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## April Session Congregation: UEW Graduates 865 Students



The University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has graduated a total of 865 students at its April Session Congregation held at the Asante Mampong, Kumasi and Winneba Campuses of the University.

On Tuesday, 23rd April, 2019, a total of 160 students from the Faculties of Agricultural Education and, Science and Environment Education were graduated with various certificates or degrees at Asante Mampong



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A female student at Asante Mampong Campus all smiles as she receives her certificate

This was followed by a total of 396 students who graduated from the Faculties of Technical Education, Education and Communication Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies also with various certificates and degrees from Kumasi Campus on Wednesday, 24th April, 2019.



A cross-section of convocation members and graduands at the Kumasi Campus

309 students graduated with various certificates and degrees from the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and the School of Graduate Studies at Winneba Campus on Friday, 26th April, 2019.



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni called for Government's intervention in giving UEW more financial clearance to enable the University employ more qualified professionals to help augment its aging and inadequate human resource, especially in teaching.

"We are challenged attracting high caliber lectureship appointments beyond master's qualifications. A three-year (2016-2018) human resource audit showed that 73% (n = 72) assistant lecturers dominated our recruitments at UEW. Urgent action is therefore needed to achieve the University's vision to be an internationally reputable institution for teacher education and research," the Vice-Chancellor said.



Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah giving his address

The Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah remarked that "quite recently fifteen Colleges of Education have been given in affiliation to the University of Education, Winneba in mentorship, continuous professional development, infrastructural development and in governance".

Prof. Abakah added that the number of colleges given to UEW in affiliation was the highest given to any public University in Ghana. He therefore, urged the institution to continue positioning itself for greater responsibilities and newer strategies in governance for the years ahead.



Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education, Prof. Kwesi Yankah addressing attendees

The Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education, Prof. Kwesi Yankah challenged graduands to strive to pursue honesty, sincerity, hard work, commitment, determination, dedication and ideals that would make them successful in life and make UEW and Ghana proud as well.

Prof. Yankah entreated the UEW alumni to play a constructive role in assisting peace making and reconciliation efforts. "Let the alumni avoid the temptation of instigating an inner rebellion, or stoking the flames. Alumni have played a great role in building this University. Let them avoid the temptation of bringing down the great edifice they have built with their own sweat."



A cross-section of dignitaries who graced the occasion



Prof. Kwesi Yankah flanked by Prof. Afful Broni, Prof. E.N. Abakah and Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.



Students from the Department of Theatre Arts, Winneba Campus entertaining guests in a cultural display

#### UEW Launches 2019-2023 Corporate Strategic Plan at COLTEK



Principal Officers of UEW supporting the Deputy Minister to unveil the CSP

The University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has launched its fourth 5-year (2019-2023) Corporate Strategic Plan (CSP) that would facilitate the successful execution of its core mandate as the foremost teacher training university in Ghana.

The 73-page document, launched at the Kumasi campus of the University on April 24, 2019 captures the University's plan under seven crucial themes with respective clear-cut objectives and strategies.

The themes are Research and Innovation; Excellent Academic Standards in Teaching and Learning; Pragmatic and Purposeful Administrative System; Community, National, Regional and International Partnerships for Development; Enhanced Access, Equity and Inclusion; Proactive Quality Assurance System and Financial Sustainability and Accountability.

Launching it, the Deputy Minister of Education (General Education) and Member of Parliament for Bosomtwe Constituency of the Ashanti Region, Honourable Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum challenged UEW to implement the content of the plan as a dynamic document that requires refinement and retooling along the way to its five-year lifespan.

Honourable Dr. Adutwum encouraged the University to include Tracer Studies as one of its key objectives so it could effectively follow-up on graduates from UEW. While commending UEW profusely for its commitment to its core mandate, the Deputy Minister reminded it that UEW must be achieving the height

of transforming education in Ghana otherwise, it would be failing.

"Step up and take your rightful position in the education space so that not even the Ministry of Education could make a decision on education without first consulting you," he said and added that the importance of education to the future development of Ghana could not be overly emphasized.



MP for Bosomtwe and Deputy Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum launching the CSP

"Investing heavily in infrastructure like roads is important but the future development of this country is largely dependent on the kind of education we are offering to our young ones now," he said further. UEW, he stressed, must be in the forefront to campaign for a change of the current approach to teaching etched deep in chewing, pouring, passing and forgetting.

He called for support from staff for the current Management of the University saying, "you have a great future with Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni leading as vour Vice-Chancellor."

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Afful-Broni traced the history of the development of Corporate Strategic Plans (CSPs) in UEW and announced happily that each of the previous three CSP's, having unique focuses, had adequately addressed exigencies of their times and helped keep UEW on track to achieve its core mandate to remain competitive and relevant



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni addressing the gathering

He commended the 12-member Strategic Plan Development Committee (SPDC) highly for the yeoman's work they did to culminate in the workable document that would guide the development of UEW for the next five years.

The Chairman of the Governing Council of UEW, Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah described the launching of the fourth CSP as a historic moment in the life of UEW.



UEW Governing Council Chairman Prof. Emmanuel Abakah and Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum in a happy tete-a-tete

In his view, developing and committing to implementing a CSP was so important since it safeguards institutions against reactive tendencies and their attendant costs. He therefore appealed to all relevant stakeholders to embrace and be strictly guided by the provisions of the CSP in all they did in and for the University.



Some staff of COLTEK in a group photograph with UEW Council Members and the High Table

The SPDC had as its Chairman, Prof. Samuel Hayford, Dean, Faculty of Education Studies, and as Members – Prof. S. Y. Annor, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Education; Prof. Martin Amoah, Dean, Faculty of Vocational Education; Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang, Dean, Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and Communication and Prof. (Mrs.) Salome Essuman, Department of Educational Administration and Management.



