

## UNITE SCHOLARS & MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



#### MISSION:

- To break the vicious cycle of poverty, oppression & wasted human potential by empowering uniquely talented yet impoverished youth across Tanzania with access to quality education through A-Levels and beyond.
- To nurture creative and independent thinking and the development of the personal and professional life skills necessary for success as active, engaged, and productive global citizens.

#### 2018

Unite launched the Unite Scholars program with the sponsorship of seven scholars.

- One graduated from university and has a career in accounting.
- One graduated from medical school and is working as a doctor.
- One is in university, family funded.
- Two are still in secondary, Unite funded.
- One went to private, extended family funded.
- One graduated and is working at UFP.



#### 2019

Unite enrolled our second class of six scholars.

- Five are now in university in Tanzania.
   One is fully funded by Unite and two are partially funded by Unite.
- One is now in university in India.



#### 2020

Unite enrolled our third class of 30 scholars.

- 26 are now in universities across Tanzania.
   Many are receiving partial financial support from Unite.
- One is working for Unite while studying to retake national exams.
- Two are working in agribusiness and are supported in part by Unite.
- One left to go private, extended family supported.



#### 2022

Unite launched the fourth class of 13 scholars. All are now enrolled in their second semesters of Form 5 in higher secondary schools across Tanzania.

#### 2023

Unite enrolls our fifth class of 21 scholars.



#### WHERE UNITE SCHOLARS COME FROM





#### KEY FACTS

- ~84% of children enroll in primary school (ages 6 to 13).
- ~28% of children enroll In lower secondary school for their O Levels, Form 1 through Form 4 (ages 13 to 17).
- ~3% of all Tanzanian youth enroll in higher secondary school for their A Levels, Form 5 and Form 6). Most youth who are able to complete higher secondary come from wealthier families.



(Sources: UNESCO, 2020; Unicef)

# WHAT'S INCLUDED in the Unite Scholars sponsorship

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN SPONSORSHIP

- All school fees and mandatory contributions.
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- Uniforms (school, sports, religious outfits, shoes, etc.), all schoolbooks, school supplies, etc.

Transport to and from school and their homes for all school holidays.

Health insurance

All boarding necessities (e.g. trunks, mattresses, bedding, plates, buckets)

- Transport to and supplies for regular meetings with Unite Mentors over school holidays.
- Undergarments, feminine hygiene items, and all necessary personal items
- A smart phone to conduct all Unite communications and reporting

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- At least one home visit (logistics depending)
- Family support (food, supplies, bicycles, solar panels, etc)
- A grant to start an approved small business
- Access to Warrior for Change interest-free loans

- Assistance through university application process
- Financial support through university on a case-by-case basis
- Opportunity to attend Unite events, workshops, trainings & internships
- A network of engaged and supportive Unite Scholars & alumnai across the country and beyond





#### PAID INTERNSHIPS

Unite Scholars are encouraged to work at Unite Food Program HQ and in the field with our teammates in western Tanzania as possible. The best time for prolonged internships is following Form 6 graduation in June and before university begins in late October. Unite Scholars are also placed with partner schools, organizations, and companies around the country for paid internships. Unite generally underwrites 50%-75% of these experiences.

- In 2021, 18 Unite Scholars participated in paid internships with Unite Food Program
- In 2022, 26 Unite Scholars participated in paid internships with Unite Food Program and partner companies, schools, and orgs.



#### PROJEKT INSPIRE

Projekt Inspire is a Dar-based company that runs an annual highly competitive and selective five-day-long STEM boot camp in Tanga, Tanzania. Unite has sent a number of scholars and served as a Bootcamp sponsor in the past. We are growing our partnership to ensure more STEM-related training for all of our scholars and graduates. The boot camps aim to mainstream project-based and integrated learning to complement the formal secondary schools' science and mathematics curriculum and also to guide talented youth in the pursuit of STEM-related careers.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS



Unite Scholar graduate Elina Green has joined our team as an official advisor to the board to assist with enrolling our scholars in a number of international training programs that she has been admitted to and completed with the support of Unite. These programs include:

- The Yale Young Global Scholars Program, a rigorous academic enrichment program for outstanding high school students from around the world. Each summer, students from over 150 countries participate in one interdisciplinary, two-week session online or at Yale.
- The **Aspire Leaders Program** run through Harvard University. Students access self-assessment tools, Harvard course materials, and live seminars to address questions of identity, technology, ethics, and structural change.
- The **Cyber Girl Fellowship**, a free one-year program that equips girls and women aged 18 to 28 with cybersecurity skills.
- The **WAAW Fellowship Summit** in Cape Town. WAAW (Working to Advance STEM Education for African Women) is a non-profit headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria, that works to expand African engagement in technology and innovation
- The **African Girls' Code Initiative**, commissioned by UN Women, trains 2,000+ girls aged 17 to 25 across Africa to become computer programmers, creators, and designers.



