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FOREWORD



It's a sad sign of the collective experience we're going through, when we find ourselves asking why we do not pay homage to those who strive to be great. A collective sob is felt throughout the country each time we lose such great people, partly because they're no more, but mostly because of the guilt we feel about not having celebrated them enough while they were still alive. In a world rife with sorrow, hurt and doubt, the least we could do as a society is give our heroes their flowers when they're still alive.

I truly believe and stand for this. This is why I felt honoured when I was appointed as chairman of the Board of Patrons for an organisation that actively undertakes this activity – EMY Africa. What I've noticed being part of this organisation is an outpouring of genuine support for society's achievers and a celebration of legacies. We will take this further and cast our net wider.

True to EMY Africa's motto – Inspiring Greatness – we are also making a conscious effort to inspire the youth. We plan to start mentorship and support programmes in the near future to buttress this.

We want society to be better, so we'll do our part.

Dr Ernest Ofori Sarpong

Chairman, Board of Patrons (EMY Africa)

Asceplian award

(MAN OF THE YEAR – HEALTH)

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DR. BERNARD OKOE-BOYE - A former member of the seventh Parliament of the Fourth Republic of Ghana, Dr. Okoe-Boye represented the Ledzokuku Constituency in the Greater Accra Region. He then went on to become the Board Chairman of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra. He began his career with the Ghana Health Service in Cape Coast before moving to Tema General Hospital in 2011. He worked at Kibi Government Hospital, the La General Hospital and finally Lekma Hospital in Teshie before his entry into parliament. He was nominated by the president to serve as deputy health minister in 2020. In the same year, he joined the national Covid-19 management team and has been at the frontline of communication of strategies and government plans on managing the pandemic. Still young and very enthusiastic about his profession and the people of Ghana, he has proved himself worthy of this year's Asceplian Award.

The Green Fingers Award

MAN OF THE YEAR – AGRICULTURE



SOLOMON KWADWO KUSI - Mr. Kusi came under the national spotlight when he was awarded the national best farmer for 2020. He has been involved in agriculture since 2010, producing crops and livestock farms ranging from tubers, cereals, vegetables, plantation crops, cattle, lawnmowers, pigs, rabbits, wood species, etc. The Jomoro district farmer also owns 82 boxes of beehives, a snail farm and ten (10) ponds with tilapia and catfish. His achievements have made him a role model in his community especially for the youth and others involved in farming and aquaculture. A member of the Ankasa Conservation Fish Farmers Association, Mr. Kusi has received a number of awards including the 2018 National Best Tree Crop Farmer and District Best Fish Farmer in 2015.

Man of the Year – Technology



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FRANCIS AKUAMOAH BOATENG - Mr. Boateng has been an active force in the technology development sector for a number of years. He started Solar Power Solutions (SPS), a subsidiary of Strategic Security Systems to provide modern solutions for our energy problems. It is currently the only Solar PV Module manufacturer in West Africa. His immense contribution to the provision of affordable energy solutions for the general public earns him this year's EMY Africa Man of the Year – Technology Award.

Humanitarian Award



MONSIGNOR BOBBY BENSON - Reverend Monsignor Alex Bobby Benson educates, provides care, supports people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) as well as orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) in a house christened “Matthew 25” in Ghana. His ongoing charitable work and raising support for minorities to help make their lives and the lives of the people involved in working with them easier is what earned him the EMY Africa Humanitarian Award this year.

The Guardian Award



TOMMY ANNAN FORSON - Known as The Godfather of Radio, Tommy Annan Forson is one of the most celebrated Ghanaian radio and media personalities. He started his broadcasting career in 1977 as a programme assistant at the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) and rose to the rank of producer up until 1995 when he joined Joy FM (Multimedia Group) as programme manager for 2 years before joining Sunshine Radio which was later changed to Choice FM. In 2012 he joined Radio XYZ as the general manager after which he had a couple of stints with Eezy FM and Maxx FM. He is also noted as a pioneer of stand-up comedy in Ghana and has greatly contributed to our media landscape in his 4 decades as an active broadcaster. He has mentored a lot of media personalities.

Citizen Ghana Award



DR. KENNETH ASHIGBEY - Ing. Dr. Kenneth Ashigbey, is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Telecommunications Chamber. Prior to this appointment, he was Managing Director of Graphic Communications Group Ltd. He has a strong portfolio of media management from being the Chief Operating Officer for Multi TV, the General Manager of Joy FM as well as the Chief Technology Officer of Multimedia Group, all at different times in his career. Over the years, he has been involved in activist work, being the convener of the Media Coalition Against Galamsey, an advocate of media freedom and campaigner against attacks on journalists and media workers in Ghana. Dr. Ashigbey's lifetime dedication to improving any sector and industry he finds himself as well as selflessly participating in campaigns for the greater good of the Ghanaian is why he is being honoured tonight with the EMY Africa Citizen Ghana Award.