Enchanting cultural display by the Asante Students Union of COLTEK

The others were Dr. Eric Daniel Ananga, Snr. Lecturer, Department of Social Studies Education; Mr. B. B. Chirani, Acting Finance Officer; Mr. Isaac Oduro Marfo, Acting Internal Auditor; Mr. Jerry Addison Anyan, Deputy Registrar, Dept. of Publishing and Web Development; Mr. Shadrack Nketiah, Accountant, IDeL; Mr. Godwill Andoh-Mensah, Internal Audit, COLTEK and Mr. Prince Asiedu, Acting Planning Officer, and Secretary to the Committee.



Nana Tuffour (under umbrella) and his elders in a group photograph with the high table





Cross section of Attendees

## MPs, CEOs, others speak at COLTEK GRASAG Entrepreneurship Seminar



Some Dignatories at the Seminar

The College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) played host to two Members of Parliament (MPs) and the Chief Executive Officer of the National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Plan (NEIP). They were at the College at the invitation of the COLTEK branch of the Graduate Students' Association of Ghana (GRASAG) as the principal speakers for the Association's two-day Entrepreneurship Seminar.



Students at the Seminar

The MPs were Honourable Dr. Samuel K. Nuamah, Kwadaso Constituency and Honourable Mr. Daniel Okyem Aboagye, Bantama Constituency. They together with the CEO of NEIP, Lawyer John Kuma took turns to drum home the need for students to take entrepreneurship very seriously for their individual and national development.

Mr. Kuma indicated that out of about 90,000 students that graduate from the various universities in Ghana every year, only five per cent were lucky to be absorbed into the public sector.

He said, the situation presented a very serious challenge to the country but added that there was hope because a good number of graduates and other Ghanaian youth were adopting and adapting to the need to go into entrepreneurship for growth.

He pointed to the willingness and readiness of government to support entrepreneurs and small and medium scale business operators and therefore urged the students to take advantage of the enabling environment to create new jobs



MP for Bantama making a point at the seminar

Mr. Aboagye conceded that there were various challenges in the Ghanaian system and asked the students to see same as opportunities for them to find solutions. In his view, entrepreneurship should be seen as a preparation of a solution to a problem at a cost with margin.

"Therefore, the abounding challenges of the country must spur the youth on to be innovative and create new things for our common good as a country," he said. He narrated his humble beginnings when starting life and how the key principles of entrepreneurship (competence, commitment, time and cash) caused him to break grounds and become successful.

Dr. Nuamah also emphasised the need for the students to maintain positive thoughts. That in his view would lead them to create new things or improve upon what we already have as a country.



Dr. Samuel Nuamah, MP for Kwadaso Constituency addressing the students

Chairing the seminar, the Vice Dean of Student Affairs at COLTEK, Dr. Philip Oti-Agyen emphasised the need for Ghanaian youth to look at entrepreneurship as a major way out of the doldrums of unemployment. He asked the students to see the seminar as an opportunity to stir up a desire to venture into businesses to improve the employment situation in the country.

Other speakers at the seminar were the Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Education (FVE), Prof. Martin Amoah and an International Speaker on Entrepreneurship, Mr. Patrick Ayittah as well as the Lecturer and Coordinator of Entrepreneurship at COLTEK, Mrs. Richmell Baaba Amanama who made a presentation on Entrepreneurship on the first day of the seminar.



Mrs. Richmell Baaba Amanama making a presentation

GRASAG organised the seminar with various objectives, including a desire to know how to manage and sustain a business in Ghana; understand the Ghanaian business environment and the opportunities and threats it presents;

; how students would discover and utilise their life potentials and cope with life after school







In attendance were some COLTEK staff, including the College Registrar, Mr. Michael K. Adu and the Deputy Registrar and Head, Department of University Relations, Mr. Michael K. Twum-Ampomah, some Senior Members (teaching and non-teaching), Senior and Junior staff as well as students.

#### Level 300 Students of COLTEK Prepare for Industrial Attachment



A day's orientation has been organised for level 300 students at the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) as part of preparations to embark on compulsory industrial attachment upon completion of the second semester examinations in June 2019.

Each of the students is required to do a minimum of six weeks supervised industrial attachment which is one of the key requirements for graduating from the University.

The College's Industrial Liaison Office (ILO), which organised the orientation, underscored the shifting paradigm in tertiary education training from theories to practical experience gathering to brighten students' chances of job placement upon graduation



A student asking a question at the orientation while his colleagues look on

The Head, ILO, Mr. Donald Asiedu said COLTEK had deliberately designed its curriculum to include an appreciable time for industrial attachment so that students could practically equip themselves to take advantage of the limited opportunities on the job market.

He added that the orientation was therefore organized to prepare the students to approach the industrial attachment with the deserved seriousness.

Speaking on the topic "Arrangements for Industrial Attachment", a Lecturer at COLTEK, Mr. Walter Banuenumah encouraged the students to endeavour to find well equipped and established

organisations for the attachment so that they could really learn and make their efforts worthwhile.



Mr. Walter Banuanumah speaking to the students

Stressing that each of them must return from the attachment period with new skills otherwise the opportunity would have been wasted, he assured them that the College had made every necessary arrangement to enable them to have a smooth-sailing attachment experience.

A Senior Lecturer at COLTEK, Dr. Humphrey Danso, who spoke on the topic "Importance of Industrial Attachment and Assessment of Industrial Attachment", exposed the students to potential opportunities and challenges they might encounter while on attachment



Dr. Humphrey Danso addressing the students

For the opportunities, he pointed to the attaché picking life-skills including communication skills, interpersonal skills and teamwork; practical skills; opportunity to explore areas of individual interest(s); igniting of creativity, motivation and entrepreneurship; greater exposure and employment opportunities available.

