

FEDT



NEWSLETTER



Dear Old Boys,

I bring you heartfelt greetings from the Fisher Educational Development Trust.

We are delighted to bring you up to speed with information on the latest milestones accomplished on the journey of restoration of our dear Alma mater, Government College, Umuahia. These milestones are clear evidence of your passion, resilience and continued commitment to the cause of umuahia.

As part of the sustained effort to restore the College, improve security, enhance the learning and teaching environment, we have recently successfully completed a number of critical projects. These include expansion of the school's facilities and badly needed technological upgrades. I invite you to go through this fresh edition of the FEDT Newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

I would like to take a moment here to recognize specifically GCUOBA – USA and its recently concluded Convention that was held in Chicago. It was indeed a historic event boasting of one of the largest gatherings of Umuahians in the Diaspora. The camaraderie, enthusiasm, sense of purpose and unity is a triumph of the Umuahian spirit and reflects your commitment to our shared vision.

The support, generous donations and pledges received before and during the Convention continue to support our restoration work to advance critical projects, enhance learning and teaching spaces and equipping our students with the necessary tools needed to excel. In the same vein, I salute the untiring efforts of the indefatigable Class of '70 whose donations have made it possible for us to equip our ultra modern laboratory. Thank you gentlemen.

For other classes and individual Umuahians who have made and continued to make great contributions to the endowment, scholarship and other funds, I salute you immensely.

I take pride in the fact that the sacrifices you are making today will positively impact our current students, future generations of Umuahians and ultimately our society at large.

I thank you all once again for your unwavering dedication and for reaffirming by deeds that our bond with our alma mater remains as strong as ever.

UP UMUAHIA!

May we continue to shine as one.

Warm regards,

Dr. Okwesilieze Nwodo.
FEDT Board Chairman

The Umuahian School Revitalization Project

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning environment and student experience, several key projects have been successfully completed under the GCU Campus Revitalization Initiative. These projects span a wide range of facilities and technological upgrades aimed at modernizing the campus infrastructure. They include the following:

1. CCTV Installations
2. Solar Street Lights Revamping
3. Laboratories Furniture and Equipment
4. Interactive Board Systems
5. White Marker Boards
6. Wooden Lockers and Shelves
7. Blinds in Classrooms
8. Fans for Dining hall
9. Mattresses and Pillows
10. Double Bunks in the Hostel
11. Washing Machine
12. 58" Flat Screen TV and DSTV Decoder
13. Classroom Tables and Chairs
14. Metallic Hostel Lockers
15. 3-in-1 Airport Seats in Common room

CCTV Installations



**Classroom Showing Blinds, Shelves, Lockers, Tables & Chairs,
Interactive Smart Board
Projector & White Marker Boards**



**Dormitories showing Newly Purchased Mattresses and Pillows, Fans,
Double Bunked Beds and Metallic Hostel Lockers**



Chemistry and Physics Laboratory Furniture and Equipment



Solar Street Lights Revamping



New Washing Machine



Common Room Showing Flat Screen TV, DSTV Connection and New 3-in-1 Seats





Government College Umuahia 2024/2025 Academic Session Updates

The 2024/25 academic session has ushered in significant growth, with a notable increase in student enrollment. The school's total student population now stands at 165, comprising 67 returning students and 98 new students. This growth highlights the school's continued commitment to providing quality education in a conducive environment.

Parents Coffee Morning

On October 12 2024, over 100 new parents participated in the Parents Coffee Morning event. During this session, school policies and core values were discussed. Parents had the opportunity to interact with the leadership team, faculty, make observations, and concern as well as give feedback.

Year 9 students are presently undergoing rigorous preparation for their external examinations (Checkpoint in April and NECO BECE in June 2025) with the registration process currently underway for the school to become a certified exam center.



GOVERNMENT COLLEGE UMUAHIA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (GCUOBA) HISTORIC HOMECOMING 2024.

The 2024 Homecoming event will take place from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th December.

A highlight of the occasion will be the 1974 class generously donating a bus to the school. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful contribution and strengthening our legacy.

