



8th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
ALMA MATER PROJECTS COMPILATION EXECUTED BY
FESTAC GRAMMAR SCHOOL
CLASS OF 98' ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Motto: We Lead And Others Follow



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(FGSCAA)



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BRIEF HISTORY OF FGSCAA



The Festac Grammar School Class 98 Alumni Association (FGSCAA) was founded in 2016. Like most alumni associations, its function is to serve the best interests of Festac Grammar School (FGS) and the community within a particular geographical region. On February 16, 2016, a group of old classmates of the Festac Grammar School 1998 graduate set met and discussed the possibility of starting an alumni association to create a continuous relationship with their alma mater and old classmates. This group, kicked started a communication point on WhatsApp Platform and came up with a name for the group, known as the Festac Grammar School Class of 98' Alumni Association (FGSCAA).

The idea of registering the association legally under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) was introduced by the precursor of the group, Gerald Azonobo, who invited a few early beginners as trustees of the association to achieve the successful registration. The registration process was initiated and the formal application process for registering the organization was handled by a legal firm. During this time the group created a constitution and by-laws and began the initial framework for a fully functional association, following the conditions of the CAC registration. The early beginners who were published in one of the Nigeria Daily's as members of the association trustees for the registration purpose are Gerald Azonobo (Chairman), Adewale Aderoju, Mark Ahamefula, Henry Ekpe (Secretary), Thomas Kokobili and Abiodun Adetona.

In March 2016 following the increasing numbers of joiners, an inaugural general meeting was held at Frank kids Park in Festac Town, Lagos, slated for March 20, 2016, where the members on the Board of Trustees (BOT) were ratified by the general house and signatories of the trustees were appended on the CAC documents for immediate submission. It was further agreed that the BOT should set up an electoral committee to be supervised by the BOT against the proposed official elections for executive officers and directors (board of directors). On the floor of the same meeting, the amendments and corrections on the constitution and bylaws that was presented for ratification.

Projects proposal in favour of our alma mater were discussed and agreed upon, and immediately the business of the alumni association kicked into motion. We took interest in some pet projects execution in favour of our alma mater which was appreciated by the school's board. Election nominations and voting process for executive officers and directors (Board of Directors) was announced in March 2016 and the election took place in April 2016.

A general meeting was called by the Board of Trustees (BOT) in for the 8th of May 2016 to ratify the elected officers/directors, and to also ratify the amended constitution & bylaws amongst others, and after a lengthy deliberation, the BOT closed the meeting with the swearing-in ceremony of the new elected. The newly elected Executive Council (EXCO) and appointed directors making up the Board of Directors (BOD) sprang into action and delivered the Alumni Association to a good position after a two-2- year tenure

(June 2016- October 2018). Several projects were formalized during this time.

On the 12th of August 2016, we received the Certificate of Incorporation with CAC/IT/NO.89854 issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission under the Federal Republic of Nigeria for Festac Grammar School Class of 98' Alumni Association. Upon first tenure expiration of the first elected executive council (EXCO) 2016/2018 administration alongside the Board of Directors (BOD) in the leadership of Adekunle Osobu, the general membership of the association moved that the Board of Trustees (BOT) take charge of the day-to-day running of the association from 2018 till 2021.

In April 2021 an election was held for a new executive administration, and the new Executive Council (July 2021 – June 2023) in the leadership of Oluwagbemiga Oladiran with her appointed directors took charge of the day-to-day running of the association till June 2023. Several projects were executed in favour of our alma mater and her students during this time as well as charitable community events. After the first tenure expiration of the 2021/2023 administration, the general membership of the association moved that the Board of Trustees (BOT) should take the wheel of the association to concretize a solid working modus operandi cum blueprint until a future election will be decided for executive council that will take over from the BOT. Hitherto, the BOT took the baton of leadership in July 2023 and has been running the day-to-day affairs of the association till date.

So far so good, the FGSCAA have successfully delivered projects in favour of our alma mater beneficial to the students. The FGSCAA can proudly boast of more than 80 active members till date, comprising of both male and female who are either graduate or former students of Festac Grammar School (FGS). The association have men and women who are professionals in myriad walks of life, ranging from Lawyers, Architect, farmers, bankers, insurance, real estate, construction, marine, oil & gas, and other multinational companies, etc. These great old students share common principles and vision on the goals of the association, and hence they have come together since 2016 to ensure that they deliver on the mission and vision statements of the association.

