

VOTE OF THANKS

**At the 25th Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the
S.O. Awokoya Foundation for Science Education
March 17th 2020- Muson Center
BY- DR. FOLA AWOKOYA**

Mr. Chairman, Chief Chamberlain Oyibo

I seek your indulgence to rest on the existing protocol

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

This year marks another significant milestone for the Awokoya Foundation in that the Foundation has been operational for a quarter of a century.

Behind every Foundation event lies the dedicated work of several committed people.

We want to express our gratitude to the Chairman of this occasion, Chief Chamberlain Oyibo, who spared his precious time for us to grace this occasion with his presence, all at a very short notice.

We would like to thank our Special Guest of Honour , His Excellency Prince Dapo Abiodun who honoured us this afternoon with his support of the Foundation.

I extend our sincere thanks to our guest speaker , Prof Otinwa, who has delivered an erudite lecture that has important lessons to adopt

Let me express our gratitude to Dr. Lai Fatona for his support of the Foundation.

Ambassador Ekpebu first came to our notice following a Guardian newspaper publication in 2017 celebrating his 82nd

birthday. The article had linked his sojourn at Harvard University to the start of the African Scholarship Program to American University (ASPAU) program, which the Late Professor Awokoya was instrumental in the setup. That was when most of us on the Board of Trustees first linked him with the Late Professor S.O. Awokoya.

We express our gratefulness to you Sir in making time to be here and for supporting the Foundation.

Permit me to mention our appreciation to Mrs Uju Ifejika, For your robust support of the Foundation.

Behing every successful foundation event lie the several hardwork of our committed board members.

From the event planning that starts a full year before the event, To the screening of the award nominees and logistics for the event, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the immense contribution of our dedicated board members, headed by our indefatigable Chairman Senator Olabiyi Durojaiye.

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Finally,I would like to extend my wholehearted gratitude to our distinguished guests who have been present at our activities over the years

We hope you enjoyed the occasion and we look forward to seeing you here next year.

We truly appreciate your support.

Ladies and gentlemen I thank you all on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the S.O. Awokoya Foundation For Science Education

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