

# ABIDEEN

AT 27



*Thoughts and Wishes for a Role Model.*



## Abideen@27: The Publication Story.

I'm not a good writer but I will be trying to express myself in any way I can here so do not mind my grammar and articulation, just try to concentrate on the message I'm trying to pass. Let's start by talking about how the whole idea of this book started. The idea actually struck me when I was thinking of how to celebrate someone who has been an integral part of my progress on his birthday and knowing that a good number of people will be willing to do this based on the kind of impact he has had on them in the past, I decided to reach out to few people to tell them about the idea and to work with me on it by sending short write up not exceeding one page that will be compiled into a publication which will be released on his birthday. I had fears in me that this might not work due to the short timeline, busy schedules as well as getting a graphic designer to work on it within the short time frame, but I still decided to send message to people about the plan while I continued to search for who will work on it. People sent entries and I was still yet to get a designer that will be able to deliver it with most pointing to the timeline. I decided to delay my write up till the last hour, when I'm sure everything was in place so its few minutes past 11pm right now which means birthday is just minutes away, well plan was to have at least 20 write ups and this target has been met.

Enough of the story behind the book at least against all hurdles it's here now and I'm super excited about it. I discovered Olasupo Abideen on Facebook in 2017 and after going through his timeline, I was fascinated by what he has been able to achieve at his age then. I saw so many inspiring and well-articulated posts on his page so I sent a friend request and as I will do for someone of his 'figure', I enabled "see first" for his posts so I can be seeing his posts even if he doesn't accept my request yet. Then on a faithful day he shared that Brain Builders International which he happens to be the convener was recruiting so I decided to try my luck and I was lucky to be among the few that were selected then. We finally met at an NGO meeting which held at Kwara hotel coffee bar while I became closer to him in early 2019 and this man will call me to ask of my progress, tell me ways to improve, expose me to relevant information that are relevant to my advancement, this he did incredibly well as an HR expert and consultant that he is. Then we moved to him giving me tasks I only thought I would do after grad and he eventually gave me an Accounting intern role in his company and I also took up the role of Executive Assistant 2 after some time. If I'm to count the benefits I have gotten from this relationship, then I will be the only one to cover this publication so let's just say being close to such an inspiring leader who push me beyond things I once see as my limit has been really incredible. From personal to career development, this man has made sure I'm always on top of my game. He has always refused the title "Boss" as he will always tell me we are partners and he put me as a partner on his project while he also gladly work with me as a partner on any project I have.



Sir you have been a good leader to me and so many others and while a million thank you wouldn't, see this publication as an appreciation and a charge for you to do more from people you have touched their lives. You are an erudite leader, an innovative entrepreneur, a passionate SDG advocate and majorly a man that is determined to see others around him succeed. Flip to the back cover of this book, you'd see a quote that best describes what you do.

I wish you happy birthday and many more blissful years ahead, stay blessed Sir.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**BELLO LUKMAN**



If there is a point where the wisdom of ancient days blends with modern day civilisation, then it must be in the brain of Olasupo Abideen.

Abideen has been an inspiration to many people, especially the youths who wish to thrive upwards and forwards in this life filled with obstacles.

So far, Abideen's story has to be one of the most remarkable amongst the tale of Millennials who are making a change all over the world.

I heard his name years before I got to meet him and when I finally did, I felt the stories didn't do much justice to the living legend I met with. He is an ocean of knowledge and is always ready to let anyone and everyone have a swim.

To that amazing individual who tries as much to ensure the future generations deserve an amazing life, to that individual whose humility I can only find in the pages of history, to that individual who works tirelessly to make a better for himself and for others, to Abideen Olasupo himself, may your days be long.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**GHAZALI ABDULMUIZZ**



## THE MAN, THE LEGEND, THE GENIUS.

Coffee lounge at the Kwara hotel was our frequent meeting point. At a point, I wondered if the management of the Hotel would just give him an honorary title and make him a Premium customer. Not only did he choose this location for meetings, it was also the venue for so many strategic meetings that have shaped many lives of the youths of Unilorin, Kwara State and the nation as a whole.

The man famously known as 'Google' while an undergraduate, he for some weird reason identified my potential at a time I had so many doubts about myself. His calm demeanor, eloquence, vision, fierceness and undeterred determination to leave a positive trail of impact was enough reason.

Olasupo Abideen has set the bar on so many levels, the bar that so many of his peers will struggle to attain. If I hadn't seen his birth certificate, I'd say he was lying about his age. Lol! He taught me the value of excellence, human interactions and diligence. He helped me identify strengths I never really thought that I had. Ultimately, he taught me the value of giving back.

The Genius that he is always leaves me in awe of how a man can be successfully running multiple business ventures, pursuing humanitarian activities while building the right relationships.

I am grateful to have crossed paths with Olasupo for all the learnings, guidance, support and love he has shown me over the years. Thank you, Big Brother.

On this day, I wish you happiness beyond measure and unending success in all of your endeavors. Happy Birthday, bro.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**ABDULHAFEEZ 'OBA' BABATUNDE**





A drop of water is just a drop of water. It dries up almost as soon as it touches the bucket. But several drops of water over a protracted period of time becomes way much more. It becomes a bucket of water. A bucket of water becomes a pool of water. And on and on.

