



REP. DAPHNE
CAMPBELL PUTTING ON
HER GELE(HEAD TIE)



THE PITTMAN LAW
GROUP WELCOMED
AND HOSTED US WITH
A NICE DINNER.



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NIGERIAN DAY
PROCLAMATION!

NAF NEWS

Nigerian American Day at the Capitol!



The first ever Nigerian American Day was celebrated February 24, 2016 at the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee. The event was a joint initiative of out-going State Representative, Daphne Campbell, Ms. Tinu Pena, who is running for Florida House District 86 (Palm Beach) and the Nigerian American Foundation. A powerful delegation of 20 Nigerians in South Florida led by the NAF Board Chair, Chief Joseph Obadeyi and Dr. Yinka Tella, NAF President, took Tallahassee by storm. They were joined by their

Tallahassee based compatriots including a contingent of about 25 students from the African Student Union (ASU), Engineer Peter Okonkwo, Engineer Olu Sawyer, Dr. Jonathan Audu and Mrs Victoria Salau.





The celebration encompassed a variety of cultural activities and policy meetings including an inspired drum performance by Dele Adefemi and a mixed media arts exhibition by Nigerian visual artist, Wale Adenle. Dignitaries that attended the Capitol reception included members of the House of Representatives Minority Caucus. We were well received with a full itinerary planned out for the whole day. This included witnessing a house session, attending a meeting of the minority caucus as well as the opportunity to lobby members of the legislature on issues of concern to the Nigerian community, especially the need for the funding of the African Museum of Arts and Culture (AMAC) while promoting greater inclusiveness through the passing of equitable legislations. The Nigerian delegation took exemption to HB1095 passed by the House Criminal Justice



Committee which seeks to restrict the settlement of Syrians and other refugees into the state while vigorously expressed support for HB 1277, sponsored by Representative Campbell, which was unanimously passed by the House Health Quality Sub-committee. It outlines an alternative licensure process for foreign-trained physicians. Addressing the house minority caucus, Dr. Tella observed that Africa



M. Peña speaking with "M. International" plans are brewing.



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Charlotte with Rep. Campbell



FAMU & FSU African
Student Union came to join us.

is home to all people of black descent and that one out of every four African is a Nigerian. He urged support of the house for a diverse community in Florida that allows smart, law-abiding and hardworking people to thrive regardless of their geographic origin. Nigerian-Americans, he noted, are the most educated immigrant group in the United States with vested interest in a progressive society where everyone can pursue the core values of liberty and happiness without let or hindrance. He commended Representative Daphne Campbell for her steadfastness in making the Nigerian American Day a reality and wished her resounding success in her election bid for a seat on the State Senate.



Cultural Representation
By
Left: Dele Adefemi
Right: Wale Adenle

