


CAAS Strategic Fund: Adinkra Symbol Campaign


This special fundraising effort aims to encourage giving to the Strategic Fund and to restore the Adinkra symbols, painted by Professor Jon Lockard, which formerly adorned our walls in Haven Hall. We want to honor Jon's vision while re-creating these West African symbols in a different medium: hard woods and metallic finishes. As a member of our community you will be able to "sponsor" the symbol of your choice by making a contribution of at least \$500 to the CAAS Strategic Fund. We have also set aside a series of "community symbols" that can be collectively sponsored with donations starting at \$25.


Community & Student Symbols

These first four symbols can be selected for collective sponsorship by students (\$10 or more) and members of the CAAS community (\$25 or more).

 SANKOFA: "Return and get it;" associated with the importance of learning from the past


 MATE MASIE: "What I hear, I keep;" associated with wisdom, knowledge and prudence


 NEA ONNIM NO SUA A, OHU: "He who does not know can know from learning;" a symbol of knowledge, life-long education and continued quest for knowledge


 DENKYEM: "Crocodile;" the symbol of adaptability


Symbols for Individual Sponsorship


These are symbols currently available for individuals to sponsor with donations starting at \$500. There are many possibilities not included below. Please feel free to suggest other options.


 GYE NYAME: "Except for God;" the symbol of the supremacy of God

 DWENNIMMEN: "Ram's horn;" the symbol of humility together with strength


 AYA: "Fern;" the symbol of endurance and resourcefulness. SPONSORED by Tiya Miles


 ANANSE NTONTAN: "Spider's web;" the symbol of wisdom, creativity and the complexities of life.


 NYAME BIRIBI WO SORO: "God is in the heavens;" the symbol of hope and a reminder that God's dwelling place is in the heavens, where he can listen to all prayers.


 NKYINKIM: "Twisting;" the symbol of initiative, dynamism and versatility


 OSRAM NE NSOROMMA: "The Moon and the Star;" the symbol of love, faithfulness, harmony.

 ADINKRAHENE: "Chief of the adinkra symbols;" the symbol of greatness, charisma and leadership. SPONSORED by Angela D. Dillard


 MPUANNUM: “Five tufts;” the symbol of priestly office, of loyalty and adroitness.


 BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO: “Help me and let me help you;” symbol of cooperation and interdependence.


 AKOKO NAN: “Leg of a Hen;” the symbol of nurturing and discipline

 AKOBEN: “War horn;” the symbol of vigilance and wariness. (Akoben is a horn used to sound a battle cry.)

 PEMPAMSIE: “Sew in readiness;” the symbol of readiness, steadfastness, hardiness.

 EBAN: “Fence;” symbol of love, safety and security.

 KWATAKYE ATIKO: “Hair style of an Asante war captain;” the symbol of bravery and valor.

 FAWOHODIE: “Independence;” the symbol of independence, freedom and emancipation. From the expression: “Fawodhodie ene obre na enam,” which translates as: “Independence comes with its responsibilities.

Source: W. Bruce Willis, *The Adinkra Dictionary: A Visual Primer on the Language of Adinkra* (1998) and “West African Wisdom: Adinkra Symbols & Meanings” website: <http://adinkra.org>.

Want to Support CAAS by Sponsoring a Symbol?

Step 1: Select an Adinkra Symbol from the list above or suggest an alternative. (We need to have a clear picture of your alternative symbol.)

Step 2: Fill out the CAAS Donation Card (see below): check the space for the level of sponsorship (Individual, Community or Student) and write in the name of the symbol you have selected. For Individual Symbol Sponsors: If you wish to dedicate a symbol in someone’s honor/memory, please write this information on the back of the card or send it to us via email: caasinfo@umich.edu.

Step 3: Send in your Donation Card and we will contact you to confirm your symbol selection and gather any additional information required. Make your check payable to:

CAAS at the University of Michigan

Mail your contribution to:

**CAAS, University of Michigan
4700 Haven Hall
505 S. State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045**

CAAS Adinkra Symbols Campaign

Enclosed is my gift of:

___\$500 Sponsor ___\$25 Community ___\$10 Student ___\$ Other

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This gift is to sponsor/support _____ Symbol

Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

Preferred E-Mail

You may also make your gift online at www.lsa.umich.edu/alumni/giveonline

My check is made payable to the **University of Michigan.**

I have enclosed a Matching Gift Form.

Charge my gift to MasterCard VISA AMEX Discover

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Required) (Required)

I/We pledge \$ _____ and will make gift payments:

Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Over a period of _____ years beginning _____
Month/Day/Year

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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I want to dedicate this symbol in honor of/in memory of:

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