



2014 Year of Divine Favor

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"But let he who boasts, boast in the Lord"
2nd Corinthians 10:17

One of the highlights of the year 2014 was the plethora of graduations that the chapter has been blessed with. As women, we automatically wear several different hats and oftentimes have to multitask. Oprah Windfrey once said, "Education is the key to unlocking the world; a passport to freedom..."

Hats off to these 5 women who have successfully completed their coursework and earned advanced degrees in 2014

CATHERINE MUKETE

You probably won't be able to tell from just looking at her, but this vivacious beauty is a mother of 3. Cathy's story is such an inspiration and her journey dates back to 2009 when she gained admission into a highly competitive nursing program in Beaumont, TX. At this time, Catherine had 2 children, a 2 year old and a 6 week old baby.

Fast forward 2 years and Cathy successfully completed her Bachelors in nursing with honors and began a career in nursing. After gaining experience in several nursing fields from transplant ICU to various stroke and cardiac units, Cathy decided to take it a step further and enroll in an FNP Master's Program. At the end of 2013, she had completed her course work for the highly coveted degree of Advanced Nurse Practitioner with a focus in Family and Adult Health. Catherine currently works as a Nurse

Practitioner for a group of Urgent Care Physicians. Her short term goals include a specialty in Psychiatric Nursing

ALICE FOMUNYOH

Cool, calm, collected and always unassuming would be just a few ways to describe this lovely lady. Underneath this calm exterior lies a spirited, determined lady with several achievements under her belt.

Alice's nursing career spans over 15 years with experience that runs the gamut in the field of nursing. She has worked in Critical care, hemodialysis and home health and is the proud owner of a Home Health agency.

In September of 2012, Alice began the rigorous NP program and recently completed her coursework, graduating as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

One of her highlights this year was being awarded the Spirit Award from the UT School Of Nursing which acknowledges a student whose collective efforts and abilities have proven maturity, accountability and peer support.

Her short term goals include sitting for her board exams and securing a job and her long term goals are to obtain a PhD. Kudos!!



CATHERINE MUKETE RN, FNP



Alice Fomunyoh, RN, FNP



GERMAINE TEZANO RN, BSN, DNP

Germaine exudes a quiet confidence that is unrivaled. This super-mom understands that only the sky is her limit. Germaine's journey began back in 2006 when she graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Continuing in this same spirit of excellence, Germaine began the arduous journey of pursuing a degree as a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a specialty in adult medicine. It has been a long 36 months and Germaine credits her success to her unshakable faith, as well as the support of her friends and family. She completed her DNP coursework in December of 2014

Dr. Sylvia Egbe is by far one of the most determined people I know. Her achievements, both personal and professional would impress even the most critical minds. Her level of maturity and resolve are way beyond her years.

Her quest for knowledge spans back to early 2004 when she earned a Bachelor's degree in nursing. After working for a few years, she decided to go back to school and later obtained a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) degree. She recently enrolled into the prestigious Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, and graduated in December of 2014



SYLVIA EGBE RN, CRNA, DNP



MARIE NAKANDE-LONGONJE

Congrats to Ms. Marie Nakande who recently completed her course work as part of the Certified Nurse Midwife Program. This bright lady was able to graduate amongst the top of her class while juggling a full-time career as an RN and being a wife and mom of 3 young children.

Kudos! Marie

THE TAKUSI SISTERS CELEBRATE MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS



Forty and Fabulous Indeed!!

Ma Saker Pride said it best and I quote

“Dr. Genevieve Aba Makia turned 40 in April of 2014 and her marriage turned 10. Her wedding gown still fits (2 adorable carats after) and her husband loves her even more now than he did back then...”



On December 25th 2014 (Yes! Christmas Day) Mrs. Marie Njowo officially joined the much coveted 50+ club.

‘Aunty Ma’ as she is fondly called, was blessed to turn a new leaf on a half-a-century long and fulfilled lifetime.

Those who know and love Aunty Ma would agree that you will be hard-pressed to find a more selfless, loving, caring, genuine and conscientious person out there. Happy 50th Aunty Ma

DOUBLE DOUBLE!!



Feel like you’re seeing double? Well, say hello to ExSSA Houston’s newest additions;

Jesslyn Chavele and Jaylynn Chevonne; daughters of Trendsetter Caleche and ‘Cat’ Jerry Fanui. The twins were born in July 2014

Burundi Refugee Project

We are blessed beyond measure, not so we can have; but so we can give

It is in this spirit of giving that on December 21st 2014, the Houston Sakerettes took part in a very rewarding church service at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in downtown Houston.

St Nicholas sponsors a refugee project which hosts almost 100 men, women and children from war-torn Burundi.

The chapter put together their widow's might and purchased gift cards which were presented to the families after church service, along with several clothing and personal items.



Cross section of Refugee Kids after church



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CHRISTMAS
2014 AND
HAPPY NEW
YEAR 2015**

