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PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am a dedicated writer, editor, teacher, and public speaker who loves African and global literature. I have experience in business management, which has helped me develop strong organizational and leadership skills. These skills are valuable for managing literary projects, promoting my work, and collaborating with other writers and artists. My writing focuses on themes like identity, social justice, and cultural understanding. I want to promote African stories and connect different cultures through literature. With my experience in teaching, editing, and leading workshops, I believe I can add value to the UK's literary scene and help create unity through storytelling.

EDUCATION

M.sc international business management (2024)
University of Northampton.

B.A English language and literature (2024)
Namdi Azuikwe university Awka

SSCE (2015) St. Damian Secondary School

CERTIFICATIONS

- Project Management Certification
Alison (2023) – Learned how to manage projects effectively.
- Creative Writing Certification
Coursera (2022) – Learned important writing skills and techniques.
Advanced Editing Certification
Editing Academy (2021) – Focused on improving editing skills for better writing.
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
TEFL Academy (2020) – Qualified to teach English to non-native speakers.

PUBLISHED WORKS

POETRY

- The Last Song of Liora (2023)
- Beyond Exam (2019)
- The Weaver Dilemma (2018)

NOVELA

- Unchained (2024)
- Echoes of Resistance (2023)

ESSAYS AND ARTICLES

- The Crippling Effect of Biafra Agitation on South Eastern States (Frontline Express Newspaper)
- Investing in a Business: A Path to Self-Sufficiency (Frontline Express Newspaper)
- The Influence of Shakespearean Literature on the Modern Generation
- Bridging Worlds – A Tale of Two Worlds

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- LMA International Best Male Creative Writer of the Year (2024)
- INPA Most Promising Young Writer Award (2023)
- Fourth Runner-Up, NUJ Storyteller Award (2022)
- William Shakespeare Prize (2020, 2023)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Recognition of Exceptional Leadership Prowess, Association of Science Education Students (2021)
- Support for the Office of the Secretary, Student Union Government (2021)
- Award of Selfless Service, National Association of Students of English and Literature (2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE WRITER

STAFF EXPLORER 2023- TILL DATE

1. Researched and wrote high-quality articles covering travel, culture, and current events, tailored to engage a diverse audience.
2. Developed story ideas and pitched content aligned with Staff Explorer's editorial goals and audience interests.
3. Conducted interviews and gathered first-hand information to produce accurate, compelling stories.
4. Edited and proofread content to ensure accuracy, consistency, and adherence to editorial standards.
5. Collaborated with editors to refine content and meet publication deadlines, contributing to increased readership and engagement.

EDITOR

AFRIUPDATE NEWS (2021-2023)

1. Managed and edited daily content, ensuring accuracy, clarity, and alignment with editorial standards.
2. Developed editorial guidelines and style guides to maintain a consistent voice across all articles.
3. Led a team of writers, providing feedback and mentoring to improve content quality and storytelling.
4. Planned and scheduled content, coordinating timely coverage of trending and relevant topics.
5. Collaborated with marketing and social media teams to boost engagement and audience reach.

LITERATURE TEACHER

YOUNG STARS SECONDARY SCHOOL (2017-2021)

1. Taught diverse literary genres, building students' critical analysis and creative writing skills.
2. Created detailed lesson plans, assignments, exams, and study notes to support structured learning.
3. Mentored aspiring writers, with some students achieving recognition in literary competitions.
4. Organized literary events, fostering a vibrant school culture around literature.
5. Developed curriculum covering classic and modern literary movements for relevance.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND EXHIBITIONS

- Judge, Queen Amina Short Story Prize (August 2023) – Evaluated short stories, focusing on African narratives.

- Guest Speaker, Sokoto Book and Art Festival (June 2023) – Discussed the impact of African literature.
- Guest speaker Jay Fm “Nigeria at Sunset” with Ponsah Opayemi. I shared my opinion on the issues affecting young writers and how it affects young writers and how it affects the tradition among youth (2023)
- Guest speaker, Purity and Power international youth summit (2022) where I spoke about the importance of Purity and Power.
- Guest Speaker, Youth International Invasion (February 2020) – Talked about the power of storytelling for youth.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

- Association of Nigerian Authors with Emerging African Artists, National Museum of Art, Nigeria (December 2021) – Showcased young African artists.
- Dramaturgs’ Network and Birkbeck Centre for Contemporary Theatre Networking Event, London (November 2024) – Met with writers and theatre professionals to discuss projects.

COLLECTIONS

- Chinonso Stories Website – A platform for my poetry, essays, and illustrations.
- Available on Amazon – Echoes of Resistance and Unchained (2024)
- Available on Wattpad: Echoes of Resistance, the Weaver Dilemma.
- Available on Google Read: Echoes of Resistance

SKILLS

- Creative Writing: Experienced in writing poetry, short stories, and essays.
- Editing: Skilled at editing different types of writing for clarity and quality.
- Public Speaking: Comfortable speaking at events and leading discussions.
- Teaching: Effective in teaching literature and running writing workshops.
- Illustration: Experienced in both traditional and digital illustration.

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Igbo (Fluent)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (OPTIONAL)

- Society of Authors, UK – Member advocating for writers’ rights.
- Association of Nigerian Authors – Active member supporting African literature.
- Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT)
- National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN)

REFERENCES

- Available upon request.