



A Message from the IASE President

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that our first month of 2019 is over. A special thank you to the IASE board of directors and extended board for all the hard work that has kept the organization moving forward. During our final board meeting of 2018, our board of directors approved the appointment of Dr. Zandile Nkabinde as our President Elect. Dr. Nkabinde replaces Roni Chavez who resigned due to personal commitments. Dr. Nkabinde will continue to serve the rest of the term ending December, 2019. IASE continues to play a critical role in improving service delivery as we focus our efforts on:

- Promoting awareness and understanding of issues related to the education and welfare of individuals with special needs throughout the world;
- Promoting professional exchange between professionals in special education and related disciplines internationally;
- Encouraging research that advances the field of special education and sharing information through official publications; and
- Working collaboratively with other special education organizations to promote the interests of individuals with special needs around the world.

In 2019, we have a busy agenda and some of our upcoming activities/projects will include:

- The Biennial Conference in Magamba, Tanzania from July 14-17;
- Election of some positions within the board of directors for the 2020-2021 term,
- Identification of the next conference site for the 2021 Biennial Conference;

- Continued expansion of our membership and volunteer base;
- Continued fundraising and solicitation of donations for our VSP sites.

All plans for the upcoming 16th Biennial Conference are shaping up and we will have a great line-up of conference presenters and keynote speakers. It is important to note that our biennial conference continues to be an avenue for educators, professors, administrators, students, parents and community members to learn about the latest research, emerging knowledge and best practices for service provision for individuals with disabilities. In addition, the conference is always a great opportunity to establish collaborative partnerships with an international audience from 50+ countries. Past conference participants have had great opportunities to explore different avenues for promoting collaborative international research. Equally important, our round table sessions have been a great opportunity to learn about the important work taking place at our different VSP locations and volunteer opportunities through our VSP sites. I strongly encourage everyone to start making arrangements to join us in Magamba, Tanzania.

IASE continues to play a very critical role in improving the quality of service delivery and programming for all individuals with special needs around the world. These efforts are incumbent upon having a strong leadership team that will work closely to unite IASE members from different countries around the world. The success of these different initiatives and activities will be dependent on the unity of the IASE board of directors and the active involvement of IASE members. This coming year, my focus will be to continue building the organizations leadership capacity through recruitment of IASE members to serve on different committees. I encourage everyone to visit our

website <https://www.IASE.org> to learn about the different opportunities for involvement with IASE. In addition, our face book page continues to draw a lot of traffic via the different educational resources shared every month by our social media team. To stay current with all IASE updates, please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/IASEorg/> or via twitter using our twitter handle @IASETWEETS.

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Meet Madalen who served our students for 67 Years
By Mary Gale Budzisz



Our own IASE member since 1990, Madalen Sugrue, recently retired and has celebrated her career of being the longest serving teacher in the state of Montana (USA). She began her career by teaching 2nd and 3rd grade students for seven years and continued to teach primary levels of Special Education for 60 more years!! Her retirement was on August 29, 2017.

Dr. Gerry Nolan, the Anaconda, Montana Public Schools Superintendent, stated that “Madalen is a treasure for the district and the community. No one has a more compassionate heart for students than Madalen. Her 67 years of service to her students and their families speak for themselves as a testament to her commitment.” Principal Norah Barney of Lincoln Primary School where Madalen last taught says “She is one in a million. She is irreplaceable. She greeted every kid and staff member as they came to school. Her work ethic surpassed every staff member in the building. Even last year, she would be at school late into the evening getting lessons ready.”

A former student, Brian Tesson, remembered seeing a moose head that hung on the wall at W.K. Dwyer Primary School. Years later when Brian began teaching at Dwyer he claims that Madalen revealed that she shot that moose in the 1970’s. That moose head hung on the wall until the building closed, and now still hangs on a cafeteria wall at Anaconda Junior-Senior High School.

Former colleagues offered congratulations on her celebrated career. Numerous quotes and many accolades...just to share a few:” She worked to build children up. They didn’t only learn academics, but social skills, life skills and to believe in themselves.” “Her dedication to our profession is unmatched.” “I can’t say enough about her and her dedication to education, to special needs kids in particular. She just had that special relationship with them that was phenomenal.”

