World Association for Academic Doctors (WAAD)
2017 Citations & Proclamations
from U.S. Policy Makers

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The State of Maryland

Governor of the State of Maryland, to

WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR ACADEMIC DOCTORS, Greetings:

Be it Known: That on behalf of the citizens of this State,
in recognition of the inaugural launching of the World Association for Academic Doctors (WAAD),
and to commend Dr. Henrietta Okoro as Founder and President of the WAAD... in appreciation of your
commitment to empower the underprivileged through quality education, financial literacy, research, and
community development initiatives; and as our citizens join in expressing our congratulations and best wishes,
we are pleased to confer upon you this

Governor's Citation

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
the 10th day of June
Two Thousand and seventeen

Governor

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Secretary of State
The Maryland General Assembly

Official Citation

Be it hereby known to all that sincerest congratulations are offered to

World Association for Academic Doctors

in recognition of promoting learning, quality education, intellectually empowering the youth and the underprivileged in many capacities.

Presented on this 10th day of June 2017

by Senator C. Anthony Muse

of Prince George’s County – Legislative District 26
June 8, 2017

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the inaugural World Congress of the World Association for Academic Doctors, Inc. (WAAD). The theme of this event, “Global Perspectives in Business, Government, and Academia,” speaks to the many contributions of academic doctors in a range of American industries.

Founded in 2014, WAAD works on behalf of the international network of diverse academic doctors. From professors guiding the next generation in our universities and engineers helping to construct our infrastructure to researchers driving medical innovations and advisers helping to inform our foreign policy, academic doctors serve in virtually every professional field. In a variety of ways, academic doctors are helping to pioneer creative solutions for the challenges confronting American society as well as around the world.

I am proud to note that Maryland universities are among the nationwide leaders in doctoral education and in providing opportunities to diverse students. In 2015, Maryland was ranked 14th nationwide in the number of total doctorates awarded. Additionally, the University of Maryland, College Park ranked 10th and 18th respectively in the number of doctorates awarded to African-Americans and Asian-Americans in the United States, and 16th nationwide in the number of total doctorates awarded. Thanks to the support and dedicated advocacy of organizations like WAAD, we will continue to make important gains in doctorate education.

I would like to thank all of you for your efforts to support education in the United States and beyond. Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate
June 8, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Inaugural World Congress of the World Association for Academic Doctors, Inc. (WAAD).

WAAD brings together a diverse group of international academic professionals to promote professional excellence, collaboration and communication. The Congress’ theme – Global Perspectives in Business, Government, and Academia – speaks to the far-reaching efforts of this organization. By encouraging collaboration and cooperation among its members, WAAD empowers professionals to take initiative and create positive change within their communities.

I am delighted to congratulate WAAD for all it does to promote collaborative efforts to solve today’s global challenges. You have my best wishes for a meaningful and productive event.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator
June 8, 2017

World Association for Academic Doctors
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Dear Friends,

Allow me to extend my congratulations to the World Association for Academic Doctors as you recognize the many academic leaders from around the world at your Inaugural World Congress. I regret that I cannot attend this special occasion but wanted to wish everyone the best for a fun and memorable event.

As a distinguished non-profit, WAAD has united academic professionals from diverse disciplines for bringing initiatives to reality for the benefit of the society by solving global challenges through quality education, advanced research, and scientific investigations. WAAD continues to foster cooperation, networking, professional excellence, collaboration, and communication. You should be very proud of all you have accomplished.

I wish you the best for a fun and lively weekend and may you enjoy many more years of continued success in advancing your mission of using academics and professionalism to drive excellent initiatives that can change lives and bring global peace and development.

Congratulating you and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Steny H. Hoyer
June 8, 2017

Dr. Henrietta Okoro
President
World Association for Academic Doctors, Inc.

Dr. William G. Woods
Chairman
WAAD World Congress

To my friends at the World Association for Academic Doctors:

Welcome to the Baltimore area for what I know will be an outstanding inaugural World Association of Academic Doctors (WAAD) World Congress. I would like to extend my greetings to your members from around the world and, of course, Maryland.

During your visit, I hope you get a chance to try some of our famous steamed crabs and crab cakes, enjoy a stroll downtown along Baltimore’s famous Harborplace, take a tour of the birthplace of our national anthem, Fort McHenry, or visit one of the dozens of exciting nearby venues like the National Aquarium. The City of Annapolis, one-time Capitol of the United States, is also a wonderful site for a day trip.

WAAD should be proud of its national and international work bringing together academic professionals who focus on sharing ideas and initiatives to tackle global challenges. These dedicated efforts brilliantly serve towards fulfilling WAAD’s mission of promoting excellence through quality education, advanced research, good leadership and business ethics aimed at sustainable political, socio-economic, and scientific growth of the world.

I wish you a very successful event and thank you for choosing the Baltimore area for your Inaugural World Congress.

Sincerely,

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress
June 8, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am writing to extend congratulations and greetings to the World Association for Academic Doctors, Inc. (WAAD) on the occasion of your Inaugural World Congress.

It is heartwarming to know that the World Association for Academic Doctors, Inc. is dedicated to working cooperatively with a diverse group of academicians from different fields to explore and provide solutions for global challenges that affect the marginalized and underrepresented members of society and the communities in which they live.

Your theme, “Global Perspectives in Business, Government and Academia,” is a testament to your mission to raise the quality of life throughout the world through conferences, educational programs, advanced research and other activities designed to enhance leadership, improve socio-economic opportunities, strengthen communities and transform lives.

I applaud your determination to support positive global advancements worldwide and make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the betterment of society.

Sincerely,

Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress