



PRINCE OF WALES SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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The Prince of Wales School Alumni Foundation (POWSAF) is a non-profit organization based in Georgia, USA that is committed to supporting the Educational Attainment at the Prince of Wales School in Freetown, Sierra Leone. It is a registered Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization in the US and a registered Domestic Non-profit Corporation in the State of Georgia. It was formed after the realization by several alumni that the current fund-raising efforts could not sustain the school.

The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes

1. Promote the general interest of the school and solicit funds worldwide;
2. Maintain a perpetual fund with all income generated being used to contribute to continually repair and rehabilitate our school and to ensure the school's Educational Attainment is preserved;
3. Function as a repository for historical information about the school to help foster a sense of community amongst the Alumni.
4. Invest all donated funds in consonance with wealth management institutions and professionally allocate the investment returns as grants for school projects aligned with the Foundation's charitable goals, under the guidance and leadership of the Board of Trustees.

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PRINCE WALEANS SPOTLIGHT

Melbourne A. A. Garber, CSEng, FIStructE, FASCE, FSLIE

Melbourne Garber has over 40 years' experience as a professional structural engineer. His projects have encompassed commercial buildings, multi-family residential buildings, stand-alone homes, educational facilities, memorials and museums, airport terminal construction, and several other structures. He is currently the Director of Building for Gedeon GRC Consulting, a black owned multi-disciplinary consulting and construction management firm.



Mr. Garber was born in London and raised in Freetown and attended the Prince of Wales School. He was admitted to Fourah Bay College (University of Sierra Leone), where he spent a year before proceeding to the U.K. to complete his undergraduate degree. He obtained a combined B.Sc. honors degree in Civil Engineering and Mathematics in 1981 and a Master's degree in Construction Engineering (Concrete Structures) in 1983 from Leeds University. Mr. Garber joined the structural engineering firm Ove Arup, renowned for the construction of the Sydney Opera House, in London in 1982. In 1992, he joined the New York office of Arup, where he worked for another nine years. Mr. Garber joined Robert Silman Associates in January 2001 and was made an Associate in 2003. He later joined Gedeon GRC Consulting as Director of Building in 2015 and continues to work in this capacity on exciting and challenging projects with a dedicated team of engineers and support staff.

Mr. Garber is a Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers, UK, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Sierra Leone

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Institute of Engineers. He is a board member of the Association of Preservation Technologists and a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects in the USA. Mr. Garber has been involved with the design of numerous projects, most notably The British Library in London; the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in New Jersey; the John F. Kennedy International Arrivals Terminal; the African Burial Ground National Monument; and the United Nations Permanent Memorial to the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade in New York City. After the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center on 9/11, Mr. Garber was among the first group of engineers to assist with search and rescue operations.

Mr. Garber is a proud member of the Krio Descendants Union and is actively involved in efforts by the organization to build a museum and cultural center in Freetown. He is a member and former chair of the Board of the National

Organization of Sierra Leoneans in North America (NOSLINA) and a member of the Sierra Leone Community of New Jersey (SLCNJ) organization. He was also part of the editorial staff for the Journal of Sierra Leone Studies.

Mr. Garber is a former chair of the Bunce Island Coalition and was actively involved in the preservation and stabilization of the Bunce Island Slave Castle and is an advocate for raising the awareness of preserving Sierra Leone's historic sites and artifacts.

Mr. Garber has been an active member of Prince of Wales School Alumni Associations (between 1986 and 1992 in the UK and since 1992 in the US). His devotion to his alma mater is unflinching. He is the long-term President of the Prince of Wales Alumni Association, New Jersey Chapter as well as the CEO of the Prince of Wales School Alumni Foundation, an endowment fund started by alumni of the school.

DONATIONS (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023)

The total donations mentioned in this Newsletter pertain to the donations made by 31 December 2023. It is important to note the difference between the total donations mentioned in this Newsletter and the current total donations displayed on the POWSAF Website. The latter reflects the donations collected to the present day.

	Additions Q4, 2023	@ End of Q4, 2023
Alumni Member Count	2	58
Total Donations	\$14,921.28	\$92,279.99

Location of Donors (Region)	No of Alumni Donors, Members and Associations	Donations @ End of Q4, 2023	Donation Percentage
Africa	3	\$2,606.03	2.82%
Asia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Australia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Europe	13	\$17,538.41	19.01%
North America	49	\$72,135.55	78.17%
South America	0	\$0.00	0.00%
	65	\$92,279.99	100.00%

FINANCIALS (AS OF 31 DEC 2023)

Summary of Cash Activity		During Q4 2023	@ End of Q4 2023	Explanation
Sources of Funds	Donations	\$14,921.28	\$91,789.99	General Donations
	Merchandise	\$0.00	\$490.00	Merchandise Purchases
	Total Income	\$14,921.28	\$92,279.99	
Uses of Funds	Development Costs	\$588.29	\$32,423.55	One-off Marketing and Set-up Costs including Website & E-Shop Development
	Operating costs	\$2,341.63	\$6,502.49	Steady State Operating Costs of the Foundation
	ML Investment	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	Transferred to Endowment Fund
	Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	Funds allocated to Approved Projects
	Inventory	\$0.00	\$3,067.67	Merchandise Stock
	Cash Reserves	\$11,991.36	\$20,286.28	Funds in Bank account yet to be spent, invested or allocated
	Total Disbursement	\$14,921.28	\$92,279.99	

INVESTMENTS (AS OF 31 DEC 2023)

The total investments mentioned in this Newsletter pertain to the investments and the corresponding fiscal returns made up to Q4, 2023.

Cost Category	@ End of Q3, 2023	@ End of Q4, 2023
Capital Invested B/F	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Addition In-Period	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Invested C/F	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Fiscal Gain/(Loss)	\$460.00	\$3,850.00
Portfolio Value @ End of Quarter	\$30,460.00	\$34,310.00