

2023-2024 **IMPACT**REPORT



**“Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world.”**

– Nelson Mandela

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ABOUT US

The Joseph and Elizabeth Quansah (JEQ) foundation was founded in 2019 as a registered 501 (c) (3) IRS Tax Exempt nonprofit in the USA. The foundation provides tuition, residential scholarships, and laptops to excellent but needy college and university students in Ghana.

In addition to financial support, we provide academic advising, mentorship, and internship opportunities for our scholarship recipients.



Our goal has always been to reach as many underserved but excellent college students in Ghana, West Africa. This year, we achieved several remarkable milestones, thanks to the hard work and commitment of our founders, board members, Ghanaian representatives, partners, and our cherished generous donors.

MEET THE TEAM

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for Ashanti Region, Volta, and
Oti Regions



Christina Blankson
Board Member, Representative
for Central and Western Regions



2023 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

“Doing good holds the power to transform us on the inside, and then ripple out in ever-expanding circles that positively impact the world at large.”
— Shari Arison

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Thanks to your generous gifts, the JEQ Foundation raised **more than \$48,000** in 2023. We extend a special thank you to all our anonymous donors, our partners, and donors who have “adopted” students and continue to sponsor their undergraduate tuition and residential fees on an annual basis. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and commitment. Y’adase (Thank You!)

TUITION AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023, the Foundation received over 700 applications during the three-month application period. After a rigorous selection process, **15 new tuition and residential scholarships** were awarded to outstanding applicants. The 15 applicants now join the existing 30 scholarship recipients who are being funded to continue with their undergraduate degree programs in Ghana. Since the Foundation’s inception in 2019, a total of 70 tuition and 70 residential scholarships have been awarded.

LAPTOP PRESENTATIONS

On August 28, 2023, brand new laptops were presented to six outstanding scholarship recipients who have performed impactful community service and are in good academic standing.

The presentation ceremony was held in Accra by Dr. Joseph E. Quansah, JEQ Foundation, Co-Founder and Co-President and was supported by our Ghanaian representatives.



GRADUATION NEWS

In 2023 and early 2024, seven recipients successfully completed their undergraduate program in Ghana.

- **Mabel Wiafe** graduated on December 16, 2023, with Second Class Upper Division in Hospitality Management program at the Takoradi Technical University (TTU) in the Western Region of Ghana.
- **Hayford Kankam Boadu** graduated on December 16, 2023, with a Second-Class Upper Division in Electrical Engineering program at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR), in the Eastern Region of Ghana.
- **Sarah Jalima** graduated from University of Ghana with the Second-Class Upper Division in Political Science.
- **Reagan Boulovi** graduated on January 26, 2024, from Modal College with First Class Honors in Nursing on January 26, 2024.
- **Rejoice Bella Kojopeni** graduated with the Second-Class Upper Division in Biological Sciences from the University of Ghana.
- **Jennifer Mummuni** graduated on February 15, 2023 from the Bolgatanga Midwifery Training College with a pass in Midwifery program.
- **Sophia Abbiw** completed her nursing program from College of Community Health Nursing, Winneba. She will be participating in her graduation ceremony in the coming months.



Mabel Wiafe



Hayford Kankam Boadu



Sarah Jalima



Reagan Boulovi



Rejoice Bella Kojopeni



Jennifer Mummuni



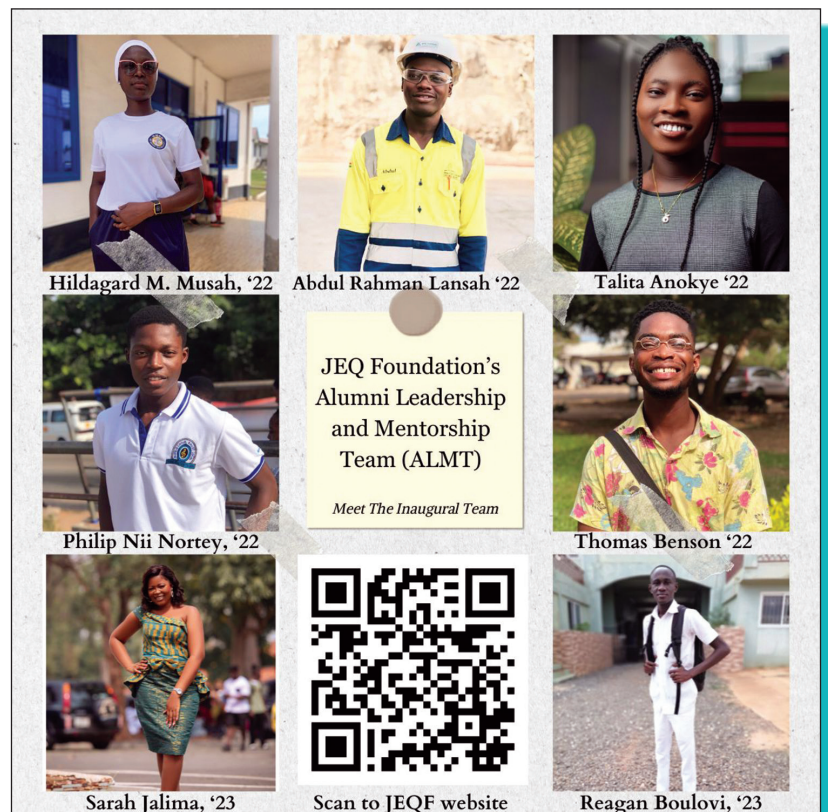
Sophia Abbiw

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP TEAM (ALMT)

The Alumni Leadership and Mentorship Team was developed for JEQ Foundation alumni to assume leadership roles in the foundation. Through ALMT, select alumni have the opportunity for peer-to-peer mentorship programs with the current scholarship beneficiaries. The proud ALMT team will prepare the next generation of the JEQ Foundation's beneficiaries in Ghana.

