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Empowering dreams, one story at a time

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2022 DCF SCHOLAR SHARES

BLESSING BANKOLE

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Progress with Purpose

Welcome to Quarter 3! Where did the time go? You may ask. But this quarter reflects purposeful progress across the Dream Rite community.

We celebrate our first Dreamers College Fund scholar to graduate - a beneficiary of the program who began her journey with us in 2022 and is now graduating from Olabisi Onabanjo University with a degree in Pharmacy, earning First-Class Honors with a CGPA of 4.57/5.00. Her story reflects the heart of our work: support that extends beyond tuition to mentorship, exposure, leadership, service, and the confidence to imagine more.

That same growth is visible across our affinity teams, where scholars continue to strengthen their knowledge, professional readiness, and sense of community through conversations in advocacy, economics, science, and health.

The 2026 Dreamers College Fund selection process is also advancing. Of 581 verified test takers, 185 candidates have progressed to the research stage, where they are tackling a real-world community challenge designed to assess critical thinking, research, and problem-solving.

As we close the quarter, we remain grateful to every donor, mentor, volunteer, partner, and supporter helping us create opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and lead.

Together, We Make Dreams Happen!
Onward,
Moyofore Fadiran
Chief Editor



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The 45-Minute Challenge

You have two ropes. Each rope takes exactly 60 minutes to burn completely, but they burn at inconsistent rates—half of a rope may take 5 minutes to burn while the other half takes 55 minutes. You have no clock.

Question: How can you measure exactly 45 minutes burn time?

VOICE OF GRATITUDE

From the Uncertainty to First Class Excellence



When one of Dream Rite's early scholarship recipients began university in 2022, she entered a season filled with promise, but also significant financial uncertainty.
Her parents had already stretched themselves to cover her acceptance fee, while school fees, hostel costs, and other first-year expenses were largely met through borrowed funds. It was a difficult beginning, marked by sacrifice and questions about how the journey would continue.

Then Dream Rite stepped in.

What began as financial support soon became much more.
Through the Dreamers College Fund, she received not only tuition assistance, but also mentorship, exposure, personal development, and a community that challenged her to think beyond immediate circumstances and imagine what her future could become.

One early exercise in particular left a lasting impression: she was asked to write about her dreams and where she saw herself in ten years.
That simple reflection became a turning point.
"It made me realize that I could actually imagine a future and then work towards it."

Four years later, that future is already taking shape.
She has now graduated with a degree in Pharmacy from Olabisi Onabanjo University, earning a CGPA of 4.57/5.00 and graduating with First-Class Honors.
But for her, the achievement goes beyond academics.
"I did not just graduate with a first class. I graduated as a first class."

Throughout her university years, she embraced leadership, service, mentorship, and personal growth. She volunteered, served in fellowship, mentored younger students, pursued learning beyond the classroom, and consistently challenged herself to become better.

The impact of that growth is already extending beyond her own journey. Younger students now look to her example as proof that academic excellence is possible, while her siblings have also been inspired to pursue the same standard.

For Dream Rite, that ripple effect reflects the deeper purpose of the scholarship program: not simply to help students complete their education, but to equip them to grow into people whose lives inspire and influence others.

She also credits Dream Rite's mentorship sessions and developmental opportunities with helping her grow in communication, leadership, service, character, and confidence.

"Dream Rite kept reminding me that education was not just about getting a degree; it was about becoming someone who could make an impact."
Perhaps most importantly, the support created the stability she needed to shift her focus from survival to possibility.

Instead of constantly asking why life was difficult, she found herself asking different questions:

What more can I become?
What more can I learn?
What more can I contribute?

As she prepares for her induction into the pharmacy profession, expected in early November, she closes this chapter with gratitude and a strong sense that the journey is only beginning. "I started this journey in 2022, wondering how everything would work out. Today, I am a graduate. And I know that this is only the beginning."

Her story is a powerful reminder of what becomes possible when potential is recognized, supported, and nurtured. At Dream Rite, we are proud to have been part of that journey.

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THINK.CREATE.SOLVE CHALLENGE



TOSIN TOWOLAWI
400L, Medicine & Surgery student

The TCS is curated to expand the minds of our scholars, and that is exactly what the Q3 TCS challenge achieved. This quarter, participants were challenged on the theme: Building a National Framework to Combat Counterfeit Products in Nigeria.

The Task:
Design a practical national framework that significantly reduces the circulation of counterfeit products in Nigeria over the next three to five years.

