



SAM Elimu Foundation Quarterly Report

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SAM Elimu was fortunate to welcome numerous guests the quarter. Dr. Peter Linneman came in August and visited with the staff and the children. The primary and high school beneficiaries and over half of the university and college students in the program met Peter for the first time. Peter also reunited with the older beneficiaries and alumni. Dr. Albert Mims, Julia Mims, Ann Rodgers Chandler, Ann Paisley Chandler, and Alexis Anatol accompanied Peter on the visit and spent time connecting with the children.



Peter Linneman, Albert Mims, Julia Mims, Ann Rodgers Chandler, Ann Paisley Chandler, and Alexis Anatol spending quality time with the SAM Elimu beneficiaries.

Tim Lapage and Rochelle Odell had a great time visiting Lobuku, Carol, Maureen, and Melody, the students they have supported for 6-10 years. They took Lobuku on his first flight and he had the opportunity to share his progress in the university. Carol, Maureen, and Melody had a fun day in Meru where they went shopping and had lunch with Tim and Rochelle. We always share the students' progress reports via email, but spending time with them in person really motivates the students and builds a great bond with their donors.



Left: Tim Lapage and Rochelle Odell with Carol, Maureen, and Melody.
Right: Rochelle Odell and Lobuko

Induction of New Students

SAM Elimu received numerous applications for high school scholarship support. After careful evaluation, we selected 10 new students to join the SAM Elimu family. We look forward to having a productive journey with them.

Impact

SAM Elimu is supporting **147 children** directly.

The LEWA Education program is working with **43 children** funded by SAM Elimu.

SAM Elimu by the Numbers

Level	Students
Primary	11
High School	46
Tertiary	90
Total	147
Alumni	156
LEWA	43
TOTAL	346



Congratulations to the new SAM Elimu scholarship recipients.

Tertiary Students

School Visits

The SAM Elimu team visited our tertiary students studying in the western circuit to monitor their academic performance, assimilation into school, implementation of the enrichment topics, and general progress. Over the course of six days, we visited Laikipia University, Kenya Medical Training College (Nyahururu and Kisii campuses), Egerton University, Ol' Lessos Technical Training Institute, Moi University, Kabarak University, Londiani Girls, Maseno University, Mt. Kenya University (Kisumu campus), and Tom Mboya University. We are pleased to report that all the students are happy and thriving.



The SAM Elimu team site visits with the tertiary students.

Monthly Zoom Conversations

Dr. Peter Linneman held two Zoom conversations in the third quarter. The first was a very enlightening discussion on passion and purpose led by Kristin Campbell. Kristin discussed the role passion played in her personal journey and career choices. She shared how she used journaling to create her purpose/passion statement by identifying core values and status on the wheel of life. Kristin generously donated journals for each of our tertiary students so they can discover their own purpose/passion statements.

Paula Sutter led the second conversation where she discussed the necessary requirements to be a successful entrepreneur: confidence, grit, and self-worth. She highlighted her entrepreneurial experience emphasizing the need to be confident and to persevere. She also emphasized learning how to sell yourself and your work, which is a difficult, but vital exercise. Peter discussed his experiences with imposter syndrome, emphasizing the significance of understanding one's worth and knowledge.



Peter Linneman and Kristin Campbell leading a Zoom conversation.

Winning Wednesday

The topics for this quarter's Winning Wednesdays were goal setting, time management, leadership skills, eating disorders, debt management, interview skills, depression, dealing with procrastination, and applying for jobs.

Hospitality Meeting

Doug Linneman continues to educate and empower our beneficiaries pursuing and working in the hotel industry. He discussed best practices and professionalism when working with customers, particularly when handling personal information, as well as the security risks associated with the hotel sector.

Partnerships

SAM Elimu appreciates all the like-minded partners we have in our community. March to the Top and AINA's Children's Home have been great partners. We support their tertiary students through our enrichment programs by inviting them to attend our Winning Wednesdays.

While Peter Linneman was in Kenya, we had the privilege to spend a morning with the children at AINA's Children's Home. The children entertained us with their dances, songs, poems, and skits. Their Taekwondo team had great moves! SAM Elimu pledged to provide each child with a new pair of shoes and had fun delivering their Bata Toughees. The smiles on the children's faces said it all. They were very grateful as was the AINA administration. We look forward to continuing our partnership in making an impact through education.

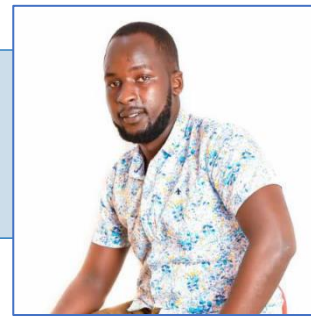
More information about our partners can be found at [March to the Top](#) and [AINA's Children's Home](#).



A special day spent at the AINA Children's Home.

Alumni Spotlight

Interview with Martin Ibaya



Tell us about yourself and your journey with SAM Elimu. My name is Martin Mwenda Ibaya and I am a graduate teacher in mathematics, business studies, and chemistry. My journey with SAM Elimu began thirteen years ago when I enrolled in form one. Because of SAM Elimu my life has been transformed.

How was life after graduation? Life after graduation wasn't a walk in the park. Life was very comfortable while at university because fees, rent, and supplies were paid for on my behalf, so I least expected to have a tough life again.

After graduation is when I faced the greatest hardship. I had a degree but didn't have a job. I moved to Nairobi and worked odd jobs to pay rent, dress well, and send money back home. Eventually I found a job teaching at a high school and really enjoyed it. After a year, I applied for a job at the Teachers' Service Commission and was very lucky to get employed as a graduate teacher.

What advice would you give an 18-year-old? Be focused and listen to the wise counsel of those with experience and be friends with people who care about me. I would applaud my 18-year-old self for always being kind and respectful!

What advice would you give to recent SAM Elimu graduates? My advice to graduates is to be open to all job opportunities. Whether it is formal employment or an internship it can help you transition. This can provide opportunities to be productive as you look for jobs in your areas of expertise. I would also remind graduates that any time you think you have a problem, someone else has a worse problem than you. Always give thanks.

What impact has SAM Elimu had on you? I will always be grateful to SAM Elimu. It has been a family to me since I was 14 years old. I have seen love and have been loved. This love has positively impacted every aspect of my life as without SAM Elimu my life wouldn't be productive. I illuminate the same in my life as a high school teacher as well as a citizen of the world.