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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

### Carrying the Legacy Forward: Our Journey from Excellence to Eminence

As a proud alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, serving today as Vice-Chancellor is a profound honour. KNUST is the institution that shaped my journey, equipped me with knowledge and values, and continues to stand as a beacon of excellence, innovation and service. In this role, I have the privilege of representing not only the University, but also the many generations of alumni who have passed through its gates. I therefore carry this responsibility with deep humility and a strong sense of duty to the institution that has shaped so many lives.

KNUST is a university built on a proud legacy of excellence, shaped over decades by the vision and contributions of successive leaders, dedicated staff, students, partners and, importantly, our Alumni. This rich legacy is both an inheritance and a responsibility. As we look ahead, our task is to build boldly on what has been achieved, embrace new possibilities and position KNUST for even greater impact as we journey from excellence to eminence.

KNUST Alumni are an integral part of this journey. Across Ghana and around the world, members of the KNUST family continue to make meaningful contributions in academia, industry, business, healthcare, public service and many other fields. Your achievements are a reflection of the transformative impact of this University, while your continued connection with your alma mater strengthens the KNUST community and creates opportunities for future generations. Together, we can harness this collective strength, experience, and goodwill to advance the University's mission and carry the KNUST legacy forward.

As we pursue our journey from excellence to eminence, we must deepen this connection and align our collective efforts with the aspirations guided by **our Strategic Plan, Plan2K35**. Our ambition is to build boldly on our achievements, embrace innovation, strengthen partnerships, and expand KNUST's impact in Ghana, Africa, and the world. Fellow alumni, *the legacy is ours to carry, and the future is ours to shape*.

In this journey, my vision is to strengthen the vital triangle of academia, industry, and alumni, creating greater opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, innovation, research, and knowledge exchange. Our Alumni are an invaluable source of experience, expertise and networks, and I believe that your collective strength can help shape the future of KNUST, advance the ambitions of Plan2K35 and create new opportunities for our students and faculty. I count on your continued support, partnership and commitment as we work together to carry the KNUST legacy forward and take our University from excellence to eminence.

I invite all Alumni; home and abroad to remain active partners in the KNUST journey. The legacy we have inherited is significant, but the future before us is even greater. Together, let us build on what has been achieved, embrace new possibilities and carry KNUST confidently from **Excellence to Eminence**.

*Prof. Christian Agyare*

Vice-Chancellor, KNUST





**Dr. Herman Yobo Addae**  
Global Alumni Assoc. President

## TONE FROM THE TOP —●

Fellow Alumni and stakeholders of our great University,

As we step into the celebratory season of **KNUST's 75th Anniversary**, I extend my warmest greetings to you wherever you are across the globe. Seventy-five (75) years of excellence, innovation, leadership, and service is no small milestone. It is a testament to the enduring vision of our founders, the dedication of faculty and staff, and most importantly, the remarkable impact of generations of alumni who continue to shape industries, communities, and nations.

KNUST's story is one of bold ideas translated into practical solutions. From science and technology to business, health, governance, and the creative arts, our alumni remain living ambassadors of the University's motto: **Nyansapo, Wosane no Badwemma**. As we celebrate this legacy, we are also called to reflect on how we can strengthen our bonds, renew our commitments, and inspire the next generation of **'Teknokrats'**.

It is in this spirit that I formally invite you to the **14th Global Alumni Biennial Congress**, scheduled as follows:

Date: **Thursday, 22nd October - Sunday, 25th October 2026**

Venue: **KNUST campus, Kumasi.**

This Congress will be more than a statutory gathering; it will also be a Homecoming, proudly forming part of the University's 75th Anniversary celebrations.

The Congress has been thoughtfully designed to

reconnect us with one another, give back to our university, and look boldly into the future. Key highlights include:

- **Mentorship Engagements:** Experienced alumni from industry will engage freshmen within their departments, faculties, colleges, and halls of residence, sharing real-life experiences, insights, and guidance to inspire academic and professional growth.

- **Congress Opening Ceremony:** A grand gathering of alumni, University leadership, partners, and stakeholders to celebrate KNUST's legacy and reaffirm collective commitment to its future.

- **Business Session:** Strategic deliberations on the affairs of the Association, including accountability and the election of Global Executives to take up the mantle of leadership.

- **Chancellor's Ball:** This shall be the signature evening hosted by the Chancellor, **HRM Otumfo Osei Tutu II**. The evening shall bring together alumni, University Management, and Captains of Industry, strengthening partnerships that support institutional growth. The event will also unite distinguished partners and stakeholders with the key objective of raising funds for the KNUST Alumni Endowment Fund (KAEF) and the University's Season of Giving initiative.

- **Nyansapo Dialogue Series:** Alumni-led panel discussions with students, offering reflections on life on campus and beyond, and passing on lessons drawn from professional and personal journeys.

These and many other thoughtfully curated educative and fun activities are designed to deepen alumni engagement, strengthen intergenerational connections, and reinforce our collective commitment to the future of KNUST. The Congress will conclude with moments of gratitude, reflection, and fellowship, reaffirming our shared responsibility to guide the future of our beloved University.

I encourage every alumnus, local and international, young and seasoned, to **save the date** and make plans to **return home to campus**. Your presence matters. Your story connects. Together, we will celebrate 75 years of impact while shaping the next chapter of the KNUST journey into Global Eminence.

Let us come home. Let us reconnect, and let us build forward, together.

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## 1976 ALUMNI GROUP DONATES 10 COMPUTERS TO KNUST FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The 1976 Alumni Group of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST) has donated 10 computers to the faculty to support digital teaching, learning and skills development.

The donation forms part of the group's commitment to giving back to the faculty 50 years after graduation. The computers are expected to strengthen practical, computer-based learning and support the faculty's plans to establish a Digital Skills Laboratory.



Receiving the computers on behalf of the faculty, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Kabila Abass, assured the alumni that the equipment would be put to good use.

***"We can assure you that we'll put these computers to good use. It's not going to end in anybody's office. We said digital lab, and so it's going to our lab,"*** he stated.

Professor Abass said the faculty plans to consolidate its existing computer laboratories, including the GIC Lab, as part of efforts to establish a larger digital skills facility.

He welcomed additional support from other alumni groups and expressed hope that successive contributions would help the faculty achieve its target of establishing a 200-computer facility.

Representing the 1976 Alumni Group, Ms. Sabina Acquah said the donation was motivated by the

group's belief that alumni have a responsibility to support institutions that contributed to their professional and personal development.

***"We believe that if we had finished at the secondary school level and didn't go any further, we wouldn't be where we are in our careers. It is the university that sets us up for the careers that we eventually end up growing in,"*** she said.

Ms. Acquah said the group decided to support the faculty after recognising that, despite 50 years having passed since their graduation, they had not undertaken a significant project specifically for the faculty.

