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## **"STEM SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO AFRICAN STUDENTS"**

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**Toledo OH: October 2, 2018:** SMIN POWER GROUP LLC awards NGALULA MUBENGA STEM Fellowships to African students in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Two NGALULA MUBENGA STEM Excellence Scholarships were awarded in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). "We received several applications and we thank those who applied... the motivation of the candidates as well as the ratings obtained during their schooling have played a big role," said Dr. Madimba Kadima-Nzuji, General Counsel at SMIN Power Group.

The NGALULA MUBENGA STEM fellowship was instituted in 2018 by SMIN CEO Dr. Sandrine Ngalula Mubenga, PE, who reports that: "The Congo has given me so much that I feel indebted to participate in its development. In my opinion, education and knowledge are the cornerstones of an economically viable and morally sound society," Scholarships awarded by SMIN should eventually pay the tuition fees of 6 students (3 men, 3 women). Nominations for 2019-2020 Excellence Scholarships will open in June 2019.

### **STEM / NGALULA MUBENGA SCHOLARSHIP:**

The goal of the STEM/ Ngalula Mubenga Scholarships are to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education in the DRC so that men and women will be better equipped to bring renewable energy and electricity to Africa.

### **ABOUT SMIN POWER GROUP:**

SMIN Power Group LLC provides electrification, solar and green energy consulting, engineering, installation, and project management services for homes and communities using photovoltaic, solar, fuel cell, biomass, wind, and etc. See [www.SminPowerGroup.com](http://www.SminPowerGroup.com)

### **ABOUT SANDRINE MUBENGA:**

SMIN CEO Dr. Ngalula Sandrine Mubenga, PE, is Founder of SMIN Power Group, and a Professor of Engineering at the University of Toledo (Ohio, USA) where she developed a patented battery management system for large Li-ion battery arrays for energy storage such as those used in electric vehicles, satellites, and grid applications while earning her PhD.

She served as the General Conference Chair for the 2017 IEEE PES PowerAfrica conference and has been recognized as a "Most Influential Woman In Business and Government" in categories of Manufacturing and Engineering by CEO Magazine.

She was also nominated for the 2017 Clean Energy Education Empowerment (C3E) Award, a program from the USA Department of Energy in collaboration with MIT Energy Initiative and Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy. Mubenga is passionate about finding sustainable solutions to provide energy to people so they can better their lives.

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