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THREE SEEDS SCHOLARS COMPETE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN CANADA

Three of our newest high school graduates achieved B+ scores on their Kenyan graduation exam, high enough to qualify to compete for coveted full-ride scholarships to Canada. **Deng Mading Anhiyany, Yar Deng Mayen** and **Aleer Thuch Kuir** have traveled to Kakuma Refugee Camp to attend a series of interviews and tests for the scholarship. It takes about a year to determine who gets the scholarships and some luck is involved because there are more candidates than slots.

Seeds has five students who have earned scholarships in Canada. One, John Matio, has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Our Seeds graduates did better than most Kenyans on their graduation exam. The B+ grade puts these three scholars in the elite 2% of 958,911 students in Kenya taking the exam.



Deng Mading Anhiyany



Yar Deng Mayen



Aleer Thuch Kuir



How Seeds Grows Ethical Leaders

June 1 from 4 to 5:30 pm
Cultivar Café, 7595 W. Yale Ave.
Denver (Wadsworth & Yale)
Sponsored by South Jeffco Rotary
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COME HEAR SEEDS FOUNDER AROK GARANG THIS SUMMER

Seeds founder Arok Garang will return to the US from Kenya for 2 ½ months and will speak at churches and other public venues. Please come and hear his inspiring message of hope and progress! If you would like to schedule an appearance at your church, service club or business, contact Jeri Lou at info@seedsofsouthsudan.org or 720-644-6662.

May 11 Arvada Covenant Church

9:00 am Service, 5555 Ward Rd., Arvada
Arok will speak during service and be present during coffee hour.

May 18 Rejoice! Lutheran Church

2556 S. 138th St., Omaha, NE

May 26 Memorial Day Weekend; open

June 1 First United Church of Arvada

10:00 am Service, 7195 Simms St., Arvada

June 1 Cultivar Café

4:00 pm, 7595 W. Yale Ave., Denver

June 8 Trinity Lutheran Church

2222 Broadway St., Boulder

June 15 Open

June 22 St. Philip Lutheran Church

9:00 am Service; 10:15 am Adult Forum
where Arok will speak, 7531 S. Kendall Blvd., Littleton, CO

Sat. June 28 Secular Hub

5:30 pm, 254 Knox Ct., Denver

June 29 Montview Presbyterian Church

11:00 am, Miller Chapel, 1980 Dahlia St., Denver

June 29 Covenant Living

5:30 pm Vesper Service, 9153 Yarrow St., Westminster



Our Mission: To educate refugee children to become 'Seeds of Change' for South Sudan



SEEDS CELEBRATES LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS!



Seeds celebrates the graduation of 17 high school students in 2024, the largest number ever of our South Sudanese refugee orphans! Eleven of the 17 high school graduates have traveled to South Sudan for a year to volunteer in areas safe from violence. Below are the students by high school. Photos of three of the grads are on the front page and the rest are below.. Note: In South Sudan, many parents name their boys after grandfathers and their girls after grandmothers, leading to many children having similar names.

Our newest high school graduates, listed by high school, are:

Ajok Chol Duom, Gil Gil Girls High School; **Nyandeng Deng Aleer**, Chinga Girls HS; **Keth Guot Deng**, PCEA Kampala Girls, **Yar Deng Mayen**, Alliance Girls and **Amor Atem Dau**, Kanguburi Girls HS.

Aleer Kuir Thuch, **Mamer Deng Chol** and **Aleer Thuch Kuir** have graduated from Ringa Boys High School. **Deng Lual Deng** and **Deng Mading Anhiany** graduated from Agoro Sare Boys HS.

Aleer Jok Atem and **Marol Deng Ghak** graduated from Koelel Boys High School. **Deng Mapior Thuch** graduated from Naivasha Boys HS. **Aleer Deng Chol** graduated from Nakuru Boys HS. Other graduates are **Barach Machar Jok**, **Maghai Thiong Thuch** and **Thon Dhieu Deng**.

Seeds is eternally grateful for the faithful sponsors who have supported these students for many years. They will make a huge difference in helping to repair their fragile country.

