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## MIGUEL NTUTUMU EVUNA ANDEME '03

*Ambassador*

**Embassy of Equatorial Guinea**

Miguel Ntutumu Evuna Andeme '03 is Equatorial Guinea's Ambassador to the United States. In this position he promotes the country's growth and fosters its relationship with American businesses and government entities.

"It is exactly what I expected it to be," he said of his role. "The best part is the support my country gets from the people I meet, and their willingness to collaborate. The opportunities are waiting for Equatorial Guinea here in America."

Prior to his current position, Ambassador Evuna Andeme was the general director of cabinet at the Department of Missions in the Presidency of the Republic in Malabo, where his responsibilities included preparing statements, speeches and correspondence for the president. He also served as director general for administrative affairs for the presidency, and as a procurement and contracts advisor for Hess Corporation in Equatorial Guinea.

Born and raised in Malabo, the capital city of Equatorial Guinea, Ambassador Evuna Andeme was 19 years old when he first came to the United States. He enrolled at La Roche College after receiving a scholarship through the Pacem in Terris Institute, a program established in 1993 for students from war-torn and developing nations to receive an education at La Roche.

At La Roche he earned his bachelor's degree in international studies and cofounded the International Forum of African Students as a way to bring awareness to African issues on campus.

"I credit La Roche with helping to open my mind and giving me the tools to better understand other cultures while not negating my own culture," he said. "La Roche provided me with the education I needed to return to my homeland to make things better—my experience there is key to the successes that I am having now."

Ambassador Evuna Andeme presented his credentials to former President Barack Obama at the White House in February 2015, during a traditional ceremony marking the formal beginning of an Ambassador's service in Washington, D.C. He was joined by his wife, Purificacion, a 2004 graduate of La Roche, and his five children, Alejandro, Alma de Miguel, Julia, Cirilo and Maria Jesus.

