# ARINZE E. MBAGWU

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**Founder & CEO | Operations, Construction & E-Commerce**

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Founder and CEO of two registered companies: a New York City-licensed pool construction firm and an e-commerce brand. Runs both hands-on, from licensing and permits to client delivery, branding, and the software behind them, including a custom AI-assisted estimating and CRM platform and a Shopify storefront carrying 313 products. Also a commissioned U.S. Army officer and a New York City Department of Education high school music teacher.

## EXPERIENCE

**Founder & CEO | Emmanuel Pools LLC, Queens, NY**

*2018 - Present*

- Founded and lead a New York City-licensed custom inground pool construction and remodeling company serving Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island.
- Manage each project from design and permitting through installation, automation, and final client handoff, with a strong record of customer satisfaction.
- Built a custom AI-assisted business platform for proposal generation, cost estimating, permit lookup, and customer relationship management.
- Hold NYC Home Improvement Contractor License #2105754-DCA and the PHTA Certified Pool and Spa Building Professional credential.
- Manage supplier relationships with major manufacturers including Hayward, Pentair, Latham, and Baystate.

**Founder & CEO | ARINZE LLC (arinze.store), Wyoming**

*2025 - Present*

- Founded a single-member LLC operating a creative-lifestyle e-commerce brand on Shopify with a 313-product catalog.
- Built and customized the storefront: theme development, SEO, policy pages, and Google Merchant Center and TikTok Shop sales channels.
- Developed a wellness e-commerce brand (Glow Revive) with a full brand identity, supplier sourcing, and email-marketing automation.
- Authored a confidential business plan for a Nigeria-based on-demand home-services marketplace (FIKSA).

**Music Teacher | Wings Academy High School (New York City Department of Education), Bronx, NY**

*September 2025 - Present*

- Design and teach a full-year general music curriculum to five daily sections of high school scholars in a New York City public high school.
- Manage classroom operations, assessment, grading, and stakeholder communication while meeting NYC DOE and state standards.

## LEADERSHIP

**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army (Military Intelligence) | HHB, Division Artillery (DIVARTY)**

*2026 - Present*

- Commissioned through Army ROTC at the City College of New York; assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB), Division Artillery.
- Lead, plan, and manage resources under pressure; prior NY Army National Guard service as a Sergeant (E-5) through the Simultaneous Membership Program, early-promoted for performance.

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

**Master of Science, Music Education (minor: Choral Conducting)**
Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College (CUNY), Flushing, NY | May 2026
GPA 3.9 | NYS Music PreK-12 Professional Certificate

**Bachelor of Music, Music Education (Choral Concentration)**
Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College (CUNY), Flushing, NY | December 2024
GPA 3.6 | Dean's List, all semesters 2020-2024 | NYS Music PreK-12 Initial Certificate

**Licenses:** NYC Home Improvement Contractor #2105754-DCA; PHTA Certified Pool and Spa Building Professional

**Certifications:** Google IT Support Professional Certificate; Google Data Analytics foundations

**Technical:** Shopify development, SEO, n8n automation, Python scripting, CRM, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace

**Languages:** English and Igbo (Native/Bilingual)