

## A Word from the Chair

Welcome to this issue of our African Diaspora Newsletter.

My name is James Scholl, and I am the Vice-Chair of the Board.

I have been involved with ADC for the past 5 years and have personally seen the results of a dream being fulfilled. When I first met with Mr. Michael Anani, he shared his plan with me for the African Diaspora Council (ADC) and the services ADC would provide for the African Diaspora Community in St. Louis, MO area and plans for expansion to other parts of the USA.

Michael shared with me his dream of a cultural center that would also become a source of education, care, counseling, and family support programs, as well as a safe place to socialize as a family, whether that be a family of one or many. ADC was making considerable progress, but like many other organizations suffered through two years of pandemic shutdown and restrictions.

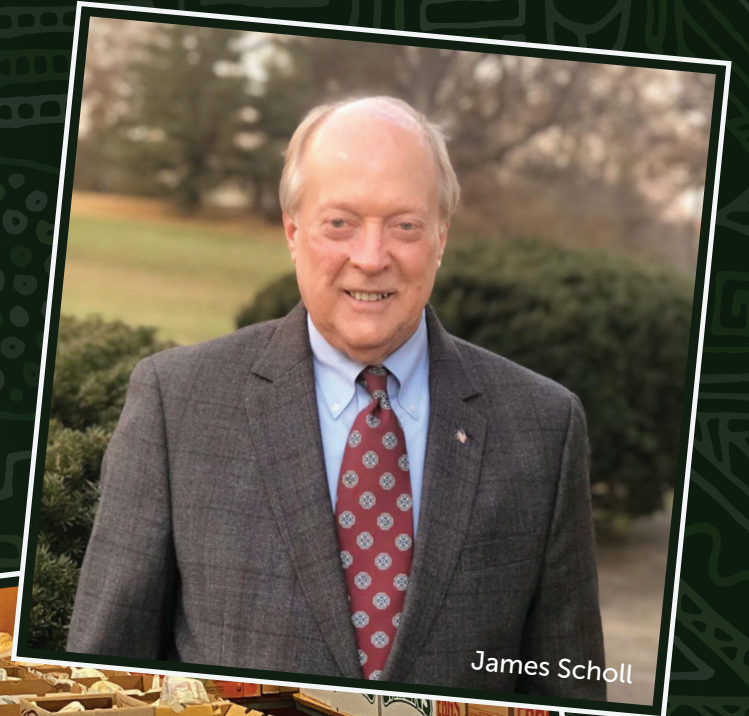
Michael Anani and Rayo Animashaun, our Treasurer, and several ADC members did not sit it out, instead got involved with community needs such as distributing personal protective gear and supplies, and food distribution. We now have progressed to be a Missouri State food distribution source for those in need in parts of north St. Louis County.

The African Diaspora Council is also making great progress towards the establishment of our Federal Credit Union which will provide a great source for wealth Building in the African Diaspora Community.

I have been blessed to witness the enduring stamina, uncompromising determination, and self-sacrificing of these two individuals along with other members and volunteers.

*James Scholl*

Board Vice Chair, Volunteer



James Scholl



### ADC FOOD PROGRAM:

Served more than 10,000 kids ages 1 to 18 years monthly. Thank you to our Volunteers!



### Proposed African Diaspora Federal Credit Union

ADC received an invitation from the National Federal Credit Union to open a Community Credit Union—currently referred to as the Proposed African Diaspora Federal Credit Union. Once open, the name will change to African Diaspora Federal Credit Union

The ADC Credit Union is intended to promote collaboration of all people and leverage the economic empowerment of African Diaspora to achieve economic prosperity.

It will contribute to revitalization of the community and cater to unique clientele with a diverse economic representation.



### Proposed African Diaspora Flag



### Future Home of the African Cultural Center

ADC Acquired Location:

1425 Ferguson Ave,  
Saint Louis, MO. 63133



### Upcoming ADC Event: May 2023

Africa Day Expo and  
Celebration

Heritage Connection:  
Bridging the Gap between  
Africans and Africans in the  
Diaspora.





# Thank You!

I thank all our donors, volunteers, and supporters of this historic journey. We could not have done what we have accomplished today without all your contributions. We promise to continue working for the betterment of the community we serve.

In your service,

*Michael Kodjo Awani*  
Founder/President, CEO



## Meet Our Education Program Coordinator

I am Dorris Drummer, the coordinator and one of the instructors of the Academic-Focused Summer Program of 2022, for the African Diaspora Council-ADC Organization.

I have thirty years of teaching experience from pre-school to adult learners, including ELL learners. I am proficient in implementing various teaching strategies and methods geared and directed to the academic growth of children and adults. During the 2022-2023 school year, we will have an after-school program. You will hear more about the program towards the end of the summer program. We will teach your child skills and strategies for learning, thinking, and solving problems. In addition, we will support their learning by making sure they have a clear understanding of their teacher's assignments and encourage them to maintain good work and study habits throughout the school year.



### ADC ACADEMIC SUMMER PROGRAM:

June 7th to August 21st, 2022

This year the summer program is focused on Junior High and High School students with a C or D grade-point average in English language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science.