I look at the kindness of **Abideen** like several buckets of water. The buckets keep giving and giving and giving. It seems that the buckets do not know anything else besides giving. When you ask people about Abideen, they remember his buckets for the kindness which pours out of them.

As Abideen grows older, his buckets expand. They keep giving more and more people water. And for this, we are grateful. We are grateful to **Mr & Mrs Olasupo** for this source of water. We are grateful to his Siblings for sharing this source of water. We are grateful to God, for giving us this source of water.

As you grow older **Abideen**, we pray that you do not run dry. We pray that you do not lack when you need water yourself. We pray that thirst does not become the norm of your existence.

As you continue to flow, may you continue to purify, to teach, to wash, to save, to heal, to help, to protect, to provide, to be... a source of water.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO**

Thank you for everything.

**AKINYEMI MUHAMMED**



I have known Mr. Olasupo Abideen, CEO of Brainbuilders Development Initiative, for over five years, and in those past few years, I have seen someone who is resilient, hungry for success and an all-round amazing individual. Mr. Olasupo doesn't only like to see himself win, he prides himself in ensuring people around him succeed too. In days of my lowest lows, Mr. Olasupo kept being one of the few people who helped me believe in myself and my possibilities.

Words don't do justice enough to how much of a human definition he is. He's the yardstick for loyalty, hard work and dedication.

You have been an exemplary and visionary mentor, a great leader who has dedicated his life to the service of humanity. I appreciate and treasure everything you have taught me.

Not only are you fantastic at your job, but you have also proven yourself to be a loving and caring person, both in the office and out in the world. Thank you for being there for me and teaching me so much.

Happy birthday to you, I pray you continue to grow in wealth, wisdom and in every aspect of your life. Cheers to many more years to celebrate, Sir.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**ALALADE AJIBOLA**



## OLASUPO ABIDEEN: Celebrating a life of selfless impact @ 27\*

If there has ever been a young personality one could safely dub as the Oracle of Sustainable Development in recent times, it is none but Nigeria's ever-gallant Olasupo Abideen. For a man with a humble beginning in Ifon who couldn't access a computer till his finals in high school, defied odds to attend the University yet weathered storms of life to shoot himself to global stardom as a young leader of strong drive, impact and consequence going around the world, his story cannot be more inspiring. It's indeed gratifying to see light rays of positive success emerging from the obscurity of dark clouds.

Amongst many incredible things, the young gem is the first-born of his family, a proud UNILORIN alumnus, award-winning development practitioner, and a serial entrepreneur laden with about a decade of experience across the business and non-profit sectors. As the brains behind the Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI), he has put his brainbox of ideas, innovations, knowledge and resources into great use in developing communities and capacities of young people geared towards making the world a better place. Even more, this had led to his incredible entrepreneurial drive that made him found various start-ups poised to solve problems and make impacts. Notable amongst them is OPAS Gas, an innovative business committed to ensuring clean and renewable energy using Liquefied Petroleum Gas to serve an efficient and risk-free cooking alternative need.

I am particularly inspired by his diverse experience in youth empowerment by equipping them with various digital skills. This is the essence of pain to purpose in life. His challenge of not having been able to use a computer for most of his teenage years have borne out his work and mission as a digital skills trainer over the years. From the knowledge and experience of this pain he experienced, he has helped many teens and young adults not to experience the same. This all started when he served as the campus ambassador for Google and Mozilla Firefox during his undergraduate years and afterwards founded the Brain Builders IT firm. Today, he has reached over 20,000 young people across various Nigerian communities through the Google Digital Skills training for Africa.

This is as he even continues to shine bright in SDG advocacy and policy making. True testaments to these landmarks are: his selection as one of the 12 global youth leaders and ambassadors for a global SDGs campaign pioneered by the UK's Restless Development. And some years back when he influenced government policies particularly the #NotTooYoungToRun bill by spearheading its campaign in Kwara State, Nigeria.



His story and meteoric rise as a tri-sector leader will continue to remain so much of an inspiration to young people to always dare to dream. He is indeed a quintessential young Nigerian with a strong track record of demonstrated excellence laced with hard work, integrity, diligence, grit and resilience.

It's indeed a real privilege to know this great man, and have him contribute to my growth and development. He is someone I look up to and always ready to impact the younger ones and send down the ladder for them to climb. And more than anything, his huge sense of discipline, commitment and responsibilities is worthy of emulation and incredible to a fault.

As he clocks 27 in grand style and overflowing grace, I heartily celebrate his eventful, chequered and extraordinary story and life of selfless impact to humanity. And I wish him all the best in his present and future endeavours.

