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## **2013 ANOG Image and Award Winners Announcement Press Release**

*Awards Recognize Individuals in Service and Achievement in Nigerian Community in Georgia, USA*

**Atlanta, GA. USA. September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013:** The Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG) today announced the winners of its annual service & Image Awards, which recognize the top distinguished Nigerians, resident in Georgia

### **The 2013 winners of ANOG Image Award are:**

**Dr. Francis Osita Onukwuli's** professional goals includes, to build a rewarding career in academia as a distinguished educator in an intellectually active environment that promotes equity and rewards individual creativity and leadership.

### **AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST**

- Student/Faculty/Leadership Training and Development,
- Predictors of Students' Success in Mathematics and Computer Science,
- Automatic Problem Solving Systems.
- Educational Planning, Administration, Supervision, and Leadership

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- Post-Doctoral Studies in Computer Science, Kennedy-Western University, Boise, Idaho. (ABD);
- Ed.D. Educational Leadership & Administration  
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia;
- M.S., Computer Science (Concentration in Mathematical Computing) Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia;
- B.S. Cum Laude Mathematics/Physics Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas & Howard University, Washington, DC.

### **EMPLOYMENT and SERVICE**

AP & Gifted Math Teacher, Lovejoy High School, Hampton, Georgia;

- **Past work related experience and service**, Associate Professor and Chair, Computer Science/Mathematics, Morris Brown College, Atlanta Georgia;
- Lecturer, Computer Science & CIS Lab Manager, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia;
- Adjunct Professor in Mathematics/Physics, Atlanta Metropolitan College;
- Adjunct Professor in Mathematics, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA;
- Adjunct Professor in Mathematics/Physics, Clark College, Atlanta, GA;
- Math Research Assistant, Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA. Participated in the Project on Dynamic Programming and taught Calculus and Pre-calculus mathematics to business students;

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- Tutor/Counselor, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas Tutored students in Algebra and Calculus as part of the SPARK Program.
- Bills and Credit Supervisor, Standard Bank, Ltd., Nigeria

Responsible for the supervision of foreign exchange and letters of credit documentation entries and balancing of savings and checking accounts and security deposit ledgers.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS includes:**

- Class Nobel Educator of Distinction, National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), USA;
- STAR Teacher of the Year, Lovejoy High School;
- System STAR Teacher of the Year, Clayton County Public Schools;
- STAR Teacher of the Year, Lovejoy High School, Georgia;
- Recipient Teacher of the Year Award from LHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association Who's Who in Science and Engineering;
- Coca Cola Teacher of the Year, Atlanta, Georgia;
- Teacher of the Year, Lovejoy High School, Clayton County Georgia
- Professor & Man of the Year, Atlanta Metropolitan College
- Educational Leadership Student Award

**Dr. Ejem Ahanotu's** educational and professional experience includes, bachelors' degree, University of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada where he completed his undergraduate work in Microbiology, 1979. He moved to United States for graduate course in Biology at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota, 1980. He obtained a Master degree in Biology. He attended University of North Texas, Fort Worth, Texas for Ph.D. in Microbiology. 1985. Dr. Ahanotu went to University of Louisville Medical School, Louisville, Kentucky as a Post-doctorate fellow to research on *Legionella pneumophila* bacterial infection. 1985-1986

### **Professional Accomplishment**

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu was hired as a Research Associate at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine to research on both enzyme biochemistry and pharmacology for four years. During his research at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Ahanotu published many articles in professional journals on enzyme kinetics, immunology and pharmacology, 1986-1990.

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu worked for 4 years for the City of Fort Worth as the Senior Microorganism Water Analyst. 1990-1994

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu is an ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathologists) certified Clinical Microbiologist Technologist and had worked in that capacity for 1 year for the National Health Laboratory in Dallas, Tx. 1994-1995

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu joined the staff of the Biology Department of Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. as a Visiting Research Fellow and worked with Dr. Ahearn for 6 years during which time they wrote publications in Bacterial Pathogenesis, 1996-2002.

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Dr. Ejem Ahanotu joined the staff of USDA Athens, GA. as a Microbiologist for Food Microbial Testing 2002-2003; he also worked part time as a microbiologist for Siliker Food Testing Laboratory, Stone Mountain, GA., 1996-2002.

