

# TEK CONNECT

Official Newsletter for KNUST Alumni & Friends



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## DR. KWAKU AGBESI

### Global President

KNUST Alumni Association

On behalf of the Global Alumni Association, I wish to thank Teknokrats for the varied roles you played towards the advancement of our University in 2022.

As we welcome students, especially freshmen and women to a new academic year, we know that you would be faced with the excitement of a new experience mixed with anxiety of leaving the home. As future Teknokrats, I wish to urge all of you to take advantage of this great opportunity given you to imbibe the good tenets of KNUST and live responsibly for the good of all. I urge you to enjoy the quality education that produced thousands of impactful Teknokrats who are leaving footprints everywhere they find themselves. Enjoy the serene physical environment of KNUST and commit to keeping it same.

In 2022, some notable activities we undertook sustained the energy amongst Teknokrats. Some of these are the establishment of the KNUST 70th Anniversary in Mamfe, KNUST Alumni Endowment Fund, award of full educational scholarships to three future Teknokrats, mentorship of final year students, Global Teknokrats virtual interaction with the

Vice-Chancellor, visit to and interaction with the North America Chapter of the Association etc. Construction of the Alumni/Safi Properties Hostel on campus is progressing steadily. We are hopeful of seeing to the completion of this important project.

To further accelerate our contributions to learning, research and teaching, an endowment fund dubbed 70@70 has been established. The aim of the fund is to support the University in scholarships to needy students, construction of hostels, retooling of faculties among others. I call on all Teknokrats to contribute generously to the fund.

I urge our distinguished Teknokrats to use the new found energies to effect the needed change in their communities.

I wish you all a Happy 2023.

*Kwaku Agbesi*

Global President,  
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The 5mX4m signage was constructed by Tek. Albert Twum Ampofo, B. A. '96.

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# PROF. (MRS) RITA AKOSUA DICKSON

Vice-Chancellor

KNUST



The year 2022 has been exciting at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST). One of the most significant things that happened was the launch of the KNUST 70th Anniversary Celebrations under the theme KNUST: 70 Years of Global Impact; A New Age for a Renewed Focus. The celebration shall be climaxed with the launch of a book on the 70-year journey of our great University.

The book, which shall be launched in 2023, highlights the history, phases KNUST has gone through, infrastructural transformations and the University's impact on Ghana, the continent and the globe. It also highlights notable Teknokrats who have blazed the trail and continue to do so in their chosen fields of endeavour.

Another significant thing that happened is the contribution of GH ₵10.00 by each graduating student to the KNUST Endowment Fund. I also wish to acknowledge the college based mentorship programme that was held in July, 2022.

Whilst extending my utmost gratitude to the Class and Year Groups who made donations to their respective Departments, Faculties and Colleges, I wish to acknowledge that each of these events created a vibrant campus and resulted in the needed Alumni-Institutional touch.

As the university strives to celebrate our ever-impactful alumni, I wish to call on all Teknokrats to take advantage of our newly set up Advancement and Alumni Relations Office and our open-door policy to play the impactful roles expected to enhance the global visibility of KNUST.

*Rita Akosua Dickson*

Vice-Chancellor,  
KNUST.

## STRATEGIC MANDATE, VISION, MISSION & CORE VALUES

### Our Strategic Mandate

The Act establishing the University defines its mandate, which essentially is to provide higher education, undertake research, disseminate knowledge and foster relationships with the outside persons and bodies. The strategic mandate of the University is derived from Science and Technology in its name.

### Vision

To build on KNUST's leadership as the premier science and technology university in Ghana and to be among the top ten Universities in Africa.

### Mission Statement

KNUST exists to advance knowledge in science and technology through creating an environment for undertaking relevant research, quality teaching, entrepreneurship training and community engagement to improve the quality of life.

### Core Values

KNUST is committed to attracting and developing excellent staff and students in order to contribute towards the achievement of the goals, targets and directions that the government has set for higher education. The following cherished values characterise the work and life of the University and are ingrained in all those who pass through the University.



# Global Alumni Association Awards 3 KNUST Students With Comprehensive Scholarships



The Global Alumni Association of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) has presented full scholarships to support the education of three (3) brilliant but needy students of KNUST.

The scholarships, which were presented to the students on Tuesday, 19th July 2022 at the Council Chamber, KNUST will cover tuition, accommodation, and stipends to sustain their living expenses on campus until they complete their respective programmes of study.

The beneficiaries of the scholarships are Miss. Faustina Boateng a BSc. Midwifery student, Miss. Ruth Avotelie a BSc. Medical Laboratory Technology student and Lambon Rubbin a BSc. Aquaculture and Water Resource Management student.

According to the Global Alumni President, Dr. Kwaku Agbesi, the Association has over the years granted scholarships to two students every four years due to limited resources. "However, this year, the Association has increased the beneficiary slots to enrol three needy students to be supported by the scholarship scheme."

Dr. Abgesi further expressed the desire of the Association to increase the beneficiaries of the scholarship scheme in the coming years.

