

A Collaboration Between Howard University and Africa That Worked

Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD 21042

“A Vision Cast: A Nearly 40-Year Tarry”

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1981: While in Germany for U.S. Government I Followed an OAU/UNHCR Conference in Geneva, Switzerland where \$560 M was Pledged to Address the Sudan Refugee Problem



1981: Before Leaving Germany Begin Writing a Proposal for Submission to the OAU at UN in NY

Proposal Titled: *“Reshaping Scientific Technology to Meet the Needs of Developing African Countries”*

1981-1984

*Formed my First Corporation called “Infrasurface, Inc.” Completed Proposal and Submitted it to OAU. Began to Serve as a Consultant to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). **Task:** Travel to Africa (2x) to Assist Scientist with Writing Proposals for Submission to World Bank (WB), The International Monetary Fund (IMF), and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).*

1984-1988

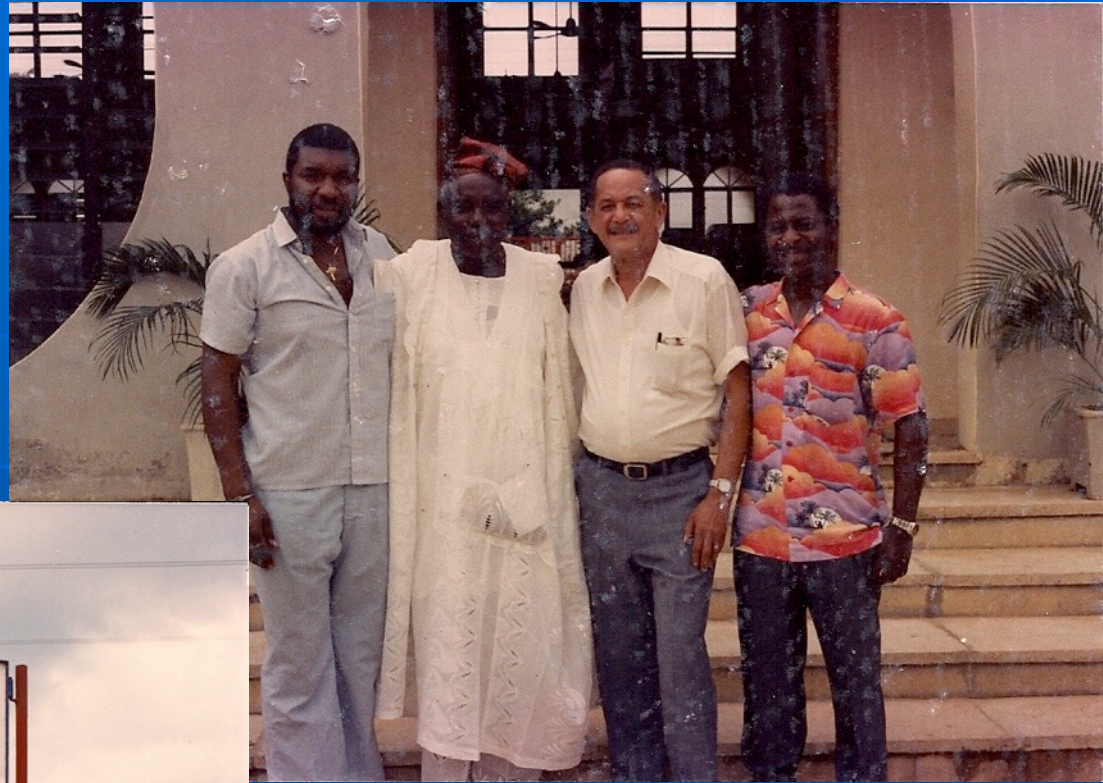
Became a Visiting Scientist in the Chemistry Department at Howard University to further refine and shape the vision. Gave a talk to USAID. Was instructed to visit USDA-ARS in Peoria, IL. Following visit, submitted a proposal to USAID based on information received from USDA-ARS. USAID awarded funds to implement a collaborative research project with a university in Nigeria.

