



EDUCATION AFRICAN SCHOLARS GLOBAL CONNECT

(EduAfrikScholars)



& AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY

*Celebrating Five Years of Impact, Service, and
Youth Empowerment
(2020 – 2025)*

Theme:

*Empowering African Youths Through Education,
Global Opportunities, and Capacity Building*

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Our Mission

Our mission is to empower young people in Nigeria and other African countries to pursue higher education abroad and to positively impact their home and host communities. We provide resources and support to help students secure admission and scholarships, advocate for systemic improvements in education systems and frameworks in Nigeria and other African countries, and encourage our scholars to use their education and skills to contribute to the development and nation-building efforts of their home countries. In doing so, we are committed to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 4, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Our Vision

Our vision is to become the leading resource for African youths seeking higher education abroad and to inspire a new generation of leaders and change-makers in Africa. We believe that investing in the education and development of African youths is the key to a brighter future for the continent, and we are dedicated to helping students achieve their full potential and make a lasting impact on their communities and nations.

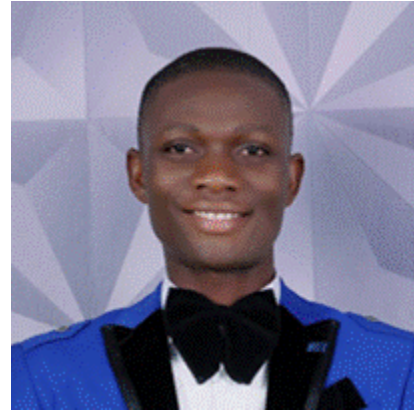
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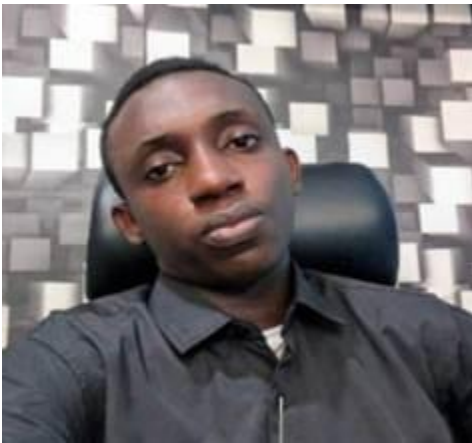
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**OPENING SPEECH PRESENTED BY
SANDRA NZEKWE
SECRETARY, PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5TH ANNIVERSARY
& AWARD PRESENTATION OF EDUAFRIK
DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Good evening distinguished guests, respected awardees, board members, partners, friends of EduAfrik, and members of our global community.

On behalf of our Committee Chairman, the Planning Committee members, and the entire EduAfrik family, I warmly welcome you all to the 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation of Education African Scholars Global Connect.

Today marks more than five years of existence; it marks five years of purpose, a vision that believes education should not only open global doors, but also raise Africans who are equipped, confident, and committed to giving back meaningfully to their communities and nations.

EduAfrik has, over the years, become a bridge, connecting aspiration to opportunity, potential to guidance, and dreams to direction. From admissions and scholarships to mentorship, financial support, and capacity-building, the impact of this vision continues to cross borders and transform lives.

As someone who has witnessed this impact from within, through supporting community growth, coordinating activities, and contributing to the planning of this milestone, I can confidently say that EduAfrik's vision is lived, not merely stated.

Tonight, we celebrate that journey, we honour excellence, and we look forward to an even greater future of collaboration, growth, and impact.

Thank you for joining us and for being part of this important milestone.

You are most welcome.

**By Nzekwe Sandra
Secretary, Planning Committee**

WELCOME ADDRESS

A Welcome Address, presented by Stanley Peter Anukwuocha,
Founder and Chairman of the Board, Education African Scholars Global Connect,
on the occasion of our 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation, on this day, December 28, 2025.

Introduction

Distinguished guests, respected elders, board members, partners, mentors, scholars, friends of EduAfrik, ladies and gentlemen, I warmly welcome you all. I am deeply grateful that you created time out of your busy schedules to join us today to celebrate this important milestone with us. Your presence here is a powerful statement of support, encouragement, and belief in our mission. On behalf of the Board and the entire EduAfrik family, I say thank you for honouring our invitation and for standing with us on this special day.

About us

Education African Scholars Global Connect is driven by a clear mission and vision. Our mission is to empower young people in Nigeria and other African countries to pursue higher education abroad and to positively impact both their home and host communities. We do this by providing guidance, resources, mentorship, financial, and practical support to help students secure admissions and scholarships, while also advocating for systemic improvements in education across Africa. Central to our work is a strong commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 4, ensuring inclusive, equitable, and quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Our vision is to become the leading resource for African youths seeking higher education abroad and to inspire a new generation of leaders and change makers who will use their education to transform Africa and the world.

