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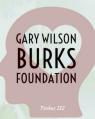
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- 1:00 PM WELCOME & PRAYER DR. CHYANNA MULL-ANTHONY INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CENTER
- 1:05 PM LUNCH SERVED SPECIAL MUSIC - MRS. LASHAWN STOKES CO-PASTOR OF REAL LIFE OUTREACH WORSHIP CENTER
- 1:10 PM VISIT VENDORS AND AUCTION TABLE SPECIAL MUSIC - THE KUBIA SISTERS
- 1:40 PM SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS DR. KIMBERLY SEBASTIAN EFS BOARD SECRETARY
- 1:45 PM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT MRS. MERLEANNA DICK
- 1:55 PM I AM A SUCCESS AWARDS MRS. MERLEANNA DICK
- 2:05 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER INTRODUCTION MR. IBINABO DICK SR. EFS BOARD MEMBER
- 2:10 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER- DR. PAUL OKORUWA PRES/CO-FOUNDER OF LIFECORE MINISTRIES PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (TULSA)
- 2:35 PM STUDENT TESTIMONIAL EFS PROGRAM SCHOLAR
- 2:40 PM SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARS MR. ISAAC CAUSEY **EFS BOARD CHAIRMAN**
- 2:50 PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION MCLAIN BAND
- 2:55 PM AUCTION REVEAL & DOOR PRIZE DR. CHYANNA MULL-ANTHONY
- 3:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS MARY L. WILLIAMS FOUNDER OF COLOR ME TRUE DESTINY PROGRAMS





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# Dr. Chyanna Mull-Anthony

2024 Event MC

Chyanna Mull-Anthony is the Pastor of the International Gospel Center Church located in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the vice-president of Osborn Ministries, Int'l (an independent Missionary Organization that has sponsored more than 30,000 missionaries and planted more than 150,000 Churches across the globe).

A native of New Jersey. Dr. Mull-Anthony has a vast lifetime of ministerial, humanitarian and educational experience. She has preached, conducted seminars and lead conferences in 38 countries throughout Europe, Africa, South America, Russia and across the United States.





Dr. Mull-Anthony has been awarded numerous citations of merit for her community involvement, including the 2023 Star Tulsan Award by TulsaCity Council and Mayor. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Boston University; a Master's Degree in Pentecostal/Charismatic History from Oral Roberts University (with specialization in the contribution of women in ministry to Pentecostal/Charismatic Church History); a Master of Religious Education Degree from Oklahoma City University, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from American Christian College and Seminary.

She and her husband of 37 years, Terry Anthony, reside in Tulsa, OK.

### Dr. Paul Okoruwa

2024 Keynote Speaker

Dr. Paul Okoruwa is a preacher and a teacher who is passionate about equipping church leaders for effective ministry. He is an itinerant minister, he preaches at various churches, speaks at conferences, and conducts ministerial training around the country. He co-founded Lifecore Ministries with his wife, Augusta, an itinerant ministry based in Tulsa. He is also the President of the African Christian Fellowship (ACF), Tulsa chapter, a global mission ministry. He serves on the board of several ministries. His previous ministry experience includes serving as a Care Minister at Living Word Christian Center, Minneapolis, and working at Kenneth Hagin ministries. He is ordained and licensed by the Rhema Ministerial International Association.



Paul is an Assistant Professor of
Political Science at Oral Roberts
University. Previously, he taught at
the International School (Nigeria);
Optimist High School, Pasadena,
CA; Tulsa Community College; and
Southwestern Christian University,
Bethany, Oklahoma. His areas of
research interest include religion
and politics, international relations,
diplomacy, federalism, racial justice,
conflict management, practical
theology, and pastoral counseling.

Dr. Okoruwa is a graduate of Rhema Bible College, Ambrose Alli University (Nigeria), the University of Ibadan (Nigeria), and Liberty University. He is married and blessed with four wonderful children.



### LaShawn Stokes

2024 Worship Leader

LaShawn Shree Rentie was born on September 1, 1978 to Theodore and Charlotte Rentie at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Wiith this union, an additional daughter was born who is LaShawn's sister, Shavonna Rentie. LaShawn's parents divorced, and in 1993, her and her sister moved to Tulsa with their mom and Step Father, Pastors Leo Jr. and Charlotte Johnson. She accepted Jesus as her Savior on July 5, 2004 and a few months later she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

LaShawn has a passion for music and has been singing since the age of 5. She has composed over 58 songs inspired by the Holy Spirit. She is known for ministry through song all over.

On September 18, 2004, LaShawn married Evangelist Larry Stokes Jr. To this union, they had LaTeria Stokes and Larry T. Stokes.

The couple founded Real Life
Outreach Worship Center in 2010
where Larry transitioned to Pastor
and LaShawn to Elect Lady Stokes.
Now as Co-Pastor, LaShawn speaks
and teaches the Word.

LaShawn's passion is for the youth, the sick and emotional hurting. Her desire is for everyone to find purpose and fall in love with Jesus. Her favorite scripture is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" because she realizes quitting is not an option!



