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FROM THE DESK OF THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumni,



It is my honour and privilege to welcome you to the maiden edition of the ABUAD Alumni Newsletter, our shared space for connection, celebration, and community. Whether you graduated last year or over a decade ago, whether you are in Lagos or London, Abuja or Atlanta, this newsletter is created for you and sustained by you. It is a platform to keep us united, to celebrate our achievements, and to strengthen the bonds that make the ABUAD Alumni Family truly special.

Looking Ahead

We have exciting plans for the association in the months ahead from expanded mentorship initiatives for current students, to deeper engagement with alumni across the diaspora, to more opportunities for members to connect, collaborate, and contribute to one another's journeys.

A key part of this vision is the creation of alumni chapters in major cities, which will serve as hubs for networking, support, and shared growth. In addition, we are laying the groundwork for the erection of an Alumni Building at ABUAD, a landmark that will stand as a testament to how far we have come and the strength of the community we continue to build.

I encourage every alumnus reading this to play their part: share your story, nominate a fellow graduate for a spotlight, attend our events, support the students who will walk the same path we have walked. The strength of this network is only as great as the participation of its members and, with these new initiatives, I believe we are building something truly enduring and special here.

Thank You

To the editorial team behind this newsletter, to every alumnus who has shared their story, and to every reader who continues to engage with what we are building, thank you! Your contributions, your voices, and your support are what give this platform life. ABUAD gave us our foundation, but it is through our collective effort that we are shaping something greater. What we build upon that foundation is ours to define, and together we are creating a legacy that reflects the strength, spirit, and unity of the ABUAD Alumni Family!

Timothy Atasie

Warm regards,
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Goal: ₦25,000,000 — Achieved & Exceeded

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The graphic features the ABUAD logo at the top, followed by the text 'ABUAD ALUMNI COMMUNITY'. Below this, the amount '₦34,500,000 RAISED!' is displayed in large, bold, yellow and white text. A smaller line of text indicates 'Goal: ₦25,000,000 — Achieved & Exceeded' with a blue checkmark icon. To the right, there is an illustration of a hand holding a heart with a pulse line. A large white number '6' is overlaid on the bottom left corner of the graphic.





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