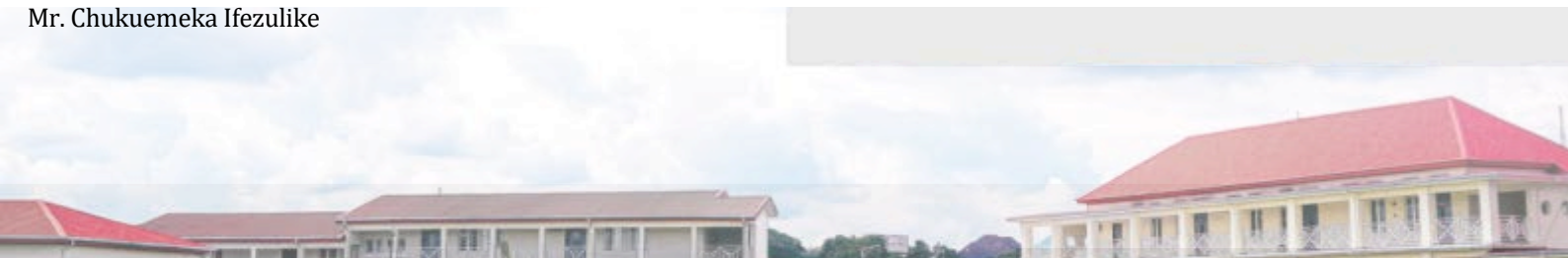
Scholarship Donors 2024/2025 Academic Session

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed scholarship donors for pioneer students and community scholarship.

Mr. Anele Ebizie
Mr. Charles Chikeze
Dr. Chike Onyekwuluje
Mr. Chijioke Ebizie
Dr. Okey Enelamah
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GCU Endowment Fund Charter

The purpose of this charter is designed to guide the development, investment, and management of the Endowment Fund for Government College Umuahia. At its core, the charter serves as a roadmap to ensure the long-term sustenance of our beloved institution. Through this fund, we aim to support and nurture the growth of vital programs and initiatives that will continue to strengthen the legacy of excellence at Government College Umuahia.



GCUOBA USA Convention

A Memorable Gathering

The recent GCUOBA USA Convention was a landmark event, celebrating both camaraderie and progress. Held in Chicago, this year's convention recorded the largest attendance yet demonstrating the enduring commitment of the Government College Umuahia alumni.

Here are the key highlights from the event:

- **Unprecedented Fundraising:** The GCUOBA USA donated \$100,000 as seed funds for the GCU Endowment Fund. Additionally, in just under an hour, the sums of N100,545, N12,500,000 and £1,500 in various currencies were raised (for the rebuilding of Erokosima House and GCU Endowment Fund) in an unprecedented achievement!
- **Support for School Infrastructure:** The Beredugo Committee's report was approved and we collectively committed to rebuilding Erekosima House with plans to restore additional houses as the school continues to grow.
- **Leadership and Membership Updates:** The EXCO team was re-elected unopposed. However, we bid farewell to George Ezikpe, who resigned for personal reasons, while Amadi Nwokocha (Class of '94) was elected as our new Treasurer. Additionally, we welcomed new members to the **100HUNDRED CLUB**.
- **Inspiring Speeches:** Dr. Okey Enelamah's keynote speech resonated deeply ending with the declaration, **"UMUAHIA IS BACK!"** The School Management Board (SMB) and the Endowment Fund Committee also provided insightful presentations, outlining the school's priorities and how we can continue to contribute.
- **New Initiatives:** For the first time, we introduced a **GOLF INVITATIONAL**, adding excitement to the convention with plans for future sponsorship and expanded activities. This year's convention was not only successful in terms of attendance and fundraising but also a testament to the ongoing passion and dedication of the Umuahians in rebuilding and preserving the legacy of Government College Umuahia.
- We also announced the establishment of the new Friends of GCU (FOG) program, which we intend to honor annually. The FOG program offers various commitment levels including \$1000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 and \$1,000,000. We invite support from individuals and organizations within our networks to help us grow our endowment fund and build a lasting legacy for GCU.

