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Editor, December 2025
Vimbiso Newsletter

Message from the Admin Desk

As the year draws to a close, we at Vimbiso have much to be grateful for! The year 2025 was filled with numerous activities and engagements aimed at increasing beneficiary involvement and providing them with essential professional exposure. In turn, our beneficiaries did not disappoint; we saw them excel in their studies across the entire academic spectrum, from University and CTA exams to APC exams.

2025 Activities

APC Celebrations

We began the year in full celebration as one of our beneficiaries, Melindah Nyathi, passed her APC exams, bringing our total number of APC graduates to two. We have full confidence that the five candidates who sat for their APC exams in December 2025 will perform equally well and continue this trend of excellence!

2025 CTA Graduation

This year, four of our students successfully passed their CTA Level 2 examinations. We extend a huge congratulations to Debrah Chandikidzo, Elizabeth Magarira, Tawanda Gotohore and Native Muchoko on this significant milestone!

University Graduations

We are proud to announce that several of our beneficiaries graduated from the University of Zimbabwe and Midlands State University. Of particular note is Pride Mubare, who graduated with a first-class degree. This newsletter will profile our other successful graduates as well.

Vimbiso Annual Charity Golf Day

The 2025 Golf Day was held on the 17th of October, with a total of 33 teams participating. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors and teams for making this day a resounding success. Because of your support, we continue to advance our vision of making the Chartered Accountant (Zimbabwe) designation more accessible to marginalised students.



Message from the Admin Desk (continued)

By Felicity Karekwaivanane **Editor December 2025 Vimbiso Newsletter**

Vimbiso Half Marathon

The Vimbiso Half Marathon: Racing for a Brighter Future, was held in June 2025. We hit the ground running with our inaugural Half Marathon. Over 420 passionate runners and walkers led the way making the event a resounding success. We are thrilled to make this an annual tradition on our calendar. We invite our members and partners to lace up their shoes every year, run or walk for a worthy cause and help us change the life of a student in need, one student at a time.

Group Mentorship Sessions

We continued with our drive to give mentorship sessions to all beneficiaries. Over and above partnering each beneficiary with a unique mentor, we held several group mentorship sessions in the year. We introduced, meet and greet mentorship sessions for Midlands State University and NUST students, holding impactful sessions in March and November 2025. In Harare, our students gathered for group sessions in March, September and December 2025. Topics covered range from grooming, mental health issues, insights from qualified CAs and exam preparation techniques, amongst others. These sessions serve as more than just lessons, they provide a vital platform for the students to connect, share ideas and build a supportive community.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2026, our mission remains clear: to expand the reach of the Vimbiso Trust and deepen the impact we have on our talented beneficiaries. To achieve this, we have set several key objectives for the coming year:

- » **Digital Presence:** We are excited to launch and enhance the Vimbiso website, creating a central hub for our stories, updates and resources.

- » **Growing the Numbers:** We aim to increase our numbers, reaching more students from marginalised backgrounds who dream of becoming Chartered Accountants.
- » **Strategic Partnerships:** A major priority is to invite more donors to come on board, ensuring the financial sustainability that provides a "Hope" for our students.
- » **Building Our Alumni Network:** We are focused on formalising our Vimbiso Alumni group. We want to create a powerful network of professionals who have walked this path and can now guide the next generation.
- » **Cultivating a Culture of Giving Back:** We strongly encourage those who are attaining their professional designation to give back, sharing their time and expertise as mentors to have more visibility as Vimbiso.

Together, we are not just funding education; we are building an empire of opportunity, thread by thread.

We look forward to another year of excellence, partnership and profound change as we touch one life at a time!



My Journey

with the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund



A Story Of Opportunity And Transformation By Melindah Nyathi

The Vimbiso Scholarship Fund has been more than just a financial aid program; it has been a turning point in my life. I first learned about the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund from a friend during a very difficult time, when my mother had been diagnosed with a terminal illness. I was devastated and on the verge of giving up on my university studies. Initially, I was unsure about my chances, but a friend encouraged me to apply.