Today, the FGSCAA continues to be a stalwart in the overall embodiment of Festac Grammar School Old Students Association (FECSOSA), with her programs aimed at mentoring youth, promoting scholastic excellence, granting scholarships, and establishing long-standing relationships with her alma mater and the students, as well as uplifting the downtrodden of mankind through charitable service in Festac Town, and the surrounding communities Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area under Lagos State, Nigeria. In conclusion the FGSCAA has established admirable recognition by the Festac Grammar School Authority (Secondary and Junior), the Ministry of Education District V, and the general alumni body of the old student's association (FECSOSA).



BRIEF HISTORY OF FGSCAA

Our Vision

Our vision is to serve our alma mater, alumni members and to advance lifelong love of learning, responsible citizenship, and personal integrity. .

Our Mission

Our mission is to reunite alumni while sustaining and fostering relationships within the alma mater community through social, charitable, educational, and spiritual activities, thus helping to support the vision and mission of the school.

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to foster, advance, and support the interests and welfare of Festac Grammar School in accordance with its ideals, principles, and traditions.

Our Commitment

Our commitment is to provide services and activities that enhance the opportunity to meet, recreate and maximize student life.

Guiding Principles & Values

School Life

School life is an environment where the educational experience is enhanced through means of accessible services, collaboration, and student input.

Life-Long Learning

FGSCAA supports the FGS's mission of life-long learning by engaging students and providing a bridge between the classroom and the global society through co-curricular learning opportunities.

Student Wellness

A commitment to the betterment of a student as an active individual in society where physical, mental, and social strengths are developed.

Student Advocacy and Cultural Competence

Provide an opportunity for students to find their voice, share their opinions, and express ideas, concerns and needs to the school and greater community.

Student Services

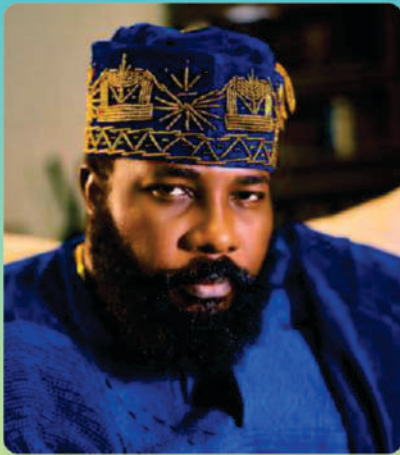
Provide services to students based upon their demonstrated needs in a fiscally responsible manner. In its interactions with students, FGSCAA seeks to develop future leaders by involving them in decision making and providing opportunities for work experience.





FGSCAA LEADERSHIP

Meet our Board of Trustees from 2023-till date



Gerald Azonobo
(Chairman)



Abiodun Adetona
(Secretary)



Thomas Kokobili
(Member)



Frances Nwosa
(Member)



Kelechi Nwuzor
(Member)



Mercy Okafor
(Member)



TIMELINE OF FGSCAA ALMA MATER PROJECTS 2016-2024

Since incipency of this great association, we have executed some remarkable projects beneficial to the school as it concerns academics, basic amenities, events and where necessary for the advancement of building a friendly reading environment for the students and teachers. As we grow as an association, we shall continue to advance in our vision and mission having it established in our minds that "GIVING-BACK" to our Alma Mater is the chief-good of our foundation as an alumni association, as well as serving the community around the Festac Grammar School. Find below the timeline of some of our projects over the last 8 years.

Project 1 - 2016

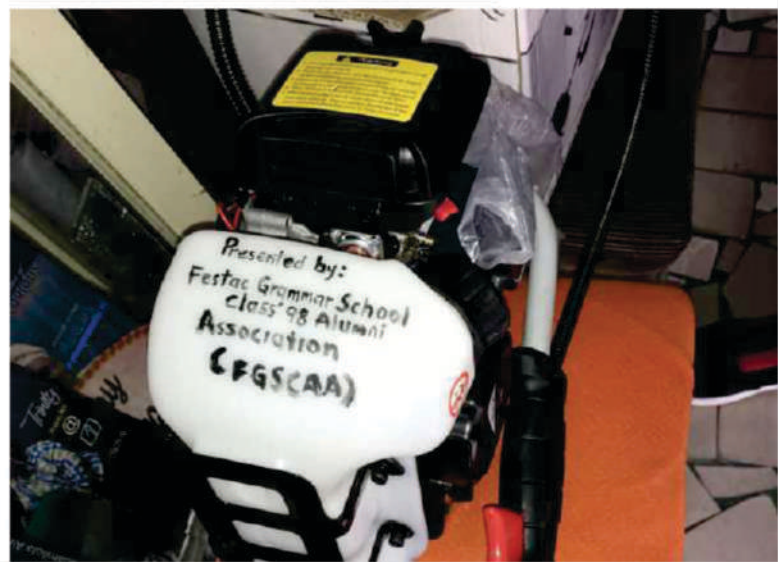
Description: In 2016 the Board of Trustees of FGSCAA approached the FGS leadership for both Junior Secondary School (JSS) and Senior Secondary School (SSS) to introduce the association and inquire on what petty projects that are urgent for the schools. We took up the case of the dilapidated classrooms walls for the JSS by purchasing some blocks for the walls to be erected. We also donated a Desk Jet Printer to the Administrative office of the SSS. In the same year, we sponsored the Sports day event held on May 12th, 2016, and Children's day held May 24th, 2016.