CLASS
OF
2024



Ajok Chol Duom



Nyandeng Deng Aleer



Keth Guot Deng



Amor Atem Dau



Aleer Kuir Thuch



Mamer Deng Chol



Deng Lual Deng



Aleer Jok Atem



Marol Deng Ghak



Deng Mapior Thuch



Aleer Deng Chol



Barach Machar Jok



Maghai Thiong Thuch



Thon Dhieu Deng

MARIN CATHOLIC AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAKE MAJOR GRANT TO SEEDS

A parochial high school and a Knights of Columbus chapter in Marin County north of San Francisco are making a major grant to Seeds of South Sudan that will help cover tuition and expenses for several of our unsponsored students. Marin Catholic High School and the Knights of Columbus San Rafael #307 are donating more than \$27,000.

"The St. Vincent DePaul Club (SVdP) at Marin Catholic High School conducts a fund drive during Lent to help a particular nonprofit," said Joe Tassone, a 30-year teacher at Marin Catholic. The drive includes a walk-a-thon and students contribute through a theology class every day in Lent, with a competition between classes to see which group raises the most money. This year, the cash donated by students totaled \$6,881 and checks from teachers totaled \$1,620. They decided to donate the proceeds to Seeds.

A fund-raiser by Knights of Columbus to benefit education in Africa raised \$15,000. That donation will benefit Seeds as well. The Knights also raised \$3,800 through a dinner this year. Joe Tassone learned of Seeds of South Sudan from longtime supporter Pastor Heidi McGinniss, who worked with Tassone while she assisted a Swiss Human Rights organization, Christian Solidarity International, and the South Sudanese Underground Railroad that brought thousands of enslaved Sudanese home over 14 years. Keer Deng, who was freed through CSI's efforts, accompanied the MC students for his third walk-a-thon appearance.

Three Seeds high school students who have lost their sponsors will benefit. The grant will support **Thiong Dau Atem**, a senior at St. Joseph's Boys School and **Yar Machar Jok**, who will graduate from Jomo Kenyatta Girls High school. Grant funds will also support **Nak Machar Jok**, who is a sophomore at St. Joseph High School in Kenya, through his last three years of high school.

The balance of this generous grant will support other college students whose costs are not fully covered due to increases in housing and food costs in Nairobi because our kids can no longer live and eat in the dorms.

Seeds of South Sudan and founder Arok Garang give heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Marin Catholic High School and the SVdP Club for this very generous donation!



Thiong Dau Atem



Yar Machar Jok



Nak Machar Jok



JOIN SEEDS JUNE 1 AT CULTIVAR CAFÉ TO SUPPORT COLLEGE FOR YAR DENG MAYEN

Come for an early dinner and conversation with Seeds founder Arok Garang explaining Seeds' vision of Growing Ethical Leaders on Sunday, June 1 from 4 to 5:30 pm at Cultivar Café, 7595 W. Yale Avenue in Denver.

This free event is sponsored by South Jeffco Rotary. Seeds' goal is to raise \$5,000 towards our college fund to support underfunded college students to continue their education. Our big, audacious goal is to find a sponsor for Yar Deng Mayen, who was among the top 2% of December 2024 graduates out of more than 900,000 who took the graduation exam. Her career goal is to become a neuroscientist.



Romans 8:28 For God works all things for good to those who love him and are called according to his purpose.





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ALEER JOK KUIR GRADUATES FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Aleer Jok Kuir received his Medical Degree from the University of Nairobi last December, a joyful ceremony attended by several Seeds board members. He has begun an internship in Nairobi and will continue his studies to become an orthopedic surgeon. There is a severe need for orthopedic surgeons in South Sudan and his sponsors are willing to support him so he can help South Sudanese who suffer injuries to their bones and joints.

SEEDS COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN USE YOUR OLD, WORKING LAPTOP

All of Seeds university students use laptop computers to conduct research on the internet, write papers and communicate through email. Please let us know if you have a working computer with a supported operating system. Computers using Microsoft should contain the Windows 10 or 11 operating system. Apple computers will work if they have installed a Monterey, Ventura, Sonoma or Sequoia operating system. If you have a computer to donate, please let Sue Counterterman know at sue@seedsofsouthsudan.org or 720-218-9302. Thank you!



James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

