



BAOSA

AN EVENING OF  
**CORDIALITY &  
APPRECIATION**

*2020*  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**  
AWARDS AND REUNION DINNER

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021

Venue: Block A Hall, Baptist Academy, Obanikoro.

Time: 4pm.



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The President of BAOSA, Mr. Akin Fatunke  
on behalf of the National Executive Committee,  
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### 2020 BAOSA AWARDEES

#### BAOSA AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

(Rewards outstanding professional accomplishments)

Mr. Kome Ajise 1972-77/79 (Public Administration)

Rear Admiral Austin Oyagha rtd. 1972-2976 (Military)

Dr. Ade Tinubu 1973-1978 (Medicine)

Mr. Olayinka Omotosho 1975-1980 (Surveying)

#### BAOSA AMBASSADORIAL AWARD

(Rewards uncommon service to National BAOSA, Sets,  
or Chapters)

Mr. Akinyemi Gbenro 1970-1974

Mr. Olumide Ajomale 1970-74/76

Mr. Olaseinde Karim 1975-1977

#### BAOSA GENERATIONAL AWARD

(Recognition for a family that has produced three  
or more alumni across different generations)

Mr. Francis Olawale Aridegbe 1938-1943

Mr. Christopher Ayo Aridegbe 1941-1946

Mr. Olufemi Aridegbe 1970-1971

Mr. Oladimeji Taiwo Aridegbe 1974-1976

Mr. Oladeinde Olaonipekun Aridegbe 1975-1980

# Programme

1. Musical Welcome
2. Call to Order
3. Welcome
4. School Song
5. Roll Call
6. Presentations
7. BAPE
8. BAA
9. BGA
10. Dinner
11. After Dinner Remarks
12. Dance
13. Thankyou



**BAOSA SECRETARIAT**



## SCHOOL ANTHEM BH 344 - SAVIOUR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

1. Saviour like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need Thy tender care  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use thy folds prepare,

*Blessed Jesus (2ce),  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are  
(2ce)*

2. We are thine, do thou befriend us  
Be the Guardian of our way  
Keep thy flock, from sin, defend us  
Seek us when we go astray

*Blessed Jesus (2ce)  
Hear; oh hear us, when we pray (2ce)*

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we are;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us  
Grace to cleanse, and power to free,

*Blessed Jesus (2ce)  
Let us early turn to thee (2ce)*

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4. Early let seek thy favour,  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and our saviour,  
With thy love our bosoms fill;

*Blessed Jesus (2ce)  
Thou hast loved us love us still (2ce)*

## MOBILISATION SONG

We are Baptist Academy boys and girls  
We're proud of our dear Alma Mater  
Where sweet fellowship we enjoy  
Where the spirit of Christ is taught  
Where our captain, God, leads us along  
We'll be true to our Alma Mater always.  
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## **BAOSA AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

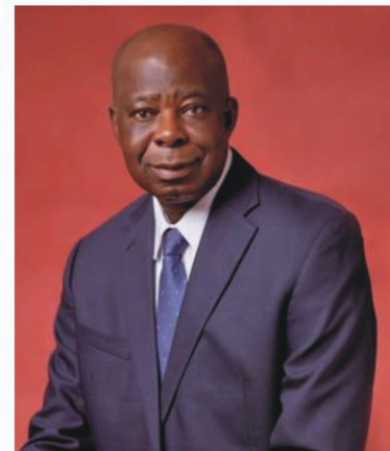
Celebrates alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional career and have brought honour to the school

### **AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN**

#### **1976: REAR ADMIRAL AUSTIN OYAGHA (RTD)**

Rear Admiral Austin Oyagha is a seasoned and experienced retired senior naval officer with over three decades' work experience in maritime affairs and security. He is also a legal practitioner called to the Nigerian bar.

Born and bred in Lagos State, Nigeria, he had his primary education at St Paul's Primary School, Ebute Meta. For his secondary education, he attended Baptist Academy, Lagos, 1972-1976, where he earned the sobriquet, SALALA, for his dexterity on the football field. He later embarked on his military career at the Nigerian Defence Academy as a member of the 26th Regular Combatant Course.



