

27th Annual Golden Torch Awards: Graduate Student of the Year

Biography of Raphael Oladokun

Raphael Oladokun is a second-year doctoral student in Chemical Engineering at West Virginia University, Morgantown, where he also serves as a WVU Statler College of Engineering Ambassador, a West Virginia Science Public Outreach Team (WV SPOT) Ambassador, and the president of the International Fellowship of Believers (IFB), a religious-based student organization on the WVU campus. Raphael Oladokun earned his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Nigeria. Raphael won the prestigious WVU Statler Doctoral Fellowship in August 2022, valued at around \$55,000 annually, with three renewal cycles. He has recently renewed it once and has two more renewals left to complete his Ph.D. program. He also received the 2023 WVU Leadership Scholarship in recognition of his involvement in the 2023 National Scout Jamboree, held in July at Summit Bechtel Reserve in Berkeley, West Virginia. This event provided an unforgettable experience for 15,000 youths. During his undergraduate studies at OAU in Nigeria, he also won the prestigious First Prize Award during the 2018 Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE) Annual Students' Project Design Competition. Raphael has two articles published in high-impact factor journals in 2023 and actively engages in local, state, and national community engagements and development. His total volunteering hours from October 2022 to September 2023 is 143 hours.