Project 2:

(a). Donation of Printer/Copier and Gasoline Brush Cutter for the Senior Secondary School - 2020

(b). Supply of COVID-19 Nose Masks and Hand Sanitizers for Junior and Senior Secondary School - 2020

Description: In June 2020 two "PET PROJECTS" were executed to completion by the FGSCAA Alumni Relations & Student Activities Committee (ARASAC) with the Project Committee (PC). The ARASAC Project was valued at 59,000 Naira for purchasing a gasoline brush cutter and a Photocopying machine and donated to our Alma Mater (Festac Grammar School-FGS), While the PC Project was valued at 149,000 Naira for purchasing 298 Nose masks, a pack of hand sanitizers, two packs of liquid soaps, and two plastic buckets to help curb the spread of COVID-19.



Project 3: Purchase of 30 NECO Forms for Senior Secondary students - 2020

Description: In September 2020, the FGSCAA, through her Education and Scholarship Committee (EASC), assisted by the Alumni Relations and Student Activities Committee (ARASAC), also executed Education Endowment Project purchasing National Examination Council (NECO) Forms for thirty-30- Senior School Students-SS3 costing the sum of 435,000 Naira



Project 4: "Back to School" - 200 School Bags, 200 Textbooks and 3,000 Notebooks donation for Junior and Senior Secondary School - 2021.

Description: In May 2021, Back-to-school season is an exciting time for Nigerian children as they look forward to the year ahead, but unfortunately, some children do not have access to the supplies they need for a successful school year. On this premise, the FGSCAA, an association committed to giving back to our alma mater, donated 3,000 Notebooks, 200 Textbooks and 200 School Bags to the students on JSS and SSS of Festac Grammar School. Proper school supplies are often a requirement of course curriculum and essential for academic achievement. Our mission at FGSCAA is to better the lives of Nigerian families. We believe that every child deserves a great start to the school year. This project costing approximately 2,000,000 Naira was a success through the FGSCAA and support from Keep Up the Hope (KUTH) Foundation, a charity organization created to help in the alleviation of poverty, foster good citizenship and encourage healthy communities, making this initiative come to fruition.







Project 5: 1st Annual Spelling Bee Competition organized for Junior and Secondary School students - 2021.

Description: In June 2021, the FGSCAA's 1st annual spelling bee competition amongst the students in JSS and SSS. The spelling bee event having 25 participants from JSS 1-3 & SSS 1-2, is purposed to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. The event was truly inspirational and has positively affected the school, students, their parents, and the community. The bee was held for four days at Festac Grammar School in Festac Town, and we had a talented group of young spellers. The overall winner for the junior category was Esther Olasunkanmi, from JSS 1 and overall winner for the senior category was Taiwo Olabode from SSS 1. Cash prizes, laptops, smart phones, trophies were given to winning participants as the category demanded, and the event costing over 5,000,000 Naira gained partnership and supports from a variety of individuals, community organizations, and businesses making it a success and one of its kind. It has shown that indeed the students can have fun while learning and they are capable of so much more if they set their minds to it. The words they have learned are just the beginning of a mindset change to improving their excitement about learning and positivity in the opportunities available to them.







Project 6: Purchase of 10 NECO forms for Senior Secondary students - 2021

Description: In September 2021, the FGSCAA, through her Education and Scholarship Committee (EASC), assisted by the Alumni Relations and Student Activities Committee (ARASAC), also executed Education Endowment Project purchasing National Examination Council (NECO) Forms for ten-10- Senior School Students-SS3 costing the sum of 155,000 Naira.



