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Introduction

The year 2022 was definitely an exciting one for us at PYP because, finally, normalcy had begun to reign everywhere in the world. The several restrictions that were brought about in a bid to curtail the further spread of the COVID-19 Virus were laid off and everyone could now carry out all their activities without any fear of the Virus. We, particularly, were able to conduct PYP activities with the approval of the State government. Thus, our yearly Common Entrance Tutorial Program took place between Feb 26th to July 30th, we then proceeded on a two weeks Summer Program, continued with the Guild computer training program which we had started in the previous year, and at the end of the 2022 PYP academic year, we held a graduation ceremony for the students that participated in the Guild Program and Summer Program in August. We also increased the number of students in our Students in Training (SiT) Scheme and saw to it that they continued to flourish and progress in their academic endeavors. All in all, 2022 was a good year for us at PYP!

The next sections provide a summary of the different PYP activities that we engaged in for the year 2022. Thanks to the help of all our partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters, we can boldly say that together we made an impact in the Festac Community, Lagos, Nigeria in 2022

Tutorial Program

After a two year break, we continued our yearly free Common Entrance Tutorial Program. The aim of this tutorial is to help Public Primary School students in our community to prepare for the Common Entrance Examination which would come up later in the year. This year, the turnout of students was below our expectation, fifty-eight students compared to an average of 120 students over the years. This was probably due to the long break between the COVID-19 period and now. However, we still ensured that the students who participated in

the program felt our impact positively and they gave great feedback after they carried out their exam.

All thanks to our amazing team of volunteers who continued to show up for these kids and impact them with the needed knowledge even beyond now but later in their respective future. You can find details of the program <u>here</u>.

Summer Program

Just like the Tutorial Program, our Summer Program too had been placed on hold in the last two years, but this year, as we usually do at the end of the Tutorial Program, we invited 30 students who had shown consistency and diligence to the next phase of our academic year. Eight students participated while the other invited students reached out that they had other plans for their summer break. The Summer Program is focused on mentoring students on life skills that they would find useful in their new journey through secondary school and in life in general. For this year, the program was held for six days, and throughout the six days, we engaged the students in different activities ranging from sessions on life skills like leadership, teamwork, peer pressure and bullying, etc to them acting skits, building a paper bridge and other activities that were exciting and brain tasking. At the end of the program, we held a graduation ceremony for the students that were able to progress from the Tutorial Program to the Summer Program and the students definitely had fun. There's a report for the program here, kindly check it out.

Children's Day Program

In the year 2022, we could not hold the usual annual Children's Day event as planned due to insufficient time for fundraising, Nevertheless, we still marked the day in our own little way with the students participating in the Tutorial Guild Program. We had a game session after which we distributed snacks to everyone in attendance. We hope to be able to do more and uphold our culture of celebrating the Children's Day event in a grand style with the PYP kids in the year 2023.

Guild Program

In 2021, we launched a new tech program called the Guild Program, it is a Computer Programming scheme targeted at empowering the youths in our community to gain computer literacy, programming, and creative skills needed for innovation. Fourteen students signed up for the program and a total number of 9 students continued with the program in 2022. The duration of the program had initially been planned for 6 months, we had to stretch it to a year so as to be able to cover the whole curriculum, and on August 20th, 2022, our first cohort of the program graduated and were presented with certificates of participation. Plans are already in the works to enrol a new set of students for the program in 2023. We have prepared a report for the program here, kindly check it out for more details.

Students in Training Scheme (SiT)

The SiT scheme is a program opened to the PYP Alumni with a goal to mentor and guide students in their chosen career path, this we do through personalized tutoring, career counseling, academic scholarship, physical and mental health coaching, skill training, engagement in internships and projects. Last year we had 6 students in this program, of which, 2 of them graduated from Secondary School in 2021, to fill up the open slot, we enrolled 4 new students into the scheme Thereafter, another student graduated from Secondary School, leaving us with a total number of 7 students currently under the scheme, of which 4 are in Senior Secondary School and 3 in Junior Secondary School. Last year also, 3 of the students under this scheme participated in the Guild Program and also graduated with their peers at the end of their cohort duration in August 2022. We look forward to engaging them in more academically engaging activities in the new year as our goal is to enrich them academically to be the best version of themselves and to be a good ambassador of PYP.

PYP SiT Aftercare program

In the year 2022, we officially introduced SiT Aftercare Program where alumni under the SiT program, who have graduated Senior Secondary School are provided with the mentorship

needed to pursue Tertiary education through international college applications as well as applying to universities locally. Under this scheme, with the support of their parents, we procured international passports for 3 students, registered the 3 students for international Examinations such as SAT and also provided them with resources to assist them in preparing for these examinations. The Academic Staff Union of Universities'(ASUU) strike affected some of our students as their schools did not get to write their Post Universal Tertiary Matriculation Examination(Post UTME) before it commenced, an exam needed to enroll in the local universities. However, one of our students was able to write his exam before the strike commenced and in December 2022, he resumed into one of the Federal universities in Nigeria to study Biochemistry. We look forward to sharing more testimonies of our students' academic excellence as they progress in their respective study.

Strategic Partnership

We are grateful for the support of a few kind individuals and organizations within our network, who have in their own way helped us achieve our goals such as, Emmanuel's Book store who provides us with educational writing and reading materials, ETH Zurich who donated the used computers that have proved useful to us at PYP and all other anonymous individuals who have in one way or the other supported our scholarship schemes, PYP operations and activities. We say a big thank you to you and we look forward to achieving more impact with you all this new year.

We are very excited about the future and look forward to building many more strategic and powerful partnerships in 2022.

Conclusion

The year 2022 was an amazing year for us all round and we are most grateful to the Almighty God for all that we were able to achieve. We have already set in motion, plans to make the 2023 academic year even more successful and with God on our side, we believe we will make great exploits!

We appreciate all our partners, sponsors, and volunteers who made it possible for us to serve a need in our community. Thank you for believing in us by contributing towards making

such a positive impact in the lives of these students. We look forward to many more years of IMPACT with you!

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