While amplifying the potential for some of them to end up in organisations where there could be huge workloads or less as common challenges, he advised them to quickly adapt to such situations so they could commit to learning enough before returning to school.

Other speakers at the orientation were Senior Assistant Registrar and Head, Department of Academic Affairs, COLTEK, Mr. Charles Baba Campion and Vice-Dean of Student Affairs, COLTEK, Dr. Philip Oti-Agyen.



Vice Dean of Student Affairs at COLTEK and Chairman of the Orientation, Dr. Philip Oti-Agyen (right) and Mr. Walter Banuanumah (in smock)



Mr. Charles Baba Campion was the guest speaker at the orientation



Students listening during one of the presentations

#### Division of Publications and Communication Welcomes Mr. Asafo-Adjei



Deputy Registrar, Division of Publications and Communication, Mr. Asafo-Adjei

The Division of Publications and Communication has today, Monday, 8th April, 2019, held a meeting to officially introduce and welcome the Deputy Registrar of the Division, Mr. Kofi Asafo-Adjei.

The meeting, which took place at the Registrar's Conference Room, North Campus, Winneba, also created the avenue for staff of the Division to familiarise themselves with the Deputy Registrar.

Mr. Asafo-Adjei, formerly the College Registrar for Asante-Mampong, was transferred to head the Division of Publications and Communication during the last Registrar's transfer in February, 2018. Mr. Asafo-Adjei was on an annual leave at the time, as a result, the Head, Department of Publishing and Web Development, Mr. Jerry Addison Anyan held the fort for the period.

Mr. Anyan, who chaired the meeting, recounted the experiences of Mr. Asafo-Adjei in the University.



Chairman for the meeting, Mr. Jerry Addison Anyan

Mr. Asafo-Adjei in his address to members of staff said that the Division constituted the front desk of the University and as such stressed the need to support each other to project a positive image for the University.

"Publishing is about content. Communication reflects who you are. Let us bear in mind that perfection is not a human attribute therefore, as a Division we need to collaborate and support each other in our field of work so that we can achieve our core mandate," he said.





Among the Senior Members present at the meeting were the Webmaster, Mr. Jojoe Annan and the Manager, Radio Windy Bay, Mr. Jones Appiah Kubi. Also present were staff and National Service Personnel of the Division.



Staff and National Service Personnel of the Division in attendance

#### **COLTEK Management calls on Tanosohene and Elders**



Nana Krobia Asante Tuffour (middle) his Benkumhene, Nana Kwadwo Yeboah (Left) and Nana Appiah Kubi, Akwamuhene

The Acting Principal, Professor Frederick K. Sarfo and other management staff of the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) have paid a courtesy call on Nana Krobia Asante Tuffour, Chief of Tanoso (near Kumasi) and his elders in a move to strengthen ties with the Tanoso Taditional Authority on whose lands COLTEK is sited.

The March 26, 2019 visit also provided the opportunity for Prof. Sarfo to introduce himself officially as the Acting Head of the College to the chief and his elders.

Prof. Sarfo in a brief statement stressed the invaluable benefits that could accrue to both UEW and the Traditional Authority if the two entities could further strengthen their bonds. "UEW has enjoyed peaceful existence on your land for decades now but we believe that we can do more together to bring mutual benefit and growth to this community," Prof. Sarfo suggested.

He took advantage of the occasion to appeal to Nana Tuffour to caution his subjects against encroachment on the lands of COLTEK. He expressed grave concern about the activities of the encroachers and explained that such behaviours, if not halted immediately, could stifle the future development and expansion of the College.



On his part, Nana Tuffour thanked Prof. Sarfo and the Management of COLTEK for the visit. He expressed happiness at the request from the University for stronger relations and said he and his elders were ready to collaborate with UEW. Nana Tuffour suggested a partnership between the University and the Authority to enable the Authority and other Stakeholders construct facilities on the University Campus on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

The Chief requested the Management of COLTEK to report any encroachers of the College's lands to him for swift action. The College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu, commended Nana Tuffour for his interest in the growth of the College.



The Head of University Relations Department at COLTEK, Mr. Michael K. Twum-Ampomah (standing) introducing the Acting Principal and the team from COLTEK to the Tanosohene

The management staff who accompanied Prof. Sarfo to the Tanoso Palace were the College Registrar, Mr. Michael K. Adu; Dean of Faculty of Vocational Education (FVE), Prof. Martin Amoah; Head of College Finance, Mr. Geoffrey Mensah, College Librarian, Mr. Seth Katsekpor and the Deputy Registrar and Head of the University Relations, Mr. Michael

Kofi Twum-Ampomah.

The Tanoso Elders present at the meeting included Nana Appiah Kubi, Akwamuhene; Nana Kwadwo Yeboah, Benkumhene; and some linguists – Nananom Kwame Afrane, Kwaku Agyemang, Akwasi Sekyere and Adu.



Prof. Sarfo (in smock) making a point during the meeting



The College Librarian, Mr. Seth Katsekpor in a hand shake with an Elder of Tanoso



Prof. Sarfo and the other COLTEK Management Members in a hearty chat

### Department of Early Childhood Education Holds Exhibition of Instructional Materials



The Department of Early Childhood Education (ECE) has held an Exhibition of Instructional Materials developed by level 300 students at the Faculty Block, North Campus, Winneba.

The exhibition sought to highlight the accurate use of instructional materials in teaching concepts that are difficult to be understood by early grade pupils. It also aimed at drawing attention to improvisation of instructional materials on the part of the teacher when he or she finds him or herself in areas where Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) were difficult to find and use.



