

# UBAANA NEWS



News and updates from the members and friends of the University of Benin Alumni Association of North America

## Dallas Chapter to Host 2023 Reunion

### Message from UBAANA Dallas

Since 2004, UBAANA has kept a tradition of hosting Annual Reunion events to unite members and graduates of the institution to reconnect, network, merry, and build a vibrant alumni association. The 2023 reunion will take place from July 27 to July 30, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, a modern metropolis in north Texas, is an exciting city, and we can't wait to see every one of you there; Downtown's Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza commemorates the site of President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963. In addition, Dallas has many side attractions, from food, culture, and events. Come experience an authentic vibe of southern hospitality.

Hotel reservations for the reunion have commenced in earnest, and you can reserve your room here:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DFWRO/G-UNVI>

We look forward to seeing you in Dallas



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Dallas Chapter to host UBAANA 2023 Reunion	1
UBAANA 2022 Reunion in Chicago	1
From the President's Corner	2
UBAANA 2022 Reunion in Chicago	4
Goodwill messages from the Chapters	5
Commissioning of the UBAANA Recreation Centre	14
UBAANA donates computers and accessories to UNIBEN	15
UNIBEN Transcript Application Process	16
UBAANA confers Posthumous Award on Prof. Oshodin, ex-UNIBEN VC	17
Condolences	17
Presentation of computers and accessories	18
Announcement	18
Alumni on the move	19
Meet your Executive Committee Members	20

## UBAANA 2022 Reunion in Chicago – Amazing Camaraderie of UBAANAites

By Dr. Henrietta Orumwense, Secretary General, UBAANA

Greatest Uniben! Distinguished Alumni!

The first in-person reunion since the onset of Covid was hosted by the UBAANA Midwest Chapter from July 28 - 31, 2022. The program commenced on Thursday July 28 with the arrival of delegates, a golf tournament at Heritage Oaks Golf Club, Northbrook, IL, and dinner and networking.

On Friday July 29, there was an unforgettable cruise and buffet lunch on the Odyssey along Lake Michigan. The day ended with a “meet and greet welcome Party” at the Grand Ballroom where the dancing was so intense and captivating that the party goes almost forgot that an early night was needed for the early start to Saturday activities.

Several distinguished guests from Uniben attended the general assembly meeting along with UBAANA members on Saturday July 30. The vice chancellor of Uniben, Prof. L. I. Salami gave a presentation on the state of affairs in Uniben and acknowledged that the contributions of UBAANA members, both individually and collectively, have made a difference in our alma mater.

*Continued on page 3*

## From the President's Corner



Dear Fellow Alums,

Compliments of the Season!

I am honored to be president of this prestigious alumni organization and it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present my 2022 end of Year remarks.

2022 was truly a defining moment for us to adjust to the changing times and still hold on to our most valuable unchanging principles. As an association, we were so fortunate not to have lost any member but instead we have continued to increase numerically and in strength. With the current pandemic and it's ensuing ramifications, we have been faced with many challenges and difficulties. However, we have been so resilient and determined to overcome the obstacles and have been victorious as a family.

Consequently, with the support of all members, we were able to initiate, complete and commission the UBAANA Recreational Center at Ekehuan Campus. UBAANA donated computers and accessories to the University of Benin to enhance the processing and issuance of transcripts by the Exams and Records Division of the University. With the compelling need for expansion, the Northern California chapter was recently inaugurated. During the year, a number of chapters held picnics, end of year parties and membership drives with great success. Furthermore, the 2022 Chicago Reunion was held with so much pomp and fun. It was a time to celebrate and be celebrated. New members of the Board of Directors were appointed and sworn in at our reunion event.

Members have been given the opportunity to speak out and be heard. We have provided a rich and robust WhatsApp platform for meaningful engagement. There is a need to appreciate members of this community for their steadfastness and commitment towards actualizing our vision statement. I promise to continue working tirelessly with all members to ensure that we perform exceptional service delivery to this family as well as the University of Benin Community. Our high-performance dream team executive committee have continued to meet monthly and have exhibited the highest sense of sincerity of purpose. We applaud and appreciate everyone for their commitment and support.