# The Kubia Sisters

2024 Special Music



The Kubia Sisters - Esther, Ruth, and Deborah Kubia are a trio of talented young women who have been singing since they were very young. They have been involved in the church choir and several other events, including the Gathering Place KIDS & YOUTH Take the Stage in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Kubia sisters are missionaries to Cameroon, where their parents, Bertherine and Victor Kubia, are ministers and pastors, who oversee several churches. The Kubia sisters are multi-talented, with skills in singing, art, drama, cooking and baking, designing, writing, hairstyling, and more.

Esther Kubia, the eldest sister, will be attending Oral Roberts University in the fall of 2024 to pursue her major in Communications & Psychology for journalism and law. Ruth, the middle sister, is a high school senior and will be graduating shortly. She is also the songwriter and founder of their uprising song "Fall." Ruth has a desire to pursue culinary arts. Deborah, the youngest sister, will be going into her sophomore year of high school and has hopes to graduate early. She already has her career plan, which is becoming a dermatologist.

The Kubia sisters' passion for music and their dedication to their faith and their community make them an inspiration to many. They are a testament to the power of hard work, perseverance, and faith in Christ. Their story are a reminder of the biblical women who were strong, courageous, and faithful in their own ways. They inspire others, and are dedicated to making the world a better place.



### Merleanna Dick

**EFS** Executive Director

Mrs. Merleanna Dick started her teaching career as an Adjunct Professor of Organic Chemistry at Oral Roberts University (ORU) and continued until she retired from teaching high school in 2015. She founded Education for Scholars, Inc. in 2010 while working as a full-time, high school chemistry teacher at McLain High School. As Executive Director, she is responsible for expanding the organization in the areas of funding, staffing, and overseeing its operations by working closely with the Board of Directors.

Before coming to Oklahoma, she received a bachelors from Mississippi Valley State University in chemistry.



She furthered her education at ORU with the desire to impact the lives of others. Merleanna obtained a Masters of Science Degree in Mathematics and Science education at the University of Tulsa, and she is a published author. For many years, she served as an educator at McLain High School, and she, like so many educators, have a strong passion to see our students fulfill their Godgiven potential.

She is married to Ibinabo Dick, Sr., and together, they have three children: Lydia, Tonyé, and Ibinabo, Jr. as well as our son-in-love, Kelcey. These are the people who inspire and motivate her to pursue God the most. She knows she will always have their prayers and support in all of her endeavors.

## Meet Our Board



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## Education for Scholars, Inc.

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Education For Scholars, Inc. (E.F.S.) is a faithbased 501(c)3 organization that focuses on supporting families and establishing a future for youth. We provide educational services such as STEM college/career readiness. (Science. Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), afterschool and summer camps. Our goal is to ensure that at-risk students provided equitable are opportunities and have exposure to STEM as well as be prepared for post-secondary education. Partner with us in creating positive experiences for youth.

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## **Our History**



While working as an educator at McLain High School, Mrs. Merleanna Dick believed her students could fulfill their God-given potential if they were given the opportunity. Originally, she began a girls' mentoring initiative; however, she knew that the need was far greater than just impacting the lives of a few female students.

Growing up in rural Mississippi in the 60's, she experienced economic and social disparities firsthand. She understood how underserved students could potentially fall through the system without proper intervention. Because she benefited from caring individuals (from teachers to faith-based communities), she was able to excel in education and life.

Today, EFS has helped over a thousand youth become confident in fulfilling their potential. Merleanna knows the impact that individuals like you can have on a person's life. When we work together, we will help thousands of more youth fulfill their dreams.



# Vision And Mission



## Vision \

- To provide programming that shapes positive youth culture and an improved environment for the school and the community. We are here to help students discover their career path and to assist them in applying for a post-secondary training program.
- Our goal is to leave no child left behind! To date, EFS has partnered to provide more than 1,000 students with STEM and college and career readiness programming. EFS provides students' academic, leadership, and social skills to enable them to acquire college/career success.

# **Mission**

- Education For Scholars was established to help provide life skills and expanded learning opportunities to under-resourced youth. By providing them with mentoring, educational, and career development, EFS Out of School Time (OST) programs ensure students have a safe place to participate in enrichment activities. These programs take place after school and in the summer, and EFS project-based STEM activities encourage students to learn through inquiry and exploration. Students are allowed to work on real-world problems.
- Our overarching goal is to grow a diverse, inclusive workforce, with a special focus on STEM careers, that is inclusive of students of color and young women.





# 2023-2024 Impact Report

187 Scholars	23 Participated in college tours
6 HS Student Interns	25 Participants at the Annual Family Career Fair

#### **Program Purpose**

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#### STEM and College/Career Programs

To improve economic stability and mobility by expanding STEM learning and career training for students at under-resourced or Title I schools in Tulsa.

