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**Invitation to Attend Achebe Day Segment (Day Event and Dinner) of
World Ebony Network Ethnic Folklore Festival (WENEFF)**

Dear GCUOBA members,

With respect to the above subject matter, the entire World Ebony Network (WEN) board of trustees, in partnership with WEN Royal fathers, hereby write to request your presence at the Achebe Day Segment (Part 1 and 2) of the upcoming 4th Annual World Ebony Network Ethnic Folklore Festival (WENEFF). The first part of the Achebe Day segment will take place on Saturday June 24th 2023 commencing at 10:00 AM EST followed by a Prof. Chinua Achebe Legacy Award dinner, which also starts promptly at 7pm.

Highlights of the day include the following:

- ***Presentation of Scholarships in honor of Prof Chinua Achebe***

WEN Endowed Scholarships

Our organization, World Ebony Network (WEN), has signed agreements to establish permanent and annual scholarships in Prof. Achebe's name at

- Brown University (Endowed)
- Bard College (Endowed and Annual)

NECO exam Sponsorship for 15 Government College Umuahia Students in 2027

WEN will sponsor the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) Internal for 15 candidates at the end of their secondary school education in 2027.

The fee for each student is (N17,500), which covers the following:

Registration fees - N17,800.00 Naira

Total cost mandatory fee for 15 students - N267,500

- ***An Exhibition of the Accomplishments of Prof. Achebe's Contemporaries***

The purpose of this exhibition is to reinforce the saying that a person is the product of his/her own environment. Prof. Achebe's legacy represents that of our parents/community/school/ethnicity of extraction. We wanted to use this occasion to show that he was surrounded by contemporaries who did great exploits and whose stories are yet to be told. We hope that we can use this as an opportunity for a reunion next year.

We regret that this session will not be possible this year; however, the exhibition link will be available before or shortly after the event. Please look out for the update on the link to enter your exhibits.

- ***Prof Chinua Achebe Legacy Award Dinner***

The reason for this session is to honor men and women of integrity who are not afraid to stand for what is right. While we understand that Prof. Achebe was not enraptured by awards, we recognize extraordinary achievers, who inspire humanity, and are not afraid to speak out and stand for the truth.

WEN is a culture competent, community resource, and charitable 501(c)3 organization that promotes ethnic equity and equality. The mission of the organization is to reinforce the enduring philosophies, principles, and practices of people of African ancestry and to appreciate the good aspects of other heritages. The organization provides, as one

of its offerings, services to the community under ten of its program areas, some of which is composed of Government Relations, International Relations, Education, and Family Life and Community, Economic Resource And Development, among others. See <https://worldebonynetwork.com/>

Thank you in advance, as we anticipate your presence. Please do not forget to purchase your tickets now to reserve a seat. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 571.351.4803 or 571.295.2359.

Thank you.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ezi Mecha", is positioned above a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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