

### **34 Scholars From the 2021 Class of the Equity Leaders Program Secure Admissions to Global Universities in Early Decision with 27 confirmed full scholarships.**

#### **Total number of admissions expected to rise after regular decisions during in the year**

- *27 Equity Leaders Program (ELP) scholars have received early decision admissions and full scholarships in the 2021/2022 application cycle*
- *Scholarships valued at KES 916,670,492 (USD 8,076,392)*
- *This brings the total number of ELP scholars and alumni of global universities to 715*
- *ELP aims to empower young academically gifted scholars by supporting their access to public universities in Kenya and to leading universities around the world*
- *Scholars are also empowered and equipped with leadership skills via mentorship and training*

**Nairobi, Equity Centre 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022:** 27 scholars from the Equity Leadership Program comprising of *Wings to Fly* alumni beneficiaries and those who topped the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations in the country; have received early admissions with full scholarship valued at KES 916,670,492 (USD8,076,392) to 18 global universities. The admissions are spread across USA, South Africa, Asia, Middle East and Europe. The total number of scholars admitted to global universities is expected to rise after the regular admission decisions are made by end of May 2022. This brings the total number of ELP scholars and alumni of global universities to 715. Of this, the total number of *Wings to Fly* beneficiaries in global universities stands at 154 scholars.

When announcing the early admissions, Dr. James Mwangi, the Group MD and CEO of Equity Group Holdings and Chairman of Equity Group Foundation (EGF) said, “This marks a good start for our scholars’ entry into leading universities around the world. Out of the 27 early decisions with full scholarship, 11 have admissions to Ivy League Universities in the United States including Cornell (2), Dartmouth (2), Princeton (1), University of Pennsylvania (4) and Yale (2). This is commendable noting that this is a cohort that was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that had the scholars take a 9-month break from school to study from home. Despite the circumstances brought about by the delay, their performance compares favourably with the 2020 cohort that secured 26 early decisions.”

Equity supported the scholars with an 8-week long College Counselling program fully funded by the Bank, where scholars were guided and mentored on the university application and preparation process. The ELP program positions the scholars as the next generation of leaders both locally and globally. They are therefore supported to access secondary education for the case of *Wings to Fly* alumni and, together with top national performers, obtain access to 2-6 months paid internship where they gain work experience and sharpen their leadership skills. The Program embeds mentorship and leadership development with the purpose of moulding well-rounded scholars who are creative, innovative and who connect with the communities that they come from. The values of giving back to the community, professionalism, applying a solution approach, combined with value-based servant leadership, and academic excellence are some of the components that are key in the Equity Leaders Program.

The power of networks remains a pillar in this program, and locally the ELP scholars continue to utilize the diverse skills, capabilities and opportunities as corporate leaders and entrepreneurs. For example, *Equity Afia* is an ELP-run medical franchise that is transforming medical service delivery in the country. The initiative demonstrates the capacity of our young people to provide solutions to local challenges, when given an opportunity and the right support to optimise on their academic talent and potential.

Dr. Mwangi further said “The success of ELP in Kenya inspired our strategy to roll out the program in the other regions where Equity has operations. Currently Uganda, Rwanda, and DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo) have launched their respective ELP initiatives, and we are confident that these young leaders will continue to shape the leadership dialogue across the globe.

**Early Decisions – Global Universities Admissions with Full scholarships.**

Country	Count
India	1
Romania	1
UAE	2
USA	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>

