. With FinTech experience, he's a children's author and co-leads the Aviva Women in Science Initiative, in honor of his daughter.



DR. BRENDA TANYI T

OD SCHOLAR, AND HEALTH ADVISOR, NHS ENGLAND

Dr. Brenda is a Cameroonian doctor with 5+ years' clinical experience. She's an ALSO instructor reducing maternal & child mortality via workshops. With an MSc from Oxford & WHO experience, she's dedicated to maternal & child health.



JAMES LEITNER

PRESIDENT, FALCON MANAGEMENT

James Leitner leads Falcon Management. Dedicated to human rights, he founded the Leitner Center and Program. With law degrees, he bridges business and justice.



DOMINIQUE BERNARDO

CEO, VARIETY OF DELAWARE VALLEY

Dominique Bernardo is CEO of Variety - the Children's Charity. A dedicated community leader, Bernardo holds MBA and MSW degrees from Boston College.



MOHAMED SALAM MOUMIE

OD SCHOLAR, HARVARD COLLEGE & TEACHING ASSISTANT, CS50

Mohamed is a passionate Computer Science Junior at Harvard. He was the first freshman TA for the renowned CS50 course, driven to share knowledge and impact Cameroonian education.



MILESTONES AT OPEN DREAMS

2008

Blaise Buma, the co-founder of Open Dreams, received a full scholarship to attend Williams College with the support of an American, Morgan, where he met Cristina and Hans. Prior to this, Blaise Buma and James Akaba, who was a Physics teacher, met at GBHS Bamenda in 2007 where Blaise was an excellent senior prefect.

**2012/
2013**

First MasterCard Foundation Scholar, Sonia Buma makes it to McGill University under the MasterCard Foundation. The Bamenda center begins with Fumeh Claudette as the Secretary.

2014

First OD Fellow to Cameroon, Viktor Mak from Colgate University, spent 3 Months setting up the OD Center in Bamenda. Second OD Fellow to Cameroon, Joe Chacra, spent 5 months in Bamenda developing the program.

2015

Open Dreams co-founders, Cristina and Hans Kullberg visited Cameroon, featured on CRTV, met with US Embassy officials, Educational authorities, political authorities and Open Dreams Scholars



MILESTONES AT OPEN DREAMS

2016

Veronique Hob Hob, Country Director; took over from James Akaba, who went off for the Fulbright TEA Program; Veronique Served for One Year, during which Open Dreams joined the HALI Access Network. The first counselor spoke to Open Dreams mentees, Whitney Green, through Skype from Columbia

2017

OD featured at the HALI Indaba in Rwanda. OD signed the partnership with the MasterCard Foundation under the African Leadership Academy. It's been one of the biggest partnerships ever. Similar productive partnerships exist with many other institutions

2018

Hans Kullberg participated in the HALI Indaba. OD launched the graduate mentorship program. OD created hubs in Buea, Bafoussam, Douala & Yaounde. James Akaba got selected as an International ACAC Scholar. 1st set of Commonwealth Scholars from OD

2019

Open Dreams opened the Yaounde center with key team members leaving Bamenda, as the Anglophone crisis worsened. The funding and leadership of the program was led by 3 OD scholars - Che Maeva, Muki Hoffmann, and Tanwie Elvis.

2020

The Bamenda office was temporarily closed (went into hibernation) due to the worsening anglophone crisis. We ran a program across three regions sponsored by the US Embassy to train teachers on the use of instructional tech for distance education.

MILESTONES AT OPEN DREAMS

2021

We had our first Aviva Day Program, where over 100 scholars visited the NICUs of 5 hospitals over the holidays, in honor of angel Aviva. Open Dreams Scholars, led by Daphne Chebesi, courageously re-opened the Bamenda OD Center, in the heart of the crisis.

2022

Partnership with CMU-A strengthened with several visits to Cameroon, led by Abraham Darriel. We gained Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We started a mentorship program for francophones and an OD Hub in Garoua.

