



# International Student Spotlight

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## Joshua Rudasingwa: A Journey Shaped by Adventist Education

### Roots in Kigali: A Childhood Grounded in Faith and Family



From the vibrant hills of Kigali, Rwanda—where the rhythm of life is steeped in culture, resilience, and faith—emerges the story of Joshua Rudasingwa, a young man whose path has been shaped by the enduring values of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

Born in Kigali to Rwandan parents, Joshua grew up surrounded by love, discipline, and a strong spiritual foundation rooted in the Anglican church. Alongside his three brothers and one sister, he learned early the importance of character, community, and commitment. His parents, deeply rooted in their faith, and the value of education had to make bold decisions as the cost of education in Rwanda became extremely expensive. From the advice and influence of their network it was decided that Maxwell Adventist Academy would be a great option for Joshua. It was just a flight away and the academic quality was of a high standard and far more affordable than their present reality.

### Maxwell Adventist Academy: Four Formative Years

That belief led Joshua to Maxwell Adventist Academy in Kenya, where he spent four transformative years. Maxwell, operated by the East-Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is a beacon of holistic education—blending academic rigor with spiritual growth and cultural diversity. Joshua graduated in 2021, carrying with him not just a diploma, but a deepened sense of purpose and identity. It was a Maxwell Adventist Academy that Joshua became a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

## **A Year at Home: Work, Reflection, and Community**

After graduation, Joshua returned to Kigali for a gap year, working as a store clerk and reconnecting with his community. But the next chapter beckoned.

## **From Kigali to Lacombe: Embracing a New Chapter at Burman University**

In Fall 2022, despite his initial plan to spend one year at Burman University, Joshua arrived in the quiet town of Lacombe, Alberta—braving the cold, marveling at the northern lights, and stepping into the next stage of his Adventist education at Burman University.

His parents' unwavering support and their gentle persistence kept him on the hilltop. And how quickly time has flown. Now, Joshua has his eyes set on the first weekend of May 2026, when he will walk across the platform at College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church to receive his degree in International Business.

## **Leadership, Service, and Campus Impact**

Joshua's journey at Burman has been nothing short of dynamic. He has immersed himself in campus life, gaining extensive work experience and serving in multiple leadership roles:

- Counselor at Pugwash Camp for two summers
- Cafeteria intern with Aramark Canada for two school years
- Smoothie guy
- Soup Kitchen Coordinator for Campus Ministries (Second and Third Year)
- Financial Vice President of the Burman Black Students Association (BBSA)
- Vice President and later President of the Business Club
- Chief Senator and Cafeteria Senator
- Social VP of Burman Black student Association (BBSA)
- Member of the Student Welcoming and Affirmation Team (SWAT)

Joshua's impact is felt in every corner of campus—from the warmth of the soup kitchen to the energy of student leadership. His vibrant personality, kindness, humility, and drive have made him a beloved figure among peers and mentors alike.

## **Looking Ahead: Dreams Rooted in Purpose**

Looking ahead, Joshua plans to live fully: to experience life, share generously, laugh often, praise deeply, dance freely, work diligently, and travel widely. He hopes to remain in Canada for now, seeking meaningful employment, building his network, and gaining knowledge that he intends to bring back to Rwanda to benefit his country.

His dream is to create an environment where everyone can grow and maintain strong character. Joshua's kindness will be his legacy—and one day, he hopes to see a building with his name boldly across the front, a testament to a life of service, leadership, and love.

## **A Testament to Adventist Education**

The impact of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education on Joshua Rudasingwa's life is undeniable. It has shaped his character, guided his choices, and prepared him to be a light in the world. His story is a living testimony to the power of faith, family, and education to transform lives across continents.