A student of strategy and maritime security, Admiral Oyagha holds a Diploma and Master's Degree in National Security Strategy from National Defence University, Washington, DC, another Master's Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from University of Mandras. He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and was called to the Bar after attending the Nigerian Law School, Abuja Campus. He is also an alumnus of Kennedy School of Harvard University.

During his unblemished career, Admiral Oyagha served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Above Water Warfare School of Nigerian Navy Professional Schools and a Directing Staff at both the Armed Forces Staff and Defence Colleges. In these capacities, he was instrumental to the development and mentoring of many officers of different cadres. He held a wide range of managerial positions spanning planning and policy formulation to operations, logistics management, and administration. He was the Military Assistant to the Chief of General Staff at the Presidency, Executive Officer of 2 seagoing ships including the flagship of the Nigerian Navy and Commanding Officer of a Landing Ship Tank. He was at different times Director of Policy, Operations, Armament Supplies and Nigerian Navy Transformation Office. Admiral Oyagha was the Flag Officer Commanding Logistics Command, Chief of Training and Operations at Naval Headquarters, and Chief of Administration at the Defence Headquarters.

Admiral Oyagha was the NN representative on the Board of Directors of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency and also, the Federal Government Maritime Expert attached to the Gulf of Guinea Commission on request. He has attended several seminars and conferences especially on the Gulf of Guinea at home and in the USA, the Netherlands, Italy, Gabon, Congo, Angola and Equatorial Guinea. He was the Chairman of the Committee that formulated the current Nigerian Navy Total Spectrum Maritime Strategy. He is currently the Managing Director Global Spectrum Energy Services, Plc. He is happily married to Mrs Olajumoke Oyagha with a daughter and grandchildren.

For being a good ambassador of the Baptist Academy Old Students Association, we present to him the BAOSA Award for Professional Excellence in Military Service.



Late Soji Onibokun and Austin Oyagha in 1976



## A PROFESSIONAL PRIDE ON ALL FRONTS

**1977: KOME AJISE** attended Baptist Academy from January 1972 to June 1979, obtaining his Ordinary Level and Advanced Level certificates. Thereafter, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Regional Planning from the University of Benin, Nigeria and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from California State University, Fresno.

He has over three decades of experience in regional planning and transportation, and is currently the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), America's largest Metropolitan Planning Organization. Prior to this appointment in April 2019, he was the agency's Director of Planning. His responsibilities then included developing and updating the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, which is the long-range blueprint that identifies projects and strategies to address the region's transportation challenges and improve the transportation system. He also directed the Federal Transportation Improvement Programme, which is the short-term programming document that identifies specific funding sources and amounts needed to implement the projects in the RTP.

Today, at the Southern California Association of Governments, Kome oversees the regional planning activities specific to goods movement, active transportation, aviation, transit and passenger rail, transportation demand, management/transportation systems management, and transportation finance among others. The SCAG region has a population of almost 20 million and a GDP of over \$1 trillion. If the region were a country, it would be the 16<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world. At SCAG, Kome also oversees a comprehensive programme of environmental issues analysis with emphasis on land use, housing, transportation, air quality, and social equity. SCAG is a joint powers agency with membership that includes 191 cities, 6 counties, 6 county transportation commissions, as well as the air quality management district and the Transportation Corridors Agencies (toll roads authority).

Prior to SCAG, Kome was the Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of Transportation. Serving as the Department's chief operating officer in this assignment, he was responsible for the internal operations of the Department with 19,000 plus employees and an operating budget of \$1.1 billion. Kome started his career at Caltrans in 1988 and has served in various leadership positions at both the district and headquarters offices for almost two decades.