Madalen has attended every IASE conference (except one). She has done presentations sharing her expertise and creativity with conference attendees from all over the world. IASE has been the vehicle to make this happen for Madalen and the IASE members who have been lucky to have made her acquaintance. If you know Madalen or want to get to know her, please attend the upcoming conference in Tanzania...search her out and question her about shooting that moose in Montana.

Member Spotlight



Kalynn Hall Pistorio is an assistant professor of special education at Columbus State University (CSU) where she teaches undergraduate and graduate students majoring in special education. Currently, she serves as the Web Administrator for IASE. Dr. Hall Pistorio completed her ED.D in Exceptional Student Education at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in the summer of 2018 with her dissertation titled, “An Examination of Literacy Based Behavioral Interventions Delivered in Small Groups to Young Children”. Previously, Dr. Hall Pistorio completed her MS in Leadership and her BS in Exceptional Student Education at Nova Southeastern University. She also taught in a self-contained elementary classroom for students with intellectual disabilities and in various early childhood classrooms.

Dr. Hall Pistorio’s research has focused on literacy based behavioral interventions (LBBI) to teach functional skills to individuals with developmental disabilities. She has studied these interventions, which utilize text and visuals, with students in preschool through post-secondary programs and has looked at various delivery methods including electronic, peer, and small group. Her most recent

research is looking to expand LBBI to include academic and functional skills to make this intervention more practical and efficient for the modern college and career ready classroom. She has presented her research around the world in places such as the United States, Australia, and England and has published her findings in journals including *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities* and *Early Child Development and Care*.

Over the years, Dr. Hall Pistorio has gained knowledge and experience as both a special educator and a parent of children with special needs. She looks forward to continuing her work and learning best practices from around the globe to utilize in her classroom.

VSP Highlight By Dr. Ann Hughes

Doing So Much with So Little: Centro Maya Servica Integral, San Juan Laguna Guatemala



On the shores of Lake Atitlan, with views of three volcanoes is one of the most progressive organizations working on behalf of and with individuals with disabilities aged 4-44 since 1990 - an IASE Volunteer Services Site, Centro Maya Servicio Integral in San Juan Laguna, Guatemala. Justice, empowerment, social inclusion, human rights and environmental sustainability are the guiding principles and values of this organization. Programming and services provided include special

education; music, dance, theater; art therapy; occupational therapy; physiotherapy and a social and labor inclusion program.

In November, Mary Gale Budzisz, Iris Drower and Ann Hughes had the pleasure of spending some time at this inspiring site. After a fascinating, forty-five minute boat ride across Lake Atitlan in a small fifteen seater boat, we got to San Juan. We were greeted by director, Vivianna, who proudly showed us around the building. Approximately 80 percent of the facility was badly damaged in recent flooding and is currently not usable. But, still, the dedicated, talented, resourceful staff found a way, and are providing the same services in just 20 percent of the usual space and the quality of programming has not suffered. Vivianna and her team are in the process of beginning to work on a campaign to raise the funds needed to build a new, larger center.

On entering a large recreational-cafeteria. We were fortunate enough to be there while the students were practicing a dance routine for an upcoming event. Following the dance practice, the group transitioned smoothly moved into a game with a giant parachute followed by yoga and stretching. Vivianna explained that in the past the center has hosted some events at the center for community members. This year, they are taking a new approach, they are going out into the community with their students and are hosting "Social Inclusion," festivals. Their students will perform at these festivals and information about the programming available at Centro Maya will be available to distribute. IASE has assisted them by purchasing a sound system, microphones and additional guitars that can be used at big events such as the festivals.

The kitchen which was a small room off the common use room has been providing snacks daily



to students. They were very limited in what they were able to prepare and serve due to a shortage of equipment and supplies. A very old stove and some cooking hot plates/burners was being used. Thanks to IASE, Vivianna and the two ladies who work in the kitchen were able to take a recent shopping trip and purchased two brand new stoves, food storage containers, blenders and other large cooking/serving utensils. There were tears in the ladies' eyes as they told us about their shopping trip where they left at 6AM and had to drive around the mountains/volcanoes to the city to go shopping.

