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# #igbooday 2019

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Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan

*We congratulate the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan as they celebrate Igbo Day in Regina on August 3, 2019. We are honoured to join the entire community as you celebrate your cultural heritage on this special day. Happy Igbo Day of Arts and Culture to everyone!*



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# Igbo Day 2019

## Program of Events

6:00 PM	Bana Ya Sika- Live Band - Al & Nifemi Cocktails, Networking & Socialization		ICAS Women's Dance – Lawretta Igwe Ada Eze Dance Group – Ure Njoku
6:30 PM	Welcome Dance by ICAS Members Sister Organizations' Welcome Dance	7:40 PM	Dinner / Entertainment Fashion Show – Lawretta Igwe & Victoria Ordu
6:40 PM	Opening Prayers National Anthems of Nigeria and Canada		Ogene – Ummunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba
6:50 PM	Presentation/Breaking of Kola Nuts - Dr. Sylvester Ukabam Children's Dance – Umuoma - Ure Njoku	9:00 PM	Enyi Ndi Igbo Recognition Abiigbo Dance Igba Eze Dance - Ummunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba Masquerade
7:00 PM	Welcome Address by ICAS President Nigerian Hip Hop Dance – Kelechi and Group		Vote of Thanks
7:10 PM	Greetings from Friends of the Igbo Community	9:40 PM	Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!

## National Anthems



Arise, O compatriots  
Nigeria's call obey  
to serve our fatherland  
with love and strength and faith.  
The labour of our heroes past  
shall never be in vain,  
to serve with heart and might  
one nation bound in freedom  
Peace and unity.



O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

# MESSAGE FROM ICAS PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure for me to serve in this capacity as the 9th President of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS). I want to welcome all of you to the 9th Igbo Day in Regina.

ICAS was founded in 2002 to promote a smooth integration of new immigrants into society, become a social support network for members and preserve the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian heritage through events, workshops, language and culture education. Every two years, we celebrate Igbo Day in Saskatchewan.

This year's theme, "Oganihu Igbo (Igbo Progress and Development)," provides an opportunity to increase awareness and use of the Igbo language, art and culture in Saskatchewan, as well as honour the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional and economic development of Saskatchewan in particular and Canada as a whole.

Native to the present-day southeastern Nigeria, with a population of more than 32 million, Igbo people are one of the largest ethnic groups in Africa. Today, Nigerian-Canadians of Igbo descent pursue a peaceful and gainful life in cities and towns across Saskatchewan and Canada, serving and contributing to the political and economic development of this great province. Wherever we live, we work hard in pursuit of happiness, contributing in building progress in society. We build relationships with other

peoples and cultures, creating opportunities for different peoples and cultures to learn from one another and grow together.

This year, we are appreciative of the overwhelming support from all levels of government in Canada. Mayor Michael Fougere issued what is now the first proclamation of Igbo Day of Arts and Culture by a government in Canada. On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, Minister Gene Makowsky issued the first proclamation of Igbo Day of Arts and Culture by a provincial government in Canada. We are proud to be the Igbo People of Saskatchewan and also grateful to Canada, the government and entire people of Saskatchewan for placing great value on diversity and multiculturalism.

Nothing is more important to a people than being able to be themselves, practice their culture and language wherever they have found a home.

Also, I appreciate the support from our major sponsors, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and SaskTel. We are appreciative of our friendship with various individuals and organizations represented here, including the African Canadian Resource Network, the Ghanaian Canadian Association of Saskatchewan, the Yoruba Community Association of Regina, the Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association, the Nigerian Canadian Association of Saskatoon, the Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba, the Igbo Cultural Association of

Calgary, and many others. In appreciation of these friendships, today, five individuals will receive a special recognition as *Enyi Ndi Igbo (Friend of the Igbo) in Saskatchewan*. They are Honourable Mark Docherty, MLA Trent Wotherspoon, Mayor Michael Fougere, Dr. Chris Ekong and Ms. Rhonda Rosenberg. Congratulations to our dear friends!

This special honour began in 2007 and Honourable Ralph Goodale remained the only recipient until today.

I thank the ICAS Council of Elders, ICAS Executive, ICAS Women, the youth and all volunteers for their hard work in putting this event together.

Once again, I welcome all of you to this special day of celebration of culture. By the artistic displays; dance performances, such as Abigbo, Igba Eze, Ogene, Ikpirikpe Ogu, Masquerade; beautiful costumes and delicious food that you will enjoy here today, I hope that everyone will be inspired to learn more about one another.