Our History

What once appeared to be a one-man initiative has, by the grace of God and collective effort, grown into a full nonprofit organization with a global outlook and a formal structure. The journey began in March 2020 during the COVID 19 lockdown with People Empowering People Tutorials, when I started sharing educational content and life guidance online to support young people at a very uncertain time. Those early days were marked by consistency, passion, and a belief that knowledge shared freely can change lives. Over time, as the vision expanded beyond Nigeria, the initiative evolved into the Education African Scholars Forum, and eventually into Education African Scholars Global Connect. Through perseverance, teamwork, and faith, we achieved legal registration in Nigeria in 2023 and later in the United States in 2024, establishing EduAfrik as a recognized nonprofit operating across borders. Today, we stand as an organization built on structure, partnerships, accountability, and a growing global community.

Our Achievements

Over the years, our achievements have been both humbling and inspiring. From October 2022, we expanded beyond online lectures to hosting webinars, skills acquisition programs, mentorship initiatives, application reviews, mock interviews, and targeted guidance for graduate school and visa processes. In 2023, we successfully ran a six-week skills acquisition program that benefited over 60 youths, with about 28 securing admissions and fully funded scholarships to universities in the United States and Europe. In 2024, through our mentorship programs, 16 young people secured fully funded opportunities to study in the United States, Canada, Portugal, and South Korea. We provided direct travel support to six scholars from Nigeria and Ghana, covered application fees for several others facing financial hardship, and continued to expand our reach. In 2025, we supported 10 youths from different African countries through our international essay competition and placed 21 more on a reserve list, while also introducing a more intentional mentorship matching system. Our partnerships with organizations such as Interstride and Waypoint Immigration USA further strengthened our impact, and we are currently in the process of partnering with the International City County Management Association, an organization dedicated to advancing professional local government management and leadership globally.

Our Challenges

Despite these achievements, we face real challenges. While we are rich in human resources, passion, and commitment, we are constrained by limited financial capacity. We receive far more qualified applications than we can support, including over 120 strong applications for our international essay competition, yet we could only fund 10 due to budget limitations. Administrative costs, website development and renewal, legal registrations, and technical support have largely been funded personally by me over the past five years. Today, I humbly call on you for support through donations, connections to funding organizations, grants, and partnerships. Any contribution, no matter the size, will help us sustain and expand this work.

Appreciation

I want to begin this appreciation by giving all glory and honour to God Almighty, who has sustained my team and me over the past five years. Without God, this journey would not have been possible. I am especially grateful for the scholarships He has helped us secure, through which we can fund parts of EduAfrik's operations and support other young people. I thank God for strength, wisdom, provision, and grace to keep going even when the road was tough.

I want to thank Solomon Imaga in a very special way. Solomon stood with me from the very beginning, handling the camera and supporting the early educational videos when this work was just starting. Your sacrifice, consistency, and belief in this vision will never be forgotten. Personally, I will never forget you, and this organization will never forget you. May God reward you abundantly.

I sincerely appreciate our Board members for the time, money, wisdom, and talents they continue to bring on board to ensure that this organization runs smoothly. I thank our Communication and Advocacy team, led by Obed Rockson, for their selfless volunteer service in managing our social media platforms, official emails, and public engagements. I also thank our Technical team, led by Fernando Gabriel, for all the work they do quietly behind the scenes to keep our systems running. I appreciate our Advisory Council for its constant technical guidance and support.

I want to thank in a very special way Paschal Igbokwe, our Secretary. Paschal is truly the pillar of this organization. He has served EduAfrik with his money, his time, and his talents. Today, we are presenting him with the award of Most Active Employee of EduAfrik, and this award is well deserved. His multitasking ability is exceptional. He carries out any task given to him at any time of the day or night. Sometimes, I honestly wonder if he even sleeps. Paschal, God will reward you abundantly. Even though we are giving you this award today, it is still not enough to quantify the depth of service you have rendered to this organization. You have a special place in my heart, and I will never forget you in my life.

Conclusion

I also want to appreciate our Selection Committee for the International Essay Competition, led by Prince Emmanuel Ozioma. I pray that God will reward every one of you for the time, energy, and intellectual effort you devoted to evaluating those applications. It was not an easy task, and your sacrifice is deeply appreciated.

I thank the Planning Committee for this 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation, led by Marcel Nweze. We are praying earnestly for Marcel's quick recovery following his accident. I pray that God will reward every member of this committee abundantly for their dedication, weekly meetings, personal sacrifices, and commitment. You spent your own money on data, your time brainstorming, and your energy planning this event. Even though we intended to host this program in a hybrid format and could not do so due to insecurity and financial constraints, God sees your hearts and will reward you.

I also sincerely appreciate those who contributed to support Emmanuel Mbama's flight to South Korea when he faced financial challenges after securing his visa. Even though it was a loan that he later repaid, your willingness to help at that critical moment will never be forgotten.

Finally, I thank everyone here today and all members of the EduAfrik community for actively participating in our programs and believing in this vision. Your dedication, patience, and consistency will surely pay off in due time.

In conclusion, today is a celebration of faith, resilience, service, and collective impact. As we mark five years of EduAfrik, I pray that God will bless every one of you, reward your sacrifices, grant your heart's desires, and use us all as instruments of hope and transformation. Thank you, and God bless you all.