She stressed the growing importance of digital skills in preparing students for the workplace, saying access to computers would help students develop practical competencies in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

***"You need to be able to practice. Hopefully, with the computers starting, the students will be able to have hands-on skills after they've learned from the classroom to be able to put it to good use,"*** she said.

The Alumni Chair, Dr Bernard Ampong, thanked the group for the donation and encouraged members to remain engaged with the faculty beyond financial and material contributions.

He said the faculty was working to strengthen its alumni database and network to promote sustained engagement, mentorship, knowledge exchange and professional development.

***"We would need you to also come and support us as resource persons. Through that, the young ones will also be inspired. Our objectives go beyond getting something from you,"*** he noted.

Dr Ampong also highlighted opportunities provided by the faculty's computer-based virtual classroom platform, which gives students access to digital teaching and learning resources and supports online assessments and examinations.

***"This is going to be a huge support,"*** he added.

The computers will support digital instruction, assessments, practical workshops and other academic activities for students and lecturers.

The faculty thanked the 1976 Alumni Group for the donation and called on other alumni groups and partners to support efforts to expand its digital infrastructure and strengthen technology-driven teaching, learning and skills development.

## KNUST ALUMNUS THEOPHILUS AMANFO BERCHIE SELECTED FOR COMMONWEALTH YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP



KNUST alumnus and Ghanaian environmental scientist, Theophilus Amanfo Berchie, has been selected for the Commonwealth Young Leaders Fellowship, joining a cohort of 10 young leaders drawn from Commonwealth member states.

Berchie is one of three Fellows selected from Africa and will represent Ghana on the three-month fellowship, which provides a platform for emerging leaders to develop initiatives aimed at addressing development challenges across the Commonwealth.

As part of the fellowship, Berchie will further develop an environmental anomaly-detection and early-warning dashboard designed to identify and monitor environmental changes in real time.

The project will initially focus on detecting the environmental effects of illegal mining in Ghana's Western Region. The proposed platform will integrate relevant data from institutions including the Environmental Protection Authority, Minerals Commission and Water Resources Commission to

monitor changes in water bodies, vegetation, land use and mining activity.

According to Berchie, the system is intended to facilitate the early detection of environmental threats and support faster, evidence-based responses by relevant institutions and stakeholders.

Although currently at the prototype stage, he envisages developing the project into a scalable environmental intelligence platform capable of supporting environmental protection, responsible natural-resource governance and climate resilience in Ghana and, subsequently, other African countries.

The initiative aligns with three United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation; SDG 13 – Climate Action; and SDG 15 – Life on Land.

*"I look forward to learning from other Fellows, engaging with leaders across the Commonwealth and building partnerships that will help transform this vision into a practical solution with lasting impact,"* Berchie said.

*"I am deeply honoured by this opportunity and proud to represent Ghana."*

Berchie is an environmental scientist and Technical Coordinator at the Office of the President of the Republic of Ghana. He also serves on the Governing Board of the Ghana Hydrological Authority and the Board of Directors of Sefwiman Community Bank PLC.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, an LLB and an MPhil in Environmental Science, and is pursuing an LLM in Natural Resources alongside professional legal training.

His work focuses on green energy, climate resilience, environmental sustainability and responsible natural-resource governance, with particular interest in practical and inclusive approaches to addressing environmental and development challenges.

## KNUST ALUMNUS DAVID BOATENG ASANTE REFLECTS ON A JOURNEY SHAPED BY STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Nearly two decades after his time as President of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), David Boateng Asante is reflecting on a student leadership experience that he says laid an important foundation for his subsequent journey in public service, governance and leadership.



David, who served as SRC President in 2006, looks back on his time at KNUST with fondness, describing it as a period of active student advocacy, institutional engagement and opportunities that prepared him for responsibilities beyond the University.

Among the highlights of his administration were the completion of the first phase of the SRC Hostel, the expansion of the Ketewa Biara Nsua (KBN) Fund, which provided financial support to brilliant but needy students, and efforts that contributed to strengthening the campus shuttle system. His administration also acquired a new Coaster bus for the SRC, which was subsequently added to the University's fleet.

Beyond these projects, David considers his exposure to University governance one of the most valuable aspects of his tenure. As SRC President, he served on the University Council and Academic Board,

giving him the opportunity, at a relatively young age, to participate in institutional decision-making and engage directly with senior University leaders.

*"Leadership at the highest level started from there. Boardroom experience started from the University, certainly with the University Council,"* he recalls.

That early exposure would become an important thread in David's professional journey. After graduating in 2007, he went on to become a prominent voice in Ghana's civic and political space, including serving as Lead Convener of the Let My Vote Count Alliance. In 2017, he was appointed Managing Director of the Ghana Publishing Company Limited, where he served for more than seven years and was involved in efforts to modernise and digitalise the organisation.

He also pursued parliamentary ambitions, contesting the New Patriotic Party parliamentary primaries for the Nkawkaw Constituency in 2020 and again ahead of the 2024 general election.

Looking back, David believes KNUST's student leadership environment gave young people the opportunity to develop confidence, practical leadership skills and an understanding of governance at an early stage.

*"Those were brilliant and bright opportunities for young student leaders to sharpen their leadership skills. It prepared us for a smooth take-off to the national level."*

His story is a reminder that the KNUST experience does not end at graduation. For many alumni, the University serves as the starting point for journeys that extend into different sectors of society. David Boateng Asante's transition from student leader to public servant and corporate executive is one such journey, and a reflection of the lasting influence of leadership opportunities at KNUST.

Today, his story remains part of the broader KNUST alumni story: one of learning, leadership, service and impact beyond the classroom.



## **TEK. PROF. EMMANUEL AKOWUAH RECEIVES NATIONAL ICT RECOGNITION FOR ADVANCING DIGITAL SKILLS**

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The KNUST Alumni community is celebrating Prof. Emmanuel Kofi Akowuah, a proud alumnus of the University and Director of the KNUST E-Learning Centre, following his receipt of an ICT Recognition Award at the National ICT Week 2026 Excellence Awards for his Outstanding Contribution to Advancing Digital Skills and Research.

Prof. Akowuah, who graduated from KNUST with a BSc. Electrical and Electronic Engineering in June 2006, has built an impressive career spanning engineering, academic research, digital education and technology-driven innovation. His professional journey has remained closely connected to the advancement of technology in education, particularly in creating opportunities for students and educators to benefit from emerging digital tools and learning platforms.

In his current role as Director of the KNUST E-Learning Centre, Prof. Akowuah has contributed significantly to the University's digital transformation efforts. Under his leadership, the Centre has strengthened technology-enhanced teaching and learning, expanded online and blended learning opportunities,

and supported initiatives aimed at improving the digital competencies of students and staff.

His work reflects a broader commitment to making technology an effective tool for improving access to quality education and strengthening the University's capacity to respond to the changing demands of higher education. Through capacity-building initiatives, innovative learning technologies and strategic collaborations, he continues to contribute to the development of a more digitally equipped academic community.

The National ICT Week 2026 Excellence Award therefore represents more than a recognition of his professional accomplishments; it highlights the impact of his continued efforts to advance digital skills, research and technology-driven learning in Ghana. His contribution also demonstrates how KNUST alumni continue to apply their knowledge and expertise to address emerging challenges and create opportunities in their respective fields.

From his beginnings as a KNUST engineering student to his current role as an academic leader driving digital education, Prof. Emmanuel Akowuah's journey reflects the University's enduring tradition of producing graduates who go on to shape innovation, education and national development. His latest recognition is another proud chapter in that journey.

## **KNUST ALUMNUS DR. BISMARCK DINKO RECEIVES ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

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The KNUST Alumni community is celebrating Dr. Bismarck Dinko, a proud alumnus of the University, following his award of the Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The prestigious fellowship will support his research work in malaria parasite biology and strengthen his international research collaborations.

Dr. Dinko, who studied BSc. Biology at KNUST and completed his degree in 2006, is a researcher in

the Department of Clinical Microbiology, School of Medical Sciences. Under the fellowship, he will undertake recurring research stays at Heidelberg University Hospital in Germany from 2026 to 2028, collaborating with Prof. Dr. Friedrich Frischknecht to investigate how malaria parasites adapt within different human tissues.



The research is expected to contribute to a better understanding of malaria parasite biology and support efforts towards developing new malaria vaccine strategies. Beyond the research itself, the fellowship will provide Dr. Dinko with opportunities to strengthen international collaborations, develop an interdisciplinary research team at KNUST, and enhance research leadership and postgraduate training at the University.

The fellowship is another significant milestone in Dr. Dinko's research journey and highlights the growing contribution of KNUST alumni to scientific discovery and global efforts to address pressing health challenges. His achievement continues to reflect the University's tradition of nurturing researchers whose work creates impact both locally and internationally.

## **KNUST ALUMNUS EBENEZER SASU LAUNCHES HYBRID DRONE-GROUND DELIVERY PLATFORM TO TRANSFORM LOGISTICS IN GHANA**

An alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Mr. Ebenezer Sasu, has launched an innovative hybrid drone-ground delivery platform aimed at improving logistics and on-demand delivery services across Ghana.

Mr. Sasu, an aerospace engineer and entrepreneur, is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Wingxtra Aerospace, a technology company established in 2019 to provide faster, smarter and more reliable delivery services by integrating drones with conventional ground transportation.



The company's hybrid logistics model deploys drones for urgent deliveries and lightweight parcels, while electric bicycles, motorcycles and vans are used for larger consignments or routes where ground transportation is more efficient. The platform automatically determines the most suitable delivery method by considering parcel size, delivery distance, urgency and prevailing traffic conditions.

Wingxtra has also developed an intelligent dispatch and tracking system that continuously analyses



vehicle locations, drone availability and order specifications to identify the most efficient delivery route. The platform enables customers and merchants to monitor deliveries in real time, providing visibility into parcel movement and estimated arrival times.

Beyond logistics, Mr. Sasu continues to advance aerospace innovation. In 2025, he co-founded OrcaDynamics, a company dedicated to designing drones and aerial systems using advanced 3D modelling and printing technologies. The company also supports users in assembling and operating their own aircraft.

Mr. Sasu earned his Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering from KNUST. During his professional career, he served as an intern with the Communications Squadron of the Ghana Air Force before working as an Aerospace Engineer at Proforce, a Nigerian defence manufacturing company specialising in armoured vehicles and aerospace solutions.

## FROM KNUST TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP: HOW EVANS KOFI KUMI IS BUILDING A COCONUT BUSINESS

For KNUST alumnus Evans Kofi Kumi, entrepreneurship began with a simple personal decision: to make a healthier choice.

Concerned about his excessive consumption of fizzy drinks, Evans began exploring healthier alternatives and soon developed an interest in the benefits of coconut. What started as a personal lifestyle change eventually evolved into Coconut Boss, a business he launched at Republic Hall and has since grown beyond the University campus.

Through Coconut Boss, Evans has sought not only to provide an alternative to conventional soft drinks but also to encourage young people to make healthier choices. Over time, he has expanded the business through improved packaging, new product offerings such as Coconut Active with Lime, and distribution

to organisations, supermarkets and other retail outlets.

His entrepreneurial journey has also come with important lessons. Evans identifies waste management, particularly the disposal of coconut shells, as one of the challenges facing the business. He believes there is an opportunity for greater innovation in recycling and finding productive uses for coconut waste. Staffing has also been a challenge, which he partly attributes to the continued preference among many young people for conventional white-collar employment.



Looking back on his experience, Evans encourages young people and student entrepreneurs to remain committed to their goals while learning to manage their time effectively. For him, building a business alongside other responsibilities has been an exercise in discipline, resilience and continuous learning.

Today, the KNUST alumnus is focused on taking Coconut Boss to the next level. His ambition is to build a multimillion-cedi enterprise capable of creating jobs, contributing to Ghana's economy and making a lasting impact within the University community.



Evans' story reflects the entrepreneurial possibilities that can emerge when passion is matched with initiative, and how a simple idea can grow into a meaningful venture long after the KNUST experience.

## **A KNUST ALUMNUS SHAPING MEDICINE THROUGH RESEARCH, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

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KNUST alumnus Prof. Yaw Ampem Amoako has been appointed Medical Director of the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), marking another significant milestone in the career of a medical professional whose work has contributed to healthcare, medical research and training in Ghana.

Prof. Amoako began his academic journey at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where he completed a BSc in Human Biology in 2002. Years later, he has returned to the University as an Associate Professor in the

His career reflects a strong connection between clinical practice, research and medical education. As a Principal Research Scientist at the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR), he has been involved in research and clinical work focused particularly on neglected tropical diseases. His research has covered skin-related neglected tropical diseases, clinical trials, infectious disease outbreaks and the growing burden of non-communicable diseases in tropical settings.

One of his notable contributions has been his involvement in international clinical trials on Buruli ulcer, including studies that contributed to the transition from injectable treatment to fully oral antibiotic regimens. He has also contributed to research on conditions including scabies, podoconiosis, yaws and snakebite envenoming, while supporting responses to disease outbreaks in communities across Ghana.

Beyond research and clinical practice, Prof. Amoako has played an important role in developing the next generation of medical professionals. He has examined undergraduate medical students and mentored resident physicians through the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and the West African College of Physicians. His experience has also seen him engage with national and international institutions, including the World Health Organization and Ghana's Ministry of Health, on disease control and healthcare strategies.