GCUOBA UK | IRELAND

The Government College Umuahia Old Boys Association UK & EIRE (GCUOBA UK & EIRE or GCUOBA UK and Ireland) has represented alumni from Government College Umuahia residing in the United Kingdom and Ireland for the past 17 years, since 2007. It is a registered organization with the UK Companies House (GCUOBA UK & EIRE, 15830093; GCUOBA UK and Ireland, 15987333) and the Corporate Affairs Commission in Nigeria (CAC, 168759).

Past Achievements

The organization has played a pivotal role in the Government College Umuahia restoration project, with members actively participating in and leading various committees. Prior to the school handover and the start of on-site restoration, GCUOBA UK & EIRE established a PROJECT fund, enabling members to make regular contributions. This proactive approach allowed the organization to commence restoration immediately when the project began 12 years later.

GCUOBA UK & EIRE co-funded key Phase 1 projects, including the Dining Hall Complex, Water Reticulation and Treatment System, Electrification, Front Fence Wall, Power Yard, and furniture provision. Upon the school's reopening, the organization shifted focus to sustainability, contributing to the Endowment Fund and providing individual scholarships to students in need. Currently, 7 members sponsor 9 students with full scholarships—the highest number of sponsors from any GCUOBA chapter. To date, GCUOBA UK & EIRE has donated over **NGN 375 million** to restoration and sustainability projects, remaining committed to ongoing fundraising efforts to ensure the school's longevity in collaboration with FEDT and other GCUOBA branches.

Present Initiatives

A. New Leadership and Patron Appointment

The UK association has inaugurated a new executive committee to drive the chapter forward. Additionally, it is proud to announce the appointment of its first patron, Prof. Amos Iheanacho, whose achievements and commitment to the association are expected to inspire broader participation.

B. Member Mobilization and Key Initiatives

The association is focusing on mobilizing members for active engagement. Current fundraising efforts target directed donations to the Endowment Fund, specifically supporting the GCU fencing project, a significant chapter goal.

C. Strengthening Unity Amid Broader Challenges

Amid broader discussions within GCUOBA on the direction of GCU, the UK chapter remains committed to fostering unity. It aims to create a strong, collaborative platform where alumni can support GCU's growth, strengthen relationships, and contribute meaningfully to the school's future.



We deeply appreciate your continued support and commitment. To redeem your pledges, please use the following links:

Erekosima House Rebuilding Pledge:

<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/GCUOBAUSA/ErekosimaHouse>

Endowment Pledge:

<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/GCUOBAUSA/EndowmentFund>

100HUNDRED CLUB:

<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/GCUOBAUSA/OneHundredDollarClub>

ACCOUNT DETAILS OF THE FISHER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST

To further the restoration project of our great Umuahia, we encourage you to keep the donations coming in. Please indicate your name or company with which you would like to be identified to maintain accurate records of our donations.

Thank you.

NAIRA ACCOUNTS

Union Bank – 0043028521

Account Name – Fisher Educational Development Trust

Fidelity Bank – 4520009180

Account Name – Fisher Educational Development Trust

Zenith Bank – 1017450750

Account Name – Wall of Honor Campaign Contributions

Union Bank – 0131280790

Account Name – Restoration Project Account

DOMICILIARY ACCOUNT

Intermediary Bank – Citibank New York

Swift Code – CITUUS33

Routing/Aba Number – 021000089

Beneficiary Bank – Union Bank of Nig. Plc Swift Code: UBNINBLA

Union Bank

Account Number with Citibank – 36058132

Account Name – Fisher Educational Development Trust

Account Number – 0043357902



Once again, we sincerely reiterate our gratitude to the **Lucious Nwosu Foundation** for their generous kickoff contribution to Government College Umuahia. This support serves as a vital foundation for our mission and inspires us as we work towards our shared goals. Thank you for your invaluable partnership and commitment.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the individuals, groups, and organizations involved in these projects. Together, we are making a significant impact on the development and improvement of our beloved Umuahia. Stay tuned for more updates on our ongoing initiatives!

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