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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend,

A leader must not be afraid to fail; if he or she does, then he or she has failed to inspire a generation of great leaders in waiting.

Failures are incubators that prepare leaders for greatness and embolden others to embrace larger than life endeavors that stand them out amongst their peers.

I encourage you to embrace your failures, for within them resides the keys to your breakthroughs.

Have a breakthrough month.



HADASSAH STEM CHALLENGE



It may not always be on the forefront of our minds, but basically everything on earth has been inspired by the curiosity of mankind. Without certain daring scientific inventions and innovations from both past and present, the world would vastly have been barren.

For this reason, the Millennial Hadassah STEM Foundation was birthed to stir the creative and innovative potentials of young girls, while giving them the right tools and support.

Through these young girls, we are committed to bringing a global change by providing support and platform for them to discover their creative ability to think outside the box and bring solutions to global problems.

To this end, Millennial Hadassah STEM Foundation will be hosting her first Science Challenge tagged '**Discover it, Innovate it**'.

The competition will run for 7 weeks for the 21 Hadassah STEM Ambassadors, after which the best innovation will be picked from our panel of experienced STEM Judges and the winner announced at the grand official unveil of the Hadassah Foundation in December.

The girls are individually expected to identify a problem in one of the areas; healthcare, Coding, Climate Change, Sustainable Energy, Robotics/Electronics, Music Production, Web Development, space and generate a solution to it.

YEO FOUNDATION SUCCESS STORY

FELICIA AJADI

Felicia Ajadi, one of the 2018 YEO Foundation Beneficiaries at the Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Program (WEEP) - Season 2, in this interview, gives insight on how the seed funding from the Foundation has boosted her business... [Read More](#)



IMPACT ALUMNI HOSTS INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Impact Alumni was held on the 13th of October at the Bay Atlantic premises. Over 100 Alumni, comprising students from different sets who have graduated from the Impact Academy since inception in 2012, graced the occasion.

The interim chairman of the Alumni, Seyi Oladeji, opened the event with a debrief of the purpose and objectives of the association which includes to foster and promote a closely-knit network of alumni of present and future constituent parts of the parent body, amongst others. It was an evening of heartwarming testimonials from Alumni present and videos from some Alumni members in different parts of the globe who could not make the AGM were played.

The COO charged the Alumni, reiterating that IYW has giving them what it takes to succeed and we only want to keep hearing of their exploits in their different pursuits. He stated how happy and fulfilling it was to hear how the Alumni had put into practice what they learnt from the academy.

The Visioneers, Engr. & Mrs. Odumankinde were also present to address the Alumni. They were very elated to hear of the good reports and successes being recorded by them. Engr. Akin charged them not to relent on their oars to take their talents and gifts to the global stage.

An Alumnus from Season 1 of the Impact Leadership Academy, Camara Mohammed, flew in from Germany to attend the event and had so much to share with the audience. It was very inspiring as he shared his struggles from childhood to his time now in Germany. He also had his mother come over from Guinea to Nigeria to express her gratitude to the Odumakindes' for the Impact Your World vision that has largely shaped his growth.

The Association then presented Distinguished Leadership awards to Engr. Akin Odumankinde



for his vision to raise the next generation leaders, and Mrs. Yinka Odumakinde for her Humanitarian Service to empower women and children.

The Impact Alumni Association's logo was unveiled by Engr. & Mrs Odumakinde together with the distinguished guests present. Dr. Henrietta Onwuegbuzie of the Lagos Business School and Engr. George Shofoluwe of Deltatek gave words of encouragement to the Alumni to keep the group going to scale up the impact, locally and globally.



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

The 2nd edition of the annual scholarship award presentation for the 2018/2019 academic session at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Akure, Ondo State, was held on the 6th of October within the school premises.

In all, thirteen new students were selected from 26 students in SS2 that wrote the scholarship examination, while seven students in SS3 who are previous beneficiaries of the scheme from last session received the award.

St. Thomas Aquinas College, Akure was founded in January, 1951 by a Catholic Bishop, Rev. Dr. Thomas Hughes who was an expatriate. In other to support the



educational pursuits of students in his Alma Mata, Engr. Akin Odumakinde started this yearly scholarship awards in 2017.