The new equipment and supplies means that students will now be served a breakfast, snack and lunch. Previously, they had only been served food once daily. Vivianna is a dietician and is collaborating with staff on healthy food choices, portion control and balanced meals. She explained that "in Guatemala, we tend to eat tortillas at every meal, but that is a lot of starch. However, we cannot just suddenly take away tortillas from our meals, so we are going to start cooking some sweet potato tortillas which are much healthier, then gradually reduce the quantity of tortillas served."

It was time to visit the handicrafts and sewing workshops. Handicrafts was the first workshop to open in 2011. Their focus currently is on making original and creative products including jewelry and macramé. Local seeds and recycled materials are exclusively used as materials. Items made are sold in an onsite shop and also marketed locally and internationally.

In 2014, the handicraft workshop was expanded when a sewing workshop was opened. Five young ladies aged 16-20 were hard at work creating beautiful quilts and bags. Another student was working on the financial accounting for this enterprise, he was their accountant. Initially, when this business was established, a staff member managed the workshop. It was beyond exciting when she announced that this role is being handed

over to the young lady pictured who has been with them since the beginning of the center.



By now, we had worked up a good appetite, so we caught a tuk tuk to Alma De Colores (The Soul of Colors), a social inclusion, entrepreneurial project providing real world training and experience in the areas of baking, organic gardening and food service. A vegetarian cafe, restaurant and bakery provides delicious and healthy breakfasts and lunches for the community daily. The entire menu is based on promoting local organic products, traditional plants and traditional dishes from the Mayan Tzutujil culture. The bakery which started in 2012 also offers delivery service in nearby towns and sometimes sells their bread at local markets. Those who are learning and working at Alma De Colores receive fair income through the provision of therapies, transportation and interest-free loans to finance further education and/or them opening a business of their own. The restaurant is located beside a large organic garden which produces vegetables and fruits for the restaurant. Occupational therapy services are provided through gardening and the gardens are open spaces for the local community and school groups who can come to workshops provided there about organic agriculture and environmental sustainability. More information about these incredible programs is available at www.almadecolores.org.

WELCOME TO TANZANIA

By Susan Pursch, IASE Liaison

Habari na Karibu Tanzania!

Hello and Welcome to Tanzania!



I am Dr. Anneth Munga. I am the Director of Post graduate Studies and International Relations and Linkages at Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Magamba Tanzania East Africa. I also have the privilege of chairing the Local Committee for the 2019 IASE Conference to be held on our campus. We have been pleased to be one of the IASE VSP sites for several years now. This is a relationship we cherish and are thrilled to welcome you to Tanzania East Africa and to the campus of SEKOMU for the 2019 IASE Conference. Please use our website as a reference for your interests in SEKOMU and our “countdown” days until the Conference. www.irl-sekomu.org/international-association-of-special-education

We have arranged for 27 vehicles to transport our guests from Arusha, Moshi or Tanga to the town of Lushoto and on to the SEKOMU campus in Magamba. During this traveling journey you will have the opportunity to see parts of Tanzania from flat lands to sisal fields to the switchbacks that will take you up and into the mountains. We wanted to make sure you had trusted vehicles and experienced drivers to make your Tanzanian experience as pleasurable as possible. Please see the other Conference related articles in this newsletter for further information.

Please register for the Conference by going to the IASE website at, www.IASE.org . We are looking forward to the most enthusiastic reception when you join with your brothers and sisters from around the world to learn about and discuss the theme of the Conference: “Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development.”

Travel Arrivals:

Once you have booked your flights and you have booked your lodging choice in Lushoto or Magamba, you must send those flight and lodging arrangements to Susan Pursch, IASEsecretary@gmail.com.



Mt. Kilimanjaro

Susan will be coordinating ground transportation from Arusha, Moshi and Tanga as well as arranging for vehicles to go to specific lodging locations. We will only be dropping you off at one of our recommended Lushoto lodging sites.

