

# Let us all celebrate teachers

**THIS** week, at the 16th edition of the Teachers Making a Difference awards ceremony, *New Vision*, in partnership with the Embassy of Ireland and Travelcare, honoured 12 outstanding teachers at State House Entebbe.

The event, hosted by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni, underscores the value she places on the tireless efforts of our teachers.

The awards recognised teachers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their profession, going above and beyond to shape the minds of tomorrow.

The winners received a cash prize, a chance to embark on a study tour to Ireland, and a prize of their choice for their schools. This recognition is a well-deserved tribute to their hard work and dedication.

Education is the backbone of any society, and teachers are the pillars that hold it up. Their influence extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the values, attitudes, and aspirations of their students. It is, therefore, fitting that we



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celebrate their achievements and acknowledge the critical role they play in nation-building.

As we honour these 12 exceptional teachers, we also recognise the many unsung heroes in our education system. There are countless teachers across the country who work tirelessly, often under challenging conditions, to ensure that our children receive the best possible education. Their

efforts may go unrecognised, but they are no less valuable.

The Teachers Making a Difference awards serve as a reminder that *New Vision* and its partners value and appreciate the work of our teachers. They also serve as a reminder for all stakeholders to join hands in supporting education and recognising the men and women who dedicate their lives to shaping the future of our nation.

To the 12 winners, we say congratulations. May your achievements inspire others to strive for excellence in teaching. And to all teachers reading this, know that your work in the shadows of society is the light that guides our future. Meanwhile, let policymakers, parents, and other stakeholders not wait for an annual ceremony to remember our teachers. Let us honour them every day with the respect, remuneration and resources that building a nation truly demands. For investing in them is the only investment that guarantees a return of a literate, skilled and prosperous Uganda.