Finally, as the year comes to an end, I am honored to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Great Uniben!

Alex Imuetinyan Eronmwon  
President  
UBAANA

*Continued from page 1*

## UBAANA 2022 Reunion in Chicago – Amazing Camaraderie of UBAANAites

The Chief Medical Director of UBTH, Prof. D. Obaseki also gave a presentation on the matters concerning UBTH, and how UBAANA can contribute to making the hospital one of the best in the nation. The Pro-chancellor and chairman of council, Olor’ogun Dr. S. F. Kuku was also in attendance. The plenary session was followed by a picnic with such a splendid array of delicious dishes that many members went into a food coma. The event continued with dinner and gala on Saturday night with the Keynote address by Mr. Olumide Akpata, the president of the Nigerian Bar Association. President Alex Eronmwon presented awards to deserving members and friends of UBAANA and swore-in the new UBAANA directors. The evening ended in merrymaking and the music was provided by the best DJ ever.

There are so many reasons you should attend UBAANA reunions; the most important of all is the camaraderie that is enjoyed among members. Therefore, all roads must lead to Dallas for UBAANA 2023 reunion.

## UBAANA 2022 Reunion in Chicago





## Message of Goodwill from North Carolina

**UBAANA Carolinas wishes all great  
UBAANITES a safe and happy  
celebration.  
May the new year bring you and your  
family new opportunities!**

Kingsley Cadmus, PharmD, MBA  
Chair, UBAANA Carolinas



## End of Year Message from Philadelphia

At the start of the year, we could not have anticipated the incredible journey of Philadelphia chapter in terms of growth and increasing bonds among members. We participated graciously in members' family weddings, celebration of life and graduations. In the coming year, we intend to grow the chapter with intense membership and financial drive. as we step into the new year, we are confident that our members will become more active and ready to handle all our activities to support members and our community.

Dr. Ben Imoobe  
Chair, Philadelphia Chapter



Chapter members with the Omoregies at their daughter's graduation party



Chapter members at the funeral ceremony of late Pa Asemota



Chapter members at the celebration of life of Late Engr Okoli

## End of Year Message from Dallas Chapter

The highlight of our year was being selected to host the next reunion in 2023. The LOC has swung into action and began preparation.

Details for registration will be out soon.

Here are some pictures from our chapter meetings held during the year:

Efosa Uzamere  
Chair, UBAANA Dallas Chapter.



Meeting hosted by Tony Iro



Dallas chapter representing at the service of songs for the father of UBAANA VP



Meeting hosted by Hon. Tony Igiehon



## Greetings from the DMV Chapter

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year 2023 from the DMV Chapter! In 2022, DMV Chapter members participated in a number of events. We had the pleasure and honor of witnessing the wedding ceremony of Princess Omonigho Olumese and Mr. Osasuyi Urhoghide held in California, MD on Saturday, June 11, 2022. About a month later, however, we were saddened by the bereavement of our member and UBAANA National Treasurer, Anita Uwa Oghagbon. On July 17, 2022, DMV Chapter members paid Anita a condolence visit to commiserate with her and her family on the loss of her husband.

We wish all UBAANA members a wonderful and joyous New Year, 2023!

Dr. Paulinus Chigbu  
Chair, UBAANA DMV Chapter



Esan Traditional Wedding Ceremony between Terry Urhoghide and Princess Omonigho Olumese at Historic Southern Maryland City on June 11, 2022. UBAANA was fully represented from all over North America



Condolence visit to Anita Uwa Oghagbon by members of the DMV Chapter

## End of Year Greetings from Houston Chapter

UBAANA Houston Chapter recently had an Inaugural Ball. FIRST of its kind in the History of UBAANA. A Brainchild of our former Chairperson; Mr Olaniyi Oyedele. This will be a recurring Bi-annual Event to celebrate UBAANA Houston Chapter upon subsequent electoral Tenures. This Black-Tie Ball is a Professional & member-funded Event. The funds realized from our Inaugural Ball drive surpassed our expectations.

