

BHSA 2009 Convention, Silver Spring, MD

Fellow BHS Alumni/Associates,

My mother and I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board, Officers and Members of the Maryland Chapter of BHSA for a very successful convention. I would like to extend a special thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Morris for hosting the farewell party and encouraging my mom and me, to attend this year. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Nuku Reeves for the Welcome reception, the luxurious hotel accommodations, and the lovely souvenir CD's. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Nagbe and Mrs. Frances Potter for providing transportation for us from the hotel to the different venues. To Mr. & Mrs. Logan, Mr. & Mrs. Sinyan and the rest of the Maryland Team, thank you for hosting such a magnanimous convention.

I cannot remember when last I had such a lovely time. I knew I was with my family the whole time we were there. I was also touched to see young Liberians honoring each other and behaving like professionals. Everyone acted so orderly, that I felt our parents trained us very well. There was so confusion, no hard feelings anywhere, but rather the opposite. There was goodwill across the board, while we worked together to accomplish one goal. That goal is to sustain and support our beloved high school.

I was really impressed with everything I saw at the convention and there is nothing right off the bat that I see needs to be changed. I shared your views, which we were able to achieve, by delaying the fence project to focus on the more pressing issue. Education should be our primary purpose and the rest should follow. I am glad we were able to establish the scholarship fund for 10 students. I thank the board for accepting responsibility for the first year. Additionally, the school supplies were crucial as well, and I am happy we were able to allocate funds to get copiers, paper etc. because these things should be triaged as if they were emergency status. How can kids learn in a high school with no pencils and paper? That definitely is unacceptable. I believe the organization's focus is in the right direction and I feel privileged to be a part of such a progressive and outstanding establishment.

We look forward to working with you on future projects. By God's Grace, we are onboard for good, and going forward, we plan to support the cause and to attend every convention, if God is willing.

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