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KCOBANA MISSION

To Promote, Foster and Advance Fellowship Among Alumni of King's College, Lagos, and to Advance the Interests, Influence and Reputation of King's College, Lagos, by Establishing a Medium to Serve the Institution in North America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our second edition of "FLOREAT," the annual newsletter of the King's College Old Boys' Association of North America (KCOBANA). Our aim is for the newsletter to help facilitate an informal bonding experience among King's College alumni by sharing news updates and articles of interest with our members and other KCOBs.

Our fourth annual reunion gala, the Masquerade Ball, was held in May 2018 in North Bethesda, MD, and was one of the very best we've hosted so far. As you will see from the pictures, the masked ball theme lent an air of sophistication and mystery to the proceedings. We were pleasantly surprised by how many people kept to the theme and wore masks, and how incredibly diverse and colorful they were. Prizes were awarded to the guests with the most beautiful masks, and our judges had a difficult time selecting the winners, all of whom were most deserving. Guests were treated to the pulsating rhythms of Toby Foyeh and Orchestra Africa, an internationally renowned band led by our very own KCOB, Toby Olowofoyeku (Harman's 1964-1968). Our 2018 distinguished honorees were His Highness Muhammad Sanusi, Emir of Kano; Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam, President KCOBA; and Tunde Kehinde, Co-founder Jumia Nigeria and Lidya. We are most grateful to them all for maintaining the high standard of excellence for which Kingsmen are known, and for their distinction and visionary leadership in their respective fields. We expect a much larger attendance at our next gala which has now been set for May 4, 2019, once again at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel, in Maryland. It promises to be an exciting event and we look forward to you all attending.

The most exciting outcome of the May 2018 gala was the launch of the KCOBANA Scholarship Fund which will contribute towards the university tuition costs of an outstanding King's College student. I am pleased to announce that we received pledges from KC alumni and other guests totaling \$40,000! We have established an endowment which, when mature, should enable us to provide scholarship funding for one student every year, starting in



2019. We will be announcing our first recipient at the gala in May. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude, on behalf of the KCOBANA executive council, to all the generous donors that have pledged their support for the Scholarship Fund so far, and to encourage other Kingsmen to do so. Please do reach out if you'd like to pledge and we will arrange for pledge forms to be sent to you promptly.

We've done quite a bit of outreach to new members across North America in recent months and Kingsman Ade Dosunmu has a short write-up on this in the newsletter. Our expectation is that Kingsmen everywhere in the region will be able to participate in as many of our activities as possible during the course of the year. In the meantime, I would like to urge you all to communicate with other Kingsmen through the social media channels we've introduced for just this purpose. We'd love to hear from you. If you know any KCOBs in the region who aren't members of KCOBANA please do encourage them to join.

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Bayo Oyewole
Harman's House, 1968-1972
President KCOBANA



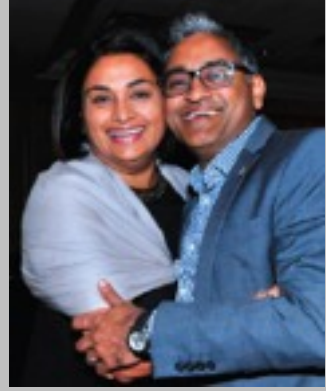
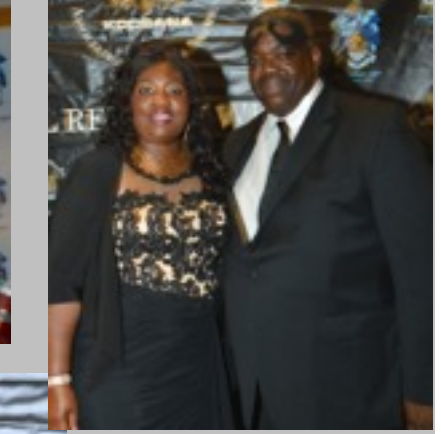
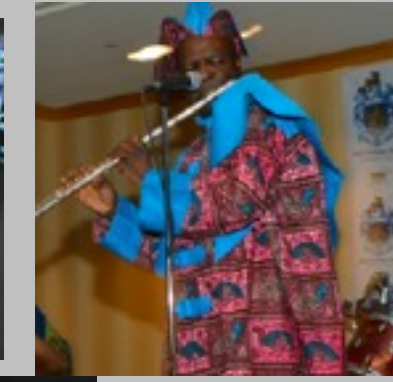
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GRAND LAUNCH OF THE KCOBANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by VALENTINE ODIFE, MD. PANE'S HOUSE, 1982-1988

The KCOBANA Scholarship Fund was formally launched in May 2018 at the KCOBANA Annual Gala with total pledges of \$40,000. The Fund was established as an endowment to recognize outstanding performance by King's College students. When mature, it will contribute at least US\$1,000 towards the undergraduate tuition and related costs each year of one KC student who has distinguished himself academically during the year. While awaiting the maturity of the endowment, the KCOBANA Executive Council has taken a decision to finance the scholarships in the initial years through internal sources.