2023

The first in-person Open Dreams Graduate Summits took place in Yaounde, Bamenda and Buea. Our first scholars entered IVY League Universities - Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, Columbia, and more.

2024

We won the Rising Star Awards, Innovation Awards. The first OD Commonwealth PhD Scholar, Miki Gilbert, graduated from University of Reading. Open Dreams Bertoua started off under Mr. Khan Linus



GLOBAL INITIATIVES AT OPEN DREAMS

OPEN DREAMS SUMMER ACADEMY

A rigorous two month program, the Open Dreams Summer Academy helps educate, transform, and inspire the minds of high achieving, low income students who have the motivation and the drive to succeed and the passion to make their communities a better place to live!

Our scholars study programming, coding, math, writing, entrepreneurship, leadership, and more while completing a volunteer project to help their environment, their community and one another.



AVIVA DAY

The Aviva Women in Science initiative was designed in honor of our co-founder's daughter - Aviva Lilia Bernardo Kullberg. Aviva died at 10 months and 13 days of a rare and unknown disease on November 18th, 2020. To ensure that other families do not have to suffer through the same fate as theirs, we have designed the Aviva Women in Science Initiative to support female current and aspiring doctors to invest in maternal and child health through medical studies, medical research, and community health projects. We believe that by empowering women to enter and lead the advancement of maternal and child health, we can make an impact on the lives of babies in Cameroon and across the world!



TRADITIONS AT OPEN DREAMS

SHE SHINES

SHE SHINES is a three-month leadership development program designed to empower women leaders to uncover their inner strength and confidence. Featuring bi-monthly group coaching workshops, one-on-one sessions with experienced female coaches, and peer meetups, the program addresses challenges like self-doubt, imposter syndrome, and perfectionism. Participants learn to articulate their core values and design a life aligned with their aspirations. Led by Co-Founder Cristina Bernardo Kullberg, a certified New Ventures West Coach, the program draws from her personal journey to inspire women to lead with confidence, courage, and passion, fostering meaningful change in the world.



GRADUATE SUMMIT

The Open Dreams Graduate Summit empowers university graduates in their graduate scholarship journeys. It connects them with scholars, counselors, and organizations, offering workshops, panels, and mentorship. The summit demystifies the application process, equipping graduates with knowledge and skills to succeed. Key features include expert guidance, networking, workshops, personalized mentorship, and resource access.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHOLARS



200+

**CAMEROONIAN SCHOLARS ON
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**



75+

**SCHOLARS ATTENDED
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
PROGRAMS**

80%
**ALUMNI
MENTOR
OTHERS**



**\$20 MILLION USD+
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**



20+

**COUNTRIES ACROSS 4
CONTINENTS**

**10+
SCHOLAR
STARTUPS**



20,000+

SCHOLARS MENTORED



50+

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Open Dream Hubs exists in Baffousam, Bamenda, Douala, Yaounde and Buea. We recently went operational in the East (Bertoua) and the North (Garoua)

01 Bamenda

Operations began in 2013. Currently led by Evita Afungfege.

02 Bafoussam

Gained ground in 2018. Currently led by Ngolefac Emmanuel.

03 Buea

Gained ground in 2018 under Che Desmond. currently led by Bate Elvis.

04 Yaoundé

Physically operational from 2017. Currently led by Bill Chairman.

04 Douala

Gained ground in 2018 under Mambo Joy and later Nchofon Tagha. Currently led by Guillian Asongtia.