Big Thanks to all members that contributed to hosting the Event. Special appreciation to UBAANITES outside the Chapter; Mr. Alex Eronmwon (President), Dr. Kingsley Momodu (NC), Dr. Neena Afejukwu (NY/NJ), Mr. Ife Ekunife (Chicago) & Dr. Margaret Adubor (NY) for their contributions to our fund drive. We appreciate your generous support to the Chapter. Special Thanks to our Past Chair Mr. Olaniyi Oyedele to have held the fort and kept the Chapter standing despite all odds, to which an award was presented to show our appreciation. Much love to our Pioneer Past Chairperson Mrs. Osarugue Sanusi for her continued presence & support to the Chapter. Kudos to members of UBAANA Houston Chapter for the awesome turn out in numbers like never before, with everyone showing up & showing off. Congratulations UBAANA Houston Chapter Family for a successful event. Thanks for making us proud.... Houston Strong

Dr. Alero Hans  
UBAANA Houston Chair





## End of Year Message from New York/ New Jersey Chapter

Greatest UBAANA!

To my local chapter, UBAANA NY/ NJ chapter members, thank you all for every support you have rendered to the growth of this chapter. We are able to function actively because you have consistently made yourselves available for events. Thank you for all your financial support which has gone a long way to making this tenure a success. We ask that you do not relent in your support for this wonderful association.

Speaking about successes, I would love to reflect on the activities we did in the year 2022. We organized a beautiful picnic in June of 2022 where our families had lots of fun. It was solely funded by NY/ NJ chapter. It was more about families getting together to know one another.

In July, we were one of the largest chapters in attendance at the 2022 National reunion in Chicago. Thank you Chicago for hosting us. We hope to do it again in Dallas 2023.

In the beginning of December 2022, we ushered in the holidays with a Christmas dinner. It was a wonderful time to see ourselves after the summer events. We had a good turnout in number at the Christmas party and sure hope it will get better in the coming year.

NY/ NJ chapter had some local events where some of our members gave us professional and health talks at our monthly meetings. I want to use this opportunity to thank the people who participated in it and made it possible. We hope to do more in our meetings next year.

I will love to appreciate the NY/NJ Exco for the good work they did in the past two years. I know we will be able to do more in the coming year.

Happy Holidays everyone and I wish you a wonderful and healthy 2023.

Racheal Oghagbon Osagie  
Chair, UBAANA NY/ NJ Chapter.

### New York/ New Jersey Chapter Picnic



### New York/ New Jersey Christmas Party



## End of Year Greetings from Southern California Chapter

The SOCAL group of UBAANA met on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for a summer party hosted by Engineer Mike Eghre-Bello and his lovely wife at their home in Bakersfield, California.

The event was well attended, and members freely mingled and enjoyed various games – Table Tennis, connect 4 and ball tossing during the day. At night, a party was held which lasted till 5 a.m. the next morning! The host Mike Eghre-Bello was the DJ, and he did not disappoint!

A new exco was elected to take over from the outgoing executive committee. The outgoing exco chairperson- Dr Tim Mozia handed over the mantle of leadership to the incoming elected chairperson Linda Edhere MD. Linda Edhere accepted her new position and gave thanks to Dr. Tim Mozia and the outgoing Exco members for a work well done during their tenure.

Linda Edhere MD  
Chair, Southern California Chapter



DJ Engr. Mike Eghre-Bello



Chair Linda Edhere MD



Dr. Tim Mozia





## End of Year Greetings from Midwest Chapter

I can't believe we've come to the end of a very productive and successful year. It seems that everyone was yearning to bust out and grab life and all it had to offer. Many of us travelled to so many different countries, states and cities, visiting friends and family.

We here in the Midwest Chapter also had a very exciting year which culminated in one of the best Ubaana Reunion Celebrations yet!!! We had a jolly good time during the boat ride, picnic, and the grand banquet night. Our very own Madam VC and Pro-chancellor helped round off the weekend celebrations. We also added more new members during the year, all in all 2022 was a great year for us. We pray for more wonderful blessings in the New Year.