As always, we choose the top three entries and then narrow down to the best presentation. For Quarter 3, **Tosin Towolawi** provided the judges with the following:

1. Balanced Strength Across All Criteria.
2. Practical use of existing verification systems rather than creating costly new structures.
3. Clear stakeholder roles across government, manufacturers, technology providers, retailers, and consumers.
4. Realistic implementation approach suited to Nigeria's existing institutional and financial constraints.
5. Strong focus on coordination, technology, regulation, and public awareness.
6. Clear indicators for measuring progress and long-term impact.

The 2nd Place went to Isaac Motajo while the 3rd **place went to Mubarak Tijani.**

Think.Create.Solve
Empowering minds. Creating capacity for solutions.



AFFINITY GROUP UPDATES

Affinity Groups bring together scholars within shared academic paths—creating a space for meaningful connection, collective growth, and a culture of mutual support.

Dynamite Circle
The Dynamite Circle continued its bi-weekly meetings, with members exploring current economic issues and their real-world implications. The group also introduced a self-learning initiative to support members' personal and professional development.
Following a brief pause to encourage independent learning and improve participation, meetings resumed with practical discussions on key economic and industry concepts. Going forward, the group will continue to strengthen knowledge sharing through conversations around essential terms, trends, and concepts across related fields.

Legal Impact Team
The Legal Impact Team held a discussion on "The Art of Advocacy," giving members the opportunity to reflect on and share their recent advocacy experiences.
Members highlighted achievements in mooting, public speaking, legal research, court visits, advocacy competitions, and community legal education across their universities. The session reinforced the value of practical advocacy experience in building legal competence, confidence, and readiness for professional practice.

Bright Minds
Bright Minds hosted an engaging session on waste-to-value conversion, exploring how microorganisms such as yeast, Aspergillus, and Bacillus can help transform waste materials into useful products, including biofuel.
The session introduced practical waste-conversion processes in a simple and accessible way, making the topic relevant to members from diverse academic backgrounds while encouraging curiosity around sustainability, innovation, and applied science.

Dream Health Team
The third quarter meeting was postponed to allow scholars preparing for professional examinations to focus on their studies. In the meantime, subgroup leads are reviewing the factors that contributed to low attendance at previous meetings and are introducing strategies to improve participation and strengthen the sense of community in the coming quarter.



MentorMe Quarterly Drill

The third MentorMe Quarterly Drill of 2026 brought together scholars and mentors for an engaging session centered on the theme "Becoming Your Best: Developing the Character, Confidence, and Capacity to Thrive." The session focused on personal growth, consistency, resilience, and the importance of making intentional choices that contribute to long-term development.

Key Takeaways

- Consistency and intentional daily choices are important for achieving meaningful growth.
- Personal growth requires balancing academics, leadership, career development, and personal responsibilities.
- Professional preparation can begin while still in school through early planning and disciplined effort.
- Rejection, failure, and disappointment can provide opportunities for learning, resilience, and growth.
- Small, consistent habits can lead to significant long-term results.
- Stepping outside one's comfort zone can contribute to capacity building and personal development.
- Collaboration, peer engagement, and participation in affinity groups support learning and development.
- Scholars are encouraged to remain actively engaged with Dream Rite programs and its activities.

Thank you for reading

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NEWS

We are approaching the end of the 2026 Dreamers College Fund Scholarship Award Process, and it has been an interesting journey.

Of the 1,729 applications received, 185 applicants have progressed to the penultimate stage, where they are required to conduct research and submit their findings and proposed solutions. Successful candidates will then advance to the interview stage, where a panel will assess other important qualities.



Happy Birthday to all our July, August, and September celebrants.

We wish you health and fulfilment.
We celebrate our Mentors, Mentees, Stakeholders born in these months.

Logic Teaser

Three students, Ada, Tunde, and Kemi each study a different course: Law, Engineering, and Pharmacy.

- Ada does not study Law.
- Tunde does not study Engineering.
- Kemi studies neither Pharmacy nor Engineering.

Question: Who studies what?

Logic teaser answer: Kemi = Law, Ada = Engineering, Tunde = Pharmacy.

45-minute challenge:
Answer: Light Rope 1 at both ends and Rope 2 at one end simultaneously. Rope 1 will finish after 30 minutes. At that moment, light the other end of Rope 2. The remaining portion of Rope 2 will then burn in 15 minutes. 30 + 15 = 45 minutes.