

Rena Anakwe '09: Spoiling for a Fight



Photo by Rob Klein

Rena Anakwe '09 gets in one more warm up before her Golden Gloves match.

For Lubin faculty, the name of the 2008 Golden Glove winner Rena Anakwe '09 might sound familiar. The 5'9" pugilist and MFA student in acting is the daughter of Uzoamaka P. Anakwe, PhD, an Associate Professor of Management at Lubin. Together with her family, Chinazo Rena Anakwe, or Rena for short, came to the United States from Nigeria via Canada, and took up boxing as a hobby at 21 while an undergraduate at NYU. Anakwe pursued acting and boxing while she learned the ins and outs of marketing. "My parents urged me to get a practical education. If I wanted to be an actress, I'd have to know how to market myself and understand contracts," says Anakwe. In 2005, she landed a starring role in the independent Nigerian film *This America*, and she just wrapped production on the sequel. Between the films, Anakwe kept up her other hobby, training at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn and at Kingsway in Manhattan.

Although she began boxing primarily for fitness, Anakwe decided that she wanted to take her boxing to the next level. Says Anakwe, "I told my coach, I want to get in the Golden Gloves this year," and she trained hard from that day forward. Anakwe realized her dream on April 18, when she made her boxing debut in Madison Square Garden on behalf of Team Free Form at the Amateur Golden Gloves Women's Open competition. She handily beat her opponent Kathleen Walsh in four rounds and emerged from the ring sporting the infamous Golden Gloves around her neck.

From what we've seen so far, there's no doubt that Anakwe will be fighting to keep herself and her talents in the limelight for quite some time.

Lubin School Students in Tanzania

"You must believe in yourself, that you have power to make things move," said renowned Tanzanian philanthropist and entrepreneur Reginald Mengi to graduate students from the Lubin School of Business visiting Tanzania. Mengi's advice was only one of the many pieces of wisdom imparted to the students during their time in the East African country, bordered by Uganda and Kenya. As a part of the Management and International Business Field Study Program, 15 Lubin students were given the opportunity to examine first-hand the dynamics of commercial and social entrepreneurship in Tanzania over Pace's spring break this past March.

Bruce Bachenheimer, clinical professor of Management and director of Entrepreneurship at the Lubin School, says Pace selected Tanzania for its African program launch because of "the country's unique and success in implementing a free market economy." Added Bachenheimer, "While this initial trip is only 10 days in length, it is also designed to serve as a foundation for a long-term relationship between the University of Dar es Salaam and Pace, one which will be truly meaningful and mutually beneficial.

According to Lubin Dean Joseph R. Baczko, "Our students know a year, semester, or even a spring break abroad is excellent preparation for professional careers that are in demand." And, thanks to the recent \$1 million scholarship fund established by the Figueroa Family, international travel experiences for undergraduates and graduates are more accessible. Twelve of the



Lubin students and Bruce Bachenheimer with Ambassador Mwakawago during their International Entrepreneurship Field Study to Tanzania in March.

15 students who attended Tanzania received funding toward their travel expenses from the Figueroa Scholarship, with an additional 46 participating in field studies, summer studies, and semesters abroad in Brazil, China, England, Italy, and Panama.

Pace Law School Announces NY Metro Region's First Graduate Degree in Real Estate Law

Despite the sub-prime mortgage crisis, U.S. population growth in the coming decades will fuel "a vibrant and growing real estate market full of opportunity and riddled with complexity for the lawyers who represent developers, landowners, tenants, financial institutions, and environmentalists."

That forecast comes from two Pace law professors, John Nolon and Mark Shulman, who will teach in Pace Law School's new master's degree program in Real Estate Law—the first of its kind in the metropolitan New York region. With a faculty of both tenured professors and experienced real estate practitioners, the program builds on multiple components of Pace Law School and Pace as a whole, including Pace's Real Estate Law Institute and The Land Use Law Center.

Only the third such program in the U.S., the Pace LLM in Real Estate Law will provide a distinctive interdisciplinary mix of law, business, and dispute resolution. It is expected to create opportunities for law school graduates, seasoned practitioners, and lawyers looking to redirect their legal careers.

President Stephen J. Friedman notes that "New York's real estate market is the richest and most complex in the nation. This new LLM program will prepare lawyers to thrive in it by providing access to cutting edge scholarship and practical experience." Classes will begin in the fall of 2008.