His appointment as Medical Director of KATH therefore represents not only a new chapter in his professional journey but also a reflection of the depth of experience he has accumulated over the years.

From a Human Biology student at KNUST in 2002 to a specialist physician, researcher, academic and now Medical Director of one of Ghana's leading teaching hospitals, Prof. Yaw Ampem Amoako's journey exemplifies the impact of KNUST alumni across Ghana's health sector.

## KNUST ALUMNUS DR. WILLIAM AMPOMAH RECEIVES NEW MEXICO TECH DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD



An alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Dr. William Ampomah, has received the 2026 Distinguished Research Award from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (New Mexico Tech), United States, for his contributions to energy and subsurface engineering research.

Dr. Ampomah, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from KNUST, is an Associate Professor of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, Dean Research Scholar and Section Head of Reservoir Evaluation and Advanced Computational Technologies at New Mexico Tech's Petroleum Recovery Research Center.

The award recognises his work in carbon capture, utilisation and storage, reservoir engineering and subsurface energy systems, as well as his contribution to mentoring the next generation of researchers.

Dr. Ampomah manages a sponsored research portfolio exceeding US\$150 million, including major initiatives supported by the United States Department of Energy.

His research portfolio includes the CarbonSAFE Phase III project, the Four Corners Storage Hub and regional Direct Air Capture initiatives, which seek to translate subsurface science and engineering research into commercial-scale applications.

Dr. Ampomah has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications and technical reports, attracting more than 4,300 citations. His research spans geomechanics, reservoir simulation, hydrogen storage, carbon management and the application of machine learning to energy systems.

He has maintained his academic connection with KNUST and currently serves as a part-time lecturer at the University, contributing his expertise and international research experience to the training of students.

Beyond research, Dr. Ampomah has mentored postdoctoral researchers and graduate and undergraduate students through federally funded projects, helping to prepare scientists and engineers for careers in industry, government and academia.

His expertise also extends to public service and international standard-setting. He serves as a New Mexico Oil Conservation Commissioner, contributing scientific expertise to regulatory decisions on environmental protection and responsible resource development. He also contributes to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) technical committees involved in developing global standards for carbon management.

Speaking at a recent convocation ceremony, Professor Mostafa Hassanalain, Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at New Mexico Tech and a previous recipient of the award, highlighted Dr. Ampomah's contribution to research, leadership and mentorship.

***"Through his groundbreaking research, outstanding leadership, and commitment to mentoring the next generation of scientists and engineers, he exemplifies the spirit of this award,"*** he said.

After completing his undergraduate studies at KNUST, Dr. Ampomah proceeded to New Mexico Tech, where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees in Petroleum Engineering in 2012 and 2016, respectively.

## **KNUST ALUMNUS PROF. JULIUS CAESAR PUOZA ASSUMES OFFICE AS PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR OF SUNYANI TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

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An alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), Ing. Professor Julius Caesar Puoza, has assumed office as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Sunyani Technical University (STU).

Professor Puoza, an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering-Manufacturing, succeeds Professor Evans Zoya Kpamma, who served as Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor from January to August 31, 2026.

His appointment comes as STU marks its 60th anniversary and seeks to strengthen its focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), research and industry-oriented skills development.

Professor Puoza obtained two degrees from KNUST: a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering and a Master of Science in Industrial Mathematics.

He has since built a career spanning more than 13 years in teaching and research, with interests in the tribology of mechanical systems, laser surface texturing, metal machining, mathematical modelling, integrated design and manufacturing, engineering education and sustainable engineering.

He has authored 27 journal publications and supervised more than 65 students at HND, undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Before assuming his new role, Professor Puoza served in several leadership positions at STU, including Dean of Graduate Programmes, Dean and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, and Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He had served as Dean of Graduate Programmes since September 2023 and has been an Associate Professor since January 2023.

His work has also extended beyond teaching and research into practical engineering innovation. He led a team that designed and manufactured an electric elevator lift for existing university buildings, an innovation that contributed to STU winning the Best Innovative Award at the third Applied Research Conference of Technical Universities in Ghana in 2024.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led the fabrication of 50 Veronica bucket stands for STU and has contributed to the development of curricula for Bachelor of Technology programmes in Agricultural Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

Professor Puoza is a Professional Engineer and member of the Ghana Institution of Engineering and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He has also received specialised training in science advice and sustainable energy auditing.

## **KNUST ALUMNUS JESHURUN MARKIN LAUNCHES INSIGHTHUB TO CONNECT VENTURES WITH FUNDING**

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Jeshurun Markin, an alumnus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST), has launched InsightHub, a digital platform designed to connect individuals and organisations with equity investment, debt funding and fundraising opportunities for humanitarian initiatives.



Markin, a software engineer and businessman based in Manhattan, developed the platform from an interest in entrepreneurship and investment that began while he was studying Computer Science at KNUST in 2012.



According to a profile published by TechBullion, Markin began investing his own money in emerging startups while still a student, supporting businesses at different stages of development.

The experience, the publication said, strengthened his interest in helping entrepreneurs gain access to the financial resources needed to develop their businesses and eventually contributed to the creation of InsightHub.

The platform provides a structured system through which entrepreneurs and organisations can seek equity investment and debt financing, while individuals and groups undertaking humanitarian initiatives can raise funds.

InsightHub also incorporates measures intended to promote accountability and transparency in fundraising. These include holding funds in escrow, conducting checks on campaigns and monitoring the use of funds after campaigns. Campaign organisers are also expected to report to contributors on how funds are used.

Markin's background in software engineering and investment informed the development of the platform, which seeks to use technology to connect people and organisations with funding opportunities.

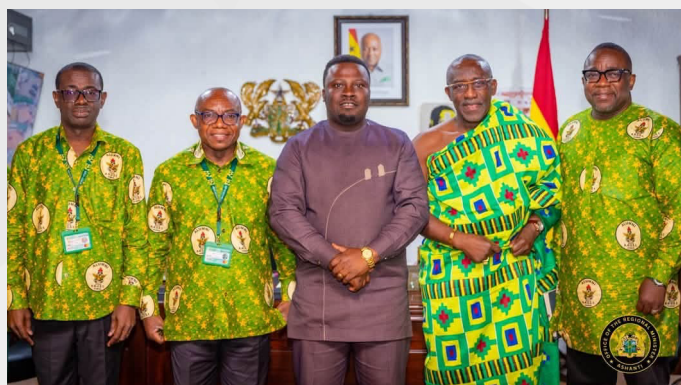
InsightHub is now open to individuals and organisations seeking equity investment, debt

funding or support for humanitarian initiatives.

Markin studied Computer Science at KNUST and began his early investment activities during his time at the University.

