

# FIRST CHOICE

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED ARTS



### Above and Beyond

#### *FCC Former-Students' Testimonials*

2010	Beverly Mazhokota	2012
2011	Aisha Mashingauta	2013
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2015	Petronella T. Maburuse	2018
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2015	Joseph T. Nyamande	2020
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2014	Clever Kupambarira	2015
2016	Charles Chidhakwa	2017
2015	Idaishe Madembo	2016





## VISION



**To prepare students for success beyond the walls of our school by instilling a philosophy of lifelong learning, civic leadership, and respect through parental involvement and community collaboration, allowing for the development of future productive citizens.**

## MISSION STATEMENT



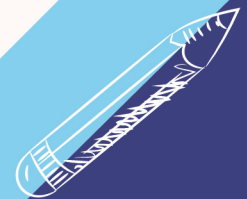
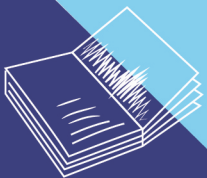
**To provide an innovative learning system that allows us to offer a differentiated service to our stakeholders thereby maintaining our pole position in the greater Harare market. To this end we are able to achieve good passes for our students and above average return on capital employed to the providers of the capital.**



**2017****Tutsirai Hama****2019**

My name is Tutsirai Hamah and I'm a former student of First Choice College. I am currently doing my Bachelor's degree in Law (LLBS) at the University of Zimbabwe. I was a student of First Choice College from the year 2017, when I was doing my Ordinary Level up until 2019 when I wrote my A level exams. As a transfer student, I never felt lonely because the teachers were very friendly and welcoming. It became easy for me to ask for assistance on topics I did not understand without the fear of being judged of how slow I was at grasping certain concepts. The teachers were very committed and dedicated their work. Punctuality was shown by the teachers as they would come to school early and leave late therefore absenteeism was an offence and an insult to the teacher. This motivated me to come to school early and be present in class. Extra school hours offered at the school on Saturday and Sunday where important because they gave me room to revise and a chance to meet with my teachers and have one on one session on topics that were challenging. First Choice as a Christian school, taught me to have a relationship with God through the church services we had every Tuesday. I learnt to rely on God because above all He is the owner of Knowledge and wisdom we possess.

Just like an English proverb "All work without play makes Jack a dull boy." "Extra-curricular activities were my escape route from the long hours I spent in the class room. Physical Education and Sports helped me to refresh my mind and to actively participate in class. I thank First Choice College for my success. Thank you for your mentorship, for grooming me and your words of encouragement. It is because of your words of advice that I managed to attain 4 As and 3Bs at ordinary level and 19 points in Advanced level. As Mr Munemo always said, 'You can't succeeded without a vision,' you taught me to have a vision of what I want to achieve in life. My wish is for First Choice to recruit more students and continue grooming them into future leaders of tomorrow.



**"A" Levels Class of 2019  
Attained 19 Points in:**

Sociology	A
Literature in English	A
Family & Reli. Studies	A
History	B

**Bachelor's Degree  
in Law(LLBS)  
(University of Zimbabwe)**



2015

Charles Chidhakwa

2018

It is with sincere gratitude that I hereby acknowledge and appreciate your kindness of stepping to my rescue by offering me a chance to pursue with my Advance Level Studies at First Choice College. This noble gesture has indeed brought relief as far as financial constraints are concerned since I was given a scholarship to do my A' Level at First Choice College.

My name is Charles Chidakwa, currently studying an Honours Degree in Actuarial Science at University of Zimbabwe. I did my Advanced Level Education at First Choice College from 2016 to 2017 and I managed to scoop 14 points, an A in Mathematics, another A in Accounting and a B in Business Studies. I enrolled at First Choice College after completing my Ordinary Level Education elsewhere. The learning environment was really inspiring since we had more valuable time to receive ideas and studying tips from former First Choice students who were doing their tertiary education.

The school setup is convenient and exposed students to high quality education and also extra-curricular and sporting activities. The institution is equipped with well qualified teaching staff. First Choice College's learning environment is strict and facilitates excellent deliverance of knowledge to students. This enables First Choice College to drive below average students to be average and above average performers.

