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A&T PROFESSOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS LIBERIA IMAGE AWARD

Dr. Syrulwa Somah, an associate professor in the department of construction management and occupational safety and health at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University received the prestigious Liberia Image Award for Lifetime Achievement, Aug. 30, 2008, at the Bethesda Theatre in Bethesda, MD.

Under the "Embrace & Inspire Creativity in the Liberian Community to uplift its Global and Positive Image," Dr. Somah was selected by a committee for his continued commitment towards promoting Liberia's history and present-day achievements.

Dr. Somah received his Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety and Health from the State University of New York in 1990; a master's of science in Liberal Studies from the Liberal College University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. in 1999; and a Ph.D. in Policy Studies in Environmental and Occupational Health from the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1994.

Before coming to NC A&T State University, he has been employed by Guilford Technical College; College of Optometry; Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center (New York Health and Hospital Corporations); Citywide Occupational Safety and Health (City of New York); J & M Contracting Services, CA; and Hall-Kimbrell, Inc., Missouri.

The Liberia Image Award (LIA) is an organization that was established by Stomper Productions Entertainment, Leisure Entertainment Group, Pearl of Africa, and AMP Worldwide Consultant to promote Liberia's culture and heritage by acknowledging and honoring the achievement of individuals, groups and organizations for their accomplishments through dedication made directly or

indirectly to preserve the arts and cultures of Liberia. Its mission is to honor the innovative achievements and improvement of its people, their modernization, entrepreneurship, ideas, talents and business developments in the entertainment industry as well as in the Liberian community.



Liberian Image Award Honors Several Liberians

The Liberian Image Award is in the history books as the first ever award show to honor Liberians and people of the Diaspora in the United States of America and abroad. Honorees in attendance to receive their awards were Mr. Kwame Clement, Dr. Syrulwa Somah, Mr. Morris Koffa, Mr. J. Z Jallah, Dr. Dehkonti Adams, etc. Angela Peabody accepted the award for "Female Entrepreneur of the Year", and the Heart of Courage Award went to Maimah Karmo. Ms. Barkue Tubman and Ms. Rosemarie Tolbert were also honored for "Female Entrepreneur of the year". Mr. Kwame A. Clemet was honored for "Excellence in Journalism", and the award will now be known as the "Kwame Clement Excellence in Journalism Award".

Also, hip hop/r&b artists, 2C now residing in Atlanta, GA took home the very first award for "Hip Hop/R&B Male Artist. D. J. Donzo won the "Hipco Artist of the Year". Sundaygar Dearboy took home the awards for "Song of the Year", "Male Artist of the year", and "Indigenous Artist of the Year". Bush Chicken took home the award for "Community website of the Year" and TLC Africa won "Online News Media of the Year". Hawa Daisy Moore open the show by performing one of her signature hits "Soqua". The Young and Talented Ms.

Jada Mayson brought the crowd to their feet with her beautiful voice performing her gospel hit "I am". The Show was hosted by Mr. Gentleman, Jean B. Titus and the Lovely and Beautiful Alena 7, former Miss Washington DC. Plans are already in place for the 2nd Annual Liberian Image Award. Log on to www.liberiaimageaward.com for updates, feed backs and suggestions.

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There mission is to honors the vision of upholding, uplifting and inspiring the positive Image of Liberia in the Diaspora and beyond. LIA is proud to honor the innovative achievement and improvement of our people, their modernization, entrepreneurship, ideas, talents and business development in the entertainment industry as well as in the Liberian community.