From Left to Right: Dr. Samuel Oppong-Frimpong, Prof. Samuel Hayford, Prof. Yaw Ameyaw

The Head, Department of Early Childhood Education, Dr. Samuel Oppong-Frimpong reiterated that the exhibition was being held to showcase to people who care about education what the students had done, to appreciate the fact that TLM is a reality,

and something that student-teachers should be taught to do. He added that as part of requirements for the level 300 course in Material Development, students were taught to develop TLMs which helps to facilitate teaching and learning processes.

The Director, Quality Assurance, Prof. Yaw Ameyaw, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, congratulated the students for developing TLMs. He urged them to carry the good practice to the classrooms for the betterment of the early grade pupils. "Teaching without TLMs is no teaching. If you need to teach very well, then, the need for the improvisation of TLMs is very crucial," he said.

The Dean, Faculty of Educational Studies, Prof. Samuel Hayford, expressed amazement at the wonderful works the students had done. He applauded them for their tireless efforts to come out with such creative materials.

Dr. Oppong-Frimpong took the guests round to inspect the TLM stands of the students where the students took time to explain the materials and their uses. In all there were about 12 student groups who mounted stands. Some of the TLMs exhibited included types of houses, places in the community, children's park, religious buildings, health centres, fishing community, sources of water, means of transportation and football arena.





Samples of the TLM's



The level 300 ECE students presented a citation to their lecturer and coordinator for Instructional Material Development, Mrs. Justina Adu for her motherly love and care shown to them throughout their studies.

Also present at the exhibition was the Head, Department of Publishing and Web Development, Mr. Jerry Addison Anyan, officials from Ghana Education Service, Basic Schools, students of the University and National Service personnel of the Department.



A group photography of participants



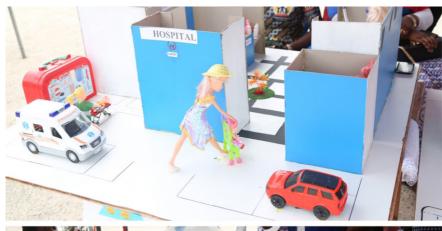




















#### **COLTEK SRC Donates to the College**



The Students' Representative Council (SRC) at the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has donated six mobile Public Address (PA) Systems and 20 large size litter bins to the College. The donation of PA Systems and litter bins worth a total of GH12,000.00 was SRC's contribution towards effective teaching and learning in a clean environment.



College Registrar, Mr. Michael K. Adu (second right) and other Senior Members arriving for the official presentation of the Litter Bins



Receiving the items, the Ag. Principal of COLTEK, Prof. Frederick Kwaku Sarfo described the gesture as timely, thoughtful and praiseworthy. He said COLTEK Management was aware of how challenging it had been for the SRC Executives during the 2018/2019 academic year.

He therefore, commended them highly for being able to team up with Management to navigate around the various challenges that arose and succeeding in preventing potential students' unrests and their likely attendant destruction to property and life on campus. He assured them that the PA Systems would be duly mounted in the classrooms and their security and proper maintenance ensured.

COLTEK SRC Executives at the presentation of the PA Systems

Presenting the PA Systems, the SRC President, Mr. Charles Amartey Tagoe explained that the SRC Executives had observed the inadequacy of PA Systems in the College which impacted adversely on teaching and learning and decided among others to address the challenge.

"It is our expectation that these PA Systems would be mounted in some of the large lecture rooms on campus to address the challenge of lecturers, sometimes, having to shout, making their voices hoarse during lectures in order to be audible enough to the large number of students that usually throng some of the lecture rooms on campus," he said.



Acting Principal of COLTEK (right) addressing the SRC Executives after the handing over of the items

He was thankful to Management and staff of the College for the support and collaboration extended to them for a successful tenure and hoped that their successors would be accorded same support.

Present at the ceremony were the College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu; Deputy Registrar and Head of the University Relations, Mr. Michael Kofi Twum-Ampomah; Head of College Finance, Mr. Geoffrey Mensah; College Librarian, Mr. Seth A. Katsekpor; Senior Estate Officer, Mr. Osei Yaw Baffour Akoto, Head, Department of Academic Affairs, Dr. Charles Baba Campion and the Vice Dean of Student Affairs at COLTEK, Dr Philip OtiAgyen.



(L-R) College Registrar, Mr Michael K. Adu; Head of Academic Affairs, Mr Charles B. Campion and Head of College Finance, Mr. Geoffrey Mensah gracing the presentation

## UEW Expands Infrastructure for Staff and Students Well-being



The newly commissioned Clothing Production Unit

Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has cut sod for the construction of a Food Court (eatery) and has also commissioned two projects all at the University's North Campus in Winneba. The two projects commissioned were Clothing Production Unit Block and Food Production Unit Restaurant.

This is in fulfillment of Management's dedication to improve infrastructure and provide a serene environment for efficient academic work as well as a conducive place of eating for the well-being of staff and students.

The 170 capacity eatery will have ten stalls, snack shop, service yard, stationery shop, outdoor eating space and two storage spaces. The project is being funded with Internally Generated Funds (IGF) at the cost of GH¢ 1,044,078.87. It is expected to be completed in six months from the date of commencement.

The Clothing Production Unit will offer sewing and embroidery services for the production of items such as academic gowns, choir robes, corporate uniforms, classic shirts, African wear, among others, to the University Community and the general public. The Unit consists of two offices for the Coordinator and Administrator, common room for workers, fitting and store rooms, sewing, cutting, ironing/pressing and embroidery sections.

The Food Production Unit Restaurant has a seating capacity of 150, well-furnished and with a relaxing atmosphere at the ground floor. It also has a VVIP section and a storage facility on the first floor of the restaurant. They serve a variety of local and continental dishes like pizzas, sea foods, salads, beef food, sandwiches, potato chips, pastries and drinks.