The application process was thorough, and I appreciated how the fund sought not only academic excellence but also a genuine desire to succeed and contribute to the community. It was at the beginning of my second year in college that Vimbiso stepped in, offering a beacon of hope. Being selected as a Vimbiso Scholar was an incredible moment – a validation of my hard work and potential.

The scholarship enabled me to attend Midlands State University. Beyond the financial support, Vimbiso provided invaluable mentorship and guidance. The program's emphasis on personal development, life skills, and community engagement has shaped me into a well-rounded individual, prepared not only for a career but also for a life of service. The journey has not been easy; it has had its ups and downs, but Vimbiso has consistently been there for me.

One of the most impactful aspects of the Vimbiso program is the network it provides. Connecting with fellow scholars, ICAZ members, and professionals in the field has opened my eyes to the vast opportunities within the accounting profession. The mentorship program, in particular, has been instrumental in helping me navigate my academic journey and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Thanks to the support of the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund, I have successfully completed all my qualifying exams. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities and support I have received; they have not only eased my financial burden but have also instilled in me a sense of responsibility to give back to my community. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and to contributing meaningfully to the growth of Zimbabwe.

I hope my story inspires other aspiring accountants from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue their dreams. The Vimbiso Scholarship Fund is a testament to the power of investing in education and the transformative impact it can have on individuals and communities.

Thank you, Vimbiso!



My Journey

with the Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund



By Pride Mubare

My Background

I am Pride Mubare, aged 23. I lost both my parents at a very tender age and grew up under the care of my maternal grandparents. Despite their struggles, they ensured I had the means to attend primary school. Things became more difficult during secondary school, but fortunately, I received support from my older sister's husband and some well-wishers. I completed my O Level and A Level in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

At first, I felt hopeless about advancing to university and didn't even consider applying. However, a mentor, who is more like a brother to me, insisted that I had to apply and I did. Although I also attempted to join the Zimbabwe National Army, I was unsuccessful. My mentor then informed me about the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund, and I decided to apply. After an interview, I was overjoyed to learn

that I had qualified for a full scholarship. This life-changing opportunity has transformed my prospects, and I'm now in my final year at University of Zimbabwe with renewed hope and determination.

What Vimbiso means to me

Vimbiso scholarship renewed a sense of purpose in me, a rescuer when all seemed lost. Prior to receiving the scholarship, becoming a Chartered Accountant felt like an unattainable dream but all thanks to Vimbiso as I am now closer to realising my aspiration.

Every lecture, every examination and every milestone achieved serves as a testament to the profound impact of the Vimbiso Scholarship. To me, Vimbiso embodies hope, resilience and the liberating power of education.

The mentorship sessions provided by Vimbiso offer invaluable opportunities for me to engage with experienced Chartered Accountants, gaining insightful perspectives on the profession. I am eternally grateful for the Vimbiso Scholarship, it has been a game-changer in my life.

Vimbiso; empowering dreams, building family.



The Phantom Reach



**A Poem by
Kelly Machechera**

A dream that seems beyond reach a hunger in the gaze
A heart aching with desire,
Where can I anchor this ambitious seed?
When the soil of hope feels barren,
I weave tomorrow's empire, thread by thread
Designing a great world inside my small one
But how to bridge this suffocating space?
The promised distance continually grows vast
The effort cost a private weary toil
I mask the doubt that sharpens every glance
My footsteps echo on an endless wheel
And still the future refuses to advance
Fantasies come and go like seasons
Air castles built on breath and fragile light until the realisation settles...
I'm pursuing a phantom, a dream forever beyond my grasp...





What Vimbiso means to me



The opportunity which I have been always hoped for, my dream from my very tender age which had no one to fulfil has now come true with Vimbiso scholarship.

As a tertiary student at Great Zimbabwe University, Vimbiso is not just financial support but a beacon of hope and opportunity. It alleviates the stress of tuition fees and other educational expenses allowing me to fully focus on my studies without constant worry of financial strain. It shows that my hard work and dedication is recognized and valuable by representing a commitment to my future. With this support I am inspired to excel academically and contribute positively to the nation.