"Our target is to be able to support at least twenty (20) students every academic year. So that we can be more impactful and support the excellent work of our Vice-Chancellor," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Association for their thoughtfulness and kind gesture shown to the students. She emphasised the importance of students' welfare to the University as well as to the sustainable development of the nation. She also urged other chapters of the Alumni Association to come on board. "Gladly sell the story to the other chapters and let them all come to KNUST and support. Let them come home to assist these young ones, when we are sure of their future, then the future of this country and the world is assured," the Vice-Chancellor appealed.

Miss. Faustina Boateng conveyed the beneficiaries' sincere gratitude to the Association and urged that the support is extended to other students who may be in similar need. "I want to on behalf of my colleagues, extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Global Alumni Association for your thoughtful gesture. This was not what we anticipated. Occasionally, issues with food, paying our registration fees, and other issues arise. We give God and the Management praise for this opportunity; we are very much grateful" she said.



A group photograph of participants in the ceremony



# Vice-Chancellor Interacts With KNUST Alumni Of North America

The Vice-Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson has held an interactive stakeholder meeting with KNUST Alumni of North America at Gaithersburg, Maryland. The event which took place at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel on Saturday, 15th October 2022 aimed at enabling participants to gain insights into the current developments at KNUST and the critical role that the alumni could play to support the University.

Welcoming the Vice-Chancellor and her team, the North America Chapter President of the KNUST Alumni Association, Mr Clement Quartey Papafio expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and her team for the opportunity and recounted the gains that his Chapter had recorded over the past years. He was optimistic that the deliberations would inure to the mutual benefit of both parties. He concluded by charging the other Chapters in the region to regroup to support the University.

In his speech, the Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association, Dr Kwaku Agbesi lauded the Vice-Chancellor for taking a keen interest in the growth and activities of the Association. He emphasised the goals of the Alumni Association to amongst others, promote the welfare of the University, contribute financially to projects, participate in mentorship programmes, and provide scholarship opportunities to underprivileged students. He thanked the North America Chapter for their support of the Prempeh II Library and urged them to do more.

Mr James Kwasi Oberko, Senior Assistant Registrar of the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office (AARO) of KNUST, highlighting the vision of the Vice-Chancellor, informed the gathering that his Office has been resourced to play the critical liaison role between the alumni and the University for their mutual benefit.

The Dean of the International Programmes Office (IPO), Professor Daniel Yaw Addai Duah expressed the readiness of his Office to work with the Alumni to identify opportunities in North American higher education institutions and companies for collaboration.

Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, expressing her appreciation for the opportunity, asked the alumni to guard the KNUST brand with care, noting that the University needs all alumni to contribute their quota to help train graduates to deal with contemporary global issues. She encouraged KNUST alumni to avail themselves, their expertise, and resources for the benefit of students and the University. 'We need you to come and talk to the students in your colleges and departments. The students must not only hear your successes, but your downfalls so they learn from them. These talks can challenge them' she stressed. We are not only interested in the University's products, but the products' products. What this means is that whatever resources you have, share them with us, she stressed.

The Vice-Chancellor also responded to various questions from the alumni present and virtual participants and assured them of KNUST's continual growth and called for their unflinching support in the attainment of the University's vision.

Other KNUST officials who were present at the programme were Mr Andrews Kwasi Boateng, Registrar, Mr. Yaw Nimo-Baffour, Finance Officer, Professor Kofi Owusu-Daaku, Former Dean of Students and Ms Efua Arko, Senior Assistant Registrar at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.



# GLOBAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Organises Mentorship Programme for Final Year Undergraduate Students**

The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, together with its Alumni Association has organised the KNUST Alumni Mentorship Programme for final-year undergraduate students of the University. The programme was organised in each of the six colleges of the University under the theme “Preparing for Successful Work-life after KNUST.”

The mentorship programme which spanned three days saw presentations from the Chief Executive Officer of Lead-it Africa, Mr. Herman Yobo Addae, and other alumni of the respective colleges. The alumni also engaged the students in heart-to-heart conversations to open the latter to the realities of life and work after school.



Mr. Dan Acquaye addressing the students

In her welcome address, the College Registrar for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mrs. Juliana Serwaa Andoh said that the programme was critical to the future life of the students. She, therefore, thanked the organisers for putting together such a programme.

Speaking on the rationale for the programme, the Senior Assistant Registrar at the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office of KNUST, Mr. James Kwasi Oberko, told the participants that the objective among others was to foster personal relationships between the graduating students and mentor alumni for the good of the former. He, therefore, urged students to take alumni-related programmes seriously.

Dr. Kwaku Agbesi, Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association entreated the students to embrace the need to belong to the Alumni Association as that could open doors for and enable graduates to reap numerous benefits.

“Belonging to an Alumni Association will help you stay connected; it will help you have great professional relations with your seniors who have reached somewhere important in their careers. It is surely a plus to have good alumni relationships with professionals working in different fields,” he added.

Mr. Herman Addae, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lead-it Africa, in his presentations told the students that, real life is not only about seeking academic excellence but one’s ability to value himself.

"Academic success is all you think matters until you leave campus and enter the real world, where you find that many of the things you assume will help you succeed inexplicably do not," he said.

The colleges where the programme was held are the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Art and Built Environment, College of Engineering, College of Health Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science.



