

# Nyhetsbrevet

Nr 3, september 2024

Vi är stolta och glada att meddela att Liberian Board for Nursing and Midwifery (LBNM) har beviljat "FULL ACCREDITATION med alla utmärkelser, rättigheter, privilegier och skyldigheter" till vårt Liberia Dujar University College "att fungera som ett ackrediterat BASIC Midwifery Program för att erbjuda DIRECT ENTRY Associate of Science Degree för [en initial] period på 3 år

We are pleased to announce that the Liberian Board for Nursing and Midwifery (LBNM) has granted "FULL ACCREDITATION with all honors, rights, privileges and obligations" to our Liberia Dujar University College "to function as an accredited BASIC Midwifery Program to offer DIRECT ENTRY Associate of Science Degree for [an initial] period of 3 years

# Kära vänner!

Just det! Efter sex års strävan efter certifikatet har vi äntligen blivit godkända att driva barnmorskeutbildning. Där ser man, det gäller att inte ge upp.

Nu går vi mot höst, så låt inte denna värme lura dig för snart är det kanske riktigt kallt. Vi tackar för alla bidrag ni gett för läsår 2023/2024.

Denna september kommer alla skolorna i Liberia att öppnas och läsåret 2024/2025 ska börja. Vi behöver få ihop pengar till våra båda skolor.



Elevantalet på Liberia Dujar High School utökas och ansvaret för att få ihop pengar för att driva skolan är stort. Även om vi är glada över utökning av eleverna, så har ansvaret ökat. Stanna hos oss och låt oss tillsammans ge barnen och ungdomarna en framtid. Här i Sverige pågår insamlingsarbetet som vanligt med våra knappa resurser.

Lois Hemaren, Generalsekreterare



Årsmöte 2024

Tisdag 29 okt. 18.00

Via länk.

Kontakta kansliet för att få länken.

Se baksidan.

# Liberia Dujar High School

Från förskola till gymnasium sedan 2004

The academic year of the Liberia Dujar High School came to an official end the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024.

Prior to the closing of the school, the administration had a meeting with the Parents Teachers Association of the school to acquaint them with the activities of the school over the past year. The Principal of the school Rev James M. Gbolumah, thanked the parents for trusting the care of their children into the hands of the school. He told the parents that all might have not been rosy in terms of students' behavior but was happy to report to the parents that the general outcome in terms of misbehavior of students was less than 8%.

He cautioned the parents to be rigid on their children at home to curb the use of narcotic drugs on the school campus. He pointed out that most of the students who got suspended or expelled got involved with drinking of alcohol and taking in of narcotics. He promised that the school's authority will remain steadfast in disciplining students to weed out the bad ones not to influence other students.

The Principal used the occasion to inform the parents that due to bad economy the country is faced with, the school through the approval of its board has decided not to increase fees for the students. His pronouncement was met with thunderous applause from the parents. He urged the parents to encourage their children to take seriously their lessons as the next academic year will be one dedicated to high performance from students.

Responding on behave of the parents, the Chairman of the PTA, Samuel Patta

paid tribute to the school for its excellent disciplinary credentials. He hailed the school for being peoplecentered related and being very considerate with parents given the financial situation the coutry is going through. He thanked the school for announcing that it wouldn't be increasing the school fees for the next academic year. This he noted was an indication of the school's motto

He encouraged the school to remain steadfast in molding the minds of the students and straight adherence to making discipline a hallmark of the school.

The school witnessed a stark improvement in the performance of the students during the last academic year.

According to the Vice Principal for Instruction Davern L. Fahnbulleh, the enrollment of the school for the year was 892 students. Of this number, 490 were females while 402 were boys. He reported that a total of 818 students made a successful pass to the next grade while failure amounted to only 49 students. However, 25 students dropped for the year for various circumstances that were not explained.

According to the Vice Principal, female students performed remarkably during the year. He noted that 463 females made a successful pass to the next class as compared to 355 males. He praised the teachers for their dedication to duties and ensuring that keen attention was given the student for which the performance level increased. He also thanked the Management team of the school for the support given the school staff to perform assiduously their duties. He said he's looking up to better school year in 2024/2025.

In furtherance to the next academic year, which is expected to begin in September, the school administration had two days workshop for all the teachers. The Workshops which were held from the 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of August according to the Principal Rev James M. Gbolumah, were intended to brush of the teachers in various aspects of teaching. Areas covered were Classroom management, Teaching Methodology, Lesson Planning, Testing and Evaluation among others. Teachers who are expected to work with the school for the next academic year attended.

The school is now gearing up for the opening of school with three entrances given prospective students.

Registration is on- going up to mid-September.

#### Kära vänner!

Sommaren har varit lång och varm och förhoppningsvis gett möjlighet till vila och stimulans, kanske en simtur i havet. Och nu har vi åter högsommarvärme i september. Men hösten är ändå här, med jobb och inte minst skola. Skolan som skapar framtidens vuxna, här och i Liberia.

