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AT A GLANCE

- Our first four students graduate.
- Vimbiso signs an MOU for the CTA bursary with the Chartered Accountants Academy.



Gerald Matavata CA (Z), Trustee (Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund)

It is with pleasure that I provide you with our reflections on the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund ("Vimbiso" or "the Trust Fund") this year.

- Our first four students graduated from university the past 12 months. These are Tafadzwa Shvonne Makwamure, Tendai Dara, Ethel Nehanda and Melindah Nyathi. Please join us in congratulating them.
- We are ecstatic to have signed an MOU for CTA bursaries with the Chartered Accountants Academy (CAA). We thank CAA for this bursary.
- 10 new beneficiaries were added into the Vimbiso family in September 2021.

We thank all our sponsors and partners for continuing to support in this journey. We are grateful to all the accredited training offices which have taken the students for attachment and articles, the ICAZ members and articulated students who have made donations in cash and kind. We value your contributions and efforts expended in helping us to achieve our vision. Our growth and success in the year, through your continued support, help us make a difference within our profession. Our goal remains to raise future responsible leaders and proud ambassadors of our esteemed Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe.

Lastly, I am excited about the Mentorship Programme coming in 2022 which will see Vimbiso beneficiaries being mentored by qualified Chartered Accountants from various diaspora Chapters and in Zimbabwe.

For details on how you can partner with us so we can touch more lives and impact more families, see the last page or write to vimbisotrust@icaz.org.zw.

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Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund revived my hope – Pinias Muchefa



“Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund revived my hope”

My name is Pinias Muchefa. I was born in Buhera District. I am the eldest son in family of seven. I currently attend the University of Zimbabwe.

My parents have health issues that hindered me and my siblings’ education. Because of the medical expenses that they incurred, the finances were not enough to send us to school.

However, at that tender age we started a poultry project, rearing roadrunners with my siblings. This project became a source of our livelihood for our family. We also got support from the community and school teachers at Mudanda Primary and Secondary School.

I am grateful to my teachers who provided me with guidance and counselling to help me stay focused with my studies. I did very well at O Levels and moved to Makumbe Mission in the same district for advanced level.

My financial struggles continued at Makumbe Mission however, I was allowed to attend school free of charge. Despite all the challenges I faced, I managed to excel at A Level.

Vimbiso Scholarship came to my aide and I am now learning at the University of Zimbabwe. The benevolence of Vimbiso made me realise my dream. I would like to thank Vimbiso for providing me with sponsorship. Vimbiso has revived my hope for a better future.

Meet our Graduate: Tafadzwa Makwamure



Tafadzwa is our first Vimbiso graduate. She graduated with a first-class degree from the University of Zimbabwe. Tafadzwa recently completed her CTA level 2 with CAA and came out number 4 in the top 10 list of the 2020-2021 part time students. She is an articled clerk at AMG Global.

Meet our Graduate: Tendai Dara



Tendai graduated with an upper second class degree from the National University of Science and Technology in November 2021. He is currently looking for articles placement.

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My Attachment Experience

Melindah Nyathi - Vimbiso Beneficiary



From 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020, I had the pleasure and privilege of joining a team of dedicated leaders as an internal audit intern at Glow Petroleum. Glow Petroleum is a private limited company which engages in fuel procurement and distribution services. The goal of this internship was to apply the theory learnt into practice as well as gaining experience in the corporate world.

For the twelve months that I spent at Glow Petroleum, I did accounting and auditing. My supervisors took

me through the basic functions that form internal auditing. Findings of the audit assisted in achieving objectives and facilitate improvement within the organization. I had to come up with recommendations to the findings to avoid the recurrence of the same errors. In cases where I needed help, I sought help from my seniors. Communication was a very important part of the audit process.

During this attachment period, I performed other duties such as reception work, compiling minutes during meetings, report writing and filing working papers. This gave me a broad level of responsibilities as well as a chance to grow my knowledge of all the aspects within the accounting industry.

Time management between work, academics and personal life was difficult for me at first. I had to adopt by developing my self-management skills.

After being an audit intern, I have developed both personally and professionally. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. G Khumbani and other supervisors. I also express my appreciation to the Vimbiso Scholarship for their support and making this academic journey a success.

Meet our Graduate: Melindah Nyathi



Melindah graduated from Midlands State University in November 2021. She will be starting her articles at EY in January 2022.

Meet our Graduate: Ethel Nehanda



Ethel graduated from Midlands State University in November 2021. She will be starting her articles at EY in January 2022.



