

The President, officers and members of the EES/EHS Alumni Association of America; Madam chairlady ,officers and members of the Minnesota chapter of the association, Board of Directors; distinguished guest; ladies and gentlemen. Tonight I see my task as initiating a brief one-way conversation (I will speak and you will listen-isn't that funny for a conversation?) where we will attempt to briefly throw some light on the expectations and responsibilities we must share to sustain a vibrant and functional Alumni association.

At this point, I will like for us to remember all former members, school and classmates, Instructors and parents that have passed in a brief moment of silence.

I know most of us look forward to this gathering every year. Some for enjoyment and fun, some to reminisce, other to see what has become of old friends (*for the former students of St. John's and house of Bethany that will include all the underhand and bugga-bug relations*), the mean and tough Campus officers who loved to give demerits; Keeping you portions of grass cutting impeccable at all times; girls getting drinking water and using that as an opportunity to meet the boyfriends& underhand, the weekly

inspection of uniforms and the many campus rules.

All of these are example of instances where you hand a long lasting experience that when you recall today, bring joy or in some cases Sadness; you were actually compelled to deliver or you would be punished. To avoid the punishment you delivered at all cause and that discipline, above all have helped in shaping your professional or social lives today.

This Dinner and Ball tonight is intended as a social celebration for our success and for lesson learned, so that our failures will not be repeated in the next business year. Today's convention was a typical, interesting and valuable example.

However, as Alumni of EES/EHS it is incumbent on us to give back to our alma mater generously to the extent affordable by everyone and to encourage others to do the same.

We must promote a lifelong relationship of mutual benefit and assistance to all the Episcopal Elementary and High Schools; whether we are cape mountaineers or not but because the foundation given to us from these institutions are vital to our status and interaction

with society and fellow citizens Here in the United States and in Liberia.

We must assist the Local Alumni Association in Liberian and the Diocese in all they do, to revamp the institutions to standards at or beyond stages prior to the civil uprising that ruined them to today status (*see the pictures on the website and video achieves available to us*).

We must support the quality of education of the students by helping with financial and kind support to renovate the structure, provide utility, pay and retain qualify teaches and enhance the welfare of these institutions.

To achieve these goals we must at the national and local chapter levels; encourage and promote mutual respect and trust for each other, be honest, respectful and direct in communication, practice responsible stewardship and integrity and to be a vehicle for alumni to share and participate in the life and upkeep of these institutions.

It is not an easy road but with commitment and resolved to genuinely give back to our alma mater we can succeed.

Saba's speech at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual EES/EHS Convention in St Paul, Minnesota-Sept 4, 2010

Ladies and gentlemen, enjoy the rest of the evening and we wish you a wonderful stay & experience.

Thank you