

DREAMERS PULSE

Empowering dreams, one story at a time

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we close out the third quarter of 2025, I am reminded of how far determination and vision can carry us. This has been a season of connection, learning, and renewed energy for Dream Rite and our community.

One of the defining moments this quarter was hosting our very first physical conference in Lagos. It was more than just an event; it was a gathering of voices, ideas, and commitments that left us energized for the journey ahead. It reminded us that Dream Rite's work is not only local but part of a larger movement shaping the future of education and youth empowerment across Africa.

Beyond that, this quarter has been about strengthening bonds within our community, celebrating the progress of our scholars, and pushing forward with bold steps that keep us aligned with our bigger dream — building opportunities that transcend borders.

To every donor, mentor, partner, and scholar walking this journey with us: thank you. Your belief in the mission is what keeps the vision alive. The next chapter is calling, and with your continued support, I am confident that the best is yet to come.

**Together, we are not just witnessing change;
we are creating it.**

SUCCESS REDEFINED: PROF. NDUBUISI EKEKWE

Ever wondered why some of the biggest names we admire like Dangote, Elumelu and Ovia did not graduate top of their classes yet went on to build empires? Professor Ndubuisi Ekekwe, founder of Takedia Institute and a leading voice on innovation and leadership in Africa, breaks it down beautifully: success is not just about grades, it is about process.

“Markets and classrooms run on different operating systems. An A in calculus does not guarantee an A in customer satisfaction for noodles. Academic grades are not destiny, they are indicators of process. What counts is not the grade itself, but the discipline, effort, and tenacity that produced it.”



It is a reminder that while grades matter, what truly sets you apart is your resilience, grit, and the discipline to keep showing up. As Prof. Ekekwe puts it best: “Make ‘A+’ in your PROCESS today!”

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ONE ROOF, MANY VOICES



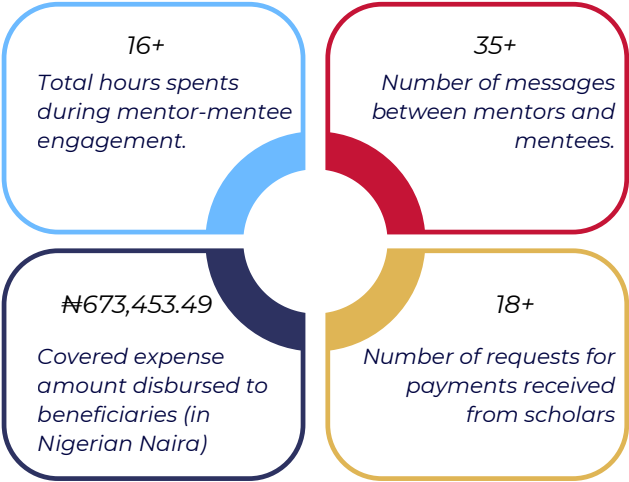
September 6, 2025 will be remembered as a defining moment for us, the day Dream Rite hosted its very first physical conference in Lagos, Nigeria. What started as an idea became a vibrant gathering filled with energy, passion, and purpose.

The room came alive with scholars, mentors, non-scholars, the Dream Rite team, media partners, and friends who all showed up with one shared belief: that education and opportunity can change lives. From keynote sessions that sparked reflection, to panel discussions that ignited ideas, to informal conversations that blossomed into lasting connections, every part of the day carried its own kind of magic.

This was not just about being together in one space for the first time. It was about building bonds, amplifying voices, and proving that when a community comes together around a shared mission, the possibilities are endless.

Q3 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

QUARTERLY CROWN



This quarter's crown goes to Blessing Bankole!

Blessing is a Pharmacy student with a first-class CGPA, a dedicated mentor, and Outreach Lead. Her hard work, leadership, and commitment continue to inspire her peers and raise the bar for excellence.