INTERNATIONAL

The Amaranth Project

*Researchers Studying
Potential Food Source*

The Leadership Team-1985



**OBASANJO
FARMS NIGERIA LIMITED
OTA.**

FEEDS FOR LIVESTOCK	CONCENTRATE & DRUGS
DAY-OLD CHICKS & POINT OF LAY	PIGS, PORK & PORK PRODUCTS
DRESSED CHICKEN & OLD LAYERS	TABLE & HATCHING EGGS WITH TRAYS
GARI, ELUBO & LAFUN	MUSHROOMS & VEGETABLES

SUPERMARKET, RESTAURANT, BAR, GUEST ROOMS,
SWIMMING POOL, TENNIS COURT & BEACH DECK

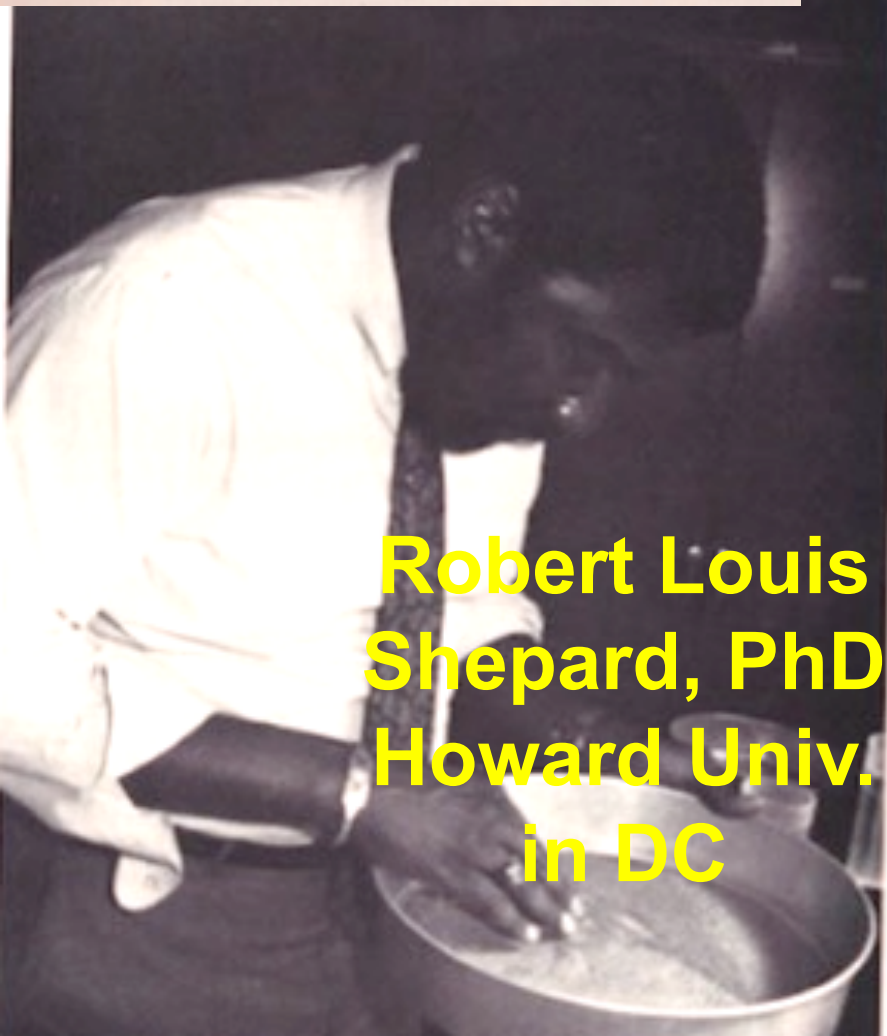
**HU Profs: Shepard,
Morris, Ayorinde;
Nigeria: Prof. Oke**

Community Buy-In

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**Robert Louis
Shepard, PhD
Howard Univ.
in DC**