Därför är vårt stöd till skolorna där så viktigt!

Och äntligen! Lois Hemgren, vår generalsekreterare, har nu i sommar kunnat meddela att certifikatet för barnmorskeutbildningen vid UC är klart, efter år av arbete och väntan!

En aktiv höst önskas er alla!

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# Liberia Dujar University College



I 6 år har Liberia Dujar University College väntat på att bli ackrediterat för att driva Barnmorskeutbildning. Men den 29 juli 2024 fick vi det.

# Midwifery program

The long awaited Mid-Wifery program Assessment was done on the 24th and 25th of June 2024. Gearing towards the assessment for the accreditation of the Mid-wifery, a lot of preparations were carried out in order to reach the required standard of the Liberia Board for Nursing and Mid-wifery among which are: Signing of a MOU with the authorities of the ELWA Hospital for the purpose of midwifery students' clinical practices, the painting of both the academic and administrative buildings, the whitewashing of the fence, the cutting of the grass in and out of the campus, Setting up the Library, Computer and Simulation Laboratories.

Following these massive preparations, the result of the college score was a grade of 92% which qualifies her to be accredited by the Liberia Board for Nursing and Midwifery on the 29th of July 2024.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, The University College of Liberia Dujar received the certificate from the Liberia Board for Nursing and Midwifery.

As the college has been given the full right to operate a Midwifery school, along with it already existing program, all effort is in progress to start the new semester on September 16, 2024. The verting of instructors and other staff has been done for the New School while entrance examinations are being administered.



Staff from The Liberia Board for Nursing and Midwifery meets with personnel from LDUC.

# Liberian Government may Pave Road Segment Leading to Dujar College



Liberia's Ministry of Public Works has disclosed to the Liberia Dujar University College of the government's plans to maybe, depending on the financial status of the Government pave the 4.9-mile road segment that connects from a paved section of the community of Kebbah in the Barnersville Township to the campus of the university college. This road segment is currently unpaved such that only motorcycles become the only means of transportation for students of the institution. The condition of the road is bad, so regular transportation vehicles do not ply that

route. This bad road has been the cause of low student population. Therefore, if the road is paved, more students will be encouraged to attend the school.

### Liberian Government to Grant 50,000 USD to L D University College



Liberia Dujar University College should benefit from a 50,000 USD budgetary appropriation by the Government of Liberia during this 2023/2024 fiscal year. This assistance will be only the second such subsidy from the Government of Liberia, since the first subsidy of the same amount was given 11 years ago, in 2013.

The subsidy is being processed through Liberia's Ministries of Education and Finance respectively, though some very detailed

bureaucratic lines. The money will come very handy to the college, which has been struggling with funding their yearly recurrent expenses.





Demonstration Laboratory.



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Familjen Roström Enskild partner

**Eva Hollström Enskild partner** 

Anita Sundin Enskild partner

### Stöd till flickor gör stor skillnad

Alla flickor bär på en kraft att förändra världen. Men miljontals flickor fråntas den kraften. Många utsätts för olika slag av våld och andra hinder, som konventionen att de ska vara hemma och sköta hushållet. I själva verket betyder kvinnor oerhört mycket för ett lands utveckling. Därför har LDA systemet med sponsring av enskilda kvinnor. Svenska familjer och enskilda personer bidrar till deras utbildning på High School och på University College. Här är några brev vi fått från tre elever vid Colleget.

Med din support stöttar du vårt viktiga arbete för att stärka flickors rättigheter.

August 23, 2024

Dear General Sponsors,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous financial support. Your contribution has significantly impacted my endeavors and has provided much needed assistance.

Your support has not only helped financially, but it has also given me the courage and motivation to pursue my goals with greater determination. Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your kindness and for enabling possibilities that were previously beyond my reach.

Best regards, Sincerely yours

Patience M. Suah ID#115 STUDENT Liberia Dujar University College August 30, 2024
Dear General Sponsors,

Greetings to you and your caring families. I write to express my sincere gratitude for your humanity and thoughtfulness. You have truly made a difference in my life and I am deeply appreciative for the support towards my education. I am grateful for your investment in my life. Your support has enabled me today to be a soon- graduating senior at the Lois B. Hemgren School of Health Sciences.

I cannot thank people enough for the level of generosity you have shown me over the years. I'm indeed glad that I cross path with you.

May God Almighty continue to bless and prosper the works that you continue to do you and your entire family.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Peter STUDENT Liberia Dujar University College Montserrado County

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August 29, 2024

Dear General Sponsors,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to you all for your financial support. As I retrospect on how timely and meaningful your support has been for me, I can truly see mothers and fathers through you and not sponsors. I am indeed gratified to say I'm bless for crossing path with you people because your presence has shifted my life in a more unique way.

Today, I am on my knees asking that God's blessings should never depart from you and my caring families' lives. Thanks for everything you continue to do for me because I do not know how far my educational journey would have gone without you. I am indeed grateful.

