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A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

Uganda Education Experience Trip - [Click Here](#) to See the Show!

- 23 amazing people consisting of students, educators, retirees and even a dentist - experienced life in OEF Schools and on Safari!
- 7 Staff Members - from Louisiana College, presented professional development for over 400 Uganda teachers.
- 1 Film Crew - captured it all so we can share it with you.
- Learn more and join us during your next summer vacation in Ghana!



Quotes Worth Noting...read what your fellow educators found.

"It was so great to get to know students on more than a superficial level and also to experiment with different teaching techniques..."

I was shocked by how similar the children in Uganda are to children in the United States. The lessons and activities that kids enjoy and learn from in the United States are the same types of activities that the Ugandan students responded to. I was surprised by how loving and friendly the children were, and how boys and girls from Uganda behave similarly to boys and girls in the United States despite growing up in vastly different circumstances." - **Julie, University of Nebraska Education Major**

"When I read or see in the media about Africa, the poverty and the lack of modern conveniences I never really had any reference. But now it means something to me, I now know not just intellectually but emotionally and physically what it is. I gained a tremendous respect and appreciation for the teachers - who work in what I consider adverse conditions, in schools with love for children and a passion for teaching. I gained tremendous respect for the schools." - **Cathy, Retired Educator from New Mexico**

"The greatest benefit I gained was being able to establish lifelong relationships with the people from Uganda as well as those people traveling with Opp Ed. It also broadened my knowledge and understanding of Uganda as a country so that I am able to share with my family, school and community." - **Jill, Special Education Teacher from Colorado**

What I Did Over My Summer Vacation

Sister Schools can be more

than just pen pals -

[Click Here](#) to find out more!

Sheila Galo, (left), principal
of Siyabelela Middle School, S. Africa
& Judy McKenzie from Swamscott
Middle School, Swampscott, MA



Need Help Finding Your Sister School?

Whether you need the name, address, or
mailing instructions...you can find it on our

website:

<http://www.opportunityeducation.org/our-schools/sister-schools/>

or email: schools@opportunityeducation.org



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Featured Sister School & Gift Certificate Winner!

Congrats to Our Lady of the Lake
School, Mandeville, Louisiana.

The winner of our monthly drawing for
schools who send letters!

Just email schools@opportunityeducation.org

after you mail your letters
and you are entered to win!



Start Writing to This School Now!

Kyaminyawandi Primary School, Uganda

The school was established in 1973 and has grown to a P1-P7 school with 768 students. The school has 12 teachers and 8 classrooms, that's about 96 students per classroom! The school lacks clean drinking water, sufficient furniture for classrooms and textbooks for the students. The students enjoy a wide array of educational programs including debate, music festivals, gardening and study tours.



Simply email, "I want a pen pal" to schools@opportunityeducation.org and you can start writing today!

Welcome New Schools



We welcome the following schools to our international pen pal program:

Gardiner Reg. Middle School, Gardiner, ME
DeRidder Middle School, DeRidder, LA
Beadle Middle School, Omaha, NE
Booker T Washington, Baltimore, MD
Allie Ward Elementary, Abilene, TX
Stein Elementary, Lakewood, CO
Cottonport Elementary, Cottonport, LA
Plaucheville Elementary, Plaucheville, LA
East Hollywood High, W. Valley City, UT
East Beauregard, DeRidder, LA
Jack Robey JR High, Pine Bluff, AR
Rockford Lutheran, Rockford, IL
Polenta Elementary, Garner, IL
Waverly Academy, Jacksonville, FL
Bethune Bowman, Rowesville, SC

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With interesting ideas, stories, and links to help generate enthusiasm and discussion about education and integrating pen pal letters into your mission and curriculum.



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Congrats to [Barb Begley Gilman](#) winner of the gift certificate for **Liking Opportunity Education Foundation on Facebook.**

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