## KNUST STRENGTHENS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AHEAD OF 2026 GLOBAL ALUMNI CONGRESS

In preparation for the 2026 KNUST Global Alumni Congress, a delegation from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) paid a courtesy call on the Ashanti Regional Minister, Hon. Frank Amoakohene. The delegation included the Global President of the KNUST Alumni Association, Dr. Herman Yobo Addae; Chairman of the KAEF Board of Trustees, Nana Ansah Sasraku III; Vice Chancellor of KNUST, Prof. Christian Agyare; and Registrar, Mr. Benjamin Boampong Owusu. Their visit provided an opportunity to formally engage the Regional Minister on the upcoming Congress and to extend an invitation to him to participate in the event.



### Building Partnerships Beyond the University

The 2026 KNUST Global Alumni Congress, scheduled to take place in October 2026 on the KNUST campus, is expected to bring together KNUST alumni from Ghana and across the world.

Beyond serving as a platform for reunion and networking, the Congress provides an important opportunity to examine how the University, its alumni, government, industry, and other stakeholders can work together to contribute to national and regional development. The courtesy call therefore went beyond a formal invitation. It represented an effort to strengthen the relationship between the University and the Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council. As KNUST remains an important institution within the Ashanti Region, stronger engagement with regional authorities can create opportunities for collaboration in areas such as education, innovation, entrepreneurship, youth development, research, and community development. The discussions also highlighted the potential for alumni networks to serve as a bridge between the University and wider society. With KNUST alumni occupying influential positions across different sectors, the Alumni Association can play a significant role in mobilizing expertise, resources, partnerships, and opportunities for the benefit of current students, graduates, and the communities in which the University operates.

### **The Akwaaba Cocktail**

As part of the Congress activities, the delegation also extended an invitation to the Ashanti Regional Minister to host the **“Akwaaba Cocktail”** on the arrival day of the Congress. The event is intended to provide a warm welcome to alumni returning to Kumasi from Ghana and around the world. The Akwaaba Cocktail will serve as more than a social gathering. It will provide an opportunity for alumni, University leaders, government representatives, traditional authorities, industry players, and other stakeholders to interact in a relaxed setting. Such engagements are particularly important in strengthening relationships and creating opportunities for future collaboration. For alumni returning to KNUST, the occasion will also represent a symbolic homecoming. Many alumni have spent years building careers and contributing to their respective communities, and the Congress offers them an opportunity to reconnect with the institution that played an important role in their personal and professional development.

### **A Positive Outlook for the Congress**

The engagement with the Regional Minister was described as warm and positive, with fruitful discussions surrounding the upcoming Congress and opportunities to strengthen collaboration in support of the KNUST Alumni community. The positive reception reinforces the importance of early stakeholder engagement in the preparation of a major international event. By involving key regional and institutional stakeholders ahead of the Congress, the organizers can build the partnerships necessary to create a memorable and impactful experience for participants. More importantly, the engagement reflects a broader understanding of the role of alumni associations in university development. Alumni are not simply former students; they represent a valuable network of knowledge, experience, resources, and influence. When effectively mobilized, this network can contribute significantly to the growth and advancement of the University.

### **Looking Ahead**

As preparations continue towards October 2026, the courtesy call marks another important step towards building momentum for the KNUST Global Alumni Congress. The event is expected to provide a platform for reunion, networking, knowledge exchange, and renewed commitment to the development of KNUST. The successful organization of the Congress will ultimately depend on the collective efforts of the University, Alumni Association, government, corporate partners, traditional authorities, and the wider KNUST community. The engagement with the Ashanti Regional Minister demonstrates that these partnerships are already being cultivated.

With continued collaboration and a shared commitment to the advancement of KNUST, the 2026 Global Alumni Congress has the potential to become more than a celebration of the University's alumni. It can serve as a platform for building lasting partnerships and translating the collective strength of the KNUST community into meaningful contributions to the University, the Ashanti Region, and Ghana as a whole.

## **KNUST ALUMNI DAY: STRENGTHENING THE SPIRIT OF “TOGETHER FOR AN EMINENT KNUST”**



The KNUST Campus Revival Chapter, held under the theme “Together for an Eminent KNUST,” brought together alumni, members of the University community, and friends of KNUST to celebrate the institution’s shared legacy while strengthening the bonds that connect the University and its alumni. Held on Wednesday, 12th August 2026, at the College of Science Auditorium, the event provided an important platform for engagement, collaboration, and renewed commitment to the continued development of KNUST.

### **Creating Greater Campus Awareness**

One of the key achievements of the Alumni Day was the increased awareness of alumni activities and the role of the KNUST Alumni Association within the University community. The event created an opportunity to engage students, staff, and other members of the campus community on the importance of maintaining strong alumni connections and contributing to the growth and reputation of the University. The engagement also reinforced the idea that the development of KNUST is a shared responsibility requiring the active participation of alumni, students, staff, and other stakeholders.

### **Strengthening Tek Connect**

The Alumni Day also contributed to the continued progress of Tek Connect, the Association’s alumni communication platform. Through increased engagement and visibility, the initiative continues to provide a channel for highlighting alumni achievements, sharing University and alumni activities, and keeping members connected to the broader KNUST community. The growing emphasis on alumni stories, achievements, and opportunities further positions Tek Connect as an important tool for strengthening communication and sustaining the relationship between the University and its global alumni network.

### **Building Support for the 2026 Global Alumni Congress**

Another significant outcome was the growing campus awareness and support for the 2026 KNUST Global Alumni Congress, scheduled to take place on the KNUST campus in October 2026. The Alumni Day provided an avenue to generate enthusiasm around the upcoming Congress and encourage members of the University community to take an active interest in the landmark gathering. With alumni from Ghana and across the world expected to participate, the Congress presents an opportunity to showcase KNUST’s achievements, strengthen alumni networks, and explore new partnerships in support of the University’s development agenda.

### **A Renewed Commitment to an Eminent KNUST**

Beyond the activities of the day, the Alumni Day reaffirmed the importance of collective action in advancing KNUST. The theme, “Together for an Eminent KNUST,” captured the central message of the engagement: that a stronger University depends on a stronger and more connected alumni community. As preparations continue towards the 2026 Global Alumni Congress, the momentum generated by Alumni Day provides a strong foundation for deeper campus engagement, stronger alumni participation, and greater collaboration towards building an even more eminent KNUST.



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## FROM CAMPUS TO CAREER

The KNUST Alumni community proudly celebrates **Tek. Prof. Christian Agyare, the Vice-Chancellor of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)**, whose remarkable journey from student to the University's highest office reflects a lifelong commitment to excellence, leadership, and service.

A proud alumnus of KNUST, Prof. Agyare obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Pharmacy degrees before earning a Doctor rerum naturalium (Dr. rer. nat.) from the University of Münster, Germany. His academic and research career has taken him to renowned institutions, including the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Novartis/Seeding Labs in Boston, where he contributed to pioneering research in pharmaceutical sciences and infectious diseases.