Dignitaries at the event



Mr Herman Addae stressing a point

Other speakers and mentors were Rt. Rev. Professor Osei Safo-Kantanka, a retired lecturer at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, inventor and past Bishop of Kumasi Diocese of the Methodist Church, Ghana, Mr. Dan Aquaye, Executive Director of ASNAPP/Agri-Impact and Alfred Ohenenana Appiah, Global Secretary of the KNUST Alumni Association.



A cross section of the students at the event



# Vice-Chancellor Launches Tek Connect App



The Vice-Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson has launched the Tek Connect App and six (6) other new software applications, developed by the University Information Technology Services (UITS). This is in line with the Vice-Chancellor's digitalisation and relatively paperless vision.

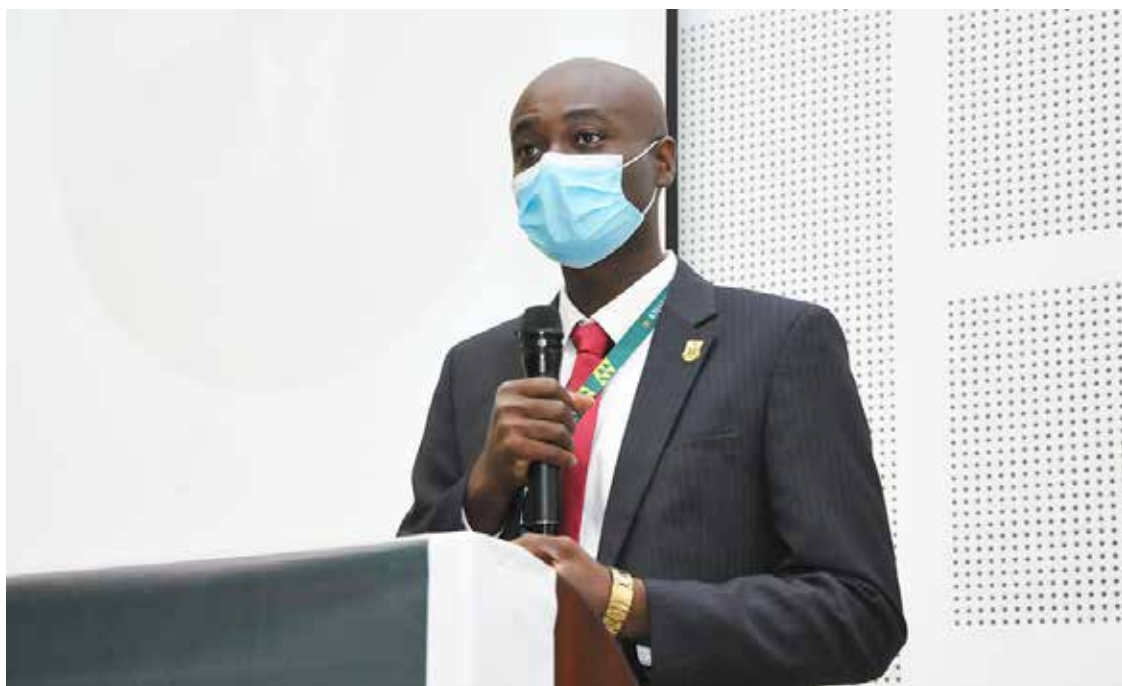
Launching the Tek Connect and Six other Apps, Professor Dickson stated that in the fourth industrial revolution, advancement in technology has changed the way things are done. As such, Information Communication Technology (ICT) has become a key enabler for the core business of every institution including universities. She noted that KNUST set a goal of building a robust and resilient e-system to provide diverse online platforms to enhance Research, Teaching, Learning, and Administration.

The Tek Connect App, the web-based interface, according to Professor Dickson, seeks to draw the University closer to its cherished Alumni.

According to her, alumni will be able to register electronically, receive relevant information from the University, connect and interact with each other, make relevant payments, undertake mentorship sessions with KNUST students and be part of the bigger KNUST family in real-time amongst others. She pointed out that the next stage would be to develop the interface into a mobile App for an enhanced user experience.

On behalf of the Management of the University, she commended the current and past Directors of the UITS and their team for the birth of the Apps and the many innovative systems to be embarked on in the days ahead.

The six other different applications which seek to improve the operations of the University are Promotion App, Feedback App, TekScholar App, Timetable Management System, AIM Mobile App, and Transwift App.



Mr. Afful delivering his address

The Director of the UITs, Mr. Emmanuel Nii O. Afful, introduced the Apps to the audience. He was hopeful that the University and all stakeholders will make use of the newly designed apps to push the digitisation agenda of the University and to improve the operations and visibility of the University as a global science and technology institution.

The launch was held at Auditorium A of the KNUST School of Business Postgraduate Block. Also present at the launch were Provosts, Directors, Deans, Heads of Departments and other members of the University community.



A group photograph of participants



# Global Alumni Association Launches The KNUST Anniversary Garden At Mamfe



The Vice-Chancellor watering a plant

The Alumni Association of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi has launched the KNUST Anniversary Gardens at Mamfe. The launch was followed by a tree planting exercise on a 7-acre land, donated by the Chief of Mamfe. The Alumni and other participants planted varied species of trees which will result in the establishment of an arboretum.