True to his name, you deserve every praise we render to you today. I bless God for your life. Many happy returns, Brain! Have a super great and amazing year ahead of more impacts.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**AGBAJE AYOMIDE**



Abideen Opeyemi OLASUPO has over 7 years experience in the Development, Campaigning and advocacy sector. He was a part of the teenagers that started Millennium Development Goals awareness in Nigeria late 2012. He continually demonstrates the qualities of a servant leader through projects and initiatives he has kickstarted in partnership with different Changemakers across the world. To serve people, Abideen recently launched Know COVID-19 NG ([www.knowcovid19.ng](http://www.knowcovid19.ng)) to counter fake news, carry out awareness, distribute relief materials and as well as track government spending regarding the novel coronavirus. He started working on the SDGs earlier through his organization Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative which I am a part of, wherein he has leveraged on women leaders and association to demand for gender equality and speedy integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the governments plan. He has virtually all characteristics/qualities of a servant leader ranging from Active Listening, Commitment to the Growth of People, Persuasion, Empathy, Foresight, Conceptualization, Building Community to Awareness. One can conclude that he is a servant leader from all the actions he has taken and qualities he has demonstrated

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**AZEEZ TOBI ABUBAKAR**



The Olasupo, Opeyemi Abideen!

Where will I start? Smiles... In all sincerity, meeting him is a huge blessing to me.

Olasupo Abideen is one of those who developed my interest in community development, volunteerism and taking leadership opportunities. Hardly will a month go by without him sharing opportunities within and outside the country. It is very rare to see someone who's that committed towards other people's growth.

Another thing about him is the love he has for NIGERIA. Common, this is real! I remember our experience during the NotTooYoungToRun (NTYTR) bill and advocacy for young people to participate in the 2019 election via YIAGA AFRICA. Sincerely, this man took the project as if it was his job.

He dreams of a New Nigeria where everyone will work to make things work. He dreams of a country where we'll be proud to introduce ourselves as Nigerians anywhere, we find ourselves. He wants a new nation where a son of nobody can become somebody without getting to know anyone. Ope Google loves Nigeria and I am really glad we are witnessing a shift in the country through the current #EndSars protest nationwide.

This has been Abideen's dream where the youth will come together as one irrespective of our religion, tribe or background to say NO to bad governance. He wants a country where the young will be in charge of policymaking and governance.

**ABIDEEN IS A BRAND!**

Olasupo Abideen did something for me and our organization (The Drive Leadership Network) last year May. We invited him as a guest speaker to our annual summit. Two days to the event, he was still outside the country but he came down to Nigeria a day to the summit. Not only that, he had another program in Lagos where the organizers have promised to pay for his flight ticket, accommodation and all. He declined. He honoured our invitation without paying him a dime. That was huge! Did I ask him why? He said; Maxwell, you've always been very supportive, there is a need to honour your invitation. His response made me speechless.

Also, He's in a great entrepreneur. I call him Dangote of our time. He has helped many startups through his knowledge and experience. Many businesses have grown through him but he won't make noise. Baba is too humble.

As you begin another year today, your light will continually shine. The heart of Kings and gate Nations is yours. God will continue to order your steps. Nothing lacking nothing missing.

Thank you for touching lives. Thank you for building a desirable nation. Thank you for being a loving Husband to Amica (wink). Thank you for your mentorship and all. There's still more to say but for now, let me drop my pen.

But there is one thing I am sure of; the world will know that you came. Go, Grow and Glow. THRIVE!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**MAXWELL, DAVID TAYE**





In search of destiny fulfilment, empowerment, and contribution towards humanity I met a man with a great team who was purpose-driven with a vision to transform the world, joining the organisation exposes me to great learning insight and opportunity, neither did I know that affiliating myself with a set of change-maker will extend to what I call family.

After I joined the organization Brain Builders Initiative now called Brain Builder Youth Development initiative and was exposed to how the organization works and all the team lead for the organization, I get to know an icon, an entrepreneur with great achievement who invested his time in youths and providing a lasting solution to a societal problem in the person of Mr.OlasupoAbideenOpeyemi.

Haven't worked and study him closely, he is a man of integrity, entrepreneurial par excellence, a great manager who manages man and resources to achieve a general goal or objective of the

one of the most difficult sets of being to lead or manage is a human being, since the inception of creation, after the fall of the tower of babel and disruption in the oneness of man it has been difficult for a man to project working on.

#### Managing Human being

come into the conclusion in every decision taken or executing a project. for smooth executing and delivering of projects calls for a great a manager, one of the keys in managing human beings is knowing their (humans) strength and weakness, but not capitalizing on that weakness instead develop it and turning it their strength. It takes a leader to know individual weaknesses within a short period and develop the weakness to become a strength which is a key to success and greatness. as you are developing a mans in his weaknesses you need to believe in him and confide that he can deliver the task. one of the critical things to note when given a colleague or member of your team a task is always to check on them before the final submission day for the project, if a needcalls for you to put him in other to trash the difficulty areas out. an injury to one is an injury to all in project execution.

#### Investing in Youth

One of the prerequisites that qualify a man to be an exemptional leader is believing in youth and the capability to give a greater result towards the goal. There are times youth underestimate their capability on tasks or feel reluctant to take on challenges or face their current challenges just like what was described by Spencer Johnson the "Author of who Moved My Cheese". Human being tends to always eager to stay in their comfort zone and fails to take on the responsibility which will take them to a higher place which is more comfortable than their present situation.

Mr.OlasupoAbideenOpeyemi has been a source of inspiration on this he has pushed me many times to be responsible and always prepared to take on a task, he goes to the extent to supply all that you need to accomplish your goals in the task given to you.

His accomplishment as an entrepreneur can't be quantified, he never gives up, he is always of the mantra that; "sometimes in life, you will win and lose some, the ones you lose will make you prepare plan towards great success that awaits you in future".