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The Settler Award



SAMIR KALMONI - the CEO of Papaye Fast Foods, Mr. Kalmoni came to Ghana from Saudi Arabia in the late 1980s when he decided to invest his savings in a new business by acquiring a plot of land at Osu in Accra. According to him, he initially intended start a laundry business but later identified the lack of fast and affordable food restaurants to cater for corporate workers in and around Osu. Samir then remodeled his business strategy into fast foods with the vision of trying to fill in that gap. In December 1991, together with 12 workers, he launched Papaye Fast Food, which has gone on to become the most successful fast food brand in Ghana with quite a number of branches across the capital. Currently employing over 300 workers and serving thousands of Ghanaians, the Papaye brand has solidified Mr Kalmoni's place in the Ghanaian market and earned him The Settler Award at the 6th EMY Africa Awards.

Man Of Courage

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RAPHAEL BOTSYO NKEGBE - A Ghanaian Paralympic athlete who has represented Ghana in category T54 World Wheelchair racing events. Raphael currently has three gold medals and holds the record for most appearances at the Olympics after competing at the Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Games. He also made history as the first Ghanaian para-athlete to qualify for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo after breaking and setting a new African best record of 14.22s in the Desert Challenge Games in Arizona. Raphael continues to work hard towards his goal of bridging the gap of opportunities for the physically disabled in the country. He mentioned in one interview that he felt like he was carrying the hopes of over 5 million Ghanaians on his shoulders when competing. His strides on and off the track have made him an exemplary man and this year's Man of Courage.

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Legend Award



EBO TAYLOR - Born in 1936, Ghanaian guitarist, composer, arranger, bandleader, and producer, Ebo Taylor, became a vital presence in African music for over half-a-century. Ebo Taylor started gaining the attention of the public eye in the early 1960s, when he was an active member of influential highlife bands the Stargazers and the Broadway Dance Band. In 1962, he left for London to study at the London Eric Gilder School of Music. He found himself exploring different kinds of music like jazz, funk, and soul apart from his strong highlife influence. During this time, Taylor founded the Black Star Highlife Band, which showcased one of his greatest contributions to highlife: his jazz-inspired horn arrangements. After school, his work started to gain international recognition. He played a number of shows and concerts in various cities across the world and became a part of a number of bands along the way. Ebo Taylor with his colleagues during that era put West African music on the map with their renditions of highlife and afrobeat, influencing several generations of musicians to explore more sounds including the American Hip Hop scene in the early 1990s. He continues to be an icon for Ghanaian music and African music. He has gained legendary status in the music industry and is the recipient of this year's Legend Award.

Men's Group Of The Year



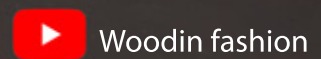
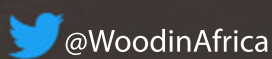
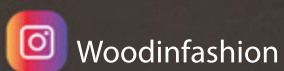
PRESEC ODAD3 - The PRESEC Old Boys' Association have become a pillar in society by offering opportunities of service, friendship and networking, and focusing on bringing new development initiatives and activities to enable Presbyterian Boys' Senior High School to continue to fulfil its core mission of producing high quality, world-class students. The Odade3 came about in 1938 with the first group of 16 boys and four teachers with Rev. Engmann - the first headmaster at the time. Their collective work as a group is what has set them a standard above the lot.



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Man of Style



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EBUKA OBI UCHENDU - Though a qualified lawyer from the Nigeria Law School, where he gained his law degree after graduating the University of Abuja, Ebuka's rise to fame came in 2006 when he joined the popular TV Show, Big Brother Nigeria as one of the 14 competing housemates. Since then, he has found himself heavily involved with media work from hosting tv shows to the national presidential debate. Still very young, Ebuka continues to set an example for others to follow; blazing the trail and looking good while he's at it. He's our Man of Style at this year's EMY Africa Awards.


Green Corporate Award



ZAACOAL LIMITED - Zaacoal Limited manufactures charcoal from coconut waste in order to help minimise waste and provide alternative waste disposal means that also contribute to energy solutions. "Zaacoal" is a combination of the words "Zaafi" a Hausa word for hot and "Coal", from Charcoal. Addressing a World Health Organisation research that estimated that over 4 million people lost their livelihoods from the negative effects of cooking smoke each year, Zaacoal embarked on the challenge of making a harmless alternative to wood charcoal and have since been able to provide for several households while they hope to completely replace the harmful options for a greener and safer Ghana. Arocha in partnership with EMY Africa this year has selected Zaacoal Limited as the recipient of the Green Corporate Award for their endeavours and placing environmental sustainability at the core of their business operations.




