



African Leadership Academy

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AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ANNOUNCES STUDENT RECRUITING IN KENYA

African Leadership Academy (ALA), a world-class, pan-African secondary boarding school located on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa, has announced that it is recruiting young leaders ages 15-18 from across Kenya for its inaugural class.

“We are looking for the most promising young leaders – girls and boys – to join our inaugural class,” says ALA Dean Christopher Khaemba, currently the Principal of Kenya’s Alliance Boys High School. “Entry into the Academy will be based on merit alone, without regard to each student’s financial means. African Leadership Academy’s extensive scholarship fund seeks to enable all qualified students to attend.”

African Leadership Academy seeks to transform Africa by developing and supporting future generations of African leaders. ALA expects to select its first class of 100 students from across the African continent by April 2008, and admitted students will begin their two years at the Academy in September 2008. At ALA, students will complete an innovative two-year program that combines world-class A-Level academic training with a unique curriculum in leadership, entrepreneurship, and African studies. ALA graduates will attend the world’s finest universities and will ultimately become ethical, effective leaders in the public, private, and social sectors across the continent.

African Leadership Academy aspires to one day bring the most promising young leaders from all 54 African countries to its South African campus. Ivy Mwai, Associate Director of Admissions, says that “African Leadership Academy will initially focus our recruiting efforts on a subset of countries that will deliver an inaugural class with broad cultural, ethnic, regional, national, and religious diversity. In addition to recruiting outstanding boys and girls from across Kenya, we will visit Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, the DRC, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.”

Ms. Mwai is African Leadership Academy’s lead recruiter in East Africa. She will be visiting schools across the country and encouraging applications from students of all backgrounds who meet the Academy’s rigorous admissions criteria. ALA seeks bold, dynamic young leaders who are outstanding students and committed to their communities.

The admissions process will be “very rigorous,” notes Mwai. Interested students must complete a written application, write an essay, and submit an academic report including recommendation letters from teachers at their school. Finalists will complete a written entrance examination and be interviewed by members of the Academy’s staff.

“We seek young people with the passion and courage required to be an agent of positive change on the African continent” says Khaemba. “I believe African Leadership Academy will provide a unparalleled opportunity for outstanding young leaders to realize their immense potential. I know from my years spent as an educator in Kenya that there are a large number of qualified young people in this country. I hope many of them will choose to apply.”

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