ASHESI AT A GLANCE

In 2002, when Patrick Awuah, Ashesi’s Ghanaian founder, chose to leave his successful US software career and return home, he founded Ashesi to address Africa’s biggest roadblocks to progress: the need for ethical leadership and innovative thinking.

Today, Ashesi has grown to over 1,300 students and is recognized as one of Africa’s top universities. Yet our founding mission remains the same: To educate a new generation of ethical and entrepreneurial leaders in Africa, and to cultivate within our students the critical thinking skills, the concern for others, and the courage it will take to transform their continent.

A unique curriculum, with proven results
• A rigorous liberal arts core fosters critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills.
• Cutting-edge programs in Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and MIS prepare students to innovate in their fields.
• Leadership seminars, community service projects, and a rigorous honor code foster ethics.
• Real-world experience and an emphasis on design thinking challenge students to create innovative solutions to Africa’s needs.

Our 1,600+ graduates work for progress in Africa
• On average, 90% of Ashesi alumni receive job offers, enter graduate school, or launch a business within six months of starting their search.
• Over 300 recruiting partners help graduates receive quality job offers. Employers include General Electric, The World Bank, Google, Oxfam America, IBM, Nestle, USAID, Unilever, and Microsoft.

Transforming the lives of women and students from poor families
• 47% of students are women.
• 43% of students receive scholarships.

Fostering diversity and harmony
Our 1,339 students from 24 African nations have diverse economic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

Global partners fund scholarships and innovation
With the help of our global partners, we plan to broaden our impact by serving more students, investing in faculty development and research, and scaling Ashesi’s model. We invite you to partner with us and help amplify a new generation of African leadership.

“Africa will be transformed under the leadership of bright young Africans who are educated in Africa, taught to think critically, to question, to solve problems and above all, to care.

I founded Ashesi to be the spark of a revitalized Africa. Ashesi is a catalyst for new enterprises and new solutions, and offers a new model for other universities in Africa.”

PATRICK AWUAH, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, ASHESI UNIVERSITY