The priority bottom line for businesses now is to build back better and sustainably by securing the environment.



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LOOZEELE INITIATIVE BY TENI AGANA - Loozele Initiative trains and supports young girls and “Kayayei” from the northern part of Ghana with entrepreneurship skills and skills training in basketry, fabric weaving, baking, and shea butter making. The goal of Loozele Initiative is to reduce rural-urban migration among young women from the northern part of Ghana and create employment opportunities for them by using the skills and materials available in their local communities. This year Fanmilk Ghana in collaboration with EMY Africa honours the endeavours of the Loozele Initiative with the Fanmilk Business-For-Good Award.

Music Man of the Year



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Woman of The Year

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PATRICIA OBO-NAI - Patricia Obo-Nai is the first Ghanaian woman to be appointed CEO of Vodafone Ghana Limited. She began her journey in the industry as an engineer, with her O-levels from St. Rose's Senior High School and A-levels from Presbyterian Boys Senior High School (PRESEC - Legon). From there, she entered Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST - Kumasi) to obtain her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. She furthered her tertiary education with an Executive MBA from the University of Ghana and an Executive education degree from the Kellogg School of Management, Illinois (USA).

Prior to her appointment, she worked with Millicom Ghana Limited, operators of Tigo, for 14 years before moving on to become the Director of Fixed Business and Customer Operations of Vodafone Ghana. She has accumulated a commendable 22 years of experience in Information Technology and telecommunications, and is currently a member of the Ghana Institution of Engineers (GHIE). Mrs. Obo-Nai has received several awards for her numerous works including the Best Female Technologist Award at the annual Ghana Telecom Awards in 2012 and was selected as part of the 100 most inspiring women leaders in Vodafone (2018) before being named the CEO in 2019. Her work in the telecommunications industry as well as her strides as a Ghanaian woman changing the world one day at a time ensured she was the best and most deserving candidate for this year's EMY Africa Awards Woman of the Year.

Young Achiever Male



BABA SADIQ ABDULAI ABU



FAROUK KHAILANN



MR. EAZI



RICHIE MENSAH



SHADRACK O. FRIMPONG

Magnate Award



IBRAHIM MAHAMA - Ibrahim Mahama is a well-renowned Ghanaian businessman, and the founder of Engineers and Planners, the largest indigenous-owned mining company in West Africa, as well as owner & investor of several other businesses in Ghana. Mahama also has investments in farming and cement production – he is a known financier of the Dzata Cement Company in Tema. He has through his businesses improved production rates within the sectors and created employment for many Ghanaians. Ibrahim Mahama is also a highly regarded for his philanthropy, through his support in the northern regions for many communities, providing shelter, education, healthcare along with funding local projects and developments. He co-founded the Joyce Tamakloe Cancer Foundation which has immensely supported the fight against cancer by providing free healthcare services for over 2,000 women across the country and helping raise funds to support our healthcare system. To add to the number of awards and recognitions he has received for his efforts during his lifetime, EMY Africa honours him with the Magnate Award at this year's EMY Africa Awards.

Lifetime Achievement Award



PLO. LUMUMBA - Prof. Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba is a Professor of Public Law, a holder of an LLD on the Law of the Sea from the University of Ghent, Belgium. He also has an LLM degree and an LLB from the University of Nairobi. Trained on Human Rights at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London, Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of the University of Lund, Sweden, and on International Humanitarian Law in Geneva, Switzerland, he is an Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanganyika and a Certified Mediator. Prof. Lumumba was the Director of the now defunct Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC), and the founding Trustee of the African Institute for Leaders and Leadership (AILL). He is widely celebrated among African leaders for his enthusiasm and moving speeches usually targeted at African youth and future leaders on various issues plaguing our governments and leaderships. He has dedicated his life so far to fighting issues and embracing solutions for a better Africa. He currently practices Law with Lumumba and Lumumba Advocates and coordinates activities under the aegis of the PLO Lumumba Foundation to which he is the founder.



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Man of The Year

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DR DANIEL MCKORLEY – Dr. Daniel McKorley, founder and executive chairman of McDan Groups, Dr Daniel McKorley, founder and chief executive officer of McDan Group of Companies has over the years made strides in the shipping and freight industry. His company has presence in a lot of major air and seaports worldwide.

He has won many awards including the EMY Africa Magnate Award in 2019 for his contribution to society and Ghana's economy.

Aside business, Dr McKorley engages in heavy philanthropy. Over the years, he's made kind donations to institutions and associations such as the Ghana Olympic Committee, Ghana Tennis Federation, 37 Military Hospital and several other hospitals. He supports up and coming entrepreneurs through his McDan Entrepreneurship Challenge, and has recently built a moot court for the GIMPA School of Law.

For this, and many more accomplishments this year, Dr Daniel McKorley is our Man of the Year.

B L O G G E R S

