

## Business Report

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### HINS receives 'Best of La Crosse' Community Health and Education award

La Crosse-based Health International Network System and its Institute had been awarded the 'Best of La Crosse' award for Community Health and Education by the La Crosse Award Program. Founded ten years ago by Dr. Justin Odulana, a retired UW-L professor, HINS provides community public health and mental health education to both health care service providers and consumers. Its Institute provides individualized educational tutoring assistance and group training workshops to doctoral and masters' students in the preparation of



their dissertations and thesis, as well as advisory and referral services to national and international students searching for admissions Odulana into university training programs.

HINS President and CEO, Justin Odulana serves on the NAMI-Wisconsin Board of Directors, the Legislative and Policy Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health, the family life committee of the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral of the Diocese of La Crosse and on the Advocacy group of the AARP.

In partnership with the Wisconsin State Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Network has provided training on trauma informed care (TIC) for mental health consumers in many counties including La Crosse, advocated for the AARP in many settings including at the state and federal capitols, and made presentations on Affordable Health Care to various groups including the Wisconsin Farmers Union on behalf of the Citizens Action of Wisconsin.

Dr. Odulana completed his undergraduate studies in London, England, his Masters in Public Health at the University of Illinois, his Master of Science (Adult Education, out of school settings) at Chicago State University, and his PhD at the Southern Illinois University. He has presented over sixty invited papers at conventions and conferences, published and coauthored more than twenty papers in refereed and non-refereed journals, conducted numerous scientific community studies that contributed to our knowledge of African-Americans and other minority communities including Somalia and the Amish and the Mennonite communities.

Dr. Odulana who is also well known for his public health activities among African governments and many African-American non-governmental organizations retired from the academia in 2002. Before migrating to the United States, Dr. Odulana worked as a staff writer for the International Planned Parenthood Federation in London, England, and as Program Officer for the IPPF Africa Region based in Nairobi, Kenya. He taught at Chicago State University, and was a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where he was also the director of the Community Health Education undergraduate Program. In 1994, Dr. Odulana was inducted into the Who's Who Worldwide

Registry, an honor limited only to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement in their occupation, industry, or profession, and was honored with the Hildrus Poindexter Distinguished Service Award by the American Public Health Association's Black Caucus of Health Workers, during its 133rd Convention in Philadelphia, December, 2005. In response to the kidnappings, bombings and other atrocities going on in his native country of Nigeria, Dr. Odulana recently collected donated Holy Rosaries of the Virgin Mary from the congregation of Saint Joseph the Workman of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of La Crosse. He forwarded the Rosaries to his family church, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ojota, Lagos, Nigeria for distribution. For more information please visit [www. hintsystem.net](http://www.hintsystem.net)