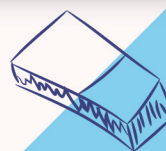
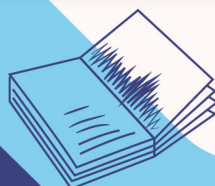
In addition, the school is located in a Christian environment which also helps in bringing Christian values and nurturing students as we have time to attend weekly church services. This has given me a new perspective of things, and has helped me to mature in a whole lot of areas including giving me an insight into the kind of person I really am. The opportunities and exposure I got at First Choice College brought a difference in my studies and life as a whole. Looking at my background to achieve what I want and reach the place that I am now, First Choice College did a massive job.

It is undoubtedly an open secret that without your generosity of awarding me with a scholarship to do my Advanced Level and Tertiary Level Education, strict learning environment, exposure to the Christian environment and the impact of Christian values and discipline, all this would have been limited, or rather impossible.

### **"A" Levels Class of 2018**

#### **Attained 14 Points in:**

Mathematics	A
Business Studies	B
Economics	A



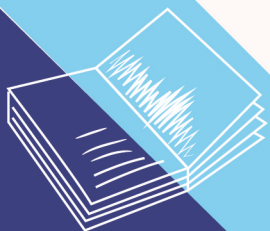
**Honours Degree  
in Actuarial Science  
(UZ)**



**2010****Beverly Mazhokota****2012**

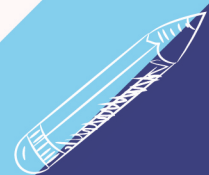
"From the teachers, to the assistants, to the students, there is such a family atmosphere that is perfect for nurturing academic ability. The motto 'Above and Beyond,' is echoed throughout the school and every teacher strives to bring the best out of each and every student. I enrolled at First Choice college from 2010 – 2012. I know that I would not have achieved 4As & 2Bs at O Level and 14 points at A Level, or even got a First Class Degree in Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Accounting at Chinhoyi University of Technology if I had been anywhere else. First Choice College has shaped me into the person I am today as the teachers nurtured me to my future career. I am now training to be a Chartered Accountant at Enerst and Young Zimbabwe."

Beverly Mazhokota



**"A" Levels Class of 2012  
Attained 14 Points in:**

Accounts	A
Business Studies	A
Economics	B



**Honours Degree  
in Accounting  
(Chinhoyi University)**





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2015

Idaishe Madembo

2016

The years I spent at First Choice College were a great part into moulding the person I am today. From my experience, I can tell you it is a great and wonderful school that strives for excellence in academics, extracurricular activities and sports. Teachers are well dedicated in both academics and the well being of students. Hats off to my best teachers Mr Ziko, Mr Munemo and Mr Nemahwe they really worked hard on me to produce exceptional results, they believed in me and it motivated me to work harder. They would even go out of their way, working through weekends, putting in extra hours and using their own resources to produce best results. I really appreciate their efforts because I ended up passing my A Levels with best results. This was a stepping stone for my career as an Arts student because I ended up being enrolled at Cyprus International University in Cyprus to study a Bachelors Degree in International Law. Furthermore, the rules put in place by the school always kept us in check and they have had a huge impact on my character until today our motto was always ABOVE AND BEYOND! I'm really grateful for inspiration and career guidance, because four years after my A Levels at First Choice College, I graduated with a Bachelors degree in International Law. I highly recommend First Choice Collage because they are producing great and successful leaders of tomorrow. Take a chance, study at First Choice College and live an unforgettable experience.

**“A” Levels Class of 2016**

**Attained 9 Points in**

Shona	C
History	C
Sociology	C



**Bachelor's Degree  
in International Law  
(Cyprus University)**



2015

Petronella T. Maburuse

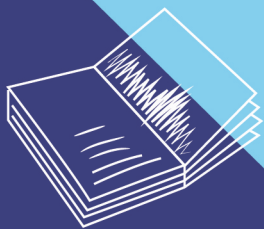
2018

My name is Petronella T Maburuse, currently studying BBA (Bachelors in Business Administration) in India under the Presidential and National Scholarship. I have been a student at First Choice College for four school years and from what I have experienced, I can tell you it is a great school. It is fun but it's very strict and the rules help keep the school safe and in order.

My four years at FCC from 2014 (O'level) to 2017 (A'level) were great with a memory to cherish for lifetime. It was full of learning and grooming oneself. FCC has always believed in helping and guiding its students. The staff is excellent and very qualified. For example, the teachers always believe in you and they make sure you try your hardest on everything you do. One thing I am really sure of is the extra push and strokes given were possible to help improve one's capabilities to succeed. I am an average student who managed to obtain 9 O'LEVEL passes and 13 points at A'LEVEL. All this was possible because of my academic experience at FCC.