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu joined the CDC Division of Select Agents and Toxins, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response Division, as a U.S. Microbiologist Laboratory Inspector through a contracted company known as SRA International. He worked 6 years during which time he travelled nation-wide inspecting medical and research laboratories for select agents, toxins etc. training laboratory staff on bio-safety/regulations, 2003-2009. Dr. Ejem Ahanotu continuously maintained adjunct faculty teaching positions at various colleges and universities where he taught clinical microbiology and other biology courses; among them included Dallas Community College, Dallas, TX. 1994-1995, Tarrant County Community College, Fort Worth, Tx., 1989-1889; Clayton State University, Morrow, GA., 1997-1998, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 1996-2003; Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, GA, 1995-2003; and Norcross Institute of Allied Health, Norcross, GA. 2005-Present. Dr. currently works for ETS (Educational Testing Services) where he is the Advanced Placement Biology Faculty Exam Reader and also Biology Faculty Biology Curriculum Reviewer.

## **Community Services**

Dr. Ejem Ahanotu has served the community locally, nationwide and in Mbieri village, his home town in Obazu, Nigeria. He has received many service awards: among them include Obazu National Council of America Award for service / being a great supporter of this non-profit association since the inauguration. Twice he has received the Igbo Union of Atlanta Service Awards.

Dr. Ahanotu is the current President of Mbieri Community Association of Atlanta. Dr. Ejem Ahanotu is the Igbo Community Hall Manager; as the hall manager he goes beyond the call of duty by assisting the renters in setting up and taking down the decorations before and after the use of the hall despite the fact that, that is not his part of his responsibilities.

Dr. Ahanotu is a member of the cleaning crew at Jubilee Christian Church International where he volunteers to sweep, mop and wax the church floor every Saturday making sure that the rooms are ready for the children during church on Sundays.

Dr. Ahanotu has a Ministry to help the Elderly and the sick in the village. He annually travels to Mbieri during Christmas season to supply the elderly men and women with reading eye glasses. He joined the Lion Club of Atlanta, pay annual dues of \$1200.00;

**Dr. Eugenia Olubusola Caulcrick- George**'s educational and professional experience includes:

Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio where she obtained her degree in B.A. Hons. Mass Communication (Radio/T.V)

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In 1982, she relocated to Atlanta, Georgia with her family and pursued a masters' degree. While pursuing her masters' degree, the Consulate of Nigeria in Atlanta was officially opened. She served as an Administrative Assistant under the leadership of the then Consul General of Nigeria in Atlanta, Honorable Moses Ihonde. After earning a Masters' degree in English at Atlanta University, she realized that her love and passion to meet the needs of students with disabilities was paramount in her mind. With impetus from her mother, a retired educator, social worker, Inspector of Special Schools in Nigeria, and her need to serve children in this population, she returned to school and obtained a second Master's degree in Special Education and an Education Specialist degree (Ed.D.) in Interrelated Studies of Exceptional Children/Administration). She later earned a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at University of Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. George has been involved with programs for exceptional students and their families for many years. Her professional career with the DeKalb County School System spans over 25 years of outstanding, dedicated service as an educator, leader, and mentor. She played many active leadership roles as chairpersons, sponsor of various school activities and received various awards for her professionalism, outstanding work ethics and service. She was voted DeKalb County Teacher of the Year (TOTY-Toney Elementary School) 1994/95 School Year, Teacher of the Month March 1993. She was a Georgia Ambassador: a member of a team of educators sent from Georgia to Spain to foster partnership between schools in Georgia and Spain in 1994. She served as Department Chairperson of the Exceptional Education Department at both elementary and high school levels for many years. She has conducted many workshops and presented professional papers at local and National Conferences.

Dr. George's passion for service to humanity knows no bounds. She is a very active Nigerian community leader. She is a founding member of the Nigerian Women Association of Georgia (NWAG) – a non-profit, service organization whose mission is to empower women, children and youth; and foster the Nigerian culture in the United States, especially in Georgia. She was elected president of the organization in 2008 and was re-elected for the second term as president (2010-2011). During her tenure, the revenue of the organization increased tremendously. Other areas of growth of the organization during her tenure included increased membership, media exposure of NWAG programs and (Visit [www.nwag.org](http://www.nwag.org) for detailed information about NWAG / accomplishment during tenure). Similarly, during her tenure, hundreds of participants were exposed to the Nigerian culture as NWAG participated at the Children's Village of the National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta, Georgia (a first for a Nigerian organization) to expose hundreds of children, parents, local and international attendees of the festival to Nigerian arts and crafts through hands on experience.

