

# AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series

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**Cyrus Buckman**  
**Mfantsipim School '14**  
**BS Biochemistry, Earlham College '18**  
**Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society**  
**Knight Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University**  
**MD Candidate, Stanford School of Medicine '24**

Our first alumni feature is on Cyrus Buckman. Cyrus completed Mfantsipim School in 2014 and secured a scholarship to Earlham College, a private liberal arts college in Richmond, Indiana. At Earlham, he discovered his interests in health equity and international medicine and participated in health campaigns in Peru, providing free clinical services and vaccinations in rural areas. He was later elected as president of Earlham's student government and received the Student Leadership Award for making positive contributions in campus experiences and inspiring leadership qualities in his peers. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry in 2018.

After graduating Earlham, Cyrus worked as a project coordinator at Global Environment & Technology Foundation, where he helped to bring clean water and sanitation access, and improve the availability of medical supplies, in many African communities. In March 2020, Cyrus was selected as the first Ghanaian into Stanford University's prestigious Knight-Hennessy Scholarship program. He will be an M.D. candidate at Stanford School of Medicine, beginning fall 2020.

## **Awards/Honors**

Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society  
Earlham Aspiration Award  
2018 Student Leadership Award  
Russell L. Malcolm Pre-Medical Award  
Charles A. Frueauff Foundation Award

Charles Stubbs Award Endowment Fund  
HOSA Medical Math Contest International Finalist

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

President, Earlham Student Government  
Convener, Pan African Society at Earlham  
Convener, Campus Life Advisory Committee  
Teaching Assistant, General Chemistry and Cell Physiology  
Project Coordinator, Global Environment and Technology Foundation

Cyrus joined AFEX in 2013 as a second-year student and completed the AFEX Summer SAT program. We, at AFEX, are proud of Cyrus and wish him the best in this new exciting chapter of his life.

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**Samuel Appiah-Kubi**  
**Adisadel College '15**  
**Mastercard Foundation Scholar**  
**BS Computer Science, Duke University '20**  
**Software Engineer, Microsoft**

Our next feature centers on Samuel Appiah-Kubi who led Adisadel College to its first-ever finals appearance in the National Science and Maths Quiz in 2015. After giving up the opportunity to attend medical school in Ghana, Samuel worked hard on his SATs and college applications and secured full-scholarships award offers from Duke, Columbia, Amherst, and NYU Abu Dhabi. He eventually chose to accept Duke's offer where he enrolled as a Mastercard Scholar.

At Duke, he discovered his interests in computer science and robotics and joined the Duke Robotics Club. This interest will grow into an "insatiable curiosity for technology" and its applications in making a difference in the lives of people. As someone passionate about mentoring and giving back, Samuel returned to Ghana to serve as a peer mentor at the Innovate Ghana High School Challenge and started Code Afrique with Cynoc Boahene, another AFEX alumnus at Cornell University. CodeAfrique seeks to raise awareness of computer science and entrepreneurship with sponsorship from Google, Facebook, and Cornell. After graduating from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Samuel will be joining Microsoft USA as a full-time Software Engineer.

## **Awards/Honors**

Mastercard Foundation Scholar

Winner, Wells Fargo Campus Analytics Challenge

## **Professional/Leadership Activities**

Co-founder, CodeAfrique

Data Science Intern, Aerobotics (Cape Town, South Africa)

Software Engineering Intern, Microsoft

Samuel hopes to leverage this exciting opportunity to inspire other Ghanaian and African students into Tech related fields and to use the tools of technology in Africa's economic transformation. AFEX is proud and wishes Samuel the best.

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**Cynoc Boahene**  
**Opoku Ware School '15**  
**Founder, CodeAfrique**  
**BS Computer Science, Cornell University '20**  
**Software Engineer, Google**

The next alumnus to be featured in the AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series is Cynoc Boahene, an old student of Opoku Ware School. After completing Opoku Ware in 2015, Cynoc prepared for and excelled in the SAT exams. He then put together a competitive application that secured him a full-ride scholarship to the Ivy League institution, Cornell University.

Although Cornell gave him the chance to discover his passions and set him on a career course where he finds fulfillment, Cynoc realized that such opportunities for self-discovery were very limited in Ghana and across the African continent where resources are limited and the number of tech companies is few. As such he set on a course to raise awareness about computer science back home in Ghana and later across the continent. He collaborated with friends and mentors from Cornell, MIT, and Duke and started CodeAfrique. CodeAfrique is a continuing program for African high school and University students aimed at giving these students a window into the world of computer science, and its vast potential for

development. This laudable initiative is now sponsored by organizations such as Google, Facebook, and Cornell.

Cynoc graduated from Cornell University in May of 2020 with a BS Computer Science and will be heading to Google Inc as a full-time Software Engineer. Here is a brief summary of some of Cynoc's professional and leadership engagements during his time at Cornell.

### **Professional/Leadership Activities**

Founder, CodeAfrique

Teaching Assistant, Algorithms

Treasurer, Underrepresented Minorities in Computing

Funding Board Member, International Students Union

Software Engineering Intern, Google Inc

We are excited to have been a part of Cynoc's story since 2015 when he joined us for our summer program and wishes him the very best.



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**Jessica Quaye**

**Wesley Girls' High School '15**

**BS Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT '20**

**MIT Karl Taylor Compton Prize (Highest Honors given to any MIT Student)**

**MIT Golden Beaver Award**

**Incoming Schwarzman Scholar, Tsinghua University**

Jessica Quaye is next to be featured in the AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. After completing Wesley Girls' High School, where she served as the Assistant Head Girl, Jessica was awarded the Overall Best Student in 2015 West African Secondary School Certificate Examinations. With a very competitive application and excellent SAT scores, Jessica received a full-ride scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2016.

An electrical engineering and computer science major, Jessica conducted research with MIT.nano and the HCIE Software Design group in CSAIL. Constantly thinking about how her research at MIT could make an impact back home in Ghana, Jessica established the first MIT Global Teaching Lab initiative in Ghana. Through this program, she led a team of MIT students to her alma mater, Wesley Girls' High where they taught robotics to the high school students. She also became particularly interested in the

intersection between technology, business, and human interaction and has sharpened her technical and business management skills through internships at Google, Microsoft, and Bain & Company.

