



AGRICULTURE



Cornelius Adewale earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics at Nigeria's Obafemi Awolowo University. Elected national president of agricultural students, he travelled across Nigeria to encourage youth to embrace careers in farming.

The Washington State University doctoral student is creating a smartphone app that will show farmers how to boost crop yields, so that they can keep their farms and feed more people.

Last October, the Seattle-based Bullitt Foundation awarded Adewale \$100,000 to set his plan in motion. Adewale hopes to end the knowledge crisis that cripples farmers' productivity.



Dr. Chukwuebuka Christopher Okolo is an agricultural soil scientist with a PhD in Soil Science from Mekelle University, Ethiopia. Chukwuebuka obtained his B.Agric (Soil Science and Environmental Management) and MSc (Soil Survey, Environmental Impact Assessment and Land use Management) degrees from Ebonyi State University and University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria in 2008 and 2014 respectively. Chukwuebuka is currently an independent researcher with research focus on the accurate quantification of soil organic carbon and measurement of CO₂ emissions under contrasting land use systems and soil types in different agro ecosystems. He aims to provide framework information towards the understanding of carbon capture, distribution and transfer, vital for supporting ecosystem services and improving soil productivity towards achieving agricultural sustainability. Chukwuebuka has passion for mentoring young scientists with many of them getting graduate scholarships courtesy of his mentoring.



Rotimi Olawale ploughs where others are not so bold to explore. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of JFarms Africa that is driving opportunities for business and growth.

His company takes the lead in the coffee production value chain in Rwanda, shaping the agriculture sector in Africa through sustainable food production, increased incomes for farmers, value addition and job creation.



Kola Masha oversees Nigeria's largest corn producing enterprise through a programme that franchises thousands of mini corn farmer cooperatives across northern Nigeria, increasing the profitability of the smallholder farmers by three times above the national average. The project was created to attract youth to agriculture and away from the looming instability of extremist groups. Masha held multiple leadership roles in leading global organizations, including General Electric and Biomed.

Kola is the Founder and Managing Director of Babban Gona, an agricultural social enterprise that provides key services to smallholder farmers that result in significant yield increases, around 2.5-3x the national average.

Prior to Babban Gona, Kola was a Managing Director and CEO of a major subsidiary in the Notore Group, one of Nigeria's leading agricultural conglomerates, where he raised US\$24 Million to develop an integrated agricultural trading, production and processing business. Furthermore, he led the development and execution of Notore's commercial strategy across West and Central Africa, preparing the company to sell one million tons of fertilizer and establish a modern seed business.

He led the effort to raise \$130 million in equity and the restructuring of \$360 million in debt. Kola holds significant leadership experience in venture capital, corporate finance, business development, marketing and operations, across four continents with multiple global companies, including GE, Notore and Abiomed.

In addition, Kola has extensive public sector experience as Senior Advisor to the Nigerian Minister of Agriculture.

In recognition for his leadership in driving positive change on the African Continent, he has received several global awards including the prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, a leading leadership institute led by General Collin Powell and appointed to the Board of the African Enterprise Challenge Fund, a \$250 million fund that awards grants and repayable grants to private sector companies to support innovative business ideas in agriculture, agribusiness, renewable energy, adaptation to climate change and access to information and financial services. Kola holds an MBA (Honors) from Harvard and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Seyi Oyenuga serves as Executive Director and Head of Agriculture Division of ATMAN Corp, a vertically integrated agriculture and food processing company based in Nigeria. The company leverages innovative technology and processes to enhance productivity through a mainly youth workforce and smallholder farmer network. Previously, he founded an infrastructure contracting company based in Washington, DC. Seyi is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a degree in economics.



CHAPTER TWO



EDUCATION



Ekpe Okorafor, PhD is a Nigerian-American academic in computer science and technology. He is an expert in big data and analytics. Okorafor is a deep subject matter expert and principal in Accenture Digital, providing thought leadership. In 2010, he established the High Performance Computing Centres for Excellence in Africa (Nigeria and Ethiopia) that focuses on leveraging massively parallel computing platforms to solve regional problems through simulation and modelling. He is also the founder of Radicube Technologies, a research consulting firm.



Oloruntobi Dare, Nigerian student who won \$350,000 Gates Millennium Scholarship. Aside from winning the Gates Scholarship, she has won other several awards. She's a Nigerian, now a naturalized American citizen, and daughter of the Minister of Sports and Youth Development, Sunday Dare and Registered Nurse Olukemi Dare.



Prof. O. Geoffrey Okogbaa currently serves as the Vice-Chancellor/President Designate of the Proposed Clinton University of Nigeria. Still under planning and construction, Clinton University of Nigeria is an integrated model institution with proposed programmes and courses that run the gamut of the entire education spectrum including but not limited to Engineering, Technology, Liberal Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Mathematics), Agriculture, Health, Law, and Entrepreneurship. Professor O. Geoffrey Okogbaa served as the Pioneer Vice-Chancellor Federal University Wukari Taraba State Nigeria from February 16, 2011-February 16, 2016. Prior to this assignment as Vice-Chancellor, Okogbaa was Professor of Engineering at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.



Augusta Uwamanzu Nna is a Nigerian who grew up experimenting, spending her holidays researching as an intern in NYC's Engineering department; and then at Columbia University, looking for a way to reduce cement's carbon footprint. In 2016, she discovered that adding a Nano-clay ingredient called Attapulgite to cements slurries keeps offshore oil wells from leaking. For her ground-breaking work, she earned acceptance to all eight Ivy League schools and started at Harvard.



Prof. Mobolaji Ebenezer Aluko an indigene of Ekiti State is a Professor of Chemical Engineering, and the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University Otuoke in Bayelsa State, Nigeria. He was appointed to the position in February 2011 and completed a single five-year term successfully in February 2016. During that period, he presided over the growth of the university from virgin territory (200 hectares) to two campuses. Prior to his Vice-Chancellorship, Prof. Aluko worked as a professor of Chemical Engineering at Howard University, Washington, DC, rising in 1984 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor (1988) and then full Professor (1994). He was Chair of its Chemical Engineering Department from 1994-2002, and director of Howard's ECSEL (Engineering Coalition of Schools for Excellence and Leadership) programme from 1991 to 2002.



Princess Dr. Badewa T. Adejugbe-Williams, an accomplished Educational Specialist, Educational Therapist, Director, Producer, Stage Manager, Actress and Model. Holds Bachelors of Arts degree, with a double major in English and Drama; minor in Journalism, from Jacksonville State University, Alabama. While earning her B.A., she became the first Black Stage Manager of theatrical productions at her university and the first professional to solely stage-manage the university's stage productions for three years in a row. Having done a splendid job stage-managing at the university, she earned two Masters of Arts (M.A.) degrees in Multicultural Education and Educational Therapy. Dr. Adejugbe-Williams is currently the General Manager of the Abuja Film Village International Ltd. She is the Chair of the Nigeria Diaspora Summit Initiative (NDIS). She is the founder of the Royal School of Educational Therapy Foundation with over 25 years' experience as an educational specialist having taught children and adults with and without neuro-developmental disorders in Los Angeles, California, and Chairman of the Hospitality and Tourism Forum and the Event Committee of the Nigeria Diaspora Alumni Network (NiDAN).



Nneoma Nwankwo was named Virginia Tech Student of the Year at the Prestigious Virginia Tech University. She graduated with a degree in Political Science, minored in Public and Urban Affairs and Creative Writing. She maintained a 3.9 GPA while engaging in domestic and international services and research on issues facing women in developing nations. The most prestigious non-academic undergraduate award was given to her at Virginia Tech for her exceptional ability in academics, leadership and service.



Prof Abiodun Alao, is a Nigerian Professor of African studies at King's College London and also the Programme Director of the African Leadership Centre. In late 2013, he became the first black African to deliver an inaugural lecture since the establishment of the college in 1829.



Prof. S. Adesola Ajayi is an Agricultural scientist with more than 20 years research and management experience in Nigeria, South Africa, Austria, Germany and United Kingdom. He has participated in several national and continental agricultural policy dialogues on seed industry development, managed several country-level projects for national and international organizations like the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He has trained several undergraduate and postgraduate students and is fluent in Yoruba, English and German.



Emelife Stella Chinelo: She made history in India after winning 20 gold medals in MSc Chemistry at the University of Mysore, India. In 2013, she was the overall best graduating student of Usman Dan Fodio University Sokoto with A 4.86 CGPA.



Prof. Charles Egbu is the First Black Professor to be appointed Vice-Chancellor at the Leeds Trinity University in the United Kingdom. Professor Charles Egbu hails from Abatete in Idemili Local Government Area of Anambra State and is a prolific writer. Professor Egbu is also on the Editorial Boards of many Publications, National and International Scientific Committees on Research in Construction Management, Project and Programme Management, Innovation and Knowledge Management, and Sustainable Development. He was the Chair of the Association of Researchers in Construction Management (ARCOM: 2010 – 2012).



Francisca Oboh Ikuenobe, A Geologist and professor of Geology at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Her awards include the following: Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 2017 Elected Fellow, Geological Society of America (GSA), 2011. Fulbright Specialist Roster Candidate, 2010–2015. Elite American Educators 2010 – present. Best Poster Award— XXIII Brazilian Congress of Paleontology, Gramado, 2013. Woman of Legacy, Voices of Edo Women, 2011.



Idon Akogun is acclaimed as the first to create a Sustained Education Programme Linkage between Institutions of Learning in the Western World and Africa. He utilizes live interactive video connectivity (video conferencing) to connect students in developing nations with faculties in developed nations. He is a graduate of Lincoln University in United States; a highly intelligent, naturalized American, respected in the ICT/Multi-Media for his ‘out-of-the-box’ thinking in making life easy for humanity. His rare initiative has been applauded by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



Prof. Dehlia Umunna is the first Nigerian to be appointed a Professor at Harvard Law School. She started working at Harvard Law School in 2007 and she is also Deputy Director and Clinical Instructor at Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), through which she supervises third-year law students in criminal and juvenile proceedings and arguments before Massachusetts’ Supreme Judicial Court and Appeal Court.



Prof. Jacob K. Olupona is Professor of African Religious Traditions, Harvard Divinity School and Professor of African and African American Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He studied at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Boston University where he received his PhD in Comparative Religion in 1983. Olupona has authored or edited numerous books, including *Kingship, Religion and Rituals in a Nigerian Community: A Phenomenological Study of Ondo Yoruba Festivals* and *The City of 201 gods: Ile-Ife in Time Space and the imagination*, in which he examines the modern urban mixing of ritual, royalty, gender, class, and power, and how the structure, content, and meaning of religious beliefs and practices permeate daily life. His most recent edited volume, *Ifa Divination: Knowledge, Power, and Performance* analyses the famous tradition of Ifa divination from perspectives as varied as theology, art and aesthetics, philosophy, and cultural studies. In 2008 he was awarded the highest distinction the Nigerian government bestows on civilians – the Nigerian National Order of Merit, and he was inducted into the Nigerian Academy of Letters in 2015. In October 2015, he was honoured with the Reimar Lust Award by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.



Dr. David Olowokere is the chairman of the engineering technologies department at Texas Southern University. This Nigerian-American had his PhD degree in Structural Engineering State University of New York, Buffalo, NY in February 1978. Olowokere bagged his Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering at Queen’s University, Kingston Ontario, Canada in November 1974. He received bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria in June, 1972 with specialty in General Civil Engineering including Architectural Engineering & Construction Management.



Prof. Kunle Olukotun is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Stanford University and he has been on the faculty since 1991. Olukotun is well known for leading the Stanford Hydra research project which developed one of the first chip multiprocessors with support for thread-level speculation (TLS). Olukotun founded Afara Websystems to develop high-throughput, low power server systems with chip multiprocessor technology. Afara was acquired by Sun Microsystems; The Afara microprocessor technology, called Niagara, has become one of Sun's fastest products.



Toyin Falola is the Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History at the University of Texas at Austin. A Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, he is the author of numerous books, including *Key Events in African History: A Reference Guide*, *Nationalism and African Intellectuals*, and many edited books including *Tradition and Change in Africa* and *African Writers and Readers*. He is the co-editor of the *Journal of African Economic History*, Series Editor of *Rochester Studies in African History* and the *Diaspora*, and the Series Editor of the *Culture and Customs of Africa* by Greenwood Press. He has received various awards and honours, including the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the Texas Exes Teaching Award, and the Ibn Khaldun Distinguished Award for Research Excellence. He has recently published an acclaimed memoir, *A Mouth Sweeter than Salt: An African Memoir*.



Dr. Ekwere J. Peters is a petroleum engineering professor at the University of Texas. The University Of Texas System Board Of Regents approved Dr. Ekwere J. Peters as a professor emeritus. In the 85-year history of UT PGE only five other professors have received the prestigious title.

He has served on the faculty since 1980. He has four years of industrial experience and specializes in fluid flow in porous media. His research interests include application of advanced imaging technologies for the physical and mathematical modelling of fluids in porous media.



Wole Soboyejo was educated at King's College London and the University of Cambridge before going to the United States in 1988 to become a research scientist at The McDonnell Douglas Research Labs in St. Louis, MO. In 1992, he worked briefly as a Principal Research Engineer at the Edison Welding Institute before joining the engineering faculty of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. From 1997 to 1998, he was a visiting Professor in the departments of mechanical engineering and materials science and engineering at MIT. Dr. Soboyejo moved to Princeton University in 1999 as a Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He is also the Director of the U.S./Africa Materials Institute, and the Director of the Undergraduate Research Programme at The Princeton Institute of Science and Technology of Materials. His research focuses on experimental studies of biomaterials and the mechanical behaviour of materials. Current areas of interest include micromechanical machines, nanoparticles for disease detection, biomedical systems for prostheses, and cardiovascular systems, infrastructure materials, and alternative energy systems.

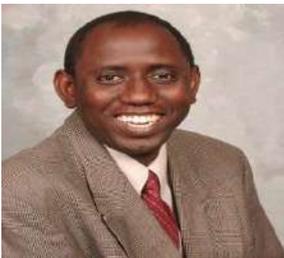


Akintunde Akinwande is a Nigerian-American born in Offa in Kwara State. He attended Government College, Ibadan and had his B.Sc in Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife. He is a professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His awards include Sweatt Award Honeywell's Technical Award (1989); National Science Foundation (NSF) Career Award (1996); Fellow Class of 2008 IEEE.



Adesuyi A Leslie Ajayi M.D., PhD, is a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, at Chicago State University College of Pharmacy. He was Professor of Biomedical Science, in the Department of Health Studies, College of Health Sciences at Chicago State University (2007- 2008). Dr Ajayi is currently an adjunct Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Texas. He obtained his MD at the University of Ife in Nigeria in 1980, and his PhD from the Glasgow University, Scotland, United Kingdom in 1985.

Dr Ajayi has authored 4 books including *Diaspora Medicine* (2001) and *Immigration and Health* (2008).



Abba Gumel is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics and the Director of the Institute of Industrial Mathematical Sciences (IIMS) of the University of Manitoba. He received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from Bayero University Kano, Nigeria and Brunel University London, England respectively. His main research interests are in (i) Mathematical Biology, (ii) Nonlinear Dynamical Systems and (iii) Computational Mathematics. Professor Gumel is also a member of the Canadian Mathematics Society (CMS) and serves on the Outreach Committee of the Society for Mathematical Biology (SMB). Owing to its interdisciplinary nature, Professor Gumel's work enjoys fruitful collaborations with mathematical and medical scientists from around the world. Professor Gumel has received numerous awards and honours.



Prof. Adetunji Haastrup is a Global Ambassador of Management and Leadership Development for the Mogul, in New York, USA.

The President/CEO of Global Education Network (Nigeria), had earlier on bagged a triple appointment as a member of Harvard Business Review Council, USA, Commonwealth Education Council, London UK and Leadership Council, USA.



Prof. Yushau Sodiq: The thought of a Muslim teaching Islamic Law in a Christian University in the United States of America will naturally throw up images of discrimination, religious bigotry and recrimination. But according to Dr Yushau Sodiq, who was recently promoted a full professor of Islamic Studies and African Religions with specialization in Islamic Law by the Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, in the United States of America, where he has taught for over 20 years, his experience as a Muslim lecturer in a Christian university has been nothing but awesome.



Purity Gandu from Kaduna State, made history as the first black person to obtain a First Class degree in Medical Sciences in Tambov State University in Russia and in the entire Russian Federation.



Nigerian scholar **Adzege Faeren, M.D.**, made history in Russia as the first African to enter the Hall of Fame in Stavropol State Medical University. The Benue state indigene also received a gold medal as the best graduating student for the class of 2020, presenting the valedictory speech. Dr. Adzege over the years has received other national and university awards such as: International Student of the Year - Russia, Leader of the year, Face of the faculty of International students amongst others. She was also a recipient of the Russian presidential stipend for outstanding academic performance, excellence in research and cultural work.



Oluwadamilola Oluwadara Adekeye, a Nigerian American who got accepted into Ivy League schools at 17 years old. The Brighton College Abu Dhabi student got accepted by 19 of the 20 top-tier universities she sent admission applications. Some of the universities she was accepted into are Columbia, McGill, Berkeley, Yale, Stanford, and London School of Economics.



Veronica Ebiweni Omofoma studied Electronics/Electrical Engineering for her first degree and masters in Engineering. She came out with a First Class honours and won best overall graduating student in the University of Hull in 2011. Her second degree was obtained from Imperial College in 2013 and PhD from Herriot Watts University in 2017.



Ketandu Chiedu won full scholarships to five Ivy League schools. She first came into limelight when her mother, Joy Nnenne, took to Facebook to announce her daughter's feat. Ketandu is currently studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and is passionate about Physics and Computer Science.



Ilesanmi Adesida is a naturalized American physicist of Yoruba Nigerian descent. He has been the provost at Nazarbayev University in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, from September 2016.

Adesida earned his bachelor's degree in 1974, his masters in 1975, and his doctorate in 1979, all in electrical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He joined the Illinois faculty in 1987.



Harold Ekeh is a straight-A student that has accomplished the rare feat of getting admission into all of the United States Ivy League Universities, having emigrated from Nigeria. He holds unique pre-professional, pre-vocational, and community service experiences in the STEM fields.

As Salutatorian of his high school, he earned an overall grade point average of 100.5. His other academic accomplishments include recognition as an AP Scholar with Honours, his designation as a Top Ten Scorer in all categories and 1st Place in Medicine and Health Sciences at the New York Science and Engineering Fair and for his research on the Chaos Theory and the Double Pendulum.

Harold has been Editor-in-Chief of the Elmont Phoenix School newspaper since the start of his junior year and held executive board positions in Elmont Memorial's Model United Nations, Science Research and honour societies. He is the co-founder and executive director of the Excel College Prep Programme and founder and director of the Joshua Generation youth choir and youth group. Harold was recently named a 2015 Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist for his research project titled: "The Role of PARP-1 in MeHg- induced Dopaminergic Dysfunction and Mitochondrial DNA Depletion."



Prof. Micheal Umeadi is an accomplished Administrator with African and global experience in Operations Management. His work centres on strategic planning, process improvements, relationship management, staff developing and public relations.

He has proven success in research on traditional and online instruction methods, production management, International business, development economics and global political economy.



Tobeckukwu `Tobi` Phillips

Tobi, a student from the Alvin High School in Texas is making history as the first Black valedictorian in her school's history of 125 years. Boasting of a 6.9GPA, Phillips earned all A's throughout her high school career.



Prof. Mohammed K. Farouk is the current Secretary of the Islamic School of Miami (ISOM) Board of Directors. He was the founding Vice-Chancellor of Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State in Nigeria. He was a professor at Florida International University from 1991-2014. He obtained his doctorate in Education from West Virginia University in 1990 and his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Education from Bayero University Kano, Nigeria in 1986 and 1984 respectively. He has been active in the Muslim community in Southwest Miami-Dade since 1991. He is a Founding Member of ISOM and had served as the Chairperson of the ISOM Board from 2009-2012 and Secretary from 1995-2009.



Prof Chris Imafidon is an international scholar whose children and students broke academic records in Britain and Europe to become the youngest persons ever to pass the University of Cambridge's advanced mathematics exam and also the youngest ever to enter high school, and Oxford University. He has often said that every child is a genius and evidence has demonstrated that. Prof Chris Imafidon is also an "Intellectual icon, and scholar who has taught at world leading universities and consultant to governments" according to CNN, BBC, Time and The Telegraph.

Chris Imafidon, is one of the "World's foremost scholars on leveraging informatics for learning and exceptional achievement (genius)" according to the BBC, CNN and USA-Today. Prof Chris is a multi-award winning researcher and scientific pioneer. He is a member of the Information Age Executive Round-table forum – which is made up of the top 15 IT experts, decision-makers, CIOs, and executives in the UK. He is one of the pioneers of the world's first-ever masters degree in Internet Engineering in London, UK and won a £1million Equipment grant for an earlier comparative computerised study.

He has mentored/taught students who are widely regarded as geniuses after making them record-breakers in all major examinations, including records in Technology and Mathematics beyond the current Guinness Book of World Records. His more mature students and mentees are captains of industry and academic leaders who regularly address NATO, and IEEE conferences.



Peter Eze in June 2019 bagged the award of the most outstanding student at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing, China.



Master Chika Ofili, a 12-year-old Nigerian boy based in the UK, has bagged a special award for recognition after making a shocking new discovery in mathematics. He is said to have discovered a new formula for divisibility by 7 in mathematics. His new formula for divisibility of 7 is to multiply the last digit in the figure and then add everything together, and then check if the new figure is a multiple of 7.

For example, to check if 7 can divide 532, the process is illustrated below:

$53 + 2 \times 5 = 63$. 63, is a multiple of 7, hence 7 can divide it. Amazing isn't it? This is Nigeria to the World.



Zuriel Elise Oduwole is a Nigerian-American education advocate and film maker best known for her works on the advocacy for the education of girls in Africa. Her advocacy has since made her the youngest person to be profiled by Forbes. In November 2014, at age 12, Zuriel became the world's youngest filmmaker to have a self-produced and self-edited work screened, after her film showed in two movie chains, and then went on to show in Ghana, England, South Africa, and Japan. Oduwole has met with 31 presidents and prime ministers in line with her education advocacy work. Some of these include the leaders of Jamaica, Croatia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Liberia, South Sudan, Malta, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Guyana, Sierra Leone and Namibia. She has also appeared in popular television stations including CNBC, Bloomberg TV, BBC and CNN. In 2013, Oduwole was listed in the New African Magazine's list of "100 Most Influential People" and in October 2017, Harvard University graduate school featured her development story.



Divine Ametefe; A brilliant Nigerian, who graduated with a perfect CGPA of 4.0 from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications of University Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Malaysia is a pride to Nigeria.



Malcom Ebose graduated top of his class at a prestigious University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom with the class of 2019. He graduated with a First Class degree in Architecture.



Bashir Dodo: A computer genius won the Brunel University London's Dean Prize for Impact and Innovation and Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Doctoral Research. In 2018, as a PhD student, Bashir won Best Student Paper in Portugal for his algorithm to diagnose eye diseases.



YAHAYA OLOGELE holds Master's Degree in economics from the University of Lodz. A seasoned teacher in Poland who has been working in the polish educational sector; he has lived in that country for well over twenty years and has intermingled with the polish authority.



NIYI ADERIBIGBE is a social entrepreneur and skills broker based in Poland. He is the founder of the Diaspora Events and alumni of the Clark University where he holds an MSc in Information Technology. He has over 15 years of experience covering the fields of Management and Business, Consultancy, IT and events management. Niyi has extensive managerial skills in advising and consulting for diplomatic and governmental parastatals, as well as mentoring start-ups.



Nigeria's **Ololade Adetifa** graduated with a distinction in Drilling and Well Engineering from British's Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. She also has a degree in Electrical Electronics from Afe Babalola University in Ekiti, Nigeria.



Anne-Marie Osawemwenze Ore-Ofe Imafidon MBE is a British computing, mathematics and language child prodigy. She is one of the youngest to pass two GCSEs in two different subjects while in primary school. Imafidon founded and became CEO of Stemettes in 2013, a social enterprise promoting women in STEM careers.

Imafidon was born in England, Her father Chris Imafidon, is an ophthalmologist who emigrated from Edo State, Nigeria, to London, and her mother is Ann Imafidon. Imafidon began school at St Saviour Church of England Primary School in Walthamstow, London. She passed two A level examinations in Mathematics and Computer science at the age of 11. At 13, in 2003, she received a British scholarship to study mathematics at Johns Hopkins University. At 15, in 2005, she was admitted into a degree programme by the University of Oxford. At 17, she started a masters degree at the University of Oxford and, at 19 in June 2010, she became the youngest ever graduate with a masters degree. She speaks six languages. She holds Honorary Doctorates from the Open University, Glasgow Caledonian University, University of Kent and the University of Bristol. She also holds an honorary fellowship at Keble College, Oxford and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Sunderland. She was included in the annual Power list in 2020, of the 100 most influential people in the UK of African/African Caribbean descent, Suffrage Science award(2020).



Igiehon Anthony, is a long standing Senior Corporate Lecturer with many years of work experience. He has worked in the training of numerous corporation personnel and has also had experience as a strategic business adviser, paying attention to the impact of local and international politics and government policies on business activities. Helping to 'map-out' appropriate business strategies, meant to enhance growth.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies/Civilization from the University of Ibadan; from 1988 to 1992, Master of Science, Professional Business Communication, at Clark University Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Business Administration and Management, General, at Clark University Master of Arts, International Relations and Affairs - European Administration, at University of Wales.



Prof. Esther Akinlabi is a full Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Built Environment, University of Johannesburg. Her research interest is in the field of modern and advanced manufacturing processes – Friction stir welding and additive manufacturing. Her research in the field of laser based additive manufacturing includes laser material processing and surface engineering. She also conducts research in the field of renewable energy, and biogas production from waste. She is a rated National Research Foundation (NRF) researcher and has demonstrated excellence in all fields of endeavours. Her mentorship and research experience is enviable as she guides her team of postgraduate students through the research journey. She is a recipient of several research grants and has received many awards of recognition to her credit. She is a member of the prestigious South African Young Academy of Science and registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa. Prof Akinlabi has filed two patents, edited one book, published four books and authored/co-authored over 250 peer reviewed publications.



Dr. Olaoluwa Hallowed Oluwadara became Africa's youngest PhD holder in Mathematics at age 24 in 2013. He was the Best Overall Graduating PhD Student at the University of Lagos with a perfect CGPA of 5.0 in 2013. He is a Next Einstein Fellow. He attained his Baccalaureate (A' Levels) at age 14. He studied Mathematics-Physics at the University of Bangui. In his third year, he registered separately for Mathematics and Physics and obtained concurrently two BSc degrees in Mathematics and Physics. Dr. Olaoluwa Hallowed Oluwadara was granted the same permission to register separately and concurrently for Masters' programmes in Mathematics and Physics and obtained two Masters' degrees with Distinction at the age of 19. Dr. Olaoluwa Hallowed Oluwadara is the first and only student to have completed two concurrent degrees in mathematics and physics at the Undergraduate and Master's level in the Central African Republic.

He is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University and his research interest has shifted to the more theoretical study of quantum ergodicity in mathematical physics which ultimately applies to optimisation of various systems in computer science, thermodynamics, optics, etc.



NDUKA OTIONO is a writer, Associate Professor and Graduate Programme Supervisor at the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University. He is the author and co-editor of eight books of creative writing and academic research. Prior to turning to academia, he was for many years a journalist in Nigeria, General Secretary of Association of Nigerian Authors, founding member of the Nigerian chapter of UNESCO's Committee on Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage, and founding member of the Board of the \$100,000 annual Nigerian Prize for Literature. His works have appeared in *Journal of Folklore Research*, *African Literature Today*, *Journal of African Cinema*, *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*, *Postcolonial Text*, *African Literature Today*, *Wasafiri*, etc. His recent books include the co-edited volume of essays, *Polyvocal Bob Dylan: Music, Performance, Literature* (Palgrave 2019) and *Wreaths for a Wayfarer: An Anthology of Poems in Honour of Pius Adesanmi* (2020). His professional honours include Association of Nigerian Authors/Spectrum Books Prize for Fiction, Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship, and Capital Educator's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Carleton University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Early Career Award for Research Excellence, Carnegie Africa Diaspora Fellowship (twice), and Black History Ottawa Community Builder Award.



Prof. Wale Adebani became the first black Rhodes professor of Race Relations at the University of Oxford. He is also the Director, African Studies Centre, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and a fellow of St Anthony's College, University of Oxford.

Apart from studying Mass Communication from the University of Lagos where he graduated in 1992, Adebani has gone ahead to acquire more knowledge climbing extraordinary heights. He has two doctorates, one at the University of Ibadan and another at Cambridge where he was a Bill Gates scholar. After his sojourn at the University of Ibadan and the University of California, Davis, he moved to the University of Oxford in 2017 where he attained a feat never achieved by any black man.



Twenty Four Year Old **Evans Ochuko Iwurie Junior** made history recently at the Royal Holloway University of London by becoming the first youngest First Class graduate in Economics, since the establishment of the university over 166 years ago. Evans, who is originally from Delta State, has added his name to the prestigious list of bright minds from that part of the country.

Royal Holloway University of London was founded in 1849 and was known as Bedford College. Later in 1879, the name changed and it became the Royal Holloway College and finally by 1900, it became a constituent college of the University of London.



Dayo Olomu was appointed as a member of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education. Based in London, He is a renowned international motivational speaker, human capital development strategist, business mentor, executive coach and award winning event host, best-selling author and corporate trainer.

He is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) and Vice-Chair of the South London Branch. He is also Founder, Dayo Olowu Foundation: Founding President, Croydon Communicators Toastmasters and President, Nigerian Trainer and Speakers Consortium (NTSC) UK.



Mary Edwin, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education Sciences and Professional Programmes at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, was among those honoured as a NCDA 2020 Award winner.

Edwin and her co-authors, Diandra J. Prescod and Julia Bryan, won Article of the Year for a piece published in *Career Development Quarterly* – the official journal of the NCDA. She is blazing the trail with counselling education and career counselling, 2019 *Career Development Quarterly* Article of the Year and 2020 Gerald and Deanne Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award.



The United Kingdom recently nominated **Dapo Akande**, a Nigerian-born Professor of international law who had his formative legal experience in Nigeria, as its candidate for the International Law Commission at the United Nations.

Currently, an international law professor at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, Akande was handed UK's slot ahead of a UN election billed for November. Akande is vast in public international law, and has experience both as an academic and independent practitioner, including representing governments and individual claimants in courts. An author and researcher of over 60 publications on international law, Akande has acted as a consultant to international organisations, including the United Nations, the African Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the International Criminal Court, the Food and Agriculture Organisation, and the Commonwealth secretariat.



Dr Awojide obtained a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Abuja, a master's degree in International Business with Distinction from Coventry University (UK) and a PhD in Strategic Management from Loughborough University (UK). He has worked in the Banking and Financial Services Sector and as a Researcher in the Human Resources Department at Brush Turbogenerators (UK).

He is a renowned Career and Personal Development Coach who delivers trainings on skills and employability.

He was invited by the Kenyan High Commission and the Ministry of Education in Kenya to engage over 300 Kenyan Students on how to create a University Exit Strategy. He has also been invited by the Nigerian Economic Summit Group and the African Development Bank to make presentations about human capital development, job creation and youth development.

He is a Member of the Africa Academy of Management, British Academy of Management and an Associate Member of the Chartered Management Institute (UK).



Okwui Enwezor was the Varnedoe Professor at the Institute of Fine Arts in 2012, and a Global Distinguished Professor downtown in the Department of Art History in 2013.

A Nigerian by birth, he came to the United States for college, and this multicultural perspective became his signature, the foundation of his mission as a “change agent.”

Sprawling, global, thought-provoking and controversial exhibitions like Documenta 11 in Kassel in 2002, Intense Proximity in Paris, the 2015 Venice Biennale, the Gwangju Biennale in South Korea, The Rise and Fall of Apartheid at ICP in New York, and most recently Postwar and El Anatsui in Munich (to name only a few) broke open the insularity of the Western art world by introducing works of artists from Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East and elsewhere.

A culture warrior, Enwezor's exhibitions and writings immersed us in a world without a centre, where a cacophony of voices could speak – in harmony and dissonance— from anywhere within what he called the “postcolonial constellation.”



Segun Gbadegesin is a Professor of Philosophy and was Head of Department of Philosophy and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington DC. He received his B.Sc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (First Class) from the University of Ife, Nigeria; M.A. and PhD in Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He has always been dedicated to the growth and significant development of his students and he is held in high regard within the Howard community as a result of his many contributions in philosophy and research.



Niyi Coker, Jr. is a full Professor & the Director of The School of Theatre, Television, and Film (TTF) at San Diego State University in California. He has served as Visiting Artistic Director to several theatre companies: K3 at Malmo Hogskola in Sweden, the National Theatre of Nigeria, Black Box Theatre in Bermuda, Artscape in Cape Town, South Africa, and University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa. He is the founding Artistic Director of the African Arts Ensemble in New York City.

Some of his plays include: Ouray, written in collaboration with the Southern Ute Tribal Council in Ignacio Colorado; Endangered Species, commissioned and sponsored by the British Council; Preemptive, staged at London's West End Shaw Theatre, produced by the Z-Mirage and Company. His Off-Broadway writing and directing credits, include, Booth! a musical on the Lincoln assassination; Miriam Makeba-Mama Africa –the musical”, made possible by grants and fellowships from the Carnegie Foundation, the USA State Department, along with permission and grand rights licenses by the ZM Makeba Trust in Johannesburg, South Africa.

His award winning films currently screening and distributed on Amazon Prime network in the USA and Europe are; “Black Studies USA”, “Pennies for the Boatman” won Best Screenplay at the 2012 Madrid International Film Festival. “Ota Benga – Human at the Zoo”, premiered at the Smithsonian Museum of African Art in Washington DC. He is the winner of Best Documentary film both at the London International Film Festival and the Nice International Film Festival. He is a full member of SDC (Society for Stage Directors and Choreographers), and Associate member of the DGA (Director's Guild of America). He is Director of the Africa World Documentary Film Festival.



Ufot Ekong is a Tokoyo-based Nigerian student, achieved a great feat by not only breaking a 50 year old academic record in Tokai University, Japan but also by solving a mathematical puzzle which had remained unsolved for 30 years.

Ekong who studied at Tokai University in Tokyo achieved a first class degree in electrical engineering and scored the highest marks at the university since 1965.

The feat resonated as he was only in his first semester in the university when he solved a 30 year old mathematics equation.

Throughout his University career, Ekong was said to have won six awards for academic excellence despite maintaining two jobs alongside his studies so as to pay his way as a student. Besides working for Nissan, he has two electronic car design patents to his credit.



Dr. Ekundayo Joseph Adepehin.

His is a dynamic geoscientist with expertise in applying sediment logical skills to enhance petroleum exploration and reconstructing ancient environments. He is currently a contract staff with the National University of Malaysia (UKM), where he works as a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Dayo was a recipient of the prestigious Malaysia International Scholarship sponsored by the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia for his PhD. His highly successful doctorate research, which focused on pore-scale reservoir quality in the onshore Sarawak Basin, East Malaysia was also awarded the highly competitive American Association of Petroleum Geologists' grant-in-aid for two consecutive years (2018 and 2019). His research has fostered strong collaboration and synergy between UKM and industry experts, notably from PETRONAS, Malaysia, as well as other institutions globally. Dr Adepehin's research and consultancies have contributed to better understanding of the regional geology and petroleum systems of the Sarawak Basin, Malaysia, Sirte Basin, Libya, Weald and Wessex Sub-basins, England, Muglad Basin, Sudan, and a host of other Nigerian basins (e.g., Anambra, Niger Delta, Benue Trough, and Dahomey basins). Authored 17 WOS-indexed publications mainly in quartile-1 journals and has presented his research in renowned international conferences. He is a choice reviewer for high-ranking journals in his field and funding agencies.



OLAJUMOBI RACHAEL AKEEB is graduate of Chemical Engineering from the prestigious University of Minnesota. She is currently pursuing her master degree in the same discipline. She has won so many awards and scholarships some of which are attached herewith. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Chemical Engineering (2020-2021 academic year), Diversity Summer Fellowship (summer 2021), Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) 2019-2020 academic year and Rip Rapp Scholarship in Engineering 2019-2020 academic year



Ruth L. Okediji is the Jeremiah Smith, Jr, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Centre.

A renowned scholar in international intellectual property (IP) law and a foremost authority on the role of intellectual property in social and economic development, Professor Okediji has advised inter-governmental organizations, regional economic communities, and national governments on a range of matters related to technology, innovation policy, and development. Her widely cited scholarship on IP and development has influenced government policies in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and South America.

Her ideas have helped shape national strategies for the implementation of the WTO's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

She works closely with several United Nations agencies, research centres, and international organizations on the human development effects of international IP policy, including access to knowledge, access to essential medicines and issues related to indigenous innovation systems.





ENGINEERING



Augustine Esogbue is a Professor Emeritus in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Tech. His research interests include dynamic programming, fuzzy sets, decision-making and control in a fuzzy environment, and operations research with applications to socio-technical systems such as health care, water resource management and disaster control planning. He was the Director of the Intelligent Systems and Controls Laboratory. In addition to his research, Dr. Esogbue taught courses in dynamic programming, stochastic operations research, engineering design, and neuro-fuzzy control. He was (and remains) considerably involved in a number of civic activities in Atlanta such as the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission (Vice-Chair), Leadership Atlanta Development Corporation etc.

Dr. Esogbue came to Tech in June 1972 as an Associate Professor with a joint appointment with the Health Systems Research Centre. In June of 1977, he was promoted to Professor with tenure. Dr. Esogbue retired from Georgia Tech in October 2010, and received the title of Professor Emeritus in December 2012.



Prof. Clinton O. Aigbavboa is a full Professor of Sustainable Human Development in the Department of Construction Management and Quantity Surveying, University of Johannesburg, South Africa; with a multidisciplinary research focus on the built environment. Before entering academia, he was involved as a quantity surveyor on several infrastructural projects, both in Nigeria and South Africa. He holds a PhD in Engineering Management and has published over 500 research papers in his areas of interest. He has extensive knowledge in practice, research, training and teaching.



Prof. BRANDO CHIDI OKOLO could easily pass for a sports superstar or a movie star but he is a Professor of materials science and engineering. Okolo specializes in modelling process; structure relationships in engineering materials; metals, ceramics, composites, nanostructured and advanced materials system at the German University in Cairo, Egypt. At 38, he is believed to be the first black African full Professor of Engineering at any German University. Professor Brando Okolo is also the General Secretary of Nigerians in Diaspora Organization in Europe (NIDO).



ENGR. OLUYEMI OLAWALE OGUNDELE, a mechanical engineer was born in Lagos. He attended Surulere Baptist School, Lagos and Baptist Boy's High School, Abeokuta, Ogun State before proceeding to Europe to study Mechanical Engineering at the Higher Technological Institute, Vienna, Austria. He is a recipient of several awards amongst which are; The prestigious NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, in 2005, an award he received together with his colleagues at the International Atomic Energy Agency for their efforts in preventing Nuclear proliferation, the use of Nuclear Energy for military purposes and also in ensuring that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way. He also received the Nigerian Student Union Merit Award in 1993 and ODUDUWA Leadership Award in 2008.



PROF. DEJI AKINWANDE was born in Washington, DC and moved to Nigeria in his early years. He grew up in Ikeja, Lagos, with his parents. He attended Federal Government College, Idoani. He returned to America in 1994, starting at Cuyahoga community college and eventually transferring to Case Western Reserve University to study Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics. During his masters degree he pioneered the design of near-field microwave tips for non-destructive imaging. He received the PhD degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University in 2009, where he conducted research on the synthesis, device physics, and circuit applications of carbon nanotubes and grapheme.



JELANI ALIYU earned fame in the auto industry as a prominent designer in the GM Renaissance Center. He became the Lead Exterior Designer in General Motors a.k.a the second-biggest car manufacturer in the world. The Chevrolet Volt he designed in 2007 won rapturous applause as it is being considered among the up-to-the-minute car models ever. He studied in Sokoto Capital School from 1971 to 1978, where he gained a great deal of productive scholastic experience. He received a prestigious award of “The best in Technical Drawing” after graduation. He now heads the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) as Director General



PRINCE MALIK Ado-Ibrahim, the Kogi born prince who has been involved in the automotive sector since early 1990s had worked with Proton and Lotus and helped them develop the position of Lotus by the Malaysian government in 1999. He was the first black man to work in Formula 1 and also worked for Hyundai for six years. Since he left Formula 1, no black man has been able to replace him there. Prince Malik Ado-Ibrahim is the CEO and Chairman of Nigus Enfinity, a company in collaboration with BYD of China. He is famous for his role in the F1 design. In late 2000s, he became a United Nations under Secretary for renewable energy.



ADEOLA DEBORAH OLUBAMIJI is a Nigerian-Canadian Technologist who specializes in Metal and Plastic Additive Manufacturing (also known as 3D-Printing). In 2017, she became the first black person to obtain a PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the 112-year-old University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Adeola Olubamiji was born in Nigeria. She is a native of Ijare area, Ondo State. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Physics (with Electronics) from Olabisi Onabanjo University, and later went on to obtain her master's degree at Tampere University of Technology, Finland. She received her Doctorate degree from University of Saskatchewan. In 2019, she was named one of the 10 L’Oreal Paris Women of Worth Honourees Canada. Also in 2019, she was named one of 27 Influential Women in Manufacturing Honourees in USA: In 2020, Olubamiji was awarded one of 130 STEP Ahead Honourees and female manufacturing leaders by the Manufacturing Institute, USA.



BABATUNDE AYODEJI OGUNNAIKE is a Nigerian-American chemical engineer of Nigerian descent and the William L. Friend Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Delaware (UD). He is the former Dean of UD's College of Engineering. Ogunnaike attended the University of Lagos for his bachelor's degree, graduating with First Class Honours in chemical engineering in 1976. Babatunde has in his many years gathered so many awards like:-2014 Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, 2012 Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering, 2012 Fellow of the American National Academy of Engineering, 2009 Fellow of American Institute of Chemical Engineers and many more.



DR. SONI O. OYEKAN is the President and CEO of Prafis Energy Solutions and a world renowned expert in oil and gas, and oil refining. Soni provided technical and process technology management for over 30 refineries in the past 37 years. He was the process technologist for Marathon Petroleum Company, Amoco and Sunoco with responsibilities for Naphtha processing and oil refining process and technology support between 1993 and 2013. Soni has been conferred with several awards including the 2009 Percy Julian Award from NOBCCChE for significant contributions to the oil industry. He is a Fellow of AIChE, a member of the AIChE Foundation Board of Trustees; The Leadership Council; and he is one of the speakers in AIChE's Speakers Corner. He is a member of AIChE's Legacy Society and the Cumulative Giving group.



JOHN DABIRI is Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and of Mechanical Engineering at Stanford University. His research focuses on science and technology at the intersection of fluid mechanics, energy and environment, and biology. Honours for this work include a MacArthur Fellowship, an Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, and a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). John received his B.S.E. *summa cum laude* in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University in 2001, his M.S. in Aeronautics from Caltech in 2003, and his Ph.D. in Bioengineering with a minor in Aeronautics from Caltech in 2005. He joined the Caltech faculty in 2005, was granted tenure in 2009, and he was promoted to full professor in 2010. During his 10 years on the Caltech faculty, he served as Chair of the Faculty Board and as the Dean of Students.



ADENIYI OLAYIWOLA is a Software Developer Engineer, Oregon USA. He is a result-oriented Software Engineer with solid experience in analysis, design, development, testing and implementation of various database-driven internet-based, windows and mobile applications. He is proficient in a variety of platforms, languages and embedded systems.



Dr. Ibrahim Salau has worked for Sikorsky Aircraft since 2014 on manufacturing of Blackhawk helicopters. Salau's current assignment is the design and analysis of Sikorsky's new Executive Transport Helicopter, VH92A. He recently received a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the critical review process of this aircraft.

His desire for more challenges in Aerospace Engineering led him to B/E Aerospace in Jacksonville, Florida in 1998 where he designed and analysed aircraft interior systems. His responsibilities included working on galleys and its refrigeration systems, seats and closets for wide body aircraft like Boeing and Airbus. In 2000, Dr. Salau was employed by Delta Airlines as a senior engineer at the company's Technical Operations Centre.

At Delta, he worked on such aircraft as B737, B757, B767, B777 specializing on Fuselage Structures, Vertical and Horizontal Stabilizers, JT8D and PW4000 engines, Thrust Reversers and Auxiliary Power Units. His experience in the field saw Dr. Salau hiring himself out as a consultant in aerospace engineering to various aircraft manufacturers beginning with Sikorsky Aircraft, Connecticut, USA, as a consultant working on Blackhawk and Seahawk helicopters, as a Maintenance Review Board engineer.



HASSAN BADRU is a young, creative genius whose skills and professionalism are top-notch. He is an Engineer, Artist, Entrepreneur and Founder of Rebruit. He has a degree in Electrical & Computer engineering from Morgan State University.



ADE AKINYOOYE is the Vice-President Software Engineer at JPMorgan Chase & Co. He studied Software Engineering at the University of Manchester and has a Masters in Advanced Information Systems.



ADE OMERE is the Lead Process Engineer at Microsoft. She has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas. She joined Microsoft in 2013 and has risen to become the Lead Process Engineer at Microsoft.



Victor Edozien is the Founder/Managing Partner of The Asaba Group, Inc. - a strategy consulting/private equity holding company and is a US Army Infantry Veteran. Victor has over 15 years of experience in strategy development & planning, revenue growth, acquisitions and business improvement. He has quietly built a \$400 million portfolio in the automotive manufacturing industry in the USA. Edozien's Asaba Holdings operates manufacturing, consulting and lifestyle businesses and has operations in five states in the US. Its portfolio companies include the AG Manufacturing Inc, which is an Electrical and electronics sub-assembly manufacturer for the automotive, marine and military defence industries; the SET Enterprises, which is a major provider of steel processing services to the automotive industry and the Asaba Group which offers strategy consultancy to the automotive industry and the US Air Force. The companies operate manufacturing plants in Michigan, Illinois, Alabama, and Indiana. Victor has a BS in Electrical Engineering, BA Geology with Mathematics, a MS Engineering, and MBA in Finance & Operations Management. He is in the Wharton Fellows Programme at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), and CEO Connection.



Prof. Folarin Erogbogbo is a recognized and well-cited biomedical engineering professor. Erogbogbo was funded by the National Science Foundation to demonstrate the first targeted imaging of pancreatic cancer with silicon quantum dots. While funded by the Ford Foundation, Erogbogbo developed a non-toxic form of quantum dots and demonstrated their potential utility in multiple biomedical applications including, but not limited to, cancer imaging, drug delivery, and magnetic resonance imaging. With funding from the SJSU College of Engineering, Erogbogbo is currently developing nanoparticle drugs for investigations in breast cancer research in collaboration with UC Merced, UCSF and Stanford. Erogbogbo has also contributed to some of the first nanotechnology explorations in physiologically relevant 3D cancer models. Erogbogbo has received multiple awards for his mentoring work with students from under-represented minority groups. Erogbogbo is a member of the following professional organizations: Material Research Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineering, American Chemical Society, National Society of Black Engineers, American Association of Cancer Research, Biomedical Engineering Society, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.



Degel Sharon Agoreyo is a Master's student at the Addis Ababa University, where she is pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering – Bioinstrumentation and Medical Imaging (2021) under the African Biomedical Engineering Mobility Scholarship (ABEM). She is conducting her thesis on the application of Artificial Intelligence in Medical Imaging.



Omoaregba Osaretin Ohiwerei is the Director of Operations, post-constructions at the Habesa Breweries SC in Ethiopia, a subsidiary of Bavaria Brewery, Netherlands. He has over 17 years experience including his spell with the Nigerian Breweries PLC, where he served in different capacities before joining Bavaria Brewery in Netherlands in 2013, then deployed to Ethiopia to assist with the start-up of the subsidiary – Habesha Breweries Sc. He is a graduate of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Benin.



HABEEB SOLIHU is a master's student at the Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, where he is studying Civil Infrastructure. His published works include 'Cement soil stabilization as an improvement technique for railway track sub-grade and highway sub-base and base courses: A review'. He is also working on other publications such as 'Performance comparisons of some selected stations of the Addis Ababa Light Rail Transit along N-S line; as well as Investigation of the effects of the anthropogenic activities on the quality of Asa River: A case study of Amilengbe, Ilorin, Kwara State.



Dr. Donatus Nwokoye is the CEO and founder of Donaflex Automotive, which was created in 2007. The turnover of the company as at 2016 was about 9 million euros. His company is a leader in the manufacturing and supply of automotive products, serving markets in Europe and abroad.

He has a doctorate degree in mechanical engineering from the Université de Franche-Comté and has undertaken advanced leadership programmes at the London Business School.

After more than 20 years of technical and commercial experience in the International Automotive Industry, from applied research to product marketing, Donaflex Automotive aims to serve the Automotive Industry market with quality products at the best cost.

Established in Houdan, France Donaflex has extensive testing and validation facilities, as well as a 4500m² storage warehouse. Dr. Nwokoye hails from Anambra State, Nigeria.



Mr. Ken Ugwu, P.Eng is a Senior Bio-containment Advisor with Global Affairs Canada (GAC). He is an expert in Bio-containment Engineering with over 30 years' experience in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of biological containment laboratories, both in Canada and around the world.

He joined the Government of Canada in 1992, after working as a Senior Design Engineer for reputable Canadian consulting engineering companies. He has designed numerous Bio-safety Level (BSL) 2-3 facilities and was the mechanical engineer responsible for the design review, construction and commissioning of the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health (CSCHAH) in Winnipeg, which was the first laboratory in the world to address both human and animal health research within a single facility.

As a Bio-containment Engineering expert, he provided consulting services to the WHO for 18 years in Africa, Asia, Russia and South America. He is currently serving as a member of the WHO Containment Advisory Committee on Polio eradication.

He graduated from the University of Ottawa, Canada in Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Management. Ugwu is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Canada and a member of the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the American Biological Safety Association (ABSA).