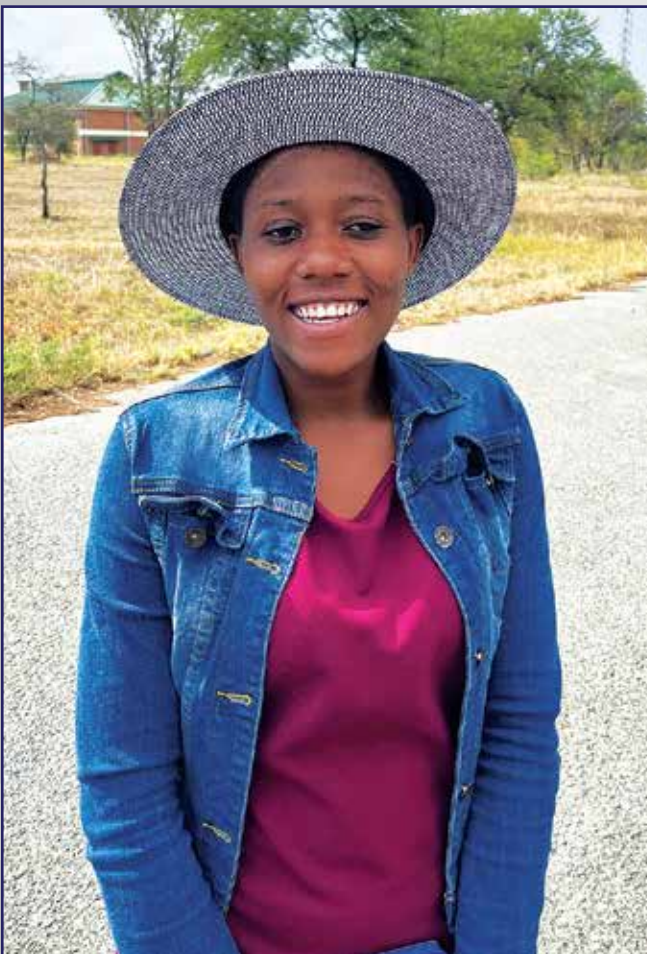
I am incredibly grateful for the chance to pursue my dreams to be a Chartered Accountant, knowing that I have the backing of an organization that believes in my potentials.

This generosity is making a profound change in my academic life.

By Sharon Ngwangwani



What Vimbiso means to me



The word Vimbiso means "Promise" in Shona and to me, the Vimbiso Scholarship truly represents a promise of hope, opportunity, and a better future. Receiving this scholarship is more than just financial assistance it is a lifeline that empowers me to pursue my education without the heavy burden of tuition fees and related costs.

Coming from a background where resources are limited, the Vimbiso Scholarship has not only lifted a financial weight off my shoulders but has also restored my belief in the power of education. It is a reminder that no matter where you come from with support and determination, your dreams are valid and achievable.

This scholarship motivates me to work harder and remain focused on my goals, knowing that someone believes in my potential. It also challenges me to give back to my community and uplift others, just as I have been uplifted.

To me, the Vimbiso Scholarship is a symbol of faith in my abilities my dreams and my future.

By Catherine Mutematsaka



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Graduations



Pride Mubare

(1st Class Degree)
University of Zimbabwe



Constance Madhaure

University of Zimbabwe



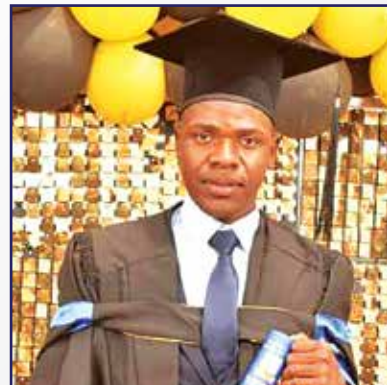
Nicola Takundwa

University of Zimbabwe



Tatenda Muchapinda

University of Zimbabwe



Terence Simango

Midlands State University



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ZCTA Graduation



ZCTA Graduation Emmanuel Butawu and Dennis Gijima



Vimbiso Achievers

Congratulations

to our ICAZ Vimbiso Students for passing the IAC 2025 exams while obtaining 100% percent pass rate!