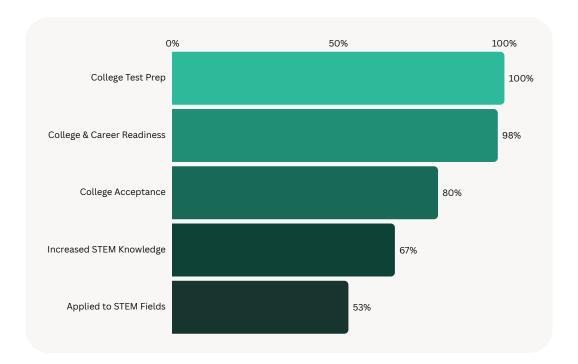
#### STEM and College/Career Program Locations:

- McLain High School for Science and Technology (STEM Afterschool/Summer Institute with College/Career Preparedness Program)
- MacArthur Elementary (Afterschool Robotics and Engineering Clubs)
- Walt Whitman Elementary (Robotics Club and Engineering Clubs)
- Central Middle and High School (Afterschool/Summer STEM and College/Career Preparedness Program)

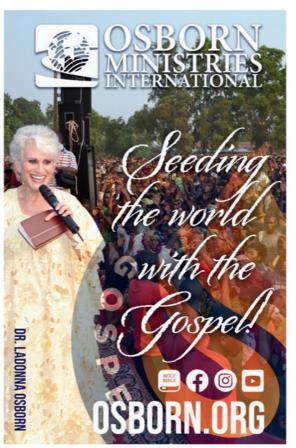


# Our Impact STEM + COLLEGE AND CAREER RESULTS

(2022 - 2023)



100% HS Scholars Enrolled in College Test Prep	
98%	Reported an Increased Knowledge of College and Career Readiness
80%	Juniors and Seniors Accepted to College
67%	Increased Knowledge of STEM Careers and Activities
53%	Made application to Attend College or Tech School to obtain a STEM Careers



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ACF seeks to facilitate unity amongst African Christians and believers of all denominations in order to sound the voice of the oppressed and persecuted in Africa, bring physical and spiritual relief and build healing bridges between Africans and the people around the world.

We are excited to see the Lord molding together African Christians across ethnicity, countries of origin, language groups, and denominations into a harmonious team and for His glory.

ACF is committed to the provision of tangible assistance to communities in dire need in Africa. The fellowship has built four hospitals in four African countries, with the latest commissioned in Jamestown, Sierra Leone in June 2014. ACF is also actively involved in the provision of educational, agricultural, engineering and business training, and support services all over the continent.

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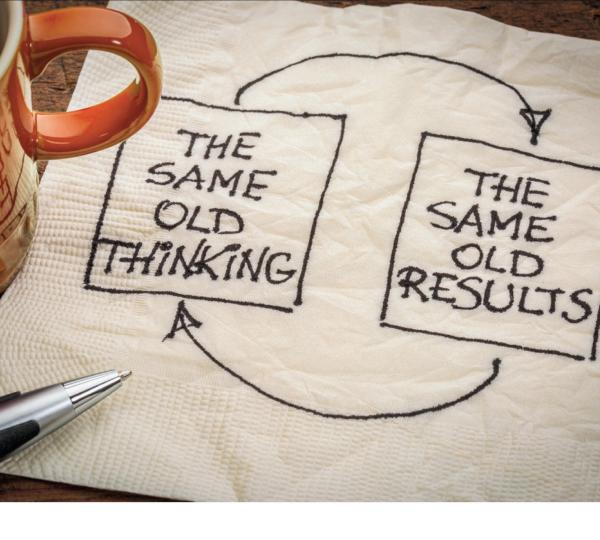
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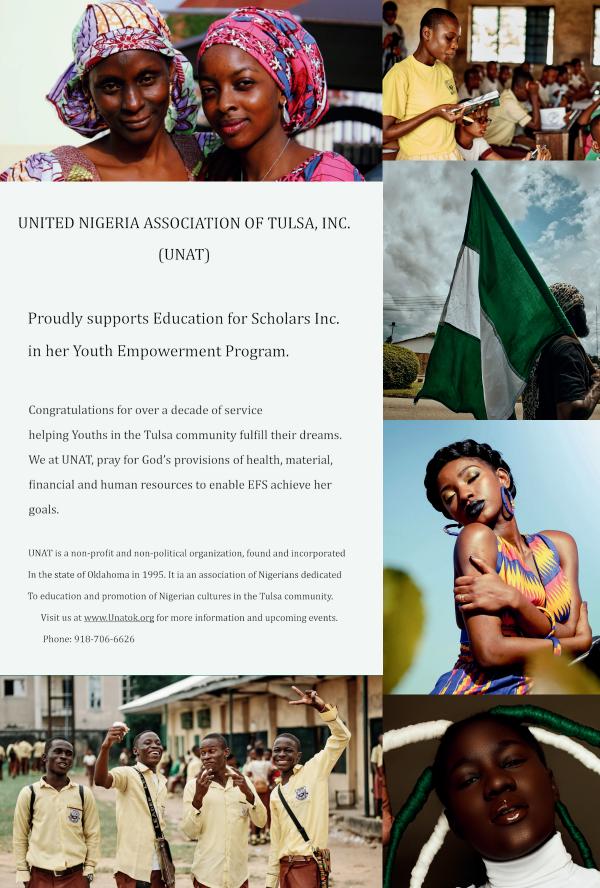
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