When diverse cultures cohabit with respect for one another, each one enriches itself as they learn from one another.

My community is appreciative of your presence and support as we celebrate Igbo Day in Saskatchewan!

Thanks and God bless!

Dr. Chidi Igwe  
ICAS President





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**congratulate the Igbo community on this occasion of Igbo Day of Arts and Culture in Regina.**

**Happy Igbo Day to all!**



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# *Certificate of Recognition*

I, Gene Makowsky, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport  
in the Province of Saskatchewan  
in exercise of the powers conferred upon me,  
do hereby designate the day of  
August 3, 2019 to be:

*"Igbo Day of Arts and Culture"* in Saskatchewan

And I request the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan to  
recognize this day.

Dated at the City of Regina this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Makowsky".

MINISTER



# CITY OF REGINA

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS provisions of Procedure Bylaw No. 9004 provide the Mayor with the authority to approve proclamations.

NOW THEREFORE I, Michael Fougere, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2019 as

### IGBO DAY OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN REGINA

in Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

  
Michael Fougere  
Mayor





ICAS Social Secretary, Lolo Nwanneka Igwe, *Ugo si na mba I*, wishes to welcome Ndi Igbo and friends to Igbo Day 2019. Congratulations to all and Happy Igbo Day!





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Michael Kelechi  
Kalu a.k.a Keleson,  
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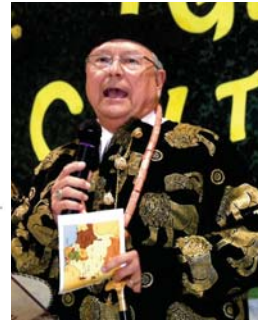
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### ***Greetings to the Igbo Day of Art and Culture***

*On behalf of Prime Minister Trudeau and the Government of Canada it is my honour to extend greetings and good wishes to all those attending the Igbo Day of Art and Culture here in Regina.*

*As Canadians we draw strength from our diversity — the growing Igbo community here in Regina, across the province and across Canada espouses that sentiment and plays an important part in our mosaic of cultures.*

*As you gather members of the Igbo community and guests for the biennial celebration of Igbo arts and culture, you celebrate and increase awareness of the rich Igbo history around the world and here in Saskatchewan.*

*I wish you a wonderful evening of excellent art, entertainment & cuisine. By helping to share Igbo culture, traditions, knowledge and understanding, you are also helping to strengthen and enrich Canada.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Ralph Goodale".

**Ralph Goodale**  
**Member of Parliament for Regina-Wascana**  
**Canada's Minister of Public Safety**







ICAS Secretary, Kevin Njoku, and family wish to congratulate Ndi Igbo on this special occasion of Igbo Day 2019. As we celebrate culture today, we contribute to Canada's diversity. We create opportunities for different peoples to connect and understand one another. Happy Igbo Day to all!



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Dr. Ebere Obasi,  
Mrs. Chinyere Obasi and  
family are pleased to wish Oha  
na Eze Ndi Igbo a happy Igbo  
Day in Saskatchewan.



## Premier of Saskatchewan

Legislative Building  
Regina Canada S4S 0B3

### A Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am pleased to bring greetings as you celebrate Igbo Day of Arts and Culture 2019 – “*Oganihu Igbo*” – in Regina.

The people of Saskatchewan place tremendous value on the diverse traditions and cultures that can be found throughout this province. We appreciate the many contributions Nigerian-Canadians have made to our growing province and the ongoing role they play in our economy and our society.

This celebration provides an opportunity to join with community members to celebrate Nigerian culture, honour Nigerian-Canadian heritage, and commemorate the valuable contributions to the professional and economic developments of Saskatchewan.

Thank you to the organizers for your efforts in preparing tonight’s event, which includes Nigerian dance, music, and artistic displays as well as a delicious menu of traditional cuisine.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening of celebration.

Scott Moe  
Premier





RE: Igbo Day of Arts and Culture

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Speaker's Office and the Legislative Assembly to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for their tireless efforts in promoting Igbo Nigerian-Canadian culture. Through language, arts and community awareness you have enhanced the cultural fabric in Saskatchewan.

This year's theme Oganihu Igbo "Progress and Development" speaks to the significant role Igbo-Nigerian-Canadian communities have contributed to, and continue to, enhance our newcomer cultural presence in our province. Organizations which promote integration, and preserve heritage are vital to the settlement and progress of newcomers. Thank you for sharing your culture and making Saskatchewan better.