OPEN DREAMS HUBS

Bamenda Hub

1. Message from Coordinator



Stepping into Open Dreams' small office felt like the start of an extraordinary journey. What began as a personal dream evolved into a shared mission to uplift others. From organizing events in a crisis-ridden region to mentoring high-achieving students, I've embraced servant leadership. Witnessing my "OD-Babies" soar is the greatest reward. In the next decade, I'll strive to create a sustainable system that empowers future generations to share this dream. From the heart of Open Dreams, I'm committed to this transformative path

*-From the Heart of OD, Afungfege Evita
Regional Program Coordinator, Northwest
Region Cameroon*

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Bamenda Hub

2. Some Top Team Members



AFUNGFEGE Evita

*Commonwealth Master Scholar ,
Queen Mary University, London*



Chebesi Daphne

*Mastercard Scholar at Edinburgh
University UK*



Lum Blessing

*Mastercard scholar African
Leadership University Mauritius*



Ngako Patricia

*Nkwame Nkrumah University
Ghana*

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Bamenda Hub

3. Special Initiatives in Bamenda

Graduate INFO session

In its third year, the Graduate INFO session provides a three-day hybrid program to guide scholars through graduate school and scholarship applications. Covering essential topics like program selection, application materials, and scholarship essays, the program offers in-person workshops and online resources with expert mentorship. This empowers scholars to make informed choices, increase admissions chances, and secure funding for their academic pursuits.

UREVO (Your Evolution with Open Dreams)

This an initiative to reach more students with scholarship applications tips and college admission advice via a [YouTube channel](#). This Initiative is run by four major people who are Open Dreams pre-scholars, beginning students eager to soon land their own scholarships.

- Tafel Remyhance (director and editor)
- Nyuydze Emmanuel (presenter)
- Njapa Albright (production manager & graphic designer)
- Ajongwen Noella (Presenter)



OPEN DREAM HUBS

Bafoussam Hub

1. Message from Coordinator

Open Dreams Families now see studies abroad as an option irrespective of their financial situation because of the guidance & unique mentorship programs at the different Open Dreams hubs. I can't forget the fact that many students especially those who have had the chance to be under my leadership programs now carry out community service, volunteering at their local schools, starting up clubs and even accepting posts of responsibilities at school and their local churches. Indeed Open Dreams has and is undoubtedly *Equalizing access to Educational Opportunities for Community Impact*.

In conclusion, we sincerely thank the Open Dreams founding Members for this great initiative and opportunity that has awakened our spirit and cause us to bring out the sleeping giant, talent in us and more especially to Mr. Akaba A. James for his continued support to see that our hub be a great blessing to our community. We will not let Open Dreams down as long as our partners, like you, continue to support us and we promise to do more.

2. Initiatives by the Hub

Throughout these years, we have hosted series of webinars to empower students, seminars (symposiums), professional development programs with teachers, visit 60+ schools in West, and supported 3 different hospitals and many orphanages. In addition, one of our scholars, Agatha Souzie studying at Ashesi University, won a project grant at EDUSPOT which was aimed at opening a center and a library for students to visit and read for free and we are so proud for this initiative. All of this is thanks to the mentorship at Open Dreams and the value instilled in our scholars to give back to their communities. These initiatives have assisted many secondary and high school students to secure internal scholarships like Urega Foundation scholarship and others.

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Bafoussam Hub

OUR TEAM



Ngolefac Emmanuel
Coordinator



Azafeout Pamela
A. coordinator



Ndeh Irene
A. coordinator



Anuar Franklin
A. coordinator



Rev. Harmony N.
Counsellor



Sandra S
Vanderbilt



Azenui Anuard
Ausbelin Christian University



Kamaha Kamaha
MasterCard, USIU



Agatha Souzie
MasterCard, Ashesi



Darina
Ashingana



Njingu Clerita
MasterCard, Ashesi



Tchinda Wilhelm
Chinese scholarship



Maketche Nadine
MasterCard, USIU



Lekane Styve
Mastercard, Ashesi



Horline
African Science A.



Rosita Munang
African Science A.



Joyce
African Science A.

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Douala Hub

1. Message from Coordinator



The Open Dreams Hub in Douala, born in 2019, is a hub full of potential. Receding in the economic capital of Cameroon, it brings together students from a wide range of professional institutions. Though in a really big city, the hub creates time to bring members together to co-learn, encourage and support. Our primary activities include school visits, workshops, and mentorship. In 2023, we hosted our first ever Open Dreams Summer Academy, grooming 17 preschoolers in our intensive program. Having a record of roughly 10 international education opportunities and programs, the hub is up for greatness as more students acquire closer mentorship.

