

15 YEAR OLD FILM MAKER **ZURIEL ODUWOLE** VISITS THE RON CLARK ACADEMY

On January 6th 2017, the **US Secretary of State** honored then 14 year old Zuriel Oduwole at the State Department in Washington DC, for her work across the globe advocating tirelessly for **Girls Education**. She was also commended for teaching young women across Africa a basic film making class, so they can tell their own stories.

This was a culmination of her work since the age of 9, when she made her first film, a documentary about the Ghana Revolution as part of a History Channel sponsored event, and since the age of 10, when she founded her **Dream Up, Speak Up, Stand Up** [DUSUSU] project – to advocate for Girls Education across the globe.

The **Ron Clark Academy** in Atlanta, which itself is pioneering the way education is delivered to students in America, welcomed Zuriel to their school on March 6th. The schools last major speaker was **Oprah Winfrey**. An inspiration to many children around the globe, the students, teachers and founders of the school listened to 15 year old Zuriel Oduwole talk about her remarkable journey, which has taken her to 13 countries to speak to more than 25,760 youths about the importance and power of a good Education.

Along the way on her journey, Zuriel has met one-on-one with 24 Presidents and Heads of State, to talk about pertinent development issues, including the need for policies that keeps girls in school till at least the age of 18, so they have more options in life and do not get married young. Her speeches have been delivered at the **UN** in September 2016, at **UNESCO** in June 2017, at the **COP23** Climate Change Conference in 2017, and before 55,000 at the Place De La Concorde in Paris, as part of the **Printemps Solidaire** events.

Screening Her New Film – FOLLOW THE BALL

Her audience at the Ron Clark Academy became the first in the US to see an advanced screening of her latest documentary film – **Follow The Ball for Education**, which was completed in late 2017 and has since showed in **Morocco, Ghana, Rwanda, Mozambique** and **Nigeria**. The film is the story of ONE girl, taking TWO footballs, across THREE continents, through FIVE countries, and over 29,000 miles to get the world talking about Girls Education.

Shot in **Brazil, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mauritius** and the **US**, the footballs were signed by people from more than 35 countries/nationalities, covering all works of life, to show their total support for girls education. **Pilots, Football fans, Football players, Governors, Ambassadors, A First Lady, Business Leaders, Butlers**, as well as a **Nobel Prize** winner, signed the footballs, to show support girls Education.

Zuriel's remarkable story has been told or featured on major global media platforms, including **BBC, Bloomberg TV, TRT World London, CCTV, CNN, CNBC**, as well as **ELLE, Forbes, the New York Times** and **VOGUE Magazines**.

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