#### FACTS & FIGURES

#### 2020-2023

Since Unite launched our first club on September 1, 2020, we have expanded to reach eight schools across Tanzania and two schools in Northern Uganda. Since the program started we have reached more than **1,326 students**.



#### UNITE SOFT SKILLS CURRICULUM

Unite's soft skills training modules covers the following topics:

- Self Awareness
- Time Management
- Personal Branding
- Networking
- Interviewing
- Presentation skills
- Communication skills
- Active Listening
- Feedback vs Criticism



#### ADDITIONAL KEY TRAININGS

- Emotional Intelligence
- Effective Use of Social Media
- Managing Stress & Anxiety.
- Identifying & Coping with Depression
- Environmental Stewardship
- Scholarship resources and application training



#### THE UNITE PASSION PROJECT

The Unite Passion Project is a library of more than 120 videos that have been made by experts and professionals around the world sharing about their careers. The goal of the program is twofold:

- To expose youth to a wide array of career options, activities, and perspectives by sharing the stories of people who have found their passions.
- To showcase ways that various ideas and talents can be translated into meaningful, impactful, and rewarding work.





#### UNITE HUMMINGBIRD PROGRAM

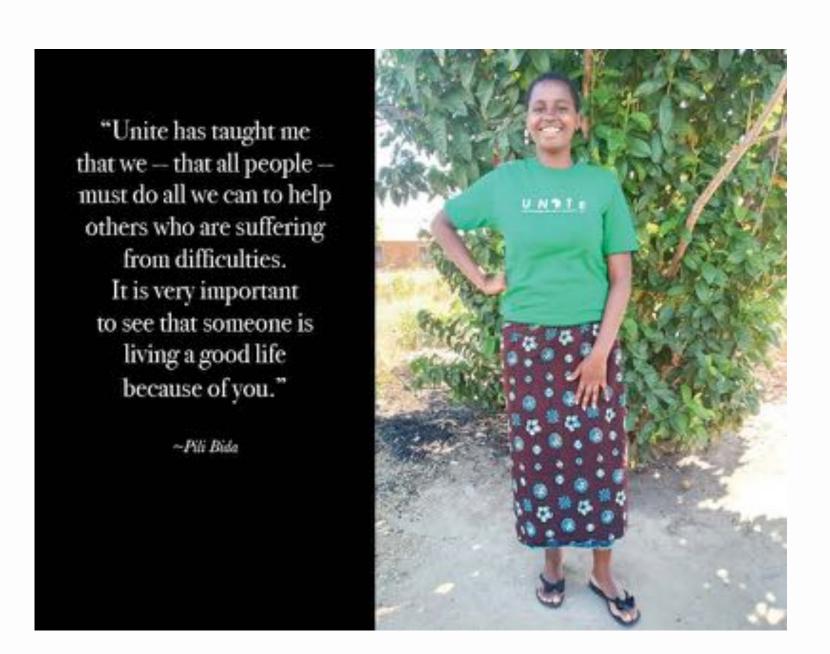
In 2020 we launched the Unite Hummingbird program led by Unite's environmental scientist Clara Wilson Ngowi to plant trees and school gardens not only to reforest the Earth and provide food, but also to educate scholars, Unite club members, and the community about the importance of environmental conservation, reforestations campaigns, and organic farming practices. Currently, we have planted ~1,150 trees in six secondary schools and in one primary school across Tanzania.



### THE PATH AHEAD

#### FOCUS AREAS MOVING FORWARD

- Secure partnerships for paid internships for more Unite Scholars.
- Explore VETA and vocational training opportunities for our Form 6 and university graduates.
- Enroll more Unite Scholar families in the Social Impact Work for UFP.
- Incorporate writing workshops and computer skills trainings.



#### THE UNITE SCHOLARS PROGRAM TEAM