A part of the VVIP section of the Food Production Unit



Honourable Kwamena Duncan, the Central Regional Minister, who was the Special Guest of Honour commended the Management of UEW for the giant step taken to improve on the welfare of staff and students. He encouraged the senior members and staff of the University to continue supporting the Vice-Chancellor and his team to ensure that there is absolute calm on the Winneba Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni was delighted that some of the dreams of management for the University were coming fruition



The Vice-Chancellor inspecting a parade at the ceremony



Among the University staff present were the Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Kagya-Agyemang; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; Ag. Finance Officer, Mr. Bruno Chirani; University Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alexander Edwards; University Librarian,

Mr. Viscount Buer; Ag. Director, Physical Works and Development, Arc. Kwame Danso; Deans, Heads of Department, other staff and the Student Leadership.



Central Regional Minister (5th from right) and the Vice-Chancellor in a pose with University officials, staff and well wishers



### Scholarship Beneficiaries Spurred on to make Benefactors Proud



Scholarship Beneficiaries and staff from the Gender Directorate during the interaction

29 beneficiaries of the Pent Scholarship and Vodafone Ghana Foundation Scholarship from the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) have been spurred on to make worthy profits of the scholarships and to focus on their books to make themselves and the benefactors proud.

This advice was given at the Registrar's Conference Room, North Campus, Winneba during an interaction session organised by the Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, UEW.

The purpose of the meeting was to interact with the beneficiaries concerning the successes and challenges faced since they obtained the scholarship and to encourage the beneficiaries to study hard and further their studies after their first degree.



The interaction also saw lecturers from various Departments of UEW sharing their personal life experiences with the beneficiaries.

A lecturer at the Centre for African Studies, Dr. Richard Agyapong exhorted the beneficiaries to be confident in their ability to excel in their academics and give out their best to achieve greater heights. The Head, Department of Social Studies Education, Dr. Lucy Effeh Attom, enlightened the students on the need to identify their strengths and weaknesses.

"Identifying your strengths and weaknesses will help you to know the times that are favourable for your studies so that you can use the time available to you judiciously". She hinted.

Ms. Jacqueline Ogoe from the Department of Home Economics Education advised them to prioritise healthy habits and lifestyles that will make them healthy for their studies in order to continue enjoying the scholarships.







The speakers (from L-R); Dr. Richard Agyapong, Ms. Jacqueline Ogoe and Dr. Lucy Fffeh Attom

The Head, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, Ms. Eva Annan and the beneficiaries expressed sincere gratitude to the benefactors for the support, recounting the tremendous help that the scholarships had offered them in their pursuit of higher education.

The Vodafone Ghana Foundation Scholarship gives female students who have good academic grades but financially constrained the opportunity to study Science, Information Communication and Technology (ICT), and Mathematics courses whereas, the Pent Scholarship gives both male and female students with good academic grades but low financial or economic resources the opportunity to study Business, ICT, Science and Humanities courses.

Also present at the meeting was an Administrator at the Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, Ms. Ophelia Brakatu; Mr. Prince Marfo Owusu and Ms. Priscilla Dadey both National Service Persons at the Directorate.

## "Grant us very Handsome Financial Clearance", UEW Appeals to Government



Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni

The Governing Council of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has appealed to government to grant the University "a very handsome financial clearance" so it can augment its teaching and non-teaching staff strength for the effective and efficient delivery of its mandate.

The appeal follows additional responsibility that the government has recently given UEW by affiliating 15 Colleges of Education to the University to mentor and help in their continuous professional and infrastructural development and governance.

Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah, who made the appeal as part of his address at the Second Session of the 23rd Congregation of UEW at the Kumasi Campus of the University on April 24, 2019, said with

much joy and appreciation that the number of colleges given to UEW in affiliation was the highest given to any public University in Ghana.

In his view, such a feat was worth celebrating since it greatly consolidates UEW's position as the leading institution of higher education with the sole mandate to train competent teachers in the country. He, therefore, thanked the Ministry of Education (MoE), and for that matter, the Government for its continued support for UEW but added that more responsibility urgently calls for an increase in staff strength.

In that regard, he appealed to Government to consider the increased workload of the University and grant it financial clearance to urgently improve the staff strength of the University.

"We are calling on Government to grant the University a very handsome financial clearance for us to augment our teaching and non-teaching staff strength to position us strongly and help effectively mentor these affiliated institutions," he said.

The Colleges affiliated to UEW are the Ada College of Education; Akatsi College of Education; Akropong College of Education; Bagabaga College of Education, Tamale; Bia Lamplighter College of Education; Komenda College of Education; Mampong Technical College of Education, Ashanti Mampong and Methodist College of Education, Akim Asene.

The others are NJ Ahmadiya College of Education, Wa; Presby College of Education, Aburi; Presby Women's College of Education, Agogo; SDA College of Education, Asokore-Koforidua; St. John Bosco College of Education, Navrongo; St. Louis College of Education, Kumasi and Wiawso College of Education, Sefwi Wiawso.

A total of 396 students graduated from COLTEK and were awarded Diploma in Education and post graduate degrees – Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); Master of Philosophy (MPhil); Master of Business Administration (MBA); Master of Technology (MTech) and Master of Arts (MA).

Forty-eight (48) of the total number of the graduands received post graduate degrees



Some graduands at the 23rd Congregation



Some cultural dancers during a colorful display at the ceremony



A section of convocation members

### Retired staff of COLTEK Donates Books to College



Representatives of COLTEK in a group photograph with Mr. Archie-Taylor after the presentation of the books

A retired Senior Assistant Registrar (SAR) of the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK), University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Mr. Archie Kelly Taylor has donated boxes of academic and Christian religious books to the College. This adds to an earlier collection of English books he donated to the College, four years ago.

The donation, made with a view to promoting reading and moral uprightness among staff and students of the College, was also to honour the memory of his late wife, Mrs. Margaret E. Taylor, who was a retired Senior Lecturer and a former Dean of the Faculty of Education and Communication Sciences (FECS) at COLTEK

At the presentation ceremony in Kumasi, Mr. Taylor spoke passionately about the need for students of the College to value the opportunity of undergoing training in a reputable university like UEW.