Dr. Jude O. Igwemezie, P. Eng., is a registered professional engineer in the province of Ontario and has been involved with rail related engineering and research since 1981. He obtained his B.Eng. degree in Civil Engineering and M.Eng and Ph.D degrees in engineering from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He is an expert in structural mechanics, stress and failure analyses, design, testing and assessment of railway engineering structures and derailment investigations including providing expert reports and witness testimony in court litigations. Between 2003 and 2010, he Chaired Sub- Committee- 2, (Rail Rolling Specifications) of Committee-4 of American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA). He has also authored or co- authored 150 articles, reports and publications on rail track and vehicle systems.

Dr. Igwemezie is the Founder and President of Applied Rail Research technologies (ARRT Inc.), a railway consulting engineering and Research Company and NorFast Inc. that manufactures and markets premium railway track products and is Chairman of TransGlobim International (Globim Corporation); a company constituted to develop and implement efficient monorail transportation systems.

Bankole Adebayo Adams PhD, was born in Jos, Nigeria. He hails from Ilupeju-Ekiti, Ekiti State, and had his early childhood life in Jos.



He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Ife in 1984 and served in Bagauda Kano State for his NYSC. He obtained his Masters degree from the University of Ibadan in 1987. He left Nigeria in 1991 for Saskatoon Canada where he obtained his PhD in 1996, from the University of Saskatchewan, with a Top Graduate Thesis Award by the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineers. Dr. Adams is a published author with publications in professional journals and conference proceedings.

He currently works for IBM as a Senior Engineer and lives with his family in Ottawa, Canada. He is an active member of the Nigerian community in Canada.

As part of his contribution to giving back to Nigeria, he has been involved in fundraising in Canada for projects that support victims in Nigeria as well as health initiatives that partner reputable organisations to deliver free clinics in various cities.





ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA



Veteran Nigerian singer **King Sunny Ade** is the first Nigerian to be nominated for the Grammy award. His first nomination was in 1983 for his album "Synchro System". He was a nominee for the Best Ethnic or Traditional Folk Recording. he is described as “a Nigerian musician, singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and a pioneer of modern world music. He has been classed as one of the most influential musicians of all time.”

In 2008, his contributions to world music was recognised; as he was given an award for his outstanding contribution to world music at the International Reggae and World Music Awards held at the Appollo Theatre in Harlem, New York.

King Sunny Ade is arguably the most decorated Nigerian musician ever. His two Grammy award nominations and the King of World Music award by International Reggae and World Music Award stands him out as first among equals.

In July of 2009 King Sunny Adé was inducted into the Afro pop Hall of Fame, at the Brooklyn African Festival in the United States where he dedicated the award to the late Michael Jackson. In the same year, he was appointed a visiting professor of music at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. In November 2016 he became a recipient of the AFRIMA award. In December 2016 he was inducted into Hard Rock Cafe Hall of fame.



Funke Akindele was born in Ikorodu, Lagos State, Nigeria. She is Yoruba. She attended Grace Children's School, Gbagada, Lagos State. She obtained an Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Mass Communication from the former Ogun State Polytechnic, now known as Moshood Abiola Polytechnic. She earned a Law degree from the University of Lagos.

She is a Nigerian filmmaker, actress, director, producer and politician. Akindele starred in the sitcom I Need to Know from 1998 to 2002, and in 2009, she won the Africa Movie Academy Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role. for her role in Jenifa, which brought her into fame. Akindele reprised the role in a 2015 television series adaption titled Jenifa's Diary, for which she was named the Best Actress in a Comedy at the 2016 and 2017 Africa Magic Viewer's Choice Awards.

She is the second director to gross over a billion naira at the Nigeria box office and also the Highest grossing Nigerian Director in Nigerian Box Office with a total Gross of over ₦2.6 billion.

Akindele runs a non-governmental organization known as the Jenifa Foundation, which aims at providing young people with vocational skills.

Akindele has the most wins at award shows like AMVCA and NEA Awards.



Tiwatope Savage known as Tiwa Savage was Born in Isale Eko, she relocated to London at the age of 11 for her secondary education. Five years later, she began her music career doing backup vocals for artists such as George Michael and Mary J. Blige. After participating in the UK edition of The X Factor and graduating from Berklee College of Music, Savage signed a publishing deal with Sony/ATV Music Publishing in 2009. Inspired by the growth of the Nigerian music industry, Savage moved back to Nigeria and signed with Mavin Records in 2012. She made an appearance on the label's 2012 compilation album Solar Plexus.

Savage appeared on BBC's list of the 100 inspirational and innovative women for 2017. She also made the Women4Africa 2022 Goldlist. In celebration of the 52nd anniversary of Nigeria's independence, Savage performed her rendition of "Arise, O Compatriots" for Ndani Sessions.

On 7 May 2023, Savage performed at King Charles III's Coronation Concert, held at Windsor Castle; she wore a custom Lanre da Silva gown that showcased her Nigerian heritage.



Damini Ebunoluwa Ogulu (Burna Boy) was born in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. He grew up in Southern Nigeria and began making his own beats using FL Studio. He attended Corona Secondary School in Agbara, Ogun State, and relocated to London, England, to further his studies. He studied media technology at the University of Sussex (2009), media communications and culture at Oxford Brookes University (2010). Burna Boy returned to Port Harcourt and took up an internship at Rhythm 93.7 FM, before launching his music career in Lagos.

In 2017, Burna Boy signed with Atlantic Records in the United States (and its parent company Warner Music Group internationally) to release his third studio album, *Outside* (2018).

He won the Grammy for the best global music album in 2020 for his album *Twice as tall*, he is also First Nigerian to have Grammy nominations in five consecutive years, from 2019 to 2023, and Nigerian artist with the most Grammy nominations in history.

Burna Boy's sixth studio album *Love, Damini* was released in 2022 and became the highest debut of an African album on the Billboard 200 chart.

He has been nominated for the Grammy award for **Best African Music Performance** for his hit *City Boys*.



David Adedeji Adeleke, popularly known as **Davido**, is a Nigerian-American singer, songwriter, and record producer. He is one of the most influential artists in Africa.

Davido was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by *New African* magazine in 2019.

Davido won Best International Act at the 2018 BET Awards, becoming the first African artist to receive this award

He has been nominated for the Grammy award for **Best African Music Performance** for his *Unavailable*.



Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun, known professionally as **Wizkid**, is a Nigerian singer and songwriter. A prominent figure in the modern day Afrobeats music scene, he is regarded as one of the biggest and most influential African artists of all time.

Wizkid's contributions to the Nigerian music industry have earned him several achievements, including the Grammy Award for Best Music Video as a lead artist on Beyoncé's "Brown Skin Girl"; his first ever Grammy Award. He is the most awarded African artist at the American Music Awards.

He has been Grammy nominated for his Best Global Music Album: More Love Less Ego and Best African Music Performance: 2 Sugar' Wizkid ft Ayra Starr.



Ahmed Ololade, known professionally as **Asake**, is a Nigerian singer and songwriter. He is signed to YBNL Nation and Empire Distribution. His stage name "Asake" is his mother's name.

Asake studied Theatre and Dramatic Arts at Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria.

In 2020, Asake won the Break Out Artist of the Year at the 2022 All Africa Music Awards, and was nominated as the Best African Music Act at the 2022 MOBO Awards, his first international award nomination.

In February 2023, Asake won the Male MVP award at the Soundcity MVP Awards which was held at the Eko Convention Centre in Lagos. He went on to win the Best African Artist of the Year at the 2023 Vodafone Ghana Music Awards in May. He won the 2023 Headies Next rated award and also the Album of the Year. He has been nominated for the Grammy award for **Best African Music Performance** for his hit Amapiano.



Oyinkansola Sarah Aderibigbe, known professionally as **Ayra Starr**, is a Beninese-born Nigerian singer. She began a fashion career at the age of 16 with Quove Model Management before deciding to pursue a career in music.

After covering several songs on Instagram, she posted her first original song on her page in December 2019, which brought her to the attention of record executive Don Jazzy, who signed her to his record label Mavin Records.

She became the youngest African Female Artist to surpass 100 million views on a single video on YouTube, and also the first to do so within 5 months.

She has been nominated for the Grammy award for Best African Music Performance for her song Rush.



FEMI ELUFOWOJU JR is a British-Nigerian actor, performer and director. After Alton Kumalo's Temba Theatre Company, he is the second theatre director of African descent to establish a national touring company in the UK. His stage work has been featured at the Royal Court Theatre, the Royal National Theatre, the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Manchester's Royal Exchange, the Theatre Royal, Stratford East and the Soho Theatre, and he has worked under such notable theatre directors as Sir Richard Eyre, Nicholas Hytner, Yvonne Brewster, John Retallack, Annabel Arden, Jude Kelly and Annie Castledine.



FEMI OKE is a British television presenter and journalist. Femi was born in London, England, to Nigerian parents. She is a graduate of Birmingham University where she received a bachelor's degree in English Literature and language. Femi began her career at age 14, working as a junior reporter for the United Kingdom's first talk radio station London Broadcasting Company. In 1993, Femi worked for a cable station called Wire TV, this was pre-Janet Street Porter's Live TV. In the early 1990s, Femi presented the BBC's flagship educational science programme Science in Action and was also a presenter of Top of the Pops. She has also worked for GMTV, London Weekend Television, Men & Motors and Carlton Television. She joined CNN in 1999, and worked there until 2008.



PEARLENA IGBOKWE: She is the Chairman of Universal Studio Group, a division of NBC Universal. She is responsible for all aspects of creative affairs and production for NBC Universal's three powerhouse studios: Universal Television, Universal Content Productions (UCP), and NBC Universal International Studios. She is the black woman to head a major television studio.



HENRY SAMUEL 'aka' Seal is a British musician and songwriter who was raised in foster care. He was born in Paddington, London, to a Nigerian mother, Adebisi Ogundeji, and an Afro-Brazilian father, Francis Samuel. He bagged a two-year diploma in architecture. He spent a brief time singing in local clubs and bars till 1987 when he joined a British funk band, Push. He has won many awards throughout his career, including three Brit Awards, four Grammy Awards and an MTV Video Music Award. As a songwriter, he received two Ivor Novello Awards for Best Song Musically and lyrically from the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers, and Authors. Not only is he a renowned musician, but Seal also knows his onions when it comes to fashion.



HAKEEM KAE-KAZIM is internationally known for his portrayal of Georges Rutaganda in the 2004 film, Hotel Rwanda. He was born in Lagos, Nigeria, where he spent his early years before his family relocated to London, England. He trained at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and graduated in 1987. He made a successful transition to British television and appeared in The Bill, Trial and Retribution, and Grange Hill. At some point, he moved to South Africa.



Kae-Kazim is an appointed global ambassador for Africa 2.0. This is a civil society organisation that provides a platform for emerging and established African leaders to drive the transformation of Africa.

SADE ADU, was born in Ibadan, Nigeria, She grew up in Essex, England, and has always shown signs of creativity from an early age. She started her career as a fashion designer and a part-time model. Well established and regarded in her craft, Sade has won prestigious awards such as Billboard, MOBO, and BRIT, among others. Still, she is more than a singer and a pretty face. She is highly fashionable, too. Even at 60, Sade Adu turns heads with her fashion statements every time. She keeps to trends and always stays classy. Not one to go for loud jewellery or screaming colours, Adu proves that one can be conservative in dressing, yet aesthetically appealing.



John Boyega was born to Nigerian parents. He attended the University of Greenwich for Film Studies and Media Writing but later took to acting. He went for acting lessons at the Identity School of Acting, Hackney, UK. Although he lives in the UK, he has visited Nigeria many times and has a strong affiliation with his Nigerian roots. Boyega appeared in the movie, Half of a Yellow Sun, which is an adaptation of the book by Chimamanda Adichie. He also starred in Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, Pacific Rim: Uprising (which he also produced), Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Detroit and many others. He has also performed in many stage plays and television series. He grew up watching many Mount Zion movies.



Nigerian-American rapper, **Jidenna Mobisson**, popularly known as Jidenna, is the definition of a style icon. The singer/rapper known for hits like Classic Man, Bambi, Boomerang and many more, has won four Soul Train Music awards which he received in 2015. The singer developed his style in the university, where he learnt about the power of fashion from his psychology professor. He is the founding member of Fear and Fancy, a social club that is a collection of entrepreneurs, activists, educators, scientists, and artists who host soirees, dinner parties, and demonstrations. He is also deeply vested in his Nigerian roots. Jidenna lived in Nigeria from birth till he was six years old when he moved to the United States, where he still resides.





OLUBOWALE AKINTIMEHIN (Wale) was born in Washington DC, USA. He is more popularly known by his stage name, Wale (Folarin). Wale attended Robert Morris University and Virginia State University on football scholarships, then transferred to Bowie State University, all in the US. He was nominated for a Grammy for his song Lotus Flower Bomb and he has a BET Hip Hop award, Nigeria Entertainment Award and a Soul Train Music award.



CHIWETEL EJIOFOR was born in London's Forest Gate, to Nigerian parents of Igbo descent. His father was a doctor and his mother a pharmacist. His younger sister is a CNN correspondent, Zain Asher. Chiwetel acted in school plays till he joined the National Youth Theatre in London. He got into the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art but left after his first year because Steven Spielberg cast him in the film, Amistad. He starred in Half of a Yellow Sun, Children of Men, Sherlock Holmes, 12 Years a Slave, Triple 9 and most recently, The Lion King. He has also done many theatres and television plays. He has a British Academy Film Award and many others. In 2008, he was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire for his services to drama. Again, in 2015, he was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his services to drama.



Nneka Otogbolu has worked in the commercial banking sector of several banks and provided financial solutions to clients and businesses in the sector. She is an MBA/MSc International Management graduate of the Vancouver Island University, where she was actively involved in activities in the community and co-curricular engagement across the campus. Nneka has created a niche for herself in the non-profit sector in Canada. She has worked for the Moose Hide Campaign, as the Research and Fundraising Coordinator and from 2018 to March 2020, worked as the Executive Director of the Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3), a non-profit organization in Nanaimo, with a mission to inspire children and develop their interest in science through hands-on learning.

She is currently the Director of Communications and Equity Strategy at the Edmonton Community Foundation in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



Olurotimi Akinosho, known professionally as Rotimi, is a Nigerian-American actor, singer, and model. He is known for his role as Darius Morrison on the Starz series Boss and starred as Andre Coleman on Power. Rotimi was born in Maplewood, New Jersey, to Nigerian parents; his father an investment banker of Yoruba origin and his mother of Igbo origin, working for the government. He attended Columbia High School, where he was a standout on both the varsity basketball team and the honours choir. He continued his studies at Northwestern University and graduated with a bachelor's degree.



Zain Ejiofor Asher is a British-Nigerian news anchor at CNN International who is based in New York City. Previously, Asher co-anchored CNN Newsroom on CNN America. In 2013, Asher joined CNN as a business correspondent based in New York City. In addition to financial reporting for CNN, she also had a monthly column in Money Magazine. Born in Balham, London Borough of Wandsworth, England, to Nigerian parents, Asher is the younger sister of actor Chiwetel Ejiofor. She is of Igbo descent; her family hails from Ezeagu LGA, Enugu State, Nigeria. Asher graduated from Keble College at Oxford University in 2005 with a degree in Spanish and French. The following year, she graduated from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, in New York City. Before joining CNN in February 2013, Asher was a full-time reporter for Money.



Uzo Aduba was born in Massachusetts, USA, to Nigerian parents from Anambra State. She graduated from Boston University, where she studied Classical Voice. In 2003, she began gaining recognition for her acting in a performance in Translations of Xhosa at the Olney Theatre Centre for the Arts, Maryland. She made her Broadway debut in 2007 when she played the character, Toby in Coram Boy, and in 2012 she made her first television appearance on Blue Bloods. In 2013, she began playing the mentally challenged character, Suzanne Warren, also known as 'Crazy Eyes', in the ongoing Netflix comedy-drama series, "Orange Is the New Black." Uzo has won two Emmy awards for the role, Crazy Eyes. She also won a Critics' Choice Television Award and five Screen Actors Guild awards.



Sophie Okonedo CBE was born in London, the United Kingdom, is an English film actor, singer, narrator, theatre and television actress. She began her film career in the British coming-of-age drama – Young Soul Rebels, before appearing in Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls and Stephen Frears's Dirty Pretty Things. Upcoming movie: Death on the Nile.



Omasan Buwa born in London is a social worker and media commentator in Nigeria. She holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of North London. Through her career, Buwa has worked as a model, television presenter, restaurateur and actress.

In 1987, Buwa competed in the Miss Nigeria pageant and lost to Stella Okoye, but won the second Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria pageant, representing Warri. In 1988, Buwa represented Nigeria in the Miss Universe, Miss Intercontinental, and Miss World competitions.

Buwa worked as an actress. She took the lead in the movie, Scattered Pictures, and in the soap operas 'Memories and Ripples'. She also worked as the host of weekend breakfast television programme 'Morning Ride broadcast' on NTA 2 Channel 5. Buwa also appeared in regular segments on BEN Television, London.

She is currently doing very well in her career in Atlanta, Georgia and her ancestry connection back home.



Chioma Nnadi's ascension to the editorial helm of the Vogue digital masthead has been a decade in the making. After stints at London's Evening Standard Magazine, Trace, and as Style Director at Fader, Nnadi became a fashion writer at Vogue in 2010, promoted to Fashion News Director in 2014. With her newest promotion, she joins British Vogue's Edward Enninful and Teen Vogue's Lindsay Peoples Wagner among the Black editors-in-chief within the Vogue global franchise.



DJ Dola "Dolapo Ige" is an ardent music lover, vinyl collector, passionate social dancer, and was born in England by Nigerian Yoruba parents. Dola began disc jockey at local parties and clubs in the 1970's in Nigeria and in the 80s and 90s in London, England. In 1998 he started a salsa school/social at Corts Wine Bar, Chancery Lane in London, England and moved to the Washington DC area in January 1999.

DJ Dola is co-owner and producer of Baltimore Salsa Bachata Congress (www.baltimorecongress.com) and also a co-founder of the hard core Salsa Underground DC vinyl Social (www.salsaunderground.com) hosted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at the Capital Ballroom in Bethesda Maryland USA, the only regular vinyl social in the region since 2013 playing salsa dura, salsa vieja, guaguanco, latin Jazz, cha cha cha and boogaloo and timba. He is also a co-founder of Salsa Cubana Collaboration, and Turntablism Vinyl Experience, a vinyl social that brings together vinyl DJs from out of town.



Offiong Bassey is an African Soul and Jazz Vocalist Poet. She studied African-American politics at the prestigious Yale University, while also singing in the college as part of the Cappella group, Shades.

Despite working in the corporate world as a management consultant, she never let her musical dreams die, releasing her debut album, titled: "Offiong Bassey" in 2013.



Toni Adenle is a Digital Media Manager at NHS England. She has a degree in communications and media from Brunel University.

In 2017, she won an award for 'best social media campaign' at the 2017 Comms2Point0 Unawards; a campaign she ran independently and with a zero budget. The campaign which is called #CoverUpMate has proven to be so effective and impactful that NHS England South will continue to run the campaign using her designs and social media strategy moving forward.



Hill Harper was born in Iowa City, IA, the son of two doctors – his father, a psychiatrist and his mother, an anesthesiologist. He graduated *magna cum laude* as valedictorian of his department with a Bachelor’s Degree from Brown University and cum laude with a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. Harper also holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with honours from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and holds honorary doctoral degrees from Howard University, Winston-Salem State University, Cheyney University, Le- Moyne Owen College, Westfield State College, Dillard University and Tougaloo College.

Harper has earned seven NAACP Image Awards for his writing and acting and is a 4-time New York Times best-selling author for his books. Amongst his other titles, Harper is a successful businessman and entrepreneur. He owns The Roasting Plant Coffee Roastery in Detroit, an award-winning hotel in New Orleans, and The Architect & Co. – a health and wellness company.



Ayo Davies is a UK-based Nigerian Gospel Singer, Song writer and Musician, hailed for his original style, awe-inspiring vocals and inimitable passion for gospel music. Ayo Davies began his foray into music at a very young age, with a passion for African contemporary music. His musical journey, from then to now, has seen influences from gospel, contemporary, R&B, soul and jazz music.

Now serving as the musical director for London-based church RCCG Winners Way, Ayo Davies has gone on to revamp local and regional music departments across several churches and organisations in the United Kingdom.

Ayo understands the importance of his first ministry – marriage, and this has not only had a positive impact on his growing music ministry, but also influenced his commitment to living intentionally for God.



Ebony Naomi Oshunrinde professionally known as WondaGurl, is a Canadian record producer, songwriter and record executive. WondaGurl has worked with several prominent artists in the music industry, including Mariah Carey, Travis Scott, Jay-Z, Drake and Kanye West, among others.



Ayo (born as **Joy Olasunmibo Ogunmakin**, Ayo is a Nigerian-German singer, songwriter and actress. She uses the Yoruba translation of her first name Joy. Her debut album Joyful, which was first released in 2006, reached Double-Platinum status in France, Platinum in Germany and Poland, Gold status in Switzerland and Italy and Greece. The album was released in the United States on 20 November 2007 by Interscope Records.



Ademola Adebisi was born in Uelzen to parents from Nigeria. He grew up in Solingen. From 1993 to 2004, he was a presenter of a number of shows on the music television channel VIVA Germany. He now lives in Solingen. From 1993 to 2004 Mola Adebisi was in front of the camera at the TV music channel Viva. He is one of the cult figures from the 90s. He became known to most as a presenter on the TV music station Viva, which has since been discontinued.

He published a book: “90s Reloaded – Viva, Boygroups and me”. The 40- year-old reports in it about a carefree; funny time and exciting interview partners like Lenny Kravitz or Phil Collins.



Rosey Edeh is a Canadian television personality, who was a news anchor for Global News at Noon on Global Toronto and senior reporter for ET Canada. She is currently C.E.O. of Micha Muse Media and has directed her debut film Oliver Jones: Mind Hands Heart. Born in London, England and raised in Montréal, Edeh represented Canada in track and field, becoming a three-time Olympian and a World Cup of Track and Field gold medallist. She is an inductee of the Québec Sports Hall of Fame. She has also served as announcer for the Canadian Athletics Championships and was the track and field commentator and analyst at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Edeh was the fastest woman in Canada to ever run the 400 metres hurdles until her record was broken in 2019.



Donald Adeosun Faison was born in New York City and was immersed in acting from the time he was five. Faison attended the Children's School for the Development of Intuitive and God-Conscious Art, a school created by the National Black Theatre. At the age of six he co-authored and acted in a play called “When the Lion Roars”. He also made home movies with his two younger brothers Dade and Olamide.

Faison's first taste of professional acting was in a television commercial for Oatmeal Raisin Crisp. He went on to a recurring role on Sesame Street and appeared on specials with 1980s celebrities like Marlo Thomas and Bobby McFerrin. Faison studied acting at Manhattan's Professional Children's School and attended La Guardia High School for Music, Art, and the Performing Arts. After graduating in 1992 his popularity really started to rise.



Folasade Olayinka Baderinwa Known professionally as Sade Baderinwa, is an American broadcast journalist. Since 2003, she has been a news anchor at WABC-TV, the ABC flagship station in New York, and currently co-anchors the weekday 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts of Eyewitness News with Bill Ritter.

She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, United States.



Olugbenga Enitan Temitope Akinagbe, An American actor and writer, best known for his roles as Chris Partlow on the HBO series; *The Wire* and as Larry Brown on the HBO series *The Deuce*. He was born in Washington, D.C., United States.

He was a nominee for Hollywood Movie Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role.



Lola Ogunnaike has a career to envy. Most days, you will find this Nigerian- American journalist giving her expertise as a host on PEOPLE TV, and sharing her expertise as a commentator on CNN and MSNBC. Her ground-breaking profile of Burna Boy for the Spring/Summer 2020 issue of GQ showcased a side of the African superstar that few have seen. She called the profile a “labor of love.” But for followers of her work, it was a cherry on top of a career that includes bylines in *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *Elle*, and many other publications.

Ogunnaike is the sister of Nikki Ogunnaike, an Editor, who is also on this year’s 100 Women list.



Chet Anekwe was born in Lagos, Nigeria, raised in Jamaica Queens, New York City and now calls Los Angeles home. His work spans Hollywood, Nigerian cinema and New York Theatre. He can be seen in recent 2018 episodes of "How to Get Away With Murder" with Viola Davis, “The Affair” with Dominic West, "Scorpion" as well as "New Girl" (2016). Chet also worked alongside Academy Award winner, Mo’Nique, in "Phat Girlz" (2006)

Chet has been nominated for and won various awards for his performances. He was nominated for Best Actor Viv Audelco Award (1997) for playing Joseph Cinque, (*The Amistad Story*). He was Best Actor nominee, African Movie Academy Awards (2012).

He has received many rave reviews for his theatre performances. He and the cast of “Real Black Men Don’t Sit Crossed Legged on the Floor” won the 2006 Viv Award for Best Ensemble cast, where the *New York Times* said watching Anekwe was “exciting”.



Malcolm Ohanwe is a multimedia journalist of Bayerischer Rundfunk. For his radio reports he travels around the world: whether to Detroit, the 20 million metropolis of Lagos or the Swabian Sonthofen.

His television films often include topics such as homophobia in religious communities or lyrics glorifying violence in German rap music. His radio plays often centre on feminism, (every day) racism, cultural identity and belonging.

In 2019 he was awarded the International Music Journalism Award and *Medium Magazine* listed him as one of the best journalists up to the age of 30. Together with Marcel Nadim Aburakia, he publishes the podcast “Kanackische Welle”, in which questions of identity in the immigration country Germany are asked entertainingly. He moderates the show “Respect for ARD alpha”.



Bukola Oriola is a speaker, author, mentor, advocate, entrepreneur, consultant, and member, U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Appointed by President Barack Obama in December 2015, Oriola is also an award-winning journalist and a survivor of labour trafficking and domestic violence.

She was highlighted as OVC Consultant Spotlight in January 2017 for Human Trafficking Awareness Month and awarded Change Maker 2009 by the Minnesota Women's Press for her courage. She also received the Empowerment Award in May 2016 from the Student Senate at Metropolitan State University, Minnesota for her inspiring work in human trafficking advocacy. Graduating in spring 2017, she was a recipient of the President's Outstanding Student Award and was selected to give the commencement speech on May 1, 2017 at Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minnesota.



Georgina Chloe Eku Edewor-Thorley, otherwise known as Eku Edewor, is a British-Nigerian actress, television presenter, and model. She is best known for her work as host of the entertainment television programme 53 Extra on Africa Magic. Born in London, United Kingdom, She studied at Benenden School, University of Warwick.



Ijeoma Oluo is a Nigerian-American writer. She is the author of “So You Want to Talk about Race”. She has written for The Guardian, Jezebel, The Stranger, Medium, and The Establishment, where she is also an editor-at-large. Born in Denton Texas, United States, she studied at Western Washington University, Lynnwood High School.



Rick Famuyiwa is a Nigerian-American director, producer and screenwriter of productions including The Wood, Brown Sugar, Talk to Me, and Dope. Born in the United States

Awards: NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture and more.

Education: University of Southern California, St Bernard High School.



Samuel Oluwaseyi Adegoke is a Nigerian-American actor known for playing Jeff Colby in the Dynasty reboot series.

On January 30, 2017, Adegoke was cast as a lead in the Lifetime biopic Michael Jackson: “Searching for Neverland” playing Michael Jackson's bodyguard Javon Beard. Adegoke also recurred on “Murder in the First” and had guest spots on Code Black and NCIS: Los Angeles. In February 2017, he was cast as Jeff Colby in a Dynasty reboot for The CW, which was released in October 2017, and was later renewed for a second season.



Chinonye Chukwu is a Nigerian-American film director best known for the drama film Clemency. She is the first black woman to win the U.S. Dramatic Grand Jury Prize at Sundance and was born in Port Harcourt.

Nominated for – Independent Spirit Award for Best Screenplay and more. She studied at Temple University and DePauw University.



Akim Camara was born in Berlin to a Nigerian father and a German mother. At two and a half years of age, Akim was given violin lessons by instructor Birgit Thiele at the Marzahn-Hellersdorf School of Music. After an interview and appearance on a Danish TV show the young prodigy performed once again with André Rieu. This time Akim was performing more demanding pieces, Felix Mendelssohn's Dance of the Fairies and at New York City's Radio City Music Hall, and with an appropriately bigger violin. He also sang "Pie Jesu" with Carla Maffioletti.

Akim has since performed on television with the likes of Wolfgang Fischer and Richard Clayderman.



Emmanuel Babatunde Baiyewu, is a British singer of Nigerian descent. He is a member of the easy listening duo Lighthouse Family. In 2004 he embarked on a solo career, releasing the album “Tunde”, and in 2013 released his second album, “Diamond in a Rock”.

Education: University of Northumbria.

Albums: Blue Sky in Your Head, Diamond In a rock.



Joseph Junior Adenuga: The UK singing sensation and award-winning Grime MC Skepta is a Nigerian and we couldn't be prouder. The rapper, songwriter and producer's real name is Joseph Junior Adenuga and he was born in England. Skepta's latest album, “Konnichiwa” was released this year and it blew the charts, he won the BET award for best international act UK, and also the 2016 Mercury Prize award. His brother Jamie is also a musician while his sister Julie is a radio presenter.



Oludotun Davey Moore “Dotun” Adebayo MBE, born in Lagos is a British radio presenter, writer, and publisher. He is best known for his work on Up All Night on BBC Radio 5 Live, as well as the obituary programme Brief Lives.

He went to University of Essex, Colchester Campus, and Stockholm University.



Adelayo Adedayo is an English actress. Her first television appearance was in “The Bill”, and she made her film debut in Sket. She later starred as the main character, Viva Bennett, in “Some Girls”, which aired on BBC Three. Since 2017, she has starred in the ITV2 sitcom Timewasters as Lauren.

Education: Identity School of Acting.



Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje is an English actor, director, and former fashion model known for his roles as Simon Adebisi in “Oz”, Nykwana Wombosi in “The Bourne Identity”, Kurse in Thor: The Dark World, Killer.

TV shows: Lost, Oz, The Fix, American Odyssey, Ten Days in the Valley and Hunted, Major Lazer.

Nominations: Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture and more.



Richard Ellef Ayoade is a British comedian, film director, screenwriter, television presenter, actor, and author. He is best known for his role as the socially awkward IT technician Maurice Moss in Channel 4 sitcom The IT Crowd, for which he won the 2014 BAFTA for Best Male Comedy Performance.

Books: Ayoade on Top, Ayoade on Ayoade, The Grip of Film, The Double, Double.



Dame Shirley Veronica Bassey, OBE is a Welsh singer whose career began in the mid-1950s, and is well known both for her deep, expressive contralto voice and for recording the theme songs to the James Bond films Goldfinger, Diamonds Are Forever, and Moonraker.



Tosin Cole is an American-born British actor. He is known for various roles in British television series and films. He began his on-screen career starring in The Cut and EastEnders: E20, later securing a regular role as Neil Cooper in the soap opera Hollyoaks.



Victoria Nwayawu Nwosu-Hope is a British multi-lingual TV and radio presenter, journalist and published author. She has received multiple awards for her work in television and media. She hosted the Capital Breakfast show on Capital FM radio station.

She was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom.

Education: University of Cambridge.



Ashley Maduekwe is a British actress. She is known for her roles as call girl Bambi in the ITV2 series Secret Diary of a Call Girl, social climber Ashley Davenport on the ABC drama series Revenge and the witch Tituba in the WGN America series Salem.

She was born in London, United Kingdom.



Olatokunbo Susan Olasobunmi Abeke "Toks" Olagundoye is a Nigerian actress. She is known for her role as Hayley Shipton in Castle and Jackie Joyner-Kersey in the ABC TV sitcom: The Neighbors.

Born in Lagos. Education: Smith College.



Tracy Ifeakor is a British-Nigerian television and theatre actress best known for playing the role of Aya Al-Rashid in The CW vampire series – The Originals and Abigail Naismith in both parts of the Doctor Who Christmas special, "The End of Time"

She was born in Plymouth, United Kingdom.

Nationality: British-Nigerian.

Education: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.



Onatejiro "AJ" Odudu is a British television presenter, best known for co-presenting on the Channel 5 reality show spin-off *Big Brother's Bit on the Side*, alongside Emma Willis and Rylan Clark, in 2013.

She was born in Blackburn, United Kingdom. Nationality: British.

Education: Keele University, St Bede's High School, St Mary's Sixth Form College.



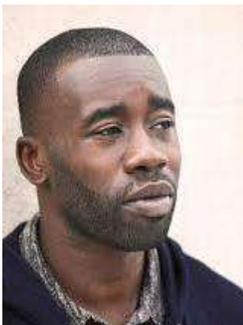
Cush Jumbo OBE is an English actress and writer. She is best known for her starring role as attorney Lucca Quinn in the CBS legal drama series *The Good Wife* and the CBS All Access spin-off series *The Good Fight*. Jumbo also starred as DC Bethany Whelan in the ITV crime drama series *Vera*.

Born in Lambeth, London, United Kingdom. Children: Maximilian Griffin.



Emmanuel Kellam Olaniyan is a Nigerian-British actor, television presenter and YouTube personality better known as Eman Kellam. He is best known for his appearances on The CBBC Channel and his YouTube Webshow *British Slang With Eman Kellam*.

He was born in Lewisham, London, United Kingdom.



Christopher Ofili, Born in Manchester, United Kingdom is a British Turner Prize-winning painter who is best known for his paintings incorporating elephant dung. He was one of the Young British Artists. Since 2005, Ofili has been living and working in Trinidad and Tobago, where he currently resides in Port of Spain.

Education: Xaverian College, Royal College of Art, Chelsea College of Arts, Tameside College, more

Awards: Turner Prize.



Rowland Kelechukwu "Kele" Okereke, born in, Liverpool, United Kingdom also known by the mononym Kele, is an English musician, best known as the lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the indie rockband Bloc Party.

Music group: Bloc Party.

Education: Ilford County High School, King's College London, Trinity Catholic High School.



Kechi Okwuchi is a Nigerian-American singer and motivational speaker. She was one of the two survivors in the Sosoliso Airlines Flight 1145 crash on December 10, 2005 and a finalist at the twelfth season of America's Got Talent in 2017.

In 2015, Okwuchi graduated from the University of Saint Thomas, in Houston, Texas, United States, with a First Class degree. She was the student speaker at the Commencement Ceremony.

Kechi later went on to take part in the twelfth season of America's Got Talent in 2017 as a singer, and finished the competition as a finalist. She later participated in America's Got Talent: The Champions in 2019, where Simon Cowell gave her the golden buzzer, sending her straight to the final, but in the final she didn't come in the top 5.

She has performed at sporting events, other events throughout the United States, South Korea and Nigeria. Okwuchi was chosen to headline Utah's 8th Annual Women of Worth Utah in 2019.



Adepero Oduye, An American actress of Nigerian descent, has starred in award winning films such as 12 years a slave. She first broke out on the small screen in Steel Magnolias and in shorts Pariah and If I Leap. She made her Broadway debut as Thelma in the revival of The Trip to Bountiful. Adepero Oduye lives in Brooklyn, New York City. She is a graduate of Cornell University; and has studied acting with Wynn Handman, Austin Pendleton, and Susan Batson. Her name is pronounced "Add-eh-pair-o Oh-due-yay."

Ms. Oduye first starred for writer/director Dee Rees as Alike in the award-winning short film Pariah. Among the other shorts that she has starred in are Gabriele Zamparini's Water; Russell Costanzo's The Tested; and Nadiah Hamzah's Sub Rosa. She has made guest appearances on such television programs as Louie and two Law & Order series.



Eunice Olumide MBE is a Scottish fashion model and actress was born in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Books: How To Get Into Fashion: A Complete Guide for Models, Creatives and Anyone Interested in the World of Fashion.

Education: Balerno High School, Glasgow Caledonian University.



Yinka Shonibare CBE, Born in London, United Kingdom, is a British-Nigerian artist living in the United Kingdom. His work explores cultural identity, colonialism and post-colonialism within the contemporary context of globalisation. A hallmark of his art is the brightly coloured Ankara fabric he uses.

On view: The Museum of Modern Art, SCAD Museum of Art, The Newark Museum of Art.

Nominations: Turner Prize.

Education: Goldsmiths, University of London, Redrice School, Central Saint Martins.



Babatunde Adetomiwa Stafford "Tomiwa" Edun, Born in Lagos, is a Nigerian actor. He is best known for his roles as Sir Elyan in the television show Merlin, Marcus Young in Bates Motel and Alex Hunter in the football video games FIFA 17, FIFA 18 and FIFA 19.

Education: Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (2008), Eton College and more. TV show: The Hour.



Uzoamaka Nwanneka "Uzo" Born in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, is a Nigerian-American actress. She is known for her role as Suzanne "Crazy Eyes" Warren on the Netflix original series Orange Is the New Black, for which she won an Emmy.

Awards: Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, and more.



Caroline Chikezie Born in London, United Kingdom, is a British-Nigerian actress, best known for playing Sasha Williams in As If, Elaine Hardy in Footballers' Wives and the Cyberwoman in Torchwood.

Nominations: Nigeria Entertainment Award for Best Actress (Nigeria in Hollywood).

Education: The Academy of Live & Recorded Arts, Brunel University London.



Kevin Olusola is a Nigerian-American musician, beatboxer, cellist, rapper, record producer, singer, and songwriter. Olusola is best known as the beatboxer of the Capella band Pentatonix. The musician, a 2011 Yale graduate and polyglot, who speaks Chinese and Spanish, did not forget his Nigerian root at the two-day event at Hummingbird Nest Ranch in Simi Valley, California. And he made his American wife look Nigerian as well. He is a member of three-time Grammy award winner Pentatonix's band.



Nnamdi Asomugha is a Nigerian-American actor, producer and former American football cornerback. He played college football for the University of California, Berkeley, and was drafted in the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.



Nonso Anozie Born in Lincoln, United Kingdom, is a British actor who has worked on stage, film, and television. He is best known for his role as Tank in RocknRolla, Sergeant Dap in Ender's Game, Abraham Kenyatta in Zoo, Captain of the Guards in Cinderella and Xaro Xhoan Daxos in the HBO television series Game of Thrones.

Education: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, College of North West London.



Hope Olaide Wilson was born in the United Kingdom. Little is known about her past, including the names of her family members and why she wanted to be an actress. What is known is that she grew up between the United Kingdom and Nigeria and that she studied acting at the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art. Wilson got her first on-screen role in 2006, when she was cast as Princess Njinga in the documentary series Untold Stories of the ER. Wilson earned her first major recurring role in 2014, when she was cast as Bertrise, a woman immune to the Red Flu virus, in the TNT action-drama Series The Last Ship.

Since then, Wilson has appeared in TV shows and movies such as The Black, Mind Games, The Price, Rosewood, The Fosters, Faith and Dreams, Lie to Me, Cold Case, and Criminal Minds.



Kunbi Tinuoye is an award-winning British-born journalist and broadcaster based in the States. She is the CEO of UrbanGeekz, a ground-breaking digital news platform focused on technology, science, business, and start-ups. She currently sits on the SXSW Pitch Advisory Board and CES Conference Advisory Board and is a key player in the Atlanta tech start-up ecosystem and serves as a lead mentor for The Farm Accelerator. The Oxbridge graduate is a sought-after on-air contributor, speaker, panelist, and moderator at conferences across the country. More recently, she has appeared on MSNBC & Arise News and facilitated a panel discussion at the 500 Startups Unity and Inclusion Summit.



Keziah Jones Olufemi Sanyaolu popularly known as Keziah Jones is a Nigerian Singer-Songwriter and guitarist born in Lagos, Nigeria. Jones is known for the funk highly audible in his sound. He has recorded eight studio albums. Blufunk is a fact, African Space-craft, Liquid sunshine, Black Orpheus, Black Orpheus Limited Edition; Rhythm is love-best of, Nigerian Wood and Captain Rugged. Keziah Jones born into the wealthy Sanyaolu family lived a bohemian lifestyle and it was in this life while busking on the streets of Paris that his talent was discovered and has also provided the background for his eclectic live performances.



Nneka Lucia Egbuna was born in Enugu, Nigeria. She relocated to Germany at a young age. Nneka came to limelight with her ska-groove single 'Heartbeat'. The single was a world-wide hit and was the reason for tours in North-America and Europe. Nneka has five studio albums in total, Victim of Truth (2005), No longer at Ease (2008), Concrete Jungle (2010), Soul is Heavy (2012), and My Fairytales (2015). She was a former coach on local music talent discovery show, Nigerian Idols. Her music has heavy influences of afro beat, reggae, and ska (a slower version of reggae).



Muiyiwa Olarewaju, born in London, he lived the first few years of his life in Nigeria with his headmaster father – whom he calls "the giant of my life" – and his radio broadcaster mother. His earliest musical memories in Nigeria were listening to, not R&B but church music, and Kate Bush, gospel singer-songwriter whose band, Muiyiwa and the Riversongz, have sold more than two hundred thousand copies worldwide. They have released a total of four albums (Muiyiwa and Riversongz: Live at Apollo 2012, Declaring his name all around the world 2011, Declaring his love, Declaring his power, and Restoration). They have won various Gospel Awards like the GMA Award for Most Contribution to UK Gospel, Oraclez Best Music Award for Best UK Act and GMA for Best Male etc.



Uzoечи Osisioma Emenike known by his stage name 'MNEK' is a Nigerian-British Singer, Songwriter, and Producer. He came into the British music limelight with Deep House Group, Rudimental's single, 'Spoons'. His big break, however, came with Gorgon City's song, 'Ready for your love.' MNEK has written songs and produced for most of the emerging British alternative pop artists from Gorgon City to Rudimental to Zara Larsson and mainstay pop artists like Kylie Minogue and Jojo. He was recently referred to as 'pop's new wunderkid' by MTV. His debut album was titled: 'Small Talk.'



Bisi Fagbohun is the founder of Africa in Demand and currently co-produces and co-hosts AID with Mavis Kubi. Born in Edmond Oklahoma to parents - Chief Moses and Dr. Rebecca Fagbohun and originally from Oyo state. Bisi lived in Nigeria for five years where she learned the culture and moral values of her homeland before returning to the United States in the early 1980s.

She is the CEO and founder of Beautiful Creations Entertainment and Talent Group. She is a woman dedicated to her clients and shows that through the many hours she spends organizing, producing and promoting new events.

Armed with a Bachelor's Degree in media productions and a minor in theatre from the University of Houston, Ms Fagbohun has landed appearances in television shows and a variety of theatre productions and music videos. Having achieved some success in the entertainment industry, Bisi is inspired and driven to provide a platform to educate, entertain and showcase things about her homeland Africa.



Gina Obedapo Iyashere, is a British comedian who has made many appearances on British and American television. Yashere was born and raised in London, to Nigerian parents. She uses the surname "Yashere" due to encountering common mispronunciation of her original surname. Yashere was a finalist in the Hackney Empire New Act of the Year competition in 1996. She has appeared in a number of television programmes, including in the comedy series The Lenny Henry Show, where she played Tanya and Mrs. Omokorede, the pushy Mum Awards alongside 2Baba and Coolio. She has made numerous appearances on Mock the Week, and appears on the CBBC show Gina's Laughing Gear. Yashere currently lives in North Hollywood, California.



David Oyelowo is a British-Nigerian-American actor and producer who is most known for his character, Martin Luther King Jr, in the biographical movie, Selma. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, to a Yoruba father from Oyo State, and his mother from Edo State. He grew up in South London and moved to Lagos, Nigeria, when he was six. He returned to England when he was 14. He then enrolled for a year in an acting foundation course at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. In 1999, he began his stage career. He was the first black actor to play an English king in a major production of Shakespeare. Some criticised this casting choice but his performance was critically acclaimed. He won an Ian Charles Award for Best Performance by an Actor under 30 in a classical play in 2001.



Adesegun Adeosun Junior is the Founder and CEO of SMADE and he studied Marketing and Advertising for his first degree, and his second degree is an MBA in Marketing from Greenwich University. This musical Nigerian has made a real name for himself as a foremost Afrobeats promoter and the CEO of SMADE entertainment. Also, co-founder of Afronation, the largest urban music beach festival in Europe, he's doing a wonderful job at connecting people in the Diaspora via music and events showcasing African culture.



Angelica Nwandu: Her media company described as Instagram's TMZ has grown to a community of 15 million followers on Instagram within the last two years. Nwandu was born in the United States of America. Before becoming a media entrepreneur, she wanted to be a poet, a rapper, an accountant and a writer. As a poet she was published at the age of 16. She obtained her accounting degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in 2012. After getting a grant from Michelle Satter, Director of Sundance, she started The Shade Room as an Instagram account. "The purpose of the Shade Room' is to report on Black culture", she said in a Complex interview. The Shade Room now publishes across six different platforms.



Taio Cruz (pronounced Tie-oh Cruise) as Adetayo Ayowale Onile-Ere, is a Brit Award winning and MOBO-nominated English singer-songwriter, occasional rapper, and music producer. In 2008 he released his debut album *Departure*, which he arranged and produced himself. In October 2009, he released his follow up album *Rokstarr* which includes his number one single "Break Your Heart". In between the two albums and at present, Cruz has been working on productions and writing songs for Cheryl Cole, Brandy and the Sugababes. He is the founder and C.E.O. of Rokstarr Music London, which in 2006 released his debut single "I Just Wanna Know". At the 2008 MOBO Awards he was nominated for best single for the song "She's Like a Star" and performed the single alongside the Sugababes who feature on the official remix of the song.



Oladayo A. "Dayo" Okeniyi was born in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria to a Nigerian father of Yoruba descent and a Kenyan mother. Dayo grew up in Lagos, Nigeria where he had his primary education. He moved to the United States with his family at age 15. Dayo received a Bachelor's degree and began his professional career in 2010. In 2012, he had a breakout film role as Thresh in *The Hunger Games*. He made a guest appearance on *The Wendy Williams Show* in 2012. In 2013, he played Alec in the television show *Revolution* and in 2014; he played Mace in *Endless Love*. In 2016 he began appearing in the TV series *Shades of Blue*. He played supporting roles in the 2013 films *Runner, Runner* and *Cavemen*.



Debra Odutayo, British-Nigerian Debra is an Award winning TV producer, writer and director who has been making TV series and producing independent films since 2005, she had produced, written and an eclectic array of short films and TV series that have earned her a strong following and critical acclaim in the UK as well as the international TV and film market.



Wale Akinnuoye-Agbaje was born in Islington, London, to Nigerian parents of Yoruba descent. He and his two sisters were given up for adoption to a Caucasian family when he was six years old. At the age of eight, he was brought back to Nigeria by his biological parents but was taken back to England shortly after. He graduated from King's College London with a Law degree and bagged a Master in Law from the University of London.

Before he became an actor, he was a model, which he started when he worked at a clothes store while he was in the university. He is known for his works in projects such as the television series, *Oz* and *Lost*. He also gained recognition with films like *The Bourne Identity*, *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, *The Mummy Returns*, and *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra*, *Suicide Squad*, *Bilal*, and *Pompeii*.



Tokunbo Akinro was the lead vocalist of the German Acoustic Soul band, Tok Tok Tok. The band was active from 1998-2013. Its music was a beautiful flower stripped of all unnecessary colors. She has toured all over the world from Paris, Berlin, Madrid, The Hague, Kiev, Tel Aviv to Sao Paulo. As the lead singer of the band Tok Tok Tok, 15 studio albums were released (inclusive of a greatest hits compilation and a live DVD album) of which the recent one was 'Gershwin with Strings'(2012). The band has won various European Music Awards like the German Jazz Award, French Grand Prix Sacem etc. She's known for her gentle vocals, and laid-back singing style.



Wale Gbadamosi-Oyekanmi, is a FOUNDER/ CEO DAREWIN, was born to Nigerian parents and raised in Paris. After studying mathematics at university, Wale became heavily involved in the world of TV Production for a period of 10 years, where he worked on both national and international TV formats for producers such as Endemol, Coyote and also in an advertising agency (Buzzman). This was until 2011 when he founded Darewin. He has produced over 350 campaigns; and has won multiple international awards (Cannes Lions as well).



Dr. Seun Sowemimo is a nationally recognized, board-certified general and bariatric surgeon specializing in laparoscopic and minimally invasive weight-loss surgery in New Jersey USA. Sowemimo earned his medical degree at the University of Lagos and completed his residency at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, followed by a fellowship training in Laparoscopic and Bariatric surgery at Yale University.

Dr. Sowemimo maintains a life-long interest in the creative arts and their capacity for effecting positive social interventions, "His Constructive collaboration with Nigerian filmmakers yielded Nigeria's first eligible Oscar submission, the Milkmaid."



AbdulRasheed Ajibade Abubakar is the Publisher of WORLD MEDIA CITY MAGAZINE (WMC MAGAZINE), a publication of the WORLD MEDIA CITY GROUP of Companies based in Washington District of Columbia. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer CABSWorld Television a multinational news-based pay television channel showcasing A NEW WAY TO SEE AFRICA headquartered in Washington D.C.

He's a versatile broadcast journalist with 20 years of experience, working across Africa, Europe, Asia and the United States of America. AbdulRasheed launched the WMC Magazine a leading authority on global African Diaspora filled with thoughtful editorial content (previously known as Diaspora Today Magazine) on 24th August 2018 at the African Union Mission (AU) in Washington D.C.

He holds a B.A (Hons) in Politics, Policy and International Affairs from the University of Baltimore, Baltimore (UBALT), U.S and an M.A Conflict Resolution, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts U.S. He's a certified professional voice master at Voice Master International UK. He has attended numerous training programmes in journalism, in United Kingdom, Germany and the US.



Mr. Olaniyi Abodedele popularly known and called The voice, is a graduate of Business Management, and also holds a Diploma in Graphics Design, Photography and Multi-Media. He hails from Abeokuta, Ogun State in the South-West of Nigeria with a strong royal lineage through his mother to the Royal families of Adele/Ajosun and Okuyi/Kosoko from Isale Eko, Lagos Island in Lagos State (The City of Aquatic Splendour).

He is the Publisher of The Nigerian Voice Newspaper South Africa: a 100 percent Nigerian Community Newspaper he initiated in 2010. He is also the Chairman Nigeria Community Excellence Awards, South Africa. The event is the biggest, most prestigious, and glamorous Nigerian event today in South Africa.

He moved to South Africa on the 24th of February 2005, and ever since have been involved in numerous Nigerian community organizations, initiatives, and events which have empowered him with a deep knowledge of understanding Nigeria, and the Nigerian community in South Africa.



