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2024 Pillatre Baccalauréat Graduates

Thank you to Willeme for providing this article.

In Haiti, the educational process faces various challenges, including limited resources, infrastructure, and access to quality education. Despite these obstacles, Haitian students exhibit remarkable resilience and determination in pursuing their education.



At the heart of the educational journey in Haiti are the state exams, which serve as significant milestones for students. These exams, such as the Baccalauréat (secondary school diploma) and the Philo (baccalaureate exam), not only assess academic proficiency but also symbolize the culmination of years of hard work and dedication.

The education system starts at the preschool level, which is followed by nine years of Fundamental Education, upon whose successful completion a Brevet Diploma is obtained. Secondary education is comprised of four years of schooling, sanctioned by a final exam and Diploma called the Baccalauréat. For graduating students, these exams represent more than just academic achievement; they embody their hopes and dreams for the future. Many aspire to pursue higher education, whether at universities in Haiti or abroad, aiming to become doctors, engineers, teachers, and leaders in their communities. Despite the challenges they face, Haitian students are filled with hope and determination. They dream of creating positive change in their country, contributing to its development, and breaking the cycle of poverty through education. With resilience and perseverance, they strive to overcome obstacles and turn their dreams into reality. As we celebrate the graduating class, let us support and encourage them on their journey, recognizing their potential to shape a brighter future for Haiti.

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Letter From HCM student, Richemond Steferly

Hello HCM - My name is RICHEMOND Steferly, I am a 13th grade student at Pillatre. I feel over the moon to express my gratitude, from the very beginning of my educational journey in kindergarten to my current 13th grade at Pillatre school. I have no words to thank HCM for all the opportunities I enjoy at the school: the hot meal program, the computer lab, and the library. The sponsorship program not only provided me with the means to pursue my education but has also instilled in me a sense of hope and determination. Without this program, it would be very difficult for me to get an education because my parents didn't have money to pay for me to go to any other schools.

Thanks to HCM, I will be done with the first step, the classical school. Throughout the years of school, your support has meant more to me than mere financial assistance. HCM has been a source of encouragement during challenging times, and I am going to be done with my classical school this year. I really would like to continue with my college studies. My life dream is to become a great musician. That's the reason why I would like to study music. Thank you HCM, from the bottom of my heart, for your unwavering support throughout my classical school studies. Your kindness has made all the difference, and I will forever be grateful for the impact HCM has had on my life.

With sincerest gratitude, Steferly!



Letter From HCM student, Louis Gesnel

Dear HCM, I am LOUIS Gesnel, from Pillatre community. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for HCM for the incredible support it has provided me during my time at school from kindergarten to 13th grade. I can say it is life changing. Because without this sponsorship program put by HCM, I wouldn't be able to go to school. And I feel so thankful for all the opportunities HCM gives me: providing me food every day, giving me access to a computer lab for research, access to the clinic when I am sick. It has made a significant difference in my life.

These opportunities have made great impacts on my life. Knowing that I have a nutritious meal to enjoy each day has not only alleviated financial stress but has also allowed me to focus more on my studies and extracurricular activities. This means so much to me. Now, I am in my last year of classical school, and I would like to pursue my college education. My biggest dream is to become a musician to play in the Pillatre church to please God. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for everything you do. Your impact extends far beyond the meals you provide; you're nurturing the community of Pillatre of care and support that makes a real difference in the lives of students like me.

