



**GIMPA's 24th
Congregation:
Celebrating
Achievements and
Future Partnerships**



**Bunker Hill
Community College
Delegation Visits
GIMPA for
Educational Tour**

THE GREENHILL Newsletter

August Highlights



Welcome to the August 2024 edition of the Greenhill Newsletter! This month, we proudly feature the highlights of GIMPA's 24th congregation, where 782 graduates were celebrated under the theme "Strengthen Partnerships for Impact." We also spotlight the exceptional work of GIMPA's Estate and Municipal Service Directorate - Grounds Unit, whose dedication has kept our Greenhill Campus a model of natural beauty. In addition, we bring you exclusive interviews with fresh alumni from the July 2024 graduation, a special faculty spotlight, and a preview of the upcoming GIMPA Arts and Cultural Exhibition. Don't miss our coverage of Bunker Hill Community College's recent visit to GIMPA. Dive in for these stories and more!

Celebrating Achievements and Future Partnerships

The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) marked its 24th congregation with remarkable success and enthusiasm. The two-day event, held on July 26 and 27, 2024, saw the graduation of a total of 782 students across undergraduate and graduate programs. Themed “Strengthen Partnerships for Impact,” the congregation underscored the importance of collaboration in achieving transformative outcomes.



A Milestone Celebration

The ceremony, spread across two days, was graced by distinguished guest speakers who provided insightful addresses reflecting the theme. On July 26, Hon. Baboucarr Bouy, Minister for Public Service, Administrative Reforms, Policy Coordination, and Delivery of the Republic of the Gambia, delivered a keynote speech during the morning session. His address highlighted the robust relationship between The Gambia and Ghana, emphasizing GIMPA's pivotal role in the professional development of Gambian civil servants.

In the afternoon of the same day, Hon. Gregory O.W. Coleman, Inspector General of Police, Liberia National

Police, took the stage. His speech celebrated the long-standing collaboration between GIMPA and Liberia, noting how GIMPA's programs have significantly contributed to the development of Liberian security personnel and public sector leaders.

The second day featured H.E. Rosemary Mbabazi, High Commissioner of Rwanda to Ghana. Her address focused on the importance of partnerships, reflecting on Rwanda's journey of reconstruction and the supportive role played by