Writing my journey as an entrepreneur or career development Mr.Olasupo-AbideenOpeyemi can't be exempted because he is a role model and mentor to me who listen to has been a source of inspiration to me.

Happy birthday to you, boss.

Meeting you in life has been a divine connection and grace for an exploit. Boss, go in thy might, and conquer the world.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**FADESHERE KAYODE MARTINS**



A casual glean at the annals of my nation reveals the extraordinary feat of an illustrious icon whose activities are well written on a platter of gold. This icon stood on his feet to do that which others never attempted and become an exemplary personality and one of the most Influential Young Nigerian in the history of our time.

I once asked myself who is **Abideen Olasupo**? but was convinced with Jimmy Levenene's definition of a greatest Leader. He defines a greatest leader as the greatest servant of those he lead and that is exactly who **Abideen Olasupo** is.

An exemplary leader who has impacted lives of the lifeless, quenched the thirst of the thirsty and put smiles in the face of the hopeless through his advocacy campaign, generic contributions to sustainable growth and national developments both in his nation and abroad.

Meeting this rare gem for the first time was amazingly confusing. This is because he is a complex personality whose appearance never defines his personality. I met him while in the dark on a mysterious journey to the garden of glory. While we broke down, he stood on his feet appearing to me as a strange man and said, life doesn't end here, stand up to your feet and do it again, explore with me and you will be graced without regret. Today, I become an aspired young leader, illustrious icon who has been impacting his community and contributing to National Development, possessing strategic skills and meeting with personalities, positive influencers and mentors through his networking antics. Today, he has touched the lives of over 10, 000 youths across the globe with his tips to the quantum of solace using the sustainable goals as the key indicators to: alleviating poverty and hunger, advocating for good health, well-being, quality education, good and transparent governance, peaceful assembly and strong institution through the birth of Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative and other organizations attached. He is a man of Valor who descends from a widely lower family and become a Google Ambassador, Tony Elumelu fellow and many more, just from the struggle of his family who never display their gravitational restlessness. Today, **Abideen Olasupo** showed the world what conventional emission has caused to our physical and mental health and therefore proposing for a smokeless and stress free emission that we can use at the comfort of our homes.

Conclusively, he is a credible politician who has opined related political issues apolitically. He is also a lion-hearted patriot blessed with the dispositions of a pacific statesman. He is in fact a tiger who does not go about singing his tigritude. He is universally called **ope google** due to his alluring styles which ventilate his all-round greatness.

I hereby call on the whole empire to celebrate the existence of this greatest mafia, a man who value intellectualism and limitless knowledge.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO**

**HABEEB DAYO ALIYU**





Mr Abideen Olasupo(Google) is someone I've known since undergraduate days at the University of Ilorin with little interactions. Not until last year December when I was opportune the role of a secretary at dhub Innovation Centre.

There are lots to say about him. Is it his selfless acts in seeing others progress? Or his love for bringing out the best in everyone that comes his way?

Without moving closer to him, you might see him as someone who is strict and non compliance but you will be surprised he is down to earth, friendly, jovial and fun to be with.

As a mentor, he drills you to your maximum to ensure you achieve your goals.

See his true him when he is with the likes of Mr Wale, Bolton ,Mr A'Hakeem and you won't spin your ear before hearing "crazy dude, buddy, my boy..."

He has been a brother to me and I can't pray for better bosses than him and Mr Wale Bakare. His advise are always my run to adhere and his arms are always welcoming even when I don't think I deserve it, yet he gives a listening ear.

Despite his professionalism, he is a worthy son to his parents, in-law , relatives and a kind Husband to his wife( she is so lucky to have you).

As you are a year older, may all your wishes comes through, may you attain the position you desire and may your secret prayers be answered.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**HALEEMAH ISHOLA**



I met **Olasupo Abideen** when I was recruit as volunteer for Brain Builder International. His passion towards seeing that every member of the organisation grow drawn me to him.

I came to Lagos for a business meeting and we met, his first question was where did you see yourself next month. His zeal towards result is applicable.

**Olasupo Abideen** is goal oriented and result driven person. He knows something about everything and always willing to share.

Apart from being brilliant and innovative, **Abideen** is also someone you can rely on, He is truthful To his course, I call him Mr. No nonsense because he doesn't take bullshit. I am blessed to associate with this young man because there is always something to learn from him.

He is innovative, intelligent, goal oriented, result driven, brilliant, courageous and more.

*If all youth can be like **Abideen** ,I bet the world will be more sane.*

On this occasion of his 27th birthday I wish him more brighter years.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

Thank you for everything.

**OLABISI HAWAWU**



Whenever I think of what a leader should be, Abideen comes to mind immediately. Some say a leader is born, others say a leader is made. Abideen flawlessly fits both criteria. His natural flair at leadership combines well with a readiness to improve himself. Working in BBYDI was indeed a thrilling experience.

When I think of what a friend should be, Abideen comes to mind as well. Conversing with him is never a boring experience. A minute with him can make all the difference in an endeavour. One of the questions I ask myself when I'm stuck on a task is "what would Abideen do?" Truly, he has saved me in a lot of situations without even realising it!