At 10, OD - Douala joins the entire OD family to celebrate, not just because we have an increasing number of scholarship offers, but because more scholars embark on outstanding leadership and developmental ventures, locally and internationally.

-Nchofon Tagha.

OPEN DREAM HUBS

Douala Hub

OUR TEAM



Nchofon Tagha
Coordinator



Asongtia Guilian
Coordinator ODSA



Arnel J. Noubissio
Coordinator-lead team



Nji Hope M
Lead team member



NFOR Miriam A
Lead team member



Tracy BAME
Lead team member



Dinnyuy Lemnyuy
Lead team member

The OD Douala Hub has hosted over 100 scholars and pre-scholars combined. Some of the renowned scholars and their universities include:

- Ghea Sandrine - ALU Rwanda "24
- Breayon - Sharda University, Greater Noida India
- Mambo Joy - Chandigarh Group Of Colleges, India
- Sani Ali - KNUST Ghana
- Beng Jovic - University of Georgia
- Fonteh Bonaventure - ASHESI Ghana
- Kamdem Ruben - Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship
- And Counting

Other scholars have engaged in international conferences like the:

- Yale Model African Union I - Rwanda
- Unleash Innovation Lab - Rwanda

OPEN DREAM BRANCHES

Douala Hub

1. Brief history

OD Douala was created in September 2019. A workshop was held at GBHS Nyala for Teachers, powered by Sir Akaba James and we had the presence of two admissions counsellors. The OD Anthem was sung for the very first time in a similar workshop held in G.B.H.S Diedo.

In 2020, we had:

- School visits, Our first scholar made it to ALU Rwanda on a full-ride scholarship.
- The first Aviva day and our first physical meeting at Santa Lucia Bonamoussadi.

As of 2021:

- The Second scholar from the Hub, left on a full-ride scholarship to Sharda University, Greater Noida India. And from that moment, we had more scholars traveling on scholarships for fellowships, conferences and to different universities.
- Aviva Day was done at the Mboppi Baptist Hospital.

As of 2022:

- Our numbers kept increasing.
- We had a “cabinet reshuffle” as our lead member, Mambo Joy, left on a full-ride scholarship for the Chandigarh Group Of Colleges. More scholars followed the trend like Sani Ali. School visits became part of our activities. Aviva Day 2022 happened in the Douala General Hospital at the Neonatal Unit.

As of 2023:

- Under the leadership of Guilian Asongtia and Nchofon Tagha, Doula Hub hosted its first Summer Academy in the vicinity of the ST. Louise University.
- Aviva Day 2022 happened in Diedo District Hospital at the Neonatal Unit.



OPEN DREAM HUBS

Buea Hub

1. Team



Bate Elvis

Regional coordinator

Emmanuel Kum

*Public Relations Officer/
Communications Officer*



Lawrentine TITAJANI

*Mastercard scholar African
Leadership University Mauritius*

Teh Emmanuel

Discipline Master 1



WADGUA Killian

Discipline Master 2

OPEN DREAM BRANCHES

Buea Hub

2. Special Initiatives in Buea

Throughout the year 2024, the vibrant Open Dreams Buea Hub was able to carry out the following activities;

I. Celebration of World Environmental Day

II. Public Speaking and Career Orientation Programs at CKC Tiko

Being a leader without knowing how to communicate is like a car without an engine. It's in this light that the very energetic Buea Team had to answer the call of the Principal of Christ the King College Tiko to train the students in a two-day Public Speaking and Career Orientation Event in the school.

III. CAREER ORIENTATION WITH STUDENTS OF BISHOP ROGAN COLLEGE.

The vibrant and fantastic team members had a very educative and impactful session with the students at Bishop Rogan Minor Seminary in Buea, where they thrilled them on how to choose a career, the importance of silence, and how to become a good leader.