### **Awards/Honors**

MIT Karl Taylor Compton Prize (Highest Honors given to any MIT Student)

Schwarzman Scholar, Tsinghua University

MIT Golden Beaver Award

MIT Mens et Manus Award

MISTI Ambassador Award

MIT OME Distinguished Peer

MIT Laya W. Wiesner Award

MIT Albert G. Hill Prize

National Tau Beta Pi Scholar

National Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) Scholar

MIT Outstanding New Leader Award

MIT Emerging Leader Award

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

President, African Students Association

Student Representative, Undergrad Student Advisory Group in EECS

Student Representative, International Students of Working Group

Student Representative, U.A. Committee on Race and Diversity

In December 2019, Jessica was announced as one of 5 MIT students and alumni to receive the prestigious Schwarzman Scholarship at Tsinghua University. As such, after MIT, Jessica is headed to China to pursue a Masters in Global Affairs. AFEX still remembers the driven, competent, and studious student who walked through our doors and we continue to cheer her on as she embarks on yet another exciting journey in her life.



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**Sean Enders Ninsing**  
**Ghana Christian International High School '14**  
**B.A. Economics, Williams College '19**  
**Recipient, Kershaw Economics Research Fellowship**  
**Investment Banking Analyst, JP Morgan & Chase**

We are excited to feature Sean Enders Ninsing as part of our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Sean attended Ghana Christian International High School where he served as the Head Prefect and graduated as the Valedictorian of his class. Sean was also ranked 1st nationally in overall exam performance in the Cambridge International GCE Advanced Level Examinations in the June 2014 Exam Series. After excelling as one of the top scorers in the SAT from Ghana in 2014, Sean won a full scholarship to study at Williams College, which has consistently been adjudged as the Best Liberal Arts College in the USA according to the US News and World Report Rankings.

At Williams, Sean found a thriving community; one that both welcomed and challenged him. He joined the Williams Gospel Choir and the Williams African Students Organizations and would later become the

director and President of the two respective student groups. Academically, Sean explored his interests in finance. He co-founded a fintech startup called Famkeepa that aimed to disrupt and simplify the international remittance industry and win \$10,000 seed funding for the startup. He also served as a research assistant for the Innovations for Poverty Action program in Malawi. After graduating from Williams College, Sean joined JP Morgan & Chase in New York as an Investment Banking Analyst.

### **Awards/Honors**

Kleinhandler Prize for Excellence in Music  
Carl Vogt '58 Scholarship  
Philip Seaman '16 Scholarship  
2nd place Williams Business Plan Challenge  
Kershaw Economics Research Fellowship

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

President, Williams African Students Organization  
Fellow, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Career  
Finance Director, Famkeepa  
Research Assistant, Innovations for Poverty Action Malawi  
Director, Williams College Gospel Choir

AFEX is super proud of Sean and wishes him the very best in this exciting chapter of his life and work.

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## **Theophyl Kwapong**

**American International School '15**

**B.A. Economics & French, Africana Studies (minor), Williams College '20**

**Class President, Class of 2020**

**The Benedict 1821 Prize for Excellence in French**

**Associate, Capital Associate Program (CAP)**

We are excited to feature Theophyl Kwapong as part of our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Theophyl is an alumnus of the American International School in Accra where he served as the President of the Student Council and graduated as the Salutatorian of his class. After completing an impressive and competitive application, he won a scholarship to Williams College, which has consistently been adjudged as the Best Liberal Arts College in the USA according to the US News and World Report Rankings.

Theophyl graduated from Williams College in June of 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and French and with a Minor concentration in Africana Studies. He was selected to deliver the commencement speech for the class of 2020. After Williams, Theophyl will be joining the Capital

Associate Program (CAP) as an Associate. CAP is a global leadership rotational program that is aimed at grooming Capital Group's future investment analysts.

### **Awards/Honors**

Class Speaker, Commencement 2020 (~tentatively scheduled for 2021)

The Benedict 1821 Prize for Excellence in French

The Kleinhandler Prize for Excellence in Jazz

The Davis Center's Outstanding Student Mentor Award

Robert Wilmers Jr. 1990 Student Language Study Fellowship

Dean's List for Academic Achievements

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

Class President, Class of 2020

Co-President, The Springstreeters Acapella Group

Co-President, Williams African Students Organization

Student Rep, Williams College Search Committee for a new Associate Dean of Students

Vice President, Freshman Council

To say we, at AFEX, are proud of Theophyl will be an understatement. Even though we worked with Theophyl during his SAT prep and college applications 5 years ago in 2015, we will forever remember him as the ever-smiling, always-willing-to-help, and kind-hearted student leader whose hard work and commitment to others served as an example to his peers. AFEX wishes him the very best.

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**Victor Ohene**  
**Mfantsipim School '14**  
**B.A Architecture, Columbia University '20**  
**Architectural Departmental Honors, 2020 Commencement**

Victor Ohene is next to be featured in our AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Victor is an alumnus of Ghana's premier high school, Mfantsipim School where he served as the president of the school's science club and emerged the Best Technical Drawing Student in the WASSCE 2014. After completing his WASSCE exams, Victor prepared to take the SAT exams and scored as part of the top 1% in the world. This feat, together with his very competitive application that included an impressive art portfolio, earned him a spot at the Ivy League institution, Columbia University in the City of New York where he was awarded the John W. Kluge Merit Scholarship.

Victor entered Columbia with a strong resolve to explore his artistry especially his love for design and construction. Since his childhood, his father, a construction manager, had been an inspiration. Victor graduated from Columbia in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture with a specialization in sustainable development. He was selected along with other students for Departmental Honors.

## **Awards/Honors**

Marcia Mead Design Award

Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts [Honorable Mention]

Architectural Departmental Honors, 2020 Commencement

Dean's List for Academic Excellence

John W. Kluge Merit Scholarship

3rd Place, The Global Retail Challenge, McGill University

## **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

President, African Students Association

Executive, African Development Group

Peer Mentor, Innovate Ghana High School Challenge

AFEX is particularly excited for Victor, because not only was he a student, he served as a math tutor with AFEX and assisted several students to excel as part of the top 1% of test-takers in the math section. We are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to celebrating him even more.

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**Japhet Debrah**  
**Achimota School '15**  
**BAS Computer Science, University of Pennsylvania '20**  
**Vice President, Penn Ghana**  
**Program Manager, Microsoft**

Our next feature centers Japhet Debrah, an alumnus of Achimota School. After excelling in the 2015 edition of the West African Secondary School Certificate Examinations, Japhet prepared for and took the SAT exams where he emerged as part of the top scorers in the world. He was accepted into the prestigious Ivy League institution, the University of Pennsylvania, popularly known as Upenn or Penn.

At Penn, he discovered his interests in computer science and engineering. He would explore these interests both in class and in the lab by delving into difficult engineering classes and taking advantage of different research opportunities. He joined a team of Penn students that created a multipurpose, rechargeable, and affordable LED lamp and flooding system to help residents of rural communities without access to electricity that also faced the dangers of floods. During his junior summer, he returned home to Ghana to work with a local tech start-up, Sesi Technologies as a Software Engineering intern. Japhet has also worked for Microsoft as a Program Manager intern.



## **Professional/Leadership Activities**

Vice President, Penn Ghana

Research Assistant, GlobalTIMIT Project

Software Intern, Sesi Technologies

Program Manager Intern, Microsoft USA

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Science, Japhet will be joining Microsoft USA as a full-time Program Manager. AFEX is super proud of Japhet and wishes him the best.

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## **Esi Berkoh**

**St. Louis Senior High School '13**

**BA Biological Sciences, Mount Holyoke College '18**

**MSc Infection, Immunity & Human Disease, University of Leeds '19**

**Bioscience Prize for Best Project, Faculty of Biological Science, University of Leeds**

Prior to beginning her academic journey in the United States, Esi completed her senior high school education at the St. Louis SHS in Kumasi. After excelling on the SAT, chalking a perfect math score, submitting an excellent application, she secured a scholarship to Mount Holyoke College, a women's liberal art college in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

The rigorous classroom experience coupled with the curriculum's focus on problem-solving at Mount Holyoke College equipped her to secure a summer internship at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research- a globally recognized medical research institution in Ghana. One of her projects which investigated a potential malaria vaccine candidate was awarded high honors by the Biological Sciences department of Mount Holyoke College.

She completed her BA in Biological Sciences (magna cum laude) in 2018 and received three different fellowship awards to support her master's degree in Infection, Immunity and Human Disease at the University of Leeds, UK. At Leeds, she continued her research in malaria by investigating a potential

anti-malarial drug target through her final research project. She graduated with a Distinction, won the Bioscience Prize for Best Project in the Faculty of Biological Science, and was named on the Dean's List for her excellent academic achievement.

### **Awards/Honors**

E.N. Marieb Science Award

Biological Sciences Department High Honors

Magna Cum Laude Graduation Honors, 2018 Mount Holyoke College Commencement

Dean's List for Academic Achievements

Bioscience Prize for Best Project, Faculty of Biological Science, University of Leeds

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

Research Assistant, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research

Co-founded, Mount Holyoke Ratio Christi Chapter

AFEX is super proud of Esi and we are excited for her as she continues in her interest in healthcare, especially in diseases that are of a major public health concern in Ghana.

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**Henry Dwaah**

**Prempeh College '14**

**BSc. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Richmond '19**

**Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society**

**MD Candidate, Tufts University School of Medicine '23**

Henry Dwaah attended Prempeh College, where he was part of the Science club, a member of the intramural soccer team, and the Science and Math Quiz team. After graduating with distinction in May 2014, Henry put together a competitive application that earned him a full scholarship to study at the University of Richmond.

At the University of Richmond, Henry excelled in his social endeavors and engaged immensely with his new community. His service to the community culminated in his induction into Omicron Delta Kappa, one of the nation's oldest leadership honor societies. He was also selected as one of the University of Richmond's Global Health Sophomore Scholars, which gave him the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic to learn about health economics and delivery. After graduating from the University of Richmond with the highest honors, Henry enrolled in Tufts University School of Medicine in June 2019. He hopes to use this opportunity to address disparities in health care and to contribute his expertise in finding better treatments for cancer and cardiovascular disease.

## **Awards/Honors**

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society  
University of Richmond's Global Health Sophomore Scholars  
AMGEN Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mortar Board Society  
High Honors, 2019 University of Richmond Commencement

## **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

Co-chair, SEEDS Project  
Vice President, University of Richmond Emergency Medical Team  
Research Assistant, Columbia University Comprehensive Cancer Center

Henry is excited to meet with other Ghanaian physicians in the diaspora and hopes to join hands with them in putting together resources to mitigate some of the health problems that he encountered back home in Ghana. AFEX is proud of Henry and we look forward to celebrating more successes and milestones with him.

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## **Brian Fleischer**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Senior High School '14**

**BA Human Biology, African Studies (Minor), Stanford University '19**

**Class of 2019 Award of Excellence, Stanford Alumni Association**

**MD Candidate, Yale School of Medicine '24**

We are excited to feature Brian Fleischer as part of our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Brian is an alumnus of St. Thomas Aquinas Senior High School in Accra where he served as the Health Prefect and represented his school in the 2014 edition of the National Science and Maths Quiz. After completing an impressive and competitive college application, he won a full-ride scholarship to Stanford University to study Human Biology.

During his time at Stanford, Brian started the Innovate Ghana High Schools Challenge, a human-centered design camp at the University of Ghana that challenges Ghanaian high schoolers to use STEM skills to address pertinent problems in their communities. After Stanford, Brian returned home to work on starting FLEEF Ghana, a registered Ghanaian nonprofit organization dedicated to improving opening doors for high achieving but low-income students to continue their education on full scholarships in the USA and Canada. Keen about health equity and health care systems in Ghana and across the African continent, Brian will be continuing on to the Yale School of Medicine on a full cost of attendance scholarship to begin his medical training. Below is a snapshot of Brian's activities and honors while at Stanford.