Notably, leading to his appointment at the Chief Deputy Director, he served as the District Director in Stockton for 5 years where he was responsible for all the agency's activities in the eight valley and mountain counties of District 10. Subsequently he was charged with the startup of the Department's Public-Private Partnership (P3) programme in 2009, and successfully led the procurement and delivery of the Presidio Parkway project in San Francisco as a P3 project ahead of schedule and under budget. Between 2012 and 2014, Kome served as the Department's chief planner being the Deputy Director for Planning and Local Programs, and he was responsible for the programmes and activities of six Caltrans Divisions; including Transportation Planning, Mass Transportation, Rail, Aeronautics, Local Programs, and Research, Innovation and System Information.

Kome is married to Angela and they have two adult children.

For discharging his duty with integrity, and for being a pride of BAOSA in the diaspora, we are delighted to confer the BAOSA Award for Professional Excellence in Public Administration on Kome Ajise.



TALL AND OUTSTANDING: Kome Ajise

## DILIGENCE AS WATCHWORD

**1980: MR. YINKA OMOTOSHO** was admitted into the Baptist Academy in 1975 and graduated in the year 1980 for his O'Level. After excelling in his WAEC /School certificate O'Level exams, he now proceeded to the Government College, Ibadan for his HSC/A' Level between 1980 and 1982. Thereafter, he gained admission into the University of Lagos where he obtained his first degree in Estate Management. After his first degree, he later proceeded to the College of Estate Management, University of Reading in the United Kingdom for his post graduate studies. He holds an Executive MBA from the London School of Business and Finance.

Yinka is the Senior Partner of J.O. Omotosho & Associates, a firm of Chartered Surveyors. Estate Surveyors & Valuers, with offices in Lagos and London. Prior to this, he was the portfolio executive (Real Estate Services) at Broll Property Services Limited – part of the CBRE affiliate network. He has over 28 years of work experience and in-depth knowledge of valuation, Corporate Real Estate Consultancy, Rating and Commercial Agency from his time in both public and private practice in the U.K. Prior to joining Broll/CBRE Nigeria after returning from the U.K in 2010, he had a brief stint with the Bode Adedeji partnership, one of the foremost Estate Surveying firms in Nigeria as a senior consultant.

His career started with a position as a Graduate Valuer with the District Valuer/Valuation Office Agency (an Executive agency of the Inland Revenue U.K) in 1990 working under the District Valuer covering Barking, Dagenham and Havering Boroughs in Essex.

In August 1995, he resigned from the public sector in the U.K to join private practice and worked for a host of firms/organisations including Countrywide Surveyors, Allied Surveyors, Andersons Chartered Surveyors, Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society before joining the partnership of Frank Nigel & Co Chartered Surveyors.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in the U.K, and an Associate of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers.

He was the chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Nigeria Group (2016 - 2018). The second old boy of the Baptist Academy after Mr Samuel Olufela Joda who was Chairman from 1998 – 2000. He currently serves as a member of the Professional Practice Committee of the Estate Surveyors and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria (ESVARBON). He is also a member of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) National Education and Membership committees to date.

He was just newly appointed as a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee by the President of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV).

Yinka led a team of Surveyors who conducted the first Valuation and Identification of the Infrastructure assets of the entire Lagos State. Yinka believes in “doing things well and exceeding expectation”.

He is happily married with children. I present Yinka Omotosho for the BAOSA Award for Professional Excellence.





## DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

**1978: DR. SIKIRU ADEKUNLE TINUBU** has always wanted to be a medical doctor. To the glory of God, he has not regretted being one. Admitted into Baptist Academy in 1973, he completed his O/Level in 1978 before crossing over to Igbobi College for his A/Level, which he completed in 1980.

For the next ten years, he was busy pursuing his dream to be a medical practitioner in the United States of America. From Belmont College to the George Washington University, and the Howard University College of Medicine, Washington DC, he garnered degrees in Science and Medicine, and underwent internship and residency programmes. From 1991 to 1993, he was a Research Fellow at the National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Today, he holds the following qualifications: Nigeria National Medical and Dental Council Licensure, 2005; Fellow, American College of Surgeons, 2004; Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, 2001;

Completion of General Surgical Residency, June 1996; Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC licenses  
NBME Certification; ATLS Certified.