Juliana Olayinka is a broadcast journalist and communications strategist bolstering the African narrative in the Diaspora. She has contributed to output in the world’s leading newsrooms including Bloomberg, BBC, Thomson Reuters and ITN.

Juliana is the Director of J.O. Consultancy & Partners, a communications firm providing strategic communications solutions to business leaders and government.

Juliana is the host of the weekly Business show ‘Channels Business Global’ airing on Channels Television, Nigeria’s largest network.



Morin Oluwole is the Global Head and Luxury Lead, Facebook and Instagram, Brand Strategy/Life Journey, Nigeria - London - SF - NY - Paris.

She heads the Social Media giant's advisory operation for Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior and Others. Morin Oluwole is a well-travelled thought leader in digital transformation for luxury brands.

Morin Oluwole joined Facebook in 2006 long before it was the social media giant it is today — it was a startup of 150 employees back then. Before leading the luxury unit, the Stanford and Columbia University graduate, was formerly Chief of Staff to the VP, Global Marketing Solutions at Facebook; where she developed business strategies for global brand partners. Before this, she worked with Sachs Consulting. Morin currently resides in Paris. She hails from Ondo State but was born and raised in Lagos State, Nigeria.



Yewande Komolafe is a recipe developer, food stylist and author of the New York Times “10 Essential Nigerian Recipes”. She is currently working on her first cookbook, an as-yet-untitled collection of essential Nigerian Recipes (Ten Speed Press, Fall 2021), rooted in the converging cuisines of her hometown Lagos.



Oladotun Idowu joined Twitter as an Events Coordinator in February 2019. Alongside other members of Twitter’s Real Estate and Workplace Events team, she works on curating and producing internal facing events at Twitter.

She is also the founder of Sisters in Media, a U.S-based organization for minority women in the media profession. She holds a bachelor’s degree in public relations from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.



Jackie Aina is a Nigerian-American beauty YouTuber. She advocates visibility of people of colour in the cosmetic industry.

She has collaborated with Anastasia Beverly Hills, e.l.f. Cosmetics, Too Faced, Sephora and Sigma Beauty.

Jackie Aina was born to an African-American mother and a Nigerian father of Yoruba descent. After two years of college, Aina joined the United States Army Reserve. While she was stationed in Hawaii, she found that she had a knack for makeup and was hired by MAC Cosmetics.

According to Entrepreneur, Aina "kept getting told at makeup counters that the trends she wanted to try wouldn't work for her complexion", and so she started creating videos "about the products and looks she loved that could work for anyone."



David Adedeji Adeleke, popularly known as **Davido**, is a Nigerian-American singer, songwriter, and record producer. He is one of the most influential artists in Africa.

Davido was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine in 2019.

Davido won Best International Act at the 2018 BET Awards, becoming the first African artist to receive his award



Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun known professionally as **Wizkid**(sometimes stylized as **WizKid**), **Wizzy** or **Starboy**, is a Nigerian singer and songwriter. Africa's biggest artists, Wizkid is the most decorated Nigerian artist ever (the most decorated African artist internationally)

He is the most awarded African artist at the BET Awards (3), Soul Train Awards (2), Billboard Awards(3), iHeartRadio Music Awards (2) and MOBO Awards (4)



CHAPTER THREE



FASHION, ART AND LITERATURE



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a Nigerian writer based in the United States whose works range from novels, short stories to non-fiction.

She was described in The Times Literary Supplement as "the most prominent" of a "procession of critically acclaimed young Anglophone authors [which] is succeeding in attracting a new generation of readers to African literature."

Her work has been translated into over 30 languages and has appeared in various publications, including The New Yorker, Granta, The O. Henry Prize Stories, the Financial Times, and Zoetrope. She is the author of the novels Purple Hibiscus, which won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award; Half of a Yellow Sun, which won the Orange Prize and was a National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist and a New York Times Notable Book; and Americanah, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award and was named one of The New York Times Top Ten Best Books of 2013. Ms. Adichie is also the author of the story collection – The Thing around Your Neck.



Ade Bakare was born in England Bromsgrove. He graduated with a degree in history from the University of Lagos Nigeria in 1988. Then returned to England to study fashion design at Salford University College, Manchester, and graduated in 1990. He worked briefly for the couture establishments to the English Aristocracy.

He began working at the fashion houses of Victor Edelstein and Christian Stambolian, purveyors of style to the English establishment in the 80s and 90s and thereby gaining his initial tailoring experience.

Ade Bakare has been invited to exhibit his work in New York (wedding channels) Jamaica, South Africa (Cape Town and Jo'burg fashion weeks), Lagos, and Monaco where he dressed the Princess Catherine de Stigliano for the bal de etc in 2000.



Katharina Oguntoye was born in Zwickau, East Germany. She is an Afro-German writer, historian, activist, and poet. She founded the non-profit intercultural association Joliba in Germany and is perhaps best known for co-editing the book Farbe bekennen with May Ayim (then May Opitz) and Dagmar Schultz. The English translation of this book was entitled showing Our Colours: Afro-German Women Speak Out. Oguntoye has played an important role in the Afro-German Movement.



Njideka Akunyili-Crosby is a Nigerian-born visual artist working in Los Angeles, California. Njideka is the daughter of late Prof. Dora Akunyili. Akunyili-Crosby's art "negotiates the cultural terrain between her adopted home in America and her native Nigeria, creating collage and photo transfer-based paintings that expose the challenges of occupying these two worlds."

In 2017, she was awarded the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, also referred to as the Genius Grant, awards \$625,000 to artists, writers, teachers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and people from all walks of life who have shown exceptional creativity.



Adeola Ariyo is a South Africa based model who started her career at the age of 13. Her life experiences have shaped her into a force and a face to be reckoned with. As such, she has become Elizabeth Arden's African brand Ambassador, but in another life, she says she could have been an athlete. She is an opinionated and focused young lady who also has a degree in Psychology.



Victor Ekpuk is a Nigerian contemporary artist based in Washington, DC. His paintings and drawings reflect indigenous African philosophies using Uli and *Nsibidi* traditional graphics and writing forms. His work has been exhibited all over the US at various museums as well in The Netherlands, France, Sweden, China, London, South Africa and Nigeria.

In 2016, he held a solo exhibition titled: "Coming Home" in Lagos, Nigeria. This was Ekpuk's first major solo exhibition in over a decade, and came after a four-month residency with the Arthouse Foundation in 2015.



Chef Tunde Wey was born in Lagos, Nigeria, before moving to Detroit, Michigan at age 16 to complete his education. He intended to become a lawyer before realizing that cooking was his true passion.

He is famous in New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington DC and other major states in United States for his expertise in profound food delicacies based on his rich food repertoire from West Africa. Tunde has created notable food concepts in Detroit and New Orleans as well as a traveling dinner and dialogue dinner series exploring Blackness in America. His food work has been written about in the New York Times, Washington Post and NPR among other media outlets. His creative writing has been published in the Oxford American, Boston Globe among others.

His cuisine is breath-taking with delicacies, which are reflected in his 'Lagos Restaurant' that various celebrities in New Orleans converge, where his well-prepared spicy meals are enjoyed by lots of African-Americans.



Dr. Ahmad Rufa'i a Nigerian Scholar and multi-lingual expert, recently won an international Arabic poetry competition in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The United Nations had set aside December 18 every year as the World Arabic Language Day to create awareness for one of its official languages. Dr. Rufa'i, whose classical poetry was adjudged the best among seven finalists, was presented the first prize by President of the Islamic Development Bank, Dr. Bandar Hajjar. Aside Dr. Rufa'i who won the first prize, the other finalists that emerged from a rigorous selection process across multiple stages, were one Saudi, one Yemeni, one Egyptian, two Sudanese, and one Mauritanian.



Deola Sagoe was born to Chief Michael Ade-Ojo, founder of Elizade University & Mrs. Elizabeth Ade Ojo. She studied at University of Miami and University of Lagos with a Master in Finance & Management.

She was married to Kofi Sagoe. Deola Sagoe is the leading lady of Africa haute Couture fashion from Ondo State in Nigeria. Deola has been at the cutting-edge of high fashion since 1989 and became the first black woman to present a collection at Alta Roma, Rome's celebrated fashion week, back in 2004.



Oluchi Onweagba was raised in the suburbs of Lagos with her two brothers and sisters. Her father was a civil servant and her mother a nurse. Her father named her "Oluchi" meaning "God's Work" in the Igbo language of Nigeria. After moving to New York City - Oluchi made her way onto the covers of Surface, Pop, ELLE, i-D, Untold, and Italian Vogue, Marie Claire, Allure, Nylon, as well as other national editions of Vogue around the world. As a business woman her ventures show that there is more to Oluchi than meets the eye; a creative and ambitious mind, is the driving force behind her brand. As a model she is an established figure - and as an icon this is just the beginning. Her love for her mother country of Nigeria has led Oluchi to encourage growth across the African continent while providing opportunities for others to follow in her footsteps. In 2013 Oluchi executive produced and hosted the immensely successful reality television show "Africa's Next Top Model" (ANTM). ANTM grants an opportunity for African women to compete for a chance to start their career in the modeling industry. Oluchi is single-handedly taking the African modeling and fashion game to the next level.



Lisa Folawiyo has a background in law, which she studied at the University of Lagos. She has showrooms in Nigeria as well as New York. Celebrities such as Issa Rae have worn her pieces. Rae collections are also showcased in the US, the UK, Nigeria and South Africa. In 2012 she was featured in Vogue, 2015 Featured in the BOF500, 2014: One of eight emerging talents by WWD Women's Wear Daily, 2012: Africa Fashion Award.



Mowalola Ogunlesi, is a designer based in New York, she burst onto the fashion scene with her graduate collection from the prestigious Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design in 2017. Her debut menswear collection entitled: 'Psychedelic' featured the heavy materials of a roadside Lagos gas station mixed with tight leather garments. Mowa was born into fashion; her parents are all fashion designers, as was her Scottish grandmother, who, after marrying Ogunlesi's grandfather, moved to Nigeria in the 1960s and launched a fashion label that used textiles produced locally.



Lola Faturoti was born in London to Nigerian parents. She was raised in Ondo, Nigeria by her grandmother, an esteemed designer specializing in Nigerian traditional garments. Her influence played and continues to be a big part in her designs, particularly in regard to mixing art and culture, sensuality and spirituality, innovative prints, and vibrant colours and patterns. She was awarded the Vidal Sassoon Best Young Innovative Designer award for her first collection, 1996, 1999 - Featured as one of top 18 most influential designers by Amy Spindler of the New York Times in the company of fashion icons such as Alexander McQueen, Ralph Lauren and Helmut Lang. The Spindler-chosen design is on permanent display today at the prestigious Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.



Adetola Kunle-Hassan, known as Ade Hassan, MBE, is a British business woman who founded Nubian Skin in 2014 and was raised partly in Nigeria. She received her advanced education at Duke University in the United States where she studied English and economics, after which she completed a master's degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Her early career was in the private-equity business but she took a break from that for a year to take sewing and pattern cutting classes. She founded Nubian Skin, which makes underwear in dark tones for women of colour, in 2014 after she was unable to purchase clothing for herself in her preferred colours. In 2014 she was named Fashion Entrepreneur of the Year at the Great British Entrepreneur Awards. In October 2015 Ade's brand, Nubian Skin, was nominated for Hosiery Brand of the Year at the UK Lingerie Awards and won UK's Favourite British Designer of the Year. She was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours for services to fashion.



Florence Adepoju, Lipstick Mogul, Nigerian-Brit Build Successful Make-up Range. She built a highly coveted makeup brand now sold in Europe and the US. Florence Adepoju, a graduate of Cosmetic Science from the London College of Fashion, launched her brand MDFLOW in 2013. MDFLOW was borne out of the Florence's love of makeup and her frustration with not being able to find luxe bold lipsticks that suited her skin tone.

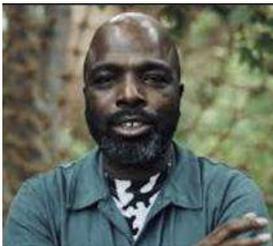


Diana Ejaita, The Independence Day pack designer, is a globally celebrated multi-disciplinary artist, known for her trademark illustrations that pay homage to Nigerian heritage, literature, and textile traditions. For this design, she employed a graphical re-imagination of the birth of a strong and independent nation, akin to a woman empowered, an eagle taking flight, in an exemplary portrayal of the energy, diversity, and positivity of the Nigerian spirit.

Speaking of the design, Diana explained that, “the aim is to create images that trigger vibrant nostalgia; that mine beautiful memories of home from independence in 1960 to date.”



Kehinde Wiley, a portrait painter, is a Nigerian-American based in New York City. He is known for his highly naturalistic paintings of black people and was commissioned in 2017 to paint a portrait of former President Barack Obama for the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, which has portraits of all the US presidents. He is the first black artist to paint official portraits of the president for the National Portrait Gallery.



Duro Olowu, born in Lagos to a Nigerian father and Jamaican mother, spent his childhood travelling between Nigeria and Europe. From an early age, his enthusiasm for fashion was inspired by the unexpected mix of fabrics, textures and draping techniques of the clothing worn by the women that surrounded him. Like his father, Olowu studied law in England before returning to Nigeria where he practised for a few years. On his return to London, Olowu pursued his true vocation, a career in fashion, starting his eponymous label at the end of 2004. His first collection was an instant hit with fashion editors and buyers worldwide and an international sell out in its worldwide stockists at the time, including Barneys in New York, Harrods in London and Maria Luisa in Paris. It featured the now signature "Duro" dress, hailed by both British and American Vogue as the dress of the year in 2005. That same year, he won the 'New Designer of the Year Award' at the British Fashion Awards, the only designer to have ever done so without a catwalk show.



Eugene Nwosu is the best-selling author of three books in the new, exciting and holistic approach to human (capacity building) development and self-empowerment. His international best-sellers in the field are: “Optimal Edge – Unlocking and Enhancing Leadership Potential and Excellence in People and Organisation” and “Cut Your Own Firewood – The Ultimate Power to Succeed.” He has recently published "Sixth Sense - Awaken and Empower Your Subconscious Mind."

He is a trained accountant with over 30 years experience; trained and certified professional Life and Business Coach, Entrepreneur; and founder of Optimal Edge, Dublin Ireland, and Optimal Synergy (Nigeria) Limited.



Emediong Uduak Ikoko, is a Nigerian medical student, Emediong Uduak Uko's painting of music legend, 'Lagbaja' has become the first African work to be displayed at the Cyprus Modern Art Museum. Emediong is also the youngest artist and only African to have her work exhibited at the museum, which is the largest in the Mediterranean region. The excited artist shared the news on her Instagram page @Emilyuko where she further revealed that her painting is now in the possession of Forbes-listed Cypriot businessman, Suat Günsel.



Oluwatoniloba Dreher-Adenuga was born in Stuttgart. Her parents migrated from Nigeria to Germany in 1986. She attended the Stuttgart girl Gymnasium St. Agnes where she got her Abitur in 2017.

In 2018, she took part in the 13th season of Germany's Next Topmodel and was designated as the winner during the finale, which took place on 24 May 2018 in the ISS Dome of Düsseldorf. As such, she earned a modelling contract with the agency ONEeins fab Management, a car, and a price of 100,000 Euros.



Lovelyn Chinwe Enebechi is a German-Nigerian fashion model, best known for winning the eighth cycle of Germany's Next Topmodel.

She won and for Opel in the ninth episode. Lovelyn made a decent job until the semi-final. Regardless of that, she was chosen to be a part of the final four and was allowed to participate in the grandfinale. In the final episode, Lovelyn was called-out twice secondly. In the end, she beat Maike van Grieken and won the title of GNTM. Heidi Klum liked to call her baby- Beyoncé.

Other prizes, she received were, spread & cover on the German cosmopolitan, an Opel Adams, a modeling contract with OneEins Management, a 250, 000 Euros cash prize and an apartment in a wished capital.



Kayode Ojo is an artist. Ojo's parents are professors in Nigeria, but he was born in the United States. Kayode still identifies with his Nigerian heritage heavily. It has influenced his art. He has been able to book solo art shows in locations such as New York, Paris, Berlin, and Dallas.

Ojo's art is contemporary. His medium is sculpture, photography, and installation. He works with both people and objects, often photographing people at the end of adolescence. His photographic shows usually feature photos of just one person in the frame.



Segun Olude is the owner and designer of a graphic design studio, Indigo Ink Studios, and teaches part time as a Sessional Instructor at the University of Manitoba's School of Art. His professional portfolio includes various magazines and editorial designs, corporate identities, event branding, web design, and Canadian postage Stamps for Canada Post. Segun is involved in various professional and community organizations in Canada, and participates in an annual non-profit faith-based leadership and community development mission with his wife, through Promised Land Canada. He also speaks to high school students on immigration, integration and multi culturalism, through Historical Canada.



Jennifer Teege, who was born Jennifer Göth to a Nigerian father and an Austrian-German mother, grew up in foster care. She was adopted at the age of seven. Her grandmother was Ruth Irene Kalder [de], who had a two-year relationship with Amon Göth until the end of the Second World War, and with whom she had a daughter, Monika Hertwig [de], who was born in November 1945 and whom he never met. Teege studied at the Sorbonne, and learned Hebrew in Israel where she studied for five years.

Her 2015 book – My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past was a New York Times bestseller. Translations of the book, which was originally published in Teege's native language, German, have been made into Danish, English, French, Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish.



Larry Okey Ugwu hails from Igboeze North LGA in Enugu. He left Nigeria in 1982 for Poland. He read Law and has a Master's in Maritime Law all in Poland.

He's also an Artist, an actor, and has featured in music and drama in Poland.

He has also starred in soap operas on TV and in films. Apart from music, he worked as a TV presenter years back.

As a musician, he has three bands and has released albums with different musicians numbering about 10.

He also has two singles. He is presently, the Director of Baltic Sea Cultural Centre, biggest international Cultural Centre belonging to the Government of the Pomeranian.



Oluchi Chukwudebe nee Onuigbo is the last of 10 children. She is a graduate of Microbiology. But her passion for fashion and beauty pushed her into taking professional course in Make Up Artistry both in Nigeria and in the United Kingdom (ZARON COSMETICS and THE LONDON SCHOOL OF MAKEUP). She went further to create her own brand *OLUCHI ONUIGBO. Oluchi is an Award winning (BEST FEMALE MAKEUP ARTIST 2016) celebrity Make Up Artist and has worked with big names like: Rita Dominic, Kate Henshaw, Mo Abudu, Tiwa Savage, Bovi, Omawumi, Waje , Seyi Shay...just to mention but a few. Her works have also taken her across the globe to Paris, Turkey and USA. Oluchi currently resides in the UK with her husband and daughter. She is a social media influencer and also a fitness enthusiast.



Tomi Gbeleyi is the founder for make up for melanin girls which has become a destination for more than 171,000 women. The passion project began for founder Tomi Gbeleyi in 2016 when she was in College, and has since grown from a hashtag to multiple social media platforms to an indie beauty line that now sells eye shadows and lipstick.

She credits her nose-to the grindstone mentality to her upbringing in Lagos. Since moving to Canada, she's pursued interests in education, technology and entrepreneurship. These interests led her to launch MFMG Cosmetics, a leading direct-to-consumer beauty brand tailored to multicultural communities. In addition to her e-commerce business, she also manages Ontario operations at Lighthouse Labs, a leading software education institution. Her passion for advancing diversity and inclusion in tech and entrepreneurship communities has led to recognition by The Globe and Mail, The New York Times, BuzzFeed, Flare, Glamour and more as a young leader in the Toronto tech ecosystem.



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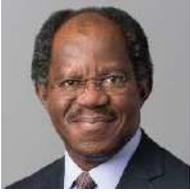
NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA, Director-General WTO and a former Managing Director of the World Bank, was born in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Delta State, Nigeria where her father Professor Chukwuka Okonjo was the Eze (King) from the Obahai Royal Family of Ogwashi-Ukwu. Okonjo-Iweala was educated at Queen's College, Enugu, St. Anne's School, Molete, Ibadan, and the International School Ibadan. She arrived in the US in 1973 as a teenager to study at Harvard University, graduating *magna cum laude* with an AB in Economics in 1976. In 1981, she earned her PhD in Regional Economics and Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Before her current appointment, she was on the board of many international organizations. Okonjo-Iweala has received numerous recognitions and awards. She was listed as one of the 50 Greatest World Leaders (Fortune, 2015), the Top 100 Most Influential People in the World (TIME, 2014), the Top 100 Global Thinkers (Foreign Policy, 2011 and 2012), the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the World (Forbes, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and many more. She recently won the African of the year award and also graced the cover for Forbes Africa.



AKINWUNMI ADESHINA is the current President of African Development Bank. A position he thoroughly deserves because of his amazing record as a distinguished public servant. A First Class graduate of the University of Ife, (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Adeshina was a Minister of Agriculture of Nigeria, and his time in office revolutionized the sector. He particularly initiated a transparent process in fertiliser supply chain, which helped the cause of local farmers thereby increasing farming activities and boosting food production across the nation. Before his appointment as a Minister by former President Goodluck Jonathan, Adeshina had a stint at Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), where he served as Vice- President of policy and partnerships. He also previously worked at the Rockefeller Foundation.



Abubakar Bello (CPA) Is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) practicing in the Washington DC metro area of the United States. He has extensive experience in banking, finance and taxation. He currently specializes in real estate taxation and is also an audit consultant on United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects. Abubakar has an MBA from the University of Leicester, UK and a Bachelors degree from the University of Jos, Nigeria. He volunteers at nonprofit organizations and enjoys swimming, running and hiking.



Adebayo O. Ogunlesi, is a Nigerian lawyer and investment banker. Ogunlesi was the Chairman and Managing Partner at the private equity firm Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP). Ogunlesi was the former head of Global Investment Banking at Credit Suisse First Boston before being promoted to Chief Client Officer and Executive Vice- Chairman. Ogunlesi is from Makun, Sagamu, Ogun State, Nigeria. He received a B.A. with First Class honours in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from Oxford University in England. In 1979, he received J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School, which he pursued at the same time. During his time at Harvard, he was on the Harvard Law Review.

He recently sold his investment company **Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP)** which had \$106 billion dollars in assets under management a sale at \$12.5bn to BlackRock, This deal made him one of the richest black men from Africa.

He is a Recipient of The International Center in New York's Award of Excellence. Ogunlesi was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine in 2019. Ogunlesi is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. While working at Credit Suisse First Boston, he was a lecturer at Harvard Law School and the Yale School of Management, where he taught a course on transnational investment projects in emerging countries.



Enoh T. Ebong, bred in Lagos, is now the Acting Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. As Acting Director, Ms. Ebong leads an agency that partners the U.S. private sector to develop sustainable infrastructure and foster economic growth in emerging economies, while supporting U.S. jobs through the export of U.S. goods and services.

She practised law at the Boston office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris and Popeo, P.C., representing public and private companies in public offerings, financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions.

She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, a Master of Arts in Communication from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Arts in History from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland.



MARSHAL SULAYMAN was admitted to the Deloitte U.S. partnership in 2015 and is a leader in the Deloitte Tax's Multistate Indirect tax practice. Marshal has over 19 years of international, federal, state and local indirect tax experience, serving companies across multiple and diverse industries. Marshal is a nationally renowned specialist in fleet and fuel excise tax compliance, consulting, refund recovery, planning, and technology solutions. In this role, Marshal has recovered over \$500 million in federal and state tax over-payments.



Dr. Abdullateef Bello received his Ph.D. in Applied Statistics from the University of Oxford (U.K). He was the recipient of the prestigious Rhodes scholarship, which enabled him to complete his studies at Oxford. Dr. Bello has published extensively in leading international journals including International Research Journal of Finance and Economics, The Statistician and many more. He has also contributed a number of short papers in Bulletins and magazines worldwide. In the late '80s and early '90s, He served as a Lecturer at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria (1987-88) and a Computational Statistician with the Numerical Algorithms Group (NAG, UK) (1992-1994). In August 1994, he joined the young professional programme of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and worked for 20 years in the Economic Research and Policy Department where he eventually retired as Principal Statistician.



Tade Fayomi is now a noted Management Consultant and a corporate operator. She started off at a really young age of 18 as an intern at Goldman Sachs and worked for 8 years in several countries like London, Singapore, Dubai, and New York. She says she got to where she is today by giving all her best. While she was an analyst, she worked like an associate and when she became an associate, she worked as the vice-president. 'Whatever I was doing, I did it to the best of my ability. I would give it 110 percent, she disclosed.



Miranda Flikkema Horsfall is a strong business & investment development professional and philanthropist with an MBA in Economics, Finance and Management from Trium Global. Mrs Horsfall Flikkema bagged a Trium Global MBA in Finance, Economics & Management from the New York University Stern Business School (NYU), London School of Economics (LSE) & HEC school of Management in Paris. Mrs. Horsfall through her Miranda Enterprises Limited provides ancillary services to oil and gas companies in Nigeria and a prolific employer of labour, providing support, welfare and fresh leases of life to employees and their families. In Qatar, she supports community activities and Nigerians in a variety of ways. She is the perfect example of a philanthropist who clearly understands that living a fulfilling life is only possible if you contribute to others than yourself. Prior to the opening of the Nigerian Embassy in Qatar in 2015, Mrs. Horsfall Flikkema served as Honorary Consul in Qatar (jointly with the Nigerian Embassy in Abu Dhabi between 2009 and 2013). She is currently a member of the Board of Trustees NIDO-Qatar chapter (2019).



ALI GARBA worked at various securities and banking firms during his 37-year career, including Wells Fargo Advisors, Landaas and Company, MetLife, Bankers Life and Casualty Co., Citi Bank (Africa), and JP Morgan Chase (Africa). He has led a distinguished career punctuated by numerous firm-based and industry-wide awards and nominations for his production and client service excellence, including Premier Advisor status, a Milwaukee Five Star Wealth Manager (2012-2018); memberships, at various times, in The Million Dollar Round Table, Financial Planning Association, and the Society of Financial Services Professionals. Ali's extensive financial education includes a doctorate in business administration (DBA) and an advanced graduate certificate in management from Argosy University in Sarasota; an MBA (finance) degree from the University of Tampa; and a bachelor's of business administration (finance) degree from the University of Wisconsin. He also holds the Chartered Financial Consultant® (ChFC®) designation, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) designation, and the Life Underwriters Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) designation. Areas of focus: Comprehensive financial planning, investment and retirement planning, investment portfolio design, securities selection, portfolio strategy implementation, and plan monitoring.



TAOFIK ADEGBITE is a Nigerian entrepreneur and business leader. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Marine Platforms Limited and Norwegian Consul General in Nigeria. Adegbite is the first Nigerian to deliver an Offshore Subsea Construction Vessel for the oil and gas sector in Nigeria which is named African Inspiration by the Norwegian government through the first ever shipbuilding contract between a Nigerian company and a Norwegian shipyard. Adegbite holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Computer Science from the University of Ibadan. He later attended the London School of Economics for a certificate course in Strategy & Organization Management; as well as Harvard Business School OPM 44. Additionally, Taofik holds a Cisco certification which he obtained during his career in the United Kingdom.



Yemi Obamakinwa works at UBS Investment Bank, which provides expert advice, innovative solutions, outstanding execution and comprehensive access to the world's capital markets. He has a degree from Brunel University and a MBA from University of Wales.



SUNDAY AJAO is tested and a trusted human resources professional. He has comprehensive knowledge in Human Resources including HR Consulting, Training & Development, Talent Management, Policy & Governance, and Compensation & Benefits. Sunday has worked with multi-national companies, consulting firms and financial institutions in Nigeria, USA and Canada. Currently, he is a Senior Implementation Consultant with one of the top financial institutions in Canada. He is also the Principal Consultant at CareerNudge Consulting Inc., a fast-growing human resources firm based in Toronto with services in areas such as HR Consulting, Career Services, Educational Services and Business Advisory. Sunday holds an MBA in Organizational Leadership from Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island, USA. He also obtained a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Demography & Statistics from Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria. He is a member of the Human Resources Professionals Association, Canada and certified as a leader in human resources (Certified Human Resources Leader - CHRL). He also obtained a certification from Stitt Feld Handy Group/Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, Canada in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Sunday Ajao facilitated the employment of many Nigerians by high net worth organizations in Canada through a career network web he put together, thereby, giving Nigerians a strong family and financial presence in Canada. Single-handedly, Sunday has been responsible for paying tuition fees of stranded Nigerian students in Canada. Using CareerNudge Consulting Inc, Sunday provides free career counselling to young Nigerians and free immigration services to Nigerian students in need of Immigration advisory.



Adewale “Wally” Adeyemo is the Deputy Treasury Secretary under Joe Biden administration. He is the First Chief of Staff of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Wally, a Nigerian-American attorney, and political advisor, serves as the first president of the Obama Foundation. During the Obama Administration, Adeyemo served as the first Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics from 2015 to 2016 and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council. Adeyemo was born in Nigeria and raised in Los Angeles County, California. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley and Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. Adeyemo served as the Director of African American Outreach for the John Kerry 2004 presidential campaign and was based in the San Francisco office. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Adeyemo worked as an editor at the Hamilton Project. He also served as the first chief of staff of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under Elizabeth Warren. He elected to concurrently serve as Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics and deputy director of the National Economic Council in 2015, serving until 2016.



OLUSEGUN BASHIRU JAJI, Awarded as a member of the African and Caribbean community with over \$5 million investment in the city.

Captain Olusegun Jaji has over 25 years experience in founding and leading companies, in the Real estate sector, Car Parking sector and the Marine transportation business in the United States, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. He started with some experience in the Nigerian finance sector before heading to the USA, where he worked as a parking attendant. He quickly rose to be General Manager overseeing a 24-location parking company, with staff strength of 246.



Dolapo Oni is an experienced finance professional with various career stints across trading, risk rating, research, investment banking and consulting. With over 12 years of work experience in the financial sector, Dolapo is a sound economic analyst, corporate finance and research professional. You can count on him for a professional attitude to work, jovial disposition with his team mates and unwavering dedication to his deliverables.



Jessica O. Matthews is a Nigerian-American inventor, CEO and venture capitalist. She is the co-founder of Uncharted Power, which made Socket, a soccer ball that can be used as a power generator. Matthews attended Harvard College and graduated from Harvard Business School. In 2011, Fortune Magazine named her Fortune's "10 Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs and in 2015, named her as Fortune's "Most Promising Women Entrepreneurs." In 2012, the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations named her "Scientist of the Year." She was named by the Nigerian President as an Ambassador for Entrepreneurship for the country.



Yemi Babington-Ashaye is the head, Global Shapers Community and director at the World Economic Forum. He started his career as a Chartered Accountant (ACCA) and was a member of the Financial Management Programme at the financial services unit of the American conglomerate General Electric – GE Capital. While working for Nigeria's former minister of finance, Okojo Iweala, as technical advisor for economic growth, he ensured the integration of economic data and information into the decision-making process, which culminated in the development of State of the Nation reports that guided policy priorities. In addition to overseeing fiscal policy matters, he also designed stakeholder outreach sessions, which were effective and applauded by financial experts.

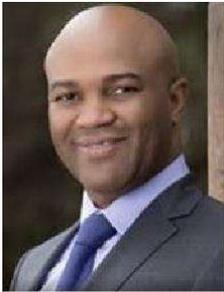


Lami Rachel Adamu from Jos East Local Government of Plateau State, a former international and a member of the Super Falcons to the 2000 Olympic Football Tournament in Sydney has been in the United States for almost 18 years. She was one of the lasses that represented the country in the 1990s.

She has fond memories of her love for the round leather game; her days with the team and stays in touch her teammates. She has a new business of catering for parties, packaging of suya and kilishi in the US through her outfit, Saharan Kilishi, located in New Jersey.



Chinedu Echeruo is a partner, and Head of Principal Investing at Constant Capital, a West Africa based investment bank. Prior to joining Constant Capital, Mr Echeruo founded two US based internet companies, HopStop.com and Tripology.com. Tripology.com was acquired in 2010 by Rand McNally and is now owned by USA today. HopStop was acquired by Apple in 2013. Before his entrepreneurial career, Mr. Echeruo was with AM Investment Partners, a USD \$500 million volatility driven convertible bond arbitrage hedge fund. Prior to completing his MBA, he spent several years in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Leveraged Finance groups of JP Morgan Chase where he was involved in a broad range of M&A, financing and private equity transactions. He holds an MBA, from Harvard Business School, and BSc in Finance and Accounting (Honours) from Syracuse University.



Robert Onyejekwe, Vice President for Sales and Commercial, for the Reservoir and Infrastructure Group. Prior to his current role, Robert was President of the Schlumberger Bits and Drilling Tools product line with executive leadership, global strategy and business management responsibilities. From August 2014 to July 2017, Robert was the Vice President and General Manager for Schlumberger Sub-Sahara region.



Andrew Osayemi is a man of many talents. He transitioned from being a successful city trader to co-founding a TV production company - MTA Productions, makers of the International hit TV sitcom meet the Adebajnos. Born and bred in the UK to Nigerian parents, Andrew studied Economics at Warwick University. After graduating in 2005 he joined the Royal Bank of Scotland's Investment Banking Division as a graduate trader working there for five years in London and New York. During his time with RBS, he quickly rose through the ranks to ultimately become Head Euro FX Trader in New York.



Akolisa Ufodike born in Maiduguri is a Nigerian-Canadian entrepreneur, finance executive and politician. He is the CEO of Kainji Resources Ltd, an oil and gas company in Nigeria. He currently serves as assistant professor of Accounting and Auditing at York University in Toronto.



Tope Lawani serves on EMPEA’s Board of Directors. Mr. Lawani, a Nigerian national, is a co-founder and Managing Partner of Helios Investment Partners (“Helios”) and has more than 20 years of principal investment experience. Helios is an Africa-focused private investment firm operating a family of funds, and their related co-investment entities, aggregating more than \$3 billion in capital commitments. He was a Principal in the San Francisco and London offices of TPG Capital, a leading global private equity firm managing approximately \$70 billion in capital. At TPG, Mr. Lawani had a lead role in the execution of over \$10 billion worth of closed venture capital and leveraged buyout investments, including the acquisitions of Burger King Corp., Debenhams plc, J. Crew Group, and Scottish & Newcastle Retail. He also serves as a member of the Harvard Law School Dean’s Advisory Board; and has served on the Overseers’ Visiting Committee of the Harvard Business School and the MIT Open Course Ware Advisory Board. Mr. Lawani received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Juris Doctorate (cum laude) from Harvard Law School and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is fluent in Yoruba, a widely spoken West African language.



Arunma Oteh is the current Vice-President and Treasurer of the World Bank. Ms Oteh is credited for sanitizing Nigeria’s capital market during her time as the Director-General of the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC). The University of Nigeria, Nsukka, First Class graduate, had stints with the African Development Bank, Harvard Institute of International Development and Centre Point Investments Limited, Nigeria.



Temilade Oyeniya is the Vice-President of S&P Capital IQ’s Quantamental Research Group, which specializes in building global stock selection strategies for institutional investors, hedge funds and pension funds. He was a Principal at Bank of Montreal Global Asset management, where he was responsible for portfolio management and research in International equity markets (both developed and emerging) and providing analytical support to Domestic US Portfolio Managers. He was a Senior Investment Consultant at QSG (recently acquired by Markit), where he designed and oversaw the implementation of numerous quantitative finance initiatives for hedges funds and other institutional investors.



AKANDE OLUWAKAYODE, a banker and financial analyst has worked for different international banks in Poland. He has been instrumental in getting many Nigerians on board of financial institutions in Poland.



Ganiyu Ademola Dada is an International Trade Specialist and President and CEO of Kofa International Co, which uses the US Export Credit Programmes of Exim Bank and others to finance US Exports to African Countries. Kofa has facilitated low cost capital with long tenors to both public and private sectors to acquire industrial equipment, including but not limited to: Ibile Holdings Limited wholly owned by Lagos State, Japaul Oil and Maritime Services in Oil and Gas Industry and ABG Communications Ltd in Abuja in Telecommunications.

Kofa is working with many US Commercial Banks and Finance Companies to use US ECAs to extend credit to African importers who need to import critical equipment required for African Development.



Dr. Anino Emuwa is the founder and managing director of Avandis Consulting, an international management consultancy firm in France with a subsidiary in Lagos. Her firm provides strategy and financial consultancy services to business leaders and entrepreneurs, and she advises the international business community on investing in Nigeria. Through her work with the business community in France and Nigeria, she connects and creates bridges between the two countries. A researcher and an academic, Anino leads business workshops and seminars in Europe and Nigeria. She is a former banker and speaks internationally on business, entrepreneurship and women leadership. Anino is published in Forbes and Entrepreneur.



Osun State-born billionaire, **Dr Oluleye Adigun**, is the owner and Chief Operating Officer of Golden Glades Treatment Centre, as well as Adigun Investment Group, with stakes in nine companies operating in commercial real estate, several e-commerce companies as well as wind and solar energy.

Others investment outlets are in aviation, with four private planes, a technology company, which owns computer software/applications, and six clinics in the healthcare industry.



Chief Kennedy Fintan Nnaji is a Nigerian-born entrepreneur who is based in Japan. He is the D/G & CEO, of Nahfconnects for Africa and the World Inc. Japan (a subsidiary of Nahfkenn Associates Plc, Japan), and also President-General, Nigeria Union Japan.



Ola Tinuke Erogbogbo-Oyeniya is the Co-founder and Head of Operation for Deinte Designs Limited, the parent company of Deinte Fine Jewelry.

She has over 14 years of corporate experience working primarily in the Branding, Marketing and Advertising Industries. She earned her bachelor's degree at North-eastern University in Managerial Economics and Mathematics. She also recently earned an Executive Marketing Strategy Certificate from Cornell University.

Ola, also plays a dynamic role in developing corporate partnerships with African-based companies, government entities and NGOs through DOWA - Doing Good Work in Africa. DOWA is a non-profit established in 2020, to which Tinuke is the Co-founder/CEO.



Tomide Awe has been the Revenue Strategy Operations Manager at Twitter since March 2018. Her role involves advising on strategy and creating processes and tools to help teams achieve revenue goals.

Prior to Twitter, Tomide worked at ExxonMobil and Accenture in Nigeria and Credit Suisse International in the United Kingdom. She holds a bachelor's degree in Economics, and master's in Finance and Economics as well as an MBA in Strategic Management/Entrepreneurial Management.



Abiodun Dominic Odunuga (A. D. O.), popularly known in his French network as 'Abi'. He is a Nigerian based in Paris, France. He is a social entrepreneur and an international development consultant. Abiodun hails from Ogun State but was born and bred in Lagos.

He is the Co-Founder and Vice-President of Friends of Nigeria (FON), a foremost diaspora organization based in France that fosters socio-economic relations between Europe and Nigeria. Abiodun is also the project manager for the Nigeria-France Tech Initiative (NFTI) recently launched by the Embassy of Nigeria, Paris amidst stakeholders such as the French Development Agency (AFD) to support the tech ecosystem between France and Nigeria. He is a recipient of many international awards such as the Tocqueville Active Citizens Award for Co-creation and Community Impact in France as well as the United States of America Partnership award for Economic Empowerment by the United States Consulate, Lagos, Nigeria.



Dr. Joseph Onochie teaches Executive Finance and Risk Management in the DBA and PhD programmes at ISM. Onochie has over 15 years experience as a financial consultant, an economist, and a line-of-business executive. His experience in instructional design, content creation and client engagements has enabled his role as a consultant to span both the development and delivery functions. Since 1993, Joseph has been affiliated with the Baruch College Zicklin School of Business, City University of New York. He is an Associate Professor of Finance and, until 2012, he was the Academic Director of the Executive MBA programme and the Chairman of the Graduate Committee on Academic Standing.

He previously was the Acting Director of all Executive Programmes. In his role at Baruch College, Joseph has managed the 2-year Executive MBA and the 1-year Executive Master of Science in Finance programmes and conducted undergraduate, graduate and executive MBA and MS Finance courses in Corporate Finance, Derivative Securities, Investments, Managerial Finance and Health Care Finance.

Joseph holds a PhD in Financial Economics and a MA in Economics from University of New Orleans; an MBA in Finance from Tulane University; an MS in Engineering Management from University of Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana; and a B.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering from University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



Ronke Ekwensi is a seasoned executive with more than 25 years of experience with a multi-disciplinary background in information governance, data integration, and big data strategies. Her industry experience includes bio-pharmaceutical, power, technology, consumer electronics and management consulting.

She is currently a Vice-President of Information Management & Policy for Baxalta, a specialty pharmaceutical company based in the US. Prior to Baxalta, Ronke Ekwensi was Managing Director in the Legal Management Consulting practice at Duff & Phelps, where she led the Information Governance and Data Integration service lines. She is a recognized expert in Information Management, Big Data & Social Data Strategies. She has served in various senior management positions at companies such as Pfizer, Ernst & Young, Public Service Electric & Gas, and Sony Electronics & Hewlett Packard.

She is a regular writer and presenter on topics such as big data and information governance. Her other projects include, promoting Nigeria's image by exposing contemporary Nigerian artists to the U.S. market. She is working on developing the Cyprian Ekwensi Virtual Library devoted to the preservation of the collected works of "the father of African writers."



Uvie Ugono is a Co-Founder and CEO at Smart Health and also the Founder and CEO at Solynta Energy. He is a British-Nigerian entrepreneur with a banking and finance background. His greatest career accomplishment was in 2006, when he became HSBC Chief Financial Officer of the Global Project and Export Finance Business in Canary Wharf.

After leaving HSBC, he started several businesses. One of these ventures was a tech business called Urecruitime. The concept was ahead of its times - a match.com for the recruitment industry. He moved to Atlanta in 2011 to launch the business. His Company is one of the leading solar power firms, having pioneered consumer financing and pay-as-you-go options for customers. His firm has over 1MW of installations across 17 plus states.



Yonov Frederick Agah is the Deputy DG, World Trade Organization. He holds a BSc; and MSc Economics; Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria; 1989. His MBA was obtained in 2007 just as he bagged a DPhil in Economics (International Trade), University of Jos, Nigeria. His doctoral dissertation was on "Trade Policy Reform and Economic Growth in Nigeria Since 1986"; 2009. He obtained an LLB from the University of Abuja, Nigeria. 1979-81. Other professional experience include: Lecturer, Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna - 1982-84, Senior Features Writer and Circulation Manager, Benue Printing and Publishing Corporation 1984-87; Sales Manager, Benue Bottling Company 1990-91; Field Manager, UTC Nigeria. From 1991-2001, he was a Deputy-Director (Multilateral) and 2002-05, Director (External Trade).

From 2005-2013 he was Ambassador of Nigeria to the WTO and served as the Alternate Chief Negotiator for the Doha Round and Head of Nigeria's Trade Office to the WTO in the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

And in 2011, Chair of the WTO's General Council, responsible for organizing the Eighth WTO Ministerial Conference.

He has contributed to various books and journals; also chaired various other WTO bodies.



Adewale Oladapo Rabi

Wale Rabi -A serial entrepreneur who has successfully founded three businesses in Canada since he arrived in 2016- Grey Matlock Bakery, and Spring in April Inc. and Rubic Consulting Inc.

Wale Rabi graduated from Ogun State University, Nigeria in 1999 with a BSc Accounting degree, Masters In Managerial Psychology (MMP) from The University of Ibadan in 2016 and he is also an alumnus of the University of Leicester, UK, where he earned an MBA-Finance in 2007.

In December 2017 he became a certified Project Management Professional (PMP)

Wale started his professional career from Standard Trust Banks (now UBA) in January 2002 before later joining Nigeria's leading telecommunication giant MTN Nigeria in October 2002 where he work till 2007 when he resigned his appointment as General Ledger Accountant. He joined Bank PHB in Jan 2008 and latter Guaranty Trust Bank in the same year as the bank's Market Risk Analyst.

Grey Matlock Bakery was incorporated in 2018 and started operation in March of the same year. Grey Matlock Bakery has experienced immense growth selling its products (Agege Bread and Butterfilled Sliced Bread) in over 300 African and Caribbean stores and over Chains of Loblaw Stores like No Frills, Real Canadian Superstores, Zehr etc across Canada.

Adewale's success in entrepreneurship in Canada is no stroke of luck, as he was also a successful Poultry Farmer back in Abeokuta Nigeria before coming to Canada.

Wale Rabi devotes his time to helping other black-owned businesses in Canada set up operations and map out their route- to market and upscaling strategies.



Adesola Oyinlola is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Africa and is also the Global Head of Sustainability & Social Responsibility at Schlumberger Limited since 2011. Prior to this Sola was the company's Vice President and Treasurer. Sola's expertise includes financing growth and global operations; assets and debt management; and corporate financing structure issues such as raising equity and shareholder distribution strategies. Sola is also experienced in managing investments, including the company's employee pension and profit sharing funds, where he increased investment choices for employees and assured the performance and governance of funds.

Sola began his career in 1979 as a Trainee in project finance for heavy engineering and infrastructure projects for ABB, based in Sweden. Sola joined Schlumberger in 1984, working in California, where he soon gained experience with the financial arrangements of all of the company's business lines. He then held several increasingly senior financial management roles in locations including Houston, London, and Paris. In 1998, Sola was appointed general manager for the company's operations in Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, and from 2001 to 2006 was managing director of Schlumberger business in West Africa. In between he served as human resources director for Europe, CIS and Africa.

Sola subsequently worked for the Central Bank of Nigeria, based in Lagos.

He holds a B.A. degree in Accounting from the University of Ghana and an MBA from Stanford University Business School, United States. Sola is an honorary fellow of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists and a Co-Founder of the Petroleum Club of Lagos.

Sola is also a Member of the Board of Directors at Schlumberger Foundation. He joined the board of the Schlumberger Foundation in 2006 and was appointed President in 2011. Sola has a passion for human capital and host community development, as evidenced by his participation in issues of economic development, inclusion, and mentoring in various countries where he has been resident.



Toyin Umesiri is a Global Influencer, an International Trade Expert, a trusted Adviser and Business Coach to Trade and Investment Stakeholders around the world.

She helps her clients with Value Creation in the marketplace through commercialization and monetization of Assets, National Resources and Talents.

She is the CEO of Nazaru LLC., the Founder of the acclaimed Trade with Africa Business Summit, The AfCFTA Roundtable, the Trade with Africa Network, Africa Exporter Listing, Nigeria Investment Conference (NIC) and several other global initiatives.

She also owns the beauty brand OMOOBA (available on Amazon) & is the Founder of The 360° Woman Ministry.

Toyin spent over a decade in corporate America at both Walmart Headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas and Whirlpool Corporation HQ in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Toyin serves as Ambassador for Intra-African Trade Fair by appointment of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and African Union (AU) - the governing body of the 55 African nations. She is an inspirational speaker featured as a Leading Woman in Technology on the platform the Spark Women. She is also featured in various publications including:

Book: LEADING WOMEN - Portraits of Inspirational Women

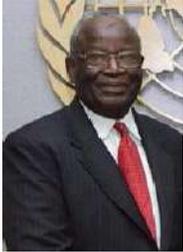
Book: Founded by Women: Inspiration and Advice from over 100 Female Founders - Learn from successes and failures, told through a series of engaging Q&A with the most ambitious female founders and CEOs.



CHAPTER FOUR



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PHILANTHROPY AND HUMANITARIAN



Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR, is a diplomat, currently the Chief of Staff to the President of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari. He was born in Ilorin, Kwara State. He attended the London School of Economics where he obtained his B. Sc. (Economics) degree (1968), with specialization in International Relations. He later obtained his M.A. (1970) and PhD (1974) degrees from Columbia University, New York, USA in Political Science /International Relations.

Gambari served as the Minister for External Affairs between 1984 and 1985 under General Muhammadu Buhari's military regime. From 1990 to 1999, he served as Nigeria's Ambassador to the United Nations, having the longest spell and under five Heads of State and Presidents.

He was at the UN from 1999 to 2012. His last appointment was from January 2010 to July 2012, when he was appointed by Ban Ki-moon and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission as the Joint African Union-United Nations Special Representative for Darfur. He is a member of the Johns Hopkins University's Society of Scholars. He has been decorated with the title of Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR) by the Government of Nigeria. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (D.Hum.Litt.) Honoris causa by the University of Bridgeport.



Dr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande was educated in Zagga, Kebbi State. He has had an outstanding career as a scholar and diplomat. He received a BSc (Political Science) from Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria (1979); an MA (Political Science) from Boston University, United States of America (1981); and a PhD (Political Science) from University of Toronto, Canada (1987). On June 4, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly elected this Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations as President of the 74th Session.



Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and protection of the natural environment. She first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Amina has been conferred with many honorary doctorates and has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development. The recipient of various global awards, she has served on numerous international advisory boards and panels.



Khafi Kareem: She is from Ekiti State but was bred in London along with her three younger brothers. Khafi can speak five languages – English, Yoruba, French, Italian and the sign language. She joined the Metropolitan Police, UK, in 2015 as a police officer after working as a volunteer special constable for four years.



Tope Fajingbesi Balogun, A Nigerian-American social entrepreneur, and an Agribusiness lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park in the USA. She also invests considerable time and energy into creating a better world for children from low-income families through the education, healthcare and social welfare initiatives of United for Kids Foundation, an organization she co-founded in 2002 and which she continues to serve as its Executive Director/Coordinating Trustee (Pro-Bono). Though managed by volunteers, United for Kids Foundation revenue, which is generated mainly from individual donors, increased from \$39,000 in 2009 to \$400,000 in 2019. Tope's efforts earned her an award at the Nigeria Centenary USA Awards ceremony in New York City on September 27th 2014.



Dr. Godwin Maduka, Born in Eastern Nigeria is a Nigerian-American doctor, businessman and philanthropist. He is the founder of Las Vegas Pain Institute and Medical Centre. In 2008, he played a major role in the renaming of his hometown, from Nkerehi to Umuchukwu. Maduka has invested over \$20 million in various community development projects in Umuchukwu. He built houses for the poor, churches, market, schools, police station, police academy and college, post office, magistrate court and a high court for the Anambra State government. He also built a 17-floor multiplex medical research centre in Umuchukwu. He set up the Godwin Maduka Foundation.