If you are staying somewhere else, please let us know and we will seek to get you as close as possible – but will not drop you off at the site, as there are too many people to customize drop offs and pickups.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE VIA MT. KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JRO)

Because the 2019 IASE Conference will be unusual from most conferences you have attended let me walk you through what you need to do. Most international guests will be flying into JRO airport. If you are taking advantage of a safari before the conference starts, please make arrangements with your chosen safari company (suggestions are on the IASE website (www.IASE.org)). If you are coming in and going directly to the conference you **MUST FLY IN ON SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**. You will need to make your own arrangements to get to the lodging site you have chosen for Saturday night. We have suggested a number of local lodging sites in Arusha, close to the airport or in Moshi, so check the website for these details (under Ready, Set, Go Experience).

If others are accompanying you but not attending the conference, please know there will be a \$60 USD charge for their arriving and departing transportation. From Arusha/Moshi it can be a 4-6 hour journey which is built into the Conference budget for participants and is an extra charge for those who may be joining you and not attending the Conference. Please pay this in advance on the IASE website.



We are recommending that you consider staying overnight on Saturday, July 13th in either of the following locations: In Arusha – The New Safari Hotel <http://newsafarhotel.com>. This is most easily booked via

[booking.com](http://www.booking.com). They have the availability of airport pickup and delivery for a fee.

In Moshi – Lutheran Uhuru Hotel

<http://www.uhuruhotel.org>



Here they are offering a 5% room rate discount as long as you identify you are attending the 2019

IASE Conference at SEKOMU. They also have a pickup service from Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport. They have a variety of size vehicles from 2 persons up to 15 people at a time. Their price range is from \$50 USD to \$110 per vehicle and number of people in the party.

If you are staying Saturday night at a location other than the two hotels mentioned above, you will need to make arrangements to get to The New Safari Hotel or the Lutheran Uhuru Hotel no later than 7:00 am Sunday morning. The vehicle (s) will leave promptly at 8:00 am for the Conference. This allows for the driver to pack the luggage on the roof of the vehicle and for everyone to be present.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Ground transportation from Arusha/Moshi is provided as part of your Conference registration, there is no extra charge for these travel arrangements. There is an additional charge if you are traveling with others who will not be attending the Conference. The driver will have a list of who will be riding in their vehicle. Therefore it is essential to provide your travel and lodging information as soon as you have it. This also includes the names of those who will be traveling with you.

UNDERSTAND, if, for any reason, you miss this provided transportation Sunday morning, July 14, 2019, you will be on your own to get to the Conference. I am suggesting you do everything in your power to get to one of these locations. From there you can sit back, enjoy the view, take advantage of the various stops along the way, take pictures and get to know a bit of Tanzania. The traveling time from Arusha/Moshi to Lushoto can be 4-6 hours depending on a number of factors. It would be very costly and difficult to arrange if you are to do this on your own. Please be prompt.

For those of you who will be lodging in Lushoto, you will need to let us know where you will be staying so we can organize the vehicles to carry

people going to one of the locations mentioned on the IASE website. You will be dropped off at your respective hotels – assuming you stay at one of the suggested locations listed on the IASE website. You will be picked up each day from one of these lodging locations and transported to the Conference at SEKOMU and returned at the end of the day. The travel time from Lushoto to SEKOMU is approximately 20 minutes each way. If you are staying at a lodging choice not suggested by the IASE planners, you will be on your own to get to one of the locations in order to secure a ride to SEKOMU and back.

Please understand if you are choosing to stay in Lushoto, we are not running a travel service during the Conference. You will be picked up in the morning from your designated lodging site and transported to the Conference. At the end of the Conference day you will be returned to your chosen lodging site. We will not be running shuttle services other than in the morning and end of the day. If you choose to be transported other than the morning or close of the day, you will have to make those arrangements on your own.

For those of you who will be lodging on the campus, you will be brought directly to the campus and learn where you will be staying.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING TO THE CONFERENCE VIA TANGA.