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Poem by Tafadzwa Chiwanza a Wimbiso beneficiary:



the past is a stubborn stein

the poem

a cataract of words,

gothic worlds of-

characters conceived from caricatures

a universe apart from the path

of Plath's genius madness,

Kathy writes of grotesque eyebrows-

eloping from withering faces,

"emblems of an ephemeral existence," says she

and the poem is dedicated to me.

its words are inscribed backward

like they were not scribbled forward-

a gigantic pedal into the dusty arms of the nebula,

of meaning, sere stubble meadows

serine serial chaos, in comeliness abject poverty

but of depth, constellations:

her deep, dark past in the dismal streets of Harare

With scattered atoms of light

attempts to dispel the gloom from her history:

but the past is a stubborn stein

from which I must save her...

We would like to thank the following who supported us during the year 2021:

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Midlands State University
National University of Science and Technology

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My Attachment Experience

Joseph Wurayayi - Vimbiso Beneficiary



I started my attachment on 6 January 2020 at Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants.

During my first days in Audit, I found it difficult to talk to client's when making enquiries and walkthroughs. The first assignment I was given was asset verification. I was taught how to communicate effectively by my audit seniors during this process and this helped me in the next assignments as I put what I was taught into practice.

In March 2020 we went into a national lockdown which was caused by the Covid-10 pandemic. This led us to working from home up till the end of May 2021. I learnt how to work remotely and use cloud computing. I was able to complete the duties that I was given by my seniors.

From June 2020, we resumed going to the office and our clients' premises. I was learning numerous skills from different audit seniors.

I finished my attachment on 18 December 2020. and I had acquired a lot of knowledge. The moto of Grant Thornton is "Growing together" this really worked on me as audit seniors taught me a lot of skills which have made me grow from what I was on the first day of starting the attachment.

I can now communicate with people from different backgrounds and of senior positions. This has boosted my self-confidence.

I learnt that it is possible for one to work and study at the same time. The attachment experience has taught me how to handle pressure.

I met successful Chartered Accountants, this inspired me and gave me a clearer vision of the path that I am taking towards the CA(Z) designation.

I would like to thank Grant Thornton for awarding me a chance to work as an audit intern. I enjoyed my moments at Grant Thornton.

I want to thank the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust for making me one of the beneficiaries. I had a dream that was difficult to pursue due to my background. I thought being a Chartered Accountant is a dream that is achieved by rich people only, but Vimbiso gave me another perspective of seeing myself as a future Chartered Accountant.

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Now fun times and success stories.....

Albert Chinanga, is a member of the nationwide Clean City Campaign. He organises fellow Vimbiso beneficiaries to join in the clean-up campaigns that are held at campus on the first Friday of each month.



Albert Chinanga with other UZ students participating in the Clean City Campaign.

Tawanda Gotohore registered as a shareholder of Weownomy, an upcoming social media platform.

Zaka Mugwagwa attended the ICAZ Masterclass Leadership Course, taking a further step towards his journey to being a CA(Z) member.

Tafadzwa Chiwanza wrote a poetry anthology titled, "No bird is singing Now?". He has also started a Non-Profit Organisation called, *Tagadza Hari* which is aimed at tackling mental health issues among the youth, through interactive platforms such as social media.

Ephinage Savanhu is part of church charity department called Word Impact Ministries Charity. The Charity visits old people's homes and orphanages donating blankets, clothes and other basics.

Tendai Dara was awarded the Top Outstanding Young Person (TOYP) Personal Improvement and

Accomplishment award. Tendai is a passionate public speaker and author who writes about leadership, purpose and business.



Charmaine Mangwiro is part of an organisation called Active Mindsets. The organization has been facilitating WhatsApp discussions on various topics to tackle problems faced by the girl child and women in their day to day lives. Some example topics discussed include domestic violence and child abuse. Charmaine is also part of an ongoing initiative to build a footbridge in her community with the help of donations from the community members.

Reward Chikoka is a trustee of Nicnyas Trust which helps vulnerable families with food handouts and assists underprivileged students with school fees in the rural areas of Gokwe.



Reward Chikoka and families from Gokwe assisted by the Nicnyas Trustees



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WHAT “VIMBISO” MEANS TO ME



“The Wimbiso Scholarship means belief in the underdog, trust in the less privileged and hope for a brighter future. It is the bridge to a better tomorrow for the hopeless.”

Ethel Nehanda

Through your support, we will continue to provide educational assistance to academically gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds wishing to pursue careers as Chartered Accountants in Zimbabwe.



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Call for Donations



The ICAZ Vimbiso Scholarship Fund has become a bridge to a brighter future for some underprivileged aspiring Chartered Accountants in Zimbabwe (CA(Z)).

The fund is financially supporting identified students from university until they qualify as a CA(Z).

Be part of the shaping of a future and fulfilment of a dream by donating to the Fund.

No amount is too small!!!

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