Chief Amina Temitope Ajayi, She is a US-based Nigerian business consultant, an accountant by training, a social entrepreneur and a passionate activist. She was the former President of All Nigerian American Congress (ANAC). The Founder of the Nigerian American Agricultural Empowerment Programme (NAAEP), which engages in the Agricultural empowerment of farmers, women and young adult in Nigeria in order to increase foods sufficiency and sustainable employment for women and youths in the agricultural sector. She is known for promoting women empowerment and poverty eradication in Africa through Agribusiness. Her philanthropic gestures started with the establishment of Fashion/Technical school for underprivileged students in Ibadan, Nigeria in 1980–1985. Chief Ajayi later on championed and advocated a One Million Goodluck Housing Programme for those in Diaspora in collaboration with the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria under the DIASPORA HOUSING LOAN SCHEME.



Chile Eboe-Osuji is a judge of the International Criminal Court, The Hague since March 2012 and was elected as its President on 11 March 2018.

His election into the Presidency of the International Criminal Court is for a three-year term.

Prior to his tenure as a judge, he was the Legal Advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

On 16 December 2011, Eboe-Osuji was elected as a judge of the ICC. He won the office in the fifteenth ballot in the Assembly of States Parties. He assumed office on 11 March 2012.



Prof. Akintunde E. Akinade is a Professor of Theology at Georgetown University's Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service in Qatar. He received his Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies at Obafemi Awolowo University and M.Div. at Southern Methodist University. He earned his M.Phil. and a Ph.D. in Ecumenical Theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City where he studied with both James H. Cone and Kosuke Koyama. He serves on the Editorial Board of *The Muslim World*, *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology*, *Journal of Interreligious Dialogue*, and *The Living Pulpit*. He has also served as the Book Review Editor for the *Journal of World Christianity* and Editor for *Adyan/Religions*. Within the American Academy of Religion, he has served on the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, the International Connections Committee, and on the Editorial Board of its flagship journal, the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (JAAR). He is an ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church of Nigeria. He now serves as one of the members of the Board of Patrons to the Executive Council of the Nigerian Diaspora Organisation of Qatar (NIDO-Qatar). His Achievements include; Member, Senior Core Faculty, GU-Q Field Chair, Culture and Politics (CULP) Major, GU-Q, 2018-2019 Book Review Editor, *Journal of World Christianity*, 2010-2017 Editor-in-Chief, *Religions/Adyan*, Published by the Doha International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue, 2017-2018.



Rita Ezenwa-Okoro is the Founder of Street Project Foundation, a social enterprise that uses performance tools to facilitate opportunities for youth development and cross-cultural exchanges. She is the Principal Communications Consultant for Rita Omovbude Consult, a marketing communications firm in Nigeria. She is responsible for the creation of numerous initiatives that have impacted the lives of thousands of youth such as the Creative Youth Boot Camp, the Talent Hub, Project Uplift and Digital Amazons. She is a recipient of President Barack Obama's Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, a recipient of the Lagos State Government Youth Development Award, a recipient of the Extraordinary Women Award in France and the Next Generation Leaders Award.



Alex Ihama is a Nigerian-Canadian who is an internationally known motivational speaker, life coach and entrepreneur, who has been delivering lectures on personal development, leadership effectiveness and strategic management to numerous audiences worldwide for almost two decades. He is passionate about self-development and leadership. He has published two books - *Welcome to Greatness* (2011), *The Mystique of Leadership* (2015). Ihama is the founder and Executive Director of The Exhortation Community Organisation (TEXCO), an NGO that works with corporations, churches, communities, schools and associations to give his (Ihama) time, books and inspirational resources to detention centres, youth and women shelters across Canada and worldwide. In addition, Ihama is the proprietor of The School of Greatness Worldwide, which he launched in 2013.



Abiodun Oyebola, Current President, NIDO (Sierra Leone) Chapter. Native of Abeokuta, Ogun State, is a 1989 graduate of Lagos State University, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Area of Business Interest: Co-Founder of FIRST TRICON LIMITED. A civil engineering company undertaking road and bridge construction works for the Government of Sierra Leone. Abiodun has taken First Tricon to among 3 top construction companies in Sierra Leone within 10 years of the company's operations. He has also established a strong foothold for his company, First Tricon, in the mining sector in the Republic of Guinea.

Abiodun Oyebola is profoundly committed to philanthropic works, especially in the area of youth education where his efforts have produced university graduates in Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana. He is presently constructing a multi-million naira modern hospital supplies factory on a 15-acre land in Shote Village, off Lagos-Ibadan/Expressway, Ogun State, Nigeria. The company is expected to provide employment for over 1,000 Nigerians. Abiodun Oyebola organised a celebration of Nigerians in the Diaspora where over 2,000 Nigerians happily came together in July 2019, in Sierra Leone during his inauguration as president of NIDO (SL Chapter). The celebration remains the best organised and most successful single gathering of Nigerians in the diaspora globally.

Charles Efe Sylvester Emukowhate is a United Kingdom based Nigerian entrepreneur, philanthropist and community leader. He is a graduate of Economics, with Masters in Money and Finance, an MBA (Merit) and a Doctorate in Business Administration. He has also attended executive courses at the University of Oxford and Cambridge.



He is the Patron of The professionals in Accounting and Commerce (Chartered accountants group) in the United Kingdom. A former bank manager, an economist, financial consultant, security consultant and a maritime consultant with over 30 years experience. A philanthropist and chairman of The Pillar of Hope Trust Foundation (charity) based in Kwoi Kaduna State Nigeria, which he founded with his Wife and Mrs Kato in 2010 with over 170 orphaned children, many of whom are HIV positive, as well as carter for over 150 widows (Empowerment programmes). He is also an Entrepreneur and the owner of Express UK Limited, a leading African employer of labour (200 staff) in Europe and a premier member of the London Chambers of Commerce and the London Institute of Directors (IOD).

He was appointed by President Buhari in September 2020 to serve as Executive Commissioner Finance PENCOM Nigeria, as part of the executive team that manages the \$30 billion Pension Portfolio in Nigeria.

As a community leader, he has sponsored several community based empowerment programmes in the UK and Nigeria. Most recently as part of the NIDCOM Diaspora Covid 19 project group donated PPEs worth several millions of naira to all the states in Nigeria (CDC) towards the fight against Covid 19 Pandemic. Charles is also a good governance advocate and a Minister in RCCG London.



Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations. Up until her appointment, she was Senior Special Advisor to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission. She has more than a decade of experience working with ECOWAS and its institutions in different capacities, with a focus on peace and security, regional integration and organisational development.

Prior to joining ECOWAS, she was the Executive Director at West Africa Conflict and Security Consulting, a family of regional consulting companies that work at the intersection of security, research, development and investment in conflict-affected and fragile areas.

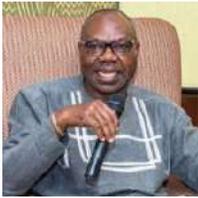
She has also previously worked as a Programme Manager for regional cooperation in West Africa at the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS and as Regional Project Manager for security policy projects in West Africa with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.



Ambassador Hadiza Mustapha is currently the Advisor of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Peace, Security and Governance. She previously worked in the Nigerian Foreign Service, where she retired after 35 years of service. Before her retirement, she served as the High Commissioner of Nigeria to Cameroon (2012-2016) and in various Nigerian foreign missions in the United Kingdom (1988-1992), Zimbabwe (1998-2000), South Africa (2000-2002) and USA (Washington DC 2010-2012). Amb. Hadiza holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies and she is a Fellow of the National War College, Nigeria. She also attended the Senior Executives Education in National and International Security at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, USA. She has equally obtained several on the job training in Conflict Management, Social and Humanitarian Affairs as well as women in peace and security and development.



Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi is currently the Regional Director, Africa and West Asia, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). He has more than 35 years of experience in the area of international relations, governance and human rights, both in the academic sector and in intergovernmental institutions. Olukoshi was a member of the African Union Assessment Panel and Chair of the Board of several Think Tanks, including European Centre for Development Policy Management and Open Society Initiative for West Africa. He also previously served as Director of the UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, as Executive Director of the Africa Governance Institute, as Executive Secretary of the Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa, as Director of Research at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs; Senior Research Fellow/Research Programme Coordinator of the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala, and Senior Programme Staff at the South Centre in Geneva. He holds a PhD in politics from the University of Leeds. Prof. Olukoshi has been editor, contributor and member of editorial boards for numerous African and Nigerian journals and has published widely on politics and development in Africa.



David Omozuafih has 26 years working with international organizations around Africa. He is equipped with skills, technical knowledge and extensive experience in programme development, implementation monitoring and evaluation in the field of governance and peace building, human rights/rule of law, conflict management, electoral process, transparency and accountability/anti-corruption, public sector management, legislative process, civil society, gender mainstreaming/women empowerment and donor coordination. Since 1994, he has worked with Amnesty International, Centre for Development and Population Activities, the European Commission and the United Nations Development Programme in Nigeria, Ethiopia and Tanzania; and currently at the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, overseeing UNDP's support to 45 Africa countries.

Omozuafih has held different positions of responsibility in these organizations including being acting Country Director, UNDP Tanzania and recently led the Governance and Peace building cluster as Officer-In-Charge at the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa. Now as Programme Advisor/Project Manager, he is leading the effective implementation of the Accelerating the Ratification and Domestication of African Union (AU) Treaties project in Kenya, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe in partnership with the Africa Union Commission and Regional Economic Communities. He is currently a PhD student in Governance, Peace and Development at the University for Peace and holds a master's in International Law and Diplomacy from the University of Lagos as well as Executive master's degree in Managing Peace and Security in Africa from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He also holds a Bachelor of Education (Language Arts) from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He attended Government Secondary School, Kafanchan, Kaduna State. He is the President of the Nigerian Community in Ethiopia (NiCE) since 2019.



Inspector **Olufunmilola Obe** is the first Black person to attain the position of New York City Police Inspector on 18th December, 2015. She began her career with the New York City Police Department in June, 1992 as a Police Cadet assigned to 24 Precinct. She was promoted to Sergeant in December, 2000, Lieutenant in July, 2005, Captain in September, 2008 and Deputy Inspector in June, 2012.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the City College of New York and a Master of Public Administration from Marist College. Inspector Obe is a 2014 graduate of the Police Management Institute at Columbia University.



Sir Kenneth Aphunzezi Olisa, OBE, Born in Nottingham to a Nigerian father and a British mother, is a British businessman and philanthropist. He is the first black Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London. He founded and led the AIM-listed technology merchant bank Interregnum and now leads Restoration Partners. Worshipful Company of Information Technologists and has served on several boards of philanthropic, educational and regulator organisations. Sir Kenneth with his wife endowed the Olisa Library at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.



Ikenna Nweke, A Nigerian PhD student in Japan, drew global attention recently when he returned a big purse he found containing money.

Ikenna is an indigene of Amauzari in Isiala Mbano Local Government Area in Imo state. He relocated to Japan in 2013 with the help of a Japanese government-sponsored scholarship programme.



Krystal Okeke is a Nigerian-American model, journalist and philanthropist. Krystal was born in Chicago, Illinois, US. She is from Anambra State. She spent her formative years in Kaduna State, Nigeria before returning to the US. She is the founder of America Kids Multicultural World Organization and Miss and Mrs America Nation beauty pageant. Queen Krystal is a dedicated humanitarian who has continue to use her capacity and intelligence to impact lives across Europe, America and Africa. She was recently made an Ambassador of the Nigeria Police Force, when she was the guest of the Kaduna State chapter of POWA Annual Empowerment project in Nigeria. She was honoured and recognized as a World Class Beauty Queen in 2017.



Olasubomi Iginla-Aina OBE is a United Kingdom-based Youth philanthropist, the CEO of Lightup Foundation, a UK-based NGO. The NGO is with the vision of improving child rights, youth empowerment and creating awareness on the dangers of child abuse. Among other things, Olasubomi through her NGO has travelled round some of the poorest nations of the world to give assistance and support where necessary to the poor and downtrodden in society. She received the British third highest national honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire. She was given the title: “Diasporas Ambassador” by the Chairman/CEO of NIDCOM.



CHUKWUDOZIE EZIGBALIKE, from Anambra State, Nigeria, retired from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in 2017. His areas of expertise include data technology and data management, land information management to support land tenure and land administration systems, and national spatial data infrastructures.

He got his B.Sc in surveying from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. His MSc in land surveying from Ahmadu Bello University and his PhD in Land Information from New Brunswick University, Canada.



Remi Toyin Yusuf, AKA Toyin Falusi is from Akure, Ondo State. She attended Fiwasaye Girls Grammar School Akure where she was taught self-value and women's liberation. She then believed that she could reach for the space with no gender barrier. After high school she worked as a freelance presenter with the Ondo State Broadcasting Cooperation while she studied for her B.A, Ed. (Hons) at Obafemi Awolowo University. After this, she bagged a Master of Education (M. Ed) from the University of Natal, Durban South Africa. She has a Master's in Counselling from Monash University, Graduate Diploma in Psychology from University of Southern Queensland and Graduate Certificate in Risk Assessment and Case Management from Swinburne University, Melbourne Australia. She has just completed her PhD in Counselling focusing on the impact of culture and religion in intimate partner abuse.

Remi was the first person of African origin to run for a Local Government election in Baw Baw Shire council in Victoria to promote inclusion and multi-culturalism. She is currently the first woman president of the Nigerian Association in Victoria (NSV) Australia. She is the current Secretary of the Council of Nigerian Associations Presidents in Australia (CoNAPA), which is the apex leadership forum for all Nigerian national associations across Australian States and Territories.



Ibraheem Sanusi is an Advisor on Citizens Engagement, GIZ Office to the African Union. He is a Senior Advisor on the Joint African Union – German Cooperation on Citizens Participation and Innovative Data Use for Africa's Development. In this capacity, Ibraheem provides advisory services to the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA) as well as other AU Organs on policy development, capacity building, partnerships development as well as knowledge management for improved citizens' participation and the use of data and emerging technologies for governance and development. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Head and Citizen's Engagement Lead at the African Governance Architecture (AGA) Secretariat based at the African Union Commission's Department of Political Affairs from 2013 to 2019.



Ambassador **Bankole Adeoye** has been elected African Union Commissioner.

Adeoye was Nigeria's former Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union.

Ambassador Adeoye was until recently Nigeria's envoy to the African Union. He was elected Commissioner of the Political Affairs and Peace and Security Department of the AU Commission on February 7, 2021, the only candidate to get the votes of all the 55 member countries in the election. He is the first person to head the department following the merger of Political Affairs and Peace and Security Department under a recent reorganization of the Commission.



Michael Adeniyi graduated from Baptist Boys’ High School Abeokuta; he then migrated to the United States of America for further studies. A graduate of City University of New York – Hunter College, New York with degrees in Accounting and Computer Science. Years later, Michael co-founded SIMADEN Capital, LLC -- a financial advisory, oil & gas, and real estate investment firm, where he serves as managing partner.

Michael is former president of Organization for the Advancement of Nigerians (OAN) – the group that organizes annual Nigeria Independence Day Parade & Carnival in New York every October. He is also a founding member of African Advisory Council to The Bronx Borough President, where he has been actively involved in integrating African immigrants into the American society. Michael was a member of NYC2012 – which was New York City Olympic Bid Committee. In 2011, Michael was honoured as a Bronx County Leader by New York State, Assemblyman Eric Stevenson. Michael was profiled on Ogun State Television (OGTV) in 2015 as an exemplary Nigerian living in the United States.

In recognition of his selfless community service both in the U.S. and Nigeria, Michael has been conferred with various awards:

Merit Award, Baptist Boys’ High School, Abeokuta, Nigeria, - Cultural Leadership Award, Bronx County (NY) Salute to Leadership, Appreciation Award, African Profiles USA & Globe Magazine, Appreciation Award, African Heritage Magazine, Legendary Award, US-African Eye Newspaper, 2012 U.S. Presidential Citizens Medal Award (Nomination).

Adegboyega Omooba: Also known as Pastor Ade Omooba, he has been severally honoured for voluntary service. He is the co-founder, and director of Christian Concern - an organisation that has grown over the past 10 years into a movement that advocates Christian values; and for Christians to be at the centre of British culture once again. The movement has been involved in countless rallies and campaigns on national and regional TVs as well as on radios, newspapers and magazines. Its sister-ministry, the Christian Legal Centre, has also supported hundreds of Christians who have found themselves ousted from their jobs, barred from public-speaking, and in danger of losing their families, all because they have held on to their Christian values.



Afolabi Andu is a name synonymous with the African- European Project; a role he has played quite remarkably for over thirty years. He is a man who operates with great passion, excellence, commitment and dedication. Afolabi can also be described as a highly skilled organizer, business strategist and brilliant communicator. A recipient of numerous awards such as the Millennium Achievers Awards presented by Sir Eddie George at the Bank of England in 1999, the Nigerian Golden Jubilee Award in 2010, Nigerian Centenary Award in 2014 presented by Dr. Dalhatu Tafida, the Nigerian High Commissioner to the Courts of St James and subsequently the European Leadership Award presented to him at the House of Lords in 2019. Andu, a BA (Hons) and MBA degrees holder, has been instrumental in the development of numerous high impact initiatives both in the USA, Europe, the Caribbean and Africa.





Ms. Lola Visser Mabogunje Secretary, Board of Trustees, Nigerian Association of Evaluators. She is a Nigerian/Dutch citizen and has an MSc in Development Management. A Practitioner in that field with in-depth knowledge and vast work experience in Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, Public Policy and Planning, Strategic Management, Organizational Development and Institutional Strengthening. She was a Board Member of Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO) Europe, and continues to be a vibrant member of the organisation.



Opal Tometti Heralded as a feminist freedom-fighter in the US and now a global icon is one of the most influential human rights leaders. As one of the three women co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement, her name is etched in American history. For years, the award-winning advocate, strategist and writer has used her voice to ensure that race, immigration, and gender justice remain at the forefront of global conversations. Opal's story of heart, passion, and justice starts in her childhood. In school she led student advocacy and council groups, showcased her Blackness on a competitive step team, and argued passionately on a debate team.



Micheal Asemota: He has distinguished himself as a reputable Nigeria with honesty. Mr. Asemota, an official of Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation-Qatar (NIDO- Qatar), returned QR1.5 million wrongly paid into his bank account. He had gone to the undisclosed bank to open an account with a sum of QR150, 200 but when he got home, Asemota discovered that he received an alert of QR1.5 million, an equivalent of 150 million in Nigeria's currency. On seeing the amount in his account, he went back to the bank to return the money.



Dr. Jide Okeke is currently the Coordinator of the UNDP Regional Programme for Africa leading strategic and technical support to the African Union and Regional Economic Communities. He previously worked for prominent academic/research institutions, international/ regional organizations in the area of governance, peace and security. He was also previously the Head of Policy Development/Civilian Coordinator on Peace operations at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. Okeke holds an MPA from Harvard University, MA in Conflict Resolution (Bradford), and a PhD in Development Politics from Leeds University, UK.



Nigerian born **Dr. Pedus Eweama** is a first-class alumnus of Governor State University, IL, USA where he graduated with *Summa Cum Laude* (Highest Honours) in Liberal Arts. He planned to pursue a career in Law or International Relations/Diplomacy before being drawn to healthcare profession. He eventually bagged a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (Cum Laude) from Armstrong Atlantic State University, GA, USA where he became the first African-American student to be elected state-wide as the 2nd and shortly after the 1st Vice-President, Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS), He was subsequently listed as a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges due to his academic and leadership exploits. He later went on to secure a Master of Occupational Safety and Health degree from Curtin University in Australia. Not satisfied with his many degrees yet, he pursued and graduated with a medical degree from Oceania University of Medicine Samoa where he was recognised as a leader and graduation ceremony valedictorian. Pedus is the author of two books, *When Things Go Wrong: Concepts of Change* and *Nursing Stories: Ordinary people, Extra-ordinary Journey*.



Ms. Mfrekeobong Ukpanah is a conflict analyst with the Peace and Security Department of the African Union Commission (AUC), where she leads a team of experts to provide regular informed analysis to decision makers for timely responses to multiplicity of threats to peace and human security in West Africa. She also co-leads the AU's Youth for Peace programme aimed at strengthening youth participation in peace-building and resilience against violent actions. She has a master's degree in peace and conflict studies and over 10 years' experience in peace-building, governance, security and developmental issues with bias for gender and youth mainstreaming, structural conflict prevention, electoral process, dialogue and mediation, training and implementation of impact-oriented projects. Ms. Ukpanah has contributed significantly to the development and operationalization of conflict early warning and response systems at national, regional and continental levels including the development of premier indicators for the monitoring of violent extremism as well as atrocity crimes in Africa. She provides policy guidance to Member States on structural conflict prevention efforts particularly through the identification of structural causes of violence and development of strategies to tackle them. She spearheaded the first continental engagement of the AUC with representatives of farmers and pastoralist organizations in Africa for the management of transhumance related conflicts. She is the president of the Nigerian Women in Ethiopia (NWIE) and Treasurer of the Nigerian Community in Ethiopia (NiCE).



Festus Uzoma Mbisiogu is the President of Blue Diamond Logistics and Founder of Good Governance Initiative (GGI), a non-governmental organisation. He is also the coordinator of the Chinese chapter of Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO) in Guangdong Province, China. His philanthropic activities executed through Uzotex Charity Foundation, have continued to enhance the quality of life in various communities, which have benefited from the works of the foundation.



OLOMOFE LARRY is a Diplomat at the United Nations. He is an activist on issues of Human Rights. He has in collaboration with other Nigerians fought for justice for our fellow Nigerians who were accused of one thing or the other at different times the country.



Mr. Samuel Foluso ADESUNLORO is a Passionate Educator, Public Relations Consultant, Faith-based representative and a Social Development Expert with over twelve years of continuous experience in education, communication, public relations and international development work. He is the lead consultant and Chief Executive Officer of Integrity International Education Development Consultants (INIEDEC), an investment firm of \$150,000, he founded and registered in 2009 with the head office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Operation branches in Lagos, Nigeria and Pretoria, South Africa. Through INIEDEC, he consults regularly on Education planning, Policy formation, Continental Teacher training, mobility and prize, research and development strategies, education technology and Education Management Information Systems (EMIS) for ministries of education, AUC, United Nations International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA). He also oversees the Deeper Christian Life Ministries and Deeper Life Bible Churches in Ethiopia as National Overseer with oversight responsibility and mission outreaches to Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia. Samuel holds Master's degree in English Studies, Education Management, International Relations and diplomacy from University of Pretoria, South Africa and Addis Ababa University, respectively. He also holds a Nigerian Certificate in Education in English and Religious studies and a Bachelor's degree in Education /Arts with honours, specializing in English and communication arts from the University of Ibadan.



Pastor Ghandi Olaoye is the Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Jesus House, Washington DC, which is one of the biggest Redeemed Churches in America. He has been the Pastor of the church since inception. Pastor Ghandi Olaoye is a visionary, motivational speaker and entrepreneur. He is fondly called "Pastor G" and is known for his servant heart and leadership skills.

Pastor Ghandi was born and raised in Nigeria. He is an Alumnus of Obafemi Awolowo Univeristy, Ile Ife. Pastor Ghandi is passionate about helping others develop to their fullest potential; his experience traveling and speaking internationally has helped shape his commitment to showcasing a ministry where people of all racial and ethnic groups worship God in a loving and caring atmosphere. He is currently the coordinator in charge of Convention and special projects for RCCG, North America



Nkemjika Chima Egwim is the current Secretary-General with the Association of Senates of Africa and the Arab world. He was previously the Principal Officer in charge of Protocol at SMEDAN, presidency in 2005; lecturer at the International Institute of Journalism Abuja from 1995 to 2002 as well as Volunteer Technical Aid Corps at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He served in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 2002 to 2004. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in French and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.



Clement Divine Omolola She is the Financial Secretary of the Nigerian Community in Ethiopia (NiCE) and holds a post-graduate degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. She is married to Pastor Clement of Winners Chapel International, Gotera. She specializes in counselling, guidance and training of teenagers to facilitate the advancement of destiny.



Ugochukwu Nwanya is a freelance translator with engagements including those at the African Union Commission, where he played cardinal roles amongst the translation team for the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) processes. He also provides services to other organizations in Ethiopia. Mr. Nwanya holds a Master's degree in Global studies as well as peace and security in Africa.



Segun Adeyina has a lengthy and enviable track-record of community and political involvement. He is an executive member of the Gwinnett County Democratic Party in Georgia and a leader in that state's African Community, which played a key role in the recent U.S. Presidential elections. In 2020, he was a strong candidate for a seat on the Gwinnett County Board of Education, which oversees Georgia's largest school district. He is the executive director of the Nigerian American Public Advisory Committee USA, an organization devoted to public policy issues affecting the Nigerian-American community. He is member of the board of the Global African Business Association (GABA).

He has served on the boards of several community and business organizations, including the Nigerians in the Diaspora Organization America and African World Expo. Past board memberships include, African Missions North America for RCCG, and the Exodus Guild, which promotes charitable programmes for people with disabilities in Africa.

An independent IT consultant/project manager, Segun holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron and a master's degree in Management Information Systems from Lawrence Technological University.



Prof. Emmanuel Igah is a seasoned professional with considerable international experience. He holds a doctorate degree in Economic Geography and Development Planning from the University of Paris IV Sorbonne; and an International Executive Master of Business Administration from the International School of Management, both obtained after initial studies for a Master's in Architecture and Project Management in Paris.

Igah's professional experience spans across a wide range of projects and institutions, including consultancy missions with the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Bank, the European Union, as well as the Nigerian and French governments, which have taken him to a great number of countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and North America. He played a key role in the construction and delivery of a gas plant in Nigeria's Niger Delta region. Actively engaged in teaching in various institutions, Dr. Igah has a substantial number of publications on different topics. He was conferred in 2001 with the French National Order of Merit Award for his professional achievements. Professor Igah hails from Otukpo Local Government Area in Benue State.



Ms. Lilian Ajayi-Ore, President/CEO Global Connection for Women Foundation (GC4Women), has been listed on the elite Broadway Magazine, PAYBILL Magazine for today's performances in New York, United States of America, US.

Professor Ajayi-Ore, an award-winning Digital Marketing Executive and Data Scientist, who has also been recognized as ranked Top 25 Marketing Professionals in Academia on LinkedIn, and who was recently named New York University, NYU, Faculty Innovator, is the daughter of the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Silicon Valley Nigeria Economic Development (SV-NED) Inc, Queen Mother, Temitope Ajayi (aka Mama Diaspora).



11-year-old Nigerian **Naomi Oloyede** delivers impressive speech at the Education for Justice Conference in Austria.

Nigerian junior high student, Naomi who was selected to represent her country at the "The Education for Justice (E4J), High Level Conference on Corruption" received a standing ovation from the over 200 global stakeholders in attendance for her rousing speech.

She is an ambassador of Nigeria's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in her school.



Dr Bashir Olalekan Obasekola: He is a graduate of Economics from Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (formerly Patrice Lumumba Peoples’ Friendship University), Moscow. He came to USSR in 1986 as a private student on Soviet Union’s friendship scholarship. He graduated in 1992 with MSc (Distinction). He later proceeded to pursue his doctorate degree in the same University, which he successfully completed in 1995.

Dr Obasekola currently works as a Director of Economics at the Finance Department of a Publishing House “Independent Media”, a multinational corporation, one of the biggest and most renowned publishing houses in Russia.

In 1995-1997, Obasekola had a brief stint as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Finance and Accounting in the faculty of Economics & Law of the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia.

Besides his professional career, Obasekola is very active amongst Nigerians and African communities in Russia and beyond. He is a member of a many social and cultural organizations of Nigerians, Africans and Foreigners in Russia. Over the years he has participated and represented Nigeria in various national and international conferences in and outside Russia. He has made a number of publications in specialized or learned journals, including popular print and online magazines and newspapers. He is always a reference on issues relating to Nigerians, Africans and foreigners in Russia.



Lt. Victor Agunbiade is a recipient of United States Navy medal of commendation for his meritorious service.

Victor is currently serving as a U.S. Navy Reserve supply officer at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti after moving to Southern Minnesota from Nigeria.

He was awarded the medal for judiciously managing the US Navy’s largest oversea disbursement.

The US Navy said Agunbiade effectively managed its largest cash disbursing office handling \$45 million (N17 billion) in a cash transaction.

This is not the first time the Lieutenant is getting special recognition in the U.S. Navy. In 2018, he was named the Navy’s 2018 Officer Recruiter of the Year, alongside 17 others, and honoured at the annual Recruiter of the Year ceremony in Washington D.C.

Agunbiade enlisted in the Navy as a storekeeper in 2008 and was commissioned as an officer in 2013.



Abisoye Ajayi-Akinfolarin is a social impact entrepreneur who facilitates opportunities for vulnerable young girls in Nigeria through Pearls Africa – an NGO focused on promoting the cause and advancement of vulnerable young girls and women. Abisoye teaches young girls how to identify problems in their immediate environment and create technology solutions to them, thereby taking the girls from being mere users to creators of technology. Abisoye has over 14 years experience in Information Technology Solutions Development and is an experienced, certified and qualified Information Technology Professional. She is a Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer (MCSD) and Oracle Database Administrator (OCDBA), among others. Abisoye is technology savvy and a data analyst with a passionate heart for change and a strong will to making it happen, and is one of the most powerful names in advocacy in Nigeria. Some of her many accolades include: Alumna of the U.S. Department of State-funded International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) – Education and Activism for Young Women track; Member of the United Nations Interagency Network on Youth Development (Youth4GenderEquality), New York; Member of the YALI Network, Washington D.C.; Youth Member of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG), Science and Technology Policy Commission; YTech100 Award recipient for contributions to the Nigerian Technology Space; YNaija Power List 2017 Honouree; Her Network Woman of the Year 2017 Awardee in the Technology Category; ELOY Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 Awardee; CNN Heroes 2018 Honouree; and BBC 100Women 2018 Honouree. Abisoye’s work has been published in several journals and articles in the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Africa and Nigeria.



Dr. FEMI ELIAS, Femi started his education at Corona School and Igbobi College, Lagos Nigeria, before proceeding to the United Kingdom for higher education to read law in line with the his family tradition.

Femi earned a Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford, a Master of Law in International law from the University of Cambridge, and a doctorate in International Law from University College London. He is a member of the Nigerian Bar. A consummate professional he has put his rich knowledge to the service of humanity, at the World Bank, United Nations and other international organizations.

He has been a Visiting Professor of Law at Queen Mary University, London, just as he has taught at Kings College London and University of Buckingham. He has authored many books in the field of International Law and got many awards.



Dr. Edward Onyebuchi holds PhD in Community and Regional Planning from the University of British Columbia, Canada. Onyebuchi has spent 26 years as Senior Economic Consultant for Manitoba Hydro-Power Generation with extensive experience in Energy, Business Case analysis and Project Management in Electric Power Setting and has provided advice on corporate activities related to Sustainable Development and Climate Change and other environmental matters.

In 2005-2006, as Economist and Community-based infrastructure specialist, under Manitoba Hydro International (MHI), Mr. Onyebuchi participated in World Bank project on the rehabilitation/ upgrading of Liberia Interconnected Electric Power System, Two Off-Grid Electrification Schemes. In 1994-1998, Onyebuchi, under the Manitoba Hydro International, participated in a World Bank funded project of Strategic Energy Planning for South Eastern China.

In 2014-2017, under the Manitoba Hydro International, he worked as a Corporate Planning Manager and Stage Gate Process Implementations Specialist for the Saudi Arabia Electricity Corporation.

Prior to Manitoba Hydro, Dr. Onyebuchi worked for the Provincial Government of Manitoba for six years as Senior Policy Advisor on Sustainable Development and Environment Management Matters. He was an Adjunct Professor at the Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba for over 10 years. Past President, NIDO Canada, Manitoba Chapter. Past Chair, South-East Nigeria Economic Summit Working Group, Manitoba, Canada.



Prof. Aderanti Adepoju, an economist-demographer and a leading African migration specialist, spent several years lecturing and researching issues on migration at the Universities of Ife and Lagos, Nigeria and while working for the ILO in Addis Ababa, UN in Swaziland and UNFPA in Senegal.

A former President of the Union for African Population Studies and member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration, he is now chief executive of the Human Resources Development Centre in Lagos and Founder/Coordinator of the Network of Migration Research on Africa.

He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of key international migration journals and has published numerous scientific articles and books on aspects of Africa's international migration and regional integration. Migration in the service of African Development: Essays in honour of Professor Aderanti Adepoju (ed. John Ocho, 2011) acknowledged his four decades of research on African migration issues.



Ajarat Bada is a One Young World Ambassador and the Director for the Missing Millennium Development Goal Initiative.

She was born and raised in Nigeria but moved to the United States for her college education, graduating *Magna Cum Laude* from Drexel University in Pennsylvania and obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Loma Linda University in California. She is an enthusiastic, focused and goal-oriented multilingual millennial.

Her academic and professional experiences span Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas and the Middle-East particularly through my advocacy work with NGOs and international organizations including the United Nations.

Bada and her work have also been profiled on national and international media including CNN, NPR and Vanity Fair (UK). Her accolades include being named as one of the '40 under 40' Alumni of her Alma mater.

She maintains residence between Los Angeles, CA and Lagos, Nigeria where she is able to balance her work as a healthcare provider with the Directorship of the 'Missing Millennium Development Goal' initiative, a commitment that has allowed her share ideas with great minds from all over the world.



Kelechi Ndukwe, a Nigerian-American, has been appointed the Commander of a U.S. Navy ship, USS Halsey (DDG-97), described as an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer.

He is the first Nigerian-American to reach such height.

The graduate of chemical engineering replaced DeVere Crooks who had commanded the ship since November 2019, and whom he deputised.

The appointment shoots Ndukwe to the pinnacle of his 18-year career in the US Navy where he started as an auxiliary officer of the USS Thorn, a year after he bagged a master's degree in national security and strategy studies from the US Naval War College.

Ndukwe, had also worked in the office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), America's highest-ranking military officer.

Ndukwe had before now, served on the Joint Staff in the Force Structure, Resource, and Assessment Directorate. As a Surface Warfare Officer, he had served on multiple warships with extensive deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Horn of Africa, Arabian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean. During his most recent sea assignment, he served as the Commanding Officer of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6), a minesweeper based in Bahrain.

Kelechi graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and earned a Master's degree in National Security and Strategy from the U.S. Naval War College.



United Kingdom-based Nigerian is the current Queen of Miss Nigeria UK pageant.

Oluwateniola Sarayi Elegbede was crowned Miss Nigeria UK. The pageant aims at bringing together and celebrating young men and women of Nigerian descent, both living in the UK and in Nigeria and harness the meaning of what it is to be Nigerian.

The pageant which took place in September 2020 encourages contestants to embrace their heritage and learn what it means to truly represent their country of origin.

By encouraging the contestants to work together and build each other's character the pageant promotes unity and positivity, a powerful force in the diaspora community.



Simon Ibe, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of Global Patriot Newspapers, GPN (online), was General Manager Publications and Chairman, Editorial Board of Champion Newspapers Ltd. He was also at different times Group Political Editor, Opinion & Editorial Page Editor and Features Editor of Champion Newspapers; was at Punch Newspapers Ltd. as Correspondent; at Newbreed Magazine as Assistant Editor; at Statesman Owerri as Member, Editorial Board, Foreign Editor and Arts Editor and at New Nigerian Newspapers Kaduna as a Reporter after NYSC in 1983.

Simon Ibe has a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) Hons. Degree in English Studies (1982) from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) Ile-Ife, Nigeria and a Master of Arts (M.A) in Literature-in-English (1985) also from the University of Ife.

Presently based in New Jersey, USA, Simon Ibe has done a lot to publicize the socio-cultural, economic, political and sporting activities of Nigerians in the Diaspora, including organizing, in March 2021, in collaboration with the Nigerian Consulate in New York and the NIDO, New Jersey Chapter, an International Conference on Patriotism, Security, Governance and National Development that had the Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo (SAN) as Special Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker.

For all that he has done for Nigeria, especially the Diaspora Community so far, Global Patriot Newspapers and Simon Ibe have been honored by the Nigerian Consulate in New York.



Olawale Adebisi is the Chief Executive Officer of Wecyclers Corporation. Olawale was born on November 29th, 1980 in Lagos, Nigeria and is the immediate elder brother of Wecyclers founder, Bilikiss Adebisi Abiola. Olawale spent his early years in Nigeria where he graduated from Kings College Secondary School Lagos, and then relocated to the United States at the age of 18, to pursue his tertiary degrees. Mr. Adebisi holds an MBA from Indiana University, Kelly School of Business, and holds both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology. While pursuing his Master's degree in Chemical Engineering, he was able to work on groundbreaking research on Hydrogen Production utilizing solar energy, and co-authored several patents and publications in the renewable energy field.

Between 2006 and 2016, Mr. Adebisi worked for the largest steel maker in the United States, Nucor Steel. During his time at Nucor Steel, Mr. Adebisi worked on several projects such as a green field blast furnace construction project, where Mr. Adebisi was selected to lead the efforts of coal supplier selection and coal blend testing for the \$3 billion greenfield project. Mr. Adebisi also worked as the production supervisor for the company's \$700 million greenfield Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) project, which is the largest of its kind in the world. While working on the DRI project, Mr. Adebisi was involved in every aspect, ranging from, raw material (iron ore and natural gas) acquisition, construction engineering, talent recruitment, plant commissioning, operations and maintenance.



Consul-General, Benaoyagha Okoyen is Nigeria's Consul-General in New York.

Prior to being appointed Consul-General of Nigeria in New York, Mr Okoyen had served as the Protocol Liaison Officer as well as the Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria from 2011 to 2015.

The Consul-General also served as a Protocol Liaison Officer to the Vice President of Nigeria from 2008 to 2010.

Mr Okoyen has improved consular services to Nigerians and other nationals. He has continued to set clear direction for the Consulate along with the experienced team of officers to make it well-positioned to deliver the required result to Nigeria.



CHAPTER FIVE

MEDICINE/HEALTH CARE



Dr Oluyinka O. Olutoye is the first doctor that brought out foetus in a crucial operation and was returned to her mother's womb. Through his leadership of 11 surgical departments, Dr. Olutoye works to advance Nationwide Children's common mission, philosophy and approach to excellence in patient care, dedication to outstanding clinical outcomes, commitment to academic excellence and education of the next generation of leaders in children's surgery. He was also appointed professor of the E. Thomas Boles chair of paediatric surgery at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Medicine. Dr. Olutoye will serve as the primary surgical liaison between Nationwide Children's and the OSU College of Medicine.



Bashir Agboola is the Chief Technology officer (CTO) at the hospital for special surgery, the global leader in musculoskeletal care. Bashir has an extensive leadership and varied professional background, ranging from IT systems integration, Consulting and Healthcare IT. He has spent much of the last twenty years serving in various capacities at top tier academic medical institutions. Prior to joining HSS in 2014, he served at memorial Sloan Kettering cancer centre where he ran the enterprise Systems Group. Bashir is a former board member of the New Jersey chapter of the Society for information Management (SIM), and a current Member of VMWare's Healthcare customer Advisory board. He holds a number of professional certifications, as well as BSc, master's degree in Computer Science, and an MBA degree with a focus on finance.



Dr. Badero Oluyemi A Nigerian-American physician; Interventional cardiologist and Interventional nephrologist, recognized as the world's first and only fully trained cardio-nephrologist (heart and kidney specialist). Olurotimi Badero was born in Lagos. He attended St Mary's Private School in Lagos, and then Federal Government College, Odogbolu for secondary education. He obtained his medical degree from Obafemi Awolowo University before relocating to the United States. He was included in Great Ife Hall of Fame, and has featured in many magazines and articles including Jackson free press U.S.A, Financial Nigeria International, My green gene magazine as well as Avantgarde Magazine talking about Cardio-nephrology and emphasizing the interrelationship between cardiovascular diseases (CVD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD).



Dr John Akunobi attended University of Jos School of medicine and did his residency at Howard University. "On the public sector, Agwunobi served as the Florida Secretary of Health. He then served as an Admiral in the US Public Health Services Commissioned Corps and as Assistant Secretary of Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In these roles, he was responsible for disease prevention and health promotion. He oversaw the Centres for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health Food and Drug Administration, Office of the US Surgeon-General and other public health offices and programmes.



Ade William is a Director and Superintendent Pharmacist of the M J Williams Pharmacy Group. He is the Lead Prescribing Pharmacist at Bedminster Pharmacy in South Bristol. He also works as a prescribing pharmacist, part of the Clinical Team at the Broadmead Medical Practice.

He received the 2019 NHS Parliamentary Award Winner for Excellence in Primary Care and Pharmacist of the Year 2018. Superintendent Pharmacist at the multi-award-winning Bedminster Pharmacy in Bristol; widely acknowledged for pioneering pharmacy-based health and wellbeing solutions framed around the Healthy Living Pharmacy ethos.

A PCN Community Pharmacy Lead, Non-Executive Director at two NHS Trusts and a prescriber in General Practice. Ade regularly features across multiple media platforms, including the BBC and ITV outlets. He is part of the BBC Radio Bristol Morning Show Team. Ade is Pharmacy Ambassador for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Charity, Trustee Self Care Forum Charity, Public Health England Pharmacy Vaccination Champion and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Patient Champion.



Onyema Ogbuagu is an Associate Professor of Medicine, in the clinician-educator track and Director of the HIV Clinical Trials programme of the Yale AIDS Programme, Section of Infectious Diseases of the Yale School of Medicine. He graduated from the University of Calabar, Nigeria (2003) and furthered his Education in Mount Sinai School of Medicine (2010) And Yale School of Medicine (2012). In response to the COVID pandemic, he is a Yale principal investigator on multiple investigational therapeutic and preventative clinical trials for COVID-19 including remdesivir (now FDA approved), leronlimab and remdesivir and tocilizumab combination therapy as well as the Pfizer/BioNTech Vaccine trial.

He has facilitated meaningful educational and research collaborations between faculty and trainees across institutions. As the Programme Director of World Bank and HRSA- funded efforts supporting the Liberia College of Physicians and surgeons (LCPS)-run Internal medicine residency training program, he has overseen the selection and deployment of faculty to Liberia, and responsible for educational programmes and activities aimed at strengthening the residency training programme. His awards include Gerald H. Friedland Award for Outstanding International Research 2019, Connecticut Infectious Diseases Society 2019 and Gerald H. Friedland Award for Outstanding International Research Connecticut Infectious Diseases Society 2014.



Muhammad Ali Pate CON is a Nigerian physician and politician who is the current Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Nigeria since 2023. Muhammad Ali Pate was born in the present day Misau local government area of Bauchi State in Nigeria and was raised in the northern part of the country.

Pate graduated from high school to enter the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) medical school in Kaduna State, Nigeria. He graduated from ABU and moved to the Gambia where he worked in rural hospitals for a few years. He then became a fellow in infectious diseases at the University of Rochester Medical Center in the United States. He is an American Board-Certified MD in both Internal medicine and Infectious diseases, with an MBA (Health Sector Concentration) from Duke University, USA. Prior to this he studied at the University College London. He also has a Masters in Health System Management from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK.

He's also a professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership in the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard University. He formerly served as the Global Director for Health, Nutrition and Population and director of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) at the World Bank Group. Pate is also the former Minister of State for Health in Nigeria.

Prior to his appointment to the NPHCDA in 2008, Pate had an extensive career spanning over 10 years at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. and held several senior positions including Senior Health Specialist and Human Development Sector Coordinator for the East Asia/Pacific Region and Senior Health Specialist for the African Region. While at the World Bank, a major project led by Pate was the far-reaching health sector reform programmes in Africa, East Asia and other regions of the World Bank. Of note is his initiation of landmark Public-private partnership to replace a National Referral Hospital in Lesotho.

Earlier in 2019, Pate was appointed Julio Frenk Professor of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Pate was also the former Minister of Health in Nigeria. His appointment in July 2011 followed his role as the executive director of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency in Abuja. He resigned as Nigeria's minister of State for Health effective 24 July 2013 to take up the position of professor in Duke University's Global Health Institute, USA.

In 2012, he was awarded Harvard Health Leader by the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Program



Runcie C.W. Chidebe. He is one of the leading voices advocating Nigeria to make cancer control a national health priority, a patient advocate, researcher, and fighter for women battling cancer. He is also the founder and executive director of Project PINK BLUE—Health & Psychological Trust Centre, a non-governmental organization focused on cancer advocacy, awareness, treatment, and support; oncology training for doctors and nurses; research; and fundraising for cancer patients.

In 2017, largely through his advocacy, the Nigerian President signed a bill to establish the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment to improve cancer treatment outcome and survivorship for women. He is a member of Nigeria’s Federal Ministry of Health Ministerial Committee on National Cervical Cancer Prevention Programme, its National Cancer Control Programme (2018/2022); and Novartis Global Metastatic Breast Cancer Peer Navigation Programme and a co-chair of the Abstract Committee for the 2020 World Cancer Congress. He is also a Commonwealth Scholar on MSc Transforming and Leading in Healthcare at Birmingham City University and Vice-President of Student Voice for the university’s Students’ Union. He was named for the World Cancer Day Spirit Award at the 2018 World Cancer Congress in Malaysia and the 2020 Global Ties U.S. IVLP Award for social innovation and change from the U.S. Department of State.



Dr. Tito Daodu is a pediatric surgeon in Calgary. She got her medical degree in 2013 at the University of Manitoba. She is currently completing a master's degree in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She was recognised by Avenue Calgary magazine as among the top 40 people who are under the age of 40 doing great things. She is an award-winning researcher and pediatric surgery fellow; who has used her expertise to bring down borders in providing surgical service to patients. She recently emerged as the first black Pediatric surgeon in Canada. Tito is of the strong belief that patients should be able to access a surgeon whenever they need one without anything acting as a barrier. She spent her summer in Nigeria researching pneumonia in children even as she created a surgical need assessment programme in the country. The focus of her research in Calgary is to look at the socioeconomic effect on surgical results and access to adequate medical care. The experience made her committed towards developing healthcare system across developing countries, especially in Africa.



Dr. Uchenna Umeh, aka Dr. Lulu “The Momatrician” as she likes to be called by her patients, was born in Nigeria and completed her medical training in Nigeria. She went to the US for her pediatric residency training at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. She has successfully set up her own private practice, had a four-year stint with the US Air Force, and is practicing medicine as a civilian in San Antonio, Texas. She is a bestselling author of a parenting book called - *Howto Raise Well-Rounded Children*. She is also a freelance writer and has her works in many online and paperback publications. She lives in San Antonio Texas with her family.



Dr Rosie McNeil has a PhD in Molecular Biology from University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, a Master of Science, College of Medicine, University of Lagos and a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, University of Jos. She is mainly interested in Human Development, HIV Oncology and Phytomedicine

She has received numerous awards including; Faculty research grant, Medical School, University of the Witwatersrand- 2008, Faculty research grant, Medical School, University of the Witwatersrand -2009, Postgraduate scholarship award, University of the Witwatersrand-2007 , Postgraduate scholarship award, University of the Witwatersrand- 2008, Postgraduate merit award, University of the Witwatersrand 2009, Faculty research grant, University of Jos, 1998 . She was the Head of Department of Anatomy, University of Jos, Nigeria - 2005- 2006. Also, the First Chairperson, Female support Initiative (FSI), Gender intervention programme, University of Jos-Carnegie corporation of New York partnership programme 2003-2006, ECP Coordinator/Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology 2010 to date. She is a member of Anatomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA), American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACCA), American Association of Anatomists (AAA); International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) and Third world Academy of women in Science (TWOWS).



Adekunle "Kunle" Odunsi, MD, PhD, FRCOG, FACOG, an expert in immunotherapy and vaccine therapy for cancer, was appointed director of the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center effective March 1, 2021. Odunsi also serves as Biological Sciences Division Dean for Oncology, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Chicago. Odunsi is a gynecologic oncologist whose research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of immune recognition and tolerance in ovarian cancer and translating these findings to immunotherapy clinical trials. He pioneered the development of antigen-specific vaccine therapy and “next generation” adoptive T-cell immunotherapies to prolong remission rates in women with ovarian cancer. Odunsi’s honours and awards include election to the National Academy of Medicine in 2018 and the Rosalind Franklin Excellence in Ovarian Cancer Research Award in 2019. Odunsi received his medical degree from the University of Ife in Nigeria, and his PhD degree from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories, MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, in Oxford, United Kingdom.



Prof Lekan Ayo-Yusuf holds a PhD degree in Health Promotion and Education from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and a post-doctoral training in Public Health Practice at Harvard School of Public Health, USA. Ayo-Yusuf is an NRF B-rated scientist. He previously served as a Hospital Superintendent/CEO with the Limpopo Department of Health, head of clinical Unit at the University of Pretoria, Dean at School of Dentistry and as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, both at the Medunsa campus of the University of Limpopo and at the Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU). Having recently served as the Acting Vice Chancellor, he is currently the Deputy Vice- Chancellor for Research & Postgraduate Studies and a Professor of Public Health at SMU. He has authored/co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications in local and internationally accredited journals, chapters in Monographs/books, and a number of technical report series of the World Health Organisation. Ayo-Yusuf currently serves as a member of the WHO Tobacco Regulation Scientific Group, as the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Health at the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and a member of the Institutional Audit Committee of the Council for Higher Education in South Africa.



Jones Ademoyegun Olushegun Omoshoro-Jones MD, FCS (SA), FRCSEd, Cert Gastro (SA), FACS.

Basic Medical education obtained in 1990 at University of Ilorin, Nigeria, with distinction in Anatomy and Neuroanatomy. He underwent a specialist surgical residency and sub-specialized trauma surgery education at the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Academic Hospital Complex, Cape Town from 1995 to 2001. He also received specialist education in Surgical Intensive Care. He underwent advanced specialization at the Amsterdam Medical Centre, Netherlands. He is a national and international expert in the area of Endoscopic Ultrasonography, a new technology employed in the area of interest. This is in addition to the Fellowship of Surgeons of South Africa, Dr. Omoshoro-Jones is a diplomat by examinations and peer reviews of Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh and American College of Surgeons, USA.

He was cited in the 2010 edition of Who Is Who in Medicine, UK and Royal Academy of Medicine, UK. He has published about 50 peer-reviewed original articles, many abstracts and a number of book chapters.



Dr. Chibawanye Isidore Ene is a US-based Nigerian Doctor from Akpugo in Nkanu West LGA of Enugu State, won the 2019 Ronald L. Bitter Award on Brain Tumor Research with his research work on “Anti-PD-L1 Immunotherapy Enhances Radiation-induced Abscopal Response in Globalstoma”. According to the Applied Radiation Oncology, a quarterly journal on cancer, Dr. Ene received the award at the 2019 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) annual scientific meeting which held between the 13th and 17th of April, 2019 in San Diego, United States. He received continued support through the NIH to continue his work towards a PhD at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. After graduating in 2011, he returned to Indiana for his final year of medical school and earned his MD in 2012.



