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US Ambassador to South Sudan visit Abukloi Secondary School



H. E Michael J. Adler, US Ambassador to South

The US Ambassador to South Sudan H. E Michael J. Adler pay a short visit to Abukloi Secondary School on the 19th October, 2023. Amb. Michael described South Sudan - USA relationships as a truly people to people relationships, which started decades ago before government systems existed.

Ambassador Adler interacted with students in their classrooms and gave them words of encouragement. He spoke to students of the Youth Empowerment Summit (YES!), an innovation and business club being supported by Words into Deeds organization of Ithaca, New York.

His Excellency Adler, was warmly received by the students, teachers and school administrators. Students were able to entertain the ambassador with poetry, dance, and songs.



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Abukloi Alumni discussing the formation of Alumni Body with Executive Director Mr. Angelo in attendance

Students who graduated from Abukloi Secondary School in the recent years, most of whom are in various universities and others who are still waiting university admissions, have formed Abukloi Alumni Association.

The reasons for the students to formed the body is to keep them connected to their former school. The students felt the need to stayed connected, engaging and building their leadership skills and to pay back to the community as an organized body.

The alumni elected an interim body comprised of;

1. Gum Agok - Interim Chairperson
2. Laat Thou Gaak – Deputy chairperson
3. Amat Malual – Secretary General
4. Mary Nyabech – Treasurer
5. James Mayom Manyuon – Treasurer
6. Zachariah Kuoi Deng – Treasurer
7. Maria Akur Makuei –Legal Affairs
8. Deng Joseph – Legal Affairs
9. Laat Luka – Information

The interim body is tasked to make necessary preparation including developing the Constitution and other relevant bylaws for the operation of the body. They are also tasked to mobilize resources for the official election that will bring together all the alumni.

Abukloi Executive Board Members met the Alumni in Juba



Alumni Interim body posed for a group photo with Abukloi Executive Board members at the University of Juba.

The executive board members of Abukloi Foundation met with the newly formed alumni interim body to hear their plans and intentions.

The Interim Chairman, Mr. Gum Agok said. " The main purpose of forming Abukloi Alumni Association is to bring together all former students of Abukloi secondary school. It's very difficult to connect with one another after leaving the school. But we do really need each other. The motto of our Association is " Forever connected and never apart."

The interim leaders also explained to the board members how they will use subscriptions of the members to help some of their colleagues who may not be able to afford University tuitions and other requirements. The students also thanked the board for the scholarships accorded to some of their colleagues studying at various universities in South Sudan and East Africa.

In his remarks, Angelo Maker, the executive director of Abukloi Foundation thanked the students for their creativity and willingness to stay connected and help each other. He said " You're not alone. We are with you in this. We will stand with you and support you in any way we can as the board."

Mama Ellen Wicker Cummings, an executive member of Abukloi board applauded the students for their initiative and efforts, saying. " I'm always grateful to be here to listen to your dreams and see your hopes. But I'm particularly very happy to be here today because this year marks 10 years of existence of Abukloi Secondary school. " She then advised the students to keep moving and dreaming.

In her closing remarks, Mary Cassidy-Anger, the president of Abukloi board of directors said she was excited when she heard that students were coming together. She described the students as "the future " and said. It has been her desire and desire of the board to stay connected with every student that graduates from Abukloi Secondary school.

President Cassidy finally congratulated the Abukloi Alumni Association interim leadership and wished them good luck in the drafting of their constitution.



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