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MO SCHOLAR'S SPHERE

The future is ours!



Class of 2024: Resilience, Transformation, Triumph!

A year of impactful growth, transforming dreams into achievements.

Since its establishment in 2014 by philanthropist and billionaire Mohammed Dewji, the **Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF)** has been a force of transformative change in Tanzania. With a focus on higher education scholarships, healthcare, and access to clean water, the Foundation has expanded its reach and deepened its impact. This year, 2024 MDF has touched the lives of over **60,000 Tanzanians**—a lifeline to many and a testament to its commitment to transforming lives and building resilient communities.

Bridging Academia and the Real World

At MDF, education goes beyond the classroom. The Foundation not only provides tuition fees, meals, accommodation, and associated costs but also ensures that every student builds a fulfilling life afterward. MDF is committed to achieving **100% job placement** for graduates.

On November 30th, 2024, the Foundation celebrated a significant milestone with its 6th graduation ceremony, honoring **48 graduates from 17 universities across Tanzania**. Each graduate represents a story of resilience, opportunity, and transformation.

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The Mo Scholars Program is a bridge between academia and the real world, powering our private sector with skilled workforce to drive sustainable economic growth

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Imran Sherali
Executive Director
Mo Dewji Foundation

Lighting the Way: Gregory Venance's Smart Home Revolution

Active Mo Scholar
Mbeya University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of electrical and electronics engineering

The future is now!

Hey Scholars! The 2024 application cycle was ! We're buzzing with excitement over the amazing talents who applied this year. Shoutout to our Most Outstanding Applicant, Gregory Venance!

Gregory impressed the selection committee with his groundbreaking project—an electronic switching system using Bluetooth, Arduino, and relays to control home lights. This innovation brings convenience, energy efficiency, and customization to home automation. By simply using a smartphone app, users can control their lights from up to 50 meters away.



Innovation is always about imagination, what you think and every circuit we design and every connection we made brings about changes to the world

But Gregory's ingenuity doesn't stop there! His system allows users to manage individual lights or groups, promoting energy conservation and cost savings. It's adaptable too—making it a perfect fit for anyone interested in smart home technology.

Gregory, you've set the bar high for innovation!

Kelvin Ernest Nassary: A Beacon of Resilience and Innovation in Tourism

Graduate
University of Dar es Salaam
Bachelor of Art In Education

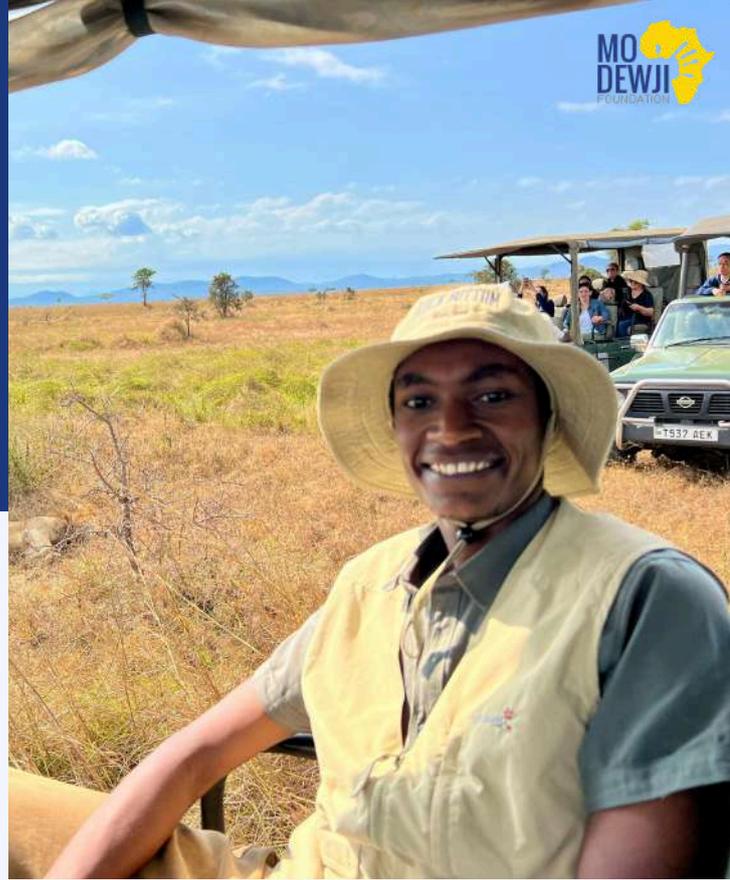
Kelvin Ernest Nassary's journey from a university graduate to the Managing Director of Tanzania Safari Operations Ltd is an inspiring testament to the power of determination, resilience, and vision. Supported by the Mo Dewji Foundation, Kelvin transformed his passion for tourism into a thriving business that continues to break boundaries and contribute positively to Tanzania's economy.