An internationally acclaimed Professor of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Natural Products, Prof. Agyare has published over 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers, attracted more than US\$11 million in competitive research funding, and earned global recognition for his work in antimicrobial resistance, natural products, wound healing, and drug discovery. His contributions to science have positioned him among Ghana's leading researchers and respected voices in pharmaceutical research.

Beyond his research accomplishments, Prof. Agyare has distinguished himself as an exceptional academic leader. Over the years, he has served KNUST in several strategic capacities, including Head of the Quality Assurance and Planning Unit and Provost of the College of Health Sciences, where he championed institutional reforms, expanded academic programmes, strengthened quality assurance systems, and advanced research, innovation, and international partnerships.

Today, as Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, Prof. Agyare leads the University with a vision centred on academic excellence, innovation, digital transformation, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and global competitiveness. His leadership reflects KNUST's enduring commitment to producing graduates who combine scholarship with service and innovation.

As a proud son of KNUST, Prof. Christian Agyare continues to inspire generations of students and alumni, demonstrating that dedication, integrity, and a passion for excellence can shape institutions and transform lives.

# A GLIMPSE INTO THE CHALLENGES FACING COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS (CMOS) IN THE MODERN ERA

By Dr Doreen Adoma Agyei



On 3 September 2026, a Ghanaian artiste **Twitch** in an interview, dismissed rumors of ever receiving royalties from his music. On 24 June 2026, the renowned Gospel artiste **Grace Ashley** also said that she has not received any royalties for the past 18 years in her music career. Many others including **Stonebwoy, Keche, Noble Nketia** and many others have lamented stating that local royalties are either non-existent or too small to live on, forcing them to rely mostly on live shows and online streaming platforms such as YouTube for royalties. In an interview granted on Joy FM on 3rd June, 2020, hip life artiste **Kwaw Kese** also claimed that his last encounter with GHAMRO nearly ended in fisticuffs, he stated, *“I want the world to know that GHAMRO is not doing anything for musicians...the last time I went there they met me with insults”*. Similarly in December 2025, the Ghanaian musician Fancy Gadam revealed in a pointed social media post that his latest royalty payment came to GH¢123.82. Years of songwriting, studio bills and sleepless nights, he said, and that was what came back. These posts travel fast, and the reaction split roughly in two between people who assumed the worst about whoever pays these things out, and people who simply had no idea how the money is supposed to work in the first place.



The second group is the bigger one, and this paper is for them.

Every time a song plays on the radio, a film airs on television, or a book is photocopied in a school, someone is using someone else's creative work, and the creator is entitled to be paid royalties under copyright.

No individual musician can personally track every radio play or hotel lobby across the country. That gap is what a Collective Management Organisation, or CMO, exists to fill. A CMO is a licensed intermediary that collects money from users on behalf of many rightsholders at once and pays it back out. Rightsholders, meaning the authors, composers, performers, producers or publishers who own or control rights in a work, authorise the CMO to act for them. A CMO does not own the copyright it administers; it is an authorised agent and not a substitute owner.

The legal basis is section 49 of the Copyright Act, 2005 (Act 690). It lets authors, producers, performers and publishers form *“collective administration societies”* to promote and protect their interests, and provides that such a society may, acting on the authority of the rightsholder, collect and distribute royalties.

No one may operate a collective administration society without the Minister for Justice's written approval and doing so without it is a criminal offence. Three CMOs currently hold that approval, Ghana Music Rights Organisation (GHAMRO), for musical works, sound recordings and performers' rights; the Audiovisual Rights Society of Ghana (ARSOG), for



producers, authors and performers of film and television content; and CopyGhana, for literary rightsholders and reprographic rights.

Because of the enshrined constitutional right of freedom of association, a right owner who wish to be represented by a CMO needs to join the appropriate CMO to become a member. In other words, membership is not automatic or by compulsion, it is by a right owner's own volition.

CMO's can only manage rights that have been assigned specifically to them. Right owner, therefore, collectively assignment some specific rights to the CMO before it empowers them to manage and exercise those rights collectively on behalf of the right owners.

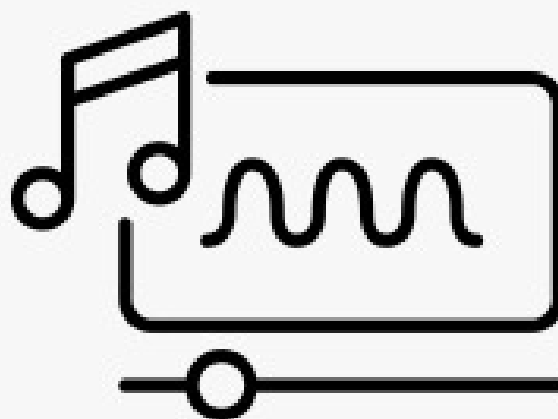


attribution, teaching and research, and reporting current events; a school photocopying a chapter for class may fall within the teaching exception, though the line between permitted copying and infringement can be thin. A business does not owe money simply because copyrighted material happens to be playing somewhere on its premises as it depends on the use.

Going back to Fancy Gadam's story, the framework shows its age and it must become instructive rather than merely dramatic. GHAMRO's explanation was essentially jurisdictional: Ghanaian law recognises rights in both a composition and its sound recording, but the CMO apparatus built around Act 690 mainly administers the former. A song streaming on Spotify, Apple Music or Boomplay generates a larger **"master"** royalty negotiated directly between labels, distributors and platforms, largely outside that collective-licensing system; GHAMRO's much smaller publishing share was, on its own account, most of what Fancy Gadam was ever going to see. L.I. 2469 shows Parliament can update the Regulations for new technology, but only at the margins. Stonebwoy made the consequence plain at the Africa Prosperity



Functionally, a CMO negotiates, monitors how members' works are used, issues licences, collects fees (royalties), keeps a register of members and repertoire, and distributes what it collects, after deducting its own administrative costs, according to usage. The law requires proper accounts, an annual audit, an annual report, and access for the Copyright Office to inspect the records. These are statutory duties and when it comes to who has to pay money to the CMOs, broadly speaking, anyone using protected music, audiovisual or literary works commercially or publicly needs a licence, unless a statutory exception applies. As an exception, the Act carves out purely private use, brief quotation with





Dialogues in February 2026: streaming does not pay much for artists in Ghana, he said, because most of it stays with ***“the platform owners and those who own the distribution.”***

None of this makes a CMO the owner of anyone’s creativity, or a licence to charge for anything under the sun. It is a statutory mechanism for a genuinely difficult enforcement problem because creators cannot chase every use of their work themselves, so the law lets them chase it collectively instead, through bodies that are supposed to answer for what they collect. Whether that mechanism, built mostly for radio and public performance, is still doing right by a generation of Ghanaian musicians who now live by streaming numbers is a fair question. Fancy Gadam’s GH¢123.82 suggests it is one worth asking again. In the interim, artist may want to not rely solely on performance royalties administered by GHAMRO but should also empower themselves through the many other copyright bundle of rights by focusing on owning their master recordings, negotiating better distribution deals, registering copyright properly and timely, understanding publishing rights separately from recording rights, and also diversifying revenue streams through concerts, endorsements, merchandising and licensing.