Seven of our outstanding alumni have been selected to provide leadership and mentorship to existing scholarship recipients. They will also assist prospective scholarship applicants with information about the application process and post-award selection procedures.

- **Hildagard M. Musah** will be responsible for the Western part of Ghana JEQ Foundation's scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants. She will be assisted by Mabel Wiafe.
- **Abdul Rahman Lansah** will be responsible for the northern part of scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants.
- **Talita Anokye** will be responsible for the Eastern and Brong regions of Ghana scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants. She will be assisted by Hayford Kankam Boadu.
- **Philip Nii Nortey** will be responsible for the Ashanti region of Ghana JEQ Foundation's scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants.
- **Thomas Benson** will be responsible for the Central region of Ghana scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants.
- **Sarah Jalima** will be responsible for the Greater region of Ghana scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants. She will be assisted by Rejoice B. Kojopeni.
- **Reagan Boulovi** Will be responsible for the Volta region of Ghana JEQ Foundation's scholarship recipients and scholarship applicants.



NORTHERN ZONE ALMT SESSION

Abdul Rahman Lansah, ALMT Northern Zone Leader

On June 15, 2024, I met all scholars in the northern zone at the University for Development Studies, Nyankpala Campus. The meeting allowed us to get to know each other in person.

I shared with scholars my growth timelines and key challenges and victories along my journey that I encountered. This was necessary because it allowed mentees to freely approach me. We also talked about having a clear purpose and mentees were tasked to draft their purpose statements



by June 30. I discussed with them the importance of time management, prioritization, effective communication, good attitude and punctuality as students and being a potential graduate for the final year students.

In addition, I showed them how to use digital platforms like LinkedIn to enhance their professional growth and also the importance of volunteerism was shared. Key personal real-life examples of myself were shared and some refreshments. Transportation fare for those who were coming from far were provided.

ASHANTI REGIONAL ALMT MEMBERS SESSION

Philip Nortey, ALMT Ashanti Regional Leader

On July 14, 202, I worked with the five members of my ALMT team to bring them together on the same WhatsApp platform. We discussed issues regarding their academic work, community service and other commitments to the foundation, and suggested ways forward.

I had the opportunity to meet some of them in-person on Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi campus. The session was very successful as we had an extensive discussion on issues, which had already discussed on the WhatsApp platform. I also had the privilege to address one student denomination (NUPS-G, KNUST) concerning the foundation and scholarship. There are plans under way to reach out to the Student Representative Council (SRC) executives of KNUST and Kumasi Technical University.





Mabel Wiafe, Phillip Nii Nortey and Hildagard Musah



Musah Abdul Rahman Lansah

ALUMNI NEWS: PAYING IT FORWARD

The JEQ Foundation is pleased to announce that two of its alumni have committed to supporting students from their local communities.

Abdul Rahman Lansah, a 2021 scholarship recipient and a current employee at AngloAshanti at Obuasi, has committed to sponsoring a student in Tamale at the Northern Region of Ghana through the Foundation.

Philip Nii Nortey has donated to the Foundation to support a student from his local community in the Western Region of Ghana.

To date, the JEQ Foundation has **14 strong alumni**:

- Four are gainfully employed in both the public and private sectors in Ghana.
- One is doing his master's degree in economics in Europe
- The remaining alumni are currently doing their mandatory National Service work required by the Ghana government.

FAREWELL TO DR. VALARIE THOMAS

There would be no JEQ Foundation today if Dr. Valerie Thomas did not push the Founders to turn away from using their savings for charity work and turn their initiatives into a 501(c) (3) nonprofit. As one of the original board members of the Foundation, Dr. Thomas gave the Foundation her time, gifts, and commitment for four years. The time has come for her to focus on her own nonprofit organization. Dr. Thomas stepped down last December as our Parliamentarian and will now assume the role as an adviser to the Foundation.



The Founders, Board Members, and the entire JEQ Foundation thank you believing in our cause, mission and working tirelessly to see this Foundation grow to where it is today. We are grateful for the unwavering support, input, generous donation, and work you put in during your tenure. You will forever be part of this amazing organization you helped to create. Dr. Thomas, we wish you all the best in all your endeavors and thank you for being an ally.

HOW TO SUPPORT

Four Ways to Make A Difference

1. Become a:Lifelong Donor
2. Sponsor a Student
3. Mentor a Student
4. Volunteer and host a private fundraiser for the JEQ Foundation



Get involved with us to provide educational support and scholarship to the students of Ghana. If you want to make a deeper impact with your monetary donations or want to get involved on a more personal level, please contact the JEQ Foundation at quansahfoundation@gmail.com.

Please Join Us Today!