Abideen is an all-round individual. A business mogul. An SDG Expert. A husband. A friend. Need I say more? Happy birthday Abideen! Cheers to a new age!

Regards,

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**KHALID RAJI**





Everyone has a person who has positively impacted their life the most, for me it's **MR ABIDEEN OLASUPO**, I told someone today that I'm fortunate to know someone as selfless and extraordinary as him.

Honestly writing this, I tried compiling the lists of things you've done for me, they are too many to fit in here. Working closely with you in Unilorin, BBI, NAOSS, OPAB CONSULT and NTYR accelerated the motive of achieving my goals.

You're a great source of inspiration to me and I greatly admire your zeal and ambitions. Your success bears testament that life doesn't bless you with what you wish for but rather what you work for.

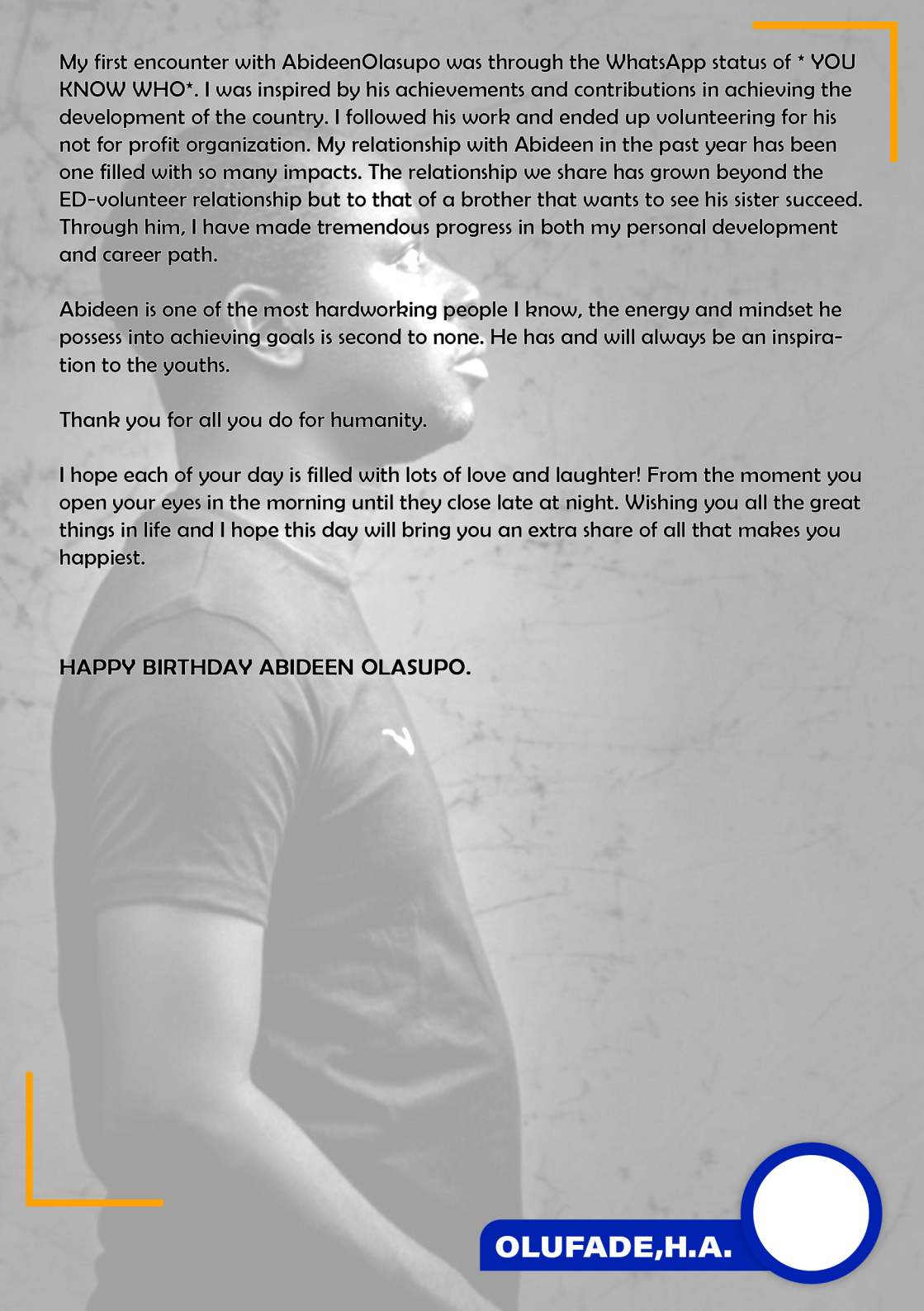
Not only has your motivational talks had tremendously influence my life positively, but also in the lives of multitudes. You've always been eager to help no matter what I needed – a friend, a boss or a big brother. You're a fantastic example of wisdom, leadership and foresight and I've learnt so much from you over the years. You helped nurture my interest in digital marketing, and equipped me with the required skills and experiences.