With warm regards, LOUIS Gesnel

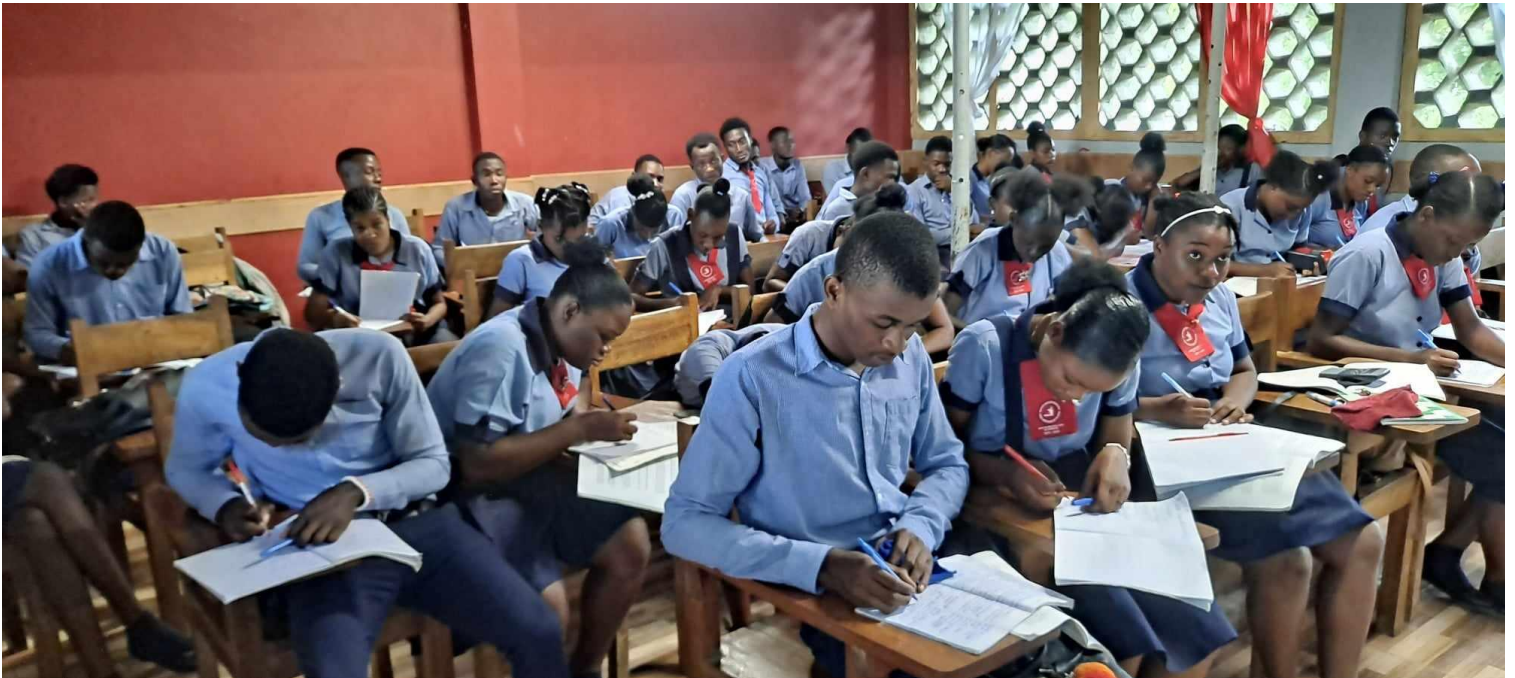
Letter From HCM student, Pierre Wisseline

Dear HCM, I hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits. My name is PIERRE Wisseline from Pillatre community. I feel blessed to express my gratitude. Words seem inadequate to convey the depth of my emotions.

Nevertheless, I want to extend my sincerest appreciation for the HCM support and nourishment it has provided me with throughout my classical school from kindergarten to 13th grade at Pillatre school. HCM has changed my life from the early days of kindergarten to 13th grade. It has been a constant source of stability and encouragement. HCM ensures that every child receives not only an education, but also daily nourishment has made an indelible impact on my life. The meals I receive from HCM are more than just sustenance; they are a symbol of hope and support during times of uncertainty. Beyond the physical nourishment, HCM gives an environment where I feel safe to learn, grow, and pursue my dreams. The teachers, staff, and volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making a difference in the lives of students like me, that makes me feel an imprint on my heart that will last a lifetime.

As I am in my last year of Pillatre school, I carry with me the invaluable lessons and memories that I have gained from HCM. My life dream is to become a pharmacist. I am praying that my dream comes true. Please accept this letter as a small token of my appreciation for everything you have done for me. Your generosity and kindness have made a world of difference, and I will be forever grateful forever to HCM.

With deepest gratitude, PIERRE Wisseline



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“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.” Philippians 1:27 NLT