## **Awards/Honors**

Class of 2019 Award of Excellence, Stanford Alumni Association  
Community Leadership Award, Center for African Studies  
Donald Kennedy Fellowship, Haas Center for Public Service  
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence  
Undergraduate Speaker, Stanford 2019 Black Grad Commencement  
Undergraduate Speaker, Stanford African Studies Degree Conferral Ceremony

## **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

President, Stanford African Students' Association  
Co-creator, Innovate Ghana High Schools Challenge  
Program Manager, FLEEF Ghana  
Research Assistant, Egan Lab for Infectious Disease Research, Stanford School of Medicine  
Teaching Assistant, Global Child Health (Humbio 124C) & Shifting Frames (Africast 195)

AFEX is particularly excited for Brian, who served as a Verbal tutor with AFEX and assisted several students to excel in their applications. We are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to celebrating him even more.



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**Melinda Dapaah**  
**Tema Int. School / Saint James School '15**  
**BA Economics and French, Williams College '20**  
**2020 Ernest Brown Africana Arts Award Recipient**  
**Associate, Fidelity Investments**

Our next feature in the AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series centers Melinda Dapaah, an alumna of Tema International School and the Saint James School in the United States. After high school, Melinda took the SAT and completed an impressive and competitive college application, winning her a spot at the coveted Williams College.

At Williams, Melinda found community within Kusika, African drumming, and dancing Group under the Williams College Dance Department where she later Dance Teaching Assistant during her senior year. During her junior year, Melinda conducted research sought to understand whether social media campaigns should be promoted as a way of addressing social issues such as gender-based violence and gender inequality within urban cities in West Africa, such as in Dakar, Senegal, and in Accra, Ghana. After Williams College in June 2020, Melinda will be heading to Fidelity Investments as an Associate.

## **Awards/Honors**

Allison Davis Research Fellowship (2018-2019)  
2020 Ernest Brown Africana Arts Award Recipient

## **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

Director, Williams College EphVenture Program  
Dance Teaching Assistant, Kusika African Drumming and Dance Group  
Model UN Coach, Mount Greylock Regional School

AFEX is excited for Melinda and wishes her all the best as she embarks on yet another adventure at Fidelity Investments.

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**James Entee Cobbinah**

**Mfantsipim School '16**

**BSBA in Accounting and Financial Management (Finance), Bucknell University '20**

**BISON Award For Excellence**

**MBA Candidate, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania**

We are excited to feature James Entee Cobbinah as part of our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. James is an alumnus of the Mfantsipim School in Cape Coast. After completing an impressive and competitive application, he won a scholarship to Bucknell University.

At the Freeman College of Management at Bucknell University, James “fell in love with the markets” and set out to explore his interests in financial management and accounting. His analytical experiences at the Wharton China Forum and the Harvard Business School will prepare him for summer internships at CVC Credit Partners and J.P Morgan Chase & Co. At Bucknell, he served as the Consumer Discretionary Sector Leader, Econ, and Strategy Committee for the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF). James graduated with Cum Laude honors from Bucknell University in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

## **Awards/Honors**

Forber Under 30 Scholar

Fremont Scholar

Dean's List for Academic Excellence

BISON Award For Excellence

Winner, Johnson & Johnson Bucknell University Case Study Competition

## **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Markets Summer Analyst, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. New York, NY

Co-Founder, Future Leaders Incorporated

Co-Head, Bison Investment Club

Inaugural Advisory Board Member, Freeman College of Management Student Advisory Board

To say we, at AFEX, are proud of James will be an understatement. AFEX wishes him the very best in the next chapters of his career and life.

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## **Grace Adoley Ansah**

**Mfantsiman Girls Senior High School '13**

**BS Chemical Engineering, African Studies (Minor), Stanford University '19**

**Class of 2019 Award of Excellence, Stanford Alumni Association**

**Ed.M. International Education Policy, Harvard Graduate School of Education '20**

**Faculty, Global Challenges Department, African Leadership University**

Grace Adoley Ansah is next to be featured in the AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Grace completed Mfantsiman Girls Senior High School in 2013 and led her school to its first finals appearance of the National Science and Maths Quiz. Only one other girl's school has been able to accomplish that in the history of the national quiz. With a very competitive application and excellent SAT scores which included a perfect math score, Grace received a full-ride scholarship from the Craig and Susan McCaw Scholarship Fund for International Students to study at Stanford University in 2015.

A Chemical Engineering major and African Studies minor at Stanford, Grace had a strong affinity for the promise of STEM and its practical applications on the African continent. However, after summer experiences back home in Ghana at Soronko Academy, West Africa's first coding and human-centered academy, and at Smartix Education, an ed-tech organization centered on elementary education, Grace developed an interest in pedagogy and education policy. After graduating from Stanford in 2019, she continued to the Harvard Graduate School of Education to complete her Masters in International Education Policy. After Harvard, Grace will be joining the African Leadership University in Rwanda as a faculty member in the Global Challenges Department.

## **Awards/Honors**

Class of 2019 Award of Excellence, Stanford Alumni Association  
Donald Kennedy Fellowship, Haas Center for Public Service  
Halper Fellowship, Haas Center for Public Service  
Craig and Susan McCaw Scholar

## **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Educational Consultant, Harvard Ministerial Program  
Co-Founder, Smartix Education  
Financial Officer, Stanford African Students Association  
Physics Learning Assistant, Stanford University Physics Department

AFEX is particularly proud of Grace who served as an SAT math tutor in 2015 and helped many students excel in their tests. We wish her the very best as she enters another exciting chapter of her life and career.



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**Farida Mohammed Bature**

**Accra Girls Senior High School '12**

**BA Business Administration and Economics, Monmouth College '18**

**Master of Social Work, Westfield State University '23**

Next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series is Farida Mohammed, an alumnus of Accra Girls Senior High School. After completing Accra Girls in 2012, Farida participated in a Canada World Youth exchange program. Upon Farida's return she enrolled with Afex and studiously prepared for and took her SATs in 2013. Farida won a scholarship to Monmouth College, a private liberal Arts institution in Monmouth, Illinois.