Boss, you might be another year older today, but you are still that phenomenal person, who I have oceans of respect for. Thank you for showing me the road ahead. Thank you for your patience and motivations. Thank you for your time, effort and encouragement over the years. Thank you for the constant numerous opportunities you give us. Thank you for the skills and knowledge you gave me and other future leaders.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**OLAGOKE MUJIDAT TAIWO**





My first encounter with AbideenOlasupo was through the WhatsApp status of \* YOU KNOW WHO\*. I was inspired by his achievements and contributions in achieving the development of the country. I followed his work and ended up volunteering for his not for profit organization. My relationship with Abideen in the past year has been one filled with so many impacts. The relationship we share has grown beyond the ED-volunteer relationship but to that of a brother that wants to see his sister succeed. Through him, I have made tremendous progress in both my personal development and career path.

Abideen is one of the most hardworking people I know, the energy and mindset he possess into achieving goals is second to none. He has and will always be an inspiration to the youths.

Thank you for all you do for humanity.

I hope each of your day is filled with lots of love and laughter! From the moment you open your eyes in the morning until they close late at night. Wishing you all the great things in life and I hope this day will bring you an extra share of all that makes you happiest.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**OLUFADE, H.A.**



“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is what you are doing for others”, 1965—the year of dreams, Martin Luther King Jr was known as a civil rights activist, a man with a voice, A leader of no small reports and an outstanding motivator of youth. At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr was the youngest to have received the Nobel peace prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement. On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

1993, was the year, a young boy was the product and gift to humanity, that was the second coming of Martin Luther King Jr, albeit with another purpose geared towards youth advocacy that shaped the global participation of youth in policy-making, would you believe that? A Nigerian “Martin Luther King Jr”. THE Nigerian Martin Luther King as an impressive academic and public speaking records, coupled with wide and impressive experience in sustainable development, social policy, and right based approaches —that man is no other than Abideen Olasupo Opeyemi . While volunteering for Know-Covid 19 NG, an initiative that Mr. Abideen co-founded with other brilliant Nigerian innovators, I encountered first-hand the essence of his existence. Although I perceived him too strict and a man to avoid if possible.

I remembered him saying on the volunteer group “We will continue to weed all inactive volunteers without further excuses” and I asked myself is “is this necessary” I became a man on a mission to know him “from a distance” typing his name on Google produces a result that left my mouth agape. Over the past month, he has been my mentor as I strive to be a good essayist, policymaker, and well-rounded personality. Abideen has a high taste that can easily deter you from seeking love working with committed and dedicated personalities, and he share opportunities like he doesn’t need it {to those worthy of it}. Imagine him asking me to send a pitch on why am the best fit for a particular job he could get the best hands for, why was he extending that grace to me?

He answered the particular questions in a rather unconventional way, —“ don’t use sir for me and always go to point”, humility, eye for details strategy, and selflessness that was Abideen at his core. The first day I met him at his dhub centre, I was surprised to see millionaire dressed like a nobody, don’t get it twisted most Africans and especially Nigerian love to be “known” and that means at any cost Abideen Olasupo Opeyemi has connections and little wonder why you see him at the front and back of newspapers – been one of the most influential Nigerians under a small sit. The Yoruba adage that says “akiii gbe okere mo didun obe” was referring to him, move closer to him and his cover and hit gold ready to impact and assist.



Opegoogle you would believe is the Nigerian Martin Luther King JNR and has a proven to mare rounded, in religion and social life. A man of few words unless necessary but a lover boy who sees only AMICA, you need to read that “epistle” about their journey.

At 27, I have nothing new to wish you but genuine happiness, peace, and unlimited favor of Allah for you and your entire household in the fold of Islam. Long may you reign and may you never know your worth.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**ONIYE ABDULQUDUS**



## AMICABLE ABIDEEN OKOAMICA

Nigeria is blessed with rich resources – human and material. As a country, we continue to fail to harness this potential for our development and progress. Amid our woes, many young people have not allowed the circumstances of their birth to define them. They continue to work towards changing the status quo, building a better future for themselves and helping other people achieve their goals. Abideen is one of those young people. I met Abideen through online conversations. We had been school mates before then but never had any cause to interact. When we finally got talking, it turned out we shared many values. While observers may have misrepresented some of our ideals, I found a profound connection between us. And that's how it all started.

In the past few years, we have worked together on various projects and I can't but admire his sterling qualities – the desire for success, hard work, grit, candour, resilience, team-building skills. Abideen is an astute businessman who anticipates obstacles, identify patterns in a stream of events, recognizes problems and provides solutions. His ability to spot opportunities when everyone is seeing a problem is inspiring. He has his weaknesses. Just like everyone of us. But he has proven to be one who listens and is always willing to be better. He deserves all the accolades that he gets.

At 27, Abideen is at an important phase. He is gradually leaving his twenties – the defining decade – to another decade. When he looks back at all that he has achieved hitherto, he can only be full of optimism for the future.

Dear Abideen, the husband of Amica, I have big wishes for you and I pray that God grants them. You have guided many, may you always find guidance. You have supported many, may you always find support.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**SANNI ALAUSA ISSA**



A boy celebrates his teacher - title

In go come, siddon for back like sey in no sabi wetin dey sele, dey observe with powerful contributions, only when it matters. - (Circa 2013, Union of Campus Journalists, University of Ilorin)

It must have been his tactical brilliance that endeared me to him in the first place, little did I know life was setting me up for something bigger than myself at the time.