Joy Ebhomielen  
Midwest Chapter Chair





## End of Year Message from Georgia Chapter

As the year 2022 ends, allow me to, on behalf of the UBAANA GA chapter leadership team, thank everyone who has contributed to the chapter's success in 2022. In spite of the fact of that the chapter did not hold any meeting during the year in review, some of us did make it a point of duty to, among other things, reach out to each other, ensure the chapter is still recognized in the state of Georgia, paid our national dues, supported and attended the national reunion, and constantly be in a "new member search" mode to ensure that the chapter continues to grow. For these great and selfless alumni, I am grateful for your selfless service to the chapter. I would like to particularly thank Mrs. Isoken for her dedication to all things UBAANA-GA. Thank you sister and keep up the good work.

It is my prayer that the new year, 2023, will bring us, fresh hope, new ideas, the fondness of gathering and the grit to lift the chapter to greater heights by networking and being more engaged; developing lasting relationships with each other and our alma mater. I wish you a New Year that is filled with happiness, abundant favor, good health, progress and prosperity.

Usang Ekpe.

Chair, UBAANA Georgia Chapter.



## End of Year Greetings from Northern California Chapter

Greetings from the entire members of the Northern California Chapter of UBAANA! May the Peace and Joy of the Holidays be with you today and throughout the New Year 2023!

Victor Omorogieva  
Chair, Northern California Chapter



## Commissioning of the UBAANA Recreation Centre

Commissioning of the UBAANA Recreation Centre, Ekehuan Campus by UBAANA President Alex Imuetinyan Eronmwon on Wednesday August 31, 2022.





## UBAANA DONATES COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES TO UNIBEN

The University of Benin Alumni Association North America (UBAANA) has donated items of computers and accessories valued at N5.76 million to the University of Benin. The items were donated to enhance the processing and issuance of transcripts by the Exams and Records Division of the University. Receiving the items, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Lilian Salami, thanked the President, Mr. Alex Eronmwon and members of UBAANA for the kind gesture and assured them that the items would be used for the purpose for which they were donated.

The Vice-Chancellor further eulogized UBAANA for its regular donations towards the development of the University and urged other branches of the University of Benin Alumni Association to emulate the UBAANA “give back” tradition. Present at the ceremony were the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lilian Salami, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Catherine Ukponmwan; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Ekehuan Campus, Professor A. B. Ayinde; the Director of Legal Services, Professor Amos Enabulele; the Head, Exams and Records Division, Mr. John Osagie, and the Acting Director, Alumni Relations, Dr Stephen Obeki Obeki.



## UNIBEN Transcript Application Process



### APPLICATION FOR UNIBEN TRANSCRIPT

1. Visit <https://alumni.uniben.edu>
2. Click on 'Request for Transcript'. Applicants are advised to have a valid email account before starting the application process (not the cybercafe's email).
3. Read the instruction on the page.
4. Provide all necessary information. Note that \* means compulsory fields. An immediate mail will be sent to the provided email address.
5. Open your email to get your system-generated ID and Password that you will use to LOG IN.
6. On <https://alumni.uniben.edu> click on 'Login' (top right of the page).
7. Enter your user name and the password from the mail to login.
8. To start the application process proper, Click on 'Edit application record', Provide all required information and upload your passport photograph. (Upload a clear 1" x 1" COLOURED passport photograph with red background in JPEG format only)
9. Upload Eligibility Form and Statement of Result in either JPG or PDF files only. Max. file size: 250 KB.
10. To pay for the Application, click on "Add online payment ticket" at the bottom of the page, then click on "Pay with Remita" on the top left corner of the page, follow the instruction to pay the Transcript fee (see below) with an ATM-Enabled Visa or Master Card from any commercial Bank.
11. Preview and confirm information provided before submitting your application online.

#### PLEASE NOTE

You cannot edit your application after submission. Note that processing of the transcript request will not start until you submit since it is assumed that you are still making changes until submitted

#### AMOUNT TO BE PAID IS DETERMINED by the following factors:

- Destination: within Nigeria; within Africa; outside Africa
- Type of Order: Original: not requested transcript before or original required regardless  
Certified True Copy: Only if transcript has been requested in the past  
Postgraduate Transcripts can only be of type Original.

Include the email address of recipient body to ensure that the electronic copy can be sent to precede the physical copy that is posted via courier.

When payment is successful in your account but does not reflect on the application, go ahead and requery: Open the payment ticket, click on "**Requery Remita payment Status**".