Those of you coming to the conference and arriving in Tanga, you will also need to arrive sometime Saturday, July 13, 2019. You will have made lodging arrangements and transportation arrangements from the airport to your lodging choice to stay overnight in Tanga. Sunday morning, July 14, 2019 you will be picked up at Mkonge Hotel in Tanga.
<http://www.mkongehotel.com>

You will depart Tanga at 8:00 am for a 2-3 hour journey to Lushoto Town. You will need to let us know the lodging location you have chosen so we can make sure to drop you off where you will be staying. If you have chosen to stay at another location, you will be on your own to get to those locations. Each day a vehicle will be assigned to pick you up in the morning and return you in the evening to one of the lodging choices we have recommended. For those of you staying on campus, you will be transported directly to the campus where you will learn where you will be staying.

WELCOME RECEPTION – SUNDAY, JULY 14TH AT SEKOMU



Brass Band Reception

You will be welcomed with local music and honored local officials. Since you will most likely have been traveling great distances during the day,

you will be brought to your chosen lodging sites upon arriving to Lushoto. You will have a few minutes to get checked in and settled. You will then be transported to SEKOMU for the Welcome Reception. This will be about an hour and will provide you with fancy hors d’oeuvres so you will not need to order dinner once you return to your lodging location. Please keep in mind this is in North Eastern Tanzania. Food is prepared once your order is placed. The preparation of your food can take some time as it is prepared from scratch. Dr. Anneth Munga, chairperson for the Local Planning Committee will greet you and welcome you to Tanzania and to Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University and to the 2019 IASE Conference.

All Conference sessions will be held on the campus, including The Gala Dinner scheduled for



Wednesday evening. You will feast upon traditional Tanzania food and other specialties. We will accommodate those with specialized dietary needs, as long as you

inform us in advance.

Wednesday at the Conference will be a **CULTURAL DAY**. Because of the distance



between Lushoto and Magamba and the fact there is no time during the day to return to your hotels in Lushoto to get into your ethnic outfits, we are making Wednesday at

the Conference **CULTURAL DAY**. You are being requested to wear your ethnic outfits throughout the day. We will be celebrating the various cultures throughout the day. You will be reminded during the conference to wear your outfits and bring any cultural items, songs, and dances, pictures with you as we celebrate and lift up the Conference **CULTURAL DAY**.

When our Conference tag line was developed: “We will bus you up the mountain. We will bus you

down the mountain and change your life in between” – we meant it. We have now gone from Saving the Date to making sure you register to be a part of this historic IASE Conference.



VISAS - For those of you who will need a visa to enter Tanzania, please check on the arrangements that need to be in place for you to secure a visa. **PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR VISA APPLICATION THAT YOU ARE APPLYING AS A TOURIST** – do not indicate you are attending a

conference as that could cause issues with immigration. This is the request of the Local Planning Committee in Tanzania. We will be glad to provide you with a letter of invitation or a letter indicating you are registered to attend the Conference from Dr. Anneth Munga. If this type of letter is needed, please contact: IASEsecretary@gmail.com

Conference Registration

Registration for the International Association of Special Education (IASE) 16th Biennial Conference in collaboration with Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University is now open. Go to our website at www.IASE.org for access and payment plans. Rates vary depending on your status and category as an IASE member/non-member. Conference registration for all delegates except Tanzanians includes: Welcome Reception, three days of conference sessions with breaks, lunches and transport to and from the airport on assigned days/times, Gala Dinner and Conference Proceedings. After February 21, 2019, all conference registration fees will increase by \$150.00 USD EXCEPTION: Developing countries will have a \$70.00USD increase. Extra Gala dinner tickets will cost \$22.00 USD.

SAFARI OPTIONS



Since you will be in Tanzania you might as well take the opportunity to be a part of a one, two, three or four day safari. Keep in mind safaris can be quite pricey, but worth the money and experience. You can take advantage of a safari before the conference, as long as you arrive back at Arusha or Moshi in time to meet the transportation provided with your

registration. You cannot be late for the provided transportation or you will need to find your own transportation. Or you can take advantage of a safari after the conference. For those of you who are interested, we will provide, on the IASE.org website, a few safari companies for your consideration. It is one thing to visit the facilities we build to see wild animals. It is truly another experience to be their guests.