Signed:

Stanley Peter Anukwuocha
On behalf of the Board

TESTIMONIES OF OUR BENEFICIARIES

This session features short video testimonies from beneficiaries whose academic journeys have been positively impacted through EduAfrik's scholarship and mentorship initiatives.

2025 International Essay Competition Scholarship - Documentary

This documentary highlights selected beneficiaries of the 2025 International Essay Competition Scholarship for Study Abroad. Through this program, EduAfrik provided application fee support and direct mentorship to outstanding candidates.

For the 2025 cycle, EduAfrik selected 10 winners and placed 21 candidates on a reserve list for continued guidance.

Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rcTgIkMCT8>

2024 Personal Travel Allowance Scholarship - Testimony Video

This video features beneficiaries of the 2024 Personal Travel Allowance Scholarship, which supported six (6) scholars from Nigeria and Ghana in transitioning to the United States to begin their academic programs.

Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3ian0c5EyU>

AWARD PRESENTATION - DONORS

Eric Adedze

Eric Adedze is a young Togolese professional with over three years of experience in business intelligence and project management across the consulting, financial, and insurance sectors. He is an experienced professional with an SQL certification and a strong background in Data Analytics, problem-solving, Data Management, and Data Modeling. He possesses a solid foundation in operations management and information technology, and a minor in Business/Data Analytics from Northern Illinois University, USA. He specializes in translating complex data sets into actionable insights for informed business decisions. Eric is also a musician and sings Afrobeat songs. He loves watching football, playing music, and attending parties.

To present this award is Stanley Anukwuocha, Founder, EduAfrik

Jun Kajee

Jun Kajee is an educator and global thought leader with academic interests in internationalization, maritime affairs, and education for sustainable development. He is a Professor at Stanton University, a Lecturer at Southern Utah University, and a Global Schools Advocate with the UN-affiliated Sustainable Development Solutions Network. Jun holds multiple research affiliations, has received international research funding, and serves in leadership roles within global nonprofit organizations. An editor, columnist, and international consultant, his work has been widely featured in leading global media outlets.

To present this award is Mrs Kasie Geraldine, Assistant Lecturer, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike

Adaora Nzewigbo

Adaora Nzewigbo is a PhD student in Political Science at York University, Canada. With academic and professional experience across Nigeria and Canada, she has worked in various academic institutional roles and currently serves as a Teaching Assistant at York. Her work focuses on the intersection of climate change and food security, particularly in fragile regions such as the Sahel, where she examines how environmental stress and governance shape human well-being. Adaora has authored and co-authored several publications and remains deeply committed to community development, including volunteer work with the Red Cross. As a strong advocate for women in academia, she mentors young mothers by sharing practical strategies for accessing educational opportunities and balancing family responsibilities with career aspirations.

To present this award is Dr Edith Ihuoma, Former Executive Secretary, Ministry of Education, Abia State, Nigeria, and presently, the Welfare

Oluwafemi Adeagbo

Oluwafemi Adeagbo is a graduate of Adekunle Ajasin University, where he earned a Second Class Upper (2.1) degree in Physics and Electronics. He began his professional career in the financial services sector and is currently a Database Administrator with a well-known financial institution. With over four years of industry experience, Oluwafemi is deeply rooted in the tech space, which aligns closely with both his professional expertise and personal passion.

To present this award is Mrs Kasie Geraldine, Assistant Lecturer, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike

Isabel Nwagu

Isabel is a graduate of Biochemistry with an MSc in Cancer Biology and Therapeutics from Cardiff University. She is currently studying with the Cancer Research UK Scotland Institute, exploring how ancestry and exposures to environmental pressures can prime immune responses and drive disparities in pancreatic cancer incidence and outcomes in patients of the African diaspora. Apart from being an advocate for healthy lifestyle choices, she enjoys discussing youth inclusivity, gender equality, and the emancipation of the girl child. She is passionate about driving relevant societal changes to bring about sustainable growth and development in the education and healthcare sectors in Nigeria and Africa. She seeks to create a social enterprise for budding females entering STEM to further bridge the gender divide in professional settings and increase the manpower required for positive advancements in the field of cancer biology.

To present this award is Chisom Friday, PhD candidate, Polymer Chemistry, Virginia Tech, USA

Stanley Osinachi Okafor

Stanley is a distinguished professional with expertise spanning accounting, finance, research, and data analytics. He holds an MSc in Accounting and Finance from the University of Derby, United Kingdom, a BSc in Accounting from Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, and a National Diploma in Accounting from Imo State Polytechnic Umuagwo Ohaji. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. Stanley is the Founder of Donmaths Consultancy, through which he has supported the academic and research development of over 5,000 individuals. He has over thirteen research publications and strong proficiency in advanced analytical tools. At EduAfrik, he serves as a Board Member, Head of the Research and Development Committee, and a major funder of the 2025 International Essay Competition Scholarship for Study Abroad.

