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Winners emerge in the 2023 Wole Soyinka International Cultural Exchange Essay competition

**Akoki Aaron Mojolaoluwa, Grand Prize Winner; Olugbenga Dominion Mojolaoluwa, (1st Runner-Up); Ezima Chinasa Margaret, (2nd Runner-Up)*

The Wole Soyinka International Cultural Exchange (WSICE) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Essay Competition, which is the 14th edition of the annual youth mentoring and mental capacity development initiative.

The 2023 edition of the competition focused on *Nation Building, Good Governance, and National Development*. Students from different schools were required to explore *Wole Soyinka's Humanism, Artistry, and Nationalism* in their thought process and writing.

The announcement of the Essay winners coincides with the 89th birthday anniversary (July 13) of the Nobel laureate, Wole Soyinka, the eminent literary artist, teacher, and rights activist,, whose exemplary life and career as a global culture icon and humanist, inspired the project.

Since its launch in 2010, the competition has served as a platform to mentor the youths to imbibe the culture of participating I socio-cultural and political discourses in their environment. It enables the young ones to engage in healthy



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dialogue about national and international issues, testing the creativity and intelligence of the participants, and building their self-esteem.

A record number of one hundred and eleven (111) entries were received from fifty (50) schools from which 89 finalists were selected through a rigorous process of adjudication by a panel of literary workers and social workers.

After the exercise **Akoki Aaron Mojolaoluwa**, a Senior Secondary school (SS) 2 student of Adedokun International School, Ifo, Ogun State, emerged as the Grand Prize winner of the WSICE 2023 Essay Writing Competition.

The WSICE also wishes to congratulate the following students:

First Runner-up: Olugbenga Dominion Mojolaoluwa - Salawu Abiola Comprehensive School (SNR)

Second Runner-up: Ezima Chinasa Margaret, Anglican Girls Grammar School (SNR)

We thank all schools and students for their participation and remain committed to our goal of fostering unity, bolstering integrity, and instilling qualities of good leadership as values, stated Dr Teju Kareem, the Executive Producer of the annual WSICE.

Below are the WS 89 finalist names and schools in no particular order:

WS 89 FINALIST

S/N	SCHOOL	NAME
1	The Ambassador College, Ota	Seth-Osahahumen Deborah
2	Victory Model College	Kazeem Sofiat Dolapo
3	Dayon College	Ariyo Aanuoluwapo Peace
4	Ijebu Ode Grammar School	Tope-Ige Joseph. Ayokunnumi
5	Braford Schools	Badejo Temiloluwa



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6	Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School	Olugbenga Dominion Mojolaoluwa
7	Peartree International College, Olomore, ABK	Umar Peter Olamilekan
8	Adeola Odutola College (Private)	Adebisi Oluwamayoma
9	Apt Scholars Universal College Iyana-Iyesi	Otiono Onyeka
10	Mulusi College Ijebu Igbo	Moshood Dhikraa Titilayo
11	Ijebu Anglican Diocesan College, Igan Ipabi	Johnson Jesutofunmi Janet
12	Ode Remo High School (SNR)	Popoola Josephine Adunmide
13	Anglican Girls Grammar School Senior private	Ezima chinasa Margaret
14	Abigi Community Grammar School, Abigi	Abdulrasaq Aishat Omoyemi
15	Saapade Grammar School	Olajide Emmanuel
16	Isara Secondary School	Ogunyemi Samson
17	Saint Peters College (Senior)	Ochola Ngbede Blessed
18	Adedokun International School, Gasline	Adegbayibi Elizabeth
19	Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School	Adebayo Taiwo Isreal
20	Golden Choice College	Akinola Ayodeji Adeniyi
21	The Crescent International High School	Oyewole Adetimehin Godwin
22	Adedokun International School	Adeniran Micheal Oladapo
23	African Church Grammar School (SNR)	Adebayo Ifeoluwa Adeyemi
24	Purpose Driven School Ijoko	Adams Elizabeth
25	Onigege College, Isara	Micheal Alice Ijogo
26	Adedokun International School, Ifo	Akoki Aaron Mojolaoluwa
27	Adedokun International School, Ota	Micheal-Onu Gabriella Somtochi