The Conference concludes Wednesday evening with the Gala Dinner being held on Campus B at SEKOMU. This dinner will conclude the CULTURAL DAY at the Conference. For those of you who are not taking advantage of one of the options tours on Thursday, you will be departing Thursday, July 18th and returning the same location where you were picked up in Arusha/Moshi or Tanga. Transportation will be provided as part of your registration fees. There will NOT be transportation provided on Wednesday back to Arusha/Moshi or Tanga. For those of you who will be taking advantage of one of the tour options for Thursday, you will be transported back to Arusha/Moshi, Tanga Friday morning. Transportation will be provided as part of your registration fees.

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR OPTIONS

Some of you may be interested in taking part in one of two local tours. These are not covered with your registration but are offered at an additional cost. You can only attend one of the options as they are both full day experiences.

TOUR OPTION #1: The Irete area. Irete is an area just outside of Lushoto Town. On this full day tour (Thursday, July 18) you will visit the following locations: Irete Children's Home, Irete School for the Blind, Irete Rainbow School for children with special needs, Irete Farm (for a farm fresh lunch) and Irete Viewpoint. The total cost will be \$20.00 USD per individual for vehicle, fuel, driver, meals and soft drinks.



Irente Rainbow School



Irente School for the Blind



Irente Children's Home

TOUR OPTION #2- Lutindi Mental Hospital and Tea Farm



Tea Farm



Lutindi Mental Hospital

This full day tour will take you through the countryside and literally to the top of a mountain where the hospital and tea farm are located. The scenery is breathtaking. This hospital was built in 1896, as a home for children of slaves. After a few years it was repurposed to be a hospital for people with mental disabilities as there was a great need for psychiatric treatment in Tanzania. It is the oldest psychiatric Hospital in East Africa and has over 120 beds. They see more than 600 inpatients a year and over 6,000 outpatients in a variety of locations. They offer psychiatric treatment, group and individual therapy as well as occupational therap. Inpatients work with the livestock, in the kitchen, making hand crafts and assist with the Tea Farm. The cost will be \$25.00 USD per individual registrants which covers vehicle, fuel, driver, meals and soft drinks.

PRESENTERS and Non-Tanzanian Conference Registrants

All presenters and Conference registrants are required to register for the conference by April 1, 2019. All conference participants must register no later than April 1, 2019. Cancellations MUST be made in writing for IASE Board approval. Send this information to IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, AZ, 85214, USA or email dririsdoug@gmail.com. Refund information: All refunds are subject to an \$80.00 USD processing charge. Cancellations requested by April 1, 2019 will receive a full refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 2-15 2019 will receive a 75% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 16-30, 2019 will receive a 50% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD). No refunds will be processed after May 1, 2019. PLEASE remember to register early as this conference is limited to the first 500 participants.

TANZANIAN REGISTRANTS The cost for all working Tanzanians will be 100,000 Tanzanian Schillings. The cost of registration for students will be 50,000 Tanzanian Schillings. Tanzanian Registrants registration fees includes: Opening Reception, three days of conference sessions with breaks and lunches.

Payments need to be submitted to the IASE Conference 2019 account number 41610018966 via the National Microfinance Bank Lushoto Branch/Swift code: NMIBTZTZ. For more information feel free to contact Dr. Anneth Munga at: annethmunga@irl-sekomu.org or check out the website at www.IASE.org.

LOCAL OPTIONS



Welcome to Lushoto



Market Day

For those of you who will be traveling with your family and/or friends who will not be attending the Conference, there are many things to do in the area. These can be taken advantage of whether you are staying in Lushoto or on the campus in Magamba.

Lushoto is the closest significant town to Magamba. Here is a picture of the market day in Lushoto. There are local hiking and bicycling tours. You can visit the Irete Biodiversity Reserve. There are several spectacular waterfalls in the area and eco-tourism is very popular. Any of these options are available to you but are not part of the Conference. We are attempting to seek out and put together some volunteer options for non-conference attendees.

