



Sisters Rise to Top of the Class

African nuns are reaching major academic achievements while amplifying their influence on some of the biggest challenges facing African society.

As deeply-trusted members of their communities, African nuns live, lead and serve where needs are the greatest - in schools, healthcare facilities, social services, environmental and economic projects across the continent.

ASEC's programs provide educational opportunities for sisters from leadership and technology training to undergraduate and graduate degrees at higher education institutions so they can better serve their communities. But even before they use their education and skills in the "real world," sisters in ASEC programs are seeing major success and academic accomplishment while in school.



Alumnae of ASEC's SLDI and HESA programs obtain the skills and credentials needed to advocate for the most vulnerable and persecuted individuals in the communities they serve.

ASEC's **Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI)** program provides sisters with technology, administration and finance training through one month workshops over three years. Through SLDI, sisters gain the practical skills and confidence to build strong networks and take up leadership roles in their congregations and communities.

ASEC's **Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA)** program provides opportunities for sisters to access diploma, undergraduate and master's level education. HESA is delivered through partnerships with higher education institutions in Africa and online in the USA.

Invest in the Academic Success of an African Sister

When you invest in the education of an African sister, there is no limit to what she can achieve and how far her impact will reach. With a 96% retention rate, HESA participants have shown they are committed to furthering their education.

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During a recent Reflective Learning workshop, **Sr. Evarista** was recognized for maintaining the rank of **top student for five consecutive semesters** at the Catholic University of Malawi, where she is studying to be a teacher via ASEC's HESA program. Congratulations Sr. Evarista on your academic success. We are very proud of you!



HESA Graduates

- ▶ 430 sisters have graduated from HESA.
- ▶ 75 sisters graduated with honors.
- ▶ 7 sisters received awards for best graduating student.

Sr. Anne graduated with First Class Honors in 2016 while obtaining her Development Studies degree from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). She has since made a huge impact as the Director of *Cheshire Home for Girls* in Limuru, Kenya, that provides a residential and training program for girls with varying mental and physical disabilities.

Sr. Mary spent a year studying at Marywood University in the U.S. before transferring to CUEA and graduating with First Class Honors. Education has become a recurring theme in her life, as she now teaches young girls at the *Bukulula Girls School* in Central Uganda. "My passion for education is matched only by my love for the youth, particularly the girl-child," she says.

Sr. Lois graduated from Veritas University, Nigeria, in 2017 with her B.Sc. in Accounting, receiving three awards for overall best graduating student, head of department award and the college of education award.

These academic achievements show the dedication of sisters inside and outside of the classroom. Every donation makes a difference.

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