At Monmouth College, Farida majored in Business Administration and Economics. Due to her passion for and knowledge in Economics she was particularly keen on sharing this interest through tutoring. She became an economics tutor and an academic coach at the Monmouth College Teaching and Learning Center. She explored her interest in Economics by interning with the city of Monmouth's Economic and Development center to explore different ideas on how small businesses can be established and sustained in Monmouth. After her research and data collection, she presented her findings at the first Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research (MJUR) conference held at the college. During her time at Monmouth, she studied abroad at the East China Normal University in Shanghai, China. She also participated in the Global Food Security Study Abroad Program at the University of Ghana. Farida was



the senior class president for her graduating class where she gave the farewell speech. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Monmouth College in 2018 and is currently working for a non-profit to help the underserved population in the Massachusetts area. Farida will begin her Masters of Social work in Fall 2020 at Westfield State University, in Westfield Massachusetts. She hopes to obtain her license as a clinical social worker to create awareness on mental health issues and to help counsel victims of domestic violence.

### **Awards/Honors**

Overall Best Economics Student  
Monmouth College Dean's List  
Blue Key Honor Society  
Mortar Board Honor Society  
Sigma Beta Delta- Business Honor Society  
Tom Johnson Scholarship Award  
White and Crimson Leadership Award  
Intercultural Life Outstanding Student Leader of the Year  
Charles F. and Ruth E. Huseman Endowed Service Scholarship

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Class of 2018 Senior Class President  
First place for Creative Financial Design Project - China  
Treasurer, Associated Students of Monmouth College  
Intern, Economic Development of Downtown Monmouth  
Hall Director  
Tutor, Principles of Economics 200

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Farida. We wish her the very best as she embarks on yet another adventure in her life and career.

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**David Nartey**

**St. Peters Senior High School '13**

**BS Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry (Minor), Florida Institute of Technology '18**

**Tau Beta Pi – National Engineering Honor Society**

**Product Validation Engineer, Cummins Inc.**

Next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series is David Nartey. David is an alumnus of St. Peters Senior High School. After completing St. Peters in 2013, David took and excelled in his SAT tests, completed a very competitive college application, and secured a scholarship to attend the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in Melbourne, Florida.

At FIT, David explored his interests in design and building through a mechanical engineering major. He joined the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and would find a community to nurture these interests. At the end of his freshman year, he was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman

Honor Society for his academic accomplishments and contribution to the FIT community. He entered the Florida University Satellite Design Competition and won third place. During his senior year, David had completed a number of design projects including a 3D printed prosthetic hand and a Mars Radio Center. After graduating from Florida Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in chemistry, David joined Cummins Inc in North Carolina as a Product Validation Engineer.

### **Awards/Honors**

Tau Beta Pi – National Engineering Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi – Honor Society

Dean's List for Academic Excellence

Phi Eta Sigma- Freshman Honor Society

Florida University Satellite Design Competition Finalist (Third Place)

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Engineering Intern, Ghana National Petroleum Company

Tutor, Academic Support Center

Diplomat, FIT Orientation Team

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

AFEX is excited for and very proud of David, who joined us in 2013 and has remained a part of AFEX ever since. We wish him the very best as he embarks on yet another adventure in his life and career.

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**Julian Achemdey**  
**Bishop Herman College '14**  
**BSc Biomedical Science, Troy University '19**  
**Chancellor's Scholar Award**  
**Clinical Laboratory Assistant, Virginia Internal Medicine**

Julian Achemdey is next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Julian attended Bishop Herman College where he served as the president of the Science and Math Club and graduated as the Overall Best Biology Student. After completing Bishop Herman in 2014, Julian prepared for and excelled in his SAT tests, and secured a scholarship to attend Troy University in 2015.

Julian majored in Biomedical Sciences with a pre-medicine concentration at Troy University. He also worked as an undergraduate research assistant in the Wang Physics and Biochemistry laboratory. At the

end of his freshman year, Julian was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society and would later be inducted into the Tribeta Biological Honor Society. In his junior and senior years, Julian served as a resident assistant and a resident director respectively. He graduated from Troy University in 2019 as the recipient of the Chancellor's Scholar Award. He currently works with Virginia Internal Medicine as a clinical laboratory assistant.

### **Awards/Honors**

Chancellor's Scholar Award  
Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor society  
Tribeta Biological Honor Society  
Outstanding Student Leadership Award

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Troy University African Student Association (President)  
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Wang Physics and Biochemistry Lab  
Resident Director  
Clinical Laboratory Assistant, Virginia Internal Medicine

Julian plans to apply and enroll in medical school in the future. He hopes to work with pediatric patients in underserved and conflict areas in Africa. AFEX is excited for and very proud of Julian, who joined us during his second year of high school in 2013.

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**Matthew Adusei**

**Opoku Ware School '14**

**BS Biology, Spanish (Minor), Lafayette College '19**

**Beta Beta Beta Biological Science Honor Society**

**Ph.D. Student Neuroscience, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**

We are excited to feature Matthew Adusei as part of our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Matthew attended Opoku Ware School in Kumasi, Ghana. After completing Owass in 2014, Matthew prepared for his SAT tests and put together a very competitive college application that secured him a full scholarship to Lafayette College, through the college's early decision program.

At Lafayette, Matthew explored his intellectual interests in scientific research. He is a three-time EXCEL Research Fellow whose research centers on detecting and quantifying retinal inn crayfish caudal

photoreceptors. This work has led to a published peer-reviewed article and several poster presentations over the past few years. He is an inducted member of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Science Honor Society and the President of the Biology LEADERS program. But aside these, Matthew is passionate about sharing through teaching. He taught first-year Biology majors as an HHMI SEA-PHAGES Teaching Assistant and mentored students from Madagascar through the Lafayette Initiative for Malagasy Education (LIME). Matthew is also very fluent in Spanish and French and served as a Spanish tutor. He graduated from Lafayette with honors in 2019 and won the Dean's Graduate Student Fellowship to begin his Neuroscience Ph.D. at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York.

