



Liberia Dujar Association-Sweden

# Nyhetsbrevet

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## Glad sommar alla vänner av Liberia!

Nu är det dags att välkomna våren och sommaren, när solen visar sitt bredaste leende.

Skolorna som vi driver är igång precis som alla andra skolor i Liberia trots Corona. Men alla är medvetna om att de måste respektera reglerna om hur att vara tillsammans.

Trots Corona och alla andra svårigheter kämpar vi i Liberia Dujar för att ge utbildning till barn, ungdomar och kvinnor. Vår slogan,

*"Utbildning är nyckeln till fred, frihet och utveckling"*

ger oss styrka att fortsätta att arbeta med det vi tror på. Även uttrycket

*"Be an example of the change you want to see in the world",*

är inspirerande och frammanar insikt om att var och en är ansvarig för det samhälle vi skapar.

I Sverige ger vi information om verksamheten via detta Nyhetsbrev som skickas ut 4 ggr om året; via mejl till dem som vill. Dessutom görs ett tungt arbete för att samla in pengar till löner till lärarna i de två skolorna, Liberia Dujar High School i Grassfield, och Liberia Dujar University College, fd. Technical College som Liberia Dujar driver.

Med bra utbildning blir det lättare att försvara sina mänskliga rättigheter, så man kan fatta rätt beslut och delta i utvecklingen. Vi behöver investera i barns, ungdomars och kvinnors utbildning, eftersom de är de svagaste grupperna.

*Liberia Dujar Association tror på utbildning och utveckling. Därför delar vi med er alla vårt motto. "Love, Care and Share!"*



Lois Hemgren, Generalsekreterare

## Technical College har blivit universitet!

National Commission on Higher Education (NCHE) inom Utbildningsdepartementet har godkänt namnändringen till Liberia Dujar University College.

De har också autentiserat LDA till att driva en affärslinje, School of Business, consisting the departments of accounting, management, economics, and public administration at the associate of science degree level.



LDUCs rektor, Nathan Mahteh gratuleras, av Acting Director för NCHE, Mr. James Laval.



Nya logon är designad av Mr. Tanneh-Bartee Seneh, Administrative Manager, Liberia Dujar University College.



Tanneh-Bartee Seneh

## Händelser hittills under året

- Flickor som går i Dujar skola fortsätter att öka mer än pojkarna.
- Liberia Dujar har godkänts av Utbildningsdepartementet att driva en Business School.
- Utbildningsdepartementet (eller NCHE) har godkänt att Liberia Dujar Association har behörighet att Liberia Dujar Technical College TC, numera heter Liberia Dujar University College (LDUC).
- Capping Ceremony för sjätte gruppen elever har genomförts, och vi ser fram emot examen till hösten.
- Äntligen är vägen till vår Liberia Dujar High School i Grassfield, Gardnersville, asfalterats av President George Weah. Nu är det mycket lättare för eleverna att ta sig fram till skolan, framför allt under regnsäsongen.

## Hjälp, vi har blivit med en massa skolmateriel!

Genom Göran Molin, ägare av Molind Smart Branding AB, har LDA erbjudits ta emot fem pallar fullproppade med skol- och kontorsmateriel. Vi tackar Göran för det hjärtligaste för hans generositet, och är nu i full färd med att vad som ska göras med materielen. Det mesta kan förstås användas i våra skolor och annat kan säljas till nytta för ekonomin.

Men hur får man grejerna till Liberia? Vi har tidigare skickat stora containrar och vet hur det går till, så vi har nu tittat på en 20 fots container. Den rymmer våra pallar flera gånger om, så det blir i så fall plats för mer, t.ex. skolmöbler, ifall vi kan hitta lite sånt. Men containern kostar 23 000 kr, och det finns inga pengar avsatta för detta i vår redan ansträngda budget.



*En av de fem pallarna.*

## Ord från ordföranden

Sommaren närmar sig och med den förhoppningsvis också en återgång till normalt liv efter Coronapandemin, både i Sverige och i Liberia. Under våren har vi fortsatt att förbereda för att komma igång med barnmorskeutbildningen; det har varit något av en kamp mot den lokala byråkratin, men vi räknar med att kunna komma igång med utbildningen efter sommaren.

