

# UBAANA NEWS



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

## Pennsylvania Chapter to Host 2024 Reunion

By Dr. Henrietta Orumwense, UBAANA Secretary-General

We are thrilled to announce that the Pennsylvania Chapter will host the 2024 annual reunion at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Philadelphia Airport from Thursday, July 25 to Sunday, July 28, 2024. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Ben Imoobe, the chapter chair, Dr. Abby Orumwense, the LOC Chair, and the members of Pennsylvania Chapter for their dedication and tireless efforts. They are working diligently to ensure a memorable experience, promising a fantastic convention filled with enjoyable activities. Their commitment to excellence is truly commendable, making them the greatest!

Greatest Uniben!

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As the University of Benin Alumni Association North America comes together for the 18th Annual Reunion, it's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and create new memories. Don't miss out! Hotel reservations are now open, and we encourage you to book your room early to avoid any inconvenience. Join us in July for an unforgettable reunion! Below is the booking link:

<https://group.embassysuites.com/jtblwb>



## From the President's Corner



Dear Esteemed UBAANA Family,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, it's only fitting to take a comprehensive look back at the events that shaped our association in 2023. The year was marked by a dynamic interplay of successes and challenges, a testament to our collective resilience, unity, and unwavering commitment to our shared objectives. In this reflective moment, I extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for your remarkable contributions that have propelled us forward.

Throughout the twists and turns of 2023, your dedication has been nothing short of exemplary. Even in the face of challenges, your steadfast commitment to the goals of our association has been a beacon of inspiration. The collaborative spirit that defines our UBAANA family has been a driving force behind our achievements, reinforcing the strength we derive from our shared values and common purpose.

I want to acknowledge the exceptional teamwork and engagement that characterized the past year.

Your collective efforts have not only fortified our association but have also positioned us for continued success in the future. As we navigated through the complexities of the year, the unity and solidarity within our family became a source of strength, enabling us to transform challenges into opportunities for growth.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am filled with optimism about the possibilities that lie before us. The new year brings with it a fresh canvas upon which we can paint the next chapter of our journey. I am confident that, with your ongoing support for this administration, we can surmount any challenges that may arise and continue to advance our shared mission.

In the spirit of the upcoming year, I extend my warmest wishes to each member of our UBAANA family. May 2024 be a year filled with prosperity, joy, and unprecedented success for your families and our collective organizational endeavors. As we celebrate the accomplishments of the past and eagerly anticipate the opportunities of the future, let us continue to stand united, resilient, and inspired by the shared vision that binds us together.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, replete with achievements and joyous celebrations.

Great Uniben!

Alex Imuetinyan Eronmwon

President

UBAANA

## Conferment of the Pemus as High Chiefs of Okpe Kingdom

On December 7, 2023, UBAANA members Igho and Priscilla Pemu were conferred as High Chiefs of Okpe Kingdom by HRM Major General Felix Mujakperuo (The Orodje of Okpe Kingdom) in a vibrant and colorful ceremony held in Orerokpe, Delta State.

This prestigious honor now bestows upon them the titles of Okakuro Igho Pemu (The Izedeukpe of Okpe Kingdom) and Ohowore Professor Priscilla Pemu.

His mom, Chief Dr. Mrs Birgitta Pemu an alum and already an Okpe Chief, graced the occasion with her presence.

The ceremony was well-attended by numerous UBAANA members, making it a truly special and memorable event.

The Pemus' remarkable achievement is celebrated with heartfelt congratulations, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to Okpe Kingdom.





## Dr. Christopher Salami named as a recipient of the 2023 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Christopher Salami is a Chaplain and Pastor of Worldwide Association of Small Churches. He is a Clinical Chemist and a Public Health Educator with the department of Pathology and Lab Medicine of Montefiore Hospital (Moses division), University Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

He is involved with analyzing and testing of pathological samples including Covid-19 samples in diagnosis and prognosis of patient's disease conditions in order to effectively administer the best medical treatment.

He is also involved in the Operating Room (OR) and Surgical Intensive care Unit (SICU) with Point of Care Testing (POCT) during Surgeries and Organ transplantation at the institution.

He is also on the Faculty of Science department of Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York, where he was a Club Advisor for African Students Association for about twenty years.

In this Institution, he has been involved in teaching, mentoring and facilitating the researchers of the next generation of leaders, Scientists and Future healthcare professionals— including Laboratory technologists, Nurses, Respiratory technicians, Pharmacists, Doctors, EMTS and Public Health students.

UBAANA congratulates you once more on this distinguished and memorable achievement!

## UBAANA Recreation Center at Ugbowo campus Foundation stone laying ceremony

The foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of the Ugbowo campus UBAANA Recreation Center by President Alex Imuetinyan Eronmwon took place on Friday, December 22, 2023. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Lilian Imuetinyan Salami, and other esteemed staff members of the University of Benin also witnessed this momentous occasion. The UBAANA community extends its heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to making this dream a reality. This recreation center will serve as a hub for students.