### **Awards/Honors**

Beta Beta Beta – Chi Chi Chapter (Biology Honor Society)  
Alpha Alpha Alpha – Gamma Chapter (First Generation Honor Society)  
Sigma Delta Pi - Sigma Phi Chapter (Spanish Honor Society)  
Sally Elbert Kalin '87 Memorial Scholarship  
Leslie F. Gates 1897 and Helen Gates Taylor Scholarship  
Dean's List  
Dean's Graduate Student Fellowship  
Lafayette College Academic Research Committee Grant  
EXCEL Research Scholar

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

President, Biology LEADERS Program  
Vice President, Friends of Lafayette Initiative for Malagasy Education (FLIME)  
HHMI SEA-PHAGES Teaching Assistant, Biology Department, Lafayette College  
Spanish Tutor, Lafayette College  
Independent Researcher, Lafayette College

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Matthew, who served as a peer tutor with AFEX to assist his peers to excel on the SATs. We wish him the very best in this exciting chapter of his life and career.



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**Enyonam Fanjavatsara Donkor**  
**St. Mary's Senior High School '14**  
**B.E. Electrical Engineering, Co-op Option, Carleton University**  
**Golden Key International Honor Society**

Next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series is Enyonam Fanjavastara Donkor. Enyonam is an alumnus of St. Mary's Senior High School. After completing Merries in 2014, Enyonam took and excelled in her SAT tests, and completed a very competitive college application and secured funding to attend Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario.

At Carleton, Enyonam explored her passions for engineering and particularly Electrical Engineering. Through her University's unique co-op program, she did an 8-month internship at AIS Technologies Group- Radix Technology Solutions where she worked as a Controls Design Intern and contributed to electrical, controls, and machine vision systems design, programming, testing, and implementation. She also did another 8-month internship at Syncrude Canada Limited. Her final year project was about making a magnetic levitation drive for space by using simulated microgravity and commonly found naturally occurring metals. Enyonam is a three-time recipient of the Entrance Scholarship and a member of the prestigious Golden Key International Honor Society.

## **Awards/Honors**

Golden Key International Honor Society  
Recipient, Entrance Scholarship  
Dean's Honor List

## **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Controls Design Intern, AIS Technologies Group- Radix Technology Solutions  
Intern, Syncrude Canada Limited  
Project Member, Magnetic Levitation Drive  
Volunteer, Carleton Serves

Enyonam joined AFEX in 2014 after completing high school for our SAT prep program and college application consultation. AFEX is excited for and very proud of Enyonam who has consistently excelled in her various fields. We wish her the very best in the next chapters of her life and career.

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**Andrew Kofi Appiah Oppong**

**Achimota School '13**

**BA Political Science and Philosophy, Calvin University '18**

**Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society**

**Justice Mobilization Specialist, Christian Reformed Church in North America**

Andrew Kofi Appiah Oppong is next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Andrew is an old student of Achimota School. After graduating from Achimota School in 2013, Andrew prepared for the SAT exams, excelled in it, and submitted an impressive college application to a couple of colleges in the United States. He was admitted into Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a scholarship.

An ever-articulate debater and orator, Andrew set out to explore the ways to use his voice and skillsets for the upliftment of others and for the fight for social justice. He majored in Political Science with a pre-law specialization. He later served as the President of the Student Body at Calvin where he collaborated with the college's cabinet and president and represented student opinion to Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate, and pertinent college audiences. He also worked with The Constitution Project in Washington D.C. as an Undergraduate Public Policy Intern where he worked on reforming Oklahoma's criminal justice system, an experience that cemented his interest in social justice and the need to center issues of justice. Aside from a major in Political Science, Andrew also majored in Philosophy and tutored for 6 Philosophy and Religion students each semester during his sophomore year. He graduated with honors in 2018 and currently works as a Justice Mobilization Specialist for the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

## **Awards/Honors**

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society  
Academic Achievement Award  
Honors Scholarship  
De Kryger Monsman Memorial Scholarship

## **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

President of Student Body, Calvin University Student Senate  
Justice Mobilization Specialist, Christian Reformed Church in North America  
Undergraduate Public Policy Intern, The Constitution Project  
Philosophy and Religion Tutor, Calvin University Academic Services

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Andrew and we wish him the very best in this exciting chapter of his life and career.

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**Gertrude Kumi**

**Mfantsiman Girls ' 14**

**BSc Psychology, General Business (Minor), Troy University '18 (Summa Cum Laude)**

**Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society**

**Mission Partner, The Dynamic Catholic Institute**

We are elated to feature Gertrude in the ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Gertrude attended Mfantsiman Girls' Senior High where she served as the President of the Science and Math Club. After graduating from Mfantsiman Girls' in 2014, Gertrude prepared for and excelled in her SAT tests, and secured a scholarship to attend Troy University in 2016.

At Troy, Gertrude found a community and a home to explore and to nurture her interests. She set out to explore a major in Psychology and excelled brilliantly. She also explored her interests in business and finance and graduated with a minor in General Business. Aside from these academic accomplishments, Gertrude challenged herself to grow as a leader. She served as the International Students' Senator at Troy University's Student Government Association and a chair at the International Students'm Cultural Organization. Gertrude was later inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor

Society for her exemplary leadership. She graduated Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) from Troy University and currently work as a Mission Partner with the Dynamic Catholic Institute.

### **Awards/Honors**

Chancellor's Scholarship Recipient  
Gregory Glenn Riley Scholarship  
2nd place – 2019 Undergraduate Research Award  
Chancellor's list for Scholarly Achievements  
Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society  
Phi Kappa Phi  
Psi Chi  
Who's Who Among American College Students

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Freshman Orientation Leader, IMPACT  
International Students' Senator, Student Government Association (SGA)  
Chair of Publicity, International Students' Cultural Organization (ISCO)  
Student Leader Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and Newman Ministry  
Secretary, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

AFEX is excited for Gertrude who joined us in 2014 for her SAT classes and college application consultation. We are really proud of her and cannot wait to celebrate her even more.

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**Esperance Mugabekazi**  
**St. Peter's Mission School ' 13**  
**BS Neuroscience, Agnes Scott College**  
**Nu Rho Psi Honor Society**  
**Team Leader/English Tutor, Institute of Asian Culture and Development (IACD)**

We are really excited to feature our very own, Esperance Mugabekazi in the ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Espy, as she is popularly called, attended St. Peters Mission School in Accra, Ghana. After completing high school, Gertrude prepared for and excelled in her SAT tests, applied to colleges in the US, and secured a scholarship to attend Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia.