To present this award is Dr Edith Ihuoma, Former Executive Secretary, Ministry of Education, Abia State, Nigeria, and presently, the Welfare

Prince Ozioma Emmanuel

We are honored to welcome Prince Ozioma Emmanuel, a PhD candidate in Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas Tech University, where he researches cancer biology with a focus on protein-protein interactions, GPCR and TGF-Beta signaling, and the cellular mechanisms that drive cancer progression. He currently serves as a Graduate Senator in the Student Government Association and Web Master for the Chemistry Graduate Student Organization, contributing actively to student leadership and scientific engagement. Prince holds a Master's degree in Environmental Toxicology and a B.Sc. in Biochemistry, and has published research on pesticide residues, environmental risk assessment, and essential oil analysis. His professional background includes lecturing at Federal University Wukari, Nigeria, industry experience, and humanitarian service through Challenge Aids and Malaria in Africa.

To present this award is Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbete - Catholic Diocese of Abeokuta.

Victor Ndubuisi Okpuzor

Victor is a native of Umunede in Ika North East Local Government Area of Delta State, Nigeria. He is a graduate of Philosophy from Imo State University, Nigeria, and also holds a Bachelor's in Philosophy (B.Phil.) from the Urban Pontifical University, Rome.

To present this award is Mr. John Chukwu, Assistant Lecturer, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike.

AWARDEE PROFILE

Rev. Fr. Bruno Uzoamaka Anyanwu

Rev. Fr. Bruno Uzoamaka Anyanwu is a Catholic Priest of the Umuahia Diocese, widely recognized for his commitment to education, public health, and social service. He holds degrees in Philosophy and Theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, with advanced training in Public Health from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and Glasgow Caledonian University in the United Kingdom. He is also completing a Master's degree in Social Work at Boston College in the United States.

Through his pastoral and educational assignments across parishes and schools within the Umuahia Diocese, Rev. Fr. Anyanwu has consistently combined faith with service. Beyond the church, he is the founder of a charitable foundation that has, for over ten years, provided free education to children in his hometown, supported youth entrepreneurship, and assisted individuals who cannot afford medical care.

He exemplifies compassionate leadership, academic excellence, and unwavering dedication to human dignity and community development.

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2025 INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

These are the members of the selection committee who evaluated the applicants.

Samuel Chibuoyim Uche

Samuel Chibuoyim Uche is a Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Massachusetts, USA, where he conducts research at the Clinical AI Research (CARE) Lab. His work sits at the intersection of artificial intelligence, deep learning, and healthcare, focusing on the development of AI models that analyze smartphone sensor data to detect alcohol and marijuana impairment through human gait analysis. Samuel holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and a Master's degree in the same field from WPI. His research embodies his passion for leveraging technology to solve real-world health and safety challenges.

Beyond academia, Samuel is a serial STEM advocate, social innovator, and nonprofit founder. He established two community-impact organizations:

Next Generation Technology Support Foundation (NGTSF) and **BrainsOverSEXUALITY International**.

Samuel's volunteer footprint spans the U.S. and Africa. He has served as a Judge for multiple STEM competitions, including WAVE VEX Robotics, Technovation Girls, and the Worcester Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and as a Peer Mentor and Graduate Representative at WPI. His community leadership has also extended globally through his mentorship with Education Africa Scholars Global Connect (EduAfrikScholars) and collaboration with Tangible Africa and ASEN Group to deliver unplugged coding and robotics education in low-resource settings. He is a recipient of several awards and scholarships, including the MTNF Science and Technology Scholarship, (2014–2017), WNE FinTech Fellowship, and NSBE Boston Scholarship. In his final year, he was awarded to be presented by **Linda Chinyelu Obikwelu**, Manager, Brit Real Estate Company, Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria

To present this award is **Linda Chinyelu Obikwelu**, Manager, Brit Real Estate Company, Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria

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Samuel Enejo Akor –

Samuel Enejo Akor is a purpose-driven biological scientist committed to applying molecular science to real-world health challenges. He holds a Master of Science in Biotechnology from the University of Chester, UK, and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Kogi State University, Nigeria. He has gained substantial experience in molecular diagnostics and computational approaches to drug discovery, cancer genomics, and vaccine design through academic research, clinical genomics, and regulated laboratory practice. He is currently a Genetic Technologist supporting high-throughput genetic testing for patients with cancer and rare diseases across the North West region of England.

Beyond research, Samuel is deeply committed to education, mentorship, and community development. He has supported academic guidance and capacity-building initiatives for students at the secondary and tertiary levels, enabling multiple beneficiaries to secure international study opportunities. He has led and supported community development initiatives in underserved communities, including education support for internally displaced children, school infrastructure and visibility improvements, and public health sensitisation. His academic excellence, leadership, and service have been recognized through various national and international scholarships and awards, including the Chester Difference Excellence Award, Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarship, Igala Education Foundation Award, and many others-'s

To present this award is **Omonini Clifford** – PhD Candidate, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Nkem Ndem

Nkem Ndem is currently a Ph.D. student in School Psychology at Northern Illinois University, specializing in social-emotional competence, culturally responsive assessment, and the educational experiences of African and immigrant youth. For over a decade, she has been involved in supporting out-of-school and underserved children around the world through educational, psychosocial, and basic needs assistance. Nkem is passionate about advancing equitable access to quality education and leveraging research, policy, and practice to improve outcomes for students globally.