**Michael Ologunde,
Student at Obafemi
Awolow Univ.
in Nigeria**

Brought Michael Ologunde to My Lab to Become an Expert in My Research Area

- **A 3-Point Mentoring Plan:**
 - Master advance research underway in my lab at Howard to take back to Nigeria
 - Receive both the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees
 - No matter how enticing the American way of life became, he was to return to Nigeria to continue and expand the food research



THE GREAT DAWN OF HISTORY

DR ROBERT LOUIS SHEPARD MAKES AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK

To my distinguished and proud mentor who has successfully produced a university Vice Chancellor (President) to the Glory of God. You are celebrated today. It was God that directed you with the grain Amaranth Project. That Project sowed the seed of today's achievement. **This is the stuff of great men, I mean states men. They invest in humans.** I give glory to God Almighty that HE has spared your life and that of your dear wife to witness this amazing news. **Your vision and mission to assist Africans and Blacks in general, with this seed project will now be the corner stone of the vision and mission statements of the University forever.** My dear mentor, you are fulfilled in life. Please start preparing to come. You will be the center of attraction as all eyes will be focused on you as you make your statements. I am not going to let the cat out of the bag yet. I am looking forward anxiously.

Invitation from Prof. M. Olufisayo Ologunde, January 4, 2019

Dr. Michael O. Ologunde Ascend to President of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) – February 2019



It's Official – He's President Now



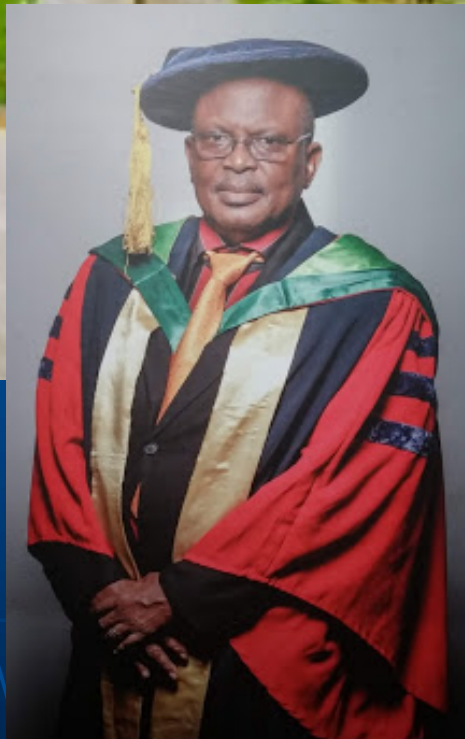
New President of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) sets his Vision



Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (25,000 Students)



Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH)



The Great Hall



Waiting to Enter The Great Hall



Attendees Looking In My Direction as I am Escorted into The Great Hall



My Role: Give Address in The Great Hall for Inauguration of Dr. Michael Ologunde



My Role: Give the Inaugural Address

Inauguration of Dr. M. Olufisayo Ologunde
as Vice-Chancellor (President) of LADOKE
AKINTOLA UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY, OGBOMOSO, NIGERIA

*“Linking LAUTECH with the Global Education
Community: Collaborations with Historically
Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)”*

Robert Louis Shepard, PhD
February 14, 2019

Over 2500 Were in Attendance



From Various Locations in Nigeria



Nigerian Dignitaries were Present



2nd Talk Given to LAUTECH's Leadership and Alumni



**Induction of Dr. M. Olufisayo Ologunde as
Vice-Chancellor (President) of LADOKE
AKINTOLA UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY, OGBOMOSO, NIGERIA**

***“The Future of Higher Education: An
Indigenous Perspective – LAUTECH”***

**Robert Louis Shepard, PhD
February 11, 2019**

35 of LAUTECH's Leaders and Alumni in Attendance



In Attendance: Bursar, Registrar, Provost, Research Professors, & New President



Nearly 40 Years Later:

**“And the Lord answered me, and said,
Write the vision, and make it plain upon
tables, that he may run that readeth it.”**

**“For the vision is yet for an appointed
time, but at the end it shall speak, and not
lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it
will surely come, it will not tarry.”**

– Habakkuk 2:2-3 (KJV)



Q & A

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