Mr. Kelly Archie Taylor, benefactor and retired staff of COLTEK

"Our students must be studious, conscientious and hardworking so they can come out of school as well-groomed graduates who are useful to society," the Septuagenarian advised.

Turning attention to staff on attitude of work, at the University Mr. Taylor said he could confidently tout the fact that he had paid his due to UEW, having served the University for over a decade before his eventual retirement in the year 2010. He stressed, "What is important now is for those of you still working here to give off dedicated service so that the University would continue to grow."

The Deputy Registrar and Head of University Relations Department at COLTEK, Mr. Michael Kofi Twum-Ampomah, who received the books on behalf of COLTEK, was highly appreciative of Mr. Taylor's gesture.

He said it was gratifying to know that even in retirement, Mr. Taylor still thought highly of the College as to make him mobilise resources to help COLTEK maintain a steady growth. He assured the donor that the books would be placed in the College's Library for easy access to all who might have need of any of the books

Also present at the presentation ceremony were the College Librarian, Mr. Seth Katsekpor; Head of Human Resource Department, Mr. Richard K. Mprah and Head of Operations, Mr. Thomas Korang. Mr. Taylor, who was an Acting Director of the erstwhile Kumasi Advanced Technical Teachers' College (KATTC), joined UEW in January, 1996 as an Assistant Registrar and rose to the position of an SAR in the year 2000.





#### "Focus More on Good Things Happening at UEW" – Chairman of Governing Council Appeals to Media



Chairman of Council and the Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Kagya-Agyeman

Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah has made a passionate appeal to all media organisations in the country to demonstrate commitment towards the peace and development of UEW by projecting the many good things happening in the University.

Oftentimes, he noted that the media concentrate on news items that are slanted to give UEW bad publicity and by so doing, paint the University black in the eyes and minds of the good people of Ghana and abroad.

Nonetheless, "a lot of positive things have been happening across the constituent campuses of the University," he drew attention of the media as he addressed the Second Session of the 23rd Congregation of UEW in the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK)

on April24, 2019.

Prof. Abakah mentioned the launch of UEW's five-year (2019-2023) Corporate Strategic Plan that was planned for the afternoon of same day, as an example of a good happening and accordingly invited the media to provide coverage and widely publish it.



Principal of COLTEK, Prof. Frederick K. Sarfo

He then assured the public of the University's commitment to quality service hinged on skilled human resource, accountability, fairness and timely service delivery.

A total of 396 students, representing the least number in many years to graduate from COLTEK, were awarded Diploma in Education and post graduate degrees – Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); Master of Philosophy (MPhil); Master of Business Administration (MBA); Master of Technology (MTech) and Master of Arts (MA). Forty-eight (48) of the total number of the graduands received post graduate degrees.



One of the COLTEK graduands in a handshake with Dean, School of Graduate Studies (Winneba Campus), Prof. George Kankam



Ascribing reasons for the relatively smaller number of graduands for the April 24, 2019 congregation, the Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni said UEW had created flexibility and innovation in its graduation periods, and announced that another graduation session would take place in July, 2019, for the first time in the history of the University.

"This arrangement will reduce the huge numbers which we have had to deal with at a time. It will also allow your colleagues, mostly those on the regular stream, who would have completed their studies in May, to graduate early instead of waiting till November, as previously done", he explained.

The Vice Chancellor said with enthusiasm the improving international collaborations that UEW was either strengthening and/or establishing; major strides the University is making in the area of Corporate Social Responsibility, improving infrastructure on all constituent campuses; staff development and training, among others.



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful Broni

While commending the graduands for all efforts they had to put in to achieve the feat of graduating, Rev. Fr. Prof. Afful-Broni reminded them that the world of work might not be as smooth as they might wish.

"Note that there are so many other graduates out there who are also seeking the same non-existing employments," he said and therefore encouraged them to venture in job creation, having gained enough exposure to the rudiments of entrepreneurship as part of their training at UEW



Convocation members in procession



#### **UEW Commissions 103-Seater Modern ICT Laboratory**



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Friday, 3rd May, 2019 commissioned a 103-seater modern Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Laboratory at the Faculty of Educational Studies Block, North Campus, Winneba.

This adds up to the existing ICT centre at the South Campus of the University and also serves as a source of great relief to UEW students who otherwise would have travelled on a daily basis to the University's South Campus for ICT lessons. The GH 500,000 ICT centre will also enhance teaching and learning as well as intensify research and academic work on campus.



University staff and invitees inspecting the facility

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni expressed excitement towards the realisation of one of Management's key dreams for UEW to be a centre of excellence and the first class Teacher Education University in Ghana.

He affirmed that UEW has the largest number of students, with over 69,000 students, in Ghana thus, the need to expand its ICT infrastructure for effective academic work



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni addressing the media and invited quests

The Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq., who gave the purpose of the gathering, said "we are here this morning to officially commission the second ICT centre in Winneba and outdoor it so that the trumpeting of student centeredness in the administration of Rev. Fr. Prof. Afful-Broni would be manifested.

"We are living our dreams and getting there gradually. I want to assure all of you that this is going to be a kick-off to improve upon the infrastructure in terms of ICT. I therefore, implore all of you to give us your maximum cooperation."



Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq during the purpose of the gathering



The event, spiced with beautiful renditions by the Department of Music Education saw the presence of the Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Kagya-Agyemang; Ag. Finance Officer, Mr. Bruno Chirani; University Librarian, Mr. Viscount B. Buer; Director of Development, Arc. Kwame K. Danso; University Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alexander Edwards; Deans, Heads of Department, other staff and Student Leadership.