Prof. Amadi Ogonda Ihunwo is the Head of the Morphological Anatomy Division in the School of Anatomical Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) and Johannesburg, South Africa and leads the Comparative Adult Neurogenesis research that provides empirical data on active and potential neurogenic sites in adult mammalian and avian brains.

He holds a PhD from Mbarara University of Science & Technology, Uganda, 2004 with research conducted at the Paul Flechsig Institute for Brain Research, University of Leipzig, Germany. Besides, he bagged a Master of Science (MSc) from the University of Calabar, (1992) and a Bachelor of Medical Sciences in Anatomy (BSc Hons) from the University of Port Harcourt (1984). In 2016, he was a recipient of the Faculty of Health Sciences most prestigious award, the Exceptional Service Award and in 2017 & 2018 recognition for Dedication and Achievement in Research in the Faculty. In 2017, he received the “Distinguished Alumnus” award of Excellence from the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Prof Ihunwo is currently the Secretary-General/CEO of the Society of Neuroscientists of Africa (SONA) and member, Governing Council of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO). He is a Life member of the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA), a member of the Royal Society of South African (mRSSAf) and a Fellow, Anatomical Society of Nigeria.



Hammed Ninalowo graduated top in the US as a vascular and interventional radiologist; then returned home in 2018 to set up a medical firm. He had carried out the first dual therapy tace/MWA for liver cancer there. As a result, surgery will no longer be needed to treat the cancer.

Dr. Olakunle Akinboboye. He became the **first black** chair of US Cardiovascular Disease Board. He studied at the University of Ibadan, College of Medicine before moving to the United States where he earned an MBA and Master's degree in public health from Columbia University. He became an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York. He is the Medical Director of Laurelton Heart Specialist P.C. and Strong Health Medical P.C., Rosedale, New York. He specialises in cardiac imaging, clinical hypertension, coronary artery disease and diabetes. He has been listed among the top doctors in New York by prominent American medical publications.



Adeyinka Ajayi is a product of Baptist Grammar school Ibadan where he finished in 1975. He received his BS and MS in microbiology from University of Ife after which he taught at Polytechnic Ibadan from 1983 to 1986 before relocating to New York, United States.

In New York, he attended Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, received a degree in Pharmacy and worked for a while for companies like Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer, Bausch and Lomb, CVS before finally opening his own practice in 2010.



Dr Osita Onyekwere. He is a specialist certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Medical Specialties (Cardiovascular Diseases) with more than 15 years of experience. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of various medical societies. Dr Onyekwere is an active member with the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.



Dr. Austin Osemeka MD is a Gastroenterology Specialist in Gastonia, NC and has over 34 years of experience in the medical field.

Osemeka graduated from the University of Ibadan College Of Medicine in 1986. He works in Gastonia, NC and two other locations and specializes in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine. Dr. Osemeka is affiliated with Caromont Health Regional Medical Center and Carolinas HealthCare System Kings Mountain.



Dr. Josiah Gana has been a Doctor for three decades. He obtained the fellowship of West African College of Surgeons in 2002, with specialisation in Plastic Surgery, following six years residency at University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Gana's first consultant post was in 2003 at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, where he was a pioneer plastic surgeon, setting up the plastic surgery unit there. Thereafter, he had extensive training and work experience in United Kingdom, South Africa, India and Middle East over a period of eight years, starting 2006. He was an invited resource person at the Breast Oncoplastic Conference in Johannesburg, 2018. His services are well sought after within and outside Nigeria.



Susan Edionwe, MD is an Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose & Throat) Specialist in Houston, TX. Dr. Edionwe has more experience with Upper Respiratory Conditions than other specialists in her area. She is affiliated with medical facilities Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Centre.



Christopher Okunseri, A Professor and Director of the Pre-doctoral Programme in Dental Public Health at Marquette University School of Dentistry, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Okunseri is also an adjunct Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health.



Dr. Clifford Eke, MD is a General Surgery Specialist in Ontario, CA and has over 28 years of experience in the medical field. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, and CA. Founder/CEO Chima Medical Missions International.



Dr. Charmaine Emelife, MD is a nephrologist in Atlanta, Georgia. She is currently licensed to practice medicine in Georgia. She is affiliated with Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center, Southern Regional Medical Center, and Piedmont Hospital. She was the former President of Association of Nigerian Physicians in America (ANPA).



Foluke Udeh. She is physical therapist at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. Foluke Ajanaku-Udeh specializes in physical therapy in Houston, TX and has over 17 years of experience in the field of medicine. She graduated from medical school with degree in 2003. She is licensed to practice by the state board.



Dr. Oranu Ibekie is a Family Medicine Specialist in Merrillville, Indiana. He graduated with honours in 1991. Having more than 29 years of diverse experience, especially in FAMILY MEDICINE, ADDICTION MEDICINE, Dr. Ibekie affiliates with many hospitals including Methodist Hospitals Inc, Dearborn County Hospital, Community Hospital Of Bremen Inc.



Dr. Mercy Edionwe, An internist in Sugar Land, TX and is affiliated with University of Texas Medical Branch. She received her medical degree from University of Texas Medical Branch and has been in practice for 10 years. She specializes in hospital medicine/hospitalist.



Benedict C. Nwomeh MD, MPH, is the Programme Director and Director of Education for Pediatric Surgery. He also serves as the Surgical Director of the Centre for Pediatric and Adolescent Inflammatory Bowel Disease at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

He is a Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at The Ohio State University and Director of the Global Surgery Programme at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. The focus of his research is on understanding burden of surgical diseases and building surgical capacity in low and middle-income countries.

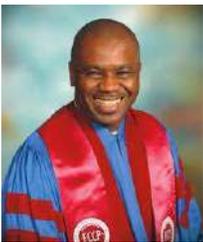


Dr. Alphonsus Obayuwana MD is an Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialist in Toledo, OH and has over 39 years of experience in the medical field.

In 2012 he wrote the book - Five Sources of Human Hope: Mirror of Our Humanity. In 2013 he was awarded The Alumnus of The Year Award by High Point University, his Alma Mater.



Dr. Chinyere Mbaeri MD is a Family Medicine Specialist in Wellington, FL and has over 31 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Mbaeri graduated from the Obafemi Awolowo University College of Health Sciences in 1989. He works in Wellington, FL and other locations and specializes in Family Medicine and General Surgery. Dr. Mbaeri is affiliated with Wellington Regional Medical Centre.



Dr. Kizito C Ojiako MD, is a Critical Care (Intensivists) specialist in Chicago, Illinois. He attended and graduated from medical school in 1988, having over 32 years of diverse experience, especially in Critical Care (Intensivists). He is affiliated with many hospitals including Presence Mercy Medical Centre, Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Centre.



Dr. Uchenna E Aguwa D O is an Emergency Medicine specialist in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. She attended, and graduated from the medical school in 2006, has 14 years of diverse experience, especially in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Aguwa also works with other doctors and physicians in medical groups including The Southeast Permanente Medical Group.



MD. Dr. Chimsom T. Oleka is an obstetrician-gynaecologist in Conroe, Texas. She has been in practice for about 10 years and matched into the University of Connecticut Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health Residency Programme, where she received phenomenal training and completed residency certified in da Vinci Robotic-Assisted Surgery.



Dr. Anslem Oparaugo MD is a pediatrics specialist in Las Vegas, NV. He currently practices at Good Choice Pediatrics. Once in the United States, Dr. Oparaugo further refined his skills with a pediatric residency and a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases. He also earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Las Vegas.



Dr. Gertrude Chimeka Anyanwoke. She is an Internal Medicine Specialist in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She graduated with honours in 1999; and has more than 21 years of diverse experiences, especially in INTERNAL MEDICINE, EMERGENCY MEDICINE, Anyanwoke affiliates with Our Lady of The Lake Regional Medical Centre.

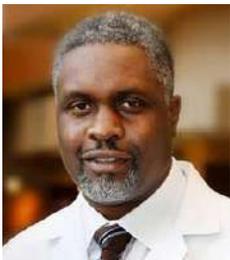
Her awards include Patients' Choice Award (2013, 2014). Compassionate Doctor Recognition (2013, 2014). Top 10 Doctor - City (2014).



Dr. Tobe Momah MD is a board certified family physician in Madison, Mississippi. He is affiliated with University of Mississippi Medical Center. His awards include Resident of the year, The Brooklyn Hospital Family Medicine Residency Programme, POSTER OF MONTH AWARD UMMC, Center for Bioethics; Second prize for best poster in 2010 Scientific Assembly/FMX experience poster competition, American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP); 2010 resident of the year and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).



Dr. Chine Logan, DO is a Neurosurgery Specialist in Nashville; TN. Dr. Logan has more experience with Cranial Neurosurgery than other specialists in his area. Following his fellowship, he returned to Virginia Tech Carillion School of Medicine and served as assistant professor and director of endovascular neurosurgery. Dr. Logan's clinical interests include complex spine surgery, including atlantoaxial stabilization, scoliosis deformity surgery and complex spine trauma.



Dr. Aham Onyike is an American board-certified Orthopaedic surgeon who is a specialist in joint replacement surgery, sports medicine and trauma. He was born in Colorado, USA but grew up in Nigeria where he attended primary and secondary school. He has trained orthopaedic surgery residents and medical students at Howard University Hospital, Providence Hospital and the Washington DC Veterans Hospital. He was also involved in orthopedic research and has delivered several lectures. His honours include, Humanitarian Award Winner, Healthcare Corporation of America; 2019 Super Doctors Rising Start; 2013 Patients Choice Award, Washington, D.C. Between 2007-2012, he was an Assistant Professor, Orthopedic Surgery, Howard University Hospital Orthopedic Surgery Consultant, Veterans Administration Hospital, Washington D.C. Orthopedic Surgery Consultant, Providence Hospital, Washington D.C. of North America and Africa.



Dr. Obinna Maduka, MD is a pediatrics specialist in Mansfield Center; CT. Dr. Maduka completed a residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Centre. Dr. Maduka graduated from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka Faculty of Medicine in 1979. He also works in Willimantic, CT and 1 other location and specializes in Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. Dr. Maduka is affiliated with Windham Hospital. He has contributed immensely to the development of his community in Nigeria.



Sunmolu Beckley, a 75-year-old Nigerian doctor who left the country in his early years to study in Ireland, UK and went on to become a surgeon of repute sought- after in the United States and Canada. Beckley graduated from Kings College Lagos before moving on to The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, where he trained as one of the finest surgeons in the world. In honour of his selfless service, Grand Bank Hospital in Canada renamed its facility. During her remarks at the celebration Carol Haley, Burin-Grand Bank member of House of Assembly, said the Grand Bank Health Centre has been renamed as the Dr. S. Beckley Health Centre.



Fathia Ayodele Karim is a professional doctor who had her secondary level education at the Wesley Girls' Senior High School in Cape Coast. She then proceeded to the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology where she studied Medicine and was adjudged overall best student during her graduation.

On 27, August 2016, during her swearing in as a medical doctor by the Ghana Medical and Dental Council, she was honoured with 12 awards out of 15 awards available for academic distinction.



Since January 2017, **Michael Ugwueke**, MPH, DHA, FACHE has served as President/CEO of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. He assumed the role of president and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in May 2014. For the year prior, he served as COO of Methodist. As COO, he provided strategic and operational leadership for the system's five adult inpatient hospitals and affiliated companies. Ugwueke previously served as Senior Vice-President for Methodist North and South Hospitals, which he began in June 2009. Michael's leadership of two hospitals allowed a more rapid transfer of best practices and an increase in system-wide standardization. Prior to assuming this role, he served as Administrator/CEO of Methodist South Hospital, since February 2007.



Dr Nelson Aluya is a medical advocate, trained in both Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. He is a Medical Doctor with extensive broad training and clinical expertise in over three continents. He is currently a physician at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark New Jersey and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers University Acute Rehabilitation Centre.



Dr Tosan Oruwariye is a pediatrician in Bronx, New York and a co-founder and Director of Strategic Partnerships of MaTontine, a digital financial services platform that digitizes traditional savings.



Dr. Agboola Fatiregun MD is a Pediatrics Specialist in Irving, TX. He is affiliated with medical facilities such as Baylor Scott & White Medical Center–Irving and is a pediatrician in McKinney, TX. He offers primary medical care for children of all ages, from toddlers to teens.



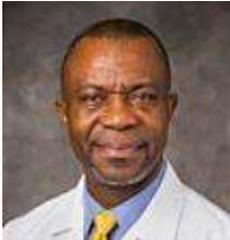
Dr Ngozi Achebe A US-based physician specialising in Internal Medicine. She is also an author who has published a novel, *Onaedo, The Blacksmith's Daughter*, her debut novel and co-authored a medical textbook on ACE Inhibitors which is a group of anti-hypertensive.



Dr. Hezekiah Adesanya, A physician with over 33 years of experience in clinical practice and global pharmaceutical companies, healthcare management. He has global experience with healthcare and other governmental bodies and is currently the Philadelphia Area Chapter Chairman and Board Member of ANPA (Association of Nigerian Physicians in America). With successful experience in other industries he has the ability to successfully negotiate healthcare investments, contracts, working agreements and alliances, the ability to integrate healthcare into overall economy, boosting job creation and economy. He founded and Divested LaRon Pharma Inc; serves as a Consultant and Advisor to Small/Mid-size Pharma, CEOs and regional government bodies.



Dr. Obinna Egbo MD is an internist and pediatrician in Chandler, Arizona. He is affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He was the Practice group leader for IPC at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Centre, and honoured as Hospitalist of the Year in 2009.



Dr. Emmanuel Okafor, MD has over 42 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Emmanuel Okafor, MD is a gastroenterologist in Ravenna, Ohio. He is currently licensed to practice medicine in Ohio, Maryland, and Indiana. He is affiliated with UH Portage Medical Centre, South Pointe Hospital, and Hillcrest Hospital.



Dr. Julius Kpaduwa, MD is an Obstetrics & Gynaecology specialist in La Puente, CA. He has 41 years of experience. His specialties include General Practice, Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Awards won include, Parents Choice Awards 2011, 2018. Compassionate Doctor Recognition 2018.



Dr. Yele Aluko: He is the EY Americas Advisory Health Sector Chief Medical Officer and a proven MD/MBA physician executive and corporate leader. He advises health system C-suite executives on strategies that position the business for operational efficiency, successful financial performance and enterprise growth, driven by transformational leadership and the delivery of stakeholder value.



Ohwofiemu Nwariaku, As a highly skilled surgeon and accomplished researcher, Nwariaku, M.D., is at the forefront of break-through in treating disorders of the endocrine system— diseases affecting the pancreas and adrenal, parathyroid, and thyroid glands. This includes evaluating and treating patients with health concerns ranging from Cushing’s syndrome to complex thyroid cancers. Dr. Nwariaku is among the most experienced endocrine surgeons in North Texas, with expertise in robotic and minimally invasive surgery. He is recognized worldwide for his work in advancing innovative surgical approaches to successfully remove benign and malignant adrenal tumours.



Dr. Michael Etomi MD is a Nephrology Specialist in Huntersville, NC and has over 41 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from the University of Ife Medical School in 1979. He is affiliated with medical facilities such as Atrium Health Pineville. He has also contributed immensely to health care development in Nigeria.



Dr. Johnson Adeyanju is a physician and specialist in internal medicine. He graduated from the University of New Orleans, and subsequently obtained his medical degree from the Louisiana State Medical School in New Orleans. Adeyanju received medical residency training at the University of California, Davis VA Medical Center in Martinez. A diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Adeyanju was inducted as Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 2005. He serves as Chair, Continuing Education Committee at the John Muir Health Network, Concord, CA Campus. Dr. Adeyanju is an active member of ANPA and a former Chairman of the Association.



Dr Okay Harold Odocha, is a Howard University trained surgeon with advanced training in liver, kidney and pancreas. He also specializes in small bowel transplantation at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, under Dr. Thomas E. Starzl. He has over 25 years experience in abdominal breast, transplantation cancer and vascular access surgery. Dr. Odocha with compassion and dedication has cared for numerous patients afflicted with chronic constipation, cancer, diabetes, hernias, debilitating ulcerating wounds, hemorrhoids, hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver disorders of the thyroid gland, gall bladder, kidney, pancreas and other disorders following major and minor trauma. Dr Odocha is board certified in general surgery, and was previously an Associate Professor of surgery.



Prof. Rotimi Ayodele Kayode Jaiyesimi, a 1978 graduate of University of Ibadan has served the NHS for 31 years, and 25 years as one of the first Nigerian UK Consultants in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He is the Associate Medical Director for Patient Safety, Basildon University Hospital and Specialist Advisor for the Care Quality Commission. An Adjunct Law Professor, University of Ibadan, his contributions span across clinical, management and academia, including 13 years as Member, General Medical Council Fitness to Practice Panels and Reviewer, National Institute for Health Research. His awards include, Awards for clinical excellence and service include National Award for Innovation, British Medical Association Research Award, MANSAG Recognition Award and the Gathering of Africa's Best Award for Health. Professor Jaiyesimi is a mentor to many, described by his peers as an asset to the NHS. He was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Ibadan in 2018.



Professor Dilichukwu Okeoma Anumba is a Clinical Academic in Women’s Healthcare, with Teaching, Training and Research portfolios, Medico-legal Expert Witness, RCOG Training Programme Supervisor, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Postgraduate Lead, Academic Board of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Academic Training Programme Director, The University of Sheffield Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health. He has published over 150 peer-reviewed journal papers and abstracts in medical journals, and book chapters on topics relating to pregnancy care and Women’s health. A seasoned researcher, he has attracted over two million pounds of research income to the University of Sheffield. He and his team have developed new technologies to identify women at risk of premature births.



Prof. Kelechi Nnoaham is the Executive Director of Public Health & Executive Lead for Academic Partnerships, Research & Development and Innovation, Cwm Taf University Health Board. His background is in Infectious Diseases Medicine and he has held senior Public Health positions in the NHS and Local Government since 2005. He has since February 2015 held an honorary Professorship in Public Health & Epidemiology with Plymouth University and co-chairs of its South-West Global Health Collaboration. His key interest is in harmonising the input of the Health Service with those of communities, public and third sector partners to improve population health and narrow disparities in health and wellbeing. Despite his busy schedule at work he still finds time to give back to the community where he mentors the youths and serve as role model for upcoming BME youths. His approach to health issue is holistic and inspiring.



Dr Leroy Edozien is a Medical Doctor and a Doctor of law. He holds qualifications in the Basic Medical Sciences (BSc, MSc), Medicine (MBBS) and Law (LLB, MPhil, PhD) from the Universities of Ibadan, London and Glasgow. He is a member of West African, UK and Irish postgraduate medical colleges (FWACS, FRCOG, and MRCPI). His performance as an obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Royal Oldham Hospital and St Mary’s Hospital, Manchester, UK gave him the national Clinical Excellence Award in 2008. He was Chairman of the British Society of Biopsychosocial Obstetric and Gynaecology from 2014 to 2017.



Dr Olatokunbo Sangowawa was the First Nigerian to be appointed to a Director of Public Health post, in the NHS. Dr Sangowawa was appointed to a Consultant position in 2000 and Director of Public Health (DPH) for North Tees NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust in 2002. He has since held senior and board level positions in the NHS. These include, Clinical Director of Public Health/Director of Infection Prevention and Control (NHS Tees); and Director of Public Health (NHS Specialised Commissioning) with North-East Specialised Commissioning Group (NESCOG). One of his achievements included the procurement, commissioning and contract monitoring of an integrated sexual health and HIV service on behalf of four local authorities, two CCGs and NHS England.



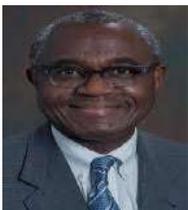
An alumnus of King’s College, Lagos Nigeria and Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, **Prof. Reuben Olu Obaro** had his post-graduate training in some of the most renowned centres for Radiology training in the U.K. On completion of his training in General Radiology, he was awarded a Fellowship to further sub-specialise in Interventional Radiology and Cross-Sectional imaging at the prestigious Toronto General and St. Michael’s Hospital, Canada. He was appointed to set up an Interventional Radiology service at King George Hospital from scratch and in the process developed a service that now covers a wide range of complex Interventional work with five Interventional Radiologist, thus becoming a unit with one of the highest numbers of Interventional Radiologists in the U.K. A versatile Radiologist, Obaro was also saddled with the setting up of a Radio- isotope Department at King George’s Hospital and upgrading the cross-sectional imaging services that included the introduction of MRI services in the hospital and upgrading the CT services.



Dr. Olawale Sulaiman. He is described as a very busy and generous surgeon. He is based in Jefferson, Louisiana but he gets on a plane every month to deliver much-needed healthcare to citizens in his native Nigeria. The doctor makes personal sacrifices so that he can continue his mission of saving lives. He misses out on quality time with his three children when he leaves. Sulaiman also took a 15 percent pay cut so that he could have a flexible schedule. Since he began his trips, Sulaiman has operated on 500 people and administered preventative care to 5,000 people. Dr Suleman is currently in Nigeria contributing immensely to healthcare development.



Dr. Funmi Adewara has more than a decade experience in clinical Medicine within the NHS UK, a stint in the Pharmaceutical industry as a Drug Safety Physician covering APAC & Europe for investigational & marketed medicinal products, medical devices & diagnostics. She is a member of American Telemedicine Association, ATA. She has demonstrated healthcare innovation and leadership in recent years, has been honoured with the World Bank’s global SDGs award, making her the FIRST Nigerian woman to win the award since its inception in 2018.



Nelson M. Oyesiku is Vice-Chairman of Neurological Surgery and Professor of endocrinology at the Emory University School of Medicine. He is a recipient of 1992, Resident Award, American Academy of neurosurgery 1994; Young Investigator Award. 1994- Brain Trauma Award. 1995-1999, Medical Faculty Development Award, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 1992 Augustus McCravey Resident Award, Southern Neurological Society. 2001-2008 Best Doctors in America, Peer Selected. 2002-2004 America’s Top Surgeons, Consumer Research Council. 2014 Gentle Giant Award, Pituitary Network Association.



Dr. Sylvia Kama-Kieghe, an experienced Family Medicine Physician with over 17 years of practice in United Kingdom and Nigeria, and holds Fellowships with the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Society of Public Health 2009 – Founder, SKD Productivity Centre – UK health group providing health care solutions for African countries – partnered the Nigerian FMOH in 2012 to run training programmes in Patient Safety and Infection Prevention utilising NHS and WHO techniques and guidelines. In 2014 led NHS team and Nigerian practitioners to support the Nigeria Federal Government in its initial response to the Ebola crisis. 2015 – Founder, Alevyn – UK based health consultancy providing services in routine NHS clinical care and out of hours urgent care 2017- Examiner and Mentor, Undergraduate Medical Students, University of Sheffield 2017 – Developed free, private, online healthcare information resource <http://www.askawayhealth.org>. 2018 – Developed private mentoring programme for Final year medical students & new doctors – UK and Nigeria.



Dr. Jacqueline Nwando Olayiwola is Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine Ohio USA. America’s Top Family Doctors, Consumer Research Council of America, 2007-2019 Public Health Innovator Award, Harvard School of Public Health, October 2019 Woman of the Year Award American Telemedicine Association, 2019. Alumni Achievement Award, Ohio State University College of Medicine, August 2019. Others are Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Leadership Award, University of California, San Francisco, 2016. Marshall Memorial Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 2014 Emerging Public Health Professional Award, Harvard School of Public Health, 2014, Top 40 Physicians under 40, National Medical Association, 2011 Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honour Medical Society.



Dr Austin Ugwumadu. Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist/Senior Lecturer at St George’s, University of London. He was Lead Consultant for Labour ward, Critical care obstetrics, Risk management, clinical governance; CNST 2003 – 2009, & runs the widely acclaimed CTG / STAN; Advanced Intrapartum care course at St George’s, University of London and trains maternity staff in other Trusts on CTG & intrapartum care to meet their CNST requirements. His other responsibilities include Assessor / Panellist for Confidential Enquiries into Maternal and Child Health, Member of WHO Guideline Development Group for Maternal and Child health, and Scientific Editor, for 3 international medical journals/titles namely: British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics and Gynaecology & Global Library of Women’s



Prof. Aliko Baba Ahmed Director PHE, East of England, UK, Associate Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security. He is a senior Fellow and Professor at Cambridge and Staffordshire universities. He is also a public health physician, epidemiologist and health strategist with over 24 years' experience in clinical, academic and public health practice. He is currently a Director in Public Health England (PHE), and previously the Director of public health for Staffordshire NHS/county council. He led and managed several public health programmes with demonstrable improvements in outcomes. His global health experiences include fieldwork as a medical epidemiologist with MSF and supporting national disease control programmes. He is a member of the global health committees of the Faculty of Public Health and PHE, chair of the Public Health Africa Initiative, and the co-convener of the Better Health for Africa Initiative.



Dr. Adebola O. Orafidiya is an internist in Brooklyn, New York and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. He has been in practice for more than 20 years.

He is a specialist in General internal medicine. Dr. Orafidiya graduated from the Obafemi Awolowo University College of Health Sciences, University of Ife in 1987. He works in New York, NY and 5 other locations. Dr. Orafidiya is affiliated with Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital and New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.



Dr. Oluremi (Remi) Adewale is a Canadian-trained Registered Nurse currently working as a Mental Health Nurse Consultant with a major municipality in Ontario, Canada. She has been working with the municipality since 2002. Her role includes mental and physical health promotion; consultation; community capacity-building; development of practice guidelines, policy, and procedure.

Remi worked as a Registered Nurse at several hospitals in Toronto. She mentors skilled immigrants, masters' students and undergraduate nursing students in Toronto. In 2011, Remi was recognized by a major municipality in Ontario for her work in addressing public health concerns and providing psychosocial support to people who were vulnerable.

She is driven by passion and in 2018; this gave birth to the registration of a Canadian not-for-profit organization called Women Focus Canada (WFC). Dr. Adewale acquired considerable knowledge over the years by completing her Registered Nurse Diploma in 1998 from George Brown College in Toronto, Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2001 from Ryerson Polytechnic University In Toronto, Master of Science in Nursing (Clinical Focus) in 2005 from D'Youville College Buffalo N.Y., and Doctorate in Education (Health Policy and Health Education) in 2017 from D'Youville College Buffalo N.Y. An accredited author, Remi received several awards including an Academic Department Award from D'Youville College in Buffalo, United States in 2008 for excellence in application of Nursing Theory in Research.



Dr. Gabriel Ivbijar has worked in the NHS as a GP and in Mental Health for several years holding several leadership roles in the NHS since the 1990s. Ivbijaro is Visiting Professor of Population Mental Health at NOVA University, Lisbon, Portugal. Also, he is a specialist in Integrated Care and Primary Care Mental Health, with expertise in service redesign. He co-edited ‘Integrating Mental Health Into Primary Care: A Global Perspective’ in collaboration with World Health Organization and World Organization of Family Doctors in 2008 and has participated in a range of mental health transformation projects including being the Royal College of General Practitioners representative on the Royal College of Psychiatrists Intercollegiate SOC.



Prof. Adewale Adebajo is an Honorary Professor in Musculoskeletal Health Service Research, University of Sheffield and Consultant Rheumatologist, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. He is also a Clinical Professor of Medicine for St Matthews Medical School in Florida, USA. He has over 25 years experience working both in research and clinically in the field of musculoskeletal conditions and in particular psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, soft tissue disorders, ethnic minority musculoskeletal health and tropical arthropathies. He is the Clinical Director for Research and Development at Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and an Associate Director of Teaching at the University of Sheffield Medical School. He is an External Assessor for Postgraduate degrees of the University of Bradford and a Regional Adviser for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.



Dr Benjamin Nnadozie Anyanwu is a neurologist in Greensboro, North Carolina and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Novant Health Forsyth Medical Centre and Summa Health-Akron Campus. He received his medical degree from University of Nigeria, Nsukka Faculty of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. The Neuroscience hospital, Owerri, Imo state was set up by Dr Benjamin Anyanwu; it is the first one in the country and it offers intensive care for people with neurological disorders. The hospital diagnoses and treats disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, muscles, and the involuntary nervous system that controls the heart, lungs and other organs. They treat headaches, stroke, dementia, seizures, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, sleep disorders and neuromuscular diseases. The World class hospital offers full care for patients with neurological disorders, first of its kind in Nigeria, and a major boost to curbing medical tourism.’



Dr Titilola Banjoko has over 20 years clinical and management experience working in the NHS. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) recently announced the appointment of Dr. Titilola Banjoko as Chair of the Board of Trustees in the United Kingdom. She is actively engaged in Global Health, with a specific focus on Africa. Awards include Pride of a continent: Africa’s Gift to the World, Africa Diaspora Leader, Corporate European Federation of Black Women Business Owners, Black Business Awards and Best of Nigerian award.



Dr Ifeanyichukwu Ogonnaya Okike is a Paediatrician with interest in Paediatric infectious diseases and a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. He works as a Paediatric Consultant and Undergraduate Medical Education lead for child health at Derbyshire children’s hospital. He is the NHS Trust’s teaching and learning quality lead for undergraduate medical education (including all medical and surgical specialties); and is an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, University of Nottingham School of Medicine. He is a GMC PLAB 2 examination panel member and Chief Invigilator. He did his Paediatric training in London where he obtained his PhD from St George’s, University of London in paediatric infectious diseases. His thesis was on bacterial meningitis in young infants. He conducted research into the development of meningitis in young infants (burden and management). He has extensive clinical experience in the management of infection especially sepsis and meningitis.



Dr Adeyemi Coker is a consultant Gynaecologist of 18 years standing. His area of special interest is Laparoscopic surgery. He is a national trainer in this field of gynaecology. He is also a qualified lawyer and indeed, one of a handful to have achieved this unusual feat. He has been awarded national merit awards by the NHS for establishing one of a handful of national centres accredited for the complex management of Endometriosis – a gynaecological disease that causes excruciating pain and infertility in females of child bearing age. Coker is one of very few doctors in England who have built their own private hospitals (Westland Medical Centre). This he has achieved in collaboration with six other colleagues. This serves the local community of Horn church in Essex. Dr. Coker also undertakes work in Nigeria on charitable basis.



Roseline Sanni Ajose is a theatre Nurse at Watford General Hospital. She attended Southgate College and studied Health and Social Care Advance Level. Thereafter, she proceeded to Kings College University and studied Diploma in Adult Nursing. Roseline furthered her education in Middlesex University and studied Advance diploma in Peri-Operative Nursing Care and teaching programme (Mentorship programme). She then proceeded to King’s College and studied for a BSC in Critical Care Nursing Anaesthesia. Roseline is an international Actress. In 2015, she played a Lead Role in the Movie “CAPTIVATED” Produced by Toyin Moore. She released her latest movie in 2017 IN A STRANGE LAND, Movie on modern day Slavery/human trafficking.



Felicia Kwaku is the Associate Director of Nursing, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. She has been a Nurse for over 29 years, specialised in Intensive Care & Cardiothoracic nursing RGN at University College London Hospitals, MSc in Human physiology. Senior Nursing posts from 2008 to 2019 including Director of Nursing, Deputy Chair of the Chief Nursing Officer, Black Minority Ethnic Strategic Advisory Group 2012 -2018; Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Professional Advisory group member; Subject Matter Expert, Nigerian Nurses Charitable Association UK (Education lead), Royal College of Nursing (RCN) International Committee member, Volunteer – Save a Heart Nigeria charity team (teach Cardiac surgery in Nigeria).



Adedapo Odunela Is a qualified nurse for over 18 years. She has worked in the capacity of all grades of nursing from D to G grade. Currently, she works as a band 7 nurse, as a Team Leader in a Rehabilitation service that covers 3 units. She has also managed a community mental Health team and an acute in-patient service. She collaborates with different professionals to ensure service-user's needs are met by talking to the service users and staff, listening to their needs and supporting them as required. Whilst being the Team Leader at Heather Close, she was nominated by the team for an unsung hero in 2016. In 2017, the team was nominated for the best services that provides dual diagnosis input to service users, 2018 runner up for the national positive practice in Mental Health Awards in Liverpool, 2019 the team received an award for improvement in Quality Assurance.



Elizabeth Ekanem is a registered Nurse/ Midwife with over 35 years of experience in clinical practice, in the UK. She developed a great passion for teaching and training of midwives especially in the low-income health facilities. She joined the Liverpool School for Tropical Medicine (LSTM) in 2013 as a voluntary trainer and facilitator in training Midwives and doctors in Emergency Obstetrics Care (EOC), a project aimed at reducing maternal and new born death rates in the developing countries. She has travelled to Sierra Leone, Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, Togo and her country Nigeria. She has also gone to Liverpool to train International Students on EOC as part of their course in Diploma in Sexual and Reproductive Health. Minimum period for training is 7-14days, working with other volunteers, obstetrician or midwife. Her desire is to make an impact in the provision of quality care in all the areas of maternity services especially in the developing countries; particularly in Nigeria; through training and helping to upgrade maternity practices. Currently she is working with a private healthcare facility in Nigeria to train midwives and enhance their skills.



Lydia Olorunniwo: She is Leg Ulcer Specialist Nurse at LEWISHAM and Greenwich NHS trust And a Sister in Dermatology at Kings College hospital. She has contributed immensely to nurse led-clinics and created awareness and desire for further education among nurses; was a mentor and role model to many nurses and used her personal experience in NMC code of conduct to educate nurses who would otherwise have been in trouble with NMC. A strong advocate for BME nurses who were unfairly treated and dismissed and a bandaging specialist who taught many people how to do the same. She is currently on a Masters programme in Public Health.



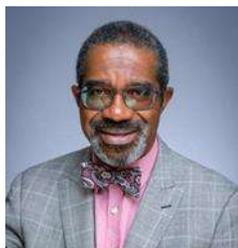
Olukemi Ajamufua qualified in 2005 with B.Sc. (Hons) Midwifery from the University of Greenwich London and started her career working as a Community Midwife at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich where she looked after women of diverse ethnic groups in largely disadvantaged communities, assisting in improving their access to quality maternity care. She then moved on to become a “mothers of tomorrow “(teenage pregnancy) midwife specialising in addressing major concerns affecting teenage mothers especially mental health issues. During this period, she went on to further her career and obtained a certificate qualification in the “Care of the critically ill Women” at the University of Greenwich and thereafter took on the job of looking after women with birth complications and major haemoglobinopathies during antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal periods as a High Risk Midwife.



Dr Lola Iyabode Oni OBE Specialist Nurse Consultant and Lecturer with a nursing, midwifery and health visiting background. She is a Specialist Honorary Lecturer King’s College London University, University of West London; Member of the England CNO Black & Minority Ethnic Strategic Advisory Group; Received an Officer of the British Empire award from Her Majesty the Queen in 2004 for contributions to the NHS; Fellow Member of the Inaugural Class Nigeria Leadership Initiative (NLI) International; Received a ‘Recognition of outstanding contributions to Nigeria’ award in 2010 from the Nigeria High Commission UK on the occasion of the country’s Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Independence.



Titilayo Haastrup graduated as a registered general nurse in 1987 at Lagos University Teaching Hospital and moved to the UK in 1988. She joined the NHS as a registered nurse at the Royal hospital for neuro disability on completion of her conversion training in 1990. She then moved onto general practice in 1997 till date. As a preceptor, she supports as well as train medical and nursing students through their learning pathway. She facilitates individual teaching sessions for BME patients especially regarding diabetes and hypertension management. And due to this engagement, she is popular amongst her patients and there has been a significant feedback from them regarding improvement in their health and lifestyle.



Dr Anthony Owa is one of the pioneer ear surgeons that started endoscopic ear surgery in the United Kingdom and is still one of the few ear surgeons in the UK that offers a comprehensive endoscopic ear surgery service. He also has a paediatric audio vestibular practice. Consultant ENT surgeon and neurologist to Barking Havering and Barking University NHS trust. He was elected Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons in 2011 largely in recognition of his contribution to teaching surgery to local surgeons. During his career break in 2014 he helped establish the Lagos cochlea implant programme where he became the first Nigerian to perform the surgery locally.



Prof. Uduak Archibong MBE is Professor of Diversity at the University of Bradford, UK, where she directs the Centre for Inclusion and Diversity and provides strategic oversight for equality, diversity and inclusion across the institution. Uduak was awarded MBE in the 2015 Queen's New Year's Honours List. She is a Fellow of the West African College of Nursing and a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing. She has been honoured as one of the top 100 Nigerians in the UK to receive a Centenary Award, one of the top 50 Inspirational Women in the UK Healthcare; a Distinguished Nurse Leader in 21st century in Nigeria, listed in the Black WHO'S WHO in the Millennium and has received triple chieftaincy awards in Nigeria.



Ayodele Obaro Trained as a Registered Nurse in Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria. In March 1979, she came to the UK to join her husband. 1981-1982 she got registered as a Nurse at Royal Infirmary Hospital, Edinburgh, Scotland; 1982 Registered Midwife at Queen Mother's Hospital, York hill, Glasgow, Scotland. She worked as a Midwife at Simpson's Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1983 she trained as a Registered Sick Children Nurse at Royal Sick Children Hospital, Edinburgh. 1984-1985 she worked as a Midwife at St Thomas' Hospital, London. 1985-2002 she worked as a Midwifery Sister in the Community at St Holier Hospital, Carshalton Surrey. In 1986 she completed a Certificate in Medical Ultrasound at Central Middlesex Hospital, London, just as in 1987 she was teaching in Clinical Practice at Kingston University Hospital, Kingston Surrey.



Prof. Nwadiuto Esiobu, An outstanding Nigerian scientist in the US, is one of the premier US Carnegie African Diaspora Fellows, selected to facilitate capacity building, mentoring and graduate education. She is a Professor of Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology; and the director of the Microbial Biotech Lab at Florida Atlantic University, USA. She was trained at some of the world's most reputable citadels of learning.



Kafeelat Adekunle is a Community matron, Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation trust. A Royal college of Nursing (RCN) Accredited representative, representing members at trust hearings, disciplinary, capability and sickness policy meetings for members that have been unfairly treated due to discrimination, or due to the colour of their skin, educating staff and representing for fair hearing, promoting well-being in the workplace, supporting Nursing members and encouraging them to speak up when necessary.



Yemisi Osho is a distinguished Midwife and Nurse practitioner of over 30 years. She is an outstanding leader, mentor and a role model both within the nursing profession and politics. She has been at the forefront of nursing and worked in various capacities as a practitioner, including senior management and board roles in the NHS. She has served on two CCG boards in London and Director of Nursing. She has led on extensive advancement of nursing and quality patient care. Besides contributing widely to service development, she has nurtured and being instrumental in developing so many talented nurses; and also shaped so many nursing leaders, including Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Nurses.



Labake Elizabeth Akintunde is a hardworking competent lady who is eager to help in her society. She does not discriminate; judge nor is she boastful. Due to these attributes, she created a mental health awareness programme called “Your Health Matter” on Facebook, using the platform in promoting and educating everyone about the importance of our health. “Your Health Matters” is a non-profit group and Labake makes it her obligation to bring in professionals who know the implications on when our health is not treated as priority, to discuss the support that can be received during treatment. She is also trying to bring an end to the “Stigma” attached to mental health especially within the African community.



Prof. Francis Fatoye is a Professor of Health Economics and Outcomes, and Co-Director for Health, Psychology and Communities Research Centre at Manchester Metropolitan University. He is a Physiotherapist and Health Economist, and one of the few Black Professors in Physiotherapy in the United Kingdom (UK). Fatoye is the first and only Nigerian trained Physiotherapist to attain the position of Professor in a UK University.



Ayo Adebamowo is the CEO and Founder of MyMedicalBank, a suite of cloud-based applications that securely connect patients with healthcare providers in Africa for timely access to health care and health information. Ayo has spent the last 11 of his 20-year career working as a Health Informatics manager with the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom. His expert knowledge of NHS guidelines on managing cancer pathways, Cancer Waiting Times (CWT), Cancer Outcome Service Dataset (COSD), Peer Review and a wide range of national cancer audits has enabled him undertake a number of critical assignments at hospitals across London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Sussex including at UK's largest NHS Trust, Barts Health. Findings from some of his assignments in the NHS have been widely reported in the British news media.



Dr Orode Aniejurengbo is an upcoming young female scientist, born in Nigeria where she studied up to secondary school and then proceeded to the United Kingdom to complete her A-levels, BSc, Masters and finally obtaining a PhD in July 2016. On 13th October 2018, saw her awarded a grant from the Royal Society of Biology, which she used to partly fund a science and health awareness programme for the public in Lagos Nigeria. This programme equipped the Nigerian public, including parents, children, business men and women and healthcare professionals with knowledge on how to eliminate misuse of antibiotics, and therefore, reduce the spread of antibiotic resistant infections in Nigeria.



Dr Malvis Humphrey is a UK qualified Biomedical Scientist, Registered Mental health nurse and Healthcare management Consultant. He has held high profile roles some of which include: Manager and Commissioner of health and social care for UK local authority, President and Board Director of International Health Organisation, Hospital manager for one of the UK's largest Private Hospitals, CEO and Founder of London Professional Training Centre (LPTC) and diverse clinical NHS experience. He provides training and consultancy services for the NHS, Local authority and UK healthcare private providers.



Foluke Ajayi, Chief Operating Officer – University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. It is a position she has held has been Chief Operating since February 2015. She is Passionate about healthcare and healthcare leadership, Patient-Centred, People- Empowering, Purpose-Driven. Ms. Ajayi joined the North West Trust from Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, where she worked as a directorate manager before leading the trust's cancer centre as general manager. As a clinical scientist, Ms. Ajayi also worked at NHS Employers and the Department of Health, where she was deputy to the chief scientific officer.



Adeboye Ifederu: FIBMS MSc Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, UK. Adeboye Ifederu is Head of The North Thames Regional Newborn Screening Laboratory at the Great Ormond Street Hospital, the largest Newborn Screening laboratory in the UK, screening for one-fifth of the entire birth population in the UK. He is a graduate of Biochemistry at the University of Ibadan. Adeboye went on to complete his Fellowship in Clinical Chemistry (FIBMS) while working at the Royal Marsden Hospital London. After obtaining a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Surrey, he progressed in the field of Laboratory Medicine and was appointed the Head of Newborn Screening at the Great Ormond Street, where he leads a world-renowned Public Health programme designed to reduce harm and prevent death in babies born with rare but treatable inherited conditions.



Adebola Aroboto has been a registered nurse and midwife for over 20 years. She possesses an undying passion for women's health, especially health issues that affect sexual health, which are not talked about enough, perineal damage. Her passion for perineal care stemmed from caring for women with FGM as a student midwife.



Dr Gloria Olubusola Rowland was first trained as a registered nurse and midwife in Nigeria before relocating to the United Kingdom, Gloria continued her nursing career in the UK after completing her NMC adaptation programme to become registered as a nurse in the UK. Since then she has gained further qualifications- BSc Midwifery, MSc Community Public Health Specialist Practitioner and Doctor of Clinical Practice.

Gloria is the first Black African Head of Midwifery in the history of maternity services in the UK as well as the first African Director of Midwifery at the largest NHS trust in the UK. She became a Mary Seacole Scholar awarded by the Department of Health in 2009.



Chima Olugh, In 2004 helped to develop a smoking cessation referral system from secondary to primary care with the aim of making care continuous between the two settings and was given an award for his pioneering work. In 2010 Chima led an innovative diabetes change management programme, delivering excellent improvements and contributing efficiency savings to the local Primary Care Trust. The Evidence into Practice programme in Greenwich targeted diabetes, which was a major cause of mortality and morbidity in the borough and is still a growing problem due to increasing levels of obesity.



Dr Ola Kassim has served as the Pathologist-In-Chief and Director of Laboratory Services at the West Parry Sound Health Center, Parry Sound, Ontario and a duty physician at the Whitby Psychiatric Hospital since 1985. He also serves as the Regional Forensic Pathologist for the District of Parry Sound - Muskoka and North Simcoe. From 1983-1985, Dr Kasim was a lecturer at the Department of Pathology at the University of Toronto and an associate staff Pathologist at the Sunnybrook Medical Health Centre, Toronto.



Rufai Olivia has worked at Kings College Hospital London since 1995 as a radiographer. In 1999 she went on to do a postgraduate diploma in clinical ultrasound; and in 2010 did a postgraduate certificate in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.

She has taken part in a few research studies including, elastography ultrasound in the liver and contrast ultrasound of the kidney. Recently, she featured in the Kings College Hospital Social Media documentary on “A day in the life of Olivia Rufai.”



Sylvia Ebuwa Ibie American trained, Nigerian qualified, British and Middle East certified Senior Radiographer with over 20 years’ experience. She served as a soldier in the Iraq war and training under the London Metropolitan Police. Back to radiography, Sylvia is a specialist and especially fond of CT scanning, with additional expertise in MRI, nuclear medicine, interventional radiology, bone densitometry and general radiography. Outside of work, she acts in theatre productions and Nollywood, as well as being a chaplain and serving for 20 years in close protection and guest servicing for dignitaries.



Adeyemi Adedamola Williams is an independent pharmacist prescriber and leads the multi-award winning Bedminster Pharmacy, a small independent Healthy Living pharmacy in South Bristol. Under his leadership, the team has won 22 National Awards in the last three years. He is the UK Pharmacist of the Year 2018. The first community Pharmacist winner of the award. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for distinction in the practice of pharmacy, the first male of Afro-Caribbean descent to be so recognised. The Prime Minister’s office has written to commend the crucial role he has played in promoting health and Wellbeing in the local community. The Leader of the Opposition has expressed his appreciation for all the efforts going above the norm.



Florence Nosa Ejemai is a Specialist Psychological Therapist in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy at the NHS, UK. Her passion and enthusiasm to promote primary care psychological services among the black minority, thereby removing the stigma attached to mental health issues especially in the black culture is well acknowledged. She has worked with various churches, mosques and relevant ethnic minority community leaders to promote psychological services and increase the number of access by people from the minority background to the NHS.



Flora Coker is a Chemist and senior Pharmacist at the Maudsley Hospital – the world’s leading psychiatric hospital, which is affiliated with the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (Europe’s largest centre for research and postgraduate education in psychiatry, psychology, basic and clinical neuroscience). In over 16 years as a pharmacist, she has had experience in the community, prison, primary care and hospital sectors. This involves answering complex enquiries from a variety of healthcare professionals across the country from primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. She has recently been clinical pharmacist in London GP practices.



Mobolaji Lewis is a Nigerian trained Physiotherapist with the rare expertise in Mental Health. His passion for the protection and well-being of individuals with mental health problems, a notably vulnerable group resulted in him opening up this area of practice and rising to the position of Head of Department.

The field of mental health is of particularly high priority in the current agenda within and beyond the NHS. There is evidence that 2 of 5 GP patients visit are to do with conditions that border on mental health diagnosis. In obvious recognition of his expertise, Mobolaji served as Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Steward for South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust between 2012 and 2014, and has continued to serve as Head of Physiotherapy (Mental Health), Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.



Victor A Utiti is specialist Neuro-Physiotherapist. He has lectured Physiotherapy in the United Kingdom for over 13 years. He has contributed immensely to the training of several physiotherapists who have gone ahead to work in different aspects of the National Health Service (NHS).

Before taking up an academic position at the University of Essex, he worked as a physiotherapist in the National Health service in Bristol and Plymouth; participating in the delivery of expert physiotherapy care to patients. He has published several articles in peer reviewed Journals both local and international.



Tom Ademuwagun is a UK qualified Solicitor and a Social Worker. He was born in Lagos Nigeria over 40 years ago. His education started in Nigeria, where he attended the University of Benin, Benin- City Edo State. He obtained a Diploma in Social Work in 1997 and later completed a Law degree at the same University in 2003. He proceeded to Nigerian Law School in 2004 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2005. He relocated to the UK with a Job offer all the way from Nigeria with a Local Authority in the North East of England as a Social Worker. He is one of the members of British Nigerian Safeguarding Consortium helping Nigerian vulnerable children and families. He is also a pastor at the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Durham for 11 years to date.



Dr Yusuf Dala Gali was born in Billa, Kwaya Kusar Local Government Borno State, Nigeria. He did his secondary education at Government Science Secondary School, Waka-Biu, 1984 and also studied medicine at Ahmad Bello University, Zaria 1991. In 2004 completed his Master of Science in Orthopaedics (MSc- Orth) University of London.

He has a Membership by Examination (MRCEM), Royal College of Emergency Medicine, United Kingdom. Currently, he is about to complete the Fellowship of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (FRCEM), United Kingdom. He is based at the Basildon University Hospital, Mid and South Essex, NHS Trust. As a Senior Emergency Physician in the NHS, he has been in the forefront of treating and managing patients with Covid-19 as well as formulating and implementing policies and teaching younger generation of doctors.



Adebayo Alonge, a Nigerian pharmacist, inventor, deep tech entrepreneur, CEO and founder of RxAll, recently emerged the winner of 2019 Hello Tomorrow Global Challenge, organised by BNP HB. Alonge, who invented nano-scanners that detect fake drugs, defeated 4,500 contenders from 119 nations across the globe to become the winner of the challenge. He became the first-ever African to achieve the feat.



Dr. Olagunjo Ogunbiyi (The Irreplaceable Doctor) MBSS, MD, FRCS, Consultant General, specializes in General Surgery. His sub-specialties include colorectal Gastroscopy OGD, Colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy and gastrointestinal cancers. When he took ill, his employers, his colleagues and family had to unite and mobilise the best medical care the UK could offer to battle COVID-19 to finish, knowing that other victims, advanced in age like him could not defeat the virus when they had an encounter. The story of the recovery of Ogunbiyi also attracted the attention of President Muhammadu Buhari. The president congratulated him on his recovery and wished his early return to work. The president was perhaps elated that Dr. Ogunbiyi represents one of the best of Nigerians who are not only gainfully engaged and serving their host communities selflessly and creditably, but diligently exhibiting the Nigerian spirit.



Prof Femi Oyebo was born in Lagos, Nigeria. He is Head of Department of Psychiatry at the University of Birmingham. He was initially interested in literature and poetry, but encouraged to become a physician by his father. He attended a boarding school where he had to decide between specialising in science or the humanities. He eventually settled for biology. He studied medicine at the University of Ibadan and moved to Newcastle upon Tyne in 1979. Prof. Oyebo earned his MRCPsych (membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists) in 1983, and was soon appointed a Consultant Psychiatrist in the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.