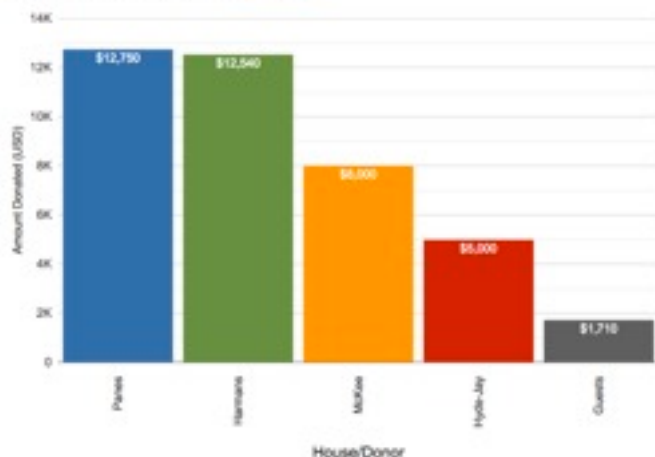
Awardees must meet a number of defined criteria, including demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and exemplary moral character. In selecting candidates for the Scholarship Award, KCOBANA requests from KC's Vice President, Academics a short list of eligible students who meet these criteria. A KCOBANA Scholarship Fund Committee then undertakes the arduous task of selecting one of the shortlisted students as the Scholarship recipient for a given year.

We recently received a short list of 10 very strong candidates from KC and will shortly make a final selection of our 2019 inaugural recipient based on an essay competition. The 2019 awardee will be announced at the next KCOBANA Gala on May 4, and we are hoping attendees will have a chance to hear from him by video tape on that day.

The KCOBANA Board and Executive Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have generously pledged to contribute to the KCOBANA Scholarship Fund. So far, almost \$15,000 in pledges have been fulfilled and we expect the remaining pledges to be fulfilled this year and in future years. We would encourage those KCOBs that haven't already pledged and would like to do so to please send in your pledges as soon as possible.

KCOBANA Scholarship Fund donations to date

\$40K Raised as of October 1, 2018. Donate today.



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MAY 4TH
2019

5th Annual Reunion Gala
Dinner - Dance

A Lagos Night

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



OLALEYE (LEYE) AINA
PANES HOUSE
1970-1971

Where do you live?

Columbia, MD

How long have you lived in the US?

46 years.

What memories of your time at KC do you cherish most?

My intellectual & spiritual awakening, and the KC spirit (I hope for Light) as well as the many classmates & friends that fostered it.

What are your expectations as a KCOBANA member?

To rekindle the KC spirit through reconnecting with KCOBs and look for ways to help KC continue its outstanding achievements & traditions.

Tell us a little bit about your work in the US:

I'm a research scientist, recovering entrepreneur and one of the many who contributed to the development of the wireless and photonic technologies which power our worldwide telecommunications infrastructure.

How do you like to spend your spare time?

Seeking the truth and spiritual enlightenment, and continuing education.

Tell us a little about your family:

I'm married with two grown daughters.



MOE OTARU
HYDE-JOHNSON'S HOUSE
2002-2008

Where do you live?

Denver, Colorado.

How long have you lived in the US?

3 years.

What memories of your time at KC do you cherish most?

Going on outings such as debates in the famous blue and white and being accorded a great amount of respect and recognition. It was very satisfying to hear people whisper with awe and sometimes, sheer joy; "those boys are from the great King's College, Lagos".

What are your expectations as a KCOBANA member?

I don't have high expectations. I'm just glad we have an association of people that share similar experiences and are more like brothers than anything else. There's a certain level of fulfillment attached to the camaraderie we all share.

Tell us a little bit about your work in the US:

I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Economics & International Development and I also work at an insurance firm.

How do you like to spend your spare time?

Juggling work and school takes up a lot of my time. However, when I'm lucky to have some free time, I watch the English Premier League, travel within the country and go to the movies.

Tell us a little about your family:

I'm the 10th of 12 kids. My family is close-knit, however, even though there are quite a number of us. Most of my siblings are back home in Nigeria but I get to talk with at least one of my parents or siblings each day.

