

ITF STAFF SCHOOL CLAIMS TOP POSITION IN ESSAY WRITING, READING COMPETITIONS

The Industrial Training Fund's Staff School (ITFSS) has claimed the first position for essay writing and reading competitions among secondary schools in Plateau State.

The principal of the staff school, Mrs. Nancy Ekong, disclosed this during the Staff school's 19th graduation/speech and prize giving day with the theme "Peace: A Panacea for National Development."

She said the secondary school arm of the Staff School, which graduated a total of 54 students, excelled at the just concluded examinations conducted by the West African Examination's Council (WAEC) and the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

"We also recorded outstanding performances at the National Common Entrance examinations culminating in the shortlisting of three pupils out of the 15 chances allocated to Plateau State at the just concluded NNPC/SNEPCO scholarship for the 2018/2019 academic session" she said.

Mrs. Ekong also stated that the school also performed excellently in a number of academic competitions held in the State.

"For Instance, we won the first position in the essay writing competition held at Korrets Hamlet for senior secondary schools in Plateau State; first position in reading competition organized by the National Library for all secondary schools in the state.

"Third position in letter writing competition organized by NIPOST for senior secondary schools; third position in essay writing for the junior category and; third position in spelling bee competition for primary schools in the state", she said.

The principal congratulated the staff and students of the school for the outstanding performances, noting that such could not have been recorded without the moral and financial support enjoyed from the school's benefactors, particularly the Director-General, who provided the necessary environment and learning support.

In his address at the ceremony, the Director-General of the Industrial Training Fund, Sir Joseph Ari, commended the principal and staff of the school for their hard work and dedication, which he said had ensured that most of the graduands of the school were holding the ITF flag aloft wherever they were in the society.

The DG, who expressed hope that the recent graduands will not be any different also said; "I am heartened that our investments are not in vain following the reports presented by the principal here today. Management believes that the provision of quality education will eventually lead to sustainable peace throughout the country".

He noted that "as the leading human capacity development organization in Nigeria, we in the ITF believe that hatching a pool of well-groomed children in the areas of academics, morals, cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains is a pre-requisite for peace and development".

Sir Ari affirmed his management's commitment to improving the school particularly within the last two years. "We have, for instance, renovated all existing structures and constructed new classrooms and hostel blocks in order to accommodate more students.

"We have also established a school farm for agricultural practicals, provided and equipped workshops for technical science, home economics, chemistry, physics and biology subjects, procured educational and technological equipment to enhance teaching and learning and have trained and retrained all the members of the school's faculty".

This he said was the reason why the school was accredited as a WAEC Centre and was excelling in all ramifications.

He called on Nigerians to reflect on those who had lost their lives to cyclical crises nationwide, and to children whose educational dreams had been cut short by the crises around the country just as he appealed to them to render assistance to children trapped in the refugee camps and to continue to pray for them.