All of the schools that I have attended in the past did not have teachers who are as determined as the ones at FCC, they would offer after school lessons and weekend classes. This school has a safe learning environment and a Christian environment, where we could gather every Tuesday for Scripture Union. It was not only into academics but also into nurturing in the things of God. Every day before classes we would start with the word of prayer as a school tradition.

Students also participate in many in-school and out-of-school activities, various sports activities, i.e. football, volleyball, netball as well as PE and so much more to look forward to. Personally, I think if you are lucky enough to attend FCC then you will be able to absorb all the fun, factual days of Academic experience. It was a great experience and lifetime memory at First Choice College.



**"A" Levels Class of 2018  
Attained 13 Points in:**

Accounts	B
Business Studies	A
Economics	B



Bachelor of  
**Business Administration**  
(India)



2018

Mazvita Mafuta

2019



A school simply put, is a place where children grow, learn and play. This is true of many schools and this is the generally accepted paradigm. Imagine then a place, a school where one not only grows but grows into a person of substance, where learning is not limited to the government prescribed curriculum but transcends into life lessons and spiritual nourishment. A place whereby where you leave not only with your certificates but with a whole range of skills you would not have otherwise acquired. Such was my experience at First Choice College in the 2 years I spent there completing my A Levels.

Coming from a government school, I had my reservations about enrolling in a private college. After all, colleges are reputed to have lax discipline and wild students. This could not be any further from the truth. Punctuality, order and discipline were the order of the day and the system proved to be more efficient than that of your average government school. In addition, the teachers were driven ( and pushed us in turn). The school administration believed in me and gave me a scholarship for which I am very grateful. This of course gave me the extra motivation I needed to excel.

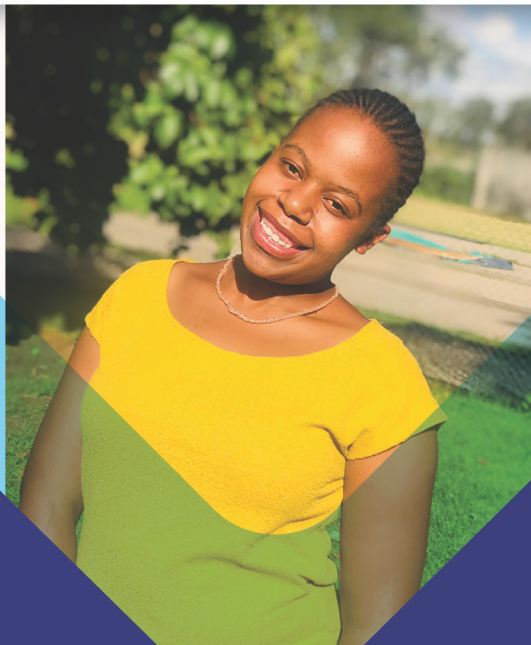
Besides academics, the various clubs and extracurricular activities at the school taught me and my fellow former students leadership skills and other invaluable life lessons that we apply in our day to day lives post high school. FCC proved to be the place where we all could dream all the while being moulded for life in the real world. Two years after high school I find myself in employment. I am also looking forward to starting varsity this year. And I like to think this is because of the hard work and dedication of the FCC team and the wonderful examples and standards they set for us. I can look forward to the future without anxiety but rather with a confidence borne of an excellent foundation to life. It's a wonderful feeling and it's all thanks to team FCC. Indeed, they have inspired me to go above and beyond.

Mazvita Mafuta M.



**"A" Levels Class of 2019  
Attained 17 Points in:**

Shona	C
Literature in English	B
Family & Reli. Studies	A
History	A



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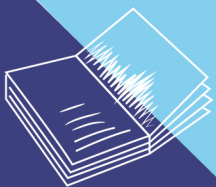


**2011****Aisha Mashingauta****2013**

My name is Aisha Mashingauta, former student of First Choice College. I joined First College in 2011 when I was doing my Ordinary Level studies. Through the coaching and support from all my teachers, I managed to scoop 3As and 4 Cs. For someone who had not done form 3, this was a milestone achievement which even shocked my parents. I continued with my Advanced Level Studies at FCC and specialized in Arts subjects which are Sociology, Divinity and History. No doubt my A Level teachers were the best as I managed to scoop 13 Points, A in History, B in Sociology and another B in Divinity respectively. Let me also acknowledge the fact that we were the first group at FCC to undertake Sociological Studies and none of the students failed this subject. This can be accredited to our Teacher who was determined to teach this subject.