He also holds Medical Licensure of the Nigeria National Medical and Dental Council, the States of Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC in the U. S. as well as the National Board of Medical Examiners, Certificate, 1990, Advanced Trauma Life Support, Certificate, and the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Certificate of Registration.

Dr. Tinubu has had a rich career record in the medical field, covering such areas as Surgical House Officer in Bethesda and Silver Spring, Maryland and in Washington, DC. He was also an Attending Surgeon April 1997 – April 2001 DC General Hospital Washington, DC; General Surgeon, Private Practice April 1997 – 2004 in Washington, DC; Surgical Consultant January 1996 – October 2004 Washington, DC Central Detention Facility, Washington, DC.





Back in Nigeria, he serves Chief Executive Officer, Vovere Nigeria, Limited, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company; CEO, Lordus Medical and Surgical Supply Company Limited, a major medical equipment supply company; CEO, Critical Care Management Company Limited, a Design and Construct, Medical Management Company. He has also been the Managing Physician of the Critical Care Unit of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos since 2005.

Dr. Tinubu has special interest and extensive experience in the management of breast diseases, thyroid and colon diseases. He has received various recognitions in the course of his training and career. He was honoured by the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society in 1982. He also received the Lange Book Award for scholastic distinction, personality, character, seriousness of purpose, and unselfishness towards peers from Howard University College of Medicine, 1986; the Chairman's Award to the intern whose clinical and academic performance on external examination is superior and who is deemed by the department to demonstrate the attributes necessary for a safe and skillful surgeon.

Department of Surgery, Howard University Hospital, 1990; Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, 1992.

Dr. Tinubu is a member of the following Professional Organizations: American Medical Association, National Medical Association, Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, and Fellow, American College of Surgeons

BAOSA is happy to confer the BAOSA Award for Professional Excellence in the field of Medicine on Dr. Ade Tinubu.

## **BAOSA AMBASSADORIAL AWARD**

(Honours alumni who have brought uncommon honour to their peers or rendered uncommon service to their class sets, branches, zones or the National BAOSA)

### **AMBASSADOR WITH THE GENTLE TOUCH**

**1974: MR. AKINYEMI GBENRO** is one of the most unassuming men around. He is also one of the main drivers of the 1970-74/76 Set. The immediate past chairman of the set where he showed much drive in steering the activities of the set for four years, he can always be counted upon to lend support to worthy BAOSA initiatives.

Under his watch as Chairman BAOSA 70-74/76 Class set, Yemi Gbenro followed the lead of his classmate, Dr. Buari Osman and committed the set to landscape and beautify the surrounding areas of the E-library building donated by Mr. Aboyade-Cole of the 1969 set. It was also under him in 2017 that the set donated two granite tablets as Dux Boards during the remodelling of the Block 'A' Hall and scores of books to the school library in the set's sustained commitment to nourish the minds of students.

As Set chairman, he often contributed immensely in ensuring that the set's annual end of year party took place apart from various charitable gifts to members. His credo in office demonstrated in action simply read: to whom much is given, much is expected.

As a Joseph Harden Club member, he continues to contribute substantially to the smooth running of BAOSA at the National level.

An alumnus of the University of Lagos where he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Marketing, Mr. Gbenro has over 30 years' experience in Banking, Investment Banking, and Investment





Management. He worked with NAL Bank Plc where he acquired varied experience in capital markets and corporate banking. At EIB International Bank, he headed the Corporate Finance Division of the Bank. He has led his team successfully in raising over \$1 billion dollars in debt and equity capital for private and public entities. He has also successfully concluded multiple merger & acquisition transactions. He also championed the formation of Nigeria's First Real Estate Investment Trust ( “ S k y e S h e l t e r F u n d ” ) .

He is currently the Managing Director of SFS Financial Services Limited and also serves on the Board of SFS Capital Nigeria Limited as a Director.

Happily married to Foluso, their union is blessed with three children. I present Mr. Akinyemi Gbenro, recipient of the BAOSA Ambassadorial Award for exceptional services to his class set and a firm believer in the Greater BAOSA project.