In his welcome address, Mr. Herman Yobo Addae speaking on behalf of the Global President of the Association, expressed gratitude to the Chief of Mamfe for buying into the proposal of the Association and broadening the scope of operation.

He added that the Anniversary Garden on completion shall have features such as picnic lawns, hiking trails, scenic rest stations and reception centres.

The Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, in her address reminded the public about the key role that forests play in the sustenance of human and animal life.

She also underscored the importance of forests for research work. She, therefore, called on all to be conscious of the environment and take steps to protect same.

Launching the project, the Chief of Mamfe and Kyidomhene of the Akuapem Traditional Area, Osaberima Ansah Sasraku III, expressed his gratitude to the KNUST Alumni Association for conceiving the idea and opting to execute it at Mamfe.

He pledged to convince other chiefs in the traditional area to replicate this in their jurisdictions, as it is crucial for the sustenance of human existence on earth.

Officials of the Forest Services Commission led members of the Association, some students of Methodist Girls' High School, Junior High School students and residents of Mamfe to plant the tree seedlings.



Osaberima Ansah Sasraku III addressing the gathering

Also present at the programme were Mr. Andrews Kwasi Boateng, Registrar of KNUST, Nana Obeng Kumi II, Amankrado of Mamfe, Dr. Kwaku Agbesi, Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association, Ms. Eunice Akosua Amoako, Immediate Past Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association, Prof. Boateng Kyereh, Dr. Benard Kofi Turkson, Technical Advisors to the Project, Mrs. Priscilla Asomaning, District Manager of the Forest Services Commission and Mr. James Kwasi Oberko of the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office, KNUST.



A group photograph of dignitaries

# Vice-Chancellor Holds Maiden Virtual Interactive Session With Teknokrats

As part of activities to commemorate the 70th Anniversary celebrations of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), the Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson hosted a virtual interactive session with all KNUST alumni worldwide on Monday, 18th October 2021. The interaction had over 750 past students from 23 countries joining via zoom and other KNUST social media platforms.

The Global Alumni President, Dr. Kwaku Agbesi, in his opening remarks, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for the initiative to share her vision with the alumni and further discuss ways of promoting the Institution. He called on all alumni to contribute their ideas for the growth of the University and retain its position as the leading Science and Technology University and the best University in Ghana.

The Vice-Chancellor described her goal for KNUST, which is to "position the university as a competitive global research-intensive institution for advancement in Science and Technology for industrial and societal adoption toward sustainable, national, and global development." She stated that KNUST is now ranked the best University in Ghana and 12th in Africa by the US News and World Report and aspires to be among the top five and that accomplishing the ambition will require all hands on deck.

Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson again noted that KNUST believes in constructive partnerships to promote the common good of the university. She urged the alumni to utilise the e-space to bring their suggestions on board to move the University to a higher pedestal.

To ensure seamless communication between the University and its alumni, Professor Dickson indicated that the University has introduced weekly Tek Briefs to update the alumni on the happenings in the University. She also revealed Management's plan to develop various communication tools which include Tek Connect App and Feedback App to keep in touch and receive prompt feedback and conduct tracer studies to know how graduates are doing in the industry.



Professor Mrs Rita Akosua Dickson

Professor (Mrs.) Dickson mentioned that the KNUST Research Fund (KReF) has been expanded to GH¢1,000,000 to support research. 'With this increment, I believe that alumni can collaborate with us in conducting cutting-edge research by establishing Chairs, and scholarships and using their expertise to organise demand-driven short courses, she asserted.

In enhancing the entrepreneurship drive for the students, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that KNUST will establish Internship Placement and Career Development Centres. She, therefore, called on the alumni to organise seminars and symposia on soft skills to provide mentorship for students.

Several infrastructure developmental projects, according to Professor (Mrs.) Dickson, are underway. She encouraged alumni to join project-year groups and adopt and sponsor a project that would be named after them.

On behalf of the alumni, the North American Chapter President, Mr. Yao Ababio, praised the University's Management for the outstanding work done thus far and pledged to give their widow's mite to KNUST's progress.

Dr. Hermann Addae, the alumni representative, gave an overview of alumni activities for the 70th Anniversary. These include the setting up of an Endowment Fund dubbed '70@70 Alumni Levy', a 'Throwback Nite' to share great and fun moments on campus, 'Katanga-Unity Alumni Round Table Convo', and Alumni-Faculty-Industry (AFI) activities.





# CELEBRATING OUR TEKNOKRATS



**PATRICIA OBO-NAI**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
VODAFONE GHANA

Patricia Obo-Nai, a trailblazing Ghanaian engineer, has been the Chief Executive Officer of Vodafone Ghana since April 2019. As the first Ghanaian female to hold this position, she is a prominent figure in the telecommunications industry.

Patricia earned her Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) in 1999. She chose KNUST for its strong reputation in engineering education. Her experience at KNUST was transformative and well-rounded, providing her with valuable leadership experience as the president of the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Students' Association (ELEESA) and enriching her social life as a member of the school's volleyball team.

