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AFRIKFEST: CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE IN LAS VEGAS



Dr. Godwin
Maduka
Lion of Africa
Nevada's
Doyen of
Pain
Management



Dr. Ifeanyi
Okowa
Governor
Delta State
Nigeria



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R -inventing Wellness
& PainCare in Nevada

Dr. Godwin Maduka receives his honors from Chris & Favor at Afrikfest 2018 in Las Vegas.



Dr. Godwin Maduka, MD, Pharm D.

Multiple award winning, triple professor of medical sciences receives, another well deserved honor for his remarkable work in pain management, contribution to the growth of the Nevada and US economy and his amazing philanthropy in the US and Africa over the past two decades.

In Southern Nevada, the name Dr. Maduka reverberates across the medical field, especially when it comes to pain management. In the medical circles it is a name synonymous with the most efficient and result oriented practice. With close to 300 staff in his 6 locations across the Southern Nevada valley, he is a formidable force in pain management. Inspired to start his own practice 20 year ago, due to injustice suffered under a former employer, Dr. Maduka has become an inspiration to many in the medical field, especially those of black descent. At the opening of his most recent remarkable location, in Blue Diamond Road, the Nevada State Democratic governorship candidate Mr. Steve Sisolak, who is also the current Chairman of the Board of Clark County Commissioners, referred to Dr. Maduka as one of the best employer of labor, with the most diversified staff,

considering the strict diversity adherence policy of his Las Vegas Pain Institutes & Medical Centers, which has in its employ, Caucasians, Latinos, Africa - Americans, Asians, Pacific-Oceanians and others. He also roundly praised Dr. Maduka for his huge contributions to the economy of his adopted home. A triple professor of Medical Sciences, the multiple award winner was again recognized for his immense contributions to the growth of medicine in Southern Nevada and the US, as well as his amazing philanthropy. He has built the largest medical research center in Africa and educated a lot of his staff in the US on scholarships. In Africa his philanthropy is incomparable- He built 100 homes for relatives, churches, hospitals, police stations and residential quarters, magistrate and high courts with judges quarters, high schools, roads etc. He has given scholarships to thousands up to University level. *Afrikfest Las Vegas* honored him as one of the most outstanding Africans of this generation.



AFRIKFEST LAS VEGAS

Celebrating Black Excellence in Southern Nevada

With these important words Chris and Favor, the brains behind the annual African Cultural Festival - *Afrikfest* welcomed guests to the exclusive 1st annual awards gala night. "Afrikfest is the total unification of Africans in the diaspora, African - Americans and Caribbeans. We have created an umbrella, where we can all converge and grow together through arts and culture, entertainment as well as business"

The awards night held at the ballroom of the prestigious International Peace Education Center on Bermuda road, Las Vegas. It was a congregation of A-list guests from across the US and Africa.

Guests of note were Mr. Steve Sisolak, Chairman Clark County Board of Commissioners and Democratic Party governorship candidate for the State of Nevada; Mr.

Ben Chavis, president of the US national association of publishers; Dr. Godwin Maduka, founder of the Las Vegas Pain Institute and Medical Centers, which is the largest pain management franchise in Nevada; Mr. Kingsley Emu, economic planning commissioner for Delta State in Nigeria and his culture & tourism counterpart, Mr. Emmanuel Chinye; both representing Delta state governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa; Lawrence Weekly, Chairman Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority (LVCVA); members of the US senate and house of representatives as well as top professionals and business owners.

The inaugural edition of the 3 day event kicked off with a cocktail, hosted by Mr. Ken Evans who is the president of the Urban Chamber of Commerce Las Vegas, at the Eclipse Theater in downtown Las Vegas, in conjunction with Jo

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Commissioner Weekly receives award from Favor & Chris.



Mr. Steve Sisolak, Nevada Democratic Governorship Candidate, speaks at Afrikfest

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE WEEKLY, was honored at Afrikfest for his remarkable work in the promotion of Las Vegas as a premier destination globally. He is the first African-America to chair the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority (LVCVA). He also sits as chairman of the Board of Trustees for Universal Medical Center Southern Nevada, the Clark

County Liquor & Gaming Licensing Board that awards nearly \$1million to valley wide programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for families in Clark County. He is also on numerous other boards. A man of many parts, he also hosts a very popular program on Power 88.1 FM, Las Vegas. His remarkable work in the promotion and unification of the black community is awesome.

Nigeria's Delta State Governor Dr. Arthur Ifeanyi Okowa, was honored at Afrikfest for his exemplary drive towards maximum economic development and youth empowerment in the country's oil rich region.

He was represented by Kingsley Emu (Commissioner for economic development) and Emmanuel Chinye, (Commissioner for Culture & Tourism).