To present this award is **Victor Okoro** – PhD Candidate - Economics, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/President, Graduate Economics Students Association.

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2025 INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

These are the members of the selection committee who evaluated the applicants.

Obed Rockson

Obed Rockson is a Ghanaian CPA candidate who moved to the U.S. in 2024 to study Msc Accounting. He brings strong global leadership experience and a passion for public accounting and impact-driven work. He has supported study-abroad projects, helping students achieve their goals. Obed currently serves as Head of Communitation at Eduafrik, is an active AICPA US member, and Community Engagement Director for the National Association of Black Accountants US, committed to advancing the accounting profession through integrity, innovation, and service.

To present this award is **Omonini Clifford** – PhD Candidate, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Chiamaka Linda Mgbechidinma

Chiamaka Linda Mgbechidinma is an outstanding Nigerian scientist and researcher making significant strides in the fields of microbiology, ocean science, and cell/molecular biology. She earned her first degree in Microbiology with First Class honors from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, where she was recognized as the Overall best graduating student in the Department of Microbiology, as well as the Best Female graduating student in the Faculty of Science and in the entire university. Serving as a Graduate Assistant, Linda earned an MSc in Microbiology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, before proceeding to China as a CSC scholar, where she obtained an additional MSc degree in Ocean Technology and Engineering from Zhejiang University (ZJU). Currently, she is a PhD candidate in the Cell and Molecular Biology Programme at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and an awardee of the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS). Her research focuses on contributing to several Sustainable Development Goals that aim to strengthen the concept of One Health. Her academic excellence has been recognized both regionally and internationally, as evidenced by her recent receipt of the Special Award in Life Sciences at the 2025 Professor Charles Award ceremony at CUHK. Through her dedication to scientific research and her commitment to academic excellence, Chiamaka Linda Mgbechidinma represents an Inspiring example of how rigorous scientific training and research can contribute to advancing knowledge in life, environmental, and agricultural sciences. Her works are primarily multidisciplinary, featuring cuttingedge international research that demonstrates the global nature of scientific advancement, as evident in most of her published articles.

To present this award is **Victor Okoro** – PhD Candidate- Economics, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/President, Graduate Economics Students Association, Uottawa.

PANELISTS

These are people who have contributed their insights during our International Education Week panel discussions.

Brian Joanis

Brian Joanis is an accomplished public administrator with extensive experience in local government leadership. Brian currently serves as the Assistant Village Administrator for the Village of **Roselle**, where he has spent over seven years rising through roles, as Management Analyst and Administrative Intern. His public-sector journey builds on a strong foundation in community engagement, organizational management, and operational leadership, including prior supervisory and administrative roles in the private sector. Brian holds both a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree in NGO Studies from Northern Illinois University.

Award to be presented by: **Omonini Clifford** – PhD Candidate, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

Emmanuel Kayanja

Emmanuel Kayanja is a development professional, youth leader, and social entrepreneur with over nine years of experience in program management, partnerships, and community-based development across Uganda and the East African region. He currently serves as Programs Manager at GRO Foundation Uganda, a Swiss-based organization, where he leads initiatives in afforestation, climate action, youth livelihoods, and community entrepreneurship. Emmanuel has designed and managed donor-funded programs supported by USAID, Gates Foundation, and Infectious Diseases Institute, empowering adolescents, young women, refugees, and underserved communities. A strong advocate for youth leadership, he serves as Head of Publicity and Partnerships at the Uganda Youth Coalition for the SDGs, mentors youth-led enterprises, and is driven by a commitment initiative, growth, integrity, and service. To present this award is Linda Chinyelu Obikwelu, Manager, Brit Real Estate Company, Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria

Charles Obochi

Charles Obochi holds both-first and second degrees in Public Administration with a specialization in Personnel (Human Resource) Management, and he is at the final stage of his PhD, awaiting external defense. With over 20 years of professional experience, he is an accomplished Human Resource Generalist with expertise in HR training, development, consulting and behavioral psychology. He is a Senior Member of SMCIPDM, a PHRI™-certified professional from [IRC] USA, and an Associate Member of CIPM. Mr. Obochi has worked across public and private sectors and currently serves as Lecturer 11 at Michael Okpara University and Executive Director Of Gistal Management Resource Centre. He is known for his leadership, emotional intelligence, and unwavering professional integrity.