In just a few years, here's how Kelvin has succeeded:

- **300%** growth in workforce: From 2 to 14 employees!
- **85%** client satisfaction rate: A foundation for success, growing year after year.
- **20%** revenue increase: Bringing in steady growth and greater profitability.
- **Tsh 13,800,000** in profits: A testament to his hard work and dedication
- Supporting **6** primary school children: Covering school fees and all requirements to ensure their future is bright.

Kelvin's company, now Tanzania Safari Operations Ltd, continues to innovate with new safari packages, a user-friendly app, and international expansion plans. **His story shows that with vision, determination, and resilience, the sky's the limit!**

Keep dreaming big—your success could be next!



"Our country, rich in natural beauty, should be a place where the world comes to see the true meaning of peace and hospitality."

*Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere
Founding Father and First President of Tanzania*



Eline Njunwa Empowers 100 Girls in ICT: Bridging the Digital Divide

Active Mo Scholar
University Of Dar es Salaam
Bachelor in Computer Science

As a Mo Dewji Foundation Scholar (Batch 7) and a **Computer Science student at the University of Dar es Salaam**, Eline Njunwa has embraced both academic excellence and community impact. With the Foundation's support, she has grown into a passionate mentor and advocate for digital literacy.

Through her role as a trainer at Help to Help's IT Bootcamps, Eline has empowered over **100 young women with ICT skills, cybersecurity awareness, and professional communication tools**. Many participants had never used a computer before, but under her guidance, they gained the confidence to navigate the digital world.



Success is not just about personal achievements but about helping others rise too.

Eline's dedication to bridging the digital divide and creating opportunities for young women continues to drive her work. She believes that education and mentorship are powerful tools for change, and she remains committed to making a lasting impact through technology.

Abdul Shaban: Empowering Youth and Leading with Purpose!

Active Mo Scholar
University of Dar es Salaam
Bachelor in Banking and Financial Services

Abdul Shaban's leadership journey is nothing short of inspiring. During his time at the Dar Es Salaam Institute of Technology, Abdul took on multiple leadership roles, including Class Representative, Member of Parliament, and Public Relations Officer for **YUNA Tanzania**. Balancing academics with extracurricular activities, he graduated with an impressive **GPA of 4.3**, earning recognition as the **second-best student** in his cohort.

Abdul's passion for diplomacy and youth empowerment led him to coordinate the **Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN)** for three consecutive years. In 2022, his exceptional organizational skills earned him the **Best Member of the Organizing Team** award. But Abdul didn't stop there—his hard work and dedication culminated in his selection as a **UN Youth Fellow** under the African UN Youth Delegate Program, a prestigious initiative organized by UNA Tanzania and CRISP Germany.

Abdul's journey demonstrates the power of perseverance and the impact of quality education. He continues to inspire young leaders across Tanzania.



"The youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow; they are the leaders of today. Investing in young minds is investing in the future of our nation."

Mr. Mohammed Dewji
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Keep Dreaming, Keep Building!

At the Mo Dewji Foundation, every story begins with a dream—and you, our scholars, are turning those dreams into reality! From Gregory Venance's tech innovations to Kelvin Nassary's booming tourism ventures, Abdul Shaban's inspiring leadership, and Eline Njunwa's groundbreaking contributions, you prove that the future of Tanzania is bright and full of possibilities.

Are you the next changemaker? The next innovator? The next leader? We believe in you! Let's continue to push boundaries, create impact, and shape the future together.



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"Tanzania has given me so much; it's my duty to ensure that others, especially the youth, have the opportunities to achieve their dreams."

Mr. Mohammed Dewji
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Share your story with us at
moscholars@modewjifoundation.org and inspire others! You might be featured in our next newsletter!