Like every other person who was admitted to school, I was sure I needed to do my best to come out with good grades - even when it's not enough these days. What I couldn't understand is how you become a part of a new world and function efficiently in it - this was the headache I carried around with me.

I'm not sure if Olasupo Abideen was closely looking out for any element of "disguise" in me, because you wouldn't find me in a "soro soke" situation at any of the meetings where I would finally meet a pathfinder.

Olasupo Abideen Opeyemi didn't only give me a platform to start, he worked closely with me to find my path, always believing in me and challenging me to do more than I would normally do. I'm better for it today, in all of these, I thank the Almighty for his divine guidance - the journey wouldn't have been complete if I didn't meet Abideen.

Thankfully, I did, and this short story is that of a boy celebrating his teacher.

May your remaining years be your best years. We will tell your children stories of how you made men out of boys, but before they come, enjoy the bliss of a new year. Happy birthday, king!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**SHERRIF**





To be successful is good but it is better to remain successful for as long as one lives. It is also fascinating to be respectable as it is more edifying to be respected courtesy of one's alluring personality, pedigree and creativity. The points above perfectly befit a fascinating young Nigerian who I called **The Greatest of our Time Abideen Olasupo** is an exemplary leader who demonstrated the timelessness and practicability of a philosophical postulation of our time which makes him one of the most Influentials in Africa.

His chain of philosophy and advocacy in entrepreneurship produced Taofikat Omoniye Ajibola who is presently a beauty consultant in a pronounced organization of Nigeria and also a founder of Lottie Magic. It is indeed, noteworthy that in spite of his numerous accomplishments and profound potentials for more encompassing attainments, he remains extremely humble to all his compatriots and will never rest until they are blessed. He is a man who believes so much in sustainable growth and national developments, good and accountable governance, gender balance and goal collaboration and has impacted over 20, 000 lives, proffer charity to students in secondary schools, established a mean for the voice of the Teens to be heard, Engage over 10,000 youth on Transformational agenda among several other acts of his generosity given to people of varied backgrounds and nations

As I always called him, my one and only brother from my fatherland, he never engaged me to favoritism when it comes to doing the right thing. While some leaders who are materially blessed evades kindred responsibilities and engage in some personal issues, he only rose beyond the philosophy of individualism to a live of corporate existence and inclusiveness because he is never alone.

As the wise will say: A life of a few meaningful and impactful decades is better than a thousand years of anonymous existence. This young man is born to impact a meaningful lives and build a strong wall of no destruction.

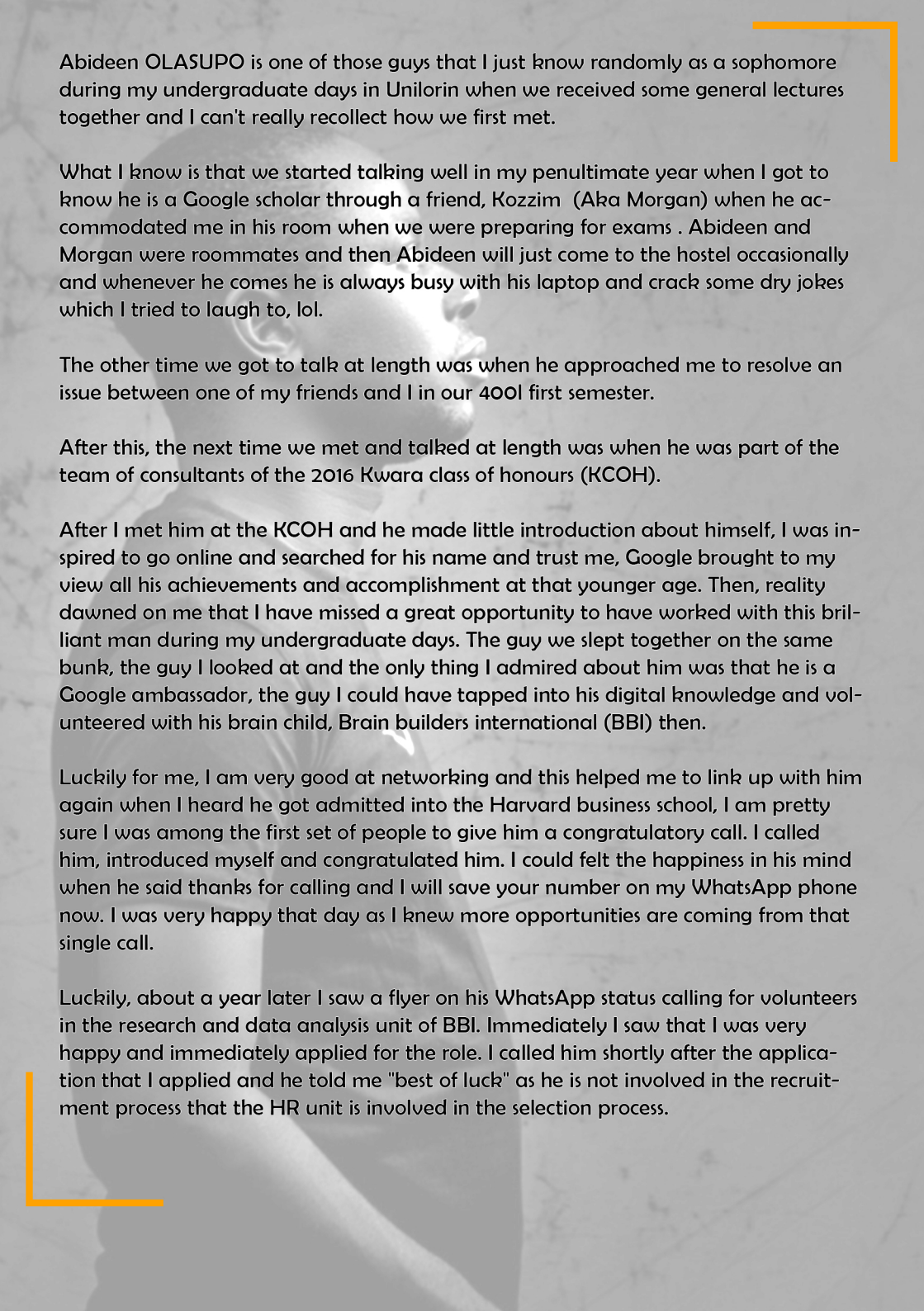
If one's attainment in life is singularly determined by one's attitude to life, if a man's industry is the sole factor of his success and if the greatness of an individual is premised on his patriotism, then **Olasupo Abideen** will go down in the book of life as one of the greatest in the decades of action.