To present this award is **Linda Chinyelu Obikwelu**, Manager, Brit Real Estate Company, Lekki, Lagos State, Nigeria

PANELIST & OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE

Panelist: Micah Eradiri

Micah Eradiri, a Local Government Management Fellow with the Borough of State College, Pennsylvania, where he works at the intersection of public administration, technology, and community development. He holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Northern Illinois University, where he served as President of the ICMA Student Chapter. His professional and research interests center on performance management, digital governance, and the role of artificial intelligence in shaping local government innovation. Beyond his public service career, Micah leads philanthropic and youth development initiatives through the Rose Eradiri Foundation and Teens and Youths Connect (TYC), organizations dedicated to empowering students and young professionals across Nigeria through scholarships and mentorship.

To present this award is **Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbete - Catholic Diocese of Abeokuta**

The Most Outstanding Employee of EduAfrikScholar

Paschal Chimezie Igbokwe

Paschal serves as Secretary of the Board of Education African Scholars Global Connect and is the Executive Assistant to the Governor of Anambra State on Innovation and Business Incubation. He is a graduate of Public Administration and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka. Paschal is the founder of Dpax Empowerment Foundation, where he leads advocacy, mentorship, education, and skills programs for underserved communities. At EduAfrik, he leads communication and advocacy efforts, supports scholarship guidance, and strengthens organizational systems. A researcher and social justice advocate, he has published work on child poverty, gender equity, and AI in public service delivery. He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management.

To present this award is **Stanley Anukwuocha, Founder EduAfrik.**

PHILANTHROPISTS / EDUCATORS

These are people who may not have contributed directly to EduAfrik but have impacted in lives of young people's educational development in one way or the other.

DR. LADY IFEOMA NNAJI (JP), FCIA FCPA

Dr. Lady Ifeoma Nnaji is an accomplished administrator, scholar, and service-oriented leader with decades of distinguished contributions to public administration, human resource management, academia, and community development. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, a Postgraduate Diploma and Master's degree in Public Administration from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, and a PhD in Human Resource Management from Ebonyi State University. Dr. Nnaji began her professional career in 1996 as a Hospital Administrator and has since built an outstanding academic and consulting career. She is a Human Resource Management Consultant with Data Matrics Consult and a long-standing Lecturer and Facilitator at the National Open University of Nigeria. She joined Nnamdi Azikiwe University as an Adjunct Lecturer in 2016, became a full-time Lecturer in 2019, and was appointed Head of the Department of Public Administration in 2022, where her tenure remains one of the most impactful in the department's history. She currently serves as Deputy Director I at the Centre for Disability and Special Needs Research. A prolific scholar, editor, and Fellow of multiple professional bodies, Dr. Nnaji is also a devoted Catholic leader, community builder, and chieftaincy title holder. She is happily married and blessed with a distinguished family.

To present this award is **Chisom Friday, PhD candidate, Polymer Chemistry, Virginia Tech**

Dr. Uchechi Bliss Onyedikachi

Dr. Uchechi Bliss Onyedikachi is a Senior Lecturer at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike. Her work in environmental biochemistry, pollution assessment, and innovative plant-microbe bioremediation has driven major initiatives, including the UKaid-sponsored Innovation to Market programme, where her solution was incubated and funded, resulting in a patented product that restores soil fertility and health. She has published extensively and continues to strengthen scientific knowledge and policy across Africa. Passionate about mentoring, Dr. Onyedikachi established the ACS International Chapter at MOUAU to provide a platform where students can grow and develop global scientific leadership skills. She also founded YouToo-Can-Make-It, a mentorship initiative that has empowered young people in communication, leadership, and securing scholarships. She is a TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences) awardee, an INGSA-Africa mentee, a Fellow of the Nigerian Science Leadership Program, and currently serves as Vice President of Communication and Public Engagements at ASFI.

To present this award is **Uchenna David Ugwuzor - Relationship Manager Platinum Na**

AWARDEE PROFILE

Chinaza Precious Uche

Chinaza Precious Uche is a dedicated lecturer in the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Nigeria. She holds a B.Sc. in Human Nutrition from the same institution and an M.Sc. in Human Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Ibadan.

A passionate advocate for nutrition education, community health, and women's empowerment, Chinaza serves as the National Financial Secretary and Council Member of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN), as well as Secretary of its Abia State Chapter. Her work focuses on improving maternal and child nutrition, especially in low-income communities.

Through the NUTRMUM initiative of the Child Health Advocacy Initiative (CHAI), she leads nutrition support for over 500 pregnant and lactating women. A recipient of the prestigious 2022 Orange Knowledge Programme scholarship, Chinaza continues to champion sustainable, food-systems-based approaches to ending malnutrition and building healthier futures.

GOODWILL MESSAGES

A GOODWILL MESSAGE

It is already 5 years since the establishment of your NGO; Education African Scholars Global Connect. Within this short span of its existence, you have done so much, and have so far, shown so much promise for the future. As you celebrate your 5th anniversary, I sincerely congratulate you, Stan Peter Anukwuocha and your great team for the hard work in helping indigent students realize their dreams, and your commitment to the growth of African scholarship. May the God Lord be your strength as you reach out for more accomplishment.

