

Shining Stars: Institutions honoured at 4th edition of Great Places to School



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Forty-six primary and secondary schools basked in glory as they were honoured at the prestigious 4th edition of the Great Places to School Gala, held at Panari Hotel in Nairobi over the weekend.

Launched in 2019, this initiative aims to recognise schools fostering transformative learning environments.

Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu praised the initiative, emphasising the importance of collaboration with the Directorate of Quality Assurance to uphold quality of education standards in the country.

In his speech read by Directorate of Teacher Education director Dr Salome Maina, the Cabinet Secretary noted that the Ministry of Education will continue collaborating with private sector partners who have demonstrated passion for transforming education.

"I hope these awards will serve as an encouragement for you to do more in future. I encourage those schools which did not take part in the 4th Edition to feel challenged, raise their standards and participate in future," read Dr Maina.

The awards featured 11 categories, with 392 schools submitting entries. The categories included; moral & innovative school leadership; values, character & peacebuilding; school safety, health & sanitation; career development & workforce readiness; technology & digital skills (stem); academic excellence; extra-curricular activities; global competency; climate action; equity & inclusion; scholarship & corporate social responsibility.

GPTS is a research-based rating exercise, which identifies, rates, and recognises schools with innovative learning environments and overall school cultures that contribute to the holistic development of a child.

The initiative's primary vision is to enhance the quality of learning in schools by regularly confirming various competencies and aligning them with 21st-century education demands.

The event was organised by The Standard Group PLC and the Global Peace Foundation Kenya in partnership with the Kenya Private Schools Association, the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa, UNICAF Kenya, Sunrise Virtual School and Opinion Track Ltd.



Beatrice Oyange, a teacher at Shree Swaminarayan Academy (left) and the principal Anu Lazar (right), are feted during the awards. The school emerged second in both the Academic Excellence and the Equity & Inclusion categories under Primary Schools.

4TH EDITION OF GPTS AWARDS WINNERS

MORAL & INNOVATIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: KIGWA RIDGE SCHOOL
POSITION 2: MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL
POSITION 3: THE ARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

MORAL & INNOVATIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: MOI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL - ELDORET
POSITION 3: ALLIANCE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

VALUES, CHARACTER & PEACEBUILDING (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: KIOTA SCHOOL
POSITION 2: LOFTY CREEK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
POSITION 3: TENWEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

VALUES, CHARACTER & PEACEBUILDING (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: MILLENIUM GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL
POSITION 3: MACHAKOS SCHOOL

SCHOOL SAFETY, HEALTH & SANITATION (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: MAKINI SCHOOL, MIGOSI
POSITION 2: MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL
POSITION 3: JABALI ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL SAFETY, HEALTH & SANITATION (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: AGA KHAN HIGH SCHOOL, NAIROBI
POSITION 2: BROOKSHINE SCHOOLS
POSITION 3: LORETO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE READINESS (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: BROOKSHINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
POSITION 2: JUJA PREPARATORY AND SENIOR SCHOOLS (PREPARATORY)
POSITION 3: REGIS SCHOOL RUNDA ACADEMY

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE READINESS (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: THE NAIROBI WALDOLF SCHOOL TRUST
POSITION 2: CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 3: MAKINI HIGH SCHOOL

TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL SKILLS (STEM) (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: UBUNTU JUNIOR ACADEMY

POSITION 2: THE FRONTIER PIONEER SCHOOL
POSITION 3: SHEPHERDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL SKILLS (STEM) (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: MPESA FOUNDATION ACADEMY
POSITION 2: MERISHAW SCHOOL
POSITION 3: JUJA PREPARATORY AND SENIOR SCHOOLS (SENIOR)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIES
POSITION 2: SHREE SWAMINARAYAN ACADEMY
POSITION 3: ACACIA CREST ACADEMY

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: MPESA FOUNDATION ACADEMY
POSITION 3: NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: JUJA PREPARATORY AND SENIOR SCHOOLS (PREPARATORY)
POSITION 2: KITENGELA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS
POSITION 3: GOOD TESTIMONY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (HIGH SCHOOLS)



Erick Awuonda, a Geography and Biology teacher at Maseno School receives the Climate Action Award. The school emerged second in the Climate Action category under High Schools.

POSITION 1: MAKINI CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL
POSITION 2: NOVA PIONEER BOYS SCHOOL TATU
POSITION 3: CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

GLOBAL COMPETENCE (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: WOODLAND STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: ACACIA CREST ACADEMY
POSITION 3: CAMBRIDGE MEVIC SCHOOLS

GLOBAL COMPETENCE (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: THE NAIROBI WALDOLF SCHOOL TRUST
POSITION 3: ACACIA CREST SENIOR SCHOOL

CLIMATE ACTION (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: WOODLAND STAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 2: DREAMS HILL SCHOOL
POSITION 3: KITENGELA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

CLIMATE ACTION (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: SILIBWET SECONDARY SCHOOL
POSITION 2: MASENO SCHOOL
POSITION 3: HIGHWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

EQUITY & INCLUSION (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: KIOTA SCHOOL
POSITION 2: SHREE SWAMINARAYAN ACADEMY
POSITION 3: BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIES

EQUITY & INCLUSION (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: SACHO HIGH SCHOOL
POSITION 2: CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
POSITION 3: MAKINI HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP & CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: MAKINI SCHOOL, KISUMU
POSITION 2: MAKEMBA ACADEMY & JUNIOR SCHOOL
POSITION 3: UBUNTU JUNIOR ACADEMY

SCHOLARSHIP & CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (HIGH SCHOOLS)

POSITION 1: MPESA FOUNDATION ACADEMY
POSITION 2: DARAJA ACADEMY
POSITION 3: DAWAMU SCHOOL

JUDGES AWARD CATEGORY SUNRISE VIRTUAL SCHOOL (TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL SKILLS)

ST. ANGELA'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)
SATHYA SAI SCHOOL - KISAJU (SCHOOL SAFETY, HEALTH & SANITATION)