

## Elimu Alumni in Action

*Graduates from our projects now have a place to call their own.*



One of the benefits of the new Elimu Resource Centre is having a base for our projects—a place where youth can gather, meet their peers, and receive support

and encouragement from the Elimu team. Good fruit has grown from our new space, including the creation of the Alumni Program which sees Elimu graduates return to use our computers and internet to find jobs and further their studies. They also volunteer with us, serving at the reception and inside the study hall, and joining the team in classrooms to help lead our digital reading programs. They make themselves available to help with homework, answer questions, and support the peer-to-peer learning groups. In the process, they are building community and gaining valuable job skills for their future.

**ELIMU  
WINS  
KENYA  
NATIONAL  
LIBRARY  
AWARD IN  
NAIROBI!**

## Reading Shark Contest



One of the things that our community in Kenya loves about Elimu is the evidence they see that we are *creating a reading culture* in Malindi. One of the fun ways we

encourage reading and literacy is through our holiday Reading Shark contest. Students are encouraged to read stories from our Worldreader Kindles and computers, and then submit a short essay about what they have read. At the end of the school holidays winners are chosen. We make a big deal about it! We attend their school assemblies and give out the prizes in front of the whole student body.



## Elimu Takes 2<sup>ND</sup> Prize

After just 15 months in operation, Elimu Resource Centre was honoured this month at the Kenyan National Maktaba Awards which reviews and ranks over 70 libraries in Kenya each year. Elimu won under the “community library” category which includes alternative facilities involved in reading, information services and literacy. We were recognized for our efforts in developing self-directed learners and providing digital resources for students to improve their performance in the classroom.

## Elimu projects making an impact ...

In 2006, our founder first began running educational projects. Since then, we have nurtured 10 high school graduates. This year, we are celebrating our first college graduate.

**Meet Hadija** who successfully completed a college diploma in business administration. She gained acclaim for becoming the first young woman, from her rural village, to complete high school and then continue on to college. She is now working in office administration at a medical clinic.



## Sew - A Needle Pulling Thread ...

Each semester, we try to provide textile for all of the students registered at Heri Sewing College. In this way we foster positive relations between the Elimu-sponsored students and those who pay their own tuition. It has been a successful approach which improves peer-to-peer relations. Every year, five new Elimu graduates start their own businesses earning income, gaining independence and improving livelihoods.

### How can you contribute?

**\$350** buys a stock of fabrics for the whole school.

**\$150** buys fabric for their final exams.

**\$20** buys exam supplies for a graduating

## Talent Beyond Academics

At Elimu our goal is the development of the whole child. During the school holidays, we find ways to engage students in activities that go beyond academic study. For example, in December 2016, we offered introductory Tae Kwon Do instruction. In August 2017, we hosted our first student talent show, which was designed and managed by a group of Elimu alumni. Various types of talents were showcased, from traditional songs and poetry, to Gospel songs and pop music, to basketball dribbling. We find that students build their confidence, as they perform before their peers and adults, who gather to judge their prowess. Prizes included watches, school supplies and certificates.



**Thanks to your contributions Elimu is having an even greater impact today.**

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