After my A level, I joined the University of Zimbabwe, Faculty of Arts in 2014. During my first year, I was doing a BA general and was awarded an opportunity to study an Honors Degree in Economic History. Today I am a proud holder of an Honors Degree in Economic History, MA holder of African Economic History and a PhD Fellow at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. Through this research based degree, I have managed to work with renowned organizations such as the Bio-Medical Research and Training Institute, The Agricultural Research Policy in Africa and a number of World Bank Consultancy in the country. I have also managed to present my research on a number of International Platforms in countries like Spain.

All of the above, are not an overnight achievement s, but a result of a firm foundation. My being at FCC College in no doubt contributed. One thing I liked about the College is the Christian environment which we were exposed to. Discipline was not only instilled through the use of a stick but biblical guidance and counselling. Hence at FCC, the teachers cease to play an academic only but their responsibility transcends that which they are paid to do. In no doubt is FCC a family to many of its Alumni's. This can be attributed to the role they played in a number of lives. They are not only concerned about the business idea of having a College but the type of product they produce for different Tertiary institutions in the Country. For that I salute them!!!



**"A" Levels Class of 2013  
Attained 13 Points in:**

Sociology	B
History	A
Divinity	B

**Masters of Arts  
in African Economic  
History (UZ)  
PHD fellow (Stellenbosch SA)**

**2015****Panashe T. Chinyemba****2020**

My name is Panashe T Chinyemba. I did my O'level at First Choice College in 2018 and I came up with 10As and a B. Learning at First Choice College was an interesting experience that I wish every student should experience. I was enrolled at First Choice College through an educational scholarship in 2015 as a form 1 student. From there First Choice became second home with my parents, the teachers. The staff members always encouraged us to study harder and they gave us the drive that some of us lacked. Competition and the mind for greater success became part of us. For me First Choice became a game changer. At first (in form 1) I never believed in competition and I was bent on just being an average student. But to my surprise, the teachers were ready to push us to our limits. The teachers empowered girls to do great things in life and this helped a lot in achieving greatness. Teachers like Mr Kasirayi and the late Mr Kawadza believed in my capability to brainstorm like the best male students in the class and as time went on their opinions proved to be correct. Mr Munemo was never my subject teacher but he pushed me to greater lengths until the 10 As and a B came out. I did my A level at First Choice Private School doing Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Geography and I'm currently waiting for results. Wherever I go I will always remember First Choice as my home of success.



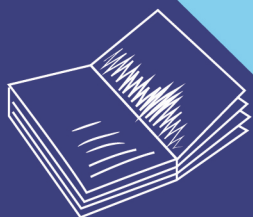
**"O" Levels Class of 2018**  
Attained 10 As and 1B

**Sat A level Class of 2020**  
Chemistry  
Mathematics  
Geography  
Awaiting Results...

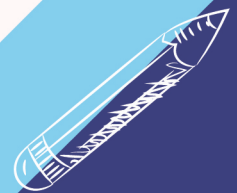


**2015****Joseph T. Nyamande****2020**

My name is Joseph T Nyamande .I did my O'level at First Choice College in Hlghfields in Harare in 2018 and i came up with 10 As and a B including all sciences subjects. It all began when i first set foot at First Choice College in 2015 as a form 1 student . At that point i never knew it vwas going to come out big as it did when the O'level results came . I have never seen such commitment and passion that was instilled within the teachers. They cared more about my academic performace than i did.When i was in form 3 that is when i knew something big was going on. The teachers were always punctual when it came to lessions and sometimes i even wished they would all fall sick so that we get time to breathe. During the whole O'level course i always came up with 10 As and a B in end of term exams and I knew these were my results in the final exam as long i was still at First Choice College and it did happen so .I did not hesitate to do my A level with the same guys because I knew it would come out big as it did .I did my A'level at First Choice Private School in Waterfalls in Harare.I did Mathematics ,Physics ,Chemistry and Statistics and now i am currently waiting for the results. I had a wonderful academic experience at First Choice College. It was not just about learning but we did have time to have fun like sports and vintage Fridays were the best. All i keep telling myself is that i would'nt have done it without First Choice College and I am forever thankful.