At Agnes Scott, Espy explored her interests in scientific research. She started as an undergraduate researcher in Agnes Scott's Neurobiology Program. She then joined psychiatric and behavioral sciences research projects at the Emory School of Medicine where she was eventually named a Petit Scholar Researcher for her work. Espy was also inducted into the Nu Rho Psi Honor Society for her dedication to improving the understanding and appreciation of neurobiological study. Aside from these academic pursuits, Espy was also committed to service. She served on the Agnes Scott Student Senate as a senator and volunteered at the Grady Memorial Hospital and two health-related nonprofits. After graduating from Agnes Scott in 2017 with a major in Neuroscience and a concentration in Public Health, Espy joined the Georgia Institute of Technology as a researcher, served as a Coordinator at STEM Mentored



Research Program and most recently worked with a non-profit NGO, IACD, as an English teacher and team leader at a Syrian refugee school.

### **Awards/Honors**

Nu Rho Psi Honor Society  
Georgia Institute of Technology Petit Scholarship  
Goizueta Foundation STEM Scholarship  
Letitia Pate Evans Scholar (Merit Award)  
International Student Grant (Merit Award)

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Senator, Agnes Scott Student Senate  
Petit Scholar Researcher, Emory University School of Medicine  
Orientation Leader, Agnes Scott College Orientation Council  
Undergraduate Researcher, Agnes Scott College Neurobiology Program  
Coordinator Assistant, Agnes Scott STEM Mentored Research

AFEX is proud of Esperance and all she has been able to accomplish. We wish her the very best in the next chapters of her life and career.

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**Deirdre Debrah**

**Mfantsiman Girls Senior High School '14**

**BA Communications, Environmental Studies (Minor), Cinema (Minor), Denison University '19**

Our next feature in the AFEX Alumni Spotlight is Deirdre Debrah. Deirdre completed Mfantsiman School in 2015 as the Library Prefect and secured a scholarship to the prestigious liberal arts college Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

At Denison, she worked to build the Educational Technology department which focused on introducing innovative technology to the classroom and supporting digital competency and accessibility. Deirdre discovered an interest in environmental equity and was selected to visit the UN in Bonn to present solutions on the effect of climate change on the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. After Denison Deirdre joined HubSpot as a Success Coach. In her junior year, she was inducted into the official

Communication Studies honor society Lambda Pi Eta for her research on the political impact of digital media.

### **Awards/Honors**

Lambda Pi Eta - Communication Studies Honor Society

Tyree/Parajon Scholarship

Distinguished Production Award - Photo Series: Everyday Apocalypse, Analyzing Climate change through photography

### **Leadership/Extracurricular Activities**

Events Coordinator, African Student Association

Public Relations Officer, Denison Community Service Association

Assistant, Educational Technology

Director, Denison Department of Cinema

We, at AFEX, are super proud of Deidre and wish her the very best in this exciting chapter of her life and work.

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## **Leslie Goloh**

**Aburi Girls' Senior High School '14**

**BA Computer Science, Bryn Mawr College '19 (Cum Laude Honors)**

**Junior Software Engineer, SiriusXM & Pandora**

We are elated to feature Leslie Goloh in this edition of the AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Leslie completed Aburi Girls' Senior High School in 2014 where she served as the secretary of the Aburi Girls' Robotics Club. Leslie was part of Team Turbo Divas, the robotics team that emerged 2nd best of all female teams and made Ghana proud at the 2013 edition of the World Robotics Olympiad in Jakarta, Indonesia. After graduating from Aburi Girls', she took her SAT exams and completed a very competitive college application that secured her a scholarship to Bryn Mawr College, an all-female liberal arts college in Pennsylvania.

At Bryn Mawr College, Leslie found the freedom to explore her burgeoning intellectual interests in Engineering and Computer Science. She joined the Bryn Mawr Engineers and Makers Club and will become the club's secretary in her junior year. She also worked as a technical assistant for the Bryn Mawr College Education Technology Services. She explored a number of internship opportunities both on campus and with Pandora LLC. After graduating with honors in 2019, Leslie currently works as a Junior

Software Engineer for SiriusXM & Pandora. Her short term goal is to become a Senior Software Engineer. Looking into the future, Leslie hopes to explore a career in other areas such as AR/VR and data analysis and eventually start her own startup.

### **Professional and Leadership Positions**

Mobile Engineering Intern, Pandora LLC

Information Security Intern, Bryn Mawr College

Digital Curriculum Intern, Bryn Mawr College

Technical Assistant (Bryn Mawr College Education Technology Services)

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Secretary, Bryn Mawr Engineers, and Makers Club

Bible Study Leader, Bryn Mawr InterVarsity Association

Dancer, Bryn Mawr Choom Boom Dance Club

We, at AFEX, are super proud of Leslie and wish her the very best in this exciting chapter of her life and work.

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**Abrafi Osei-Kofi**

**Aburi Girls Senior High School '12**

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, International Studies and French, Monmouth '17**

**Juris Doctor Candidate, University of Florida Levin College of Law '20**

Next to be featured in our ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series is Abrafi Osei-Kofi, an alumna of Aburi Girls Senior High School. After completing Aburi Girls in 2012, Abrafi enrolled with Afex and studiously prepared for and took her SATs. Abrafi won a scholarship to Monmouth College, a private liberal Arts institution in Monmouth, Illinois.

At Monmouth College, Abrafi majored in Political Science, International Studies, and French. At Monmouth, Abrafi found her passion for teaching and assisting other students to excel and served as a Writing Tutor at the Monmouth College Writing Center, as well as a French Tutor and Academic Coach at Monmouth College Teaching and Learning College. Aside from these activities, Abrafi also served as a

head resident in her dormitory, and an International Student Orientation Leader. Aбраfi graduated magna cum laude from Monmouth College in 2017.

As a pre-law student, particularly passionate about standing up for underserved communities, Aбраfi sought out internships and other work experiences. She worked as a Student Attorney at the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic, and a legal intern for the Constitutional Law Center for Muslims in America. She began her training as a Juris Doctor Candidate at the University of Florida Levin College of Law where she won the Dean's Scholarship and received the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Foundation Scholarship. Aбраfi graduated from Law School in May 2020 and will be joining a private law firm in Massachusetts as a Staff Attorney.

