

GOOD NEWS, NIGERIA!

“The greatest thing we can do for our people is to serve them with all our hearts, giving our time, our skills, and our resources to uplift them.”
- Kwame Nkrumah



NIGERIAN TEACHER AMONG TOP 50 EDUCATORS WORLDWIDE

Mr. Kayode Adewale, a mathematics teacher at Imagbon/Imaka Comprehensive High School, Ogun State, has been shortlisted among 50 finalists for the much coveted **2025 Global Teacher Prize**. Teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in a semi-urban area, Adewale bridges cultural and academic gaps by explaining complex math concepts in Yoruba and Hausa, making learning more accessible for his low-income students.

Adewale's influence extends well beyond traditional classroom settings. His **Transformation1090 Initiative** has empowered more than **30,000** educators with digital teaching skills, enabling them to effectively incorporate technology into their instruction.

You are a real superhero, Adewale!



OLANIKE BECOMES FIRST FEMALE PILOT IN NIGERIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Olanike Nafisat Balogun has made history as the first female pilot in the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS). Olanike, a Deputy Superintendent in the service, began her career as a Customs Assistant in 2002, serving as a cabin crew member in the service's Airwing Unit.

In addition to this major milestone in her career, Balogun holds an advanced diploma in air ticketing, a Master's degree in Public Administration from Ahmadu Bello University, and a pilot certification from the Flying Academy in Miami, Florida, which was sponsored by the Nigerian Customs Service.

Keep the jet flying, Olanike!



LT. MAIGARI IS THE FIRST NIGERIAN NAVY FEMALE AIRCRAFT PILOT

Lt. Changfe Maigari has made history as the first female pilot in the Nigerian Navy (NN) since its inception in 1964.

A native of Langtang North Local Government Area of Plateau State, Maigari, who is married and has a daughter, began her journey in the armed forces in 2016 after graduating from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) and was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant.

Maigari's achievement highlights her dedication and excellence, as she was the best-graduating cadet in academics during the 2016 naval cadet training, earning her the prestigious Gold Medal Navy Award.

She was presented with the Pilot Wing Award during the 2024 NN Ceremonial Sunset on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Keep the jet flying, Maigari!



NIGERIA'S ST. JUDE'S GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL, AMARATA, EMERGES AS FIRST RUNNERS-UP AT THE WORLD SCHOOL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

St. Jude's Girls Secondary School, Amarata, Bayelsa State, emerged as silver medalists in 3x3 basketball at the World School Athletics Competition held in October 2024 in Bahrain. The team achieved this remarkable feat by defeating Thailand 18-6 to qualify for the final but narrowly missed the grand prize after a close 14-16 loss to Slovenia.

Keep striving for excellence, girls!



NIGERIAN MAKES HISTORY AS THE FIRST AFRICAN TO WIN MISTER INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY PAGEANT

Nwajagu Samuel, a Nigerian model, made history as the first African to win the Mister International Beauty Pageant. Renowned for his passion for fitness, fashion, and wellness, Samuel clinched the title during the global competition held in Thailand in December 2024.

His triumph follows his top-three finish and national title win at the Mister International Nigeria 2024 Pageant. Samuel's impressive portfolio includes collaborations with leading fashion labels such as Veejayrex Fashion, Zhalima Grazioni, and Tice Grandiose.

Congratulations, Samuel!

We are all dealing with bad news on a daily basis, and the effects of the trauma will not be fully understood for many years to come. We are committed to curating **good news**, so share your **good news** with us!