Delivering the keynote speech on behalf of the governor at the awards gala, Kingsley Emu said that "Africa has about 20% of the world's mineral resources... that makes Africa great... we do understand our limitations, but we are staring to turn things around... for instance Nevada has a population of 3 million people with a GDP of about \$156 million, while Delta state has a population of 6 million people with a GDP of just \$24 million, but we are realizing that this is due to over concentration on raw materials. Services is what Nevada is known for- hotels, restaurants, resorts, gaming, tourism, entertainment



Left-right: Chris, Kingsley Emu, Favor and Emmanuel Chinye at award presentation to Delta State governor, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa.



etc. Nigeria has picked up along those lines. While thanking Afrikfest for the award, he noted that there was a prelude, when the Bill Gates Foundation funded CCN identified and honored Delta State as no. 1 in human capital investments in the region. Concluding, he said "Human capital investments unlocks the potentials in human beings, because the first thing a nation has, is its people, not the raw materials."

Tashi & Neville Campbell
receive award.



Dr. NEVILLE and TASHI CAMPBELL receive honors for their remarkable achievement in Healthcare and committed community outreach, with the awesome work their Center for Wellness & Paincare is doing in the southern Nevada valley. Moving from New York to Las Vegas in 2014, the award winning practice has instigated a revolution in healthcare delivery in the valley and continues to be a foremost contributor to community development in Las Vegas' diversified population and landscape.



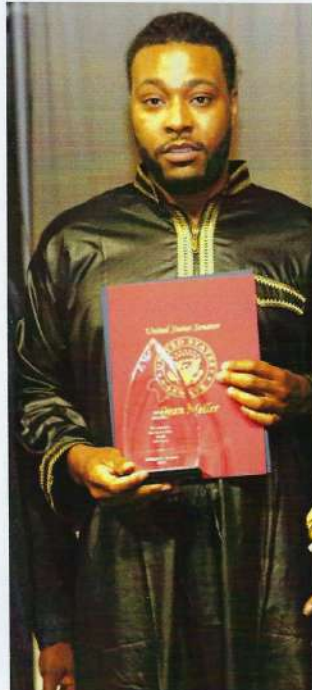
Dr. Ben Chavis, President & CEO, National Newspapers Publishers Association (USA) and former assistant to the legendary civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King jr. gave some kind words on the need for Black unity.



Son of Nigeria's Taraba state governor, Arc. Darius Ishaku, receives award on behalf of his dad, who was honored for his urban development initiatives in the north eastern Nigeria state.



PASTOR AND MRS. UGBODU receive double honors at Afrikfest for the outstanding advocacy their Ambassadors Behavioral Health Services has been doing in North Las Vegas, by helping to feed, rehabilitate and counsel hundreds of homeless, emotionally disturbed individuals.



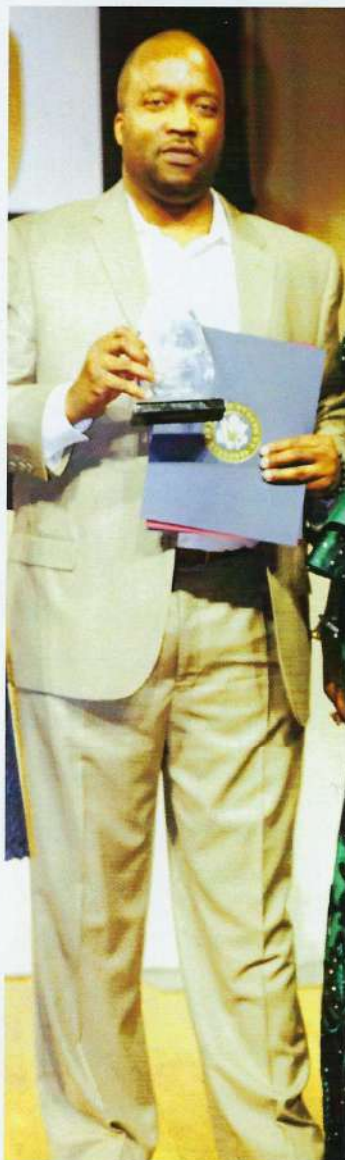
Young, dynamic DEVIN BROOKS is one of the most inspiring figures for the next generation in Las Vegas. Afrikfest recognized him for his motivation of inner-city youths and various healthcare centered programs that has brought succor to the under served communities in Southern Nevada. He is CEO Brooks Behavioral Health Center; Brooks Family Clinic and GROW. He is also a recipient of NAACP Rising Star Award 2013.



DR. CHARLES USIGBE, is the most outstanding African tax and grant writing consultant in Las Vegas. Afrikfest recognize him for his important contribution to business growth and socioeconomic development in the Southern Nevada valley.



The Nigerian community is one of the largest African - American immigrant communities in Nevada, with second and third generations born and bred in the US. DR. EVARISTA NNADI, MD, is the current president of the Nigerian Association Las Vegas, after being elected for a second term by virtue of her remarkable performance during her first tenure. As the first ever female president of the association she has engineered profound unity among Nigerians, Africans and other black communities in Las Vegas. Afrikfest honors her for this remarkable stride.



