

MIZERO TSS Concludes the 2025–2026 Academic Year marked by Growth, Excellence, and Hope

The 2025–2026 academic year comes to a close at MIZERO Technical Secondary School in an atmosphere of joy, gratitude, and hope. This has undoubtedly been one of the most remarkable years in the history of our institution. It has been characterized by significant infrastructure development, outstanding academic, sporting, and cultural achievements, and new opportunities that reflect the continuous growth of MIZERO TSS. Faithful to its educational mission inspired by Ignatian pedagogy, the school has remained committed to the holistic formation of each learner—intellectually, humanly, spiritually, and professionally—preparing young people who are competent, conscientious, compassionate, and committed to serving society.

The academic year began in September 2025 with the joyful inauguration of a new three-storey building. This modern facility represents an important milestone in improving the living and learning environment of our students. Two floors have been dedicated to girls' dormitories, providing accommodation for up to 300 students, while the third floor houses a spacious multipurpose hall used as a dining hall, meeting venue, and space for conferences and other community activities. At the same time, a new student kitchen was commissioned, significantly improving the preparation and distribution of meals.

The opening of these new facilities brought immense joy, especially to our female students, who now have a dormitory exclusively reserved for them. Previously, girls and boys shared the same boarding facilities, a situation that had become inadequate as the school continued to grow. The new residence offers greater comfort, security, and dignity while creating a more conducive environment for learning, personal growth, and community life.

Another highlight of the year was the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of MIZERO TSS on 13 December 2025, marking twenty-five years of remarkable service. This anniversary provided a special opportunity to thank God for His faithful guidance throughout the institution's educational journey. It also offered an occasion to reflect on the school's inspiring transformation—from the Centre for Unaccompanied Children (CENA), established to care for orphans of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, to the MIZERO Educational Centre, then the Vocational Training Centre, and finally into the respected Technical Secondary School it is today.

The celebration brought together the Jesuit founders, alumni, local government officials, partners, and the entire MIZERO family. Together, they paid tribute to the many individuals whose dedication and generosity have shaped the institution over the past twenty-five years. In the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jubilee also became a moment of reflection, thanksgiving, and discernment, entrusting the future of MIZERO TSS to the Lord and renewing the commitment to continue serving the youth of Rwanda.

The academic year was equally rich in achievements across many fields. In sports, our students proudly represented the school at different levels of competition. Thanks in part to the construction of two new basketball courts, both the girls' and boys' basketball teams reached the national quarterfinals of the Kagame Cup. Meanwhile, the boys' football team advanced beyond the zonal competitions to the provincial level. These accomplishments reflect not only the talent and determination of our students but also the values of perseverance, discipline, teamwork, and excellence that MIZERO TSS strives to instill.

The cultural life of the school also flourished throughout the year. MIZERO TSS's traditional dance troupe won first place at the Rusizi District cultural competition, proudly showcasing Rwanda's rich cultural heritage and the artistic talents of our students. Through cultural activities, the school encourages young people to discover and develop their gifts, appreciate their cultural identity, and place their talents at the service of others.

In the area of languages, MIZERO TSS is increasingly gaining recognition. One of our students has been selected to represent Rusizi District in the national **English Narrator Competition**. After successfully progressing through the district selection stages, he will participate in the national finals to be held in Kigali this August. This achievement reflects the school's commitment to strengthening language education and equipping students with effective communication skills needed in today's global environment.

Academically, the year progressed smoothly and successfully. The curriculum was completed according to the national academic calendar, and teaching and learning took place in an atmosphere of discipline, collaboration, and responsibility. In line with Ignatian pedagogy, teachers sought to accompany each student by considering their individual context and by promoting learning through experience, reflection, action, and evaluation. This educational approach not only strengthens academic achievement but also nurtures discernment, personal responsibility, and a lifelong commitment to service.

Our 133 finalist students successfully completed their national practical examinations, which were conducted under excellent conditions thanks to the dedication of our teaching staff. They are now confidently preparing for the national theoretical examinations. Beyond academic success, MIZERO TSS seeks to form young people who will use their knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to their communities and become, in the Ignatian tradition, **men and women for and with others**.

The growth of MIZERO TSS continues through the expansion of its academic programmes. We are delighted to announce that the National Examination and School Inspection Authority (NESA) has approved two new academic programmes: **Computer Systems and Architecture** and **Fashion Design**. These programmes complement the three existing departments, bringing the total number of programmes offered by the school to five. This expansion responds directly to the evolving demands of the labour market and will enable even more young people to benefit from high-quality technical education.

In the same spirit of growth and innovation, MIZERO TSS received twenty-eight new computers together with all the necessary equipment to establish a second computer laboratory. These resources were provided by the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) through funding from the European Union. The same project had previously equipped the Hospitality Department workshops and the MIZERO Coffee House, the school's production unit and a practical learning environment where students acquire professional skills under real workplace conditions. These investments significantly strengthen the quality of technical education and practical training offered by the school.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our many partners, benefactors, and friends. Their generosity, confidence, and commitment to educating young people continue to inspire the entire school community. Together, they contribute to the growth of an institution that strives every day to live the Ignatian ideal

of *Magis*—always seeking to serve better, educate better, and accompany young people more effectively in their journey towards excellence.

As this academic year draws to a close, the MIZERO TSS family expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Jesuit Province of Rwanda-Burundi, our students, parents, teachers, support staff, government authorities, development partners, and all benefactors who faithfully support our educational mission. The achievements of this year are the fruit of a shared commitment to a common vision.

With twenty-five years of experience and a clear vision for the future, MIZERO TSS looks ahead with confidence and hope. Guided by the values of Ignatian education, the school remains committed to forming young people who are professionally competent, morally grounded, socially responsible, compassionate towards the most vulnerable, and dedicated to transforming Rwandan society. It is with this hope that we conclude the 2025–2026 academic year, convinced that every graduate of MIZERO TSS is called to become an agent of peace, justice, and sustainable development in Rwanda and beyond.

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