ELO FOUNDATION PRESENTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



It was celebration time for parents and students at the 4th edition of the Ebunoluwa Lydia Odumakinde (ELO) Foundation Scholarship award presentation. The award ceremony which took place at St Peter's Anglican Church, Ijare on the 7th October, 2018 had 100 students from both the public and private schools in Ijare receive their awards for the 2018/2019 academic session. Of the 100 students, 23 new Awardees in SS1 were selected while the other 77 students are previous scholarship Awardees in SS2 and SS3 who are qualified to receive the scholarship this year.

While announcing the names of this year's Awardees, Joseph Baiyekusi, COO of Impact Your World, reiterated the criteria upon which these 100 students were selected, gave a scorecard of last year's performances and a breakdown of this year's results, where the student with the highest score was resented with a cash prize with his parents. He also announced the new programs and plans being introduced this year to further boost the performances of the Awardees.

He urged the students to always put in their best to distinguish themselves among their contemporaries, noting that the award was meant for only exceptional students.



The Foundation was established in 2015 in honour of late Mrs. Egunoluwa Lydia Odumakinde to support and promote spiritual and educational excellence amongst secondary school students in Ijare. It has continuously given 100 students scholarships worth N30,000 annually since its inception. This year marks a significant milestone for the ELO Foundation in that it is the first time in its existence that 17 students out of the 23 who graduated scored over 200 in JAMB and 13 out of the 17 students have already gained admission into higher institutions.

ILC UNILAG CHAPTER HOSTS INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE



ILC Unilag Chapter recently organized an Inter Secondary School debate named the Kolade Alabi Inter School Debate Competition. The debate is named after Hon. Kolade Alabi – the Honorable Chairman of Bariga Local Council Development area.

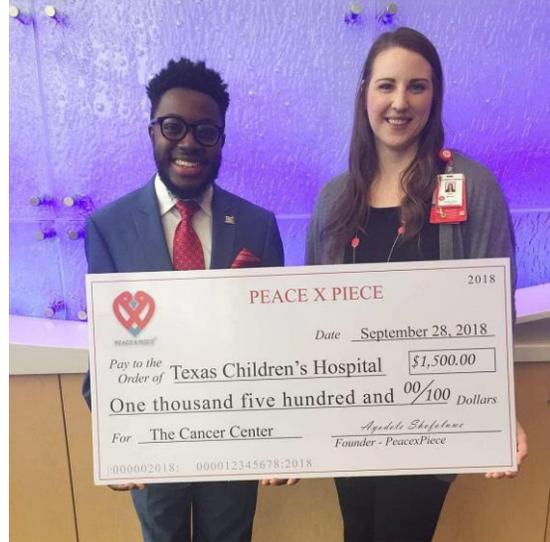
The debate was organized with the aim of inspiring innovative thinking. The debate drew participants from 40 schools – 20 private and public schools. The competition was in three stages. First, all 40 participating schools made a 5-minute position video on the topic “**Nigeria has a Future**”. 12 schools advanced to the semifinals.

The 12 schools were sieved via an impromptu debate and six schools proceeded to the finals. The finals took place on the 17th October 2018, where participants were tasked with the policy statement: **The Relevance of Social Media to Grassroot Politics**. The top three schools were; Our lady of Apostles Secondary School, Sabo who came 1st and took the prize money of N100,000, Ipakodo Grammar School, Ikorodu came 2nd and went with N75,000 while CMS Girls Grammar School, Bariga came 3rd and won N50,000.

WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

Ayo Shofoluwe, an Impact Ambassador from University of Houston in Season 3, recently donated \$1,500 to the Texas Children's Hospital for a Cancer Center. His music and philanthropic organization, PeacexPiece, recently launched its annual flagship event, the PeaceXCulture Fest in July 2018. The PeaceXCulture Fest is an annual community event that includes a selection of artists and performers for an evening of entertainment, networking, and positive impact to the community. Partnering with numerous sponsors, PeacexPiece raised over \$1,500 for the Texas Children's Hospital Cancer Center.

In October, he was also selected to represent the University of Houston at the National Black Male Educators Convening in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We wish Ayo well in his future impact endeavors.



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This is the Foundation created by Mrs. Yinka Esther Odumakinde to train, empower and transform the lives of the less privileged

HADASSAH STEM

This is the Foundation created by Teniola Odumakinde to Identify, Nurture and Train young girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics



**This Foundation is in honor of Mrs. Ebunoluwa Lydia Odumakinde for educational support in
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