Prof Dilichukwu Okeoma Anumba joined the University of Sheffield in 2003 as Senior Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine, following research and clinical training in Newcastle University and hospitals in Yorkshire and the Northern region. He was accredited a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1999, and a subspecialist in Maternal and Fetal Medicine in 2001. He investigated the physiology of human parturition, particularly the role of immunity and inflammation in term/preterm labour and pregnancy complications such as hypertension, fetal growth restriction and stillbirth. He is also investigating new technique to predict preterm birth by the detection of cervical remodelling changes as well as changes in the vaginal microbiome and metabolome.



Dr. Ngozi Ezike is a Paediatrician and has been in practice for almost 15 years. She received her medical degree MBBS from the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Nsukka and has six medical publications to her credit. She graduated with Honours from Howard College. As the Director of Illinois Department of Public Health, she occasionally had to sound additional warning to get residents to remain at home and observe the primary hygiene practices. She said this while announcing that more people had died during a daily media briefing. She served in many capacities such as Medical Director, Cook County Juvenile Detention Centre, National Policy Adviser, Juvenile Correctional Health.



Dr Samson Arigbamu, a Nigerian US-based medical expert has invented a stethoscope equipped with components capable of immediately identifying adventitious lung such as COVID-19 infected lungs that would immediately announce its findings.

Dr Arigbamu has been living in the USA for about 22 years and currently the Director of Nursing at Future Care Lochearn, a 200-bed capacity health rehabilitation centre in Baltimore Maryland. He has been in the employ of the company for 10 years, prior to that he was a director of nursing at Manor Care Woodbridge in Baltimore Maryland for over three years. He owns and operates a private clinic called Upsurge Health Associate in Freeland, Maryland.



Dr. Babafemi Taiwo, a Nigerian-born doctor who played a leading role in the National Institute of Health (NIH) clinical trial of remdesivir, an antiviral drug, which has now been found to be effective in treating COVID-19 patients. Taiwo is Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, where he leads clinical and translational HIV researchers in infectious diseases, hepatology, neurology, radiology, cardiology and nursing, and directs the development and implementation of NIH-sponsored interventional and observational HIV studies. He has received research grants (to Northwestern) from industry sponsors for investigator-initiated studies.



Dr. Leo C Egbujiobi specializes in cardiovascular disease cardiology in Beloit, WI and has over 34 years experience in the field of medicine. He is affiliated with numerous hospitals in Wisconsin and more, including Beloit Memorial Hospital. Dr. Egbujiobi is licensed to practice by the state board in Wisconsin (30790-020).

He also practices at 1969 West Hart Road, Beloit, WI. He receives patients at his medical office, and available for appointments, preventative care, medical care as well as ongoing patient care. Dr. Egbujiobi graduated from the American University of The Caribbean School of Medicine in 1987. He works in Beloit, WI and 2 other locations and specializes in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine.



Dr. Ikemba Iweala, MD., FRCSEd, is the chairman of the IKE Foundation for Autism. His early medical training was at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He completed the compulsory NYSC programme as the centre's physician at the Rural Health Center, Igbaja in Kwara State and then was a medical officer at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Umuahia. After completing training in General Surgery/Trauma and Neurosurgery at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester and in other hospitals in England, he practiced briefly at the University College Hospital, Ibadan, and following further work at the University of Maryland Medical Systems, Baltimore, he became a clinical instructor in Emergency Medicine at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington DC. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.



Dr. Foyeke Ikyator, MD is an Emergency Medicine Specialist in Houston, TX. She is affiliated with medical facilities such as CHI St Lukes Health – Baylor St Lukes Medical Centre and Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Centre. She earned her bachelor's in Nutrition Science from the University of Georgia in 2005 with Honours. She subsequently studied medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health on a full academic scholarship. Upon graduating, Foyeke was residency trained in Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and Board Certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. After working full-time in several emergency rooms around Houston, she quickly realized that her true passion lay in playing an active role in the empowerment of her patients. Dr. Ikyator is the youngest doctor to open an Emergency Room in Texas, and her husband, Orseer Ikyator of Houston TX opens a medspa and family practice—Foye MD and Spa, and second location of Life Savers Emergency Room.



Dr. Chidubem Obi Gerald was born in Akwa village, Iftedunu Dunkaofia local government Area, Anambra state. His seven years in the faculty of medicine, in I.M. (sechenov University) Russia, was crowned with utmost joy as he became the first African to graduate with 5.0 GP in the institution. Dr. Gerald received award as best graduating student in the faculty of medicine in I.M. sechenov first Moscow state medical university (sechenov university) Russia. Being the first medical school in Moscow, it then gained the reputation of having a high standard of education and the best centre for medical research. With his award, he broke the over 200 years' record of the school. Thus, he made Nigeria, and Africa as a whole, proud.



Prof. Temitayo Shokunbi, a consultant neurosurgeon at the University College Hospital, studied medicine at the University of Ibadan from 1973 to 1978. He had distinctions in Pathology, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He later went to the University of Western Ontario to study Neurosurgery and Neuroanatomy between 1981 and 1986 and he obtained MSc in Specialist Certificate in Neurosurgery of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He trained in congenital anomalies research at Kyoto University, Kyoto, and Meiji Institute of Health, Odawara, Japan from December 1990 to June 1991. Between July and December, 1994 he underwent fellowship training in Paediatric Neurosurgery at the University of Ottawa. At the National Institute of Genetics, Mishima, Japan, he trained in teratology, molecular and cell neurobiology from January to December, 1995. He has several publications to his credit.



Prof. (Sir) Akinloye Anthony Bamigboye (BSc. Hons, MBCHB, Ife, MMed (Obs & Gynae, Wits), FCOG RSA, PhD RSA, D.Lett Hon., UK.

Prof Bamigboye hails from Ire Ekiti, Oye Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The Medical Director of Louismed Specialist Hospital, Lekki, Lagos Nigeria, established in 2014, had his primary medical education at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria in the 1980s. He had attended Aquinas College and Christ school Ado Ekiti in the 1970s. His post-graduate medical education and training were obtained in South Africa and England in the 1990s at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa and Imperial College, London (Hammersmith Hospital NHS trust).

Sir Bamigboye is listed in the top 100 doctors in the world by the international Biographic Centre, Cambridge UK. He was mentioned in the John Schiarri awards for outstanding research by the World Society of Gynaecologist (FIGO) and faculty 1000 awards, Middlesex, UK. He was awarded the highly prestigious Hippocratic prize in medicine in 2011 and has published both in scientific journals and social magazines across the globe. He received a Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) degree from IBC Cambridge UK in 2012.

He is at the moment a Professor in the College of Medicine, Afe Babalola University Ado Ekiti, while managing the Louismed Specialist Hospital Lekki Lagos.



Ayoola Dominic is Co-founder and CEO of Koolboks. Ayoola grew up in Nigeria, where he completed his bachelor of Pharmacy degree and then worked as a Territory Sales Manager for AstraZeneca. He moved to France to complete a Master's in Entrepreneurship and Business Development at EDHEC before serving as the Director of Operations (MEA) for Servier, an international pharmaceutical company with a presence in 150 countries.

During his stint at Servier, Ayoola initiated and led one of the biggest acquisitions in the Pharma industry in West Africa - Acquisition SWIPHA Pharma Nigeria.

Ayoola is currently working on setting up his refrigeration company in Nigeria. He hails from Lagos State, Nigeria.



Dr. Veronica Nwankpa is a research scientist and medical microbiologist. She studied at University of Jos, Addis Ababa University and Colorado State University. She works as a consultant to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/University of Edinburgh Project.



Raji Tajudeen MD, MPH, FWACP, Chatham House (APHL) Fellow is a medical doctor with postgraduate specialization in Paediatrics and Public Health. He is a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians and African Public Health Leaders Fellow of the Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs, UK. He has over 10 years of senior level experience in Child Health, Health System Management, Health Diplomacy, Maternal and Child Health, and Health in Humanitarian Emergencies. He has worked in different settings in the developing world; Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia. He is currently the Head of Public Health Institutes and Research at the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He coordinates the establishment and strengthening of National Public Health Institutes across the 55 Member States of the African Union. He is a principal resource person for the establishment of the five Africa CDC Regional Collaborating Centres in Lusaka, Abuja, Libreville, Nairobi and Cairo. He coordinates the Africa CDC Institute for Workforce Development and the public health research agenda. Taji heads the healthcare preparedness and counter-measures section of the Africa CDC COVID-19 response and co-chairs the case management technical working group of the Africa Taskforce on COVID-19.



STEPHEN KIFORDU is an insightful socio-economic writer, with an MSc in Biomedical science. He is a fellow of the UK Institute of Biomedical sciences. He is from Igbodo in Ika North-East Local Government of Delta State. He is currently the Network Lead Scientist for Haematology at the pathology network of Hampshire Hospitals. He delivers quality Hematology services to patients with limited resources across the network that handles some 10,000 samples daily. He is a seasoned manager and trainer with experience of delivering change, improving services and quality. He represents his department in internal and external service committees and has served on the Inter-Hospital Committee for co-terminus Biomedical Science degree at Surrey University. He contributed to campaign strategies for Buhari-Osinbajo 2015 and 2019; he continues to campaign for electoral system reforms, Police reform, improving medical laboratories in Nigeria and marketization of agriculture. He is the Director of Policy and Strategy for the Nigerian Think-Tank Group worldwide where he continues to actively contribute to innovative ideas towards a better Nigeria.



Dr Joel Avembue DANJUMA is a Nigerian Physician who hails from Kaduna State, Sanga Local Government Area. His qualifications include; MBBS (Bulgaria), MSc (Surgery of trauma) UK, FIAS (UK). He is the Emergency Medicine Physician (UK) Institute- Sofia Medical Academy, Bulgaria and Emergency Medicine Physician, Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley, UK.



DR. Philip Idaewor is in charge of the overall operations of the PHF foundation. He is responsible for ensuring that the strategic direction of PHF as defined by the board remains the focus at all times. He has an MSc degree in Immunology and Immunocytochemistry from the University of Benin.

PHF recognizes and acknowledges that timely provision of solution to healthcare challenges require collaboration across the multiple professions.

In pursuit of PHF's strategic vision, Dr. Idaewor engages healthcare professionals and advisors.



Dr Aloysius Anaebonam is a pharmacist and a renowned international expert on skincare and shaving bumps treatment. He is based in the United States. He obtained his BSc in pharmacy from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1978 and a PhD from Massachusetts College, Pharmacy in 186. In 1999, he became the first scientist to correctly implicate melanin as being responsible for the higher incidence of shaving bumps in black skin.



Dr Emeka Nchekwube is a US based neurosurgeon and co-inventor of two brands of hypoestoxides, terfenadine oral powder and solutions of pentamidine and many others.

Dr. Nchekwube practices in San Jose, California and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. He has been in practice for more than 20 years.



DR DAVID ONU hails from Ebonyi State. He graduated with a medical degree from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1998 and undertook postgraduate surgical residency, from where he exited as a Senior Registrar in Neurosurgery. Following emigration to Australia, Dr Onu obtained his masters degree in Forensic Medicine from Monash University and was later awarded the Fellowship of the Australian College of Legal medicine. He is a member of the (RACGP) and is currently working towards his RACGP Fellowship. Dr Onu is deeply engaged in research and has published five medical cases series in the field of neurosurgery mostly with the British medical journal case reports. He has also delivered topical presentations at many national medical conferences Across Australia.



Dr. Njideka E Udochi, MD specializes in family practice in Columbia, MD and has over 20 years of experience in the field of medicine.

Dr Udochi, is a renowned expert in her field practices at 8900 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia, MD.



Dr. AG Ahmed is a forensic and general psychiatrist at the Royal Health Care Group and a Clinical Investigator at the Institute of Mental Health Research. He began his psychiatric training at National Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro, completed his residency in Liverpool, United Kingdom and Master of Law specializing in Health Law at the Osgoode Hall Law, York University, Canada. He is also a consultant psychiatrist at the Precision Medical Centre and Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist to the Leeds Lanark and Grenville Addiction and Mental Service - Therapeutic Justice Program. Dr Ahmed is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa; and an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry in the Departments of Psychiatry at Queen's and McMaster Universities. His clinical practice and research interests include the assessment and treatment of patients with major mental disorder, addictions, personality disorders, dysfunctional anger, and aggression. He is a co-director of the Centre for Rational and Cognitive Therapies and a supervisor at Albert Ellis Institute of Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, the pioneer Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. He is a member of the Ontario and Nunavut Criminal Code Review Boards of Canadian Criminal Code. His first medical training was at Ahmadu Bello University. He has practiced forensic psychiatry over the past 25 years. He is a consultant to Metis Nation Ontario, Ontario Review Board, Nunavut court of Justice, Correctional Services of Canada. Dr Ahmed has published extensively in his area of specialization.



Dr. Dele Ogunremi, a research scientist at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Ottawa Laboratory Fallowfield, is a trained veterinarian with doctoral and post-doctoral training in Molecular Biology and Immunology. He obtained DVM with distinctions (1984) and MVSc (1986) from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and PhD from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada (1993), where he also completed a post-doctoral training (1996). He has worked for the Federal Government of Canada as a scientist for 25 years where he has developed research programmes and projects in Animal Health, Food Safety and Genomics. He has developed over 30 new diagnostic assays, completed over 50 research projects and achieved over 50 innovations. He has two patents granted in the United States and New Zealand, and one patent pending in Canada. He has given over 60 scientific presentations on four continents, published 50 papers in high profile international journals and two book chapters. He has served on the Editorial Boards of the Canadian Journal of Microbiology and Scientific World Journal, and has reviewed over 20 international journals. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Food Science, University of Guelph. Two of his projects include an international collaboration which he led to develop a DNA vaccine for avian influenza H5N1 virus and the safety evaluation of the vaccine.



Dr. Samuel Adeleke Oluwadairo is a consultant psychiatrist and clinical assistant professor, Faculty of Medicine University of Calgary,

Dr. Oluwadairo obtained his first medical degree from the University of Ibadan. After the mandatory Housemanship and national service, which he finished with Merit Award, he started his postgraduate training in psychiatry at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta, a WHO collaborating centre in mental health.

He left Nigeria in 1992 to finish his postgraduate training at Liverpool UK and concurrently completed a Master of Science degree in Drug Use and Addictions at Liverpool John Moores University. He relocated to Canada in 1999 with his family as senior psychiatrist at Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford. He is also a member of Physicians Prescription Practice committee for Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Samuel Oluwadairo is not only interested in his profession but cares so much about his community. He is one of the past presidents of Nigerian Canadian Association Calgary. He is actively involved and giving back to his root in his position as the Asiwaju Baasegun of Egbaland.



Dr. Abayomi Adetola is a Family Physician and Emergency Room Physician with an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan and University of Ottawa. He completed his medical training at the Olabisi Onabanjo University in 1990. He commenced residency training in Internal Medicine at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital in January 1993 then transferred to University College Hospital in Ibadan in 1994. He proceeded to do his training in Family medicine at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in South Africa between 1995 and 1998.

He is a Certificant and holds Fellowship designations of the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He holds the certification and fellowship designations of the College of Family Physician of Canada.

He is the immediate Past President of the Canadian Association of Nigerian Physicians and Dentists (CANPAD).



Dr Tari Aganaba attended Baptist Academy and Igbobi College. He later graduated from University of Ibadan medical school. He is a Lead Physician Surgical patient optimization Programme Dawson Creek Hospital BC Canada, Clinical Instructor University of British Columbia. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh UK, an Orthopaedic Surgeon UK 1986 to 2000 and the current Orthopaedic Surgeon BC Canada. He was the Past President, Canadian Association of Nigerian Physicians and Dentists, Cofounder' Iroko Maple Orthopaedic Foundation providing outreach orthopaedic service to Nigeria particularly Abuja National Hospital. He is also the President Medical Staff Association Dawson Creek Hospital BC Canada.



Prof. Kelechi Nnoaham is the Executive Director of Public Health & Executive Lead for Academic Partnerships, Research & Development and Innovation, Cwm Taf University Health Board.

His background is in Infectious Diseases Medicine and he has held senior Public Health positions in the NHS and Local Government since 2005. He has since February 2015, held an honorary professorship in Public Health & Epidemiology with Plymouth University and co-chairs its SouthWest Global Health Collaboration. His key interest is in harmonising the input of the Health Service with those of communities, public and third sector partners to improve population health and narrow disparities in health and wellbeing.



Dr. C I Okocha is a member of the General Medical Council (GMC) Responsible Officer Reference Group that provides the GMC advice on how to implement the Revalidation of a quarter of a million doctors in the UK following the Responsible Officer Legislation of 2011. He is a member of the NHS London Responsible Officer Board and the Responsible Officer and Medical Director leading on Revalidation across all Mental Health Trusts in London. He led the development of the Strengthened Appraisal and Revalidation Database. Furthermore, he leads on the implementation of Mental Health Payment by Results in London representing Medical directors on the project board and he is the Mental Health lead on the Academic Health Sciences Network for South London. Dr Okocha was the first ever recipient of the distinguished award of The Medical Leader of the year (2009) by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.



Dr. Kingsman Chikelu is a Medical Practitioner and former Continental chairman, Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO) Africa. He has built a diaspora Hospital in Enugu State and FCT Abuja.

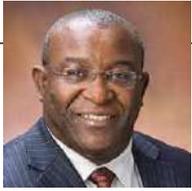


Dr. **Philip O. Ozuah** is the President and CEO of Montefiore Medicine, the umbrella organization for Montefiore Health System and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A nationally recognized physician, leader, executive, researcher, teacher and author, Dr. Ozuah previously served as President of Montefiore Health System.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Southern California and a PhD in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He completed his Pediatric Internship and Residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore, and his Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Medical Education at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

Dr. Ozuah expanded access for underserved communities, recruited and cultivated outstanding talent, advanced programs of excellence, fostered innovations in medical education, and improved financial and operational performance by integrating care across a rapidly growing and evolving Montefiore system that sees over six million patient interactions a year. Under his leadership, Montefiore Health System's specialties ranked in the top 1 percent of the nation's hospitals, and CHAM was recognized as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals" according to U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Ozuah has been recognized locally and nationally for excellence in teaching and patient care, including as an inductee into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and a two-time recipient of the Academic Pediatric Association's prestigious Helfer Award for Innovation in Medical Education. Along with his various awards for teaching and clinical excellence, Dr. Ozuah has also been recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the "Top 25 COOs in Healthcare."



Nigerian-born medical doctor, **Professor Iyalla Elvis Peterside** has been awarded America's Best Physicians for the year 2020 by the US National Consumer Advisory Board and Todaysbestphysician.com.

Dr Peterside is a Professor of Paediatrics and Neonatology at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and a Consultant at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia considered one of the best Children's Hospitals in the world where he has worked for over 20 years.

He was until recently the Medical Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and the President of the Philadelphia Perinatal society. Peterside is a recipient of many awards from his colleagues and professional associations in the US.

His area of expertise is in the care of complex surgical neonates, infants needing extracorporeal support and babies with chronic lung disease. He graduated from the University of Ibadan in 1985 and has practiced medicine in four continents of Africa, Europe, Asia and North America.



Dr. Nosa Aigbe Lebarty was born in Benin City, Edo State. He went to Fabiyi Akpata primary School, Baptist High School and Paragon Comprehensive College before moving to the United States where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

He went on to earn his medical degree at Poznan University of Medical Sciences in Poland in 2008.

He completed the Ellis Family Medicine Residency Programme. He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Lebarty is co-owner of Central Med Urgent Care on Central Ave. in Albany, NY.

He has worked as the medical director of Hospital Medicine and the chief of Medicine at Nathan Littauer Hospital, Gloversville, NY.

He has worked in the Hospital Medicine Departments and as the Medical director of Hospital Medicine for St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam and Oswego Hospital, both in New York, and as the Medical director of several New York nursing homes.

In addition, he is president and founder of Project Health Africa, a non-profit organization that seeks to increase access to quality health care in Africa.



Dr. Wendy Olayiwola is the President of the Nigerian Nurses Charitable Association UK (NNCA UK). She is the convener of NHS @70 Nigerian Healthcare Professionals UK Awards 2019. She is also the founder of National BAME Health and Care Awards UK and Society of African and Caribbean Midwives (SoAC) UK. Wendy is a member of the Chief Nursing Officer Black and Minority Ethnic Strategic Advisory Group (CNO BME SAG) Department of Health, England and uses this role to advise and provide guidance on issues facing patients and staff from minority ethnic groups. She holds a BSc degree in Midwifery from City University, London; an MSc in Public Health from the University of East London, among other academic laurels. She is a member of the Institute of Leadership and Management UK.

Wendy has championed numerous projects and initiatives beyond the UK's borders, stretching from Europe to Africa. She is a founding member of Better Health for Africa UK, an expert and resource group for shaping African healthcare. Her project participation stretched her to be a member of the Diaspora Healthcare Initiative steering group: advisor to Nigeria's Ministry of Health. In January 2020, she organized a team of senior nurses and midwives from the UK to provide capacity building and training for nurses and midwives in Abuja, Nigeria.

Wendy Olayiwola has received numerous accolades. The most recent was the British Empire Medal in the 2021 New Year Queen's Honour Award. She is the winner of the NHS@70 Women Leaders Award 2018. In the same year, she won Top 100 Women for LIFT EFFECT Star Award. In 2016, she won the BEFFTA Leadership Awards. She won the Community Excellence Award by OYO STATE INDIGENES UK and the first Community Leadership Award by the Nigeria High Commission UK in 2014.



Dr. Peter O. Okebukola is a Partner at McKinsey & Company, the world's leading management consulting firm. He advises national governments and CEOs of some of the largest corporations in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas.

Dr. Okebukola holds a Ph.D. in Health Policy, Management, and Economics from Johns Hopkins University, for which he was conferred the US National Delta Omega Honours Award. He is an alumnus of Harvard University and holds M.P.H. and M.B.A. degrees from Johns Hopkins University as well as a Doctor of Medicine degree (with Distinction) from the University of Lagos.

Peter was born in Nigeria and is based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.



Dr. Salamat A. Aliu is Nigeria’s first indigenous trained female neurosurgeon. Aliu was born in Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria, where she received her medical training at the University of Ilorin.



After medical school, she took an interest in neurosurgeon and decided to specialize in neurosurgery at Usman Danfodiyo University under the mentorship of Professor BB Shehu.

Aliu, who is in her 40s, co-authored three publications including the well-read publication, “Knotting of a nasogastric feeding tube in a child with head injury” with seven other physicians in 2014.

They discussed the complications that could arise from placing a nasogastric tube in patients that are unable to feed themselves.



Dr. Patricia Ukaigwe is a Professor of Nursing, Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) Teaneck, New Jersey. CEO, UHEAL CHARITIES INC. She majorly develops and conducts inter - professional continuing education workshop for health care workers, nurses, midwives, students - trainings for hospitals staff to update skills, Offers University Scholarships to youth (gave eight this time).

She sets up petty trade for widows and is currently building a charity medical clinic/health centre and hope to commission it later this year - August or December. Patricia has also established nursing degrees collaborations between FDU, University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Central University Ghana. Recently, She commissioned water borehole, e-library - 30 computers with full internet access with about 300 e- books, demonstration skills lab, and renovation of student hostels.



Dr. Iwuzo L. Obilo is a pediatrician in Wayne, New Jersey and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Montefiore Medical Center and Nyack Hospital.

He received his medical degree from Eugenio Maria de Hostos University and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Dr. Obilo Iwuzo is the brain behind the Nigerian Healthcare Foundation, NHF. The NHF that he heads organizes highly successful Annual Mission Trips to Imo State, Nigeria, targeted at redressing the deterioration of the health of many Nigerians, especially the less privileged, due to problems such as poverty, hunger, and disease.



Dr. Modupe Elebute-Odunsi

After qualifying in medicine from the College of Medicine, University of Lagos in 1986, Dr. Elebute completed a postgraduate training in medicine and haematology at centres of excellence in London, including St Bartholomew's Hospital, St George's Hospital and The Royal Marsden.

With vast experience of treating patients with cancer, Dr. Elebute also received a prestigious research fellowship from the Leukaemia Research Fund and gained a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from the University of London for her groundbreaking work.

In the UK, Dr. Elebute has held Consultant and Honorary Senior Lecturer posts at St George's Hospital, the National Blood Service and King's College Hospital, and has a well-established private practice at the Spire and Lister Hospitals. In Nigeria, she has worked at the Lagoon Hospitals, where she was instrumental in developing a pathology laboratory and a sickle cell clinic.

Dr. Elebute is widely published in scientific journals and textbooks. Involved in the development of the undergraduate haematology curriculum at St George's University of London, Elebute was also, a Postgraduate Director and Educational Supervisor for University of London's Haematology Postgraduate Training Programme for several years.

She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and a member of the British Society of Haematology and the American Society of Haematology.

Passionate about giving back, Dr. Elebute helped set up the Sickle Cell Club of Lagos while still at medical school. She is Patron of Build Africa and a past Trustee of The Walkabout Foundation



CHAPTER SIX



OIL AND GAS



Dr. Amy Jadesimi born 1976 is the CEO Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL), a \$500 million Industrial Free Zone. Amy was a Commissioner for Business and Sustainable Development Commission. She got financial training at Goldman Sachs and Stanford Graduate School of Business where she got an MBA; and MA, BMBCH medical degree from the prestigious Oxford University. She is a businesswoman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL), a privately owned logistics and engineering facility in the Port of Lagos, Nigeria. Her father is Chief Oladipo Jadesimi, the Executive Chairman of LADOL. Through LADOL, Jadesimi joined the Venture Strategies for Health and Development (VSHD) organization where she works with other Nigerian doctors and birth attendants to reduce the high rate of maternal mortality in Nigeria. The VSHD came up with a drug that was well suited for maternal mortality.

Her accolades include being voted the Young CEO of the Year (2018) by the African Leadership Forum, an Archbishop Tutu Fellow, working to reduce maternal mortality, Young Global Leader (WEF), Rising Talent (Women's Forum for Economy and society), 20 Youngest Powerful Women in Africa (Forbes), Top 25 Africans to watch (Financial Times), member Advisory Board of Prince's Trust International and contributor to Forbes.



Dr. Ainojie Alex Irune is the Chief Operating Officer, Oando Energy Resources (OER), the upstream subsidiary of Oando PLC. A proponent of transformational leadership, Dr. Irune joined the Company in 2011 and OER's management team in 2018. Prior to assuming this role, he was the Group Chief Strategy & Corporate Services Officer at Oando PLC from 2016 to 2018. Following the upshots from oil prices crash in 2015, he spearheaded strategic initiatives aimed at restructuring the business and reducing the Group's debt obligations, with an overall objective of re-positioning the Company towards a path of sustainable growth. These initiatives included partial business divestments to Vitol and Helios Investment Partners that generated inflows of over US\$330 million – part of which was used to significantly reduce the Company's overall debt obligations. Dr. Irune spearheaded the global communications strategy following Oando's successful \$1.5bn acquisition of ConocoPhillips Nigeria's upstream assets.



Mohammed Barkindo is the Secretary-General of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). His appointment didn't come as a surprise to industry experts as Barkindo had been a major stakeholder in international oil politics for over a decade. He was also the former Special Assistant to late Rilwan Lukman, also a former Secretary-General of OPEC. Apart from his rich history in oil and gas, the 56-year old also has experience in the banking sector and international trading companies. He was appointed as the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in 2009. He was, however, booted out of office by former President Goodluck Jonathan in 2010 after which he returned to OPEC. Barkindo has honorary doctorate degree of science from the Federal University of Technology Yola (FUTY).



Kenneth Yellowe In the oil and gas industry, his name evokes a mixture of admiration, envy, and respect. He sits atop the affairs of Global Energy Incorporated, a thriving energy firm in the United States, and is among the most dynamic businessmen currently operating on the African continent. In 2005, he ventured into a highly capital-intensive project by setting up a local subsidiary of his firm in Nigeria and leased a multi-million dollar Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading vessel (FPSO) known as the Berge Okoloba Toru from a foreign firm, Bergesen. Yellowe as a part-owner of the Akepo marginal gas field (OML 90) in the Niger Delta, was setting up a multi-million naira facility in the country, his sole aim was create jobs and improve Nigeria’s oil and gas sector with such a tremendous capacity to advance the regional and national economic growth of the nation. To show his seriousness and determination for the business, he secured \$400m from international financial institutions and individual investors, while Global Gas and Oil Refining Global Gas Refining Limited (GGRL) became the first indigenous private company to successfully embark on a multi-million-dollar gas processing and refining facility in the country, with operations and assets situated in the Niger Delta creeks at Cawthorne Channel, Rivers State. When the FPSO commenced production of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in commercial quantity from the Cawthorne channel in the Bonny, Rivers State, Yellowe became the toast of the oil and gas industry.



Michael Dimude Based in Groningen, Netherlands, has been a petroleum reservoir engineer expert for over a decade. He possesses a keen sense of engineering solutions mixed with his business acumen, and has overseen construction, power and petrochemical deals.



Zion Adeoye, a Nigerian lawyer and oil and gas specialist, is the current Managing Director of Centurion Law Group.

In 2019, Zion won the ESQ 40 under 40 Lawyers award at the Nigerian Rising Stars Awards 2019, for shaping the future of the legal profession in Nigeria and on the continent. Currently, he is the Managing Director at Centurion Law Group, Pan-African Law conglomerate, the most prominent Law Group in the African Oil and Gas sector.



Chief Obi Azuike. He is the founder and CEO of Texas industrial Technologies located in Houston Texas, an Oil and Gas company. It has over 12 Nigerian employees. He was the President of Mbanu Association from 1990 to 1992. He also was The Board Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Foundation. The Foundation takes care of Nigerians in the United States especially new arrivals, promotes Nigerian culture and also assists financially to the needy. Our member attorneys help in representating our handicapped citizens who have legal challenges.



CHAPTER SEVEN



POLITICS/LAW



Councillor **Michael Situ**, the Mayor of Southwark, was born in Nigeria and hails from Iwo, Osun State. He relocated to the United Kingdom in the late 90s and spent his childhood in Peckham during the regeneration of the North Peckham. He was first elected as a Councillor in 2010.

He has a compassionate nature and over the last 12 years as a Councillor in Southwark, he has steered improvements to youth facilities, championed greener modes of transport and introduced a multi-agency-focused approach to addressing domestic abuse.

As Deputy Mayor of Southwark, he leads the Southwark's partnership work with twinned local authorities in France and Germany which is giving residents, particularly young people opportunities to experience different cultures and experiences.



Blessing 'Yemi' Mobolade was born in Nigeria to two bi-vocational pastors. His father was in finance and his mother was a secondary education teacher. He has bachelor's degrees in business administration and computer information systems from Bethel University (Mishawaka, Ind.) and master's degrees in management and leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Ind.) and theology-intellectual leadership from the A.W. Tozer Theological Seminary, part of Simpson University (Redding, Calif.). Mobolade moved from Indiana to Colorado Springs in 2010, where he started a church as part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He became one of the first entrepreneurs to invest in downtown after the Great Recession when he co-founded The Wild Goose Meeting House in 2013.

He was sworn in as the 42nd Mayor of Colorado Springs on June 6, 2023. This is his first four-year term as mayor. He is the first Black man and immigrant to be elected mayor of Colorado Springs.

In 2017, Mobolade co-founded Good Neighbors Meeting House in the Patty Jewett neighborhood to provide an additional gathering place in the downtown area. He also began to leverage his success as an entrepreneur and business owner and began working as the vice president of business retention and expansion at the Colorado Springs Chamber & Economic Development Corporation, and In 2019, Mobolade served the City of Colorado Springs as a small business development administrator. In this role, he established tools to assist entrepreneurs with starting a business.



Bobby Digi, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, to Nigerian parents, is a visionary social entrepreneur dedicated to empowering communities globally.

Bobby received a Bachelor of Science degree from The College of Staten Island (CSI-CUNY) where he completed a quadruple major in Finance, Economics, Accounting, and Business Management.

In 2007, he founded Island Voice, focusing on empowering underserved communities, particularly black and brown youth, through initiatives like the Annual Youth Empowerment Summit and transformative events like the Cops and Kids Chess Tournament.

As the New York State Chapter President of Nigerians in The Diaspora Organization, Bobby facilitates connections and initiatives, including town-hall meetings and philanthropic efforts during the pandemic.

Bobby has received numerous awards, including the United Nations Excellence in Humanitarian Services Award, Staten Island Black Heritage Most Influential Award, and the 1010 WINS NEWS NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD.



Dr Adekunle Osibogun has been elected as the Deputy Mayor of Buckingham in England, United Kingdom for one year.

He will deputise for the new Town Mayor who was also elected for a period of one year.

He is also a council member on Buckinghamshire County Council representing Buckingham East. He sits on both councils as a member of the Conservative and Unionist Party after the council elections that took place on May 6, 2021.

Osibogun's tie to the community began in 2004 when he arrived in Buckingham for his second undergraduate degree.

As the new Deputy Mayor, he will assist the Town Mayor with council meetings and promoting community focused initiatives; addressing residents concerns and overseeing the town's public service departments to ensure they operate effectively.

Osibogun hails from Ijebu-Ode, Ogun-State, South-West, Nigeria and a former House of Representatives Candidate for Ijebu Central Federal Constituency during the 2019 general elections in Nigeria.

He studied History at the University of Ibadan, Oyo-State, before proceeding to the University of Buckingham, United Kingdom to study Law and graduated in 2006. He earned a Master degree in Law at the University of Manchester in 2008, specializing on corporate governance and bagged a Doctorate Degree in Law at the University of Buckingham in 2022.



Ms. **Pauline Akhere George** a princess from the royal Alenkhe family of Okhuesan, Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State has been elected Mayor of Lambeth Borough, London, United Kingdom for the 2022/2023 year.

With the election, Ms. George, made history by becoming the first female British Mayor of Lambeth Borough of Nigerian descent.

The mayor, is a specialist nurse and an alumnus of South Columbia School of Nursing, England, Thames Valley University, England.

She also holds a Master degree in International Law from the London Metropolitan University.

She had a stint at the National Health Scheme (NHS), where she helped the community through the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic and also represented nurses in employment cases at work and in employment tribunals.

As a Herne Hill councilor for almost four years, she fought against knife and gun crime and for new opportunities for young people, including encouraging youths to take up apprenticeship.



Kaycee Madu, Nigerian-born Canadian, Kaycee Madu, has been appointed as the Justice Minister and Solicitor-General of Alberta, a province in Canada.

The 47-year-old was born and raised in South-east Nigeria. He graduated from the University of Lagos with a law degree in 2001. He has practised law in both Nigeria and Alberta. According to CBC News, he relocated with the wife to Canada in 2005.

On April 30, 2019, he was appointed to the Executive Council of Alberta as the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Madu, a member of the United Conservative Party, is the first Nigerian-born cabinet member in Alberta.



Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha is an American politician and poet. He is a Democratic member of the Delaware House of Representatives, representing District 1. He is also the current Poet Laureate of Delaware, along with his twin brother, Al Mills.



Oye Owolewa is a Nigerian-American politician, pharmacist, and a member of the Democratic Party. On November 3, 2020, he was elected as the shadow representative of the United States House of Representatives from the District of Columbia. As a shadow congressperson, Owolewa is tasked with lobbying for D.C. statehood; the position is authorized by D.C. voters in 1982, but was never approved by Congress. Although mistakenly described in Nigerian media as the first Nigerian-American to be elected to the U.S Congress, Owolewa is not a member of Congress.



Esther Agbaje, a 35-year-old Nigerian has been elected into the Minnesota House of Representatives in Tuesday's US general elections.

Agbaje will represent District 59B in the 134-member House on the platform of the US Democratic Party.

The Nigerian polled 17,396 votes or 74.7 per cent of the total ballots cast.



Council member, **Will Jawando**, is an attorney, activist, and community leader with a lifelong dedication to public service. Born in Silver Spring, Maryland to a Nigerian father, and white Kansan mother, he earned a B.A. in Sociology from Catholic University of America and completed his J.D. from the prestigious Columbus School of Law. While attending Catholic University, he started the first NAACP chapter on their campus, a move that would chart the course for his burgeoning career in law and politics. Described as “the progressive leader we need” by revered civil rights activist and Congressman, John Lewis, Will has worked with House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Sherrod Brown, and the then Senator Barack Obama. During the 8-year Obama Administration, Will had the honour of serving as Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, followed by a position as an advisor to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. He has worked tirelessly to ensure a quality education, opportunities for prosperity and guaranteed civil rights are available to every American.

Will was elected and sworn-in as an at-large Montgomery County council member in December 2018 with the support of a diverse coalition from across the county.



Helen Grant was born in London and grew up on the Raffles council estate in Carlisle. She has a law degree from the University of Hull. Her father is a Nigerian and her mother, a British citizen. Helen was first elected in 2010 to represent the Parliamentary Constituency of Maidstone & the Weald. In 2012 she was appointed Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice and for Women's and Equalities issues in David Cameron's first ministerial re-shuffle since the general election. In October 2013, she was promoted in the Prime Minister's second reshuffle to the high profile role of Minister for Sport and Tourism. She stood down from this role after the General Election in May 2015.



Foluke Laosebikan, who is the proprietor of FLK Law Firm in Melfort, has been named the head of the organization after being a Bencher since 2017.

Laosebikan started practicing in Canada in 2011 after obtaining a number of degrees in Nigeria and South Africa. She was also a Professor for a period of time in South Africa prior to moving to Melfort in 2004. She was recently named the President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.



Dr. Mrs. Abigail Marshall Katung from Kaduna State, is based in the UK, made history when she became the first elected African Member of the Leeds City Council in 2019. Leeds City Council is a metropolitan district council, one of the five in West Yorkshire and one of the 36 in a metropolitan county of England and provides the majority of local government services in Leeds.

Mrs. Katung attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 1992 – 1998 where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Education, marketing. She also bagged a Master of Arts (MA) in Development Studies from the University of Leeds, (2000-2001). She went further to earn a doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Liverpool, (2013 – 2016). Her electoral feat, an honour for Nigeria and Africa, was won with an overwhelming majority of votes.



Funke Abimbola-Akindolie, a British-Nigerian lawyer, was awarded an M.B.E. (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in her 91st birthday honours list for 2017 for services to diversity in the legal profession and to young people. Prince Charles presented the award on the Queen's behalf.

Funke attended Burgess Hill School, West Sussex from 1986-1991. She then attended the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne from 1991-1994 where she obtained her LLB Hons degree.

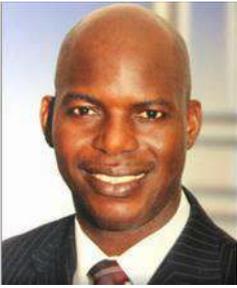


Mrs. **Ogiamien-Adesotoye**, a scion of the popular Ogiamien Family of Benin took the oath of office in Washington, DC as the Director, Office of Global Health Resources and Services Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services.

The appointment comes on the heels of the selection of a fellow Edo lady, Miss Osaremen Okolo who was appointed as Covid-19 Policy Advisor by President Joe Biden.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Ogiamien-Adesotoye who holds a doctorate degree in Health Information System from the University of California, Los Angeles, worked in the Foreign Service in Tanzania with the State Department.

Elated, the father, Prof. Tony Ogiamien, President of the American Heritage University of Southern California, said that the choice of his daughter goes to show the recognition and acceptance of the positive roles Nigerians have contributed to the development of America.



Judge Bamidele Alade was appointed a Judge of the New York State Workers' Compensation Court in 2012, having been in private law practice (Dele Alade, P.C) until he was appointed a Senior Attorney with the New York State in 2004.

Judge Alade was also admitted to United States District Court Southern District in 2000 and the United States District Court Northern District also in 2000. He attended the Institute of Mediation and Conflict Resolution, New York in 2004.

He was a contract attorney in many law offices in New York City including Sullivan & Cromwell and also worked as a counsel for American International Group (AIG) from 2000 to 2003. He is a certified arbitrator and mediator and a member of many professional organizations including the New York State Bar Association, International Bar Association and New York Association of Arbitrators.



Tony Iwobi, Born in Gusau, Zamfara State by an Italian man of Nigerian origin, who is the chief immigration spokesman for the far-right League Party, has been elected as the first black senator in the country, but living in Italy since the 1970s. He helped write the League's anti-migration platform, in which it proposed among other things to make it easier to deport migrants; to use economic incentives to get countries to agree to repatriate their nationals from Italy; to refuse to take in migrants rescued by NGOs from the Mediterranean; to renegotiate EU agreements that oblige Italy to house migrants that arrive here while their application to stay is processed; to threaten withdrawal of the right to seek asylum or benefits if migrants commit a crime or break the rules of the reception centre where they're housed; and to stiffen existing requirements for the children of immigrants applying for citizenship to include a test on Italian "language, culture and traditions."



Chuka Umunna, British MP is popularly known as UK Obama. He is a British MP of Nigerian heritage. He was born in London to an Igbo Nigerian father and an Irish mother. In 2010, Umunna was elected parliamentarian, representing Streatham constituency on the platform of the Labour Party. He received an Upper Second Class LLB in English and French Law from the University of Manchester. He later received MA at Nottingham Law School. Before his political career, he wrote for Financial Times, Tribune, The Voice, The Guardian and the New Statesman, and later launched the online political magazine, The Multi-cultural Politic. He made frequent commentaries on British televisions and radios.



John Abraham Godson became the first black member of the Polish Parliament

John Abraham Godson (née Godson Chikama Onyekwere) is a Polish politician of Nigerian descent, a university teacher and a former Charismatic minister. He served as a Member of the Sejm between 2010 and 2015, most recently as a member of the PSL.



Sandie Okoro is a British lawyer, appointed in 2016 as Senior Vice-President and general counsel at the World Bank Group. She has previously been general counsel at Barings Asset Management, and head of legal at Schrodgers Investment Management International. Okoro worked at Schrodgers from 1990 to April 2007, rising to be head of legal for corporate services and then joined Barings as its global general counsel. After seven years at Barings she moved to become global general counsel at HSBC Global Asset Management. In November 2016 she was appointed Senior Vice-President and General Counsel for the World Bank Group. Okoro has been involved with organisations including the Black British Business Awards, the Law Society's Diversity Access Scheme, and International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA), of which she was president in 2014.



Abimbola Afolami, British MP is a conservative politician in the parliament and a lawyer. Prior to his election, he worked as a senior executive at HSBC. He was a primary school governor, and a supporter of charities, which focus on helping people return to work. He is a former Treasurer of the Bow Group. He has previously worked for Howard Flight and for George Osborne. Afolami attended Bishopsgate prep school, Eton and University of Oxford where he studied Modern History and was Vice-President of the Oxford Union Society. He lives in Northampton and has previously contested the Lewisham Deptford seat in 2015, where he achieved 15 percent of the vote, gaining 7,056 votes in a Labour stronghold. He is described as an 'astute public speaker'.



Kate Anolue served as Mayor of Enfield, England from 2012 to 2013. She is serving as Mayor of the same Ward again from 2019 to 2020, making her the first person from the black ethnic minority to be double Mayor. Kate Anolue worked as a midwife at North Middlesex Hospital, London for forty years. She became a Councillor, which then led to her role as Deputy and then Mayor in 2012. She has founded the following charity organizations: Tender Care Health Initiatives & Forum For African, African-Caribbean And Asian Women In Politics (FAWP) and supports various charities and organizations that promote women and youth empowerment. Kate Anolue lives in England, UK and would love to be remembered as the lady who loves to dance.



Olugbenga Babatola, made history as the first elected African mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, South-East London in 2016. Babatola was inaugurated into office as the first African Mayor of Greenwich on May 25, 2016. Babatola has lived in the UK for decades, had previously served as a councillor in the Greenwich district - a position to which he was elected in 2014 for his inspirational leadership style. In 2015, he became the first African to be elected as Deputy Mayor and served alongside then Mayor, Norman Adam. He is the first citizen of the Royal Borough and acts as an ambassador.



Sylvia I Onyejekwe, Esq. becomes one of the first, in State of New Jersey, to win an employment discrimination case based on Nigerian National Origin.

Born Florence Nosegbe, she is a lifelong Brixton resident and the eldest of three girls from a single parent family. Her mother worked as a school teacher until her illness forced her to retire early. She supported her mother, who suffered from sickle cell anaemia and kidney failure. Eshalomi attended local schools in Lambeth including Durand Primary (now Van Gogh) and St Helen's RC Primary school and Bishop Thomas Grant Secondary School. She completed her A-Levels at St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College in Clapham South. She graduated with a BA Hons in Political & International Studies with Law from Middlesex University. Florence benefited from the EU Funded 'Erasmus Student Exchange' and had the opportunity to study at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.



Alex Kuye is the Youth MP for Tower Hamlets London and also Deputy Mayor of Tower Hamlets. He started his political path at the age of 15 and was elected at 16. He is well known in Westminster. In 2011, Alex Kuye was chosen as Youth MP for Tower Hamlets London, becoming the first Nigerian to achieve the feat.



Cllr Ernest Ezeajughi was elected as the new Mayor of Brent for 2019-2020. Ezeajughi became the First Citizen of Brent at the Annual Meeting of Brent Council's Mayor making ceremony at Brent Civic Centre. The event was attended by councillors from across the borough, as well as representatives from Brent's voluntary and community organisations. Cllr Lia Colacicco, who represents Mapesbury ward, was also elected as Deputy Mayor. Born in Awgbu Town, in Orumba North, Anambra State, Ezeajughi had his primary, secondary and tertiary education in Anambra State. He attended Aguata High School, Aguata, and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, where he studied Applied Microbiology. Ezeajughi was actively involved in student union politics, represented the departmental student's union body. A scientist by profession, he worked with Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Ezeajughi was one of the founding fathers of a major Nigerian political party, the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) UK Chapter and was the chairman in 2010-2012. He later joined UK politics and soon became a strong member of the Labour Party. He was elected councillor for the Stonebridge ward in May 2014 and was re-elected in May 2018.



Chinyelu Susan Onwurah is a British Labour Party politician. Prior to the recent election, she was elected at the 2010 general election as the Member of Parliament for Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Central, succeeding the previous Labour MP Jim Cousins, who decided to step down after 23 years. She is the first black MP in Newcastle and currently, the Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills, as well as Shadow Minister for Culture, Media and Sport. She was appointed to both posts in September 2015.



Olukayode Olugbenga Okenla is dual qualified as a Solicitor of England & Wales and Nigeria with over 25 years in practice. He is a Partner at Simon Bethel Solicitors Limited in London, he is a top leading commercial lawyer who has practiced and consulted in legal services across the globe especially UK, Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, USA, Canada, South Africa, Middle East and many other countries.

He has served as Company Secretary and Legal Advisor of a Bank in Nigeria and has been involved in high level liquidation, privatisation, acquisitions, take-overs, infrastructure and process, commercial bonds, debt restructuring, oil and gas commercial disputes, commercial and international civil litigations.

He has been involved in Justice reforms in Nigeria and United Kingdom and he regularly acts in cross border -litigation, legal audits and his opinion are sought on a wide range of issues such as enforcement of judgments, recovery, assets tracing, criminal matters as Duty solicitor Advocate, private clients, dispute resolutions, corporate and commercial law and intra/inter-governmental relations. He is also committed to the Nigeria Project and Re- Birth and he is a member of many professional and social organisations across the globe. He is a Board member of several companies and serves as advisor to organisations.

YINKA Faleti is the Democratic Nominee for Missouri Secretary of State. Born in Lagos, he moved to the United States at the age of seven. He graduated as valedictorian of his junior high school in Florida. In lieu of his last two years of high school, Yinka attended and graduated from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.



From there, he accepted an appointment to and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. After his military career, Yinka moved to St. Louis to attend and graduate from law school at Washington University. He then practised as an attorney at the global law firm of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner and subsequently as a state prosecutor, where he worked for justice for victims of abuse, assault and burglary.

Yinka later accepted a position as senior vice-president with United Way of Greater St. Louis. There, he led the fundraising and volunteer engagement divisions, raising \$300 million during his tenure to help people in the Greater St. Louis region.

Most recently, Yinka served as Executive Director of the successor nonprofit to the Ferguson Commission, Forward Through Ferguson. He stepped aside from that post to seek the office of Secretary of State of Missouri.



Omarosa Marigault is an American reality television show participant, writer, and former political aide to President Donald Trump. She became widely known as a contestant on the first season of NBC's reality television series *The Apprentice*.

She became an Assistant to the President and Director of Communications for the Office of Public Liaison during the Trump administration in January 2017.

Afterwards, she competed on the first season of *Celebrity Big Brother*, making it to the final five of the season.



A Nigerian-American named **Osaremen Okolo** was included into the US COVID-19 Response Team and COVID Policy advisor on December 29th, 2020 spear-headed by President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris. Prior to joining the transition, Okolo served as Senior Health Policy Advisor to U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky of Illinois. Okolo drafted, negotiated, and managed the Congresswoman's legislation, oversight, and policy across a comprehensive health care and public health agenda, most recently focusing almost exclusively on the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously, Okolo served as Legislative Aide for Health Policy on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) for Ranking Member Patty Murray of Washington. A daughter of Nigerian immigrants, Okolo was born and raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Harvard College.



Adekunle "Kay" Elegbede, is a Nigerian-American politician, Geologist and a political activist in Houston, Texas. Kay attended Government College Ibadan in Nigeria (1976-1980). He then went on to study Geology at the University of Ibadan and the University of the State of New York earning a bachelor's degree. For more than two decades in Houston, he worked as a Geo-scientist in the Oil and Gas industries for Fairfield Industries and WesternGeco, Schlumberger where he was involved in community outreach programmes with Schlumberger's support. Adekunle also worked briefly with the Alief School District where he established award-winning mentoring programmes such as chess instructions and chess tournament to motivate and mentor the students at the School district.

Adekunle is a voting right activist and a voter registrar in Harris County, the most populous county in Texas and the third most populous county in the United States. In 2019, he ran unsuccessfully for the Houston City Council seat in District F in Harris County.

Kay is presently pursuing a Law degree at the Purdue University in the US. He remains active in the politics of the city as a political commentator and a community leader.