MR. KEN EVANS has been one of the most dynamic promoters of Black community entrepreneurial forward progression in Las Vegas over the past 5 years, through his presidency of the Urban Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas. His immense contribution to the black community is recognized by Afrikfest as an agent of unity, community cohesion and socioeconomic crusading.

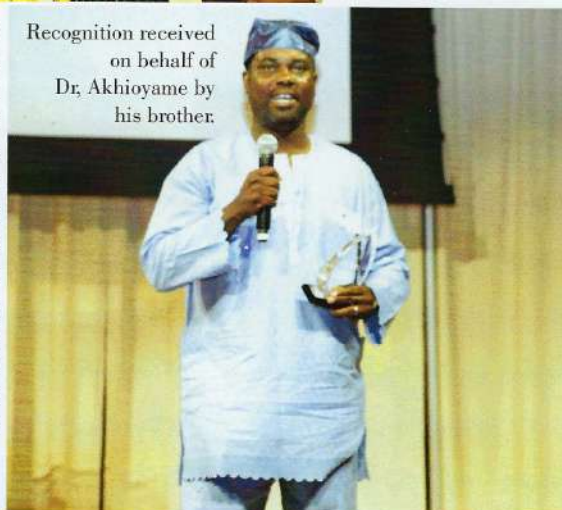


Varney Fofana & wife receive award

FOFANA VARNEY, is honored for his outstanding entrepreneurship in the African community. His African, Asian and Caribbean imports and grocery store, is the most patronized by the African immigrant community in Southern Nevada.

DR. FRANKLIN AKHIOYAME has contributed to the Las Vegas community through his medical practice. He is recognized for his remarkable rehabilitation within the diversified community and socioeconomic strides.

Recognition received on behalf of Dr. Akhioyame by his brother.



Kate Parkers's assistants receive her plaque of honor on her behalf.

Ghanaian born KATE PARKER is one of the most outstanding black women professionals around. Her CBH Wellness Clinic is well noted for its amazing results in women health, wellness and beauty regimes. Afrikfest recognize her immense contribution to women health and community development.

Afrikfest Las Vegas
Promoting Black Socioeconomic
integration through Arts & Culture



MICHELLE JACKSON is recognized by Afrikfest for her non profits that have been instrumental to the total rehabilitation and reintegration into the society. She is a great symbol of hope and inspiration to the black community in Southern Nevada.



Event hosts, Augusta Massey and Tony Nwuli, were awesome. Intermittently thrilling the audience with jokes and banter and making sure the event coordination went smoothly.



Hunny Caramella supported the hosts on stage.

Afrikfest get-together cocktail, by Jo Cato of Periwinkle Group and Ken Evans of Urban Chambers Las Vegas

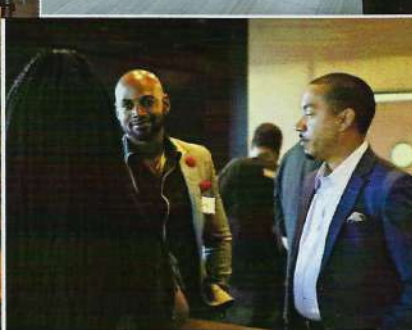


Beauty and brains at Afrikfest cocktail



Jo Cato

Ken Evans



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Cato's Periwinkle group.

The cocktail had top business people, professionals and the arty crowd in attendance. The amazing networking atmosphere set the pace for the exciting inaugural Afrikfest. The August visitors from Africa got the chance to savor the friendly warmth that Las Vegas has to offer. Flowers were presented to the visiting

women from Africa in proper American tradition and lots of connections were made over a few drinks as soft music played in the background. It was a fitting opener and a hint of the what 1st Afrikfest was to offer over the next two days, which were the Cultural fair, featuring vendors and African entertainment and the awesome awards gala night. Attendees rated the cocktail very high.



Entertainment @ Afrikfest Awards Gala



The second day of Afrikfest featured the arts & culture fair, where lots of vendors displayed a wide range of products and services including Africentric foods, fashion, beauty products, organic wellness products, mortgage services, etc.

Visitors to the fair were quite thrilled by the variety on offer and many shopped to their delight. A lot of the vendors were also happy with the turn out of visitors and many had unprecedented sales. Some of the vendors were Afrikan Traditions, Dignified Home Loans, Aklave, Tolvic, Vlammetjie, Afrotique, Dignity

Memorial, Expertise Cosmetology Institute, Mr. Majestic Music, DBA, Ruby Thomas, Gayla Queen and others. African entertainment was also available to spice up the fair. Afrikfest was supported by Periwinkle, Africa Informer, Renewed Mind BHS, Memo Lounge, Fox 5 TV, ABC 13 Las Vegas, Dvast Entertainment, AIT International, African Beats magazine, Sync Prints, Olika Reporters, Ceasers's Palace Entertainment and others.

Chris and Favor told Africa Informer that the next edition coming up early 2019, "will be bigger and better".

AT THE AFRIKFEST ARTS & CULTURE FAIR



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Afrikan Traditions



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Dignified Home Loans, Las Vegas



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On the Runway @ Afrikfest awards gala