#### Eleven New York University Students Visit UEW



Eleven undergraduate and graduate students from New York University (NYU) under the leadership of Dr. Carol Anne Spreen, Associate Professor of International Education, at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development have paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of UEW, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful Broni.

The visit is as a result of a collaborative agreement between the Ghanaian Institute for the Future of Teaching and Education (GIFTED) Project (UEW) New York University (NYU), University of Minnesota (UMN), and Mujeres por Africa. The group, together with the Head, Department of Basic Education, Dr.

Sakina Acquah and the Examinations Officer, Department of Home Economics Education, Mrs. Priscilla Adjei who are the Co-Principal Investigators of the project in UEW and six fellows of the GIFTED had a brief discussion with the Vice-Chancellor.

The GIFTED Project began in June 2013. It is a partnership among UEW, NYU, UMN, and Mujeres por Africa with sponsorship from Banco Santander and Newman's Own Foundation. Its mission is to strengthen the leadership capacity and the visibility of women in education as leaders within the Ghanaian education system

#### Ajumako SRC Donates to the College



Principal, Professor Ephraim Avea Nsoh, receiving the items on behalf of the College. Looking on (right) is the College Registrar, Mrs. Wilhelmina Tete-Mensah

The 2018/2019 Students' Representative Council of the College of Languages Education, Ajumako Campus of the University of Education Winneba (UEW) has donated radio equipment to the College. This donation is in support of the College's quest to establish a Campus Radio Station at the Ajumako Campus. This is also part of Management's efforts to connect all four UEW campuses via their stations in order to boost teaching and learning.

The items donated included a 500watt Transmitter, a Desktop computer, Mixer and Amplifier, four sets of Studio Micro Phone and Stands Presenting the equipment, the outgone SRC President, Mr. Etsey Katamani explained that his administration had from the onset of his leadership promised to support the establishment of a campus radio to aid teaching and learning. He added that, it was their expectation that Management would provide the needed infrastructure to get the Campus Radio Station operational.

Receiving the items on behalf of the College, the Principal, Professor Ephraim Avea Nsoh described the gesture as remarkable and said the donation was a testimony of the good leadership during their tenure of office. Professor Avea Nsoh commended the SRC executives for their

collaboration with Management to fulfill the promise to support the establishment of the station

He assured the students that Management was going to satisfy its part of the deal by providing the necessary infrastructure to get the radio station running. He called for more of such support from other students leaders as he described them as partners in the development of the University. He also announced that the College welcomes any such support as it prepared to complete the Faculty Block Building.

The College Registrar, Mrs. Wilhelmina Tete-Mensah in a brief comment thanked

the SRC executives for the donation. She explained that a Campus Radio for the College of Languages Education would aid teaching and learning and the dissemination of information on Campus. The Vice-Dean of Students Affairs, Mr. Kwasi Adomako, also expressed joy at the gesture. He added that such an achievement by the SRC needed to be commended as well as celebrated. He pledged his continuous support towards students' welfare at the College.

Present at the ceremony were the Head of Operations, Mr. Ben Duadze, Head of Academic Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Kutorglo, Mr. Francis Tsatsu Owulah and Mr. John Afriyie Mensah, Acting Head of Works and Maintenance.





#### Eight UEW Students Visit University of Hamburg



Eight graduate students from the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) are visiting the University of Hamburg (UH) as part of collaborative arrangement between the Department of Psychology & Education, UEW and the Faculty of Education of UH. The students were drawn from the Centre for Human Rights, Conflict & Peace Studies, Departments of History, Political Science, Arts, English, Wood Technology (Kumasi Campus) as well as Psychology & Education.

The two-week visit scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019 will afford the graduate students an opportunity to collaborate with students of UH to discuss and implement a collaborative research project that will span one academic year. In March 2020, these collaborators from UH will also visit UEW where they will finalize their project reports and engage in other academic activities

Paying a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful Broni, the students expressed their appreciation to the Management of the University for creating the opportunity for them to benefit from this exchange. They were particularly grateful to the Vice-Chancellor for his vision of internationalizing UEW, for which this collaboration stands as evidence. They pledged to return to campus after the programme and share their experiences for the benefit of the wider student community.

Speaking at the meeting, Dr. Dandy George Dampson, Head of Psychology & Education Department briefed the Vice-Chancellor on the collaboration with UH, highlighting other potential opportunities that await students and faculty of UEW. He intimated that, whiles the Department of Psychology & Education is the implementing partner of the collaboration with UH, it has been generous to extend this exchange opportunity to students outside of the department, a gesture that ought to be acknowledged and appreciated. He was grateful to the Management of UEW for its commitment to providing the best opportunities for student learning and professional development of staff.

For his part, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the graduate students for their nomination and urged them to be great ambassadors of UEW in Hamburg. He stressed the need for them to envisage greater opportunities to follow this first visit, and resolve to return to Ghana when the programme ends. He encouraged them to stay focused on their assignments in Hamburg, eschewing needless social activities that could

hamper the purpose for which they have been invited.

It will be recalled that in March 2019, UEW signed a memorandum of understanding with UH to collaborate in areas of student and faculty exchange, and research collaboration. A team of faculty has since visited University of Hamburg with exciting news of even more opportunities for greater collaboration.

# UEW Hosts Israeli Ambassador to Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone



Her Excellency, Shani Cooper

The University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>June, 2019, hosted the Israeli Ambassador to Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone, Her Excellency (H. E.) Shani Cooper and a four member delegation from Project TEN at the Council Chamber, North Campus, UEW.

H. E. Shani Cooper's visit to UEW is the first to any university in Ghana since her

appointment as an Ambassador to the three West African nations.