In addition to her Executive MBA from the University of Ghana, Patricia has completed Executive Education programs at Kellogg School of Management in the USA, London Business School, and INSEAD in France. Throughout her over two-decade-long career in Information Technology (IT) and Telecommunications, Patricia has served in various capacities, including Network Planning Engineer, Chief Technology Officer, and Director of Technology.

Her numerous awards and recognitions include Outstanding Woman in Telecommunications at the African Women's Awards 2023, CEO of the Year at the Telecommunications Innovations and Excellence Awards in 2022, and Industry Personality of the Year at the Ghana Information Technology and Telecom Awards in 2021.

Patricia actively serves on several boards, including the KNUST Foundation, the Global Young Academy Advisory Board, and the Advisory Board of the KNUST Engineering Education Project. As a KNUST alumna, she passionately supports and contributes to the school's initiatives. Under her leadership, Vodafone Ghana has partnered with KNUST on several projects, such as the Female Engineering Students Sponsorship Programme (FESSP) and the establishment of a digital learning center in the College of Engineering, KNUST.

In addition, Patricia has participated in numerous speaking sessions with the College of Engineering and the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of KNUST. She is an avid supporter and member of the KNUST Engineering Education Project, which focuses on addressing development challenges related to industrialization, digital development, energy systems, renewable energy, manufacturing, and the exploration and development of the oil and gas industry.

In closing, Patricia shares, "KNUST has contributed significantly to who I am today, and this is why I do not hold back when giving back to the school. It is important that alumni use their positions of influence to make an impact on the lives of the young ones."

Patricia Obo-Nai's extraordinary achievements and dedication to empowering others continue to inspire and pave the way for the next generation of leaders in the telecommunications industry.



Vodafone Head Office, Accra



# CELEBRATING OUR TEKNOKRATS



**CHRISTIAN BOAKYE YIADOM**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CEQA FOODS & BEVERAGES

Christian Boakye Yiadom is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the renowned CEQA Foods and Beverages Ghana Ltd, operators of the popular Chickenman/Pizzaman chain of restaurants in Ghana. He graduated with a first-class honour Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi in 2018. Mr. Boakye Yiadom also holds a Professional Diploma Certificate in Food and Beverage Management from the Bocconi University, and a Professional Diploma in Data Analysis from the University of Colorado.

As a proud Teknokrat, he aims to drive CEQA Foods and Beverages' vision to be the first and leading fast-food chain in Ghana and West Africa, through the provision of quality, tasty and affordable food, accessible to all patrons. With a zeal to contribute to the thriving entrepreneurial world, Mr. Boakye Yiadom employs his entrepreneurial skills and servant leadership to provide solutions in the ever-dynamic food and beverage industry.

He leads a pack of well-motivated and dedicated staff to deliver on the promise of the Chickeman/Pizzaman brands. Chickenman/Pizzaman has numerous branches in Accra and Kumasi.

Mr. Boakye Yiadom gives back to society by providing mentorships and financial support to fund viable ideas of selected youth periodically.







# TEKNOKRATS' CLASS IMPACT



The Teknokrat Class Impact highlights the generous contributions of individuals or various year groups to their alma mater. The objective of giving back is a way of saying thank you for making you who you are today. Such acts from the alumni also inculcate the 'culture of giving' into the current and future generation of students.

These include the donation of cash and items which aim at improving learning, teaching, research capacities at the Departments, Faculties/Schools and Colleges from which the donors graduated or are affiliated to.

Has your class donated yet?  
Show up to be counted.  
Donate to make an impact.

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# KESSBEN

## Refurbishes Faculty of Social Sciences' Boardroom



Mr Stephen Boateng

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kessben Group of Companies, Stephen Boateng Esq, has furnished the board room and the office of the Faculty Registrar of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, to enhance its activities.

Mr. Stephen Boateng (Esq), an alumnus of the KNUST together with officials of the Faculty and College inaugurated the refurbished facilities at a grand ceremony. He equipped the board room and the office of the Registrar of the faculty with various items including furniture, video conferencing facility, a 85 inch 14K smart television set, curtains and others at the cost of Ninety Thousand Ghana Cedis GH¢90,000.00.

In his remarks at the inauguration ceremony, the CEO said that his act of kindness was motivated by the significant role KNUST has played in building his capacity as a person resulting in the huge impact it is making on his business.

Mr Boateng, who had his first and second degrees from KNUST, said that his success story began at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

According to him, the starting point of his success story began at the Faculty of Social Sciences, hence, his benevolence, stressing that "this is not to pay back for the knowledge imparted to me; but appreciation for the transformation and reshaping of my life."

The CEO of Kessben Group of Companies said that he readily offered to support the faculty after its management drew his attention to their plight during his visit to the university some time ago. He implored the management to put the facilities to good use to achieve their intended purpose.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Sr. Eugenia Amporfu, praised Mr. Stephen Boateng for his support to his alma mater, describing the gesture as overwhelming. Calling on other alumni to emulate the gesture, Prof. (Sr.) Ampofo stated that there were other unfinished businesses in the new block of the Faculty which needed urgent attention to enhance teaching and learning. She cited the computer laboratory as having a critical need for attention.

Other KNUST officials who were present at the presentation ceremony were Prof. Charles Marfo, Provost of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. J.E.T. Kuwornu-Adjaottor and other dignitaries.