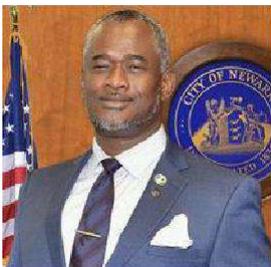


Mr. Uduak-Joe Ntuk Uduak-Joe Ntuk is the 17th California State Oil and Gas Supervisor responsible for managing the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM). He was appointed by Governor Newsom in October 2019.

Ntuk directs a state-wide regulatory, technical, and field operations organization designed to emphasize the safe development of oil and natural gas conservation, which include: protecting public health and safety, environmental quality, and the reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development of hydrocarbon and geothermal resources in a manner that meets the energy needs of the state. He also serves as a Governor's representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and as a governing board member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.



Funmi Olorunnipa Badejo was General Counsel of the House Select Sub-committee on the Coronavirus Crisis, chaired by House Majority Whip, James E. Clyburn. She was recently appointed White House's associate counsel by President Joe Biden. Her prior government service include serving as Counsel for Policy to the Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division of the US; Department of Justice, Ethics Counsel at the White House Counsel's Office; and Attorney Advisor at the Administrative Conference of the United States during the Obama-Biden administration. Badejo began her legal career as an associate with the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP and was Legal Counsel at Palantir Technologies Inc. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and the University of Florida. Originally from Florida, Olorunnipa Badejo lives in Washington D.C. with her husband and son.



Hon. Ugochukwu Nwaokoro is the Deputy Mayor of the city Of Newark. A brilliant writer and community advocate, "Ugo" was a columnist with **Kwenu**, an online magazine that caters for the interest of Africans in the diaspora. Nwaokoro is a graduate of Political Science from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He is also a Microsoft-Certified Engineer and worked for several years with AT&T as a Project Implementation Manager. He currently serves as the founding chairman of the United African Forum, the socio-political home of all diaspora Africans in the United States of America. On July 1, 2014, he became the pioneer Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark, in charge of the Mayor's Office of International Relations and Diaspora Affairs (MOIRDA), and has been in that officeto date.



Jude Nkama, a Nigerian became the first African Judge in the New Jersey.

Nkama, who is from Ebonyi State, was the city of Newark's chief prosecutor before his promotion by the Mayor Ras Baraka in January 2016. He is now one of the Judges of Newark Municipal Court in New Jersey.



Samuel Óghale Oboh is a Canadian architect, manager, leader and the 2015 President of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Oboh is the first African-Canadian to be elected as President of the Alberta Chapter of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 2007. In 2015, Alberta Venture named him as one of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Alberta. In 2016, Oboh assumed a diplomatic role in Canada with his appointment as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Botswana in Canada.



David Ndudim, a Nigerian lawyer appointed Judge In California, serves as judge at the Sacramento County Superior Court of California, United States. Ndudim has a law office in Sacramento, California, and has been licensed for 19 years. He handles cases in immigration and attended Lincoln Law School.



Florence Dauta Eshalomi (née Nosegbe) is a British politician serving as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Vauxhall since 2019. A member of Labour and Co-operative parties, she has been the Member of the London Legislature (AM) for Lambeth and Southwark since 2016. From 2006 to 2018, she was a local councillor, representing the Brixton Hill ward on Lambeth London Borough.



Beroro Efekoro Beroro, he is the first Nigerian elected as a member of Albany County Legislature. Efekoro is among the 11 new people joining the 39-member body.

Efekoro unseated incumbent Albany Democrat Doug Bullock in November's general election and will represent the 7th legislative district, which encompasses the Beverwyck and Pine Hills neighborhoods in Albany.

He was born in Nigeria and moved to New York City with his father and siblings in 2008 and believes he will be the first Nigerian to hold an elected office in New York State. Though research sources are scarce, it appears he might be just the third Nigerian to hold elected office in the entire United States.

The 29-year-old city resident moved to the city in 2012 to pursue a degree in political science at the University at Albany. He quickly immersed in the community and political arena.

After graduating in 2015, Efekoro was selected as a committee person by Carolyn McLaughlin, who was then-chairwoman of the Albany County Democratic Committee.



Dr. Ade Omole is the first Nigerian to attain a Distinction in the LLM, Master of Laws (Legal Practice - Conflict Resolution) course at University of Law, United Kingdom, ULAW.

Prince Omole, UK Leader and Chairman, Nigeria Diaspora Voting Council has been honoured as the recipient of UN 2020 Anti-Corruption Crusader and awarded the "Mr. Integrity" Golden Plaque as part of this year's event held at the National Human Rights Commission Flag of Nigeria.



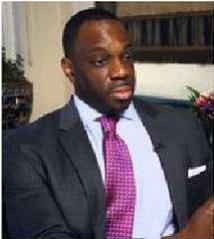
Cllr Victoria Obaze becomes the new Speaker and the first black woman as speaker of Tower Hamlets. Mohammed Ahab Hossain becomes the new Deputy Speaker.

Mrs Obaze, a Nigerian from Imo State made history after she was sworn into office as the first black female Civic Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, United Kingdom (UK).

Obaze's inauguration is the latest in the turn of events that have seen Nigerians emerge as Mayors in their area councils of residence in the UK.



Segun Adeyina, a Resident of Gwinnett for six years, is currently the Executive Director for the Nigerian American Public Advisory Committee USA (NAPAC USA), whose primary goal is focusing on public policy issues for the Nigerian-American community. NAPAC USA hosts the “ONE VOICE Reception” during the Congressional Black Caucus annually. He is a graduate of the New American Leadership Project – Ready to Lead 2017. He also served as a General Motors PAC Ambassador. Currently, he is a Board member of the Global African Business Association (GABA).



Tokunbo Omishakin has been appointed by Governor of California as the first Black Director of Transportation. He manages a \$15.5 billion budget and nearly 22,000 employees, who oversee 50,000 lane miles of highways, maintain 20,000 bridges, provide permit of more than 400 public-use airports, fund three of Amtrak’s busiest intercity rail services and provide transit support to more than 200 local and regional transit agencies.

He came to Caltrans following eight years as Deputy Commissioner with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). There, he successfully established environmental, multimodal and planning policies to make TDOT one of the best state DOTs in the country.

Prior to that, he served as Director of Healthy Living Initiatives in the Nashville Mayor’s Office. In that capacity, he led development of Metro Nashville’s Complete Streets Policy and helped to establish a more balanced approach to transportation planning and design. This included spearheading creation of two bicycle sharing programmes.

In December 2019, Omishakin became Chair of the Active Transportation Council for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). This came after two years serving as committee Vice-Chair and serving as Chair of AASHTO’s Multimodal Task Force. He is also on the Board of America Walks and has advised the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis through its Transportation Council Board. In October of 2020, he was appointed to the President-elect Biden-Harris transportation transition team.



Beatrice Hamza Bassey holds an LL.B in Law from University of Maiduguri, Nigeria, a BL in Law from the Nigerian Law School and an LL.M from Harvard Law School. She was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1995 and the New York Bar in 1999. Mrs. Beatrice Hamza Bassey joined the Board of Union Bank as a Non-Executive Director in 2015.

In March 2012, Forbes Africa magazine profiled Hamza Bassey among the top 10 Africans in New York City. She was also chosen for inclusion on the 2012 New York Super Lawyers Metro list, an honour reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice.

Also, Bassey was profiled in the cover page story of The Network Journal magazine as one of the Attorneys at the Top, in the November 2011 issue.

Under her leadership, the firm was ranked no 1 in diversity among the nation's top 100 law firms by Multicultural Law magazine in 2006 and, in a Harvard Law study, rated higher than any other New York law firm in providing opportunities to women.



Kingsley Udofa was born in Jos, Plateau State – Nigeria. He attended Federal Government College (FGC) Jos from 1998 – 2004 and thereafter enrolled at the University of Jos where he received a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) in 2011. His professional career commenced in 2012 with a prosecutorial role within the Department of Public Prosecutions, Kogi State Ministry of Justice, Lokoja – Nigeria.

In 2013 he veered off criminal prosecutions to join N. V. Denden and Associates, a high-paced commercial law firm in Jos, where he gained invaluable experience in commercial business law and practice.

In 2015, his enthusiasm and interest in commercial legal practice spurred him to enroll for and earn a Master of Law (LLM) Degree in International Commercial Law and Practice at the University of Sheffield, UK.

In 2016, Kingsley joined the employ of the University of Sheffield as an Associate Lecturer, Module Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant. He currently teaches a range of Law modules to undergraduate law and engineering students. Occasionally, Kingsley also assists with e-Commerce, an LLM module, where he teaches e-money, crypto currencies and e-payments.



Solomon Osagie was born in Sheffield UK but relocated to Nigeria at the age of 7 because his father took up a post as a regional manager of Philip Morris. He remained in Nigeria until 1990, during this period he read Law at the University of Benin between 1985 and 1988 and attended the Nigerian Law School between 1988 and 1989. He did his national service too.

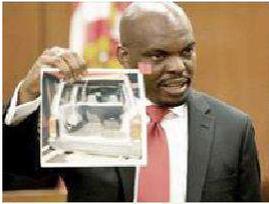
As he returned to England in 1990, he started working at the Lord Chancellor's Department, becoming an executive officer only two months into his appointment. Allegedly, the first black male appointed by the South Eastern Circuit Office. He soon left the Lord Chancellor's Office for the London Borough of Newham and at the same time started his Common Professional Examination (CPE) at the Guildhall University, which he completed in 1991. He then did his Solicitor's Finals at the College of Law, Store Street between 1992 and 1993.

Solomon started his MBA at Greenwich University in 1993, becoming one of the first Lawyer MBAs in 1996. He also joined Hirschfield Solicitors, a medium-sized law firm in East London (which has now merged with Bowling & Co), where he was an Articled Clerk (Trainee Solicitor) between 1993 and 1995. He had obtained a six-month reduction from the two-year training period from the Law Society because of his previous work experience. This was the last post he held which he applied for, as he has been head-hunted for all subsequent posts held since qualifying as a solicitor in England and Wales.

Upon qualification, Solomon joined Jay Vadher, a former partner at Hirschfield Solicitors who had set up his own practice, as the firm's practice manager, doing a substantial amount of publicly-funded work initially in family and crime, then later on crime, welfare and housing law.



Johnson Babalola is the Group Managing Partner of Topmarke Attorneys LLP, a law firm with multiple offices in Nigeria and Canada. The firm's areas of practice include Canadian immigration matters, real Estate, corporate and business law, family law, litigation and workplace investigations. He has over 30 years of legal, business and corporate training experience. He also handles workplace investigation matters. Highly respected by his clients, colleagues and staff, Johnson had been a sole practitioner and a partner in a previous law firm before coming together with two other lawyers to start Topmarké Attorneys LLP in 2016. Johnson holds a degree in law, certificates in Mining law, immigration law and counseling from universities in Nigeria, Canada and the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Ontario (Canada) and Nigerian Bars. He is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD).



Edirin Okoloko was recently appointed to the Snohomish County Superior Court. Governor Jay previously appointed Okoloko to the Snohomish County Superior Court in September 2018 and he took office in October. He lost a close retention election in November 2019.

Prior to his judicial service, Okoloko served for 13 years as a Snohomish County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, where he prosecuted cases involving homicides, sexual assaults, child abuse, elder abuse, and other violent and property related crimes. He also represented the office on the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team, which investigates county wide incidents involving law enforcement use of lethal force.

Before working as a prosecutor, Okoloko served as a judicial law clerk for former Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Michael Downes.

Born in Nigeria, Okoloko received his law degree from the Seattle University School of Law and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Benin in Nigeria.



Olukemi Olufunto Badenoch was first elected as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Saffron Walden on 8, June 2017, following the retirement of former deputy speaker, Alan Haselhurst. She is the first woman to represent that constituency.

She is a rising star in the Conservative Party, being chosen to introduce Theresa May at the party's annual conference in 2017, and later that year being put in charge of selecting candidates for the 2022 general election.

Kemi has spoken about school funding in the House of Commons. In a speech in April 2019, she highlighted a school in her constituency suffering teacher shortages, relying on parental donations, and cutting school bus services. She has also raised concerns about the effect of universities giving pupils unconditional offers.

On the day Mr. Boris Johnson became Prime Minister, she tabled a question to the Education Secretary about a key Boris Johnson campaign pledge, asking "what plans he has to change regulations relating to schools so that they receive national funding formula per pupil de minimis levels in full." Her only previous education-related written question was about student loans.

In July 2019, Kemi was appointed as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.



Rev. Dr. Woyin Karowei Dorgu was appointed Bishop of Woolwich, its first black bishop appointee in 20 years, and the first Nigerian bishop by the Church of England.

He was consecrated in March 2017, making him the 13th bishop of Woolwich.

Born in Burutu, Delta State, Rev. Dr. Dorgu, graduated from the University of Lagos' College of Medicine in 1985, and worked briefly as a GP before moving to the UK in 1987. While in the UK, he attended theological College and in 1995, after training he was ordained in the Church of England as a deacon, moving up in the ranks over the years. Before his appointment, he was the incumbent vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church in London.



Nigerian-American, **ImeIme Umana**, in 2017 emerged as the first black female president of the Harvard Law Review, an influential legal journal published by a student group at the Harvard Law School. Umana will serve as the 131st president of the publication, joining the ranks of prominent former presidents including former United States President Barack Obama.

Born to Nigerian immigrant parents originally from Akwa Ibom State in Nigeria, Umana is a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States. Umana graduated with a BA in Joint Concentration in African American Studies and Government from Harvard University in 2014. She is currently working on a Doctor of Law degree (Class of 2018) at the Harvard Law School.

Umana was elected out of 12 candidates who contested for the position, including eight women and eight non-white people. As president of the HLR, Umana will oversee more than 90 student editors and permanent staff members who make up the Law Review. Umana is the only woman president of the journal since Susan Estrich in 1977. Obama emerged as the first black president of the journal in 1990.

Umana previously served as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Internships and Career Services at Harvard University Institute of Politics from 2010 to 2012; President, Student Advisory Committee at Harvard University Institute of Politics from 2012 to 2013; Director of Scholarships and Fundraising, HMC San Francisco at Harvard Model Congress also in 2013.



Fiona Onasanya is a solicitor at DC Law. She is a Labour Cambridgeshire County Councillor for King's Hedges and deputy leader for the County group. She ousted Stewart Jackson by winning 48.1 percent of the votes compared to Jackson's 46.8 percent. She dreams to become Britain's first black female prime minister.



Kate Osamor is a graduate of the University of East London and Member of Parliament for Edmonton. She worked for the Big Issue, a magazine sold by homeless and long-term unemployed people. She later worked for 15 years in the National Health Service. In 2014 Kate was elected as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party and in 2015 as MP for Edmonton.

She was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for International Development. She has been particularly active in campaigns such as Women for Refugee Women's, Set Her Free campaign to end the detention of women who seek asylum in the UK. Kate also argues for much fuller representation of Black and Ethnic Minority communities in political bodies, especially in Parliament.

CHAPTER EIGHT

REAL ESTATE



Tayo Odunsi is a Chartered Surveyor with over 15 years of professional real estate experience. He is the CEO of North Court Real Estate.

He holds a degree in Estate Management from the University of Lagos, MSc in Real Estate Finance and an Investment degree from the Henley Business School, University of Reading, UK, MBA from Imperial College London and currently a Doctoral Researcher at the School of Real Estate & Planning, Henley Business School. Some of his previous roles were at the FBN Capital, GTHomes and ARM Investment Managers. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI), the Society of Property Researchers, the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) and the African Real Estate Society.



Ola Sanni is the Managing Broker from Centurion Realty and Estates. Mr. Ola Sanni, has emerged Realtor of the Year at the 5th Annual Awards Gala hosted by the United States (U.S) Congressman, Danny Davis.

Ola Sanni, who entered the American real estate industry in 1994 after his university education at Truman College and University of Illinois at Chicago, in July 1995, won the “Top Listing Award” and ranked among the top sales agents out of 750 sales associates. In April 1997, he entered into the million rank and earned US\$1 million-month certificate as part of Mattz Group.



Isaac Olowolafe Jr. is the Founder and General Partner of DreamMaker Ventures (DMV) a Toronto based, early-stage venture firm. DMV Fund II, “The Diversity Fund” is the firm’s second fund that primarily invests in early-stage tech companies with founding teams inclusive of persons of colour, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+, immigrant, refugee and indigenous entrepreneurs.

Isaac is also an award-winning real estate entrepreneur, angel investor and philanthropist. Isaac’s corporation, Dream Maker Inc., successfully operates multiple divisions including a brokerage, real estate development, wealth management, property management, education, private equity and insurance. The Development division celebrated the completion of the first major mixed-use development (condos, townhomes, retail) called Dream Residences at Yorkdale, located directly across from Yorkdale Mall, and has more developments underway across the GTA.

Isaac received a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Toronto. He has received numerous awards and recognition, including a Harry Jerome Business Award, an Enterprise Business Award by Planet Africa, an Arbor Award from the University of Toronto, a Business Leadership Award by Leadership and Governance Canada Inc. and a Public Service Award from the Transformation Institute for Leadership & Innovation and Toronto Board of Trade Award.



Anne-Marie Omoruyi is the Founder and CEO of two companies in France: SCI Frangeria, a Real Estate Holdings Company and Amory a real estate construction and Renovation Company.

From a humble beginning in 2002 when it was founded, Frangeria today owns and manages 45 apartment flats including two buildings all located within and around Paris.

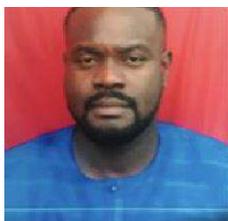
Before entering into the real estate as an entrepreneur, Anne-Marie worked for Peugeot and obtained several promotions due to her hard work and perseverance. She later resigned to focus on full time modeling, which she had begun on a part-time basis while working at Peugeot. Anne-Marie also did some photography, publicity and adverts for Kodak in New York, SNCF for France, and also played roles in some movies and Telefilms for TV2.

Anne-Marie arrived in France in 1995 for University studies following the completion of her A- levels in Nigeria. She has a bachelor and master's degrees in Business Administration from the University of Paris VIII Vincennes at Saint Denis.

Anne-Marie also has a heart for community development and social impact. She is a regular monthly donor to doctors without borders ("medicines sans frontiers") and she also supports tuition for the less privileged as well as supporting orphanages in Nigeria and beyond. Anne- Marie Omoruyi hails from Edo State, Nigeria.



Dr Ayuba I Lawan hails from the Borno State. He acquired a PhD in Housing Management from the University of Nottingham. He is currently the Housing Manager with Mears Group working for Immigration and Asylum Housing Support, UK.



Ugochukwu Kingsley Anenye was born on 13th of October 1985 and he is from Njikoka, Anambra State. Studied at University of Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria, and earned a Bsc in Economics. He is currently the Deputy Sheriff Of the Travis County Sheriff's Office State of Texas USA.



Solomon Bamidele Junior holds BSc in Economic – LASU Lagos - Nigeria Diploma in Business and Legal Studies, LLB Law from the University of Essex – UK

He is a businessman, consultant and philanthropist resident in Vietnam. He is popularly known as “SBJ Presido” for being the former President of the Nigerian Community in Vietnam (2009-2018). His contributions toward the welfare of Nigerians and Africans have been recognized for many years. His company sponsored the Annual SBJ 5 Aside football Tournament in Vietnam (Since 2014) for charity fundraising and has financially supported less privileged Nigerians, in both Vietnam and Nigeria. He was awarded the “Diamond Merit award” by Nigerians in Vietnam in 2015. His works can also be found in some academic books, journals and newspapers in the US, Vietnam and Nigeria. He has been chosen to take part in the first high profile Vietnam Delegation visit to Nigeria, led by Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue, the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam (2019). In addition, he served as Guest Speaker at International Education Development Policies on Economic, Growth, and Sustainability (2019) and many more.

He is currently Chairman of the SBJ Foundation and Consultancy Company, CEO of S&M Trading - Tourist and Services Company, Africa Regional Consultant of Vietravel Group / Vietravel Airline, and Partner of Vietopia Edutainment Park as well as the Partner at Phu Bao Medical Company Limited.

CHAPTER NINE

SPORTS



Anthony Oluwafemi Olaseni Joshua, OBE, is a British professional boxer who is a two-time unified heavyweight champion, having held the WBA (Super), IBF, WBO, and IBO titles since December 2019 and previously between 2016 and June 2019. In 2017, his victorious fight against Wladimir Klitschko was named Fight of the Year by The Ring and the Boxing Writers Association of America. Joshua is the second British boxer, after James DeGale, to win both a gold medal at the Olympics and a world title by a major professional sanctioning body, as well as the first British heavyweight to do so. As of April 2020, Joshua was ranked as the world's second-best active heavyweight by The Ring magazine and Transnational Boxing Rankings Board and third by BoxRec, as well as the eighth best active boxer, pound for pound, by BoxRec.



Masai Ujiri, born and raised in Nigeria is the first and only African-born President and General Manager of a professional sports franchise in North America – the National Basketball Association’s Toronto Raptors. In 2019, Masai led the Raptors to their first-ever NBA Championship and the first NBA Championship won by a team outside the United States in NBA history.

In 2003, Masai co-founded the Giants of Africa (GOA) organization, based on the idea of using basketball as a means of educating and enriching the lives of African youth – both boys and girls. Originally established in Nigeria, GOA eventually expanded into Kenya and since 2015 GOA has created camps and programmes across the African continent. In addition, GOA has built courts throughout Africa and conducted outreach programmes for communities in need, including two of the largest United Nations refugee camps in the world in Dadaab and Kakuma.

With a strong sense of purpose and a magnetic spirit, Masai is driven to ensure that Giants of Africa have lasting impact on the lives of African youth for many years to come.



Israel Adesanya is a Nigerian-born New Zealand professional mixed martial artist based in Auckland. He has also competed in kickboxing and boxing. As a mixed martial artist, he is currently signed to the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), where he is the UFC Middleweight Champion. In kickboxing, he is the former Glory middleweight contender winner and King in the Ring two-time cruiserweight and heavyweight champion. As of 24 May 2020, he is #4 in the UFC men's pound-for-pound rankings. He was heavily bullied during his high school years and attributes the mistreatment he experienced to his decision to pursue martial arts later in life.



Chiney Ogwumike is a 2-Time WNBA All-Star for the Los Angeles Sparks and a full-time, multi-platform ESPN host and NBA analyst. She hails from Imo State, Nigeria and She stars on ESPN and also stars on the court as a forward for the Sparks. She was recently named to President Biden's inaugural Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States.

Chiney Ogwumike graduated from Stanford University with an International Relations degree. Chiney led Stanford to three Final Fours while distinguishing herself in academics, earning multiple honors for her academic success.

She was the 1st overall pick in the 2014 WNBA Draft from Stanford University, and also the 2014 WNBA Rookie of the year and is a 2-Time WNBA All-Star.

Chiney is very passionate about giving back and empowering the next generation, she successfully raised \$30,000 to build a basketball court for underprivileged youth in an effort to break down barriers for girls in sports and instill confidence in the next generation. Chiney and Nneka partnered with UNICEF in 2014 to raise almost \$10,000 for girls' education and empowerment in Nigeria and many more.



Kamarudeen Usman is a Nigerian-American mixed martial artist who competes in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), where he is the current UFC Welterweight Champion (March 2019 till date). Usman is also The Ultimate Fighter 21 tournament winner. As of May 24, 2020, he is #6 in the UFC men's pound-for-pound rankings. Usman was born in Auchi, Nigeria. His father was in the Nigerian Army. Usman and his family immigrated to the United States when he was eight years old. After compiling a 53-3 record in high school wrestling, Usman wrestled alongside Jon Jones at the senior national tournament before leaving for college.



John Obi Mikel from Anambra State is a Nigerian professional footballer who plays as a defensive midfielder for EFL Championship club Stoke City. Mikel began his career with local club, Plateau United, before joining Norwegian club Lyn at the age of 17 in 2004. In 2006, he made a controversial transfer to English club Chelsea after Manchester United claimed they had already signed him. He stayed with Chelsea for 11 years. Mikel moved back to England in August 2020 joining Stoke City. In a 14-year international career between 2005 and 2019, he played 88 times for Nigeria, scoring six goals.



Asisat Lamina Oshoala is a Nigerian professional footballer who plays for the Spanish FC Barcelona Femení in the Primera División as a forward. She was named best player and was the highest goal scorer at the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She was also named best player and second top goalscorer with the Super Falcons who won the 2014 African Women's Championship. On 23 January 2015, Oshoala joined Liverpool Ladies. Liverpool manager, Matt Beard called her "one of the best young players in the world." On 31 January 2019, Spanish club FC Barcelona Femení signed Oshoala on a loan deal until the end of the season. She scored Barcelona's only goal in a 4–1 defeat to Lyon in the 2019 UEFA Women's Champions League Final. On May 31, 2019, Barcelona announced Oshoala's full transfer to the club and extension until 2022.



Onyinye Wilfred Ndidi plays for Premier League club Leicester City and the Nigeria national team as a defensive midfielder. He is known for his defensive prowess and long range strikes. He was selected by Nigeria for their 35-man provisional squad for the 2016 Summer Olympics. In May 2018 he was named in Nigeria's preliminary 30-man squad for the 2018 World Cup in Russia. He was included in the African Cup of Nations 2019 squad and played in Nigeria's first match against Burundi.



Ademola Olajade Alade Aylola Lookman is an English professional footballer who plays for Premier League club Fulham on loan from German club RB Leipzig and for the England under-21 team. Lookman made his senior debut in 2015, playing as a forward for Charlton Athletic of the Championship, and in January 2017 signed for Everton, who used him mainly as a winger. He has represented England at under-19 to under-21 levels.



Samuel Chimerenka Chukwueze hails from Abia State. He is a professional footballer who plays for Villarreal CF in Spain and the Super Eagles of Nigeria as a winger.

He started playing football at the age of 8 and he admired Jay-Jay Okocha as his football idol while growing up. He has been mentored by Victor Apugo whom he saw as a father.



Eberechi Oluchi Eze is an English professional footballer. He plays as an attacking midfielder for Premier League club Crystal Palace.

Eze started his football career at Arsenal before being released when he was 13 and then went on to join Fulham and Reading. Eze then appeared as a youth player at Millwall, where he signed a two-year scholarship with the club. He quickly progressed to both the U18 side and the reserve side. It was announced in April 2016 that Eze would be leaving Millwall at the end of the 2015–16 season after not being offered a professional contract.



William Paul Troost-Ekong is Nigerian professional footballer who plays as a Defender for EPL Championship side Watford, which has just been promoted to the premier league, and the Super Eagles.

Born in the Netherlands into a mixed Dutch and Nigerian family and being eligible for both Netherlands and Nigeria in international football, he opted to represent his paternal country of origin.



Odion Jude Ighalo is a Nigerian professional footballer from Edo State. He was until recently, a striker for the premier league giant – Manchester United, on loan from Shanghai Greenland Shenhua of the Chinese Super League. In 2014, he signed for Championship club Watford and played a critical role in the club's promotion to the Premier League in the 2014/15 season. In January 2017, Ighalo joined Chinese Super League club Changchun Yatai for a reported £20 million, before moving onto Shanghai Greenland Shenhua. In January 2020, Ighalo returned to the Premier League, joining Manchester United on loan until the end of the 2019/20 season. Ighalo made his debut for the Nigeria national team in March 2015 against Uganda. He represented the nation at the 2018 World Cup and was the highest goalscorer in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualification campaign. He eventually led Nigeria to a third place finish at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations, where he finished in the competition's Team of the Tournament.



Oghenekaro Peter Etebo hails from Edo State. He is a Nigerian professional footballer. He plays as a midfielder for Galatasaray on loan from Championship club Stoke City and the Nigerian national team. Etebo started out at Warri Wolves where he spent three years before moving to Europe where he had his first stint with Portuguese side Feirense. He helped the side gain promotion to the Primeira Liga and established themselves as a top-flight club. Etebo had a six-month loan spell at Spanish side Las Palmas in the 2017/18 season. Etebo joined English side Stoke City in June 2018 for a fee of £6.35 million



Ahmed Musa is a professional footballer who plays as a left winger. He has just ended his contract with the Saudi Arabian team Al-Nassr. He is currently, the Captain of the Super Eagles, the national team.

Musa became the first Nigerian to score more than once in a FIFA World Cup match, after scoring twice against Argentina in the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Musa is also the first Nigerian to score in two FIFA World Cup competitions, after scoring twice against Iceland in the group stage of the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Thus, he is Nigeria's highest world cup goals scorer. Musa was a member of the Al-Nasr squad that won the Saudi Premier League and Saudi Super Cup, both in 2019.



Funke Oshonaike became the first African female athlete to qualify for seven Olympic Games after the former African table tennis champion penultimate Thursday secured her place in the singles event at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, matching the number of appearances of compatriot, Segun Toriola, for an African athlete competing at the Olympic Games.



Kenneth Josiah Omeruo is a footballer who plays as a defender for Leganés in the Segunda División in Spain and the Nigeria national team. Omeruo signed for Chelsea from Standard Liege in January 2012 and went on loan to Dutch top-flight side ADO Den Haag. Then only 19, he impressed enough in the Eredivisie to earn a call up to the Nigerian national team. Now a regular international, Omeruo has represented Nigeria at the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations and the 2013 Confederations Cup in Brazil. Omeruo cemented a place in the starting line-up at the Africa Cup of Nations as it turned into a wonderful tournament for the Super Eagles and they won the tournament's diadem. In 2019 he scored his first goal in the Africa Cup of Nations against Guinea. He was a key part of the Super Eagles team that won the bronze medal in 2019.



Chidozie Collins Awaziem is a professional footballer who plays as a central defender for Portuguese club Boavista F.C. on loan from FC Porto. Awaziem had his first call up to the national team in the friendlies against Mali and Luxembourg, on 27 and 31 May 2016. But he made his senior debut on 1 June 2017, starting in a 3–0 win over Togo in Paris in another exhibition game. Awaziem was included in Gernot Rohr's 23- man squad for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia, being an unused player as the tournament ended in group stage exit. He was also picked for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations.



Bukayo Saka is an English professional footballer who mainly plays as a winger or left back for Premier League club Arsenal. Saka was born in Ealing, Greater London to Nigerian parents. He attended Edward Betham CofE Primary School before Greenford High School. He started his career with Arsenal's Hale End academy. Once he turned 17 years old, Saka was given a professional contract by Arsenal and promoted to the under-23 side.



Kelechi Promise Iheanacho hails from Imo State. He is a professional footballer who plays as a striker for Premier League club Leicester City and

the Nigeria national team. He has made appearances for Manchester City, as well as the Nigeria squad that won the 2013 FIFA U-17 World Cup and the Nigeria U-20 team at the 2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup. Iheanacho was a member of the Manchester City senior squad for the 2015/16 season.



Victor James Osimhen is a Nigerian professional footballer who plays as a striker for Serie A club Napoli and the Nigeria national team. Known for his composure and finishing, he is widely regarded as one of the best and most in-demand African footballers. On 14 August 2019, the coach of the Nigerian National Team, Gernot Rohr, invited Osimhen for a friendly against Ukraine, played on 10 September 2019 in Dnipro Arena, Ukraine, which ended in a 2–2 draw. He was also included in the Super Eagles team to face Brazil in a friendly match in Singapore on 13 October 2019.



Victor Moses is a Nigerian professional footballer who plays as a winger on either flank for Serie A club Inter Milan, on loan from Premier League club Chelsea.

Moses began his career in the championship with Crystal Palace, before his performances caught the eye of Wigan Athletic, where he made his Premier League debut in 2010. After two years, his game had improved to the extent that European champions Chelsea were interested, and he signed for them in the summer of 2012. Despite ten goals in all competitions during his first season, he spent his second season on loan to Liverpool, his third on loan at Stoke City and his fourth on loan at West Ham United.



David Olatukunbo Alaba is from Ogun State. But he is an Austrian professional footballer who plays for German giant, Bayern Munich and the Austria national team. A very versatile player, Alaba has played in a multitude of roles, including central midfield, central defence, right and left wing, but primarily plays as a left-back.

Alaba has made over 450 appearances for Bayern Munich since 2010, winning 20 honours including nine Bundesliga titles and the UEFA Champions League in 2013 and 2020. He has refused to renew his contract with the club which ends this season. Alaba was voted Austrian Footballer of the Year six consecutive times from 2011 to 2016, and named in the UEFA Team of the Year three times.



Alex Iwobi is a versatile footballer. He is also capable of playing anywhere across the front line. The talented youngster was with Arsenal since the age of eight. He is the nephew of ex-Nigerian international midfield dynamo, Jay Jay Okocha. He has earned international recognition with England at Under-16 level. He currently plays for Everton.



Divine Oduduru has won the highest award for a student –athlete in the United States. According to the U.S track and field and cross-country coaches association (USTFCCCA) website, he won the prize after recording 48.8 percent of the overall tally.



Segun Moses Toriola born in Ilorin, Kwara State, is a Nigerian professional table tennis player. He is the youngest of nine brothers. Since 1995 he has been ranked as the best Nigerian player. He has been amongst the top table tennis players in Africa since the mid- 1990s. Ranked number 1 in Africa from 1998 to June 2008, when Egyptian Eli Saleh Ahmed became the leading African table tennis player. However, since 2009, Toriola has again been the number 1 in Africa. He is renowned for his unusual style of forehand play, which makes him an awkward opponent for many. He won multiple medals in international singles tournaments.



Xavier Amaechi is a British-Nigerian footballer who played for the Arsenal youth team before moving to German club Hamburger SV.

A thrilling dribbler with his left foot, Xavier is capable of playing on both wings but is particularly dangerous cutting in from the right.

Nigerian, British-born **Tinuke Oyediran** (aka Tinuke Orbit), broke two



new records for the Double Guinness World Record Day 2020.

The 27 year Professional roller skater broke the record for most cartwheels on roller skates.

Record one - most cartwheels on roller skates in one minute - 30!!

Record two - most spins one - skates in one minute- 71.



Miguel Azeez has played 6 league matches for the Arsenal U18 team in the 2019-20 campaign with a goal to his name. He has also made an appearance for the Steve Bould-led U23 team this season.

Azeez's versatility in different roles, aided by his exciting technique, should give him a decent chance of enhancing an upward trajectory. He has long held a reputation within the Arsenal academy and was handed his debut for the Under 18s when he was still 15. Although he has represented the 3-Lions U17 side, scoring 12 goals in 14 appearances, Azeez is still eligible to play for Nigeria at the senior level.



Kelechi Nwakali started his career at the Diamond Football Academy and after his performances at the 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup, in which he won the Golden Ball Award; he signed with English Premier League side Arsenal. His failure to thrive at Arsenal has made him leave the North London club for SD Huesca in Spain. He, albeit, remains a potential player for the Super Eagles.



Folarin Balogun has a mixture of USA, England, and Nigerian blood in him. The pacey forward started 19 matches in Arsenal's under-18's title-winning season, scoring an incredible 25 goals. The New York-born has featured for both England and USA at under-18 level, but he's also eligible to play for Nigeria. His first training with Arsenal's senior side came last year and after the training, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang took to social media to claim that the youngster was on fire.



Hakeem Dawodu is a Canadian mixed martial artist, currently signed to Ultimate Fighting Championship and fights in the Featherweight division. He previously competed for the World Series of Fighting.



Saheed Adebayo Akinfenwa is an English professional footballer who plays as a striker for EFL Championship club Wycombe Wanderers. His first professional break-through came at Doncaster Rovers, having spent time up until then in the lower leagues of English football as well as spells in Lithuania and Wales. Following a short but successful time at Doncaster, Akinfenwa moved to his seventh club, Torquay United. He proved to be a goal threat, but left the struggling team the following season to join Swansea City. After spending two seasons with the Welsh club, he joined League One side Millwall and later moved to Northampton Town. Akinfenwa spent six years switching from Northampton to Gillingham, where his goal-scoring ability was still apparent. In June 2014, he signed for League Two side AFC Wimbledon, and two years later Wycombe Wanderers.



Efangwu Goziem Ekoku works as a commentator for Premier League Productions, which produces the world, feed commentaries. He was picked to be Match Analyst for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, working for the ESPN. In 2013, he appeared as a pundit for the BBC's coverage of the FIFA Confederations Cup. Efan currently is a weekly guest on Football Dynamics on Bloomberg Africa. He returned to ESPN for the 2014 World Cup as a match analyst. Ekoku currently works with BT Sport for their coverage of Champions League, Europa League, Ligue 1 and Bundesliga.



Robson-Kanu was born in England to a Nigerian father, and an English mother of Welsh descent. Kanu is a professional footballer who plays as a winger for West Bromwich Albion and the Wales national football team. Although he initially played primarily on the wing, he has also been used as a forward, including during Wales' run to the semi-finals of UEFA Euro 2016.



Moe Sasegbon is a British-Nigerian Athlete. Moe made her first competitive debut for Nigeria at the 11th All African Games, which took place in 2015, in Brazzaville,

Republic of the Congo. Her most memorable moment was winning the senior girls high jump competition at the English Schools championships. She is a physiotherapy graduate from Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom.

Moe featured in the first act of the movie "Wonder woman" as one of the Amazons who were called to battle the uninvited German soldiers. Though she featured in only one scene, she reportedly will have a prominent role in the upcoming "Justice League" movie.



Tanitoluwa Adewumi is a Nigerian-born chess player who lives in New York City. He won the 2019 K-3 New York State chess championship at the age of eight, after playing the game for only a year, while living with his refugee family in a homeless shelter in Manhattan.



Usman Garuba Alari is a Spanish professional basketball player for Real Madrid of the Liga ACB and the EuroLeague. Listed at 2.03 m (6 ft 8 in), he plays at the centre position.

Garuba was born in Madrid, Spain to Nigerian parents and joined the youth sections of Spanish club Real Madrid at age 11. In 2019, when he was 17 years old, he became the youngest starter in Real Madrid history. Garuba was named the most valuable player (MVP) of the 2016 FIBA U16 European Championship at age 14 and has led Spain to three medals in junior FIBA tournaments.



Dominic Solanke is a forward playing for Bournemouth FC. Dominic was with Chelsea since Under-8 level; he made his Under-18 debut as an Under-15 in February 2013. He has been capped by England at Under-16 level, but is also eligible for Nigeria. For a player of his age grade level who is meant to be in the Under-15 category, his quality came in bold relief when he was asked to play for the Chelsea's Under-18. He has scored only two goals in ten appearances for the Under-18.



Ola Aina joined Chelsea at Under-11 after a successful trial. He formerly played as a right winger. He now plays mainly as a highly mobile right-back having developed the defensive side of his game, and can also play centre-back and left-back. Ola made his Under-18 debut as an Under-16 in November 2012. He impressed in his first few appearances and earned starts in both legs of the semi final and final of the 2012-13 FA Youth Cup. Ola has been capped by England at

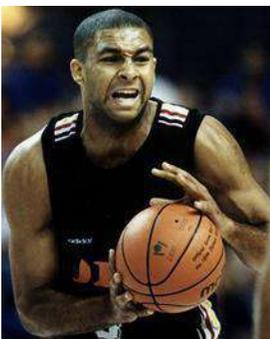
Under-16 and Under-17 levels.



Chuba Amechi Akpom is an English footballer of Nigerian descent who plays as a striker for Middleborough and England under- 19s. He is a powerful forward who can play anywhere across the forward line. Chuba first played for the Under-18s when he was just 15. The pacy front man was a regular in Arsenal's youth set-up last season despite still being a schoolboy, making 15 appearances and scoring twice. He made the list for Arsenal's 2013 tour in Asia, and was handed his first competitive debut for Arsenal in September against Sunderland. He also played in Arsenal's Capital One cup win over West Brom, in which he converted his spot kick when called upon. Chuba has represented England at U16, U17 and U19 age grade.



Patrick Olaiya Olukayode Owomoyela, is a German footballer who played as a defender or midfielder. He previously played for Lüneburger SK, VfL Osnabrück, SC Paderborn 07, Arminia Bielefeld, SV Werder Bremen, Borussia Dortmund and Hamburger SV II. He has been capped by Germany at international level and was a member of the squad at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup.



Ademola Okulaja is a German former professional basketball player of Nigerian origin. The last team he played for was the Brose Baskets from Germany. After his playing career, he became an agent.

The 6'9", 235 lb (2.06 m, 107 kg) forward received 172 caps for the German men's national team, serving as a team captain for many years and winning bronze at the 2002 World Championships. He played college basketball in the United States at North Carolina and flirted briefly with the NBA before moving on to a successful international professional basketball career in Europe.



Yusuf Muritala Adewunmi is a German former professional footballer who played as defensive midfielder. Adewunmi was born in Hamburg. He made eight appearances in the Nemzeti Bajnokság I for the Honved Budapest.

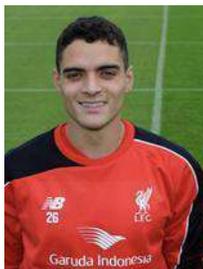
Yusuf is the brother of Akeem Adewunmi, a player agent and a former footballer.



Femi Ogunode kicked off his 2014 season with a 60m World Indoor Championships Bronze medal in March. At the IAAF Continental Cup in Marrakech, he finished third in the 100m/200m event for his adopted continent, Asia Pacific, before capping off his outstanding season by winning double GOLD in the 100m/200m (9.93s, 20.14s) and setting a new Personal Best (PB) at the Asian Games, breaking the Asian Games record in both events.



Ben Ishola is a German former professional of grid-iron football defensive bearing. He most recently played for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. He was signed by the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2006. He played college football at Indiana. Ishola was born in Berlin, Germany; his father is Nigerian.



Tiago Abiola Ilori is a Portuguese footballer who plays Portuguese club, sporting CP as a central defender. He has a Nigerian-English father and a Portuguese mother as his parents. He has represented Portugal at different age groups, ranging from Under-18, 19 to 20. Although, Ilori did not make his first team debut for Liverpool since his move from Sporting Lisbon, he has made various appearances for Liverpool's Under 21 team hoping to regain full fitness after nursing a broken hand all through pre-season.



Bernie Alpha Ibini-Isei, also known simply as Bernie Ibini, is an Australian professional soccer player who is currently playing for Newcastle Jets FC. Bernie Ibini-Isei immigrated to Australia from Nigeria when he was a child, and grew up in Sydney's Canterbury-Bankstown region. His passion for soccer was obvious from a very young age, and at the age of six, he was registered to play for his local club Earl wood Wanderers.



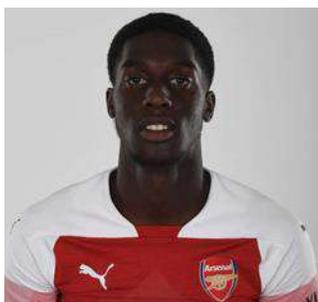
Shehu Abdullahi is from Sokoto, Nigeria. A professional footballer, he currently plays for Cypriot First Division side Omonia. In January 2014 the late Super Eagles coach Stephen Keshi, invited him to be a part of the squad for the 2014 African Nations Championship. He helped the team to a third-place finish after Nigeria beat Zimbabwe by a goal to nil. He was selected by Nigeria for their 35-man provisional squad for the 2016 Summer Olympics. In May 2018 he was named in Nigeria's preliminary 30-man squad for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.



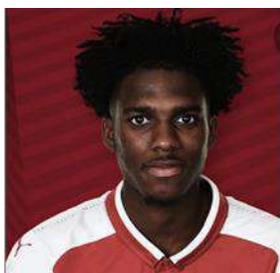
Quadri Aruna is a Nigerian table tennis player. He competed for Nigeria at the 2012 Summer Olympics and 2016 Summer Olympics, reaching the quarter finals in the latter competition. At the World Cup 2014, he reached the quarter finals in the Men's Singles competition. In the 2017 ITTF World Challenge Bulgaria Open he advanced to the semi-finals where he was defeated in a tight match by the eventual winner Dimitrij Ovtcharov. Aruna is known for his forehand-oriented playing style, which has guaranteed him many victories. He is a Joola-sponsored player. In 2014, he was ranked number 30 in world table tennis, and the International Table Tennis Federation named him the Star Player of the year. His peak world ranking was 25, which he held from September 2016 to January 2017. Currently he is ranked 27th in the ITTF male world rankings. He was also part of the Nigerian team that won bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.



Giannis Sina Ugo Antetokounmpo was the 2019-2020 NBA most valuable player. He is a Greek professional basketball player for the Milwaukee Bucks of the National Basketball Association. Born in Greece to Nigerian parents, Antetokounmpo began playing basketball for the youth teams of Filathlitikos in Athens. In 2011, he began playing for the club's senior team before entering the 2013 NBA draft, where he was selected 15th overall by the Bucks. Antetokounmpo's nationality, in addition to his combination of size, speed and ball-handling skills earned him the nickname "Greek Freak".



Tobi Omole is a versatile defender who never shies away from a battle; Tobi played almost every game last season, in a variety of different positions. In the whole of last season, Tobi played as a left-back, a central defender and a defensive midfielder across 24 appearances for the under-18s. He also played twice in the Premier League 2 and signed his first professional contract at the start of this season for Arsenal's U-23 side.



Aaron Eyoma played for the Arsenal youth team in the right midfield position and never got the opportunity to feature for the main team of the North Londoners. He only made 15 appearances for Arsenal's youth team and left the club on January 13, 2020, by mutual consent after the expiration of his short term contract. He now plies his trade for the English National League side, Aldershot Town FC.



Ade Adebisi is a British-Nigerian Rugby league player. He is also known by the nickname of "London Flyer." He played at representative level for (BARLA) Young Lions against France, and was selected for the 2011 Championship 1 All Stars team at club level for the London Skolars (two spells); in 2004's Super League IX for the London Broncos (Heritage No. 437); Hull F.C. (loan, Academy); Doncaster Lakers (Heritage No. 934); the Featherstone Rovers (Heritage No. 903); and Whitehaven in National League One (reserve grade), as a fullback or wing.

He is an ambassador for the Sickle Cell Society and the founder of the Ade Adebisi Sickle Cell Foundation. Adebisi also leads the Nigeria Rugby league revolution as general manager/vice-chairman. He spent two years between 2017 and 2019 working to get Nigeria involved with the 13-a-side code for no money. Under his leadership, the country was chosen to host the Middle East Africa Rugby league championship in October 2019.



Emmanuel Acho is a Nigerian athlete. He played football in America, even getting to play in the National Football League as a linebacker. Now, Acho works as an ESPN analyst. However, his roles as an athlete and sports commentator are secondary to his humanitarian work. Acho and his family are deeply involved in mission trips to Nigeria with their church. Acho's parents formed Living Hope Christian Ministries, which delivers medical care to Nigerians. He continues to return to Nigeria.



Nigeria striker **Emuidzhi Oghiabekhva** has become the first African to clinch the golden boot in a UEFA Women's Champions League following her exploits for Minsk. He netted 10 goals in seven Champions League outings for Minsk in the 2019/20 season to share the golden boot. To achieve the feat, Oghiabekhva netted six goals in the qualifying rounds before adding four in the main tournament despite that Minsk were eliminated in the Round of 16 by Spanish side, Barcelona. Her appearance in the 2019/20 Champions League marked her fourth outing with Minsk and eighth since 2009, having previously represented Rossiyanka twice, Energiya Voronezh, and BIIK Kazygurt once.



Efe Ajagba was born in Ughelli, Delta State, Nigeria. He formerly worked in a bakery. He is a Nigerian professional boxer who holds the record for the fastest victory in boxing history after his opponent was disqualified for leaving the ring one second after the opening bell. As an Amateur boxer, he won a gold medal at the 2015 African Games and bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Ajagba took up the sport of boxing in 2011 after previously playing football for a club in Ughelli. He was coached by Anthony Konyegwachie.

Ajagba was selected to compete for the Nigerian team at the 2014 Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow. Competing in the super heavyweight division he defeated Junior Fa of Tonga in the round of 16 and Paul Schafer of South Africa in the quarter finals where he won a bronze medal. At the 2015 African Games held in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, Ajagba was selected as the Nigerian entrant in the men's super heavyweight event. He won the gold medal, beating Keddy Angnes of the Seychelles by a score 3–0 in the final.



John Uzoma Ekwugha Amaechi, OBE is an English psychologist, consultant and former professional basketball player. He played college basketball at Vanderbilt and Penn State, and professional basketball in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Amaechi also played in France, Italy, Greece, and the United Kingdom. Since retiring from basketball, Amaechi has worked as a psychologist and consultant, establishing his company Amaechi Performance Systems.



Nkeiruka Ezekh is a black Russian of Igbo Nigerian heritage. She has represented Russia at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi and participated in the curling competition at Winter Olympics. She made history in 2006 when she became the first black person to represent Russia for curling competition in Winter Olympics, in Turin, Italy. At the 2006 Winter Olympics, in Turin, Italy, she was part of Ludmila Privivova's team. A year later, her team won the 2006 European Curling Championships. She also represented Russia in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics as second on Privivova's team.



Nneka Ogwumike & Chineye Ogwumike are first siblings to be drafted as Number One picks into two basketball teams in the USA. The Ogwumike sisters are the 2nd Number One siblings draft in the history of any American sport, next to NFL Leyton Brothers, making them the first siblings to both be drafted Number One pick in basketball globally and the second siblings to both be Number One picks in any major sports. They are both graduates of Stanford University and hail from Imo State.



Ogugua "OG" Anunoby Jr. is a British-Nigerian professional basketball player for the Toronto Raptors of the National Basketball Association (NBA). He played college basketball for the Indiana Hoosiers. His father Ogugua Sr., who was born and raised in Nigeria, taught as a professor in England. On 9 July, he signed a rookie-scale contract with the Raptors. On 14 November, Anunoby made his first career start, against the Houston Rockets. He finished the game with 16 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal in 30 minutes. By December 15, he led starter rookies in offensive and defensive rating, besides having the third most True Scoring percent and best Turnover-to- Assist ratio for a non-guard. On 3 April 2018, he hit his first ever buzzer beater, against the Cleveland Cavaliers. On 29 January 2019, Anunoby was named a member of the World Team for the 2019 Rising Stars Challenge.



John Fashanu, is a British television presenter and former professional footballer during which he was a centre-forward from 1978 until 1995, most notably in an eight-year spell at Wimbledon F.C. in which he won the FA Cup in 1988 and scored over 100 goals in all competitions. He also played for Norwich City, Miramar Rangers, Lincoln City, Crystal Palace, Millwall and Aston Villa. He scored 134 league goals in a career spanning 17 years. He was also capped twice at senior level by England, but failed to score on either occasion. Following his football career he went on to co-host British television show Gladiators in the 1990s, and between 2003 and 2004 he managed his own Sunday league football side Fash FC on Bravo.