### **Awards/Recognitions:**

Some of her awards and recognitions include the following: Woman of Distinction Award, July 6, 2013, (Maria Goretti Alumni Association, USA) Trumpet Award –June, 2010 (award for dedicated service by Nigeria Women Association of Georgia), Consulate General of Nigeria, Atlanta, Georgia Award, August 2009 for selfless service to the Nigerian Community; (Teacher of The Year (TOTY 94/95, Toney School, DeKalb County School System).

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## **Professional /Civic Affiliations:**

Dr. George is a founding member of the Nigerian Women Association of Georgia, Eko Club Atlanta Chapter, St. Philip A.M.E. Church, Decatur, Georgia, (George Moore/Sarah Allen Usher Board) National Association of Educators, Georgia Association of Educators, DeKalb Association of Educators, Council for Exceptional Children, and member of the Advisory Board of Olusoye Compensatory Center, Nigeria (a school for children with Special needs founded by her mother). She is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Higher Heights/BCG EDU Solutions Inc., an international educational consulting group.

## **The 2013 Youth of Excellence Award winner is:**

### **Mariam Titilayo Olorunsola:**

Contributions/Service to the Nigerian Youth Community in Diaspora:

- Titilayo is currently the Vice President of the Nigerian Youth Alliance (NYA) here in Atlanta. She has been an active member of this organization for the past six year. She has chaired and helped to organize most of the community Service activities of NYA.
- Those activities include AIDS Walk, Nigerian Cultural Pride Night, packing medical supplies to be shipped to various countries, The Leadership Retreat and the Leadership conference. Titi has helped in coordinating these activities, coming up with the event budget, encouraging members to give their ideas, finding venues to host events etc. For the past few years, Titi has been the main person to assist the organization adults to manage issues within the organization, she knows how to mentor and guide other youth. She was named the 2013 Youth of the Year because of her invaluable contributions to the organization.
- Distinguished Accomplishments personal or professional, Internship: Titi worked as an intern this summer at the Clayton County Public Defenders' Office. She worked with a team of Attorneys to represent Clayton county residents. Her job included conducting initial intakes with walk-in clients and clients in jail. Titi was one of 35 Clayton County Students chosen for this prestigious position out of 3,500 students who applied.
- Titi was a member of the International Baccalaureate Program at Lovejoy High School This four year program is designed to educate student in various languages including French and Spanish. Titi studied Spanish four years in High School. The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

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- To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.
- Titi is a premier youth leader. She has been able to lead and mentor others, not just in the Nigerian youth organization but at her school. She was a Teachers' Assistance at her school for two years. She helped to organize a community event in Clayton County to encourage preschoolers to stay in school. is

### About ANOG Image Award

The ANOG Image Award is given to distinguished Nigerians, resident in Georgia, who have projected positive "Image" of Nigerians in their professional and community activities, who have made notable contributions for the advancement their communities, locally and abroad, and who, by their conduct and reputation, have provided a shining example to succeeding generations of Nigerians, home and abroad. This year' awards recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony at the Nigerian Independence / Awards Banquet

Special Guests expected at this year's celebrations include

- a. His Excellency, Nigerian Ambassador to USA, Prof. Adebowale Adefuye ,
- b. The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Atlanta, Hon. Godfrey Teneilabe.
- c. Members of Government, counties, the diplomatic corps and intelligentsia in Atlanta, GA

### About the Youth of Excellence Award

The ANOG Youth of Excellence Award is an honor bestowed on distinguished Nigerians Youth, resident in Georgia, between the age of 13 to 25, who have projected an excellent "Image" of Nigerians Youth in their community, careers, who have made notable contributions locally and nationally, and who, by their conduct and reputation, have provided a shining example to succeeding generations of Nigerians Youth, at home and abroad.

### About the Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG)

ANOG ([www.anogusa.org](http://www.anogusa.org)) is the umbrella organization of all Nigerians resident in Georgia with membership across all community, tribal, ethnic, educational, social, political and economic lines. The objectives of ANOG are to create an inclusive Nigerian Community in Georgia, to advocate, protect and advance Nigerian culture, to promote the advancement and welfare of Nigerians and to cultivate political awareness and civic responsibility among Nigerians.

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