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# EVENT SCHEDULE

- 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 WELCOME ADDRESS - MRS. MERLEANNA DICK  
FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- 
- 1:45 PM SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS - DR. LIBBY ADJEI  
EFS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER
- 
- 1:55 PM I AM A SUCCESS AWARDS - MRS. MERLEANNA DICK
- 
- 2:05 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER INTRODUCTION - MR. ISAAC CAUSEY  
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- 2:10 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER- CLIFTON TAULBERT  
ENTREPRENEUR, GLOBAL HUMAN CAPITAL CONSULTANT,  
INTERNATIONAL LECTURER & PULITZER NOMINEE
- 
- 2:35 PM IMPACT REPORT - DR. MARSHAN MARICK
- 
- 2:40 PM SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARS - MR. IBINABO DICK SR.  
EFS BOARD MEMBER
- 
- 2:50 PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION - MCLAIN BAND
- 
- 2:55 PM AUCTION REVEAL & DOOR PRIZE  
DR. CHYANNA MULL-ANTHONY
- 
- 3:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS - CARLOS HOPKINS  
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# Dr. Chyanna Mull-Anthony

2025 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 Tulsa Award by Tulsa City Council and Mayor. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Boston University, and 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. She also earned a Master of Religious Education Degree from Oklahoma City University and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from American Christian College and Seminary.

She has been married to Terry Anthony for 38 years, and they reside in Tulsa, OK.



# Clifton Taulbert

2025 Keynote Speaker

Clifton Taulbert's journey from the segregated South to a global voice on entrepreneurial thinking showcases resilience, mindset, and the power of community. Once denied entry to his town's public library, Taulbert went on to write 14 books, with *The Last Train North* becoming a Pulitzer nominee. His first book, "Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored," chronicled his childhood and inspired a major motion picture.

Now the President and CEO of The Freemount Corporation and Roots Java Coffee, Taulbert credits his success to early entrepreneurial influences—especially his "Uncle Cleve," who owned the local Ice House in Mississippi. Inspired by Cleve's determination, Taulbert broke barriers in banking, excelled in the U.S. Air Force, and earned multiple degrees.



His entrepreneurial mindset later helped revive the struggling StairMaster Exercise System, proving that persistence leads to success.

Taulbert's story, highlighted in *Who Owns the Ice House?*, reflects the power of "gumption" and a "Growth Mindset." As a speaker and author, he now inspires others worldwide to embrace entrepreneurial thinking, push past limitations, and "accelerate their imagination" to achieve the impossible.





# LaShawn Stokes

## 2025 Worship Leader

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!

LaShawn Shree Rentie was born on September 1, 1978 to Theodore and Charlotte Rentie at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. With this union, an additional daughter was born who is LaShawn's sister, Shavonna Rentie. LaShawn's parents divorced, and in 1993, she and her sister moved to Tulsa with their mom and stepfather, 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



# The Kubia Sisters

2025 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 "Kids & Youth Take the Stage" at the Gathering Place 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, attends Oral Roberts University 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 Bachelor's Degree 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 Master's 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 God-given 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 has their prayers and support in all of her endeavors.





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# SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND FAMILY RESILIENCE CENTER

Education For Scholars, Inc. (E.F.S.) is a faith-based 501(c)3 organization that focuses on supporting families and establishing a future for youth. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, we provide educational services such as college/career readiness, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), after-school and summer camps. Our goal is to raise **\$500,000 towards our building fund**. We aim to ensure that at-risk students are provided equitable 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, Merleanna experienced economic and social disparities firsthand. She understood how underserved students could potentially fall through the system without proper intervention. Merleanna was able to excel in education and life because she benefited from caring individuals (from teachers to faith-based communities).

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 as well as improves the environment of schools and communities. 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.

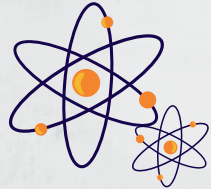
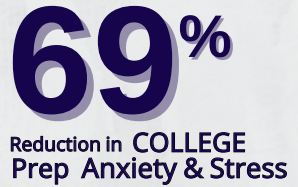
## Mission

- 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.