## HOMOWO FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING GA HERITAGE, RESILIENCE AND CREATIVITY

Every year, the Greater Accra Region comes alive with colour, music, traditional ceremonies and artistic expression as the Ga people celebrate the Homowo Festival meaning “hooting at hunger”. Homowo is one of Ghana’s important traditional festivals and commemorates the triumph of the Ga people over famine. Today, the festival has evolved beyond its traditional rites to become a celebration of identity, community, creativity and the enduring spirit of the Ga people.



### Hooting at Hunger

The name Homowo is derived from the Ga words “homo,” meaning hunger, and “wo,” meaning hoot. The festival therefore represents the people’s victory over hunger and hardship. The celebration is rooted in the historical memory of famine and the subsequent abundance that followed. The story of Homowo continues to carry an important message for contemporary society: difficult circumstances can be overcome through resilience, unity and collective effort.

### Kpokpoi and Traditional Rites

A major feature of Homowo is the preparation and sprinkling of kpokpoi, a traditional maize-based meal. The ceremony forms an important part of the traditional observances and serves as a reminder of the community’s history and relationship with its ancestors. The festival is also marked by traditional rites, processions, drumming, dancing, durbars and gatherings involving chiefs, elders, families and community members. These activities provide an opportunity for younger generations to connect with and appreciate their cultural heritage.



## Chale Wote: Where Tradition Meets Contemporary Art

The Homowo season has also become closely associated with contemporary cultural expressions such as the Chale Wote Street Art Festival in Jamestown, Accra. Chale Wote brings together artists, musicians, performers, designers and audiences in a vibrant celebration of African creativity. The festival transforms streets and public spaces in Jamestown into platforms for murals, installations, performances, fashion, photography and other forms of artistic expression. Its inclusion in the broader cultural calendar around Homowo demonstrates how Ghanaian traditions can coexist with contemporary forms of storytelling and artistic innovation.



### Preserving Ga Identity

Homowo remains an important vehicle for transmitting Ga language, food, music, traditions and values from one generation to another. At the same time, contemporary events such as Chale Wote demonstrate that cultural preservation does not necessarily mean remaining static. Heritage can be reinterpreted through art, fashion, music and creative expression while retaining its historical foundation.

## A Celebration of Unity and Creativity

Beyond the festivities, Homowo provides an opportunity for families and communities to reconnect, settle differences and celebrate their shared identity. The participation of visitors from across Ghana and beyond has also helped position the festival and its surrounding cultural activities as important attractions within Accra's tourism landscape.



### Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future

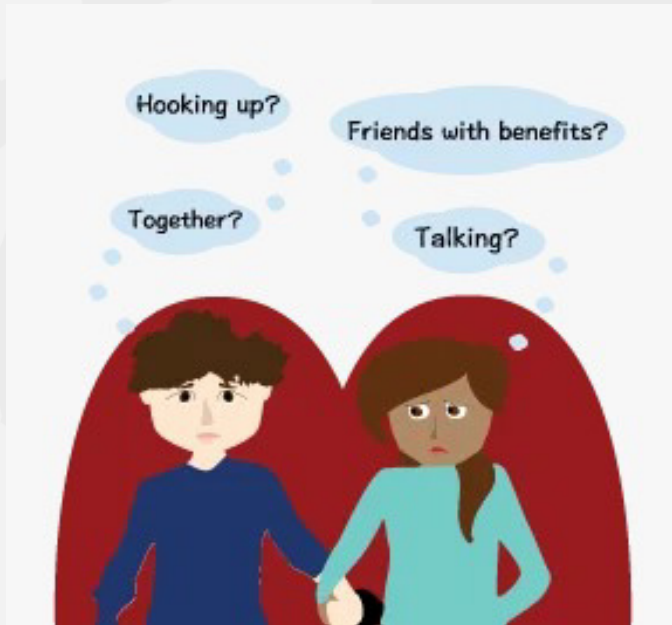
Homowo is ultimately a celebration of resilience. Its story of overcoming hunger remains relevant in a world that continues to face social and economic challenges. The combination of traditional Homowo celebrations and contemporary cultural expressions such as Chale Wote demonstrates the dynamism of Ga culture. From the sprinkling of kpokpoi to the colourful streets of Jamestown, the Homowo season tells a story of survival, identity, creativity and community—a reminder that culture is not only something inherited from the past, but something continually created for the future.

## THE HOOKUP CULTURE: ARE WE TRADING INTIMACY FOR INSTANT GRATIFICATION?

For many young people today, relationships can seem increasingly disposable. Dating apps and social media have made it easier than ever to meet someone, develop a physical connection and walk away



without the expectations that traditionally come with dating. For some, hookup culture represents freedom, exploration and personal choice. However, beneath the excitement of casual intimacy lies a question worth asking: are we gaining temporary pleasure at the expense of something deeper?



### The Illusion of Connection

One of the paradoxes of hookup culture is that physical intimacy can create the feeling of connection without necessarily creating a meaningful relationship. Two people can share a private moment and yet remain complete strangers emotionally. The problem often begins when expectations change. One person may view the encounter as casual while the other begins developing genuine feelings. What was supposed to be “just fun” can quickly become a source of anxiety, disappointment, jealousy and heartbreak. For both men and women, repeatedly seeking physical intimacy without emotional connection may eventually leave a sense of emptiness. The experience may provide temporary satisfaction, but it does not necessarily provide companionship, trust or the security that many people ultimately desire.