28	Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School	Ahmed-Junaid Aaliyah Ikeola
29	Saint Paul College	Akomolafe Emmanuel Smith
30	The Christ Cornerstone High School	Amusan Oluwafikayomi Emmanuel
31	Victory Model College	Akpoji Micheal Enahmeghonoh
32	Saint Paul College	Kendra Femi-Festus
33	Emeritus Prof T.O Oguniesi Model Secondary	Amos-Chidi Cherish Oluwatamilore
34	Judah Rhema College	Sunday Justice Ojonugwa
35	Adeola Odutola College (Private)	Adedapo Racheal
36	Braford Schools	Ikumawoyi Emmanuel
37	Adedokun International School, Ifo	Shoge Almubarak Eyiwunmide
38	Braford Schools	Jones Isaac Edidiong
39	Saint Peters College (Senior) Olomore	Musediq Yemioluwa Rukayat
40	African Church Grammar School (SNR)	Ojerinde Kehinde Micheal
41	Isara Secondary School	Ogunbade Olansile
42	African Church Grammar School (SNR)	Ojerinde Taiwo Gabriel
43	Peartree International College, Olomore, ABK	Oyedele Ifemibo
44	Baptist Boys High School	Eyiowuawi Enoch Mayowa
45	Hope Immaculate Comprehensive High School Ijebu Igbo	Omorilewa Oreoluwa Shalom
46	Peartree International College, Olomore, ABK	Balogun Esther O.
47	Standard Bridge Comprehensive Model College Ipokia LGA	Suuru Sarah Damilola
48	Adedokun International School, Gasline	Olumodeji Naomi Busayomi
49	The Christ Cornerstone High School	Sadiq Sumayah Aderinsola



50	Saint Peters College (Senior) College	Odukoya Adunola Precious
51	Advanced Breed Comprehensive College	Okosun Rejoice Obehi
52	Isara Secondary School	Fatimehin Iyanuoluwa
53	Advanced Breed Comprehensive College	Fadero Peace Oluwaferanmi
54	Adeola Odutola College (Private)	Osanyintola Oyinate Elizabeth
55	Advanced Breed Comprehensive College	Kunle-Ajayi Oluwasetemi John
56	African Church Grammar School (SNR)	Olushola Divine Glory
57	Advanced Breed Comprehensive College	Oguntayo Tofunmi Victoria
58	Braford Schools	Ojo Samuel Oluwasegun
59	Advanced Breed Comprehensive College	Olayinka Gloria Blessed
60	The Christ Cornerstone High School	Kehinde Oluwabusolami Favour
61	Ilusin Grammar School Ilusin (Senior)	Gbadamosi Kafilat Glory
62	The Christ Cornerstone High School	Mosaku Precious Atuntirireoluwa
63	Comprehensive High School, Ayetoro	Yusuf Ayobami Mary
64	Standard Bridge Comprehensive Model College Ipokia LGA	Kudeti Kazeem Babatunde
65	Agunbiade Victory High School, Magbon	Atoh Bolaji Abiodun
66	Yewa Secondary School (SNR) Igbogila	Bamgbose Oluwatobiloba Olamilekan
67	Abeokuta Grammar School	Nwabueze Precious Kachi
68	Itele High School (SNR) Ijebu Itele	Akpavie Eoma Fehintoluwa
69	Sanni Luba College, Ijebu Ode	Arowosola Ololade
70	The Christ Cornerstone High School	Asipa Francis Toluwanimi



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71	Victory Model College	Kazeem Sofiat Dolapo
72	Sunnarian Model College, Abigi	Salami Rukayat Omolade
73	Saint Paul College	Abe Enoch Oluwanifemi
74	Isara Secondary School	Sotikare Oluwasegun
75	African Church Grammar School (SNR)	Alex Monday Emmanuel
76	Nawair-ud-deen High School	Adewunmi Elijah Akorede
77	Saint Peters College (Senior)	Oloyede Ikmat Ayomide
78	Saint Paul College, Sagamu	Odusanya Oluwatomisin
79	Methodist High School (Senior) Arigbajo	Akinbode Ayomikun Deborah
80	Saint Paul College	Osinowo Omotayo
81	Standard Bridge Comprehensive Model College Ipokia LGA	Adeniyi Lukman Olamilekan
82	Emeritus Prof T.O Oguniesi Model Secondary	Ekundayo Amirat Bisoye
83	Efire Community High School, Efire	Oluwole Esther
84	Visionmate Comprehensive Academy	Olutayo Ayomide
85	Standard Bridge Comprehensive Model College Ipokia LGA	Saanu Seseyon Emmanuel
86	Pakoto High School, Ayede Ifo	Okeke Cynthia
87	Peartree International College, Olomore, ABK	Sanusi Faidat Blessing
88	Pacesetters College, Ayetoro	Oyebanjo Oreoluwa Favour
89	St Anthony's Grammar Sch (SNR)esure, ijebu	Akinola Oluwanifemi Elizabeth

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