Professor Sr Eugenia Amporfu





# SMS '93 Donates Smart Televisions To Alma Mater

The 1993 Class of the School of Medical Sciences (SMS) has donated five 50-inch and three 58-inch Smart Digital Satellite Televisions valued at GH¢31,500.00 to the Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre of the School of Medicine and Dentistry (SMD) at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) on Saturday, 2nd April, 2022.



Professor Daniel Ansong



Professor Joslin Alexei Dogbe

The Class President, Dr. Emmanuel Sowah expressed how proud they were to support such a worthy cause. According to him, 'Education is evolving. When we were students, we went through a lot of unpleasant stresses, so we decided not to allow our children to go through the same. Medical training is stressful enough, we, therefore, made up our minds to lessen the burden on the students and staff to make the training easier and appealing.'

The Dean of SMD and a member of the alumni group, Professor Daniel Ansong was humbled by the significant gesture of his year group to improve academic work and the overall growth of the school. He promised on behalf of the year group to continue to support the school with their widow's mite.

The Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Benjamin Emikpe receiving the items on behalf of the Provost of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), appreciated their contribution to supporting humanity in these difficult times. He appealed to more year groups in other departments and faculties to emulate their kind gesture.

The Alumni Chair of SMD, Professor Joslin Alexei Dogbe, praised the timely intervention of the Class and termed it as 'leadership by example' since several Faculty are part of the various year groups. He expressed his satisfaction and excitement with the benefactors. 'We are very happy to receive this donation at this time where we are trying to decongest the number of students at the wards. We have been tasked to find innovative ways to offer practical lessons to the students, hence, these monitors will be of great assistance to the School, students could watch practical sessions on screens.'

Other notable members of the 1993-Year Group include the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Health Sciences, Professor Harry Kwami Tagbor; the Director of Kumasi Centre of Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Professor Richard Odame Phillips; Dean of the School of Public Health, Professor Sam Newton; Head of Child Health Department, KNUST, Professor Sampson Antwi; Honorary Consultant Cardiologist at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), Professor Isaac Kofi Owusu; Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, KATH, Dr. Esi Crentsil; and the CEO of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Dr. Kareem Mumuni.