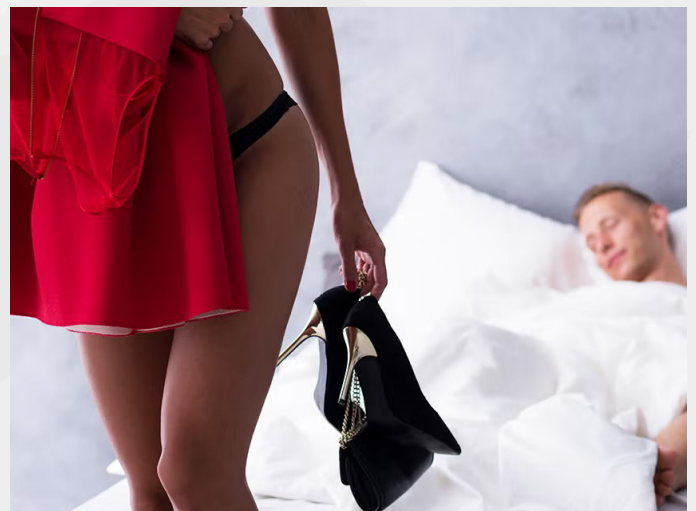
### The Pressure to Keep Up

Hookup culture can also create an unhealthy competition around sexual experience. Some men feel pressured to prove their masculinity by having

multiple partners, while some women may feel pressure to appear sexually desirable or maintain a particular image among their peers. Social media can make this pressure even stronger. When people constantly see carefully presented versions of other people's dating and sexual lives, it can create the impression that everyone else is having more exciting experiences. The result can be a search for validation rather than genuine fulfillment. But sexual experience should never be a competition, and a person's worth should not be determined by the number of people they have been intimate with.

### Risks Beyond the Bedroom

The consequences of casual sex are not limited to emotions. Multiple sexual partners can increase exposure to sexually transmitted infections, while inadequate contraception can result in unintended pregnancies. Alcohol and other substances can further complicate situations by impairing judgment and making communication about boundaries and consent more difficult. There are also personal-safety concerns, particularly when people meet strangers through dating platforms or social media. Knowing someone online does not necessarily mean knowing them in real life.



### Men Are Affected Too

There is sometimes an assumption that men are naturally comfortable with casual sex and therefore suffer fewer emotional consequences. This stereotype can be misleading. Men can experience attachment,



rejection, loneliness, regret and emotional vulnerability just as women can. However, social expectations may discourage men from admitting these feelings. A man who becomes emotionally attached after a casual encounter may feel embarrassed to acknowledge it because he believes he is expected to “keep it casual.”



### Women Are Not Simply Victims Either

Similarly, women should not be portrayed as passive participants who are inevitably harmed by hookup culture. Women are capable of making informed choices about their sexuality and enjoying consensual relationships without necessarily experiencing negative consequences. The important issue is not whether a person is male or female. It is whether the individual understands their own boundaries, expectations, emotional needs and the potential consequences of their choices.

### What Are We Really Looking For?

Perhaps the most important question is not whether hookups are morally right or wrong, but what people are actually seeking from them. Is it pleasure? Companionship? Validation? Escape from loneliness? Curiosity? Or perhaps simply the desire to feel wanted? There is nothing wrong with wanting intimacy. But when temporary physical encounters become a substitute for emotional connection, self-worth or meaningful relationships, they can leave people searching for something that physical intimacy alone cannot provide.



### Freedom Requires Responsibility

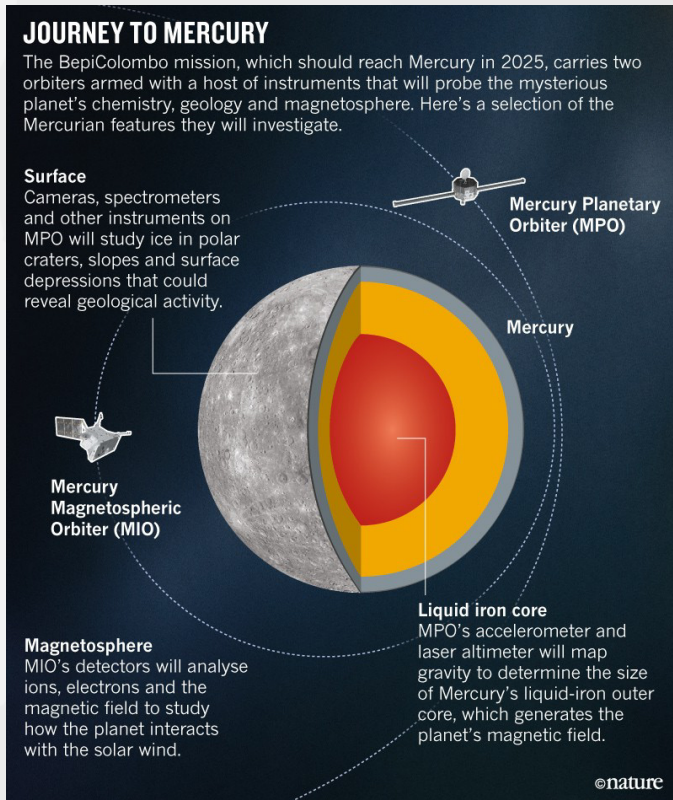
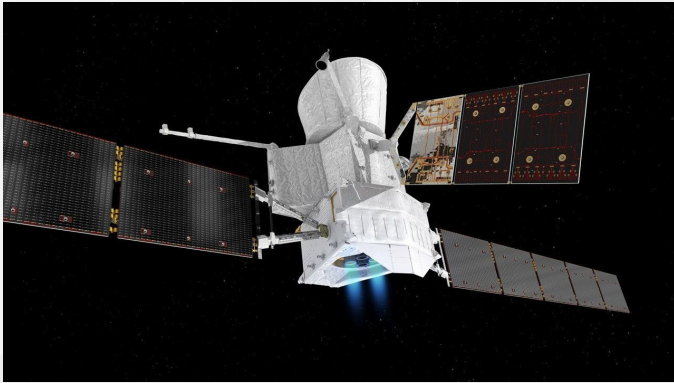
Hookup culture is not disappearing, nor should society respond to it simply by judging or shaming those who participate. Instead, young people need honest conversations about sex, consent, emotional wellbeing, contraception, sexual health and healthy relationships. Casual intimacy may be a personal choice, but every choice has consequences. The challenge, therefore, is not to tell people whom to love or how to live. It is to encourage them to pause before they swipe, meet or hook up and ask themselves one simple question: “Is this really what I want—or am I simply looking for something deeper in the wrong place?”



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|              | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       | 2025       |
| <b>Ghana</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|              | 6.2        | 6.5        | 0.5        | 5.4        | 3.8        | 3.1        | 5.7        | 6.0        |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service (latest data available August 2026)

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|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Ghana   | (Interest Rate) | (Interest Rate) |               |                 |
|         | 4.8050%         | 6.6831%         | 5.0%          | 14.00           |

Source: Bank of Ghana (latest data available August 2026)

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| Currency      | Buy      | Sell     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
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| <b>CHFGHS</b> | 14.1061  | 14.1177  |
| <b>AUDGHS</b> | 8.2381   | 8.2463   |
| <b>CADGHS</b> | 8.2821   | 8.2895   |
| <b>EURGHS</b> | 13.2716  | 13.2826  |
| <b>CNYGHS</b> | 1.7010   | 1.7026   |
| <b>GHSNGN</b> | 115.6594 | 115.7846 |

Source: Bank of Ghana, Daily Interbank FX Rates — August 2026

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