**“O” Levels Class of 2018  
Attained 10 A’s and 1 B**



**“A” Levels Class of 2020  
Awaiting results in:**  
Physics  
Chemistry  
Mathematics  
Statistics





2011

Nomagugu Mutsvene

2013

To Whom it May Concern

It is my pleasure to write a testimonial letter on behalf of First Choice Private School. I was a student at First Choice College as it was called then from 2011 -2013 as an A level Arts student where I was very inquisitive and engaged student with the help from my hardworking teachers.

I acknowledge the teachers I had - the likes of Mr Chikombingo who taught me History, Mr Munemo, Sociology and my Geography teacher who contributed to who I am today by not giving up on us. They were very supportive and inclusive of others and always listened to contributions of the students.

In light of the demanding workload in my Arts combination, the grade that I obtained took me much effort and determination. The teachers were conscientious graders and pushed us as students to challenge ourselves. We embraced these challenges with optimism and dedication. It really contributed to me getting to go further with my studies and graduate with a Bachelors Degree in International Economics and Trade at Zhejiang University of Technology China in 2019 which I am really grateful for.

I have been nothing but impressed by the academic commitment First Choice Private School has shown.

Yours Sincerely,  
Nomagugu Mutsvene



**"A" Levels Class of 2013**  
**Attained 8 Points in:**

Sociology	C
History	C
Geography	D

**Bachelor's Degree in**  
**International Economics**  
**and Trade**  
**Zhejiang University**  
**of Technology (China)**



2014

Clever Kupambarira

2015

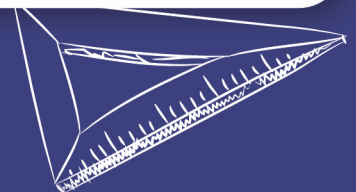
It is a great pleasure to be given this opportunity again to thank your kindness of stepping in to my rescue by offering me a chance to pursue with my studies. I would like to thank the whole First Choice College admin for making a difference in my studies and life as a whole. Not only has it given me an opportunity to further my studies but it has also introduced me to one of the challenging and influential places in Zimbabwe. Looking at my background to achieve what I want and reach the place that I am now, a holder of class 2.1 degree in Accountancy from University of Zimbabwe.

Firstly, I must say First Choice College raised me from the sewer to the gutters. I was just a nobody from Mutare, Zongoro village to be particular. I joined first choice college in 2014 when I enrolled for lower six. I cannot say I am an academic astute but Mr Munemo, Mr Ziko and Mr Mushunje pushed me hard to concentrate on my studies after they noticed that I can be something but not talent. I had struggles in paying school fees and this is when First Choice College came to my rescue. Learning at FCC as amazing, and the teachers are amazing. As for me, FCC is my home because I cannot only see teachers but they are my brothers and sister. Mr Munemo gave me and still his is giving brotherly guidance.

I then scooped 14 points. First choice college is a school of excellence. Their motto 'First never follows' best explain what the school is because it always emerges number 1 even in extra curriculum activities. Outside education, they offer extra-curriculum activities although I used to abscond all.

Personally, I believe four things are important to beat the odds- discipline, humility, loyalty and respect. If all human beings could possess these qualities, the world would be a much better place to live in. I can't talk about all the good thing about FCC without mentioning Discipline. We all know that discipline is the starting point if we want to be successful. Some may say beating kids at is corporal punishment but I beg to differ, without a Stick called Bigman, I could not have scooped 14 points. Whatever I achieved in my life, I give thanks to Bigman but I must say the beating was something else.

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**2015****Clever Kupambarira****2018**

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First Choice College is also good at identifying, and nurturing talents. I witnessed many people given scholarships based on their talents, for example soccer players and, athletes. I'm among those who garnered a scholarship based on academic. The school paid for fees up to university level. Above all I was given a chance to work at first choice as a receptionist.

As for my ambition, visions and passion, my heart beat lies with youth people. I consider youth development and empowerment an essential part of building a healthy, motivated, innovative and independent society with civilised youth. I believe it is crucial to in helping people to identify their potential and endless life possibilities in order to enrich their minds and lives. Although to some this could sound like a futile exercise , an intelligent man once said , "Not every closed door is a locked door" (Unknown). Having said that it is only fair that I disclose the fact that First Choice College is doing an exceptionally applaudable job in this area. Since I am not immune to the responsibility, I am hoping to rightfully give back in any way possible.