IV. HEALTH AND BUSINESS TALK AT BONGANJO VILLAGE

The Team took the initiative under the Regional Coordinator to visit the People of Bonganjo village to educate them on healthy practices and talk to the women to take care of their menstrual flow that is Menstrual Hygiene and also on how to prevent and detect Breast Cancer.



OPEN DREAM BRANCHES

Buea Hub

2. Additional Special Initiatives in Buea

V. CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY VISIT

Being second visit of the Carnegie Mellon University visit, the Buea team was pleased to welcome the University Delegate and the Country Director of Open Dreams and Some other entourage of the Open Dreams family in Buea. During the visit, the Teams were opportune to visit Landmark University and the University of Buea to talk about the numerous opportunities found at Carnegie Mellon University.

VI. HIGH BLOOD AND DIABETES SCREENING

VII. SERVING AT THE 25 TH CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUEA

Like Martin Luther King Jr said, "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve" The Buea Team had this in mind, which led them to serve as protocols at the just bent convocation (graduation) of the University of Buea, which helped them to gain more serviceable and communication skills.

VIII. WEEKLY MEETINGS OF THE TEAM

Every Friday, the Team hosts their weekly meetings at the University of Buea premises, and in these meetings, we teach and guide the members on their application and teach them soft skills like creating Google forms, communication skills, writing emails, CVs, etc. These weekly meetings have significantly increased the productivity of most members. In recent times, there has been an increase in the number of active members within the hub due to our frequent weekly meetings.



OPEN DREAM BRANCHES

Yaoundé Hub

1. Team

James Akaba	Country Director
Bill Agha	Regional Coordinator
Forghab Prince-Donald	Senior Program Facilitator
Toulack Kingsley	Counselor
Seka Jean Blaise	Program Facilitator
Poutum Ashley	ODSA Coordinator

2. Initiatives at Yaoundé hub

- Open Dreams Summer Academy
- Open Dreams Graduate Summit
- Rise For the World Scholarship mentorship
- Teachers & Counselors Training
- Aviva Women in Science and Aviva Week
- Project Moon
- Tech Girls mentorship

AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

AWARDS



Britney Berinyu M.
*Intern @ IMUNA/
TechGirls'22 Alumna*

PROFILE

Britney Berinyu Moukoko is a passionate tech leader empowering girls through education. A Computer Science student, she's building tech solutions for social impact. As CEO of NewFangled Edu, she promotes child education and tech literacy in Cameroon. She's also an active member of IMUNA and TechGirls.

AWARDS

- **Kuwa Women's Young leader Award. Youngest and first ever Kuwa Women's Award recipient from Cameroon**
- **Littoral Regional Bilingualism competition winner by MINESEC, CMR**
- **Two times winner of most involved in community engagement & impact. 2020 & 2022 by I AM INC Generation**
- **TechGirls Alumni Advisor by TechGirls Global**
- **Most outstanding student Most outstanding student by Divine International College**



Blessing Lum.
Career Counsellor

PROFILE

Blessing Lum is a business-focused intrapreneur with expertise in African markets. She builds and grows businesses while focusing on customer satisfaction. Committed to sustainable development, she mentors Cameroonian students through her initiative, Date With Triumph.

AWARDS

- **Social Impact Award by Mastercard Foundation by MCF @African Leadership College Mauritius**
- **Gold medal for creating sustainable social ventures by the GSFN-UK**
- **The Duke of Edinburgh award- Bronze Medal by the Duke of Edinburgh- UK**



Prince Donald F.
*Humanitarian Aid
worker*

PROFILE

Raised in Yaoundé, Prince developed a passion for community service and social justice. Inspired by his family's dedication, He's built a career focused on empowering marginalized communities. He now works to drive global policy change in humanitarian and development sectors. This Fall he will enter Oxford University on a full Masters Degree scholarship.