En stor nyhet är att den yrkesskola vi stöder har fått licens för att börja bedriva post-gymnasial utbildning inom bokföring, ekonomi, management och offentlig förvaltning, och i samband med det bytt namn från "Liberia Dujar Technical College" till "Liberia Dujar University College".

Rekrytering av studenter pågår för fullt och utbildningarna kommer att börja efter sommaren. Det ser alltså ut att bli en fullmatad höst, men innan dess önskar jag alla medlemmar i Liberia Dujar en trevlig och avkopplande sommar!



*Bertil Oskarsson, ordförande*

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# NEWS ABOUT LIBERIA:

## **PRESIDENT WEAH ON NATION WIDE TOUR:**

The President of Liberia, His Excellency George Manneh Weah, is on his nationwide tour. So far the tour has taken him to Margibi, Bong, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, and River Gee counties respectively. The next leg of his county tour will be Sinoe, Rivercess, Montserrado and Lofa counties.

During his county tour, the President first thanked the Liberian people for electing him. He is assuring the Liberian people of his commitment to meeting their needs, particularly his campaign promises made to them during 2017 elections, where he was over whelmingly voted by 14 out of 15 counties. These campaign promises were made in the areas of: road connectivity, health, education, housing, electricity and sports. He has so far installed street lights in most of the cities he visited during his tour. In the Capital City of Monrovia, we see the continual installation of street lights and roads connections within the communities.

Currently also, there is a road expansion going on the Roberts International Airport high way leading to the Capital City, Monrovia. The road from the Cocoa Cola Factory to the ELWA Junction is being expanded to four lanes (two on both sides) to erase traffic congestion along said route.

## **WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF MR. GIBRIL MASSAQUOI CONTINUES IN LIBERIA:**

The war crimes trial of Mr. Gibril Massaquoi that started in Tempera, Finland, has been transferred in Liberia. It is in Liberia the alleged war crimes were committed by Mr. Gibril Massaquoi. The investigation is restricted to protect and save guide the life of those witnesses who are testifying in the trial.

If the war crimes of Mr. Gibril Massaquoi in Liberia end successfully, there could be many more war crime trials that could follow. During the 14 years of civil war in Liberia, there were many atrocities committed by people who were considered to be rebels. At the end of the 14 years of civil war, about 250,000 Liberians lost their lives.

## **Student Jovanus Oliver Turay shoots and kills Precious Ireland:**

The death of a 14 year old student Precious Ireland occurred, at the Cyber-ED Christian School of Excellence by another student, 16 year old Jovanus Oliver Turay of the same school. According to report, student Jovanus Oliver Turay, carried a pistol with him on the school campus. While a group of students were sitting together, Jovanus Oliver Turay took out his pistol and fired and the bullet hit student Precious Ireland. She died later after being rushed to a local hospital. Investigation continues by the Liberia National Police.

Due to the shooting incident that occurred at the Cyber-ED Christian School resulting into death of a 14 year old student, Precious Ireland, many schools including Liberia Dujar High School, have taken precaution by purchasing metal detector to be used at their various schools to avoid student (s) carrying weapons to their respective schools.



By: Mr. Moore K. Koisee, Sr.



# Liberia Dujar High School



Due to the Corona Virus worldwide pandemic, many activities around the world have been interrupted in various ways. For Liberia, it has affected the educational program leading to some unstable decisions by the Ministry of Education to how and when schools should open and close. It is against this background, Liberia Dujar High School continue to make forward and backward adjustment in its academic calendar for 2020/2021.

## Ministry of Education

In our last report from Liberia Dujar High School, the Ministry of Education shorten all schools calendars to nine months, December 2020 to July 2021. After adjusting our school's calendar, another instruction came from the Ministry that all schools should close at the end of August 2021.

In another development, the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSEC) has changed the date when it will administer its exams from May to another date that is yet to be told. All of these changes are causing lots of challenges for the school. Because we are under the Ministry of Education and partnershiping with it, we have no choice but to adhere to her decision for academic 2020/2021.

The School is in the process of ending its 2nd period and beginning its 3rd period.