I would like to show my gratitude once again. It is undoubtedly an open secret that without your generosity, all my achievement would have been limited or rather impossible. Hope God will multiply and bless your kindness to help others. To let you know that is not I alone who thank the work you are doing but my mom was grateful. Thanks once again for stepping into my life for me to be somebody I am today. Even my sisters are now looking up to me.

God Bless you.



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**"A" Levels Class of 2015**  
**Attained 14 Points in:**  
**Account** A  
**Business Studies** A  
**Economics** B

**Honours Degree**  
**in Accounting**  
**(University of Zimbabwe)**





**2013**

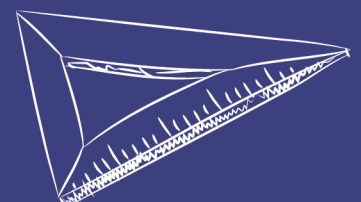
Marikopo Isaiah

**2016**

Hello there! My name is Marikopo Isaiah. Ordinary Level Class of 2016. Learning at FCC for four years was definitely one of the highlights of my high school experience. I wouldn't change any second of that. The academics were exceptional but even better was the character development program. The teachers and administrators were loving, supportive and FULLY accessible to anyone. FCC is undoubtedly a great place to be and I would like to thank FCC for all the academic support they provided. It was a rollercoaster and you guys were always there to help me reach my true potential. I am now beginning to spread my wings, ready to soar high very soon!

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**"O" Levels Class of 2016  
Attained 7 A's and 3Bs**





2012

Happiness Gunguwo

2014

24 now, with an undergraduate degree in Banking, gainfully employed at a big organisation, things have turned out ok for me I guess. Things in this case being my life, and here onwards in this testimonial to be referred as the former but inferred as latter. 10 years ago, the story sounded a lot different.

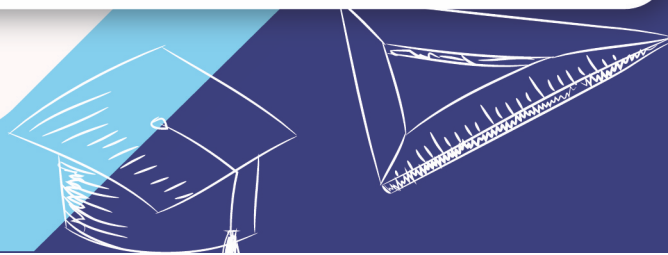
My name is Happiness, without a middle name, Gunguwo and I am a great story. Every great story has its beginnings. Mine started at First Choice College in 2012. This is a testimony of my time at First Choice. First Choice is a college conveniently located a walking distance from where I grew up. I enrolled at First Choice after completing my Ordinary Level education elsewhere. I had graduated with 5 subjects and wanted to add 3 more subjects for a respectable O Level score. Things were not really looking good at that point in my story.

Somehow, I turned those O level results into 14 points at Advanced Level graduating as the best in my class that year. The credit belongs to those who helped me not only to realise my potential but to attain it, my teachers and all other staff members at First Choice College. My teachers delivered a well-rounded, world class performance in educating not just me but everyone who passed through First Choice College. It all starts with motivating the student to do better and then transferring actionable skills to deliver real, tangible growth and I got my 14 points!

The education at First Choice College covers all aspects required for a student's growth, past the academic grading and the ultimate certificate.

It is a happy community with a warm, welcoming personality.

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Co-curricular activities which were compulsory prepared us for a life of health and diversity and encouraged the will to participate in society. We got access to twenty-first century facilities and resources that ensured we never lacked in tools to achieve our goals. However attention to academics was the core goal and everything else, our lives' arrangements, revolved around that and was our number one attendance obligation.

Ultimately, I was identified as a star student with community leadership merit as well and awarded a scholarship by First Choice College to attend university at the National University of Science and Technology. I pursued and attained a degree in Banking and proceeded to gain extensive experience thus far in the industry. Throughout my scholarship and up to now I still maintain a relationship with First Choice College and am a very helpful member of the alumni at the school.

There is more to my great story, but there would not be much of it had I not enrolled at First Choice College in 2012 and the amazing part the school went on to play in my life thereafter. I am forever indebted to the good folks at First Choice College and their hard work and excellent living results, which I am an example of. *\*ABOVE AND BEYOND\**



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**"A" Levels Class of 2015**  
**Attained 14 Points in:**  
**Account** A  
**Business Studies** A  
**Economics** B

**Honours Degree**  
**in Banking and**  
**Investments**  
**(NUST)**