AWARDS

- **Talents ED-TECH FEICOM-UNICEF in the category of Sensitization and Visibility**
- **1st Prize Brain Box Competition Commonwealth by MINREX**

AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

AWARDS



Felix Fomengia.
CEO at CVG

PROFILE

Felix Fomengia holds an MSc in Cybersecurity and Forensics at the University of Westminster. Felix is an innovative tech entrepreneur and innovator from Cameroon, passionate about solving problems around his community using ICT and inspiring and empowering the younger generation nationwide.

AWARDS

- Chevening Scholarship Award Fully Funded MSc Scholarship
- 2024 Chevening Alumni Award, Cameroon
- 2024 Technology Leadership Award
- 2022 First Prize; University of Buea's Ingenuity and Talent Contest (UB-GETEC)
- 2022 European Union TIE CHAMPION Award for National Best Startup Project in response to the impact of COVID
- 2021, 40 UNDER 40 Achievers Award
- 2020 Peace Ambassador Honour by YAPCEC
- 2018 Best Project Education at the Premium Awards by the University of Buea
- 2019 Orange Social Venture Prize Winner
- 2019 Digital Citizenship of the Year for remarkable efforts in using social media and technology to advance solutions
- 2019 Most Celebrated Citizen for SDG 4-Improving Quality Education
- 2018 100th Personalities Inspiring Cameroon
- 2019; FELA Most Productive Alumni of 2018



MAKUETCHE NADINE.
Pharmacy student

PROFILE

MAKUETCHE NADINE is a Pharmacy student and aspiring Pharmaceutical Scientist. She is an Open Dreams Scholar and Mentor, as well as a participant in the Aspire Leadership program.

AWARDS

- Top scholar(best cumulative gpa), for outstanding academic performance as the top scholar, cohort 6 2023 by Mastercard Foundation scholars program at USIU-A
- Qala Award for Best undergraduate student in the school of pharmacy and health sciences by United States International University Africa(USIU-A)

AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

AWARDS



Afopezi Moses
Co-founder & CEO at
Skolarr

PROFILE

Afopezi Moses is the C.E.O. and co-founder of Skolarr, an innovative e-learning Startup revolutionising the way students in secondary and university access education. Skolarr currently helps more than 10,000 indigenous students get access to education. He is deeply committed to using technology to help students and create a world where everyone has equal access to education irrespective of their location or financial status.

AWARDS

- 2023- Top 50 Finalist, Global Student Prize 2023 by Chegg and Varkey Foundation
- 2023- Presidential Award, Overall best Project "GETEC 2023" by the Ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP)
- 2023- Best Education technology Innovation platform " MTN Y'ello Digital Talent" by MTN Cameroon
- 2021- Best Tech Project Youth Connekt Cluster Challenge 2021 by Ministry of Youth Affairs (MINJEC)



Clement Ngosong
Founder Impact-Axis

PROFILE

Clement Ngosong, a graduate of Ashesi University, is deeply committed to fostering youth entrepreneurship. Clement is the founder of Impact Axis, an organisation revolutionising soft skill acquisition for youth in Cameroon. His dedication to creating impactful educational opportunities shines across his work in talent development and social entrepreneurship.

AWARDS

- Ashesi Mastercard Foundation Scholars Citizenship Award,
- One Young World USAID Scholarship Awardee,
- Kofi Annan Changemaker Fellowship Grant Awardee,
- Melton Foundation Fellowship Grant Awardee
- Top 50 Finalist, Global Student Prize 2021 by Chegg and Varkey Foundation



Caleb Ndikaa.
Accountant at IUCN

PROFILE

Caleb is a highly skilled accountant with a strong track record in financial management and auditing. Possessing a deep understanding of accounting principles and a keen eye for detail, they have successfully handled complex financial projects for organizations such as IUCN.