I join the world today to celebrate this young talent and I say : *continue to prosper*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO**

**TAOFIKAT OMONIYE AJIBOLA**





Abideen OLASUPO is one of those guys that I just know randomly as a sophomore during my undergraduate days in Unilorin when we received some general lectures together and I can't really recollect how we first met.

What I know is that we started talking well in my penultimate year when I got to know he is a Google scholar through a friend, Kozzim (Aka Morgan) when he accommodated me in his room when we were preparing for exams. Abideen and Morgan were roommates and then Abideen will just come to the hostel occasionally and whenever he comes he is always busy with his laptop and crack some dry jokes which I tried to laugh to, lol.

The other time we got to talk at length was when he approached me to resolve an issue between one of my friends and I in our 4001 first semester.

After this, the next time we met and talked at length was when he was part of the team of consultants of the 2016 Kwara class of honours (KCOH).

After I met him at the KCOH and he made little introduction about himself, I was inspired to go online and searched for his name and trust me, Google brought to my view all his achievements and accomplishment at that younger age. Then, reality dawned on me that I have missed a great opportunity to have worked with this brilliant man during my undergraduate days. The guy we slept together on the same bunk, the guy I looked at and the only thing I admired about him was that he is a Google ambassador, the guy I could have tapped into his digital knowledge and volunteered with his brain child, Brain builders international (BBI) then.

Luckily for me, I am very good at networking and this helped me to link up with him again when I heard he got admitted into the Harvard business school, I am pretty sure I was among the first set of people to give him a congratulatory call. I called him, introduced myself and congratulated him. I could feel the happiness in his mind when he said thanks for calling and I will save your number on my WhatsApp phone now. I was very happy that day as I knew more opportunities are coming from that single call.

Luckily, about a year later I saw a flyer on his WhatsApp status calling for volunteers in the research and data analysis unit of BBI. Immediately I saw that I was very happy and immediately applied for the role. I called him shortly after the application that I applied and he told me "best of luck" as he is not involved in the recruitment process that the HR unit is involved in the selection process.

Fortunately, I was eventually selected as a member of the research and data analysis unit and few months later I got appointed as the "Research intern and health officer" with BBI now BBYDI.

Also, when the Covid-19 pandemic started and he brought about the idea of Know-Covid-19 Nigeria, I told him I am interested and he said the same thing that he's not involved in the selection process that I should just apply. I applied, there was a little story before I eventually became a member of the team and presently I am a professional volunteer with "KnowCovid-19 Nigeria" and the fake news team lead.

In summary, Abideen is a colleague, counsellor, mentor and boss. I really appreciate the impact you have made in my life within the short period we started working together and I pray that Almighty Allah grant you many more years on earth to enjoy with your loved ones in sound Iman, health and wealth. Abideen is one of the young sharps I am confident will hit that billionaire goal soonest. Cheers to greater accomplishments boss.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**TIJANI YUSUF OLATUNJI**





Who is Abideen Olasupo?

Have you met this great man before?

Just in case you haven't met him or don't know him the way I know him

Meet this spectacular, enterprising, industrious, and great achiever and laurel. Apart from the fact that records speaks for him, he is just as the papers say he is. I have never met someone who sees opportunity where others wouldn't dare to and goes on taking it. An active business developer, ambassador of the SDGs, approachable and understanding. This man's desire to see people grow into and become great like himself is worthy of note.

He personally took me under his arms alongside his partner Mr. Wale Bakare and activated a potential I never believed I had, when I slacked he knew the perfect ways to bring me back to achieving ways.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABIDEEN OLASUPO.**

**MAKANJUOLA TIMOTHY**



“ Before you are a leader,  
*Success* is all about growing yourself.  
When you become a leader,  
*Success* is all about  
growing others. ”

*- Jack Welch*