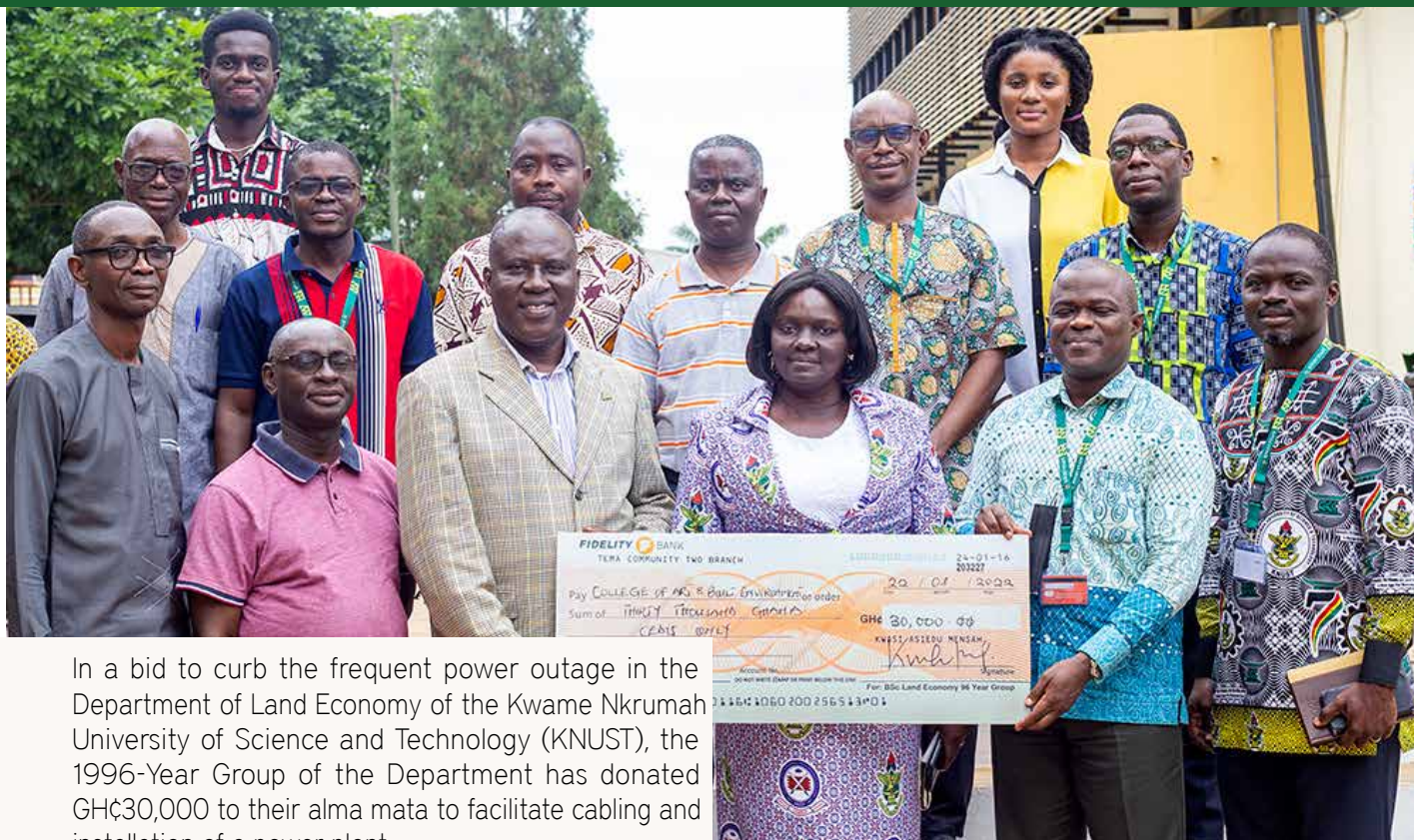


1993 SMS Year Group donating the smart televisions to the Dean, SMD



# Land Economy Class of 1996 Donates GH¢30,000 to Alma Mater

9th Sept, 2022



In a bid to curb the frequent power outage in the Department of Land Economy of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), the 1996-Year Group of the Department has donated GH¢30,000 to their alma mata to facilitate cabling and installation of a power plant.



Mr Dominic Barimah



Professor Samuel Amos-Abanyie

Making the donation on behalf of the Class of 1996, Mr Dominic Barimah, Head of General Services, ARB Apex Bank said that the donation was on the occasion of the group's silver jubilee after graduation. 'On the occasion of our 25th anniversary after graduating from the KNUST, we observed that, though a power plant was available for use in times of power outage, the department was unable to access same because of its inability to fund the cabling and installation of the plant. Our obligation as a group, therefore, was to intervene to ensure that the department derived the full benefits of a fully operational plant whenever there was a power outage,'. This, he said, informed their decision to support their alma mata.

The Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment, Professor Samuel Amos-Abanyie, on behalf of the Provost of the College of Art and Built Environment (CABE) expressed his gratitude to the alumni for the gesture and called on other year groups to help in developing both

infrastructural and human resources at the Department. "We would call on other year groups to come and not only donate but also to share their experiences with the students" he said.



Mr James Kwasi Oberko

The Senior Assistant Registrar at the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office, Mr James Oberko noted the dynamism in various alumni and called for more collaboration between the alumni and University to ensure mutual growth. He also called on them to amongst others, commit themselves to other alumni activities such as mentorship programs and homecomings.

Also present at the presentation ceremony were Ms. Josephine Djampim, College Registrar for CABE, Dr. Eric Tudzi, Head of the Department of Land Economy, Mr. Philip Peprah Yeboah, Faculty Registrar for the Faculty of Built Environment and Executives of the Department's Students Association.



# Civil Engineering Class of 1996 in KNUST

## Donates GH¢ 50,000 to the College's Endowment Fund



The 1996 Civil Engineering Alumni Class of the College of Engineering of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, (KNUST), Kumasi, has donated Fifty Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢50,000.00) to the Endowment Fund at the Ghana Institution of Engineering (GhIE) 2022 Annual Conference and 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM). The donation, which took place on 30th March 2022, at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra, is said to be the first ever to be made by an alumni class of the College of Engineering.

The purpose of the donation is to improve the quality of postgraduate programmes, expand access to postgraduate programmes, provide scholarships to attract brilliant postgraduate students and needy undergraduate students and improve infrastructure to support teaching and learning.

During the presentation, Ing. Harold Esseku, a former Vice - President of the Ghana Institution of Engineering, on behalf of the class, noted that the donation is intended to help the University in honour of its 70th anniversary celebration.

He indicated that the class wishes to support the premier engineering institution in Ghana with innovations and ICT utilisation in the teaching of engineers.

He urged all alumni of the University to support the endowment fund, as it is one of the key ways many universities are funded.

Ing. Akwasi Asamoah, one of the members of the class, indicated that it is important for different classes to come together to support the University. He mentioned that it takes a lot of encouragement from some dedicated individuals to contact their classmates, who are located all around the world, to achieve the desired results.

Provost of the College of Engineering, Professor Mark Adom-Asamoah, thanked the Civil Engineering Class of 1996 for being the first alumni class to come together to donate to the Endowment Fund. He announced that a \$50,000 donation from an alumnus in the United States had been made to the fund to train postgraduate students in manufacturing. He also revealed that an amount of GH¢100,000 has been received from Associated Consultants Limited and GH¢50,000 has been donated to the fund by the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG). He further mentioned that GRIDCo has redeemed GH¢ 500,000 of the GH¢ 1Million pledged to the Endowment Fund.



Presentation of the cheque to the Provost, College of Engineering

Professor Adom-Asamoah urged organisations, independent bodies, alumni, and individual donors to contribute to the fund and mentioned that a board of trustees made up of industrial partners has been established as the custodian of the fund.

Ing. Asare Yeboah, Chairman of the KNUST Engineering Education Project (KEEP) Advisory Board, who doubles as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Endowment Fund gave the assurance that the monies donated to the fund will be used for its intended purpose.

He intimated that he is awestruck by the generous gesture and encouraged many more alumni to follow the example of the Civil Engineering class of the 1996-year group.