Thank you, UBAANA! Greatest UNIBEN!



## 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:

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



## First International workshop on Environmental Justice and Sustainability at UNIBEN.

Professor Paulinus Chigbu, DMV chapter chair, and Professor Hilda Dunkwu, DMV chapter secretary, collaborated with Uniben professors and recently organized the first international workshop on Environmental Justice and Sustainability at Uniben.

The workshop, jointly funded by Uniben and through a Carnegie Diaspora fellowship, also served as the launching pad for the Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability (CEJUS).

UBAANA is committed to providing educational opportunities and support to students at the University of Benin through scholarships and sponsorships.

In addition, as part of our mentorship program, we encourage networking opportunities among our members to foster career and professional growth. We believe that investing in the education and development of our members is crucial for their success and the prosperity of our community.

Thank you so much Professor Paulinus Chigbu and Professor Hilda Dunkwu.





## End of Year Message from Massachusetts Chapter

Wishing Everybody a Happy & Prosperous 2024. May love, charity and hope abound continuously in us. Amen!

Much love always,

Iguodala Girolamo

Chair, UBAANA Massachusetts Chapter



## End of Year Message from Dallas Chapter

As we bid farewell to the past year and embark on a new journey, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt wishes for each and every one of you. May this new year bring you joy, peace, and prosperity in abundance.

In the spirit of unity and collaboration, let us support and uplift one another, celebrating our successes and sharing in our challenges. Together, we can overcome any obstacles and achieve even greater heights.

May this new year be filled with memorable moments, meaningful connections, and endless possibilities. Let us seize every opportunity, learn from every experience, and grow both individually and as a group.

Efosa Uzamere  
Chair, UBAANA Dallas Chapter.



## Goodwill message from the Carolinas

Great UBAANITES as the year 2023 draw to a close, we at the Carolinas chapter wish you and your family a Happy new year.

Hopefully 2024 will be a year of reconciliation peace and love for all UBAANITES.

Dr Kingsley Cadmus PharmD, MBA  
Chair UBAANA Carolinas chapter



UBAANA CAROLINA END OF YEAR GALA NIGHT Held on December 30, 2023 at the Cadmus House In Weddington North Carolina. It was a great pleasure having all members attend this yearly event hosted by the Chapter Chair, Dr Kingsley Cadmus and his amiable wife Dr Catherine Cadmus.



## End of Year Greetings from Northern California Chapter

On behalf of the UBAANA Northern California chapter, we wish you all an optimally fruitful 2024. May this year bring tangible progress towards the realization of your personal dreams & your professional goals.

Great Uniben!

Egie Aisien  
Secretary, UBAANA Northern California Chapter



## End of Year Message from Pennsylvania Chapter

Pennsylvania chapter would like to wish UBAANA members a Happy New Year. The chapter will once again host our reunion, which promises to bring renewed hope to UBAANA, after all that we have been through. Please prepare for the most amazing reunion ever.

Dr. Ben Imoobe  
Chair, UBAANA Pennsylvania Chapter



## End of Year Greetings from Tennessee Chapter

On behalf UBAANA Tennessee chapter, wishing you all a healthy, safe and productive 2024. May we develop an attitude of gratitude and let's begin making time for the things we love doing for our great alumni.

Ufuoma Igori,  
Chair, UBAANA Tennessee Chapter





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

Happy New Year UBAANA,

It is a blessing to see another beautiful year. I want to specially welcome every member to 2024. We hope we meet each other at some of the events slated for this year in good health. NY/NJ chapter is happy to be part of this great family. We have put together some wonderful events to look up to in 2024. We hope you enjoy everything. God bless UBAANA.

Racheal Oghagbon Osagie,  
Chair, New York/ New Jersey Chapter



UBAANA New York/ New Jersey Chapter End of Year Party

## End of Year Message from Georgia Chapter

May the peace and joy the season brings be yours now and always. Wishing you Happy Holidays and a Healthy/rewarding new year. From all of us @ UBAANA–Georgia Chapter.

Usang Ekpe.

Chair, UBAANA Georgia Chapter.



## Greetings from the DMV Chapter

On behalf of the DMV Chapter executives and members, I bring you greetings. We are thankful for the New Year and the renewed enthusiasm and vigor it has brought to UBAANA. To UBAANA members, including the executives, whose efforts have contributed to the stability of the association and upliftment of UNIBEN, I applaud you. Keep up the great work!

Dr. Paulinus Chigbu  
Chair, UBAANA DMV Chapter





## UBAANA DMV Chapter's Presentation of Christmas gifts to the Hearts and Home Center for Youths in Burtonsville Maryland on Saturday, December 16, 2023



### Condolences

With heartfelt sympathy we remember our dear UBAANA members and UNIBEN stakeholders who lost their loved ones in 2023.

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

**UBAANA membership dues are \$100/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**

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