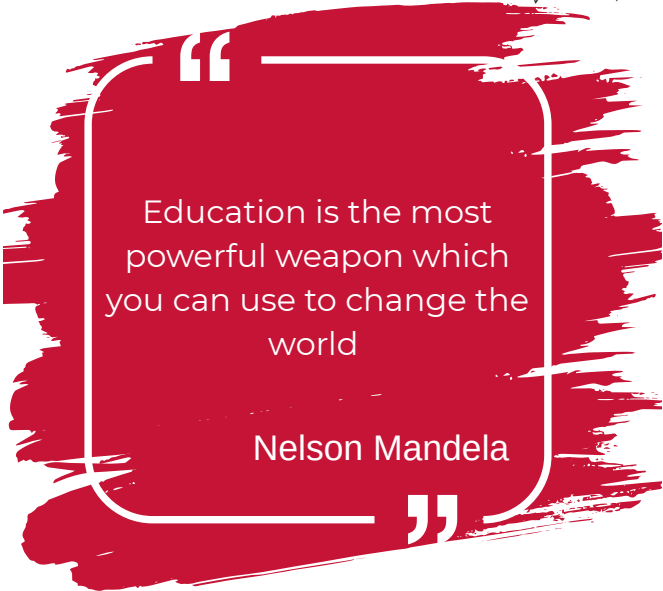
Congratulations, Blessing your crown is well deserved!



PUZZLE CHALLENGE

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M A N P P T U V R
E G K M H C N M R
R E E T A Z W E B
S M W T P Y Q P M
V N E W L D M L N

Think you've cracked it? Turn the page for the answers!



Got an inspiration quote? Share with us to feature in the next edition



MENTOR'S SPOTLIGHT

MRS. NIKE AJAO

Big news worth celebrating! Our very own mentor, Mrs. Nike Ajao, has been honored with the 2025 Global Recognition Award for Leadership and Mentoring Excellence. To crown it all, her inspiring story was featured in Business Insider.

This achievement is a true reflection of her passion, impact, and commitment to shaping lives. We couldn't be prouder — congratulations, Mrs. Ajao!

[Read the full feature on Business Insider](#)

MENTORME QUARTERLY DRILL

How do you prepare for the future? By building the skills and knowledge that make you ready for every opportunity. That's what our 3rd MentorMe Quarterly Drill was all about.

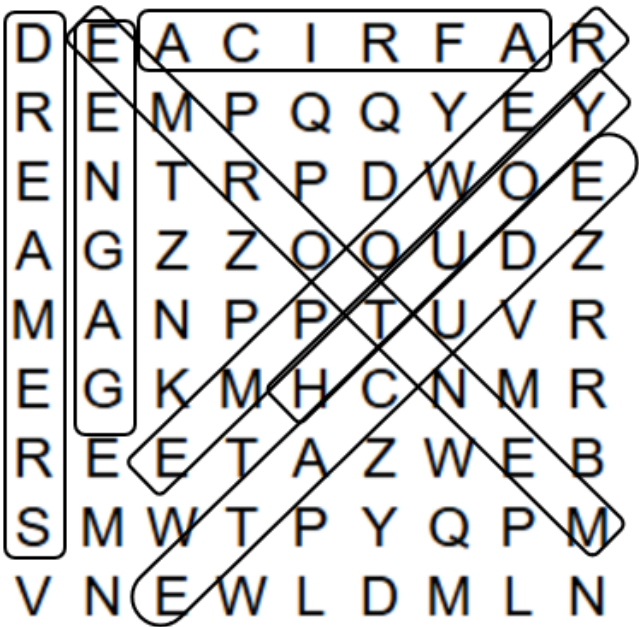
Held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, this edition focused on "Building Skill and Knowledge," bringing together powerful insights and practical lessons. Mentors guided engaging conversations on leadership, lifelong learning, problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and digital growth — all essentials for today's world.

A special highlight was seeing four of our scholars take the stage, confidently sharing their perspectives and showing just how much they've grown. Their voices, combined with the wisdom of our mentors, made the drill not just a learning space but an inspiring exchange of ideas and experiences.



This quarter reminded us once again that success is built step by step, and with the right guidance, resilience, and practice, our scholars are walking that path with confidence.