This work creates a more diverse cultural landscape and heritage for Saskatchewan, which amplifies the meaning behind our provincial motto "From Many People's Strength." I look forward to the continued efforts from the Igbo community that enables inclusion, understanding and respect for all people.

I am so grateful for your friendship and always look forward to our gatherings.

On behalf of a grateful province, thank you. Happy Igbo Day!

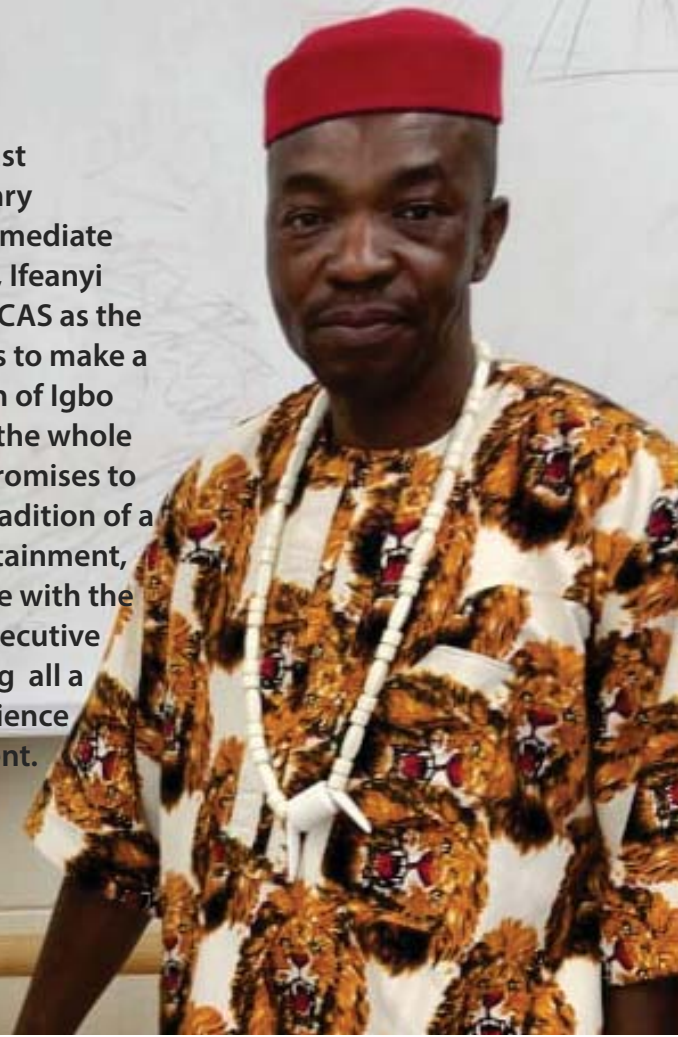
Sincerely,

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Hon. Mark Docherty, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

MD/hl

ICAS  
Immediate Past  
President, Henry  
Nwadike and the Immediate  
Past Vice-President, Ifeanyi  
Mbachu, rejoice with ICAS as the  
organization continues to make a  
mark in propagation of Igbo  
culture and values to the whole  
world. 2019 festival promises to  
build on the existing tradition of a  
full package of entertainment,  
therefore we celebrate with the  
entire members, executive  
and guests wishing all a  
wonderful experience  
during the event.



Mr. and Mrs. Nwadike and family wish to felicitate with ICAS on her 2019 Igbo Day festival. We encourage ICAS to keep up the spirit of unity and togetherness which the social cultural organization is known for. Once again, congratulations!





Government  
of  
Saskatchewan

Minister of  
Parks, Culture and Sport  
Legislative Building  
Regina, Canada S4S 0B3



**Program Message – Igbo Day of Art and Culture**

Welcome to the 2019 Igbo Day of Art and Culture.

Cultural events play an important role in our province, opening doors to creative expression and experience by helping residents of all ages engage, learn and grow. Culture builds community and contributes to our strong quality of life in Saskatchewan.

With an event featuring Igbo cuisine, dance and performances, this is a great opportunity to gather and celebrate. Whether you are from Nigeria, are of Igbo-Nigerian descent or appreciate experiencing new cultures, I hope you enjoy what this event has to offer.

Thank you for supporting this Igbo-Nigerian celebration. Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Makowsky".

