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2016 ANOG Image Award and Youth of Excellence Winners Announcement Press Release

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

Atlanta, GA. USA. September 3, 2016: 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 2016 winners of ANOG Image Award are:

1. **Mrs. Ego Ndukwe**

Mrs. Ego Ndukwe along with her late husband, Dr. Mang Ndukwe, founded the AMERICAN COALITION OF AFRICANS WITH DISABILITIES. Shortly after, Mrs. Ego and her husband led the way for American's of different ethnic backgrounds to have another chance to live life with disabilities'; thus creating the company with a message of empowerment entitled **Another Chance Inc.** and over a decade later the company continues to thrive. Mrs. Ego currently preside over Another Chance Inc. as Executive Director and CEO. Mrs. Ego hail from Abia State in Nigeria, graduated with a Bachelor's degree at Georgia State University and a Masters in Health Care Management from American Intercontinental University

Mrs. Ego has been an exemplary citizen lending all the resources at her disposal to bring about positive change to those in dire need. She has been fully involved in the Nigerian and American communities in various capacities.

- Donated medical supplies and equipment to Akahaba hospital in Atriba
- Sponsored "Feed The Homeless" within her local neighborhood in DeKalb County
- Conducts Annual Disability Awareness Day in various counties
- Donated 50 computers to the University of Lagos.
- Continually extend her expertise on trips to Nigeria benefiting High School students
- Mrs. Ego Ndukwe is a founding member of ANOG and has served the organization in various capacities since its inception.

2. **Engineer A. Omotayo Idowu**

Engineer Omotayo Idowu received BSc degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Portland. He holds multiple MBAs from University of Portland and Georgia State University as well as well as completing the PhD course work in Operations and Systems Management. As an Associate Professor, he taught Business Policy, Production, Statistics and Quantitative Methods in Management at More House College and Clark Atlanta College.

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Engineer Idowu founded **Desmear** in 1986 which provides services to MARTA. Over the years, Desmear has provided internship opportunities to high school students during school years and summer internship to children of Nigerians who are born in USA and afford the same opportunity to other non-Nigerians. He has also provided employment opportunities to Nigerians within Desmear. Whenever Engineer Idowu was contacted for help, he has made generous contributions to various Nigerian organizations. Engineer Idowu is a Founding member of Ondo State Association and continues to be a generous contributor to local Nigerian organizations in Atlanta and to Ondo State Association. He is recipient of "Ijare Egbe Omo Elewe-Obi in 2014 – Ijare Merit Award" in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of Ijare community.

3. **Engineer Chris Ogbuefi**

Engineer Chris Ogbuefi graduated with Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering in May 1981. And from the same school, he graduated with a Master's of Science in Structural Engineering in December 1982. He landed a job in 1984 with C&S Consulting Engineers in New Orleans and served in various capacities during his 8-year tenure. Engineer Ogbuefi and his wife own and manage a multi-million-dollar company, **Cayce Foods, Incorporated**. Cayce Inc. carries the largest selection of African foods in the U.S. southern region through its wholesale and retail departments. The wholesale department imports foods from Nigeria, Ghana, Norway, Malaysia, Canada and distributes the food to large grocery chains and African food stores throughout USA, Canada, Japan and the Bahamas. Cayce Foods, Inc. employs various workers from Nigeria and other parts of Africa

Engineer Chris is also involved in several community organizations. In 1988 to 1990 he was a member of Nigeria Association of Engineers in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was the President of his home town Nibo Union Atlanta from 1994 to 1996. In 2007 to 2013, he was the treasurer of Nibo Union USA. During his tenure he worked tirelessly to help build his town general hospital. Engineer Chris helped sponsor eight students in Nigeria because he believes that education is key to success. He is presently on the executive board of Igbo Union Atlanta and contributes financially and otherwise to help advance Igbo Culture. He is also a Member of Peoples Club of Nigeria International (PCNI). He also financially supports MUST Ministries, an organization that depends on individual contributions to help the poor and homeless.

The 2016 winners of Youth of Excellence Award are:

4. **Ugo Anikpe**

Ugo is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a degree in Psychology with a minor in Childhood and Family Development Assimilation. Ugo was given the honor of presenting a paper on his research at Curio Symposiums in Statesboro Georgia in 2014 and 2015.

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Ugo has always been very active in the Nigerian Community. He joined the Nigerian Youth Alliance in 2007. Ugo initially struggled to adjust to the structure of the organization, but in 2008, Ugo became one of young ones the organization depended on to help manage organization. Ugo was the chair of many programs of the organization. He eventually became the President in 2009. As the Chair and President, he facilitated the monthly meetings. He spent a lot of time helping to mentor the young members of the organization. Ugo has volunteered over fifty hours every year in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area, some of the places include the Civic Center, AIDS Walk and many others.

5. **Adaeze Okwu**

Adaeze is a 20-year-old Nursing student at Kennesaw State University in her Junior year. Adaeze has consistently provided a shining positive example worthy of emulation to the image of Ikeduru and Nigerian youths here in Georgia and beyond by her conduct and reputation. She has consistently served Ikeduru Association as a Youth Leader, mentoring both her peers and younger youths.

Adaeze has served in multiple positions from high school, college and in the community. Some of these positions are:

- Health Occupations for Students of America - President (2013-2014), Vice President (2012-2013), and Georgia
- Student Body Treasurer (2013-2014)
- African Student Association Public Relations Officer
- Student Director of Orientation and Transition Programs
- Catholic Ministries Feed the Hungry June 2011 – Current
- Atlanta Soup Kitchen December 2015
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta December 2014 & December 2015
- Miss Nigeria in America Pageant Summer 2015
- Sade Mays Nursing Home February 15, 2014

6. **Maram Aaron Macham**

Maram is a senior at Talladega College Alabama pursuing a double major in Math and Computer Science with plans to pursue a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Maram is well recognized within and outside the Nigeria community for his positive outlook on life and willing to help others achieve their goals.

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Maram was instrumental for many years in helping ANOG during the Annual Picnic. He displayed unabashed enthusiasm when performing assigned tasks. He is relied on within the Zumunta and other organizations he serves as one of the most valuable youth that is counted on to mentor the younger ones. Maram is an avid golfer and has won numerous awards for his play in Georgia and Alabama. He always displays exemplary behavior and great sportsmanship under the most demanding circumstances.

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