AWARDS

- 12th on O'100 2022 National Rankings Based on Academic Excellence and Community Commitment by the Okwelians

AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

AWARDS



Abongdoh Titus
Founder & CEO at E-Mentor

PROFILE

Maluyane Titus Abongdoh is the founder of e-Mentor, a VR platform enabling internally displaced students in conflict-affected areas to regain access to education. Recognized as Open Dreams Scholar of the month (December 2023) Titus' contributions as a scholar have enhanced the mentorship process within the Open Dreams community. As a One Young World Ambassador, Titus is dedicated to empowering students through innovative educational technology.

AWARDS

- **Regional Youth Excellence Award (by the Governor of the Northwest region).**
- **Commonwealth Innovation Award for the SDGs (handed by the president of the Republic of Kenya and the Commonwealth SG).**
- **Youth Startup of the Year (Central Africa) at the Global Startup Awards.**
- **Globethics Youth Leadership Award - Globethics, Geneva - Switzerland (Digital and Emerging Technologies)**



Bill Agha
Founder and President, TIC Foundation

PROFILE

Bill is the Founder & President of TIC Foundation, driving innovative educational programs. Passionate about youth entrepreneurship, he's empowered thousands of high schoolers through the TIC Summit & Startup Accelerator. A dedicated mentor, Bill ignites young minds to launch groundbreaking projects.

AWARDS

- **MCWYoung Leader Fellow 2022**
- **Second-best digital innovation project of the year 2020 and 2022 "Week of Innovation" by the Ministry of post and telecommunications**



Dr. Gilbert N. Miki
Founder & CEO Community Vision Group

PROFILE

Dr. Miki is the Founder and CEO at Community Vision Group, Research Fellow at LSHTM focused on generating evidence-based solutions for school health and nutrition. With over a decade of experience in development, working with organizations like the African Development Bank and GIZ, she brings expertise in nutrition, diets, and food systems. Dr. Miki is actively involved in global initiatives such as the Rockefeller Foundation Big Bet for Planet-friendly School Meals and the UK Nutrition Society. Her research aims to inform policies and practices that improve school health and nutrition, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

AWARDS

- **2019- Commonwealth Scholarship Issued by Commonwealth Scholarship Commission**
- **2012- Chevening Scholarship Issued by Chevening Secretariat London/FCO**

AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

SCHOLAR INITIATIVES

TALK PREGNANCY WITH DR NOELLA (TPWDN)



Community Vision Group

Started by Dr. Noella, leader of our Aviva Women in Science programs, TPWDN is a Cameroon-based nonprofit aiming to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality. They focus on women, newborns, and adolescents, providing education on preconception care, pregnancy, and family planning. Their long-term goal is to establish preconception centers for comprehensive pregnancy care.

CVG is a nonprofit working to end poverty and empower children. Started by Open Dreams PhD scholar, Dr. Miki Gilbert, their "Feed the Child" program addresses food, health, and education needs of primary-aged children in Cameroon and Malawi.



PremierDev

Started by 3 Open Dreams scholars, PremierDev aims to up-skill young Africans to find software solutions to the continent's most pressing challenges.

Exponential Youths

Exponential is a youth driven organisation aimed empowering Young Leaders started by Open Dreams Scholar, and podcast host, Titus Abongdoh.



AWARDS AND INITIATIVES SPOTLIGHT

SCHOLAR INITIATIVES



Epilepsy Awareness, Aid and Research Foundation (EAARF)

Founded by Open Dreams Aviva Women in Science recipient Dr. Mundih Noelar Njohjam. EAARF restores hope for people with epilepsy and empowers them to live longer and better lives.

Impact Axis

Founded by Open Dreams scholar, Clement Ngosong, Impact-Axis (formerly Youths Inspiration), is driven by a profound understanding of the challenges faced by today's youth, especially in navigating the complexities of an ever-evolving world. Their mission is to empower these young individuals with the essential skills they need to thrive both professionally and personally.



Date With Triumph-DWT

DWT is a professional development firm that aims to prepare individuals and organisations in professionalism for business. It was founded by Open Dreams Scholar Blessing Lum.



