

John Stanley

St Jude's Class of 2019 and Emerging Entrepreneur

John Stanley is a Tanzanian entrepreneur, speaker, environmental advocate, and a proud alum of The School of St Jude. His academic journey began in 2007 when he joined St Jude's in Standard 1, and he spent the next 13 years growing within the school's supportive environment.

During his time at St Jude's, John demonstrated strong leadership and a passion for environmental conservation. He was elected as the Environment Prefect in the student government, served as president of the Malihai Club (a club focused on environmental conservation and wildlife management), and excelled academically, winning awards as the Best Student in Geography and General Studies in his final year.

John's outstanding academic achievements and community service track record earned him a prestigious scholarship to the African Leadership University in Mauritius. While at university, he co-founded Zona Enterprise, an environmental conservation start-up revolutionising waste management and agriculture practices in Tanzania.

In December 2023, John received two prestigious awards - Environmental Sustainability and Entrepreneurial Spirit - at the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Award Gala. That same year, he was selected as one of the top 100 youth at the Youth4Climate Change event in Rome followed by more international awards and funding to expand his work.

Currently, John is back in Tanzania, driving the growth of his start-up by pioneering solutions that convert food and organic waste into high-quality organic fertilizers. Beyond his entrepreneurial pursuits, John is a passionate mentor, empowering young people to pursue entrepreneurial ventures and advocate for environmental sustainability. His influence has directly impacted over 3,000 young people, and he has helped more than 450 secure externships with Fortune 1000 companies in the U.S.