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Gene Makowsky



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THE CITY OF REGINA

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the residents of Regina, I am pleased to welcome all to the 2019 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture!

Regina is proud to have a growing and dynamic Igbo Nigerian community. We are a caring, welcoming city, and it is very important for people of all backgrounds to live in harmony and thrive in opportunity. This year's theme "Oganihu Igbo" – Igbo Progress and Development – will be showcased today in cuisine, music, dance and artistic displays and underlines not only your Igbo Nigerian heritage, but also what it means to be Nigerian-Canadian and to have found a home in this part of our country.

The efforts of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan to showcase the native language and culture of the Nigerian people are appreciated in our larger community, and we thank them for their efforts in organizing this year's event.

I thank all of you for attending tonight's celebration, and for being a part of our city. Best wishes for an enjoyable event!

Sincerely,



Michael Fougere  
Mayor





**Drs. Chris and Jane Ekong and family join the Igbo community of Saskatchewan on this special day of celebration of culture and our Nigerian-Canadian heritage in Regina. Congratulations to ICAS on Igbo Day 2019!**

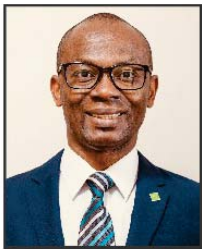


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**Dr. Felix and Mrs. Grace Ngoka  
congratute ICAS on the  
celebrations of Igbo arts and  
cultures on August 3, 2019.  
Happy Igbo Day to everyone!**



**MUHAMMAD FIAZ, MLA**

Regina-Pasqua Constituency



**Happy Igbo Day of Arts and Culture!**

I earnestly like to acknowledge the important contributions made by Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS) in enriching the multi-cultural landscape of Canadian traditions, as our provincial motto “From Many Peoples Strength”. We thank you for bringing your culture to make Saskatchewan’s Mosaic more colourful.

Also, it is the occasion of great importance in regards to the prudent ways of ICAS that reflect upon the peace spreading efforts, equally harmonious and immersive to the existing and celebrated Canadian Heritage.

Please accept my very heartfelt wishes for this day and ever after.

Muhammad Fiaz  
MLA, Regina Pasqua





**Mr. and Mrs. Diloha of Swift Synergy Global Trading Inc. and family congratulate the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan on this special day of celebration of Igbo culture in Saskatchewan. Congratulations to all of you on Igbo Day 2019!**



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### Happy Igbo Day in Saskatchewan!

It is an honour to be invited to this Igbo Day of Art and Culture and even a greater honour to celebrate with this vibrant community. I want to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for your valuable leadership and service in our city, our province, and our country.

From promoting a smooth integration of new comers to our province, to offering community-based activities to help preserve the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian Heritage, I would like to applaud you for the important work the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan has done to build the province of Saskatchewan up.

It is fair to say that Nigerian Canadians make invaluable contributions to Saskatchewan; socially, culturally, and economically - and are key to shaping and building its bright future. On behalf of a grateful province, I say thank you.

It is my honour to join with you to celebrate the impressive contributions of Igbo Nigerian Canadians. I look forward to many more future celebrations. I am thankful for the many friendships I've built with members of the community and I am thankful for the tremendous impact the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian community has in the province we all love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Wotherspoon', with a large, stylized flourish.