# EFS 2024

## Impact Report:

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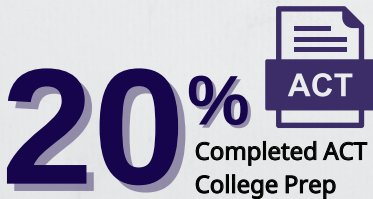
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## Career Fair

125 Scholars & 54 Families Attended  
20 Professional & Educational Vendors

**17** High School Interns  
Hired



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# Elementary and Middle Schools STEM Programs

Charting Success Together!



## Scholars Reached

Education for Scholars (EFS) reached **214** elementary and middle school scholars providing free STEM out-of-school time (OST) programming to students in grades K-12. EFS is committed to transforming education for Title I schools, federally designated Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools, and underserved communities.



## Young Engineers Clubs

EFS provided engineering/robotics clubs at **6** Tulsa Public Schools (TPS) sites: McArthur Elementary, Walt Whitman Elementary, Salk Elementary, John Hope Franklin Elementary, Skelly Elementary, and Webster Middle Schools.



## Our Impact

Our Scholars apply STEM concepts:

- **100%** Think EFS Staff cares about them
- **95%** Like coming to EFS
- **89%** Say they get to try new things
- **87%** Black & Brown Students of Color
- **75%** Positive Change in STEM Career Knowledge
- **75%** Positive Change in STEM Career Interest
- **56%** Female Participants
- **44%** Male Participants

OST

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Mid-Week Bible Study

Thursday 12:15 pm

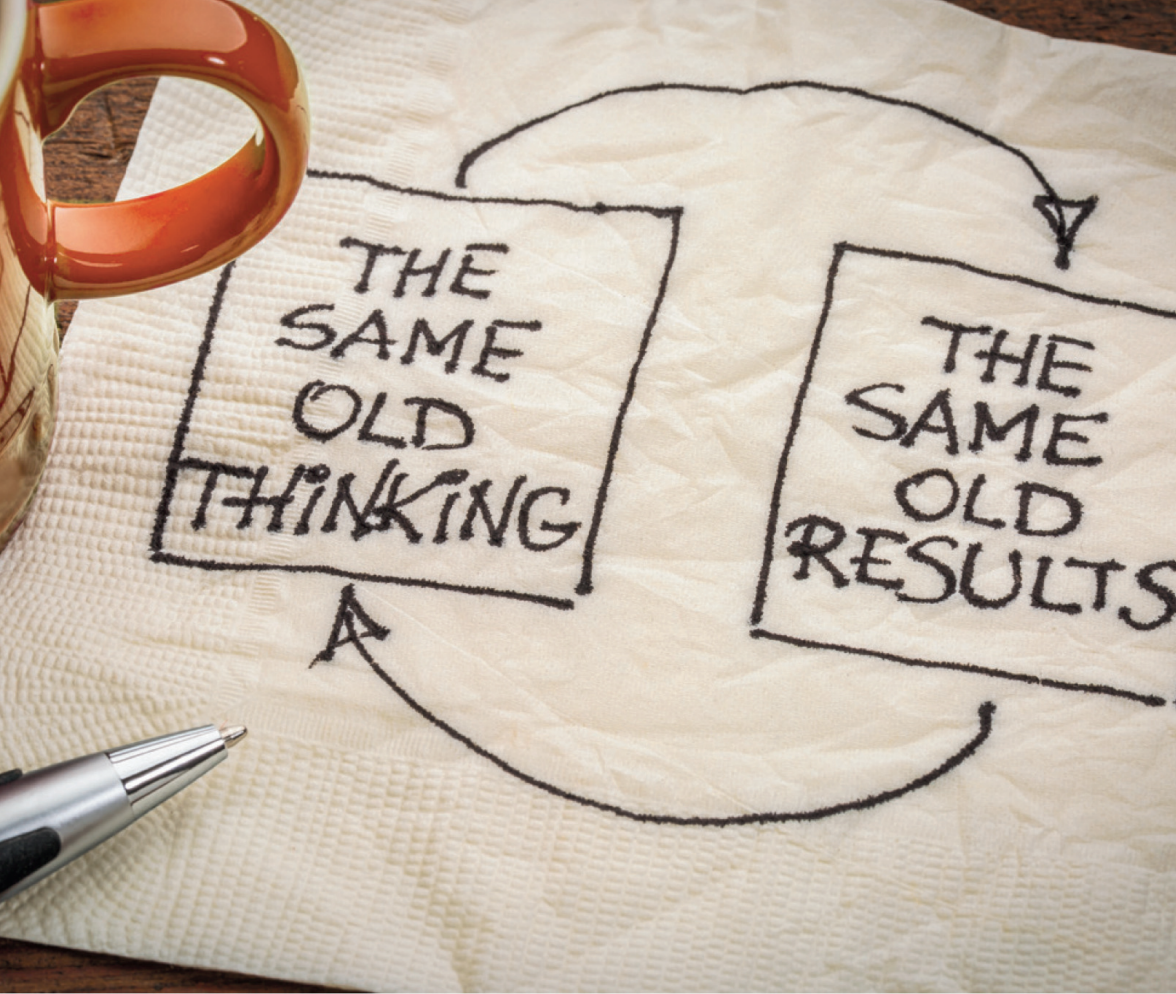
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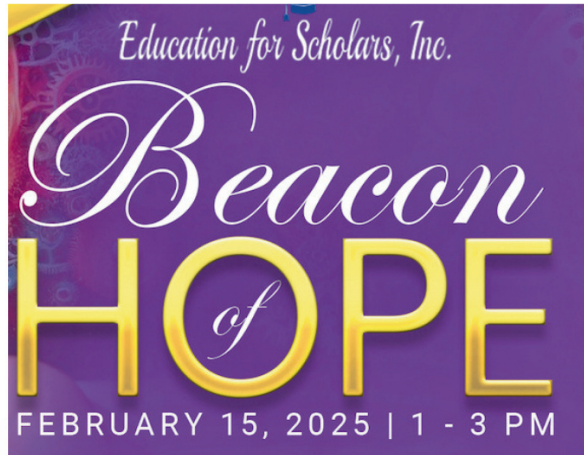
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The United Nigeria Association of Tulsa (UNAT) heartily felicitates with staff and management of Education For Scholars on this outstanding event. Your exceptional programs have consistently set a high standard, serving as a shining example worthy of emulation.