Sincerely yours

Rev. Msgr. Dr. Francis Nwaiwu
Parish Priest.
St Micheal's Umuahia.

A GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM), USA Branch, I warmly congratulate Education African Scholars Global Connect (EduAfrik), founded by Stanley Peter Anukwuocha, our Branch Secretary, on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary. Over the past five years, EduAfrik has demonstrated exceptional commitment to youth empowerment, educational access, and human capacity development across Africa. We commend the organization's impact in guiding young people toward global academic opportunities and wish EduAfrik continued growth, stronger partnerships, and greater impact in the years ahead.

Pastor Gabriel Olukitibi, FCIPM
Chairman, CIPM USA Branch

A GOODWILL MESSAGE

As you have taken it upon yourselves to see many African youths move away from Mediocrity and backwardness, may the Lord who rewards good deeds always renew your financial strength and never allow this organization to suffer setbacks. May God continue to open for this organization new avenues for financial encouragement and may all what benefited now and those to benefit in future never disappoint this organization. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Chima Ihechukwu Ogueri (aka Nwankemmadu)
Parish Priest - Holy Family Catholic Church,
Okpo,
Ihechiowa,
Arochukwu L.G.A.
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Nigeria

CONGRATULATORY / GOODWILL MESSAGES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Congratulations on your results so far. I am thrilled to hear about your achievement, which is evidenced by your effort and hard work. Well done on achieving such a remarkable outcome. Proud to be associated with YOU.

Ihuoma Edith Ifeyinwa PhD

Former Registrar, College of Health, Aba, Former Executive Secretary, Abia State Secondary

Former Adjunct Lecturer, College of Education Technical, Arochukwu, Abia State, Former

Umuahia North LGA, Present Welfare Officer, Abia State Senior Citizens Forum. Nigeria

GOODWILL MESSAGE

May I use this opportunity to felicitate with EduAfrik on the auspicious occasion of its 5th award ceremony taking place on 28th December 2025.

Your vision and mission are apposite realizing that the education industry in Africa is still wobbling. Any opportunity gained by an African citizen through your organization to improve themselves educationally, is an invaluable one. May the Almighty God enlarge your coast by granting you His infinite wisdom to forge ahead. Cheers!

Peter Chikwendu Nwaoma, FCIPM, FCPA, Ph D
Chairman CIPM Abia State Chapter

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Dear EduAfrik Family, Congratulations to EduAfrik on its 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation. This milestone reflects the unwavering commitment of the organization and her impact in empowering African scholars through impactful scholarship support, dedicated mentorship, structured graduate school guidance, and rigorous mock preparations. EduAfrik continues to transform lives and open global academic opportunities for many young Africans. I sincerely appreciate the vision, consistency, and excellence that define EduAfrik. I wish the organization many more years of growth, greater impact, and continued success in shaping future leaders.

Warm regards,
Anetor Otaigbe

FELICITATION / GOODWILL MESSAGES

FELICITATION MESSAGE

Congratulations to EduAfrik Scholars on your 5th Anniversary! I am grateful to the organization for the support and opportunities provided to me. The wealth of educational information and experiences shared have been instrumental in my academic pursuits, particularly in my applications for study abroad. I am grateful to have been part of the International Essay Competition Scholarship, and I appreciate the mentorship and guidance received from the organization's members. As you celebrate this milestone, I wish EduAfrik Scholars continued success, growth, and impact in empowering African scholars.

Kasie Okakpu

Lecturer and Academic Adviser

Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, Nigeria.

Kasie Geraldine Okakpu

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Abia State, Nigeria.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Congratulations to EfuAfrik as we celebrate her 5th anniversary, am proud of your incredible success, leadership prowess and your resilience to challenges these five years. Thank you EfuAfrik for your organized and consistent motivation and empowerment you gave African students these five years.

From Akpobome Agadaigho

Author and founder of Unity for Good Living Initiative at <https://cutt.ly/2ni4H5B>.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Five years of EduAfrik represents more than milestones; it reflects a community that intentionally guides young Africans toward opportunity, clarity, and purpose. From admissions and scholarship support to mentorship and capacity-building platforms, EduAfrik has consistently transformed aspiration into direction and potential into impact. Having witnessed this commitment firsthand, I celebrate a vision that treats education not as an end, but as a responsibility to serve and build. Congratulations on this remarkable journey. May EduAfrik continue to shape scholars who uplift Africa wherever they stand.

Sandra Nzekwe

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

FELICITATION MESSAGE

I, Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbete, CMF wishes to felicitate with EduAfrik on her 5th Anniversary. For the past 5years, EduAfrik continues to make impact in the academic world by awarding scholarships to many Africans as well as assisting prospective students to pursue academic success. I wish to congratulate in a special way the founder, my good friend Mr. Stanley and his team. God bless you all.

Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbete, CMF

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Dear EduAfrik, I am deeply honored to be a scholar and mentee of EduAfrik. Over the past five years, EduAfrik has shown an unwavering commitment to educational access, mentorship, and youth empowerment across Africa. Your impact on my academic journey and personal development has been profound, and I am a living testament to the vision you uphold. I extend special thanks to my mentor, Mr. Stanley, for his continuous guidance, unwavering support, and thorough review of my application documents through several meetings and constructive feedback. Congratulations to EduAfrik on five years of meaningful and transformative impact.

Best regards,
Derrick Amponsah, B.A. (He/His/Him)
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GOODWILL MESSAGE

Looking back on 5years, from those early struggling days to today, the EduAfrik Community has grown steadily, all thanks to all our efforts. Wishing the EduAfrik Community soars even higher. Happy Anniversary to EduAfrik.

Engr John I. Ani

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Dear EduAfrikScholars,

Congratulations to Education African Scholars Global Connect (EduAfrik) on this remarkable milestone of five years of impact, service, and transformation.

As someone who has watched this vision grow closely, I have seen the passion, consistency, and sacrifices that have gone into building EduAfrik into what it is today. I have watched Stanley Anukwuocha, the Founder of EduAfrik, pour his heart, time, energy, and resources into this organization, not for personal gain, but out of a genuine desire to see young Africans access not just education, but quality education that changes lives and destinies.

Through the work of Stanley and his wonderful, dedicated team, EduAfrik has become a platform of hope, empowerment, and direction for many young people across Africa. The impact of this work goes beyond individuals; it is generational. One scholar empowered today goes on to uplift families, communities, and generations yet unborn. This is work that echoes far into the future.

I pray that God will continue to enlarge the coast of EduAfrik. May He open greater financial doors, raise strategic helpers and partners, and release abundant resources to enable this organization to impact even more lives across Africa and beyond. May every seed sown through EduAfrik yield multiplied harvests of excellence, integrity, and service.

May God continually strengthen the leadership, preserve the vision, and reward every sacrifice made in love. EduAfrik's light will not dim, and its impact will only grow brighter with time.

Congratulations once again to EduAfrik on five impactful years. The journey ahead is even greater.

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Dear EduAfrik Family,

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As someone who has watched this vision grow closely, I have seen the passion, consistency, and sacrifices that have gone into building EduAfrik into what it is today.

As someone who shares an academic space with the Founder, Stanley Anukwuocha, at Old Dominion University, I have witnessed firsthand his dedication, discipline, and unwavering commitment to excellence, service, and impact. Stanley's work through EduAfrik reflects a deep conviction that education is not merely a personal achievement but a tool for collective upliftment and generational change.

EduAfrik has continued to open doors for young Africans by providing guidance, mentorship, and access to global educational opportunities. The lives touched through this organization represent seeds of hope planted across families, communities, and nations. The ripple effect of one empowered scholar is immeasurable, and EduAfrik has remained faithful to this calling.

I pray that God will continue to strengthen this vision and enlarge the capacity of EduAfrik. May the Lord raise faithful partners, strategic supporters, and sustainable financial resources to enable the organization to reach even more young people across Africa and beyond. May every sacrifice made in love yield lasting fruit, and may the legacy of EduAfrik continue to shine as a beacon of integrity, excellence, and service.

Congratulations once again to EduAfrik, to the Founder, and to the entire team on five years of meaningful impact. The future is bright, and the journey ahead is even greater.

Warm regards,

Chukwuebuka Onyia

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Old Dominion University, USA

APPRECIATION MESSAGE

All glory, honour, and thanksgiving to the Almighty God for His grace, protection, wisdom, and strength that sustained us before, during, and after this historic 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation of Education African Scholars Global Connect (EduAfrik).

On behalf of the Planning Committee, I sincerely express my profound appreciation to everyone who made out time from their busy schedules to attend and support this event. I specially thank our esteemed stakeholders, invited guests, donors, board members, awardees, partners, and the entire EduAfrik community for your presence, encouragement, and unwavering support. Your participation added great value to this celebration.

This Planning Committee, constituted in July 2025, worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of today's program. From the early stages, we planned to host this event as a hybrid program in Umuahia, Nigeria. However, after careful consideration of the heightened insecurity situation in Nigeria, as well as the rising cost of transportation and safety concerns for participants, we collectively took the difficult but wise decision to hold this event fully online. Despite these challenges, God crowned our efforts with success, and today's program stands as a testimony of resilience, teamwork, and divine guidance.

I wish to specially appreciate every member of the Planning Committee for their dedication, patience, sacrifices, and commitment. Your selfless service and teamwork made this event possible.

Above all, I want to sincerely thank our Founder, Mr. Stanley Anukwuocha, for his exceptional leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to the EduAfrik mission. Your passion for humanitarian service, your consistency, and your willingness to invest so much of your personal resources to support young Africans cannot be overstated. May God reward you abundantly, strengthen you on every side, and ensure that posterity never forgets your sacrifices and impact.

Once again, thank you all for making this 5th Anniversary and Award Presentation a memorable and successful one. May EduAfrik continue to grow from strength to strength.

Marcel Nweze
Chairman, Planning Committee