Prof. Charles Anum Adams, President of the Ghana Institution of Engineering, who is also the Head of Transport Research and Education Centre, Kumasi (TRECK) in the College of Engineering, KNUST pleaded with the alumni of KNUST and the College of Engineering to support the Endowment Fund.

He stated that most lecturers are alumni who have decided to remain in the University to help train the engineering manpower necessary to develop the nation.

The KNUST College of Engineering Endowment Fund was established in June 2021 to provide stable and predictable funding for the College of Engineering to enable it to become an internationally acknowledged Centre of Excellence in Engineering education; producing high-calibre graduates with knowledge and expertise to support the industrial and socio-economic development of Ghana and Africa.



The College of Engineering, KNUST





## SMS Class Of 1991 Supports Alma Mater With Computers And Printers

The 1991-year group of the School of Medical Sciences (SMS) has donated ten (10) desktop computers and four (4) heavy-duty printers to support the teaching and learning activities of their alma mata on Saturday, 30th July 2022.

The group was led by Professor Jonathan C. B. Dakubo, a surgeon and lecturer at the University of Ghana Medical School and Dr Worlali Nutakor, an Emergency Medicine specialist based in the United States of America.

According to Professor Dakubo, access to information has become very crucial amidst the emergence and treatment of diseases. As a result, the SMS 1991 Class sought ways to assist the School in a period where ICT plays a vital role in dealing with these situations. They believed that the gesture would go a long way to help curb challenges faced by the School. "We are here today to present ten desktop computers and four heavy-duty printers to help expand the ICT capacity of the School to reduce challenges that students face in accessing information. We hope that other year groups would also come on board and support in other ways possible" he disclosed.

Professor Daniel Ansong, Dean of the now School of Medicine and Dentistry (SMD), expressed his gratitude to the SMS 1991-year group for their thoughtful donation. He noted that the items will replace the obsolete ones in critical sections of the School. "This office equipment would be used in critical places such as students' affairs, exam office, library, and others for the good of students and staff. We also believe that the ten computers would enhance our research, teaching and learning activities," he stated.

The Senior Assistant Registrar, Advancement and Alumni Relations Office of KNUST, Mr. James Oberko called for more collaboration between the alumni and University to ensure mutual growth. He also called on them to amongst others, commit themselves to other alumni activities such as mentorship programs and homecomings and that their efforts will not go unnoticed.

"We are hopeful that you will support the Alumni Association and the University community by taking up projects, in areas of mentorships and homecomings." Please keep in mind that the University will not only call on you to make donations but would be committed to celebrating your achievements. He pleaded with other SMD alumni groups to support the School's developmental efforts.



Professor Jonathan Dakubo

Present during the donation were Prof. Akwasi Antwi Kusi, Vice Dean of SMD, and Mr. Harley Anane, School Secretary of SMD.

## SMS Class of 2007 Establishes a Research Development Fund and donates BP apparatus to Alma Mater



Prof. Antwi Kusi receiving the items from SMS 2007 Class

The 2007-Year Group of the School of Medical Sciences (SMS) has established a twenty-thousand cedi research development fund to support research activities of students of the school.

This was made known at a presentation ceremony in which the group donated fifteen blood pressure apparatus worth Nine Thousand Ghana Cedis

(GH¢9000.00) to support hands-on training and community health activities of medical students. The presentation was done on Friday, 18th November 2022 at the SMD boardroom.

Welcoming the group, Prof. Akwasi Antwi Kusi, Vice Dean of SMD, acknowledged the contributions of various year groups towards the development of the school.

According to him, the recent alumni donations are setting the tone for the school's upcoming 50th Anniversary due in 2025. He therefore solicited for the input of the school's alumni in the planning of the school's golden jubilee.

Speaking on behalf of the year group, Dr. Ayisi-Boateng said that in 2017, when his group celebrated its 10th anniversary of graduating from the Medical School, they decided to give back to their alma mater. This according to him led to the establishment of the GH¢20,000 Jubilee Class Research Fund (JCRF) to support the development of research among SMD students. He revealed that five (5) students with the best research works in community health will benefit from the fund. In addition, the group decided to support the hands-on training and community health activities, hence the donation of blood pressure apparatus to the school.



Mr James Kwasi Oberko

The Senior Assistant Registrar, Advancement and Alumni Relations Office of KNUST, Mr. James Oberko, acknowledging the efforts of SMD alumni, stated that KNUST is working tirelessly to connect with more of its alumni for the mutual benefit of both parties. He revealed that the Tek Connect mobile app would be deployed soon to facilitate registration of KNUST Alumni for the purposes of real time interactions with the university and mentorship programmes.

Also present at the ceremony were Heads of Departments, the School Secretary, Mr. Harley Anane and some members of the 2007 Year Group of SMS.





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It is instructive to note that immediately after congregation ceremonies, all graduates automatically become Alumni of the University.


The AARO provides the following services but not limited to:

- Registration of KNUST Alumni.
- Facilitation of information flow between the university and its alumni.
- Provision of client service support to alumni for real time solutions to related needs.
- Coordination and organization of alumni activities such as Alumni Mentorships, Lectures, Donations, Programs and Projects, Homecomings etc.

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