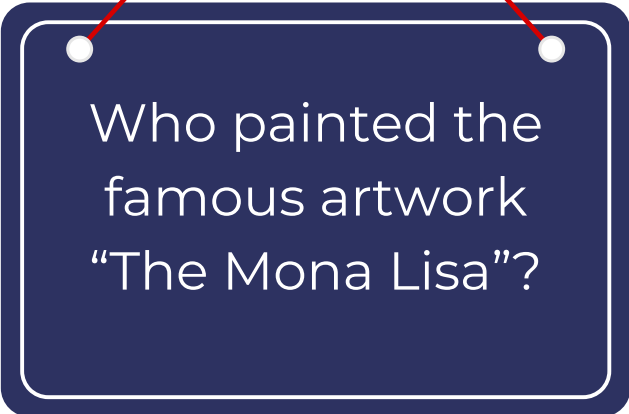
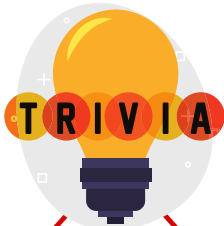
PUZZLE CHALLENGE



Empower
Engage
Educate

Dreamers
MentorMe
Youth
Africa

And here's the answer you've been waiting for!
Did you get it right?



Lock in your guess and check page 7 for the answer!

PILOT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Think.Create.Solve. is designed to equip, inspire, and fund young innovators in developing real-world solutions. This program complements the Dreamers College Fund's (DCF) focus on educational access and MentorMe's emphasis on guidance. It prioritizes innovation, problem-solving, and applied impact by supporting initiatives in STEM projects, entrepreneurship, community development, and workforce readiness.

The program is currently in development, with a pilot exploration underway.

Mission Pillar Alignment: **EMPOWER**

Empowering minds. Building capacity for solutions.



GUIDING WORD: RESILIENCE

Resilience is the strength to keep moving when things get tough.

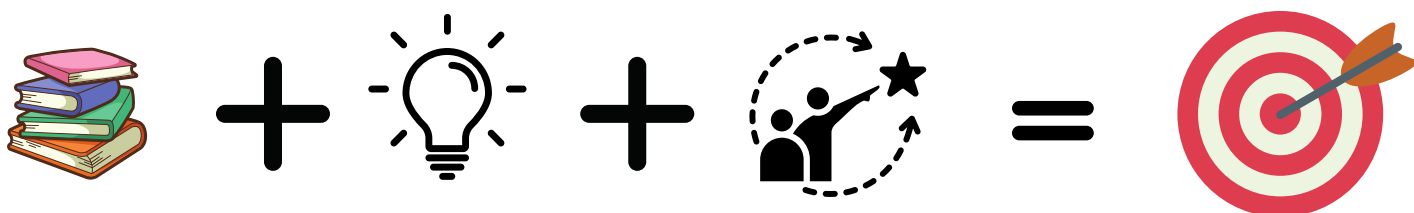
It's not about avoiding setbacks but about bouncing back stronger each time.

Resilience turns challenges into stepping stones.



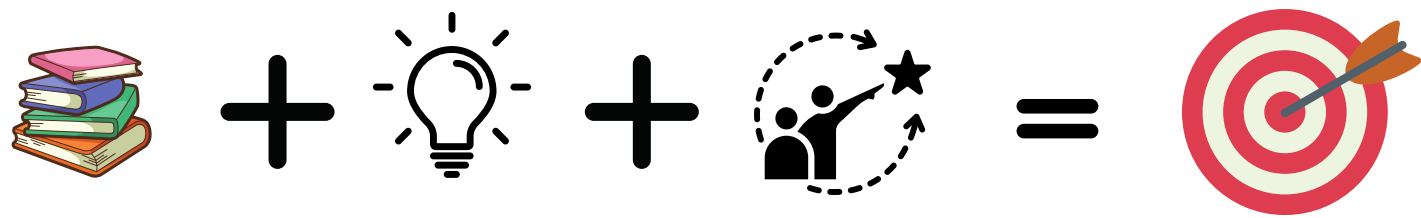
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“Fall seven times and stand up eight.” – Japanese Proverb
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SPOT THE EMOJI STORY 🤔🔍



Decode the story in emojis. Answer on the next page!

SPOT THE EMOJI STORY 😊🔍



Books + Ideas + Mentorship = Success

Did you get it right?

Mentorship transforms knowledge and ideas into real growth, and that's the true path to success.

DREAM RITE IS EXPANDING – VOTE FOR OUR NEXT COUNTRY!



