Launching a World-Class Engineering Program
On October 3rd, 2015, Ashesi celebrated the launch of our new engineering program with a commitment to gender balance. Friends from around the world helped us complete the $6.12M campaign to finish the engineering building on time and on budget. The curriculum’s emphasis on design, entrepreneurship, problem solving and leadership will prepare graduates to create innovative solutions to Africa’s challenges and foster continent-wide growth.

Ashesi President Named MacArthur Fellow
Patrick Awuah was named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow for his work in higher education in Ghana. The MacArthur Fellows Program awards unrestricted fellowships to talented individuals who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction. Since founding Ashesi in 2002, Patrick has quickly developed a reputation as an entrepreneur building a new model for higher education in Ghana.

Expanding Student Housing on Campus
In August, we completed construction of our newest student dormitory, growing our campus housing capacity to 336 students. In December, we raised $500,000 to construct an additional dorm - unlocking a $1M matching gift from The MasterCard Foundation. This new dorm will provide a fully immersive Ashesi experience to 96 additional students per year - supporting the transformation of students’ ethics and attitudes, and fostering community in our diverse student body.

Our Most Diverse Class Yet
Ashesi’s Class of 2019 is the most geographically diverse yet, as international students comprise 26% of the Class. Students from 18 African nations call Ashesi home. Represented countries include Benin, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
Scholarships Hit a Record High

Thanks to remarkable support from donors and partners, a record 55% of students now receive scholarships. Ashesi scholarships provide a life-changing education to high performing students who do not have access to the funds they need to attend college. 29% of students pay nothing at all for tuition, room & board or textbooks.

Health Center Campaign Completed

The Natembea Foundation generously funded the construction of Ashesi’s new health center on campus. Featuring nursing offices, consultation rooms, a pharmacy and advanced lab equipment, the center will increase our capacity to provide volunteer counseling and HIV testing, and allow physicians to visit campus.

Highlighted for Green Consciousness

Ashesi was named one of seven African universities that are “environmental shining stars” by Mail & Guardian Africa. Ashesi’s campus is built to make the most of natural resources - roofs harvest rainwater, a bio-digester recycles waste and buildings offer natural sunlight. We have embraced environmental best practices to create an inspiring learning base for students to live and collaborate.

Celebrating our 11th Graduating Class

In June, 116 members of the Class of 2015 received degrees in Business Administration, Computer Science and Management Information Systems. The Class of 2015 represents a new generation of Ashesi alumni, as it becomes the first in Ashesi’s history to have spent its entire four-year academic period on our new campus in Berekuso.

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