Simbarashe Kampiripi
(Number 1 overall)



Dennis Gijima



Tinotenda Muzavazi



Emmanuel Butawu

“Excellent work! Keep it up!”



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ZCTA Achievers



Tawanda Gotohore



Debrah Chandikidzo



Elizabeth Magarira



Native Muchoko



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Year In Pictures



Vimbiso beneficiaries participating in the Vimbiso Marathon in June 2025

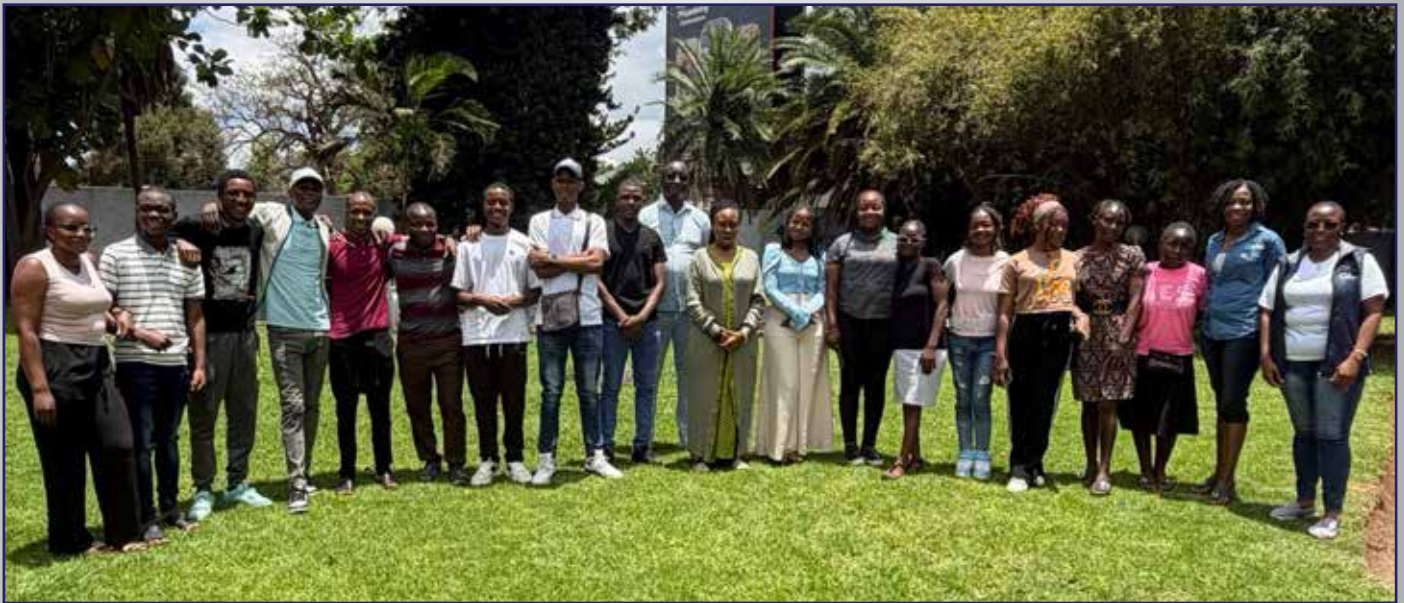


March 2025 - Harare Group Mentorship Session



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Year In Pictures



December 2025 - Harare Group Mentorship Session



April 2025 - NUST Group Mentorship Session



April 2025 - Midlands State University Group Mentorship Session



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Year In Pictures



November 2025 - NUST Group Mentorship Session



September 2025 - Harare Group Mentorship Session



November 2025 - Midlands State University Group Mentorship Session



Vimbiso Scholarship Trust Fund

The Vimbiso Scholarship Trust 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 level until they qualify as CA(Z).

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

No amount is ever too small!!!

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BRANCH: Angwa City
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 020236949

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NAME OF BANK: NMB Bank Ltd
BRANCH: Angwa City
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0000021257281
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