# 2018 Year in Review









### A Major Milestone: Reaching 1,000 Students

Our student body is larger than ever, with over 1,000 students coming from 20+ African nations and a wide range of religious, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds.

## Presidential Charter Recognizes Ashesi's Impact

Ashesi became the youngest private university in Ghana's history to receive a charter, which grants the university independence as a degree-granting institution. The charter is a recognition of Ashesi's strength and impact on higher education in Ghana.

#### **Expanding Our Campus**

Five new buildings were completed on campus including the student center, dubbed The Hive, and the Sports Center, which offer new spaces for community engagement and activity. A new 96-bed student dormitory enabled a record 77% of freshman to live on campus, while the Research & Learning Lab and The Garage provide additional classrooms, labs, and office space.











#### Increasing Access to Education

In 2018, 485 students were able to attend Ashesi because of scholarships. Thanks to generous donor and partner support, 48% of students received scholarships and 28% received full support for their room, board, and tuition.

## Strengthening Our Ethical Culture

91% of the Ashesi community—including faculty and support staff—voted in favor of a Social Honor Code and will hold one another responsible for doing the right thing, in and out of the classroom. "We cannot achieve (a perfect society)," said Patrick Awuah. "But if we reach for it, then we can achieve excellence."







### Hosting the 2nd Annual Education Collaborative

With a vision of African universities leading the continent's renaissance, Ashesi is reaching out to colleagues in higher education to build an idea-sharing platform. At the Education Collaborative, university leaders can come together to harness best practices in teaching and administration; this year 28 individuals from 17 different institutions participated.



## Alumni Recognized through Global Awards

Derick Omari '18 received the Queen's Leaders Award from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his work in spreading IT-literacy across rural Ghana (pictured right).

The UNICEF Innovation Fund granted \$100,000 to NubianVR, a startup founded by Ashesi alumni Jonathan Dotse '13 and Kabiru Seidu '14. With UNICEF's support, NubianVR will develop virtual reality education content for Ghanaian schools.

Kofi Genfi '16 made the Forbes Africa 30 Under 30 list for his work in developing artificial intelligence and mobile money payments through his startup, Cyst.

#### GCIC Celebrates 1st Anniversary

In its first year of operations, the Ghana Climate Innovation Center (GCIC) awarded \$124,900 in grants to green businesses and mentored 30+ entrepreneurs whose projects range from water purification to bamboo bicycles.



### **Maintaining Excellent Outcomes for Students**

96% of our most recent graduates gained jobs, entered graduate school, or started businesses within 6 months of completing their national service. Summer intern employers also provided glowing feedback: 95% rated students as having excellent technological skills.



These achievements would not have been possible without the support of Ashesi's donors, partners, and advocates. Thank you for being part of our global community.

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