We are taking Dream Rite beyond Nigeria and into East Africa! But we need your help to decide which country to expand to next. **Click the button to cast your vote and be part of this exciting journey!**

VOTE



Join us in wishing a very happy birthday to:

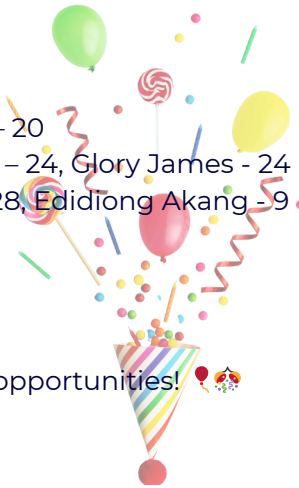
Scholars:

- July Celebrants: Oloruntoba Ajayi – 24, Ojima Sani – 29, Ifechukwude Molokwu – 20
- August Celebrants: Hosanna Igabari – 30, John Chris – 9, Gbemisola Adebambo – 24, Glory James – 24
- September Celebrants: Zainab Adigun – 14, Glory Onunwa – 26, Isaac Motajo – 28, Edidiong Akang – 9

Mentors:

- August Celebrant: Dr. Elizabeth Adelakun – 15
- September: Mr. Michael Akindutire – 25

Wishing you all a fantastic year ahead—may it be filled with success, joy, and new opportunities! 🎉🎊



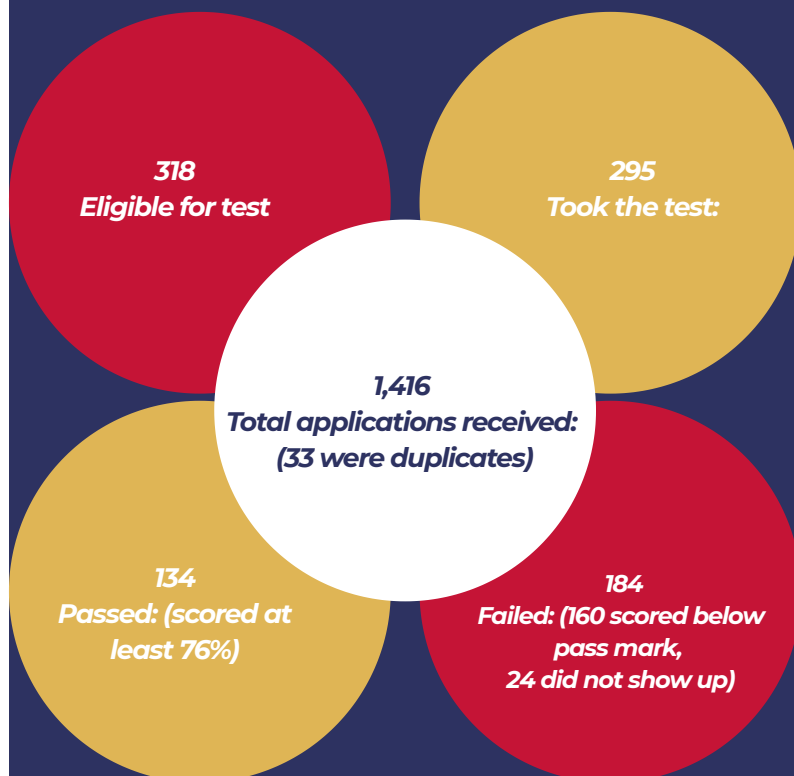
ANSWER REVEAL

Who painted the famous artwork “The Mona Lisa”?

👉 Leonardo da Vinci

Fun Fact: The painting is displayed at the Louvre Museum in Paris and is one of the most visited artworks in the world.

DCF 2025 APPLICATION



CLARIFICATION ON SCHOLARSHIP TEST POLICY

The DCF Scholarship Test operates under a strict rule: **any candidate who does not attend the test or submit answers is automatically recorded with a score of zero.**

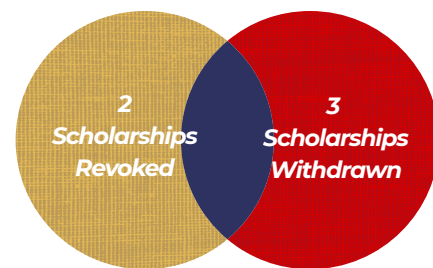
This policy is in place to ensure **fairness and administrative consistency**, as the process evaluates both participation and performance. Without a test login or submission, there is no record to grade, and therefore a default score of zero must be applied.

For students who received a score of zero, please note that this does not indicate an error in the grading process. It simply reflects non-attendance or non-submission during the test session.