	Scholar Name	Gender	Selection Mode	High School	Institution	Country
1	Muuo Katenge	Male	Wings to Fly	Lenana Boys	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology	India
2	John Kitaa	Male	Wings to Fly	Moi Forces Academy, Nairobi	University Politehnica of Bucharest	Romania
3	Kelvin Mungai Murira	Male	Wings to Fly	Kamusinga Boys	New York University - Abu Dhabi	UAE
4	Kevin Brian .O. Ochieng	Male	Top National	Homa Bay High School	New York University - Abu Dhabi	UAE
5	Buluma Daizy Nerima	Female	Top National	Kenya High School	Amherst College	USA
6	Benjamin Karanja	Male	Top National	Kapsabet Boys High School	Cornell University	USA
7	Boit Brandon Kipkorir	Male	Top National	Alliance High School	Cornell University	USA
8	Moriasi Bob Bryson Ongare	Male	Top National	Alliance High School	Dartmouth College	USA
9	Pauline Obonyo Nyandusi	Female	Wings to Fly	Alliance High School	Dartmouth College	USA
10	Miruka Stacy Moraa	Female	Top National	Mary Mount Secondary School	Davidson College	USA
11	Patrick Waithaka Kariuki	Male	Top National	Mangu High School	Johns Hopkins University	USA
12	Otieno Maurice Baraza	Male	Top National	Kapsabet Boys High School	Lafayette College	USA
13	Emily Lokapar Nakao	Female	Wings to Fly	Turkana Girls	Middlebury College	USA
14	Austin Omondi Otieno	Male	Top National	Starehe Boys Centre & School	Northwestern University	USA
15	Brenda Mutai Jerotich	Female	Wings to Fly	Lugulu Girls High School	Northwestern University	USA
16	Jerry Rawlings Onyango	Male	Top National	Mbita High School	Pomona College	USA
17	Ahona John Yoshi	Male	Top National	Alliance High School	Princeton University	USA
18	Mathew Ltisinywa Letua	Male	Wings to Fly	Muranga High School	Tufts University	USA
19	Biketi Varleen Neema	Female	Top National	Moi Girls High School Eldoret	Tufts University	USA

20	Simbiri Ray Isaac	Male	Top National	Kapsabet Boys High School	University of Chicago	USA
21	Gitau Reuben Rex Njoroge	Male	Top National	Alliance High School	University of Pennsylvania	USA
22	Thomas Nyarige Ogechi	Male	Wings to Fly	Nyambaria Boys High School	University of Pennsylvania	USA
23	Orina Nilla Moige	Female	Top National	Alliance Girls High School	University of Pennsylvania	USA
24	Victor Simwa Kogo	Male	Top National	Kapsabet Boys High School	University of Pennsylvania	USA
25	Beth Nyanchera Magembe	Female	Top National	Kenya High School	Vanderbilt University	USA
26	Maritim Faith Cherotich	Female	Top National	Moi High School Kabarak	Yale University	USA
27	Kipkoech Mark Kogo	Male	Top National	Alliance High School	Yale University	USA

## **EQUITY GLOBAL SCHOLARS AS AT FEBRUARY 2022**

### **BY CONTINENT**

<b>No</b>	<b>Continent</b>	<b>Count</b>
1	Africa	115
2	Asia	21
3	Europe	63
4	Middle East	3
5	North America	507
6	South America	6
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>715</b>

### **BY COUNTRY**

<b>No</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Count</b>
1	Cameroon	1
2	Canada	37
3	China	9
4	Costa Rica	6
5	Egypt	1
6	France	2
7	Germany	1
8	Ghana	21
9	Hungary	19
10	India	4
11	Italy	2
12	Japan	1
13	Malaysia	1
14	Mauritius	26
15	Netherlands	1
16	Poland	1

17	Romania	1
18	Russia	6
19	Rwanda	21
20	Singapore	4
21	Slovakia	3
22	South Africa	43
23	South Korea	3
24	Sweden	2
25	Tanzania	2
26	Turkey	9
27	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	3
28	United Kingdom (UK)	17
29	United States of America (USA)	468
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>715</b>

## BY UNIVERSITY

No	Institution	Count
1	African Institute of Mathematical Sciences	1
2	African Leadership Academy (ALA)	10
3	African Leadership University (ALU)	38
4	Agnes Scott College	2
5	AIFA Flight School	1
6	Alexandria University	1
7	Amherst College	15
8	Arizona State University	13
9	Ashesi University	21
10	Barnard College	2
11	Bates College	1
12	Baylor University	1
13	Beijing Jiaotong University	4
14	Benedict College	1
15	Bennington College	1
16	Berea College	1
17	Bowdoin College	4
18	Bradford University	1
19	Brandeis University	4
20	Bristol University	1
21	Brown University	13
22	Bryn Mawr College	4
23	Budapest Business School	1
24	Budapest University of Technology and Economics	5
25	Cambridge University	1
26	Carnegie Mellon University	5
27	Carthage College	4
28	Central South University	3

