



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.

Ways to Support the Foundation

There are several ways to support the mission of POWSAF and these include (but are not limited to):

- Via Website - Donate through the POWSAF website. Options include:
 - Personal Donations (one-off or recurring) that informs the donor's donation tiers.
 - Donations on behalf of a sponsored Prince-walean (one-off or recurring) informs the beneficiary's donation tier.
 - Other donations for special campaigns (do not inform donation tiers).
- Via Mail - Send a check to POWSAF in Atlanta. Check can be for personal donations or on behalf of a beneficiary. Cash donations are also welcome.
- Matching Gifts - Employers may match employee donations. Check with your employer for matching gift programs. These donations inform the donor's donation tier.
- Charity Events - Participate in events to raise funds. These donations inform the donor's donation tier.
- In Memoriam - Donate in memory of an Alumnus/ Alumna. Leave a tribute message on the website.
- In-Kind Donations - Non-cash gifts like stocks, stock options, securities, cars, boats, or houses. These do not inform donor's donation tiers. Submit the In-Kind Donation form after reviewing our policy.
- Personal Time - Volunteer your time for tasks such as website management, bookkeeping, and business management.

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PRINCE WALEAN SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Abdul Adeyemi Ibrahim, POWSAF Member

Dr. Abdul Adeyemi Ibrahim (PhD) was admitted to the Prince of Wales School in September 1976 after a primary school education at Fourah Bay College Primary School. The Prince of Wales School would have a strong influence on shaping his worldview and career choices. Raised in a STEM family environment, it would appear almost natural that he would have a STEM career, but the Prince of Wales School did a lot to inspire him down that path. Sixth form at the Prince of Wales School was a transformative experience. The competitive environment provided by some of the best and brightest students from all over Sierra Leone, buttressed by excellent teachers, made a key difference.



Excellence in formal instruction at the school was supplemented with several other academic activities such as the Literary and Debating Society (L&DS), which provided another aspect to education not available elsewhere. This environment piqued his interest in the Biological Sciences, which he maintained through his undergraduate years at Fourah Bay College. He graduated with a BSc (Honours) degree specializing in Zoology, followed by a Research and Teaching Assistant appointment at the Department of Zoology, where his responsibilities included mostly teaching assignments and research activities in the Department of Community Health.

At the time Dr. Ibrahim was graduating, emerging fields of Biology at the cellular and molecular level were just starting to gain prominence globally.

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Whole disciplines of study and new industries were about to emerge. The modern biotechnology industry, using recombinant DNA technology, was in its infancy, when Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), was developed. PCR, as a diagnostic and research technique had just been invented four years earlier.

It is used for amplifying DNA and has many applications in Medicine, Research, and Forensics. It was into this new emerging 'biotech' world that Dr Ibrahim chose to "follow his passion" and selected a career, against the advice of some of his well-respected mentors, not knowing how he would make this work for him in Sierra Leone.

Dr. Ibrahim left Sierra Leone for further education in the United States at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL. Initially enrolled in the Master of Science program in the Biology Department, he transferred

to the multidisciplinary PhD program in Basic Medical Sciences in the College of Medicine, earning his degree from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

After a short attempt at a career in academia, he found his home in the biotech industry space, specifically research and development. He is presently the Laboratory and Technical Services Manager at National Diagnostics Inc., a Life Science Research Solutions company based in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Ibrahim wants to encourage all Princewaleans to support POWSAF in providing the resources for current and future Princewaleans to gain the strong foundation and confidence to pursue their passions. He strongly believes that positive change in the world is made by those who follow the roads less travelled.

DONATIONS (AS AT 30 JUNE 2025)

The Newsletter's total donations, as of June 30, 2025, differ from POWSAF's website total, which updates donations to date and excludes merchandise revenue.

	[+] / [-] (During Q2, 2025)	Total (@ End of Q2, 2025)
Alumni Donor Count	4	5
Alumni Member Count	18	94
Alumni Association count	0	4
Alumni Donations	\$14,124.42	\$144,849.43
Other Donations	\$30.00	\$10,965.13
Total Donations	\$14,154.42	\$155,814.56

Location of Donors (Region)	No of Alumni Donors, Members and Associations	Donations @ End of Q2, 2025	Donation Percentage
Africa	10	\$8,198.53	5.26%
Asia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Australia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Europe	19	\$28,256.00	18.14%
North America	74	\$119,359.67	76.60%
South America	0	\$0.00	0.00%
	103	\$155,814.56	100.00%

FINANCIALS (AS AT 30 JUNE 2025)

Summary of Cash Activity		During Q2 2025	Total @ End of Q2, 2025	
Sources of Funds	Dividends	\$297.28	\$2,196.19	
	Donations	\$14,154.42	\$153,907.28	
	Merchandise	\$30.00	\$1,906.72	
	Total Income	\$14,481.70	\$158,010.19	
Uses of Funds	Development Costs	\$0.00	\$35,648.55	One-off Marketing and Set-up Costs including Website & E-Shop Development
	Operating costs	\$2,764.04	\$19,456.20	Steady State Operating Costs of the Foundation
	ML Investment	\$10,000.00	\$70,000.00	Transferred to Endowment Fund
	Allocated to Projects	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	Funds allocated to Approved Projects
	Inventory	(\$28.45)	\$2,867.60	Merchandise Stock
	Movement in Reserves	\$1,746.11	\$20,037.84	Funds in Bank Acct. & Investment Acct. yet to be spent, invested or allocated
	Total	\$14,481.70	\$158,010.19	

INVESTMENTS (AS OF 30 JUNE 2025)

The total investments mentioned in this Newsletter pertain to the investments and the corresponding fiscal returns made up to Q2, 2025.

Cost Category	@ End of Q1, 2025	In Period Addition	@ End of Q2, 2025
Capital Invested	\$60,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$70,000.00
Fiscal Gain/(Loss)	\$8,763.00	\$7,259.00	\$16,022.00
Cash Balance (incl. of div.)	\$887.00	\$186.00	\$1,073.00
Investment Portfolio Value	\$69,650.00	\$17,445.00	\$87,095.00