SPONSOR A TANZANIAN TEACHER



We've all heard the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" — and it certainly takes a village to educate a child. At this time, we want to challenge

and encourage our members, NGOs and sponsors to provide additional support for teachers in Tanzania to participate in this amazing event. We are seeking donations of \$100.00 USD to cover registration fees and /or \$20 USD to cover housing expenses for four days. These donated funds will be allocated in a special account earmarked for Teachers of Tanzania.

Please click on the tab on our website and write in your donation TODAY. Every little bit counts toward the future of all children. Thank you in advance for your support and for being part of IASE.

TWO ADDITIONAL CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Twesigye Jackson Kaguri Founder and CEO of Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project



Twesigye Jackson Kaguri was born and raised in Uganda in the small village of Nyakagyzezi. At a very young age he demonstrated an unquenchable desire to learn, which led him to study at and graduate from Makerere

University in Kampala. During this time, he co-founded the human rights organization, Human Rights Concerns, to help victims of human rights violations in Uganda and to educate the public about their rights. In the 1990's he became a visiting scholar at Columbia University where he studied Human Rights Advocacy. Over the years he has been involved extensively in international community efforts as a human rights advocate, fundraiser, and inspirational speaker.

In 2001, Kaguri founded the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in response to the devastating effects of AIDS in his hometown. The organization provides free education to children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. In addition to three schools, it also operates two libraries, Desire Farm and Nutrition Program, two medical clinics, clean water systems, and a support program for over 7,300 grandmothers who care for up to 12 children at a time.

Since founding the project, Kaguri has also become an author. In "A School for My Village" he shares how he came to build the first school and the struggles he faced during the first few years. In 2012, he was named a CNN Hero and recognized internationally for his innovative work in human rights. Kaguri has also been named a Heifer International Hero, recognized in Time Magazine's 'Power of One' Series, and has spoken to the UN about his work. When not visiting the schools in Uganda or working at his office in Okemos,

Michigan, Kaguri travels the country to speak about the organization.

Dr. Girma Berhanu, teaches in the Department of Education and Special Education at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. He has been a member of IASE for some time. He is originally from Ethiopia and early on was a pioneer in the field of mental retardation in his home land. Currently, he primarily works in the areas of socio-cultural factors,

including historical aspects and institutional frameworks, that are relevant to education in general and to special education approaches and perspectives in particular. He frequently discusses topics of equity in the field of special education. His areas of research are generally around race, ethnicity, and special education. He is particularly interested in "group-based inequalities" in scholastic achievement and minority students 'learning and development in a globalized and post-colonial world. He is a member of an international consortium of equity in special education. The consortium focuses mainly on understanding the "Complexities of Inclusive Education. From a Comparative Perspective: How Cultural Histories Shape the Ways That Schools Respond to Multiple Forms of Diversity."



Our Local Team



Meet our local planning committee. They are left to right Dr. Anneth Munga, Dr. Idahya, Dr. William, Professor Bagandanshwa, Mr. Mdabagi, Ms. Mbila and Mr. Shekivuli. Other members not shown are: Sarah Rosenbloom and Lucy Mwinuka



Team members inspecting the name tag lanyards made by students from the Irete Rainbow School for children with special needs. They have already made 200 name tag lanyards for conference registrants.

Treasurer's Report

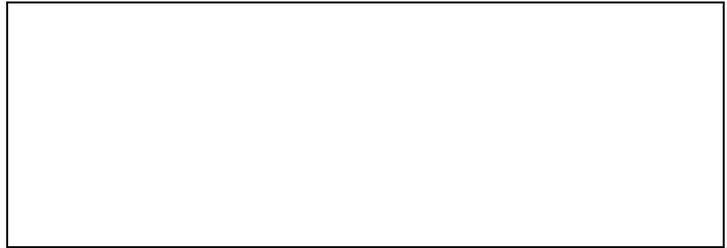
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