Project TEN has been involved for some time now with school pupils in the Effutu Municipality aimed at teaching critical social skills such as team work, creativity, decision making and leadership skills among others outside the normal school setting. This is to help nurture an

independent and proactive generation that will impact the 21st century in amazing ways. Project TEN which is an Israeli Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) therefore sought the involvement of the ambassador to lead them to UEW, the hub of educational research in West Africa to explore the possibility of collaboration as a complement to their efforts in the community.

Project TEN seeks to promote the social resilience of disadvantaged communities around the world, with the help of young volunteers from Israel and from the Jewish Diaspora. This includes partnership with local institutions to feed off the spirit of universal Jewish values

The Project also intends to provide an effective solution in requisite areas in accordance with project capabilities in the target communities, influence an expanding circle of beneficiaries separately from intervention, develop activities with high sustainability potential for operation by local parties in the target communities, and implement the programmes in the target communities.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Project TEN, Shay Lazer is looking forward to creating meaningful and sustainable long term partnership with UEW in order to strengthen relations between Ghana and Israel. "We do not want to be an island; we want to be with the Continent, all, Concept, Municipality and the University. We want to create, share, help and learn." The Israeli Ambassador disclosed a number of cooperations her outfit has had with UEW. "We have cooperation with the University of Education, Winneba in training, academic relations, direct

relations between universities and in establishing here a very firm and stable programme between the two entities."



CEO of Project TEN, Shay Lazer

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni recounted some of the recent achievements of the UEW. "Your Excellency, the University of Education, Winneba in a very recent ranking table (by UniRank) has consistently and even now placed number three again; we come only after the University of Ghana, Legon and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. This University is the largest populated in the whole country; we have over 69,500 students. We have four campuses in Kumasi, Ajumako, Mampong and here. We also have 40 study centres gathered around the whole country."



The delegation and UEW officials during the visit

Among the University Officials present were the Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Kagya-Agyemang; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; University Librarian, Mr. Viscount Buer; Ag. Finance Officer, Mr. Bruno Chirani; Ag. Director, Physical Works and Development, Arc. Kwame Danso; Dean, Centre for International Programmes (CIP), Prof. Yaw Sekyi-Baidoo; and Senior Assistant Registrar, CIP, Mr. Andy Agordah. Other members of the delegation were the Director, MASHAN Celt, Dana Chocron; Director, Project TEN, Winneba, Jessica Scheimberg; and CEO Parallel Integration, Winneba, Augustine Bow



Delegation receiving UEW Souvenirs from Dean, CIP, Prof. Yaw Sekyi-Baidoo

#### **UEW, LISAG Collaborate**



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni in an interaction with LISAG members

Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has on Thursday, 30th May, 2019 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAG) at the Council Chamber, North Campus, UEW.

The agreement is intended to establish and strengthen scholarly, academic and professional links between the two institutions in the areas of consultancy, research, multidisciplinary industrial training and promotion of scholarship to enrich the human resource base of the respective institutions

Areas of the cooperation include assistance in identification and selection of potential graduate trainees and interns from the Department of Geography Education, UEW for LISAG members across the country; acceptance and provision of practical training for Geography students at the facilities of LISAG; joint-evaluation of graduates, interns' and students' performances by LISAG and Department of Geography Education during training

attachments; and designing short courses or practical training programmes for the members of LISAG to upgrade the manpower requirements of LISAG.

Among the University Officials present were the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Education, Dr. Seth P. Frimpong; Head, Department of Geography Education, Dr. Esther Danso-Wiredu; Deputy Registrar, Academic Affairs, Mr. Collins Owusu-Ansah; Deputy Registrar, Affiliations, Mrs. Hagar Bampoh-Addo; Lecturer, Department of Geography Education, Prof. Isaac Boateng; and Senior Assistant Registrar, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Emmanuel A. Birikorang.



LISAG representatives included the President, Mr. Kwame Tenadu Snr.; Patron, Mr. R. K. Esua-Mensah; Executive Director, Mr. G. K. Asamoah; Dr. Ing. Yaw Poku-Gyamfi; Stephen Asiedu; Anthony Ackah; Dr. E. M. Osei Jnr.; and Mr. T. S. Acquah.





UEW and LISAG in a pose after a successful meeting

#### **AES Supports Department of Economics Education**



The 2018/19 executives of the Association of Economics Students (AES) have donated items worth GH 7,000.00 to the Department of Economics Education. The items include three public address systems, two table top fridges, a podium, a set of jerseys, a football, five office chairs, backdrop for the association, six microphones and six pairs of microphone batteries

This took place on Wednesday at the Faculty of Social Sciences Education (FSSE) Block, North Campus, Winneba. The Ag. Head, Department of Economics Education, Dr. Ishmael Y. Dadson encouraged the incoming executives to emulate the warm-hearted act of their predecessors and acknowledged the importance of associations in every community. He urged patrons as well as lecturers to take keen interest in the activities of the Association and use funds generated judiciously.

The substantive patron and lecturer, Mr. Nicholas K. Essah commended the outgoing executives for the good work done. He, however, advised the incoming executives and all student leaders to follow such good example and organise projects that would go a long way to promote the larger interest of the general student body.

The President, AES, Mr. Daniel Oppong, revealed that the project was funded with the association's dues paid by the students. He encouraged other students to pay their dues regularly and on time for the benefit of the association in which they find themselves in.

The other executives are the Vice-President, Helena Siripi; General Secretary, Gladys Egyir; Deputy Secretary, Simon Atule; Organising Secretary, Joshua Tete Asare; Financial Secretary, Emmanuella Ocran; Treasurer, Daniel Obah; Public Relations Officer (PRO), Okrah Domfe; and Welfare. Shadrack Kontoh.

Also present were lecturers, Department of Economics Education, Dr. Theophilus Richardson; and Dr. Anselm Komla Abotsi; and Senior Departmental Assistant, Madam Elizabeth Essiaw.