FOND MEMORIES OF LIFE AS A KING'S COLLEGE BOARDER IN THE 1970s

MAURICE ISAAC, MCKEE WRIGHT'S HOUSE, 1973-1977

Life in the King's College boarding house in the 1970s was very structured and almost like being in a total institution. A typical day went like this:

At 6.00 a.m., the bell would go off and you would have to wake up. A quick dash to the bathroom, where you would meet a bunch of schoolmates lining up and taking turns to use the shower. The procedure was as follows: you gave your body an initial rinse, stepped away from the shower to "soap," using a soap and sponge, and then came back to rinse off the soap in the shower. Then you "toweled," brushed your teeth and went back to the dormitory for inspection, which was conducted by a prefect or house master.

Inspection was at 7:00 a.m. prompt and required you to stand by your bed, which had to be perfectly made with a white bed sheet, and decorated with a blue, green, red or yellow coverlet, depending on the color of your house. By inspection time the dormitories were always clean and free of clutter as all students would have completed their cleaning chores.

After inspection, we proceeded in droves to the dining hall for breakfast. Meals were always on time and the quality of the food was quite good. The dining hall was on the ground floor of Hyde-Johnson's house. If you were late, your share would be "cleared," meaning you would not eat breakfast but would be forced to wait and listen to announcements.

From the dining hall, we proceeded to the assembly hall for morning assembly which was a mix of songs, announcements and a pep talk by the principal (PKC) and other members of staff. After assembly, we all dispersed to our respective classrooms for classes. There was a short break between 11:30 and 12 noon. Classes ended at 2:00p.m. after which we went straight to the dining hall for lunch. Once again, the rules of lateness and "share clearing" applied.

After lunch, it was time for rest period which was from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. During rest period you had to stay on your bed. Once rest period was over, you were allowed to leave the dormitory for other activities. You could also stay on in your dormitory until 4:30 p.m., after which everyone had to leave the dormitory to play sports or to study, until supper at 7:00 p.m. Following supper, all students had to proceed to the classrooms for "prep," during which homework and studies would be done. Bedtime for juniors was at 9:30 p.m. and seniors went to bed at 10:30p.m.

Weekends were usually spent playing sports, and soccer, cricket and squash were very popular. Saturdays were exeat days when you could go out -- in uniform -- all day but had to be back in time for supper. On Sunday, during morning devotion, protestant Christians prayed in the Assembly Hall, while Catholics walked to nearby Holy Cross Cathedral. Moslems worshipped on Fridays in the school premises. Sunday lunch of rice and chicken was almost guaranteed to lead to a full house in the dining hall.

Sounds boring? I can assure you that while our lives seemed very programmed, we had a lot of fun, and students always found creative ways to enjoy themselves. Of particular interest was "initiation night" when boarders were formally initiated into KC. All new boarders had to entertain the school with a poem, song, musical performance, dance, or short skit. The other students would then react to your performance. The verdict was instantaneous: if the performance was considered sufficiently entertaining, you would receive enthusiastic applause and be allowed to exit the stage. If the audience was dissatisfied, you would be greeted with loud shouts of "brine!" and forced to drink a large and potent solution of salt and water for a "dry" performance.

Students often engaged in "nocturnal" activities in the boarding house, mostly involving "tearing gate" (leaving school premises without permission) to buy bread and akara at the bakery on Igboere Road and relaxing in front of Lagos City Hall. The more adventurous types went to clubs and parties; in those days the streets of Lagos were relatively safe at night. However, jumping back over the fence into the school premises could be problematic after all the reveling and could result in severe punishment if you were caught.

In retrospect, those days were fun and carefree, and life in Nigeria was pure bliss. Power cuts were very rare, and all the taps were flowing with water. I sure miss those days.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING
5TH ANNUAL REUNION GALA DINNER - DANCE**

"A Lagos Night"

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019, 7PM @BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT HOTEL, MARYLAND

NETWORKING WITH KCOBS ACROSS AMERICA

ADE DOSUNMU, PANE'S HOUSE, 1982-1988

Over the past few months we have worked on KCOBANA programs to bring KCOBs together. We commenced this activity with a meeting of finance industry professionals in New York in June 2018 and have since held several meetings with different formats across the country, including metro area groups, industry groups, topic of interest meetings, collocating with existing major event. Do you want to bring KCOBs together in some activity or area of interest? Reach out to members@kcobana.org

OCTOBER, 2018

KCOBANA ATLANTA/ SOUTH EAST KICK-OFF MEETING

Special Guest: Dr. Nelson Oyesiku, Professor of Neurosurgery at Emory University.

