

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN OF AMATORITSESE GAGAR FOUNDATION ON THE OCCASION OF AWARD OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2019 IN WARRI, DELTA STATE**

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen and beneficiaries of the inaugural scholarship awards by the Amatoritsese Gagar Foundation.

Today is an auspicious occasion for me as we witness the manifestation of a dream TO give back to the society in honour of the memories of our Dad, Late Pa Martin Amatoritsese Gagar, who was an epitome of industry, diligence, integrity and selflessness.

Amatoritsese Gagar Foundation came into existence in 2017 as a privately funded Non- Governmental Organisation (NGO) to create opportunities for indigent young men and women in Itsekiri Kingdom to access support for vocational skills acquisition and educational development. The major objective is the empowerment of our youths towards meaningful engagement/employment which will lead to poverty reduction for the common good of the people, community growth and development and promotion of peace and security.

To kick start the activities of the foundation, the award of scholarships for tertiary education was seen as a low hanging fruit. To this end, adverts were placed in some national dailies for application for the Amatoritsese Gagar Foundation Scholarship for 2019/2020 Academic Session for Federal Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria of Warri-North, Warri South and Warri South West Local Government Areas of Delta State.

The response was impressive with proactive students from State Tertiary Institutions also applying, though not specified in the advert placement. Candidates were shortlisted based on defined criteria.

Applications were received from applicants with different levels of financial challenges and social circumstances. Interviews were conducted and we spent great effort to ensure that applicants awarded the scholarship was truly the most financially challenged, in addition to the basic requirement of academic excellence.

We are truly excited and fulfilled today to announce the following candidates as beneficiaries of the inaugural scholarship awards covering tuition fees, accommodation and stipend for sustenance for the 2019/2020 academic session:

No.	Name	Institution	Course of Study
1.	Philemon Kojo-Woode	University of Abuja	Medicine
2.	Miracle Aboyowa Eworitsemoya	Delta State University	Electronics & Computer Engineering
3.	Timeyin Samuel Oritsejolomisan	Delta State University	Electrical & Electronics
4.	Eruwa Tuoyo Churchill	University of Benin	Physics Education (One-off support)

The foundation will consider rolling the scholarship to the next academic session upon satisfactory confirmation of academic performance of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.5 and above.

We say congratulations to the beneficiaries and admonish them to use this God-given opportunity, driven by diligence, focus, integrity and industry to actualize their dreams of academic excellence and self-actualization, and contribute impactfully to the of Itsekiri kingdom and Nigeria as at large.

We want to thank our guests who have identified with this vision and parents and guardians of the beneficiaries who have supported them up to this stage. Our expectation and prayer is that each of the beneficiaries will finish their courses with flying colours and Amatoritese Gagar Foundation would be part of that success story.

God Bless Itsekiri Kingdom

God Bless Nigeria

**Mr. Joseph .M. Gagar**  
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