Best regards Massa L. Kamara STUDENT Liberia Dujar University College

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### News from Liberia

By Dennis Toe, Director General

# Earth Moving Equipment Deal in Limbo

The much heralded 285 earth moving equipment that were intended to buttress government's roads rehabilitation process seem to be in limbo. Information gathered from sources indicate that the Ministry of Finance is reluctant to make a payment of \$10 million USD as requested by those behind the deal. According to the reports, sources in the office of the president had requested the Finance Ministry to make an initial payment of the stated amount for the machines to be supplied after a fleet of 24 pieces had arrived in the country.

However, the Finance Ministry is quoted as saying it could not raise any voucher for any payment that wasn't backed by documentation.

Immediately after assuming office, the Government announced that it was bringing in 285 pieces of earth moving equipment to tackle the deplorable road condition in the country. The news was greeted with mixed reactions from the public for and against the decision. Those against including some lawmakers were concerned about the process of obtaining the machines when the entire process didn't follow legality. With the Finance Ministry's refusal to make any payment, it remains to be seen what becomes of the equipment.

### New Minister of Finance



Augustine A Ngafuan is the name of Liberia's new Finance Minister. He once served in similar position during the regime of Madam Ellen Sirleaf. He was recalled from his duties at the African Development Bank in Kampala, Uganda as head of the organization there. He once served under Madam Sirleaf as Budget Director and Foreign Minister. He was also a student leader. He replaced Boima Kamara who resigned his post due to ailment.

In another judicial news, five former officials of the past government of former President George Weah were arrested and detained in July of this year for acts of corruption.

The five accused, former Finance Minister Samuel Tweah, former Solicitor General Nyenati Tuan, Former Financial Intelligence Unit chief Stanley Ford, Jeff Karmo former National Security Advisor, and a former comptroller at the FIU were arrested following an investigation in the mismanagement of over Ibn Liberian dollars and \$500,000USD by the Libera Anti-Corruption Commission.

After few days in detention, they were set free on a bail of nearly 1bn USD as they all denied the charges brought against them.

# Utbildning är vägen till fred, frihet och utveckling

Jolanta och Natalia Tellström

Stefan de Vylder

Göran & Linda Häss

### Former Chief Justice Released

A former Chief Justice, Minister of Justice and Senator of Maryland County Cllr Glorious Musue Scott has been set free by the Supreme Court of Liberia after she won an appeal.

Cllr Scott was detained for life in June of last year after she was found guilty by a criminal court in Liberia for the killing of her niece Charloe Musue in February 2023. Charloe was brutally murdered by an unknown person.

A police investigation at that time held Cllr Scott and four other occupants of the house responsible for the death of the college going victim.

Cllr Scott had earlier reported to the police that an intruder entered her tightly secure residence outside of Monrovia of carrying out the act. She furthered that during a scuffle, she sprayed the eyes of the intruder with pepper spray, but he/she managed to escape.

The police during its investigation said that there was no evidence of any breakage into the home of the former Chief Justice and at such the occupants of the house were found liable and forwarded to court.

During the court proceedings which lasted for over a period of three months, Cllr Scott and the codefendants were found guilty for the death of Charloe Musue and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Following the ruling of the lower court, Cllr Scott took an appeal to the Supreme Court which found her not guilty on the 27th of August 2024 for what the highest court termed as the lack of sufficient evidence.

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## From the Sports Field



Liberia's *Joseph Fahnbulleh* won men's 200m title at the 2024 African Championship. Fahnbulleh swept two Gold Medals at the African Athletic Championship in the Men's 100m and 200m at the 23 African Championsship in Douala, Cameroon.

# Training Program to Empower 10,000 Liberian Youth Nationwide

In his first State of Nation address, President Boakai pledged to train 10,000 youth in digital skills within his first six months in office. Although the initiative took slightly longer, its success in now evident across the country, says the Liberia Telecommunications Authority.

The program has reached young /adults in all 15 counties, equipping them with essential digital skills to thrive in the rapidly evolving technological landscape. Over 11,000 individuals have already signed up.

President Boakai's ambitious agenda aims to equip half a million youth with digital skills over the next six years, laying the groundwork for a tech-savvy generation poised to lead the nation into the future.



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# Välkommen till ordinarie Årsmöte 2024

### Tisdag 29 oktober, kl. 18.00 via Zoom.

Du som vill att delta på årsmötet behöver höra av dig på info@liberiadujar.org så att du får Internet-länken till mötet.

På årsmötet redovisas verksamheten från juli 2023 – juni 2024 för medlemmarna, som granskar hur det har gått under året, revisorn lämnar sin rapport med förslag om ansvarsfrihet för styrelsen. Och inte minst ska ordförande och styrelse väljas, personer som kommer att ha ansvar för föreningens fortsatta arbete. Om du är intresserad av att delta i styrelsearbetet, hör av dig på 0704–778402 eller mejla info@liberiadujar.org .







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