Trent Wotherspoon

*MLA Regina Rosemont*

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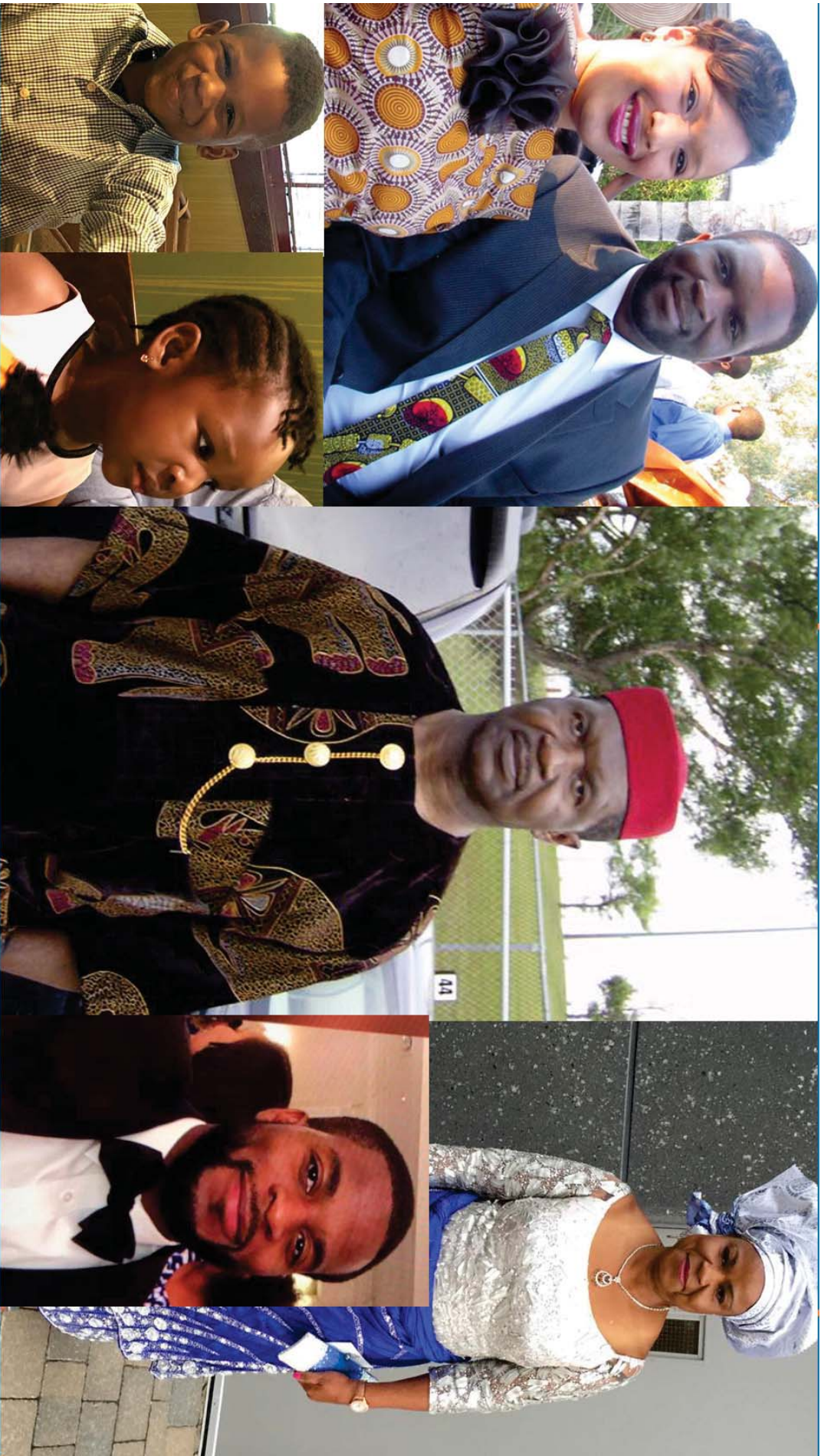
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*Dr Dan Ene & Family Congratulate NESTS and Dr Chidi Igwe*





**The family of Drs. Sylvester and Chinyere Ukabam congratulates ICAS on their cultural night and the recipients of honour on their achievements! Congratulations to all of you on Igbo Day 2019!**





Multicultural  
Council of  
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*From Many Peoples Strength*

# Igbo Day of Arts and Culture

*Oganihu Igbo (Igbo Progress and Development)*

## Program Message

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan extends our warmest wishes to the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan on this occasion of the 2019 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture celebration.

MCoS acknowledges that this event takes place on Treaty 4 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We all have a role in reconciliation; the TRC's 94 Calls to Action provide a pathway.

We are pleased to support events, such as Igbo Day, that fulfill the multicultural stream of work called cultural continuity that increase awareness and use of the Igbo language, arts, and culture in Saskatchewan. This event also honours the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional, and economic development of Saskatchewan.

The Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan is at the forefront in preserving and promoting Igbo-Nigerian culture and fostering an environment in which organizations and individuals can contribute to the multicultural development of Saskatchewan. This is especially important as we welcome increasing numbers of newcomers, including those of Igbo-Nigerian heritage to our province.

This year's theme, *Oganihu Igbo - Progress and Development*, speaks to the multicultural streams of work called intercultural connections and integration. We see different cultural groups coming together to build bridges and create welcoming and inclusive communities that reflect a sense of home and belonging. In turn, this creates opportunities for progress and development in the cultural, economic, social, and political lives of the Igbo-Nigerian community and the multicultural community.

Obi di MCoS uto ikwado Igbo Day!

**Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan**

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