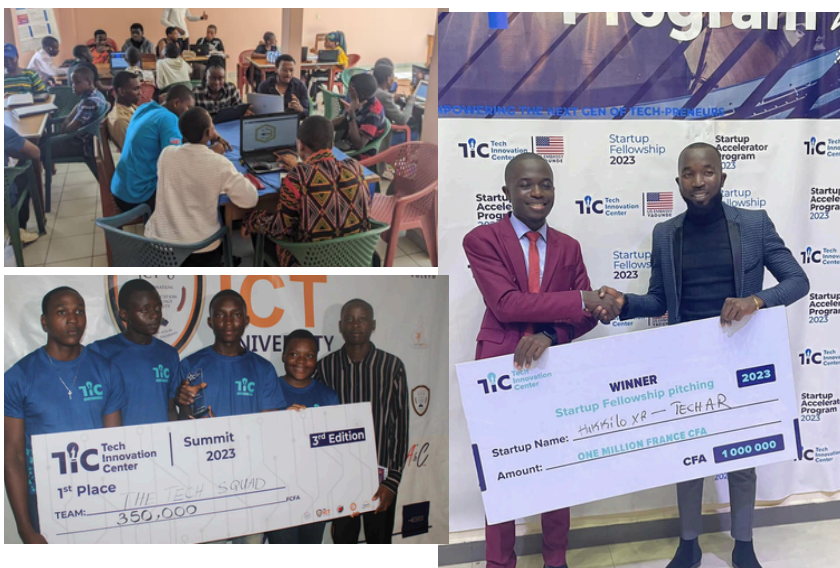
Providence Action

Started by Open Dreams Scholar Melvis Nyaah, Providence Action helps internally displaced students receive an education. Through their yearly Back-to-school Edufund campaign, PA has also been able to provide sponsorship and mentoring to over 25 children from the crisis hit zones who range between the ages of 10 and 20.



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TiC Foundation

TiC Foundation is a catalyst for technological advancement in Cameroon. Started by OD leader, Bill Agha, their mission is to cultivate a new generation of tech-savvy entrepreneurs by equipping them with the essential digital and business skills. Through initiatives like the TiC Startup Accelerator Program, we nurture budding tech startups. The TiC Summit ignites innovation among secondary school students, while the TiC Bootcamp imparts practical skills for tech industry success.

Healthi-first

Healthi-first is revolutionizing health care especially in low-income settings through community health promotion and telemedicine. Founded by Open Dreams leader Dr. Platine Nyuyki, they aim to promote preventive medicine and help those already with disease live the best possible lives especially where many are not able to afford standard health care. We help people make informed choices and live fulfilled more productive and happy lives.



Skolarr (www.skolarr.com)

Skolarr is a free bilingual educational platform helping more than 10,000 students access education online. Founded by OD scholar, Afopezi Moses, it offers a variety of online courses taught by expert instructors, accessible to students at all levels. Skolarr focuses on making learning engaging and effective through a blend of videos, personalized learning, and interactive content. Downloadable on Google play or app store!

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SWIMS

SWIMS is a Tech startup based in Yaoundé Cameroon, that specializes in providing smart tech products (hardware and software products) to make waste disposal and collection more efficient and sustainable in Africa.

Champions of the Female Voice

Founded by Susane Mensiy, CHAMFEV is a nonprofit organization based in Bamenda, Cameroon which aims at inspiring and uplifting women and girls, empowering them to believe in themselves and their abilities to achieve their goals despite facing various forms of harassment and abuse in educational and workplace setting. A leading member of our inaugural She Shines leadership development program, Susane is truly letting her light shine brightly!



DeWise Foundation

Founded by scholar Seka Jean Blaise, DeWise aims to strengthen the capacity of IDPs and Underprivileged youths through educational opportunities and civic engagement for nation building. They also expose the underserved youth community with opportunities for capacity building. They offer many opportunities ranging from mentorship, fellowships, conferences, scholarships, and fully funded programs.