DCF PROGRAM UPDATE

Discipline is just as important as brilliance. This quarter, two scholarships were withdrawn after the scholars failed to uphold the program's behavioral standards—a clear reminder that cooperation and discipline are just as vital as academic excellence.

One scholar also relocated abroad this quarter to further their studies, joining two others who had previously withdrawn from the program for the same reason in recent years. Each of these scholars earned a full international scholarship, and we are proud of their achievements. While the DCF supports only students residing in Nigeria, we celebrate their pursuit of growth and wish them continued success.



Notably, one of these scholars remains active in our MentorMe program, demonstrating the lasting value of guidance and community. Our commitment remains steadfast: to support scholars who learn, grow, and embody the values that lead to enduring success.

SCHOLARS CORNER

Resilience is the ability to adapt to adversity and bounce back from difficult experiences, setbacks, or stress. Resilience comes in different forms. For a student, it might look like trying new study methods, practicing past questions, and asking for advice to raise their CGPA.

For me, resilience surfaced while looking for university admission. My first UTME result and PUTME aggregate weren't high enough to secure me a position in my desired course at my first-choice university. I was heartbroken, but I knew I couldn't give up; my mother didn't raise a quitter. I enrolled in a JUPEB program. I studied hard and smart, ensuring I understood what was being taught. There, Physics actually started to make sense. The next year, I wrote the UTME and scored very high. A few months later, I sat for the JUPEB national exam and came out with 16 points—the highest achievable grade. I eventually used the UTME pathway to gain admission into my desired course.

My journey taught me the power of fighting for my goals, not to give up, and to put my pride aside when it comes to learning. It taught me to always find new ways to study and ask advice from my mates who seem to have it all together. Ultimately, my only competition is who I was yesterday.

Building a resilient mindset isn't easy, but here are some ways I tried that helped:

- **Self-awareness:** Examine yourself. Are you optimistic or pessimistic?
- **Learn:** Watch educational videos about resilience.
- **Employ a mantra:** Use a phrase like, "What doesn't kill me makes me stronger."
- **Surround yourself:** Be with people who push you to become better.



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VOICES FROM THE GROUPS: QUARTERLY ACTIVITY DIGEST

Group Name: **The Dream Health Team**
Academic Programs: **Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing**
Group Leader: **Glory Onunwa**

The Dream-Health Team marked key global health days with impactful awareness campaigns, highlighting the importance of blood donation and the prevention of hepatitis. They also hosted a community discussion titled "Discipline or Desire: The True Key to Academic Success," where members shared diverse perspectives on what truly drives academic achievement.

Group Name: **Dream Rite Techies**
Academic Programs: **Comp Sci, Cybersec., Eng, IT**
Group Leader: **Emmanuel Ogundele**

The Dream Rite Techies organized virtual meetings on Microsoft Teams, where members shared experiences and discussed the challenges of studying technology in Nigeria. They also exchanged valuable resources such as Coursera, Cisco Networking Academy, and Alison to encourage continuous learning and development. With a new team leader now in place, the group is set to build on this strong foundation in the coming quarters.

Group Name: **Bright Minds DCF**
Academic Programs: **Agric, Horti, Microbiology, Law**
Group Leader: **Testimony Igbinosa**

This quarter, the group laid a strong foundation by choosing themes like leadership, public speaking, community service, communication, and writing for regular discussions. Members also started sharing individually to learn from one another and build stronger bonds. Moving forward, they plan to hold weekly or bi-weekly sessions with summaries, resources, and new ideas. Though still in the early stage and balancing busy academic schedules, the group is making steady progress in teamwork, growth, and accountability under the Dream Rite Scholarship Program.

Group Name: **The Dynamite Circle**
Academic Programs: **Econs., Acct., Banking, Stats**
Group Leader: **Balqees Abubakar**

The team focused on professional growth and collaboration this quarter. They discussed current economic and financial issues, reassessed their yearly plans, and met bi-weekly. Each member also developed a personal research topic to strengthen their writing and research skills, with the long-term goal of publishing a paper. In addition, internship opportunities were shared within the group to support collective growth. Through these efforts, the team continues to build teamwork, knowledge, and practical experience.



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Thank you for walking this journey with us. We look forward to sharing more with you in our next edition!

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Together, We Make Dreams Happen!