29	Colby College	1
30	Colgate University	2
31	College of Wooster	1
32	Colorado College	1
33	Columbia University	12
34	Comenius University	3
35	Connecticut College	1
36	Cornell University	23
37	Corvinus University of Budapest	1
38	Dartmouth College	19
39	Davidson College	5
40	DeerField Academy	1
41	Dordt College	1
42	Duke University	17
43	Earlham College	1
44	Earth University	6
45	Ecole Centrale De Nantes	5
46	Emory University	1
47	Éotvös Lorand University	2
48	Georgetown University	2
49	Gettysburg College	1
50	Gubkin Russian State University	1
51	Hamilton College	2
52	Harvard University	34
53	Haverford College	3
54	Hillsdale College	2
55	Hofstra University	1
56	Indiana University South Bend	1
57	Institute of Chemical Technology	1
58	Jacobs University, Bremen	1
59	Johns Hopkins University	4
60	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Training	1
61	Karolinska Institute	1
62	Keio University	1
63	Kirkklareli Universitesi	1
64	KIU - Dar es Salaam	1
65	KNR Technological University	1
66	Kurukshetra University	1
67	Lafayette College	6
68	Leeds Beckett University	1
69	London School of Economics (LSE)	1
70	Louisiana Tech University	1
71	Lynn University	1
72	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	11
73	McGill University	9
74	Mehmet Akif Ersoy University (Turkey)	1

75	Michigan State University	9
76	Middle East Technical University (METU)	4
77	Middlebury College	7
78	Minerva Schools at KGI	13
79	Moscow Power Engineering Institute	1
80	Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics	1
81	National Institute of Technology	1
82	Necmettin Erbakan University	1
83	New York University	1
84	New York University - Abu Dhabi	3
85	North Carolina State University	1
86	Northwestern University	16
87	Notre Dame University	1
88	Nuova Accademia Di Belle Arti Milano	1
89	Oklahoma State University	1
90	Pennsylvania State University (PSU)	3
91	Pepperdine University	1
92	Pomona College	8
93	Princeton University	14
94	Queens University	1
95	Rhodes College	1
96	Rice University	1
97	Saratov Medical State University	1
98	Sciences Po University	2
99	Seoul National University	1
100	Smith College	12
101	South Eastern University	2
102	Spellman College	1
103	Stanford University	12
104	Stony Brook University	1
105	Swarthmore College	6
106	Syracuse University	1
107	Trinity College	3
108	Tufts University	4
109	Uludag University Medical Faculty	1
110	Union College	1
111	United World College (UWC)	2
112	University of Aberdeen	1
113	University of Agriculture and Life Science (MATE)	1
114	University of Alberta	1
115	University of Bath	2
116	University of Bloomington	1
117	University of British Columbia (UBC)	10
118	University of California, Berkeley	11
119	University of Cape Town (UCT)	14
120	University of Central Florida	1

121	University of Chicago	5
122	University of Dar Es Salaam	1
123	University of Debrecen	8
124	University of Edinburgh	5
125	University of London	1
126	University of Manchester	2
127	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	1
128	University of Notre Dame	5
129	University of Pennsylvania	29
130	University Politehnica of Bucharest	1
131	University of Pretoria	18
132	University of Reading	1
133	University of Richmond	1
134	University of Rochester	11
135	University of Shanghai for Science and Technology	1
136	University of Sheffield	1
137	University of Soporon	1
138	University of Toronto	17
139	University of Wisconsin - Madison	2
140	Uppsala University	1
141	Vanderbilt University	11
142	Vassar College	7
143	Washington and Lee University	1
144	Watson University	1
145	Wellesley College	1
146	Wesleyan University	3
147	West Virginia University	1
148	Whitman College	1
149	Williams College	9
150	Wroclaw Medical University	1
151	Yale NUS College	4
152	Yale University	24
153	Yalova University	1
154	Yonsei University	1
	Not Known	3
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>715</b>

## IVY LEAGUE INSTITUTIONS

No	Institution	Count
1	Brown University	13
2	Columbia University	12
3	Cornell University	23
4	Dartmouth College	19
5	Harvard University	34
6	Princeton University	14
7	University of Pennsylvania	29

8	Yale University	24
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>168</b>

### BY SELECTION MODE

Wings to Fly Sponsored	154
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### BY GENDER

Gender	Count
Female	331
Male	384
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>715</b>