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## THE STEADY SUPPORTER

**1977: MR. OLASEINDE KARIM** followed the lead of his father, Alhaji Biliaminu Karim to Baptist Academy. Whilst his father spent six years and was the best student of his set in 1942, Olaseinde came for his Advanced Level 33 years after in 1975 after previously attending Ansar Ud Deen College, Isolo; he left in 1977.

From Baptacad, he studied Law at the University of Lagos and graduated in 1981. Next year, he was called to the Nigerian Bar as a Barrister at Law.

Thereafter, he worked as a legal practitioner, first with Femi Okunnu & Co for six years. Later, he teamed up with his classmate at Baptacad, Adeyemo Thompson and another friend to set up the firm of Karim, Thompson, Ishola & Co. He later went solo before returning to Femi Okunnu & Co as Managing Partner. Today, he is the Principal Partner of Olaseinde Karim & Co.



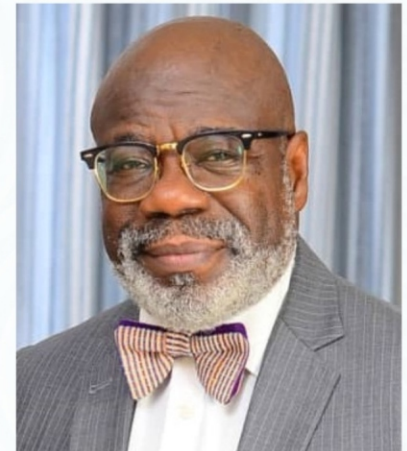
Ever proud of his Baptacad roots, he has been the rallying point of the 1975-1977 alumni class. He has also rendered steady support to the national BAOSA serving as an electoral officer in 2019 and as the Chief Electoral Officer in 2021. He is also a member of the Joseph Harden Club of BAOSA.

When he is not running his chambers, he has time for public service. Today, he is a member of the Lagos State Judicial Service Commission. He had served on the Governing Council of Lagos State University from 2011 to 2020.

I present Mr. Seinde Karim for the BAOSA Ambassadorial Award for his steady support for the Greater BAOSA cause and for being a good class set coordinator.

## SERVICE AS SECOND-NATURE

Olumide Ajomale is a Chartered Accountant, Capacity Building Consultant, Certified Trainer, NLP Master Practitioner, Certified Online Facilitator, and a Personal Development Coach. He is a sought-after trainer, who has handled numerous face-to-face seminars and online training, workshop, and retreat sessions for top corporate organisations, professional groups on such topics as Corporate Strategy, Customer Service Strategies, Service Excellence, Change, Leadership, Presentations, Training Skills, Etiquette and Personal Grooming.



He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Nigeria Institute of Management, Institute of Management Consultants of Nigeria. He is also a member of the Nigerian Institute for Training and Development, Certified Trainer of JCI Training Institute, USA, and Accredited Management Trainer Centre for Management Development, Nigeria.

He is also a past People's Warden at Archbishop Vining Memorial Church, Ikeja, and a current Trustee of the Diamond Awards for Media Excellence. He brought his wealth of experience to serve BAOSA as an influential member of the last National Executive Council, where he was for five years the Financial Secretary of BAOSA, 2016 to 2021.

During that period, he also served as the chairman of the Projects Committee of BAOSA when several capital projects such as the Block 'A' Hall, BAOSA Secretariat, and the School signage were remodelled or constructed. He was the compere of choice at most BAOSA functions during this era.

For his rich record of service, BAOSA is delighted to confer on Mr. Olumide Ajomale, the BAOSA Ambassadorial Award for exemplary service.



## THE BAOSA GENERATIONAL AWARD

(**THE ARIDEGBES:** Baptist In And Out Rewards families that have produced three or more alumni and have sustained the school's generational bond)

Mr. Francis Olawale Aridegbe 1938-1943

Mr. Christopher Ayo Aridegbe 1941-1946

Mr. Olufemi Olajide Aridegbe 1970-1971

Mr. Oladimeji Taiwo Aridegbe 1974-1976

Mr. Oladeinde Olaonipekun Aridegbe 1975-1980

The Aridegbes have their roots in Igbajo of Osun State. Their patriarch, William Oke Aridegbe, a Baptist deacon and official of the Nigerian Railways, settled in Ibadan where he raised his five children including two sons, Francis and Christopher who are being honoured today.

