By 2030, Africa’s workforce is expected to expand by more than the rest of the world’s combined, and it will be home to more than a quarter of the world’s total population under the age of 25. The success or failure of the continent will be felt by the entire world. By investing in Africa’s young minds and leaders, we can ensure that the continent is prepared for its pivotal global role and will be able to harness this unique demographic as a force for good and for progress.

Since 2002, Ashesi has offered young Africans a high-quality, 4-year education on their home continent that fosters ethics, innovation, and entrepreneurship in a diverse community. Our 1,300+ students and 1,700+ graduates have earned a reputation for integrity, an entrepreneurial mindset, and exceptional professional skills.

Ashesi combines a rigorous liberal arts core with degree programs in Computer Science, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, and Engineering. A master’s program in mechatronic engineering – established in partnership with ETH Zurich – prepares the future leaders in this emerging sector to promote sustainable patterns of industrial development. A student-led honor code, integrated community service, diverse internships, and real-world projects prepare students to develop innovative solutions for local challenges. Ashesi is also a growing hub for global collaborations, education exchanges, and entrepreneurial ventures, and is a leading influencer in Africa’s higher education landscape.

Ashesi is a Pan-African community. Our students come from 24 African nations to learn, live, and innovate. Nearly half of Ashesi students receive scholarships. The scholarships ensure that high-performing students can experience a life-changing Ashesi education, regardless of their ability to pay.
ALUMNI TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES

Ashesi alumni graduate with technical excellence in their fields, a deep sense of civic responsibility, and the vision they need to navigate and lead in a changing world. In 2019, Ashesi received a 90% rating for career placement outcomes by the IFC’s Vitae Program. The program evaluates a university’s strategy for graduate employability, the quality and relevance of learning, employer engagement, career and placement services, student retention, and alumni engagement.

Empowering tech problem solvers

Regina Honu’s ’05 company, Soronko Solutions, is a software development powerhouse whose mission is to use technology to drive human potential. She is also founder of Soronko Academy and the Tech Needs Girls initiative, which has taught over 4,000 girls how to code.

From Ashesi to Google

Thierry Gnanih ’13 provides support to businesses using Google’s advertising products in Africa. “To thrive professionally, we must be able to adapt, learn, and apply new skills depending on what problems we have to solve; the liberal education experience at Ashesi...teaches just that.”

Leveraging Data Science for Stronger Decision-Making in Africa

When floods in Malawi displaced its citizens, data scientists from Africa were invited to interpret and generate insights from the flooding’s data. Kelvin Wellington’s ’14 submission was selected as the second-best presented to the Malawian government to support policymaking and planning. Currently he works in Stanbic Bank Ghana’s Enterprise Data Office, utilizing Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence to make strategic decisions.

Helping Ghana’s Ministry of Finance Improve Tax Policy

As a key member of the Tax Policy Unit in Ghana’s Ministry of Finance, Andara Kamara ’11 helps provide data and impact assessments to support fair, equitable, and efficient tax policies. Andara has also been a key leader in the implementation of GHATAX, a microsimulation model built to facilitate analyses of the impact of tax policies in Ghana. Her work earned her a Rising Star Award under the Ministry’s Staff Recognition Program.

Patrick Awuah receives National Honor from President of Niger

During African Development University’s (ADU) inaugural commencement ceremony, in addition to celebrating the institution’s impact, the Guest of Honour, the President of the Republic of Niger, conferred a National Honour to Ashesi’s University founder, Dr. Patrick Awuah, in recognition of his service to Niger and ADU. Since 2018, Ashesi has worked closely with ADU on its journey toward delivering high-impact and contextual educational programs to its students. This partnership which stemmed from The Education Collaborative’s mentorship program made ADU one of the program’s early beneficiaries. The mentorship program connects new or growing institutions with more seasoned ones to share their blueprint for success and guide the younger institution’s growth.

Ashesi’s community marks two decades of impact

In March 2022, our community celebrated 20 years since Ashesi’s first class in 2002. Ashesi’s growth into a leading African university over the past two decades has impacted higher education across the continent in multiple ways. From a pioneer class of 30, we now have over 3,000 students and alumni. And over the past five years, we have helped transform learning outcomes for 149,000 students thanks to an inspired network of African higher education partners.

Ranking among Africa’s best universities

The 2022 edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, based on universities’ contributions toward the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), has ranked Ashesi first in Ghana. Ashesi was also ranked seventh in Africa and among the world’s top 300 most impactful universities. The Impact Rankings are based on more than 100 metrics and over 200 measurements covering teaching, research, and community outreach; and highlight how universities are moving the world towards the achievement of the 17 SDGs.
GIFTS OF ALL SIZES CHANGE LIVES AT ASHESI

Africa needs more from Ashesi—more growth, more high-impact majors, and more scholarships for students in need. A gift to Ashesi goes towards growing key aspects of our third decade strategic plan - developing young leaders through a robust educational experience, strengthening research and innovation, and building partnerships to influence outcomes for thousands more students. To meet this goal, we are raising funds to provide scholarships, invest in faculty, expand our impact, and build more spaces for students to live, learn, and collaborate. Join us, and invest in Ashesi students at www.ashesi.org/donate.

$4,000 gifts a stipend for faculty research

$15,000 sponsors a one-year scholarship covering tuition, room, and board

$60,000 sponsors a named four-year scholarship covering tuition, room, and board

$100,000 funds a named endowment

$385 funds one high school girl’s participation at the Ashesi Innovation Experience (AIX) to learn about the power of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

$1,500 provides partial or emergency scholarship support

$1,500 endows a chair for an Ashesi Department Head

$5,000 sponsors a student’s community service project
LET ASHESI WELCOME YOU

2023 ASHESI DEEP DIVE

October 17th - 19th

The Deep Dive offers a unique chance to step away from status quo sessions and directly into systems change work. Participants will meet with Ashesi University’s founder and the leadership team, students, faculty, and alumni who bring the school’s values to life. From learning about pioneering startups launched on campus, to delving into conversations in the classroom with Africa’s future business and civic leaders, the Deep Dive offers an unparalleled opportunity to see how Ashesi is driving impact through higher education on the continent. This event is designed for anyone who wishes to gain a deeper understanding of Ashesi University’s work, impact, and opportunities for partnership.

Hotel accommodation, in-country travel, and most meals will be included in the cost of the Deep Dive and will be coordinated by Ashesi University Foundation. Guests will be responsible for their own air travel and visa expenses. Contact us to stay up-to-date on the fee and logistics for this year’s trip. For more details, visit our website and see the agenda for the previous year: www.ashesi.org/get-involved/deep-dive-2022-3/

Visiting Ghana another time? We would love to connect you with Ashesi staff to coordinate a campus tour. To learn more, please contact: foundation@ashesi.org.