Professor Oyesiku is the brother of KCOB Yomi Oyesiku, '85, and an Old Boy of St. Gregory's College.



LEFT-RIGHT: Wale Esho, '86, Dr. Abdul Odemuyiwa, '77, Wole Oworu, '2001, Professor Nelson Oyesiku (Guest Speaker), Dr. Mobolaji Ogunshakin, '75, Mohammed Anjorin, '89, Ade Dosunmu, '88, Chuba Abaelu, Dimeji Ladapo, '89, Vice President Muyiwa Idowu, '77, Charles Dike, '79, Tunde Omolodun, '89

DECEMBER, 2018

KCOBANA HOUSTON/ TEXAS KICK-OFF MEETING

Honorary Chair: Dr. Yinka Olutoye, '82, Professor of Pediatric Surgery at Texas Children's Hospital.



ATTENDEES IN CLASS ORDER (2 pics):

Yinka Olutoye 1977-82, Richard Namme 1982-88, Oise Ihonde 1982-88, Ade Dosunmu 1982-88, Femi Adegbola 1985-91, Zubi Anyaoku 1988-93, Okite Obakponowe 1988-93, Tolu Odunlami 1990-96, Tolu Aladejana 1990-96, Chuba Oyeka 1990-96, Micah Ine 1991-97, Nkem Ombere-Iyari, 1994-2000, David Akpakwu 1999-2005, Abrahama Obioma 1999-2005, Osita Ugwu 2000-06, Adogu Akoh 2000-06, Richard Okafor 2004-10, O. Michael Oseni 2004-10, Feyijimi Adegbohun 2004-10





SEPTEMBER, 2018

KCOBANA NYC/UNGA MEETING

Special Guest: Eghosa Omoigui, '84, founder and General Partner, EchoVC Partners, Lagos.

LEFT-RIGHT CLOCKWISE: Ayo Ayodele, '97, Citizen Newton Owi, HSC73, Citizen Leye Aina HSC71, Ade Dosunmu '88, Ejio Emorhokpor,, Seun Sowemimo '88, Eghosa Omoigui '84, (Special Guest), Tomi Fajolu '03, Kunle Anjorin, '93

DECEMBER, 2018

KCOBANA NYC/SPEAKEASY

Special Guest: Chinedu Echeru, '91, Founder of HopStop (acquired by Apple), Co-Founder of Love & Magic.

KCOBs and OTHER ATTENDEES: Guest Speaker Chinedu Echeruo '91, 3rd from left front row is flanked to the right by KCOBANA VP, Dr. Valentine Odife '88. KCOBs & other Nigerian professionals in attendance.



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KING'S COLLEGE SLANG AND ITS USE OVER THE YEARS

RASHEED OJUKO, HYDE-JOHNSON'S HOUSE, 2003-2009 and
BAYO OYEWOLE, HARMAN'S HOUSE, 1968-1972

SLANG DICTIONARY
WORDS THAT MAY
NOT BE OFFICIAL
BUT STILL ARE COOL



SLANG	MEANING	POSSIBLE ORIGIN	USE	PERIOD USED
TEARING GATE	Breaking bounds (often by jumping over the fence).	Forcing your way through the gate.	Hyde-Jay boys are always tearing gate to buy bread and akara in Igboere.	1960s to present
APARA	Sharp dressing; Impeccable clothing.	An adaptation of the word "apparel."	Sam looks scruffy all the time but reserves his apara for QC Sports Day.	1960s to 1970s
ENTU	Overly eager to please or impress.	Overenthusiastic.	Don't mind that entu ; he has already submitted his homework and it's not due until next week.	1960s to 1970s
POUN-POUN	Low-class ghetto girl.	Unknown. Possibly of Yoruba origin.	Ibrahim is always tearing gate to meet his poun-poun girlfriends in Campos Square.	1960s to 1970s
STABBING CLASSES OR STABBO	Missing classes.	Unknown.	Michael has barely attended any classes this term, he has been a stabbo since the term began.	1990s to Present
CAMPAIGNING	Sparkling clean uniform; debonair.	Perhaps a reference to dressing up with the intention of achieving a particular goal such as meeting a girl.	It is no surprise that Asuquo is campaigning today, the QC girls are coming for socials.	1990s to Present
PERCHO	Constantly asking to share people's meal.	Perching on a bench beside the diner while hoping for a share.	Hide your Jollof rice, that percho is coming.	1990s to Present

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