

July 14, 2009

Subject: Students return to South Africa, attend Leadership Academy

The tough get going...

kids land on their feet during economic crisis challenges.



The economic crisis in the U.S. has hit home in Africa. The Douglas Foundation relied heavily on U.S. donations and, when those dried up, our ability to fund students attending school in the U.S. dried up too.

Students change continents. The Douglas Foundation has long enjoyed a productive and exciting relationship with the South African charitable organization Make A Difference Foundation (MAD), and MAD recently helped us forge a new relationship with the African Leadership Academy in South Africa. When it became clear that donations could no longer support our talented kids at Piney Woods School, MAD and the African Leadership Academy made sure the kids landed on their feet back on their side of the world. Claudia (pictured right), Sidwell and Gadaffi are now hard at work in Pretoria, South Africa. The kids look forward to developing bonds with students from all over the continent at The African Leadership Academy, and Gadaffi is selecting the South African university that he will attend.

We are proud of what these South African students achieved at Piney Woods School, and we're pleased we were able to coordinate an international exchange that gave them insights into American values and our way of life. Their experiences helped them grow and taught them to look at issues from a global perspective. This will be invaluable as they develop into leaders.

Gadaffi featured on CNN! Before he left the United States, Gadaffi (pictured right) was interviewed by CNN on the Piney Woods campus. The Douglas Foundation arranged for CNN to also interview Gadaffi's mother at her home in South Africa. Click to see our Piney Woods graduate in action:

[CNN Feature Story](#)

South African kids go to San Diego. The impact of the economic crisis was seen in other programs, too. This year a reduced number of students were awarded scholarships to attend The Anthony Robbins Global Youth Leadership Summit in San Diego, California. The Douglas Foundation funded two South African students, coordinating delegation members with MAD and a terrific contact at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria. We wish the kids well in visiting San Diego, being inspired at leadership camp, and then giving back. They will do community service organized by our friend Dr. Shirley Weber at San Diego State University.

YOU make all the difference. It's hard to dig deep in today's financial environment. It's especially hard when the sacrifice you make helps someone else's future on the far side of the planet. As we help break the cycle of poverty and build the next generation, I like a quote by Nelson Henderson: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Look for our Piney Woods kids at the African Leadership Academy in South Africa!

Gadaffi's Bio
Claudia's Bio
Sidwell's Bio



Learn about opportunities the Douglas Foundation funds!



whose shade you do not expect to sit."

I am convinced that together we can continue changing the world, one student at a time. I encourage you to email me directly at vwilliams@thedouglasfoundation.org. Thanks for making a difference!

Sincerely,

*Victor Williams, President
The Douglas Foundation*

EVERY donation helps change lives.



President Victor Williams with students from Pretoria Secondary School's leadership club (photo taken at the U.S. Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa)."

Three easy ways to **DONATE TODAY**

- 1) Click on the *Donate* button below to make a one time donation, or use our *Payment Plan* button to arrange an automatic monthly donation.
- 2) Mail a check made out to The Douglas Foundation to one of the below U.S. or South African addresses.
- 3) Make a direct electronic deposit to the Douglas Foundation fund by using bank details below for the U.S. or South African account.

Donate

Payment Plan



The Douglas Foundation consists of two partner non-profit organizations, one in the U.S. and one in South Africa, that work together toward the same goal: to provide long- and short-term educational opportunities to underprivileged South African students and to encourage youth development within communities.

**Direct Electronic Deposit to
Following South African Bank
Account:**

**Direct Electronic Deposits to
Following USA Bank Account:**

**Douglas Foundation
International**



**Special Thanks & Links to our
supportive friends**



2009 Projects!

**2 Students sponsored
Leadership Camp in U.S.**

San Diego State Univ

Brooklyn Branch Code 011245
International Swift Code
SBZAZAJJ

Mailing Address: (for cheques)
Douglas Foundation SA
PO Box 11592
Hatfield, Pretoria 0028
Republic of South Africa

Registration No: 2007/004188/08
Tax Exemption Status: Section
18A

Wire Transfer Number 026009593

Mailing Address: (for checks)
Douglas Foundation International
c/o Shirley E. Williams
P.O. Box 29644
Columbus Ohio 43229
United States of America

Tax ID No: 20-8787295
IRS 501(c)(3)
Granted Tax Free Status

registration fees, lodging

Yes! Leadership Seminars
*collaborating to organize in
Cape Town, Durban and
Johannesburg (stay tuned)*



Join our mailing list

**Please forward this
email to a friend!**