### **Awards/Honors**

International Distinguished Young Leaders Award  
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society  
K.Critser Memorial Prize  
Head of State Awards Program (HOSA)  
Monmouth College Dean's List  
Two-time Moot Court Award Recipient  
Finalist, Mitchell Scholarship for Study Abroad

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Copy Editor, Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research  
Volunteer French Translator  
International Student Orientation Leader  
Secretary, Monmouth College International Club,

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Aбраfi. We wish her the very best as she embarks on yet another adventure in her life and career.



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**Archibald Enniful**  
**Mfantsipim Boys Senior High School Legon '14**  
**BS Biomedical Engineering, Yale University '20**  
**Alexander P. Hixon Research Fellow**  
**Research Assistant, Fan Lab, Yale School of Engineering**

Archibald Enniful is next to be featured as part of the ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Archie is a product of Mfantsipim Boys' Senior High School and during his time at Mfantsipim, he led the school to win the National Science and Math Quiz in 2014. After completing Mfantsipim in 2014, Archie, as he is affectionately called, also emerged as the 3rd Overall Best Science Student in the 2014 West African Secondary School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE). Archie joined AFEX in 2015, took his SATs, and won a full-ride scholarship to the prestigious Ivy League school, Yale University.

A budding scientist, Archie found interest in scientific research early in his Yale journey. He explored this interest in the Science Technology and Research (STARS) Program where he spent 8 weeks in an independent summer research project focused on Multiple Myeloma. He would later join the Katz Laboratory at the Yale School of Medicine where he continued his research on Multiple Myeloma for 2 years and intern with the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research. Aside from this interest in

research, Archibald is also passionate about education access among some of Ghana's brightest students who are from low-income families. He co-founded Young Achievers Foundation, YAF Ghana, to assist several brilliant but economically disadvantaged students and raised over \$10,000 for the foundation.

### **Awards/Honors**

Alexander P. Hixon Fellow, Yale University

National Champion, 2014 National Science and Math Quiz

3rd Best Student Ghana, West African Secondary School Certificate Examination

3rd Best Student in West Africa, West African Secondary School Certificate Examination

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Co-Founder and Vice President, Young Achiever's Foundation

Research Intern, Novartis Institute of Biomedical Research

Research Assistant, Katz Lab, Yale School of Medicine

Student Advisory Committee Member, Yale Young Global Scholars Program

After graduating from Yale in May 2020, Archie will join Fan Lab at the Yale School of Engineering. AFEX is excited for and very proud of Archibald. We wish him the very best as he enters another exciting chapter of his career and life.

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**Papa Freduah Ansu Anderson**  
**Presbyterian Boys Senior High School Legon '16**  
**BA Chemistry, Williams College '21**

We are excited to feature Papa Freduah Ansu Anderson as part of the ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Papa is an alumnus of the Presbyterian Boys' Senior High School. Papa joined AFEX in 2016, prepared for and excelled in his SATs, and received need-based financial aid to attend Williams College, the best liberal arts college in the United States according to the US News and World Report.

At Williams College, Papa explored his interests in scientific research. He explored his interests in scientific research as a Summer Research Assistant for the Chemistry Department and the Economics Department. During his sophomore year in college, Papa was elected as the President of the Williams African Students Organization. As president, Papa helped to organize events and create an inclusive space for African Students. He also revived the Horn, the African Students Magazine of Williams College, which had been dormant for 6 years. Papa is currently a senior at Williams majoring in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. After Williams, Papa plans to attend medical school to become a physician.

## **Awards/Honors**

Herbert H. Lehman Scholarship  
Harvard Biomedical Science Careers Program Scholar

Dean's List for Academic Excellence

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

Co-President, Williams African Students Organization

Research Assistant, Williams College Chemistry Department

Research Assistant, Williams College Economics Department

Student Access Services Assistant, Sawyer Library

Class of 2021 Representative and Member of Great Ideas Committee (GIC)

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Papa Freduah. We wish him the very best as begins his senior year at Williams and earns his undergraduate degree.

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**Glenn Asuo-Asante**  
**Opoku Ware School '16**  
**BS Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University '21**

We are elated to feature Glenn Asuo-Asante in the ongoing AFEX Alumni Spotlight Series. Glenn attended Opoku Ware School where he served as the Deputy Head Boy for the student body. After graduating from Opoku Ware School in 2016, Glenn prepared for and excelled in his SAT tests. Glenn was such a competitive candidate that he was admitted to the Ivy League institution, Cornell University under the university's early decision admission program for undergraduates.

At Cornell, Glenn explored his interests in labor relations at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. This exploration would lead to internship opportunities at the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations in Ghana and the Tompkins Financial Corporation in New York where he served as a Labour Relations Intern and a Corporate Human Resource Intern respectively. But aside from these academic interests, Glenn also developed his skills in public speaking and debate as a member of the Cornell Speech and Debate Society. Over the years, Glenn has mastered the art of public speaking and

has amassed a number of awards and he is currently a three-time SNAFU Forensics Champion for Informative Speaking. Glenn is also passionate about giving back to the communities that have nurtured him and he is currently the president of the Community Learning Initiative in Ghana that seeks to connect deserving needy students with scholarships to continue their education.

### **Awards/Honors**

Dean's List (All eligible semesters)

ILR School Scheinman Summer Fellowship

Student Mediator Certificate (Scheinman Institute of Conflict Resolution)

3 Time SNAFU Forensics Champion - Informative Speaking

SNAFU Forensics Champion- Extemporaneous Speaking

### **Leadership and Professional Experiences**

President, Community Learning Initiative, Ghana

Co-President, Ghanaians at Cornell

Legal Intern, Shepherd, Finkelman, Miller, and Shah, LLP Virtual

Corporate Human Resources Intern, Tompkins Financial Corporation Ithaca, NY

Labour Relations Intern, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations

Student Coordinator, Outdoor Education Team and Leadership Center, Cornell University

AFEX is excited for and very proud of Glenn, who worked with AFEX as a tutor before going on to Cornell. We wish him the very best during his final year at Cornell and beyond.