## Statistics:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of students                                | 643 |
| Number of Male students                           | 318 |
| Numer of Female students                          | 325 |
| Number of Teachers                                | 35  |
| Number of Male Teachers                           | 27  |
| Number of Female Teachers                         | 8   |
| Number of Matrons                                 | 1   |
| Number of School Administrators and Support Staff | 24  |

## Motto:

*Love, care and share*

*Utbildning är nyckeln till fred,  
frihet och utveckling*

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## Extra Curriculum Activities

Despite the numerous challenges the school faces, it is still undertaking some extra curriculum activities such as Basketball at the Göran Molin Basketball Court, Football, Quizing competition, etc.

Enrichment program is one of the programs that the school is really concerned about. To catch up it is executing especially for the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th graders respectively. The execution of this program has added extra cost to the already high personnel cost for Teachers.

In conclusion, it is our hope that some individuals, companies and or humanitarian organizations comes to the aid in making Liberia Dujar High School second to none.



Några av lärarna på Grassfieldsskolan

My name is Mr. Ishmael D. Kollie, father of Students Nowah F. Kollie (6 grade) and Divine D. M.R. Kollie a student of the Liberia Dujar Elem and the Junior High School, a student of the 3th Grade class. My first observation is based on.

### Students Dress Code:

The student dress code really impresses me, from the dress code I observe decency and cleanliness.

### Discipline:

From my way of observation the administration of the school also teaches our children (students) a good moral value, which will make them to be better student (s) not only in class (on campus) but also outside the classroom, and also good manner of approach to the outsiders.

### The Lessons Presentation:

As a parent (s) I usually look/ inspect their notes. Their notes are okay, the teaching and the lesson presentation also impressed me. The teachers are doing extra-ordinarily well by given their all for the students and also the location of the campus, the building, the compound, and the school yard, and it facilities also impressed me too.

I love the school and its administration they are considerable and deal with issues professionally, and with kind, and also respecting human value, in a Godly way. And I hope and pray my children remain in the school and graduate from high school.

**By Ishamel D. Kollie-Parent**

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### (2020/2021 graduates of the Liberia Dujar High School)

Vi vill förnya vårt sponsorshipprogram. Som ni vet drivs Liberia Dujar Association med medlemsavgifter och gåvor. Scholarship, eller på svenska stipendium, är till de elever vilkas föräldrar på grund av ekonomisk brist inte har möjlighet att betala sina barns skolvgifter men brinner för att gå i skola. Vi vill förstärka detta program så vi har möjlighet att fortsätta driva vårt utbildningsprogram som ni har varit med på sedan länge.

Scholarshipet inkludera registrering och skolvgift. Vi ser framemot att du blir en del i detta program. Avgifterna är på olika nivåer:

| <u>School</u>            | <u>Registration fees</u> | <u>Skolvgift</u> | <u>Totalt</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Kindergarten             | \$37.50                  | \$33. 00         | \$70. 00      |
| Elementary               | \$41. 00                 | \$48. 00         | \$89. 00      |
| <b>Junior High</b>       |                          |                  |               |
| 7th-8th Grade            | \$30. 00                 | \$90. 00         | \$120.00      |
| 9th Grade                | \$43. 00                 | \$91. 00         | \$134. 50     |
| <b>Senior High</b>       |                          |                  |               |
| 10th-11th Grade          | \$40.00                  | \$109. 00        | \$149. 00     |
| 12th Grade               | \$55. 00                 | \$133.00         | \$188. 00     |
| <b>Technical College</b> |                          |                  |               |
| Freshman                 | \$ 149. 00               | \$252.00         | \$401.00      |
| Junior                   | \$237. 00                | \$252. 00        | \$489. 00     |
| Senior                   | \$252. 00                | \$192. X2        | \$384. 00     |

# Liberia Dujar University College

(tidigare benämmt Liberia Dujar Technical College)



The 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the academic 2020/2021 started on February 8, 2021 and is expected to end June, 2021. The College operates only the Lois B. Hemgren School of Nursing during this semester because other departments expected to have been in operation such as the School of Business and Teacher Education were not yet approved by the governing body (National Commission on Higher Education).