We also take this opportunity to invite everyone to join us as we celebrate two significant milestones: our 30th anniversary and Nigeria's Independence Day on October 4, 2025 at the prestigious Greenwood Cultural Center, Tulsa.

Mark your calendars for October 2025 and get ready to celebrate with us!

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ACF is an organization of African Christians in the Diaspora, who through fellowship strive to create better societies both where they reside and in the continent of Africa.

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 Jamesstown, 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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Paul and Augusta Okoruwa are the founders of Lifecore Ministries. They are both graduates of Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to attending Rhema, they served as Care Ministers at Living Word Christian Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They currently minister around the United States and are actively engaged in the strategic process of availing nations with the gospel, through numerous ministry networking outlets and in collaboration with several ministries worldwide.

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to raise awareness  
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*John 11:25-26*



Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'



# *In Loving Memory* *of*

## **IBINABO N. DICK JR.**

**FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST, SON, BROTHER, & FRIEND  
SERVANT LEADER OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOLARS, INC.**

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF IBINABO N. DICK JR, LOVED SON AND BROTHER OF THE DICK FAMILY AND A TRUE SERVANT LEADER WHOSE DEDICATION AND KINDNESS TOUCHED SO MANY.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOLARS, INC., HE Poured HIS TIME, ENERGY, AND HEART INTO LEADING TEAMS AS THE HEAD USER, SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISERS AND PROGRAMS, AND ENSURING THAT OUR MISSION THRIVED. HIS IMPACT REACHED FAR BEYOND EDUCATION FOR SCHOLARS, INC—HIS UNWAVERING LOVE FOR PEOPLE WAS EVIDENT IN HIS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY, WHERE HE CONTINUED TO SERVE SELFLESSLY. IBINABO DICK JR. EXEMPLIFIED WHAT IT MEANS TO CARE FOR OTHERS, AND HIS LEGACY OF COMPASSION AND LEADERSHIP WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, KNOWING THAT HIS KINDNESS AND LOVE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL. WHILE WE GRIEVE HIS PASSING, WE TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT HE IS WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, REJOICING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ONE HE SO FAITHFULLY SERVED. HIS KINDNESS AND LOVE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL.



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