1. Francis Olawale Aridegbe (August 25, 1923-December 4, 1984) attended Baptist Academy from 1938 to 1943. Like his father, he started his career at the Nigerian Railways but retired from Afromedia Nigeria, an outdoor advertising Company. He was married to Christiana Adefunke Aridegbe (nee Adeleke), younger sister to an old teacher of Baptist Academy named Papa Adeleke (Tudor). Their union produced five children, three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons, Olufemi and Oladeinde also attended Baptist Academy.



2. Christopher Ayotunde Aridegbe was (January 28, 1925-December 3, 1987) attended Baptist Academy from 1941 to 1946. He also worked in Nigerian Railways before proceeding to the United Kingdom for studies in Accountancy. He wedded Olakunle Aridegbe (nee Jones) on April 21, 1955. The marriage is blessed with many children including one of today's awardees, Oladimeji. He completed his studies and worked at British Railways before returning to Nigeria in 1963. He worked as Accountant in subsidiaries of the then W.N.D.C (later I.I.C.C, now Odua Investment) including Pepsi Cola and Lafia Canning Factory and retired voluntarily on his 60th birthday.





3. Olufemi Olajide Aridegbe, born March 25, 1957, was at Baptist Academy, 1970-1971, before transferring to Baptist High School, Iwo from 1972 to 1974. Educated at the University of Texas, Arlington and University of Knoxville, Tennessee where he earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in communication respectively. After coming home for his National Service, he returned to California, USA in 1984, where he has lived and worked variously as Workers' Compensation Claims Examiner for various companies, and an advocate for the mentally challenged with the State Department of Health & Human Services.



4. Oladimeji Taiwo Aridegbe was born in the UK on October 19, 1958. He attended Baptist Academy for his Advanced Level studies in the Sciences, from 1974 to 1976. He attended the prestigious University of Lagos, Akoka where in 1981, he graduated with honours in Electrical Engineering. Upon completion of the mandatory National service in Kaduna State in 1982, he worked in both the private and public sectors in Lagos and Ogun States. He retired in 2018 as Director of Technical Services at Ogun State Property & Investment Corporation (OPIC). He has since been in Engineering consultancy and contracting. Taiwo, a practising Baptist is married to Mofoluke and they are blessed with children and grandchildren.



5. Oladeinde Olaonipekun Aridegbe was born in Lagos on October 1, 1963. He attended Baptist Academy from 1974 to 1979. Thereafter, he studied Civil Engineering at the Ogun State Polytechnic, 1980-1982 and Yaba College of Technology, 1983-1985. After his National Service in 1986, he worked in the public sector before emigrating to the United States in 1990 where he has worked as an IT Engineer and Nurse.



The Aridegbe family is being honoured today for being good models of those who believed in the Baptist Academy and entrusted five of their ambassadors across four decades to the rich guidance in academics and morals associated with the Lagos Baptist Academy.



Lanre Idowu, President BAOSA (2016-2021), Dr. Bolaji Ajenifuja, foremost paediatrician and Mr. Olumide Ajomale





The Joseph Harden Club is made up of committed Old Students who are prepared to contribute a minimum of N100,000 annually.

They share in the vision of the founder of our Alma Mater, the Revd. Joseph Harden in a Greater Baptacad and BAOSA. They include:

Dr. Buari Osman, Mr. Ademola Adebise, Mr. Akin Fatunke, Mr. Yemi Gbenro, Mr. Seinde Karim, Mr. Afolabi Odetunde, Mr. Alex Okoh, Dr. Celestine Chukwunenye.

You too can be a partner for this worthy cause. Join the Joseph Harden Club and let's lift the banner high!

*Join the*  
**JOSEPH HARDEN CLUB**  
**and let's lift the banner high!**

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