**SIGMA PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES**

**SIGMA FOUNDATION**

This is a foundation of the club that was created in order to contribute more meaningfully and strategically to philanthropy, thus it is the institutional philanthropy organ of the club. It monitors several philanthropic activities of the club and establish more philanthropic act in order to reach vast numbers of the society with our philanthropic gestures. The objective of the Sigma Foundation includes the provision of modern facilities in tertiary institutions, awards of scholarship and the coordination of endowed chairs, provide educational opportunities and others. Currently, the foundation has instituted professorial chairs at the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan and the Lagos Business School of the Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos.

The foundation is chaired by Honorary Sigmite Professor Ogunmola, the Chancellor, Lead City University, Ibadan, and have members like; Dr. Okon Onyung, the President, Ship Owners Association, Dr. Femi Oyamakin, Senior Lecturer, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, among others. Among the Philanthropic gestures includes:

**Sigma Scholarship Scheme**

This scheme awards Undergraduate and Post-graduate scholarships to deserving indigent students to enable them complete their education. Over 7 decades of the clubs existence, it has awarded several scholarships to over 100 students of University of Ibadan including both undergraduate and post-graduate students. This opportunity avail them to complete their studies with ease and without pressure. Testimonies from these scholarship scheme has proven that it has help many students to who are on the verge of dropping out of the school to complete their education and has serve some students as a source of encouragement to be a better person in the society and as they grow up, come back to give to the society and help more people.

However, the scholarship was institutionalized in 2018. It was rebranded in 2018 where it was established under the Sigma Foundation. The scholarship since the institutionalization in 2018 has however being awarding 10 students each every year with the sum of #100 000 each for their benefits. As of the moment, the over 40 students are currently beneficiaries of this scholarship scheme.

**Sigma Secondary School Quiz Competition**

The is also known as the Roseline Etuokwu Sigma Secondary School Quiz Competition is one of the philanthropic activities of the club to bring the club closer to the grassroots. It is the club’s believe that the secondary school students would grow to become University students. As such, introducing the club to them right from their secondary school days would guide them in manners to act and way of life to live as a student of higher institutions. During this competition, moral and educational knowledge are displayed and students are being trained in manners to become whole human and stand *“for all that is pure”.* These will believe would keep the students on the right track before entering the university. It also serve as a means of orientating students on steps to take while making choices as a secondary school student aspiring for higher institutions.

With the inceptions of the competition, over 300 secondary schools across the 33 local government of Oyo State have participated and witnessed the participation of over 700 students in this competition. Apart from the participation of these students and schools, gift items are also won by different schools, students, and teachers for their participation. In the last competition, first position won the sum of #250 000 worth of price, first runner won #200 000 worth of price and second runner up won #150 000 worth of price.

**Sigma Essay Competition**

The Sigma Essay Competition is now referred to as the Benedict Kudayah Sigma Essay Competition. The competition is a philanthropic activity of the club where important topics affecting the nation and the world at large is drafted to be discussed by vast majority of students across the nation while profiling solution to this problem. These students would put in their entry through essay write up and would be examined whereby 1st, 2nd and 3rd best write ups would be awarded prices. In the last entry of this competition, it witnessed over 150 entries in and out of the country and awarded #100 000, #50 000 and #30 000 to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best write-ups respectively, at the ground ceremony.

However the philanthropic activities expands beyond the above mentioned activities. The club has also contributed to various charitable causes that include; **blood donation in the University of Ibadan, donation of water tanks to University of Ibadan Hall of Residences, marking of zebra crossing on University of Ibadan roads, donation to Cocoa dome during the fire outbreak that occur in 1985, Oluyole Cheshire home, Ibadan Motherless Babies’ Home, Jaja Clinic, University of Ibadan, Leper Settlement at Uzuakoli, Alaanu Fund of University College Hospital Ibadan,** amongst others.

**SIGMA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Sigma Guest Luncheon**

Over the years now, Sigma Club has inducted several important personalities into the Sigma Honorary Roll of Honor. The club introduces these important personalities, who are of outstanding personalities and have positively impacted the society, into the club through the Sigma Guest Luncheon. It is a classy but educative gathering of first class personalities of the country. Due to the kind of event it is, attendance is only by invitation. It will interest you to know that the most recent inductee is **the Obi of Onitsha**, **His Royal Majesty,** **Alfred Nnaemeka Achebe, CFR.**

Among other recipients of this high honour include: Late Alhaji Dr. Ado Abdullahi Bayero (CFR), Late Dr. Taslim Elias, QC, (GCON, former president of the World Court), Late Dr. Alex Ekwueme (GCON, former Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), Dr. Christopher Kolade (CON, Nigeria’s former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom), Otunba Olasubomi Balogun (CON, founder FCMB Group), Professor Isaac Adewole (FAS, Nigeria’s immediate past Minister for Health), Professor Babatunde Gabriel Ogunmola (FAS, FAMedS(emeritus), Past President Academy of Science and the Chancellor, Lead City University, Ibadan), Chief Afe Babalola (SAN, CON), Chief Felix Ohiwerei (OFR, former Chairman of Nigerian Breweries), His Royal Highness Alhaji Mohammadu Sanusi II (CON) among others.

**Havana Musical Carnival**

As part of social engagement in the society, Sigma Club organizes ‘Havana Musical Carnival’ known as the West Africa’s greatest musical carnival which effectively promotes “town and gown” interaction in Nigeria. This is one of a kind social event that has written a lot of history in lives of many and put an everlasting story in the mouth of many in and out of the country. The major objective of the carnival is to create an active social gathering for the University community, Oyo State and generate income for the purpose of the philanthropic activities. The carnival has witnessed several musicians as at their prime to perform on the carnival stage. Among these musicians includes: Fela Anikulapo Kuti, Evangelist Ebenezer Obey, King Sanni Ade, Late Victor Uwaifo, Kollington, Olamide, 9ice, Obesere, among others. Among these musicians, King Sunny Ade was crowned the Grande Patron of Havana.

**Sigma Public Lecture**

In recent years, Sigma Club began the practice of inviting eminent personalities in the Nigerian State, to give intellectually stimulating lectures on burning issues in the Nation. As we speak, 10 public lectures have been organized by the club. The lectures, which are usually on topics of particular interest to youths and the development of the nation and Africa, have been delivered by different eminent personalities such as: Honorary Sigmite Prof. Gabriel Ogunmola (FAS, Past President, Nigerian Academy of Science), Prof. Pat Utomi (Lagos Business School), Old Sigmite Prof. Babatunde Osotimehin (Former Minister of Health), Senator Otunba Gbenga Daniel (Former Governor of Ogun State), Mr. Tayo Aderinokun (MD/CEO Guaranty Trust Bank Plc), Old Sigmite Dr. Adesoala Adeduntan (GMD First Bank Nigeria Ltd), Professor Biodun Jeyifo (Harvard University), Honorary Sigmite Prof. Ayo Banjo FAS (former Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Yemi Osinbajo (SAN, GCON, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria).

The club also have other social activities which includes; **Sigma Member’s Nite and Sigma Cocktail Party,** amongst others.

**SIGMA CLUB ALUMNI**

On the alumni, since we have Honorary Sigmites among the set of alumni submitted before, I will advise that, if they are up to 5 already, we should leave them as 5 since we don’t want to flood the website with pictures alone. There 50 of them and about 25 of them are alive, it will be better to limit them to 5 and they might be changed later, from time to time.

Thank you.