However, to our greatest amazement on April 19, 2021, the President of LDTC, received a call to attend a very important meeting at the office of the Director General of the National Commission on Higher Education. During that meeting, it was announced that the college was granted permission to operate and add the School of Business at the associate degree level to its existing program. Our request to change the name of the college from Liberia Dujar Technical College to that of Liberia Dujar University was granted. A letter and certificate of accreditation will be presented to the college at an official ceremony along with other Institutions whose documents are being processed for the same reasons. Operation of the School of Business officially starts on July 5, 2021. Plans to structure and set up the classrooms, offices, hire teachers and other staff, etc. are ongoing.

There are about 131 students being provided academic instructions in 22 courses. There are 14 instructors who handled the classroom instructions. Besides the classroom instructors, there were 6

Clinical Supervisors that supervised clinical activities of the students at the clinics and hospitals.

The profile of the gender composition of the instructors shows that our teaching faculty is dominated by males.

| Gender | # of Staff |
|--------|------------|
| Male   | 11         |
| Female | 9          |
| Total  | 20         |

The profile of the gender composition of the students shows that our student body is dominated by females.

| Gender | # of Students |
|--------|---------------|
| Male   | 31            |
| Female | 100           |
| Total  | 131           |

On February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 the Liberia Board for Nursing & Midwifery conducted an assessment of the proposed Midwifery program. Their result revealed that additional training materials such as (computers, textbooks, buses to commute students to the clinics and hospitals, internet, etc.) are still required to meet the standard.

It is hoped that when the Midwifery program is accredited and launched, there will be a sharp change in the gender statistics because midwifery is a female-dominant program. Strategic efforts are being made to close the gaps identified.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, the students of Liberia Dujar University College engaged the students of Greater Vision School of Health Sciences both in a kickball and football match. The girls were defeated while the boys brought victory to the college.

Photos attached show the Dean of the Lois Hemgren School of Nursing, the Administrative Manager and the student body in high spirit prior to the games.





## Capping Ceremony

The month of April is being remembered as a month of great achievements and remarkable results. On 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Liberia Dugar University College honored, capped, and initiated 71 students officially. This occasion was graced by health practitioners. It was a colorful ceremony celebrated by the students and their parents.

The Vice President of the Cuttington Junior College in Kakata, Mr. Benjamin Suamey, spoke, and admonished the honorees to take the medical profession serious.



*The Guest Speaker, Mr. Benjamin Suamey*

**Familjen Roström**  
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**Anita Sundin**  
Enskild partner

## Vaktmästarens bostad kan nu repareras!



Tack för alla bidrag till upprustningen av vaktmästarens bostad. Vi är så glada över att konstatera att målet för insamlingen är uppnått!

Ett stort tack för din gåva – den gör skillnad! Men fortsätt skicka pengar; vi har många hål att stoppa dom i.

## Support at the RIA Airport

When passing the airport terminal at Robertsfield outside Monrovia, it has often been difficult for us, especially at the beginning of our official trips. Many different airport people with and without uniforms tried to check our papers for various reasons even when they see that we are NGOs.

It is liberating to have someone who guides us through all the "dangers" and pitfalls.



On one of our trips last year we had the help of this sympathetic man at the airport, Mr. Cooper Rubin Kollie, Head Aviation Security. Thank you for your generosity.

### Bli LDA-Partner, som bidrar regelbundet, månadsvis!

En regelbunden donation på 50, 100 kr eller mer gör det möjligt för oss att planera långsiktigt med våra utbildningsprogram.

Regelbunden finansiering leder till hållbar förändring för utbildning av barn och ungdomar i Liberia.

### Stöd Dujar ekonomiskt

Det finns flera sätt att stödja vår utbildning ekonomiskt.

**Bli / fortsätt att vara medlem** för 295 kr för enskild medlem och 495 kr för familj per år.

**Minnesgåva.** Skänk en gåva för att fira någons bemarkelsedag.

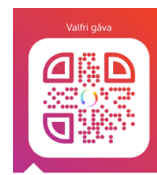
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**Bli månadsgivare.** Stöd vårt arbete månadsvis med valfritt belopp via autogiro. För 50 kr i månaden kan en elev erhålla en livsavgörande utbildning.

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