Abiodun Adesola "Abi" Oyepitan is a British sprint athlete, who specialises in the 100 and 200 metres. She won the 100 metres at the 2001 Summer Universiade and at the 2002 Commonwealth Games she took a bronze medal with the 4 × 100 m team. She became one of Britain's best female sprinters, becoming the first British female to reach an Olympic final in a sprint event since Kathy Cook. However, following her performance in the 2004 Athens Olympics, she suffered an injury, which all but brought her career to a halt. She made a winning comeback in 2010, competing in the Diamond League and winning a silver medal for England at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in the 200 m and a gold medal when she anchored the 4 × 100 m relay team to a win. She continued to perform well at the junior level, but her progress was interrupted in 2000 by an injury. She managed to bounce back the following year and eventually won a silver medal at the European under-23 Championships.



Reece Wabara is an English former professional footballer who played as a defender. He is also a former England U20 international. Reece was a central defender or left/right full back who signed for Manchester City's academy from Walsall's School of Excellence in 2007. In May 2008, Reece signed his first professional scholarship with the club. He committed his long-term future to the Blues by signing a three-year deal in March 2011 worth an estimated one million pounds. After given number 57 shirt, Wabara made his first team debut on the last day of the 2010/11 season against Bolton Wanderers when he came on as a substitute for Pablo Zabaleta. He left Manchester City on 14 April 2014, after having his contract cancelled by mutual consent.



Joel Wilkinson is an Australian-American football cornerback who is currently a free agent for the National Football League (NFL). Wilkinson formerly played as a defender for the Gold Coast Football Club in the Australian Football League (AFL), where he was one of the club's underage recruits, and played in Gold Coast's first season in 2011. Known as one of the best pound for pound athletes, he holds numerous records at the AFL combined, including the 20 metre sprint and repeat 30 metres sprint test. He signed with the Arizona Cardinals NFL team in February 2016 as a Cornerback.



Jamal Dasuki Idris is an Australian former professional Rugby league player. Idris has played in representative teams such as: Country, the indigenous all stars in New South Wales and Australia. At the centre, he previously played for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Gold Coast Titans and Penrith Panthers in the National Rugby League. He has also represented the Indigenous All Stars.



Jayden Okunbor is an Australian professional Rugby league footballer who last played as a winger for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in the NRL.

Okunbor was born in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia to a father of Nigerian descent. He played his junior football for the Milperra Colts and attended Picnic Point High School before being signed by the Canterbury- Bankstown Bulldogs. Okunbor played in the Bulldogs Under-20s team in 2015– 2017. Okunbor spent 2018 playing in the Bulldogs 2018 NSW Cup premiership winning team. On 23 September 2018, Okunbor played on the wing in the Bulldogs NSW Cup Grand Final against the Newtown Jets in the 18–12 victory at Leichhardt Oval. In the following week, on 30 September 2018, Okunbor played on the Wing in the State Championship Final against Queensland Cup winners the Redcliffe Dolphins, scoring a try in the 42–18 win. Okunbor made a total of 10 appearances for Canterbury in the 2019 NRL season as the club finished 12th on the table.



Francis Edgar Awaritefe is an Australian former football player, and was Director of Football at Melbourne Victory.

On 21 June 2011, Awaritefe was signed by Melbourne Victory as their new Director of Football a two-year deal, replacing Gary Cole, with Mehmet Durakovic signed as the club's new manager on the same day. However, after a brief five-month stint as the Director of Football with Melbourne Victory, Awaritefe was axed by Melbourne Victory, after a run of poor results. He appeared on the Australian television programme Nerds FC.

Awaritefe was as of February 2019, vice-president of FIFPro (International Federation of Professional Footballers) and has been with Craig Foster participating in the campaign to free Hakeem al-Araibi.



Sorina Nwachukwu, born in Witten, North Rhine- Westphalia is a German sprinter of Nigerian descent, who specialized in the 400 metres. She set her personal best time of 51.53 seconds, by winning the same distance at the 2009 German National Athletics Championships in Ulm. Nwachukwu is also a member of the track and field team for TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, and is coached and trained by Joachim Schwarzmüller.



Oluwafikayomi Oluwadamilola Tomori is a professional footballer who plays as a centre back for Premier League club Chelsea and the England national team. He has represented both Canada and England at youth levels. Mainly playing as a centre-back, Tomori can also play at the right-back.



Israel Idonije, O.M. is a retired Nigerian-Canadian defender in the National Football League and an actor. Idonije was born in Nigeria but immigrated with the family to Canada. He was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Cleveland Browns out of the University of Manitoba. A draft pick of the now defunct Ottawa Renegades of the Canadian Football League, for whom he never played a game, Idonije spent the start of the 2003 season on the Browns' practice squad prior to his release in September. He was subsequently signed to the Chicago Bears' practice squad for the final six weeks of the season.



Baraladei Daniel Igali hails from Eniwari, Bayelsa State, Nigeria. He is a Nigerian freestyle wrestler who is an Olympic gold medallist. He lives in Surrey, British Columbia and constantly visits Nigeria to help train young talents in that genre of wrestling.



James Dasaolu: From a Personal Best of 10.75s in 2006, he made significant and steady improvement to become the 2014 European 100m Champion, an event which was last won by a Briton in 1998. He capped off his season by becoming the first British winner of the 100 metres at the Continental Cup since Linford Christie achieved the same feat in 2004. The European Champion won in 10.03s, just 0.1s from USA's pre-event favorite Mike Rodgers and Femi Ogunode. Worthy of note is the fact that Dasaolu is the second fastest Briton of all time, after posting a stunning 9.91s at the British Championships in 2013.



Chijindu Ujah: At just 20 years old, Ujah already has British athletics faithful relishing the resurgence of British sprinting. In 2014, he sprinted to prominence in his first season as a senior by clocking 9.96s in the 100m, thereby becoming the fifth British athlete to go under 10s, which moved him to 3rd place in the British all-time list. He is the youngest British athlete to break the 10s barrier. He is also the reigning European Juniors 100 metres Champion.



Tiffany Porter (nee OFILI): She was born in the US to a Nigerian father and British mother. Porter represented USA at junior level but switched allegiance to Great Britain in 2010, after failing to make the American team for the Beijing 2008 Olympics. She hit her first major GOLD by becoming the first British woman to win the 100m hurdles at the European Championships. At the Commonwealth Games, she won Silver behind Olympic Champion, Sally Pearson, then capped off her excellent season by setting a British record and PB of 12.51s at the Continental Cup in Marrakech, just behind USA's Dawn Harper- Nelson.



Kemi Adekoya marked her debut in the Diamond League circuit by defeating the entire elite 400m hurdles field in a surprise world lead of 54.59s, setting a Bahainian National Record (NR) in her very first race for her adopted country. Adekoya came third for Asia-Pacific at the Continental Cup, before going on to win double GOLD in the 400m and 400m hurdles in a time of 51.59s and 55.77s respectively at the Asian Games. The new champion also ran the Games Records in the heats of both races (51.11s and 55.09s).



Chukwuemeka Ademola Amachi “Chuks” Aneke is an English footballer of Nigerian descent who plays as a midfielder for Crewe Alexandra on loan from Arsenal. Aneke is a player known for his ability to see a pass and physical strength. He had been at Arsenal since 2010. Aneke has been a revelation for Crewe this season, in which he has already scored two goals this season. Aneke has been capped by England at Under- 16, 17, 18, 19 levels.



Semi Ajayi is a Nigerian footballer who plays for Arsenal. A Nigerian youth international, the London-born Ajayi came through the Charlton Athletic Academy. He joined the Arsenal Academy after impressing as a trialist with the Club. The 19-year-old scored on his debut for the under-21s in a 3-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers, before putting in another accomplished display for Steve Gattings’ side in a 1-0 win over West Bromwich Albion at Emirates Stadium earlier in September. He has represented Nigeria three times during the Under-20 World Cup in Turkey.



Jordon Ashley Femi Ibe is an English footballer with a Nigerian descent who plays for Bournemouth as a winger. Ibe signed for Liverpool after previous spells at Charlton and Wycombe Wanderers. On 19 May 2013, he made his Premier League debut for Liverpool in the final game of the season against Queens Park Rangers. He made his first start of the 2013/2014 season on 27 August, playing 120 minutes as Liverpool beat Notts County 4-2 after extra-time in the League Cup second round. Jordon Ibe has represented England at Under-18, 19 age grades.



Ndubuisi Emmanuel Egbo is a Nigerian football manager and former footballer. His is currently the manager of Albanian club KF Tirana, sharing this position with Ivan Gvozdenović after the sacking of Shkëlqim Muça. Egbo played as a goalkeeper during his professional career. He was also a player of Nigeria national team during which he played 12 matches and in Africa Cup of Nations. He was a member of the Nigeria squad at the 2000 and 2002 African Cup of Nations. Egbo became the first ever Nigerian coach to lead a European team to a league title after his team was crowned 2019/2020 Albanian League champions. The 46-year-old could make it a double for Tirana, already qualified for the Albanian Cup final.



Eniola Aluko is an English football executive, commentator and former professional player, who is the director of women's football at Aston Villa. Before retiring from professional football in January 2020, Aluko last played as a forward for Juventus. Since 2014 she has also provided television commentary on football, including men's and women's World Cups. Aluko previously played for Birmingham City, Charlton Athletic, and Chelsea in England's FA Women's Premier League. She played for Saint Louis Athletica, Atlanta Beat, and Sky Blue FC in the American Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) from 2009–2011.



Omatson Folarin "Sone" Aluko is a professional footballer who plays as a forward or winger for Reading of the EFL Championship, and for the Nigeria national team.

Aluko began his career at Birmingham City but failed to make any league appearances. He joined Aberdeen on loan in the 2007/08 season and was loaned to Blackpool at the beginning of the 2008/09 season. After just one appearance for Blackpool, he signed for Aberdeen permanently in August 2008. He left Aberdeen in July 2011 at the end of his contract.



Samuel Adelebari Francis is a sprinter who specializes in the 100 metres. He is a naturalized Qatari and has competed for Qatar from July 2007. His personal best of 9.99 seconds is the former Asian record for the 100m. At the 2007 Asian Championships he first set a new championship record of 10.18 seconds during the heats. In the final he ran in a new Asian record, breaking the 10-second barrier with a time of 9.99 seconds, bettering Koji Ito's mark of 10.00 seconds at the 1998 Asian Games. He also went on to win the silver medal as part of the 4×100 metres relay team for Qatar. He ran at the next major championships, the 2009 World Championships in Athletics, although he ran one of the fastest times of the first round; he was, however, knocked out at the quarter-finals stage.



Glory Alozie Oluchi is a Nigerian-born Spanish track and field athlete competing mostly in hurdling. The world junior second 2nd placed from 1996 went on to have a successful senior career, although she has never won a global international event (placing second on five occasions). While representing Nigeria she became African champion twice, and she still holds the African and Commonwealth records in 100 metres hurdles. On 6 July 2000, she officially became a Spanish citizen and won the gold medal at the 2002 European Athletics Championships the following year.



Ayodelé Ikuesan is a French sprinter who specialises in the 60 metres and 4×100 metres relay. Ikuesan won the 4×100m relay gold medal at the 2009 Mediterranean Games. She competed in the 60m at the 2009 European Athletics Indoor Championships, the 4×100m relay at the 2011 and 2013 World Championships, the 4 × 100m relay at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.



Oluseyi Smith (nicknamed Shay), is a Nigerian-born Canadian sprinter. He took part in the 2012 Summer Olympics in the 4×100m relay with teammates Jared Connaughton, Gavin Smellie and Justyn Warner. Smith's first Olympic experience was at London 2012. He was part of Canada's 4x100m relay team that finished in the bronze medal position behind Jamaica and the United States, only to be later disqualified for a lane violation. Prior to London, Smith had competed for Canada in athletics since the age of 16. He has competed at the World Youth Championships, Pan American Junior Championships, World Junior Championships, World University Games, Commonwealth Games or multiple World Championships. Smith has many years of experience competing in the 100m, 200m, long jump and 4x100m relay.



Marilyn Chinwenwa Okoro was born in London. She is a British track and field athlete. She finished third in the 800 metres at both the 2007 and 2008 IAAF World Athletics Final. She was on the bronze winning 4 × 400m relay at the 2007 World Championships in Athletics. She represented Great Britain at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and finished sixth (1:59.53 mins) in the semi-finals. She was part of the 4 × 400 m relay team which finished fifth in the final of the 2008 Summer Olympics; although the team was later upgraded to bronze medal position following disqualification for doping offences of the teams that finished in third and fourth places.

She attended Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, graduated from the University of Bath with a B.A. degree in Politics and French, then started her first season as a full-time athlete. She speaks four languages (English, French, Spanish and Igbo) and sings in the jazz band – The Felonius Monks. Marilyn changed coaches during 2013, and then made the decision to move to the USA. She represented Team England at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, competing in the 800m.



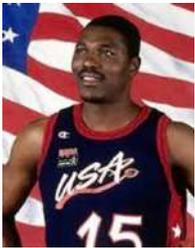
Josephine Onyia Nnkiruka is a Nigerian-born Spanish track and field athlete who specializes in the 100 metres hurdles. She represented Spain at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. She changed nationality from Nigeria to Spain in April 2007, following in the footsteps of another hurdler Glory Alozie. Her first medal as a Spaniard came at the 2007 IAAF World Athletics Final, where she took the hurdles silver medal. She started the following season with a gold medal at the 2008 European Athletics Indoor Cup, but tripped at the last hurdle at the 2008 IAAF World Indoor Championships and finished last. Onyia set a Spanish national record at the 2008 IAAF Golden League meet in ISTAF Berlin meeting, recording 12.50 seconds and improving upon her previous best by 14 hundredths of a second. She competed in the hurdles at the Summer Olympics and just missed the final after finishing fifth in the semi-finals.



Mike Olayemi Edwards was born in Lagos, Nigeria, to a Jamaican father and a Nigerian mother. He's a professional athlete who has represented Great Britain in the past and currently represents Nigeria. As an entrepreneur, Mike owns the first black-owned cigar company in the United Kingdom called "Aireyys". The 28-year-old housemate is married to Olympian, Perri Shakes-Drayton, and is rumoured to compete in the 2020 Olympics holding in Tokyo, Japan.



Dr. Bernet Omalu: When Hollywood decides to film a movie based on your life then you know you've hit it big. This is his lot. The Nigerian-American physician, forensic pathologist and neuropathologist, has gone down in history as the first to publish findings on chronic traumatic encephalopathy, changing the face of sports medicine as we know it. His theory highlighted concussions during gametime as the cause of dementia found in some National Football League players; a theory which faced major uproar from the community.



Hakeem Abdul Olajuwon is a Nigerian-American former professional basketball player. From 1984 to 2002, he played the centre position in the National Basketball Association (NBA) for the Houston Rockets and the Toronto Raptors. He led the Rockets to back-to-back NBA championships in 1994 and 1995. In 2008, he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, and in 2016, he was inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame. Listed at 7 ft 0 in (2.13 m), Olajuwon is considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time. He was nicknamed "The Dream" during his basketball career after he dunked so effortlessly that his college coach said it "looked like a dream."



TJ Adeshola leads all U.S Sports Partnership at Twitter. He joined Twitter in 2012 as a Senior Account Officer. Before being appointed at the Head of US Sports Partnerships, he spent the previous few years managing Twitter's partnerships with major U.S. sports leagues, including the National Football League (NFL), National Basketball Association (NBA) and Major League Baseball (MLB).

He is also the executive sponsor of Blackbirds, Twitter's business resource group that celebrates and encourages diverse perspectives. Prior to joining Twitter, TJ had a short stint at ESPN.



Whitney Osuigwe is an American tennis player. Whitney Osuigwe in 2017 was the ITF Junior World Champion.

She won the juniors 2017 French Open to become the first American to win the girls' singles event in 28 years.



Dr. Nneka R. Offodile who studied Biopsychology, appeared in 120 games during her four years with Loyola's women's basketball programme from 2010-14, earning starts in 75 of those contests and continuing to rank sixth in programme history with 92 career blocked shots. She was a key contributor off the bench as a freshman, helping the Greyhounds win 21 games and advance to the second round of the WNIT, and ranked eighth in the Patriot League with 35 blocks during her final season on campus. Offodile also put in plenty of work off the court at Loyola, graduating with a degree in biopsychology and beginning her doctoral programme in physical therapy at Hampton University one year later. She graduated as the Valedictorian of her class at Hampton, and is now a Doctor in Physical Therapy at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.



Nigerian-American **Sesugh Uhaa** is better known internationally by his stage name Apollo Crews who became the New Intercontinental Champion at WWE Wrestlemania 37. He attended a military school during which he found escape through participating in several sports including amateur wrestling, soccer, football and track & field. The nickname "Uhaa Nation" was coined by his coach during Uhaa's time weight-training during his high school years. This nickname according to Uhaa's coach referred to him being as "strong as a nation".

Uhaa was raised in Atlanta, Georgia and early during his youth, became a devoted fan of professional wrestling, stating his favorites included Dwayne Johnson (as The Rock), Steve Austin and Kurt Angle in particular. He first trained in Curtis Hughes's World Wrestling Alliance 4 (WWA4) training school/promotion in Atlanta. Upon completing his training, he made his debut on August 17, 2009 as Uhaa Nation. After a few years competing locally, Uhaa went on to establish himself in larger known promotions including Dragon Gate, Evolve Wrestling and Full Impact Pro between 2011-2015. By October 2014, Uhaa's talent attracted the attention of the WWE and he was invited to a tryout camp. Standing 6-feet tall and weighing no less than 240 lbs, Uhaa ably displayed his proficiency in high-flying and power wrestling. He was signed on to WWE and spent his early years in further training in WWE NXT from 2014-2016. He made his main roster debut on Monday Night RAW on April 4, 2016.



Sunday Oliseh is a multiple title-winning ex-professional footballer for Nigeria and top world club sides like Juventus, Ajax Amsterdam, and Borussia Dortmund.

An Olympics Gold medallist and African champion for Nigeria, Oliseh is currently a FIFA Technical committee member, UEFA Professional licensed Coach, and an international Football consultant /analyst who has provided services for CNN, BBC, Supersports South Africa, and Malaysia, amongst others.

Oliseh was for 10 years a Nigerian international. He also captained the Super Eagles, just as he was its coach briefly. He was among the generation of players that put Nigeria on top of world football during a period now referred to as the golden years of Nigeria's football.

Considered by many as the nation's best defensive midfielder, Oliseh was voted 3rd best African player of the year in 1998 and by a National poll vote in Nigeria by Guinness, as the Best defensive Midfielder, ever in Nigeria's History!

As a coach, Oliseh orchestrated the promotion of then cash-strapped Fortuna Sittard in the Netherlands to the Dutch premier division from the bottom lower division in just 14 months in charge.



CHAPTER TEN



SPECIAL FEATURES



Damini Ebunoluwa Ogulu was born in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. He is professionally known as **Burna Boy**, and he is a singer, songwriter, rapper, and dancer. He is one of the biggest and most successful African artists.

His fourth studio album *African Giant* was released in July 2019; it won Album of the Year at the 2019 All Africa Music Awards and was nominated for Best World Music Album at the 62nd Annual Grammy Awards. He was awarded the African Artist of the year at the 2020 VGMA's. In 2020, his album *Twice as Tall* was nominated for the same category at the 63rd Annual Grammy Awards, making him the first Nigerian with back-to-back nominations at the Grammys. In 2021, he won the award for Best World Music Album at the 63rd Annual Grammy Awards.



David Adedeji Adeleke, popularly known as **Davido**, is a Nigerian-American singer, songwriter, and record producer. He is one of the most influential artists in Africa.

Davido was cited as one of the Top 100 most influential Africans by *New African* magazine in 2019.

Davido won Best International Act at the 2018 BET Awards, becoming the first African artist to receive his award.



Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun known professionally as **Wizkid** is a Nigerian singer and songwriter. Africa's biggest artists, Wizkid is the most decorated Nigerian artist ever and also the most decorated African artist internationally.

He is the most awarded African artist at the BET Awards (3), Soul Train Awards (2), Billboard Awards (3), iHeartRadio Music Awards (2) and MOBO Awards (4)

CHAPTER ELEVEN



TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION



Prof. MANNY ANIEBONY - CEO/ PRESIDENT, AFRIHUB LLC has more than 20 years' experience in ICT in Nigeria and the US. Manny is the founder & president, Nigerian IT Professionals in the Americas (NITPA); He also chaired NetTel@Africa.com implementation committee. Prof. Manny was an assistant professor of Information System Technology at George Washington University, USA. He chairs the board of directors, AfriHUB Nigeria Ltd. He has trained over two million Nigerians in ICT through AfriHub Nig. Ltd.



Dr. Robert S. Okojie was recently inducted into NASA Inventors Hall of Fame. He received the BSc, MSc, and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He developed the first accelerated stress test protocol published in the IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium, the avenue by which reliability testing is accepted by the world. He has received several NASA awards and is known as the man behind NASA's success story. In fact, he has carved out a niche for himself as NASA's warlord of Silicon Carbide based MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) piezoresistive pressure sensor for harsh environment application.



Adekunle Ajiboye is a Software Architect whose educational and professional background gives him a broad range of domain expertise in the entire eHealthsphere, ICT Tools & Applications for Commerce, IoT + Big Data and Entrepreneurial Consulting. Aside from his leadership roles @ AAJIMATICS and other firms, he serves as a SME @ the GEIA among other institutions. He is honoured with the Nation Builder Award on behalf of the Parliament of Canada by David Sweet who is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Flamborough-Glanbrook and Chair of the Conservative caucus in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial. He is a celebrated alumnus of McMaster University Hamilton, Ontario Canada with graduate degrees in Engineering and eHealth and also recognized as one of McMaster University's 150 outstanding Engineering graduates.



Prof. Gabriel A. Oyibo obtained his PhD in Aeronautics and Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Troy, New York where he worked for four years on NASA/AFOSR sponsored research and made several contributions in aircraft design, aerodynamics, aeroelasticity and mathematics; and taught several courses. Oyibo received Knighthood from His Royal Highness of the Igala Kingdom.



Tope Awotona is the founder and CEO of scheduling software company Calendly. He completed his Bachelor of Business Administration at The University of Georgia. Awotona, a former salesman for tech firms including EMC (now Dell EMC), founded Calendly out of his own frustration with the back-and-forth emails required to schedule meetings. He took on a \$350 million investment in 2021 that valued the firm at \$3 billion.

He was born in Lagos, Nigeria and immigrated to the United States as a teenager and is now based in Atlanta, Georgia. Before founding Calendly, he had started a few other businesses that were not successful.

He is currently worth \$1.2 billion dollars.



Adebayo Adedosu (President/Managing Consultant, Jago Solutions International Inc.) was born in Ibadan to late Chief M.M. Adedosu, a lawyer. He attended Abadina Primary School, U.I., Immanuel College Primary School, Immanuel College High and Ondo State University, now Ekiti State University. He was Manager, Domestic Operations Customer Service at FedEx Red Star Plc, Inside Sales Consultant at Rogers Communications Inc. (Canada), Solutions Analyst at IronData (Canada), Consultant; Government of Canada, Consultant; Manitoba Public Insurance, Senior IT Consultant at IBM, Senior IT Consultant: Office of the Superintendent for Financial Institutions, Senior IT Consultant: Govt of Ontario.

Adebayo is an unrepentant believer in one Nigeria. As a Nigerian in the Diaspora, Bayo, as he is fondly called, through his IT Consulting company gives Nigerian professionals new in Canada the much-needed Canadian work experience, which denies many immigrants the opportunity of getting employed in their fields. He creates a platform in Canada to project a positive image for Nigerians in Canada through his engagement with local authorities. Bayo uses his knowledge of Canadian educational system to help intending Nigerian students gain admission into Canadian universities at no cost. He runs a non-profit outfit (Royal Immigration Support Service), helping Nigerian immigrants settle down in Canada.



Mr. Abiodun Asekun has more than 30 years of experience in Aircraft Operations Management, Training and Compliance Management, Airport Management, Regulations and Policies Management, Air Traffic Control and Management Systems.

He recently retired from American Airlines and American Eagles Airlines (AMR Corporation) as the Managing Director of Engineering in which capacity he ran the engineering operations and was responsible for the oversight of maintenance, repairs, airframes, components, inspections, power plant engineering, logistics support and compliance to safety regulations.

He provides technical and operational guidance to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), Repair Stations, Airlines, Government Agencies and Regulatory Bodies. Currently, he is the CEO/Chairman of CADA AERO LLC; an MRO, Engineering Services & Technical Consulting Company. He is also responsible for maintaining Presidential Fleet Aircraft Engines of several countries around the world.



Tobi Ayanleke is an alumnus of Airforce Comprehensive School, Ibadan, Nigeria. Before joining Apple in November 2016, he was the country support manager for HP in Nigeria and Ghana; a position which he held for two years. With a wealth of experience in supply chain, IT service-delivery and operations management, and an MBA in global management to boot, Tobi had little trouble sealing a sales management position at Apple in Canada.



Adejoh Ogbe, two years after he graduated with a degree in Geography and Town Planning from the Kogi State University, proceeded to the University of Northern Iowa to obtain a master's in geography. There he worked on a “spacial analysis of foreclosure and neighbourhood characteristics in Miami metropolitan area, Florida” for his dissertation. Adejoh joined Apple, as a GIS technician consultant from Apex, in January 2016.



Emmanuel Chukwuezi is a senior iOS and Mac support specialist at Apple's European Headquarters in Ireland. Before then, he worked as an enterprise account manager at eir Business, a Dublin-based telecommunications company, for 5 years. Emmanuel is an alumnus of the University of Calabar, in Nigeria, and the University of Portsmouth, UK.



Dr. AbdulRaheem Bello is the founder of Afthon, a startup founded to commercialize pressure gain combustion (detonation) engines for power generation, aerospace propulsion, and industrial applications. In spring 2011, he earned dual bachelor's degrees in astronomy and physics (honours) in three years from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Bello holds masters and doctorate degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. As a researcher at the University of Texas at Arlington, he worked on various projects including the operation of a detonation driven hypersonic shock tunnel, developed a detonation engine power generator, and performed various gas dynamics studies for projects sponsored by fortune 500 companies. Bello has also published four papers from his studies on detonation engines. He was an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington where he taught undergraduate courses in engineering analysis and experimental methods and measurements.



Bunmi Banjo is the head of Brand, Reputation and Digital skills, sub-Saharan Africa at Google where she leads a team that drives the company's effort to equip millions of SMEs with digital skills for jobs and business growth. She started her career at Google as the Head of SMB marketing, Google Nigeria. She is an alumna of the University of Toronto where she majored in Psychology and Biology.



Kimberly Anyadike grew up in Compton, California. She has an elder brother and sister. Her parents are originally from Nigeria. She is an American pilot from Compton, California. In 2009, at the age of 15, she became the youngest African-American woman to complete a transcontinental flight across the United States, from Los Angeles, California to Newport News, Virginia. Anyadike was accompanied by an adult safety pilot, and by a retired Air Force pilot who had served with the WWII Tuskegee Airmen. Her plane was autographed by about 50 Tuskegee airmen as she stopped at different cities across the US, and she completed the round-trip journey in a single-engine Cessna 172 in 13 days. In 2015, Anyadike received the first Young Aviator's Award from the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of her achievements. In 2016, she graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a degree.



Remi Dada is the head of B2C product marketing of YouTube, Sub-Saharan Africa; he was formerly the head of B2C product Marketing, Nigeria at Google. He holds two degrees; a BSc in Architectural studies, and an MBA from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Howard University respectively. He studied Architecture at the University of Illinois and studied marketing three years after at Howard. He has over 10 years of experience in designing and constructing innovative and collaborative tech officespaces.



Boluwatife Aiki-Raji, In 2016 came out 1st in Dell intern Hackathon with the goal of innovating new ideas for dell technology. He is a computer science graduate of Howard University. Before enrolling at Howard University, Bolu had his secondary school education at Olashore International School, Osun state in Nigeria. He's currently a quality assurance engineer on the measurement team at Twitter.



Keji Giwa is a British-Nigerian entrepreneur with key interests and expertise in digital technology strategy and execution; he is the founder & CEO of Digital Bananas Technology, [1] a digital solutions provider and Career Insights, and e-work experience platform that gives candidates the practical hands on training and work experience required to be competent digital project management and business analysis professionals. Both companies operate and offer services in the UK and sub-Saharan Africa.



Debola Olufon has a history with Apple, dating as far back as 2010. In his humble beginnings, he started as a floor worker for Apple Retail in London. As a workshop facilitator, he provided training for members of the public and press on new Apple products. He took on a couple other roles after then, including ‘mentor & recruitment coordinator’ and ‘Apple Expert.’ Not satisfied with his position, he proceeded to the London Metropolitan University to obtain a post-graduate diploma in HR management (CIPD). He has since returned to take on the role of HR Admin at Apple in London.



Sefunmi Osinaike describes himself as an “advocate for entrepreneurship as a means for solving distinctive problems.” He is a co-founder of Pave, which is a time management tool for students to improve and enhance their productivity. Looking for a challenge to expand his horizon, Sefunmi decided to take on the corporate world, cutting his first teeth as a Programme Manager at Microsoft’s Redmond Head Quarters. By August of 2016, he had moved on to join Apple at the company’s Cupertino HQ, where he works in product operations, which puts him at the heart of iPhone production. He currently works in Copper as a product manager.



Chukwuemeka Afigbo completed his Secondary School education at Command secondary School Abakaliki, Ebonyi State. He then went on to study Electronic Engineering at University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

According to Crunch base, a database for tech heads, Chukwuemeka is a Strategic Product Partnerships manager for Facebook. He is focused on helping developers in Africa and the Middle East succeed by leveraging Facebook’s platforms, products and initiatives.

Emeka has a passion for growing the tech ecosystem in emerging markets. Prior to Facebook, Emeka led Google developer community initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa as part of the Africa and Middle East Developer Relations team. He played a huge role in Mark Zuckerberg’s recent visit to Nigeria.



Ime Archibong is the Director of Global Products Partnership at Facebook. He has led several of the company’s major media related partnerships, including those in the music industry and online video space. He has a BS in Computer science and technology (1999-2003), and has an MBA from Stanford University, where he held the post of Student Association President. Prior to joining Facebook, Ime was an Advanced Technology Business Development Professional at IBM where he focused on the licensing of IBM’s global portfolio of storage research technology. He started his career at IBM as a software engineer. At Facebook, he has been responsible for building partnerships aligned with Facebook’s product strategy initiatives that drove innovations like Blockchain, developers, etc.



Juliet Ehimuan-Chiazor is a Nigerian technology expert and entrepreneur. She is currently Google's Country Manager in Nigeria. In August 2011, she was listed in Forbes' "20 Youngest Power Women In Africa." She holds an Executive MBA from the London Business School, a Post Graduate degree in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge, UK; and obtained a Bachelor's degree with First Class honours in Computer Engineering from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. She is a recipient of the London Business School Global Women's Scholarship, and at Cambridge University she received two scholarly awards – Selwyn College Scholar and Malaysian Commonwealth Scholar.



Nmachi Jidenma works at WhatsApp as the head of its Global Channel Strategy & Development and head of Global Strategic partnerships, North America where she manages partnerships with financial services companies such as Uber, Netflix, Wish and Airbnb as well as Partnerships with United Nations agencies to drive WhatsApp's usage for social good. She develops new product initiatives at the intersection of payments, commerce, social networking and advertising. Prior to WhatsApp, she worked as a Global Business Development Manager for PayPal's billion dollar strategic initiative targeting next generation opportunities.



Tutu Adenle is the Director of User Operations at Twitter. Before joining the company in April 2019, she was the Director of Customer Success at Counsyl. Tutu has extensive experience cut across various industries including financial services, biotech, and medical devices, among others. Before Counsyl, she worked for three years as Senior Manager; Customer Experience at American Express. Tutu holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Gustavus Adolphus College (1999-2003), a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University (2003-2005) and a Global MBA in Global Management/International Business (2007-2009) from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.



Babatunde Fashola is a software engineer on the Data Insights team at Twitter. He had his primary and secondary school education in Nigeria and got his first degree in Physiology from the University of Ibadan (2005-2009). Then he proceeded to get his master's degree in Bioinformatics from Morgan State University (2013- 2014).

Before he went to twitter, he had worked at IBM as a Research intern and at Morgan State University as an IT Web Integration Developer all from June 2013- December 2015.

Babatunde's role at Twitter entails building APIs at a scale, for data delivery to third party partners for analyses and gaining insight.



Ikechi Obiajunwa is an alumnus of Syracuse University. Prior to joining Twitter, he worked at a couple of other notable tech companies including Samsung Electronics, Google and Intel Corporation.

As a software engineer at Twitter, Ikechi is on the Data Products API teams where he is responsible for building API endpoints that are intuitive for developers and allow internal teams to iterate and build features faster.

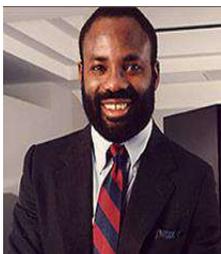
Obiajunwa got his BSc in Engineering and Master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Syracuse University. He also volunteered as a gardener in Gabriel's place from September to November 2013.



Dr. Ozak Esu, The energy problem in Nigeria inspired her to study Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Loughborough University. Dr Esu joined Cundall as a graduate engineer while completing her PhD during which she researched on low-cost electronics to monitor wind turbine blades.



Emiola Banwo is a product designer at Twitter. As a member of the company's Revenue Productivity team, Emiola designs digital tools for the company's global sales force. According to Emiola, he has a deep passion for personal, organizational, and global development. He worked at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byer a Design Fellow. He is a graduate of the University of Dallas, Texas where he majored in Computer Engineering, and minored in Cognitive Science and Human-Computer interaction.



Philip Emeagwali is a Nigerian computer scientist based in the United States. He won the 1989 Gordon Bell Prize, considered to be Nobel Prize in computing, for in high-performance computing applications, in an oil reservoir modeling calculation using a novel mathematical formulation and implementation.

Philip Emeagwali was born in Akure but of Igbo origin in Onitsha, Anambra State.

His early schooling was suspended in 1967 because of the Nigerian Civil War. At 13 years, he served in the Biafran Army. For his deep interest in mathematics and performance at school, he was nicknamed "Calculus" by his peers. He completed high-school equivalence through self-study in flying colours. This earned him scholarship that aided his sojourn to the US for university education in early 1970s.



Chinecherem Eze is a Nigerian-American serial entrepreneur, investor, actress, and film producer. She is the founder and CEO of Hissbox, a fast-growing film distribution, app and streaming company. She also founded Adaora.com a beauty-niched multi-vendor online marketplace alongside Adaora Beauty, a retail beauty store with franchises across the nation. Eze was recognized and honored with the Outstanding Professional of the Year Award by the United States Congresswoman Karen Bass, for her outstanding achievements in business having moved to the United States as a 20 year old immigrant from Nigeria, and within three years of startup, her company Adaora became a household name with franchise locations across various parts of the country, while also serving as a Reservist with the United States Army.



Emmanuella Mayaki is a 10-year-old coding and programming prodigy who recently received her first job at the Southfield Primary School in Coventry, England, as the afterschool coding club teacher. According to Face 2 Face Africa, she will be responsible for teaching other children her age about the basics of coding including HTML and CSS. Mayaki's passion for technology started at 7 years old, where, in another two years she would obtain a diploma with a specialty in multiple software programmes including Advanced PowerPoint, Desktop Publishing, and Advanced Excel. She is still actively learning other coding languages and programmes to expand her knowledge even further.



Olaoluwa Okelola is one of the few Nigerian-born software engineers at Facebook. Before he joined Facebook in 2007, he worked as an engineering intern at Google from May 2006 until August 2006 and prior to that, he was an intern at Microsoft. Olaoluwa is from Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. Having completed his secondary education at the International School Ibadan, Okelola proceeded to Avi-Cenna International School and Howard University, Washington DC, to complete his secondary and university education respectively. He holds a degree in Systems and Computer science.



Wendy A. Okolo PH.D became the **First Black** woman to obtain a Ph.D. degree in aerospace engineering from University of Texas at Arlington in 2015 at 26. She is an outstanding aerospace research engineer in the Intelligent Systems Division at NASA Ames Research Center.

Okolo started her career as an undergraduate intern for Lockheed Martin, working on NASA's Orion spacecraft. Over the course of two summers, she interned with the Requirements Management Office in Systems Engineering and the Hatch Mechanisms team in Mechanical Engineering.

As a graduate student, Okolo later worked in the Control Design & Analysis Branch of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

She is a Sub-Project Manager at the Intelligent Systems Division of NASA Ames. She is also a research engineer in the Discovery and Systems Health Technology (DaSH).



Omowunmi "Wunmi" Sadik is a Professor of Chemistry and the founding Director of the Center for Research in Advanced Sensing Technologies and Environmental Sustainability (CREATES) at the State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY Binghamton), where she has been a member of the faculty since 1996. She is also the President and Co-Founder of the Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization (SNO) a non-profit, international professional society dedicated to advancing sustainable Nano technological solutions around the world through education, research, and the promotion of the responsible growth of nanotechnology.



This is a Nigerian genius, **Abdulrazak Ibrahim**, who invented and patented an insect control technology in Brazil that will help farmers protect their plants from getting destroyed by white flies. The Bayero University, Kano, graduate is hoping to protect crops in Africa from destructive insects.



Obi Anusiem is the CEO and co-founder of NGEX, a provider of Data, Platforms and Analytics that enable clients drive awareness and engage with audiences in Africa and the African Diaspora. He has interests in Data, Technology and Marketing. He is also the founder of Club 14, a group of professionals in Silicon Valley focused on identifying social and financial resources that enrich and improve their well-being. Club '14 also invests actively in startups, VCs, businesses and other opportunities in the Diaspora and Africa. Investments by members include Paystack, Cowrywise, San Francisco property, Ingressive Capital, Oui Capital, Semicolon and more.

Obi has also worked as a consultant on various projects in Africa and the African Diaspora and led teams of consultants and developers in initiating product development, growth strategies and building technology-based solutions for clients.

He has prior experience in Finance and Engineering roles at several multinationals including Intel, Goodrich, Ford Motor Company and General Motors. He also has an MBA from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University in Michigan and a B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Port-Harcourt.



Lola Odujinrin, Elephant & Castle-born Lola Odujinrin became the first pilot of African descent to fly solo around the world last year. But even before his record-breaking journey, he had to cross all sorts of borders.

‘I know I’m the last person you’d expect to have flown around the world. I was born in South London to a family with no money, and I’ve had to work very hard to achieve my dreams’ He said.



Adeola Ogunmola Sowemimo hails from Ogbomoso in Oyo state.

She started a pre-degree course at LAUTECH but couldn't complete it because she had to proceed to Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Zaria, Kaduna to start up her standard pilot course in 2009 to 2010. Afterwards, she concluded her course (commercial pilot license) in 2011 at Sunrise Aviation Inc. Florida, USA. There in 2011, enrolled for a part time course with LAUTECH to study Transport Management (BSc) which she has successfully completed. She joined Medview Airlines in 2013 till October 2018, first as a First officer on Boeing 737 classic, and was later upgraded to Boeing 767-300ER. She is the first Nigerian female pilot at Qatar Airways and the first Nigerian female pilot to fly the Boeing 787 Dreamliner across the Atlantic.



Bayodele Olutu is the Product Manager- Chrome and Android at Google, North America. Prior to joining Google, Bayodele was the design, planning and optimization lead at Ericsson. He also previously worked at Celtel and Zain Nigeria and also at Huawei Technologies Nigeria. He studied mechanical engineering at Obafemi Awolowo University. He holds an MBA, business administration and project management from the Manchester Business School.



Adaora Udoji is a media innovator, producer and investor who produces content at the intersection of emerging technologies such as virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and artificial intelligence (AI). She is an adviser to VR- AR Association-NYC Chapter, an adjunct professor at New York University's Interactive Telecommunications Programme at the Tisch School of the Arts, and an occasional investor. Udoji is of Nigerian-Irish-American descent. Born to father, Godfrey Udoji, former chief engineer for the city of Dearborn, Michigan, and mother, Mary, former director of Washtenaw County Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she has lived on three continents including Africa, Europe and North America, and holds dual American and Irish citizenship.



Titus Olowokere is President&CEO, US-Nigeria Trade Council USA. Titus holds a bachelor's degree in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from the University of Ife, Nigeria. He also has certificates in Business Consulting and Product Management from the prestigious Lagos Business School. He is an Oracle Certified professional in the Oracle technology stack; just as he is President Emeritus of the Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG) and Director of Administration of NICORE, an organization that facilitates the economic development of Nigerians and their communities in the United States of America.



Modupeola "Dupsy" Abiola is a British-Nigerian (non- practising) barrister, entrepreneur and businesswoman. Dupsy is Head of Global Innovation for IAG. She is entrepreneur who is passionate about innovation and technology. She graduated from Oxford University and has been the recipient of numerous professional and academic awards. She has worked on matters ranging from multi-million pound complex technical disputes to supporting and advising high potential ventures and teams on growth and innovation. Dupsy previously founded and ran an award-winning HR technology platform called Intern Avenue. She appeared on the hit show BBC Dragons Den in 2012 and became the first ever HR Recruitment Business in the show's history to successfully pitch and be offered investment. Following the show, she did not take investment from the Dragons but raised substantial funds from a syndicate of investors led by the former Chairman of a FTSE 100 Technology Recruitment Business. The company was later taken over by Bright Network.



Tope Bello; With a background in urban and regional planning, from the University of Lagos (1997-2002) and a master's in geographic information sciences from the University of Texas (2004-2005), Tope is a seasoned geospatial software designer. His career kicked off at ESRI, a US-based GIS software company, where he spent almost a decade honing his skills. In 2014, he represented Esri at the United Nations meeting to strengthen international community support and he provided technical recommendation on data management strategies to the various Chief information officers (CIO) from OCHA, WHO, and other key UNMEER partners.



Adebayo Adesanya, a software engineer who went from working with Andela in Lagos to joining the tech team of Berlin-based Candis, a firm that automates accounting processes, in September 2018. Adebayo studied Management Information Systems at university and started his professional career in software development at Seamfix Nigeria in 2012. He later moved to L5 Labs and Konga before landing at Andela in 2017. In six years, he worked four different jobs. Yet his motivation to leave each job was never for more money. His increase in pay was usually marginal. He was more interested in finding new challenges. But, according to Adebayo, "There are no awards for long service."



Tayo Olukoya began his career at Twitter in 2015 as a software engineer intern. Four years down the line, he is now a senior engineer at the company.

He is a member of the Health Reporting and Remediation team at the company's headquarters where he builds and maintains systems and products that power transparency and effective enforcement of Twitter rules. Tayo holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from University of California, Berkeley College of Engineering.

He also worked at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory as an undergraduate Researcher, San Francisco International Airport and Goldman Sachs.



Nnamdi Abraham-Igwe has been the emerging markets Lead at Google since 2012. He started his career at Google in 2004 where he was a network engineer and has since climbed up the ladder to hold a lead position. He co-founded the Google OnHub and also created a Google-led programme to support Universities in Africa with international connectivity and technical training, turning this into a global effort that reached many universities and academic research networks in Africa, South East and South America. Nnamdi holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.



Engr Odijie Irabor was born and brought up in Isua Arue Uromi, Esan North East Local Government area of Edo State Nigeria. He attended Arue Primary School, Arue Secondary School and Benin Technical College where he studied Automobile Mechanical. He underwent the training under Germany's Dual Vocational Training system. As part of the dual system, you will attend classes at a vocational school and receive on-the-job training at cars Production Company in German language. He worked with EDEGBE MOTORS for a period of seven years before relocating to Germany in 2011. Every attempt to work as a mechanic in Germany proved abortive because of the nature of modern day's vehicle that run on electric, sensors and brainbox. He was left with no option than to go back to school with language barrier to battle with. But today, the rest is history.



Promise Ukekwe is the founder of CSN Energy which is an Energy Cloud Operator. The company provides a cloud-based energy supply management platform and related services, which enables private or public companies to play the role of an Energy Supplier in order to enrich their existing service offerings. WeDeex is the company's Business Digital Platform dedicated to energy (gas and electricity) transactions management, with trading and balancing capabilities, tariff engine and complete customer care suite. The system is fully automated, uses smart contracts and becomes a disintermediation platform for peer to peer transactions when connected to a block chain technology, able to manage self-consumption and renewables with online access to smart energy efficiency solutions.



Dr. Temitope Agbana is developing malaria detection technology that can save lives.

He invented Smart Optical Devices for diagnosing malaria-xce/scope and Schisto somaisis (SODOS) using the telephone handset.



Akin Salami is man on a mission and he is also what could be called a serial entrepreneur. This is most evident in the way that he has sought to revolutionize the face of Black media through the creation of the OH Networks brand. OH Networks started life as OH TV a single channel on the SKY platform in the UK but in five short years, is now a fully fledged media network. OH TV can now be seen across Africa and in Nigeria on the STARTIMES and DAARSAT platforms with a huge percentage of its programming evident on MNET Africa Magic on the DSTV platform. Along the way Akin has collected numerous awards including three Channel of the Year Awards for OH TV. The Mirror Boy OH Film's maiden feature has gone on to break records and to date is one of the most awarded African movies of all time with over 20 awards.



Dayo Olowosale is the Founder and Director Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury CIC.

He is an IT Consultant with Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust and does quite a lot in supporting Nigerians young, adults, elderly, less privileged and less advantaged Diasporans in the UK.

Dayo has received a number of awards and recommendations, ranging from nomination to facilitate different events in the county and also engaging our children to avoid them being idle minds for the devil's workshop.



Omose Ogala is a software engineer in test on the Quality Assurance team at Twitter. He is responsible for building mobile (iOS and Android) and web framework for company-wide automation testing. He is also the founder and iOS engineer at Ogala Apps, a startup that develops iOS apps and games. He worked as an intern at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Moody's Analytics and Dell Technologies.



Ebony Turner, (Communications Associate), began her career at Vanity Fair as an Editorial and Fashion Closet Intern and then as an Editorial Intern at ELLE Magazine. She has also worked in other notable American organizations including the New York Jets and Lyft.

Ebony joined Twitter in December 2018 as a Product Communications specialist. She works with the company's external communications team supporting its Global Reach, Design and Consumer Products teams. Alongside her team members, Ebony Turner works with reporters and journalists to amplify the work various teams at Twitter are doing every day.



Tiffany Oche – Product Manager

As a Project Manager on Twitter’s Conversations Team, Tiffany’s role is focused on finding ways to reduce barriers to public conversations on Twitter.

She speaks English, Mandarin, and Portuguese and holds a bachelor’s degree in Cognitive Science from Yale University.



Vanessa Ikebudu won the Best Project Award of the 2016 class at Imperial College London, also graduating with a degree in bioengineering in the top percentile.

Vanessa, who graduated from Vivian Fowler Memorial College in 2011, developed a portable exhaled breath condenser, a non-invasive technology, which, instead of using invasive methods, such as blood or human tissue testing, would analyze breath for different biomarkers such as hydrogen, nitrogen oxide and even DNA, to help diagnose diseases like asthma and lung cancer early.

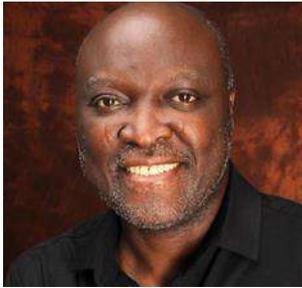
Vanessa’s project was based on an innovative, high-performance and low-cost variation of a breath condenser, which could be used to liquefy breath to form condensates that can be tested for various biomarkers associated with different diseases.



Tom Ilube, a philanthropist and tech entrepreneur of Nigerian origin was named British's most powerful black man by Powerlist Magazine.

He studied at the University of Benin, where he got a B.Sc in Physics. He later went to Cass Business School in London, where he got an MBA.

He is currently the CEO of cyber security firm Crossword Cybersecurity plc and has previously founded several start-up technology businesses. He currently sits on the board of WPP as an independent Non-Executive Director. His 30-year career in the UK technology sector includes roles at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Goldman Sachs and the London Stock Exchange. In his education work, Tom is Chair of the African Science Academy, the continent’s first all-girls science and maths school, and is an Advisory Fellow of St Anne's College, University of Oxford



Gafar Lawal was appointed by Microsoft as the Managing Director of its Africa Development Centre in Nigeria, launched in May 2019.

With more than 20 years of experience in various business functions, Lawal returns to Microsoft from Morgan Stanley where he served as Managing Director and Global Chief Technology Architect for the Wealth Management Division. Prior to his time at Morgan Stanley, Lawal spent over six years working at Microsoft's US headquarters in Redmond, WA as Partner Architect in the Windows server group and Windows phone services division.

He also spent 10 years as First Vice-President and Chief Technology Architect at Merrill Lynch.



Kunle Awosika is the Country Manager for Microsoft Corporation in Kenya.

Prior to his appointment in Kenya in 2013, Kunle worked as Director, Enterprise & Public Sector Business for (Anglophone) Africa, contributing to the business expansion within the growth region of West Africa. Part of his key achievements in Nigeria include, working with government divisions responsible for the implementation of the Government Wide Messaging & Collaboration Platform (GWMC) to foster a uniform messaging & communication platform across government entities. He was also responsible for driving business in the enterprise market, including running the telecommunications sector across West East Central Africa (WECA).

He sits as part of the ICT Committee for the Ondo City Vision 2015 in Nigeria and on the board of AMCHAM ICT committee in Kenya.



Orimolade Oluwamuyemi Alexander holds an MBA in Marketing. He is the Marketing and Communications Coordinator -Philanthropies for Microsoft in the Middle East Africa. He is responsible for Microsoft's Social Good Campaigns, Marketing and Communications for Philanthropies/Government Affairs to both internal and external audiences in the region. Prior to this role, he was Microsoft Nigeria Communications lead for five years where his responsibilities include, but not limited to the operational, executional and tactical implementation of all Communications efforts for Microsoft in Nigeria.

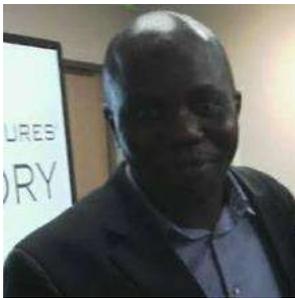
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