



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. Muriel Beoku-Betts, POWSAF Member

Dr. (Mrs) Muriel Beoku-Betts (née Browne) was born on 4th January 1960 in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Professionally, she is a General Dentist with a distinguished career spanning several decades. She is the daughter of Mr. Alex Browne, a Civil Engineer who served as General Manager and Engineer in Chief at Guma Valley Water Company, and Dr. Moira Browne (née Cummings) who made history as one of the first women to attend the Prince of Wales School for her sixth form studies and later became Chief Medical Officer of Sierra Leone.



In 1960, Muriel returned to Sierra Leone with her parents, who were subsequently posted to Kenema in 1964. She began her education at the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic School in Kenema, attending for about a year, before transferring to Aunty Gwen James's primary school, which she attended for just under a year. The family then relocated to Freetown, where Muriel attended Leone Preparatory School, completing her studies there in class six. She excelled in her Selective Entrance Examination, earning third place for her secondary school placement.

Muriel continued her education at the Methodist Girls High School, where she completed fifth form and achieved a Division One in her GCE "O" Levels. This academic success earned her a sixth form place at the Prince of Wales School, joining five other young women as part of what she believes was the first intake of girls after a brief hiatus in female admissions. She fondly recalls her time at the school, quickly finding her place in, and becoming one of, a close-knit group of students she affectionately calls "the six Musketeers".

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After completing sixth form and earning GCE "A" Levels in four subjects, Muriel left Sierra Leone for the United Kingdom. She settled in Newcastle, improved her results in two subjects, and gained admission to the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Dental School, graduating with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery in July 1984 after five years of training. Following graduation, she joined the Sunderland Health Authority as a Community Dental Officer, working first in Washington, Tyne and Wear, and later managing the Springwell Health Centre dental clinic for three years.

She subsequently moved to Leicester to join Moti Smile Design Centre, where she has worked as an Associate General Dentist for 35 years, alongside a brief period of part-time work at Corby Health Centre. Muriel is married to Dr Douglas Beoku-Betts, a scientist, businessman, trainee lay preacher, and political aspirant. Her family includes two children, Charis and Christopher,

a stepson, Rowland, a stepdaughter-in-law, Angela, and two step-grandchildren, Immanuel and Louella. Now semi-retired, she works part time and remains active in community life through the Rotary Club of Leicester, the Leicester Amika Choir, piano studies at the Nick Redfern School of Music, and her role as Safeguarding Officer for her Methodist Church. Her family maintains strong ties to the Prince of Wales School. Her older cousin, Dr Muriel Harris (née Cummings), also attended sixth form there and is an active member of the alumni association in Sierra Leone, along with her sisters, Dr Diane Browne (Thomas) and Dr Rita Browne (Lisk).

Muriel credits Prince of Wales School for preparing her to thrive as the only female dentist in her practice for two decades. Proudly Princewalean, she applauds centenary unity and urges alumni to support POWSAF for the school's future.

DONATIONS (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 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 Q3, 2025)	Total (@ End of Q3, 2025)
Alumni Donor Count	4	8
Alumni Member Count	1	95
Alumni Assoc./Org. Count	0/0	4/3
Alumni Donations	\$18,675.49	\$149,405.50
Other Donations	\$0.00	\$10,980.13
Total Donations	\$18,675.49	\$160,385.63

Location of Donors (Region)	No of donors, Alumni Members, Assocs. & Orgs.	Donations @ End of Q3, 2025	Donation Percentage
Africa	14	\$10,913.32	6.80%
Asia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Australia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Europe	21	\$29,140.94	18.17%
North America	74	\$120,331.37	75.03%
South America	0	\$0.00	0.00%
	110	\$160,385.63	100.00%

FINANCIALS (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2025)

Summary of Cash Activity		During Q3 2025	Total @ End of Q3, 2025	Explanation
Sources of Funds	Dividends	\$306.43	\$2,502.22	
	Donations	\$18,675.49	\$160,385.63	
	Merchandise	\$0.00	\$1,906.72	
	Total Revenues	\$18,981.49	\$164,794.54	
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	\$22,220.50	Steady State Operating Costs of the Foundation
	ML Investment	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	Transferred to Endowment Fund
	Allocated to Projects	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	Funds allocated to Approved Projects
	Inventory	\$0.00	\$12,438.60	Merchandise Stock
	Movement in Reserves	\$16,217.24	\$14,486.89	Funds in Bank Acct. & Investment Acct. yet to be spent, invested or allocated
	Total	\$18,981.49	\$164,794.54	

INVESTMENTS (AS OF 30TH SEPT, 2025)

The total investments mentioned in this Newsletter pertain to the investments and the corresponding fiscal returns made up to Q3, 2025

Cost Category	@ End of Q2, 2025	In Period Addition	@ End of Q3, 2025
Capital Invested	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
Fiscal Gain/(Loss)	\$16,022.00	\$4,428.00	\$20,450.00
Cash Balance (incl. of div.)	\$1,073.00	\$1,429.00	\$2,502.00
Investment Portfolio Value	\$87,095.00	\$5,857.00	\$92,952.00