Project 7: Purchase of JAMB forms for Senior Secondary students – 2022

Description: In February 2022, the FGSCAA, through her Education and Scholarship Committee (EASC), assisted by the Alumni Relations and Student Activities Committee (ARASAC), also executed Education Endowment Project purchasing Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) Forms for ten-10- Senior School Students-SS3 costing the sum of 150,000 Naira.



Project 8: Purchase of 15 NECO forms for Senior Secondary students - 2023

Description: In September 2023, the FGSCAA, through her Education and Scholarship Committee (EASC), assisted by the Alumni Relations and Student Activities Committee (ARASAC), also executed Education Endowment Project purchasing National Examination Council (NECO) Forms for fifteen-15- Senior School Students-SS3 costing the sum of 270,000 Naira.



Project 9: Equipped And Renovated Science Laboratory for Senior Secondary School-2024

Description: In February 2024, the FGSCAA through her Project Committee commissioned an equipped and renovated Science laboratory for the benefits of biology, physics, and chemistry practical for senior secondary school students. The project involved painting of the laboratory, provision of new tables and stools, and apparatus and materials needed to aid practical work in the subjects. The project preparation and production process started around October 2023 and was commissioned in February 2024. The cost of execution and delivery is approximately 2,00,000 Naira.









Project 10: Purchase a grass slasher/trimmer for Junior Secondary School and cleared the bushes in the school premises.

Description: In the same spirit of delivering an equipped science laboratory, the FGSCAA on the day of commissioning the equipped science laboratory donated grass slasher/trimmer costing 120,000 Naira, and in addition we cleared the existing grass and bushes around the premises.

Project 11: Humanitarian Service Reach Out.

Description: As part of our mission and vision statements to also serve the FGS community, we are a body that believes in stretching hands of love to the less privileged and downtrodden in the society. In 2020 during our Homecoming celebration, we visited an orphanage home in Festac Town, and also during our 6th year anniversary in 2022, we visited another orphanage home and Spinal Cord Injuries Center in Amuwo Odofin, where we donated some wheel chairs, crutches, and other items.

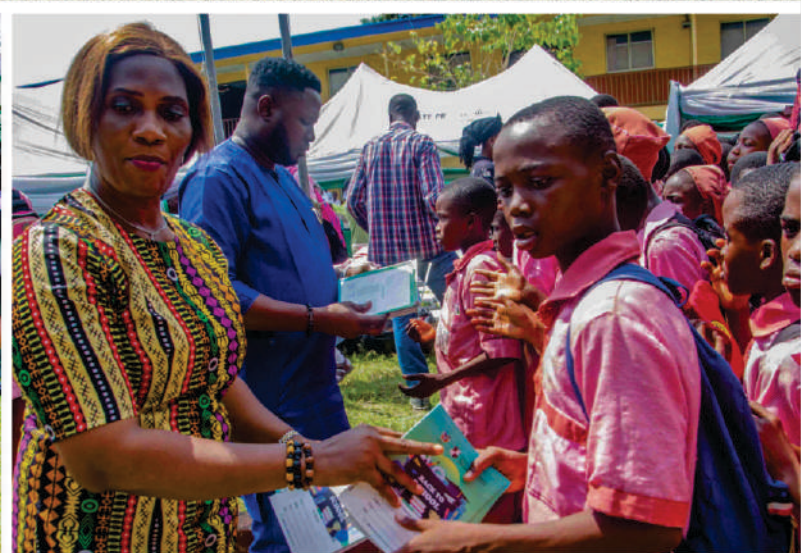




Project 12: Back to School 2024

Description: On the 15th of November 2024, we embarked on the second "Back To School Project ", a part of their annual projects line up for their financial year 2024/2025, conveying an exercise where 3,000 branded notebooks, 1,000 writing pen, 100 school bags and 100 brand new school uniforms were given freely to students of our Alma mater. A project delivered by the Class of 1998 of Festac Grammar School. A similar project was done by this same Class of 1998 sometime in May 2021, where donations of Back To School Supplies were distributed including various textbooks covering senior and junior students to equip their library.









GROUP PHOTO GALLERY
OF FGSCAA MEMBERS



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PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2024/2025 Financial Year

1. 2nd Annual Spelling Bee Competition
2. Sponsor NECO/JAMB
3. More Equipment And Apparatus For Science Laboratories
4. New School Uniforms Supplies
5. Notebooks And Textbooks Supplies
6. School Bags Supplies
7. New Classrooms Chairs And Desk



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