For further Enquiries, please contact **08099993537** or **examsandrecords\_transcripts@uniben.edu**

## UBAANA confers Posthumous Award on Professor Oshodin, ex-UNIBEN VC

The University of Benin Alumni Association, North America (UBAANA), on Monday August 29, 2022, conferred the posthumous “distinguished service award” on a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Benin, Professor Emeritus Osayuki Godwin Oshodin.

The award was received by Mrs Otasowie Adefunke Oshodin, wife of the late Vice Chancellor, who is also the immediate past Registrar of the institution.

UBAANA’s President, Alex Imuetinyan Eronmwon, who presented the award in Benin City, said Prof. Oshodin was honored “in recognition of his many years of exceptional service as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Benin.”



## Condolences

With heartfelt sympathy we remember our dear UBAANA members and UNIBEN stakeholders who lost their loved ones in 2022.

We pray for the almighty God to comfort them in the most difficult times as they come to grip with the sad reality of their painful loss.

Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers and please be assured that we shall be united on the Resurrection Morning.



## Presentation of Computers and Accessories donated by Dr Kingsley Momodu

Presentation of computers and accessories donated by Dr Kingsley Momodu (Immediate Past President of Ubaana) in support of E - Learning and Digital Entrepreneurship Laboratory on Friday, October 21, 2022 at the VC's Conference Room, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria.



## ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**UBAANA membership dues are \$100/Year. They are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Members can pay their dues using any of the payment methods below.**

### 1. Payment by Credit Card

Go to <http://ubaana.org>  
Click on "Pay Dues" to be directed to the UBAANA Payment Portal

### 2. Payment by PayPal

One Year Membership dues payment link to PayPal - <https://py.pl/6CKpiYrvkaq>  
Two Years Membership dues payment link to PayPal - <https://py.pl/1PdmNI>

### 3. Payment by Zelle

Send to [treasurer@ubaana.org](mailto:treasurer@ubaana.org)

### 4. Payment by Mail

Make your check payable to:  
**UBAANA**  
*Mail to:*  
UBAANA  
c/o Anita Oghagbon  
P.O. Box 1265  
Haymarket, VA 20168

## Alumni on the Move



The AICPA and the CPA Practice Advisor recently announced the recipients of the 2022 Most Powerful Women in Accounting award. Hays CPA Founder and Managing Director Orumé Agbeyegbe Hays, CPA, CGMA, MST, an alum of UNIBEN and Past Treasurer of UBAANA was recognized as one of the 25 recipients. The award was issued for her significant contribution to the accounting profession.



Morehouse School of Medicine congratulates Priscilla Pemu MBBS MS FACP, MD, who was recently accepted as a 2022-23 fellow by the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) program at Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Pemu is the MSM Associate Dean for Clinical Research, Director of the Clinical Research Center, and Vice Chair and professor of Research in the Department of Medicine. The ELAM program is a year-long part-time fellowship for women faculty in schools of medicine, dentistry, public health and pharmacy. The program is dedicated to developing the professional and personal skills required to lead and manage in today's complex health care environment, with special attention to the unique challenges facing women in leadership positions.



On September 7, 2022, Dr. Edward "Tonye" Fubara was promoted to full professor and awarded tenure in the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business at Campbell University where he also serves as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Prof. Fubara holds MBA and Ph.D. degrees in Management from Michigan State University's Eli Broad Graduate School of Management and a B.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Benin. His work has been published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology, the Journal of Management Studies, the Journal of Diversity Management and Christian Higher Education. He is also author of the inspirational book Lessons from the Life of a Bald-Headed Blind Clown.

Prof. Fubara lives in Angier, North Carolina with his wife, LaVerne. They are parents of four sons. In addition to his work in academia Prof. Fubara is assistant pastor of New Breed Church in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.

## MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**ALEX IMUETINYAN ERONMWON – PRESIDENT**



**OSASERE F. OSIFO – VICE PRESIDENT**



**HENRIETTA I. ORUMWENSE – SECRETARY GENERAL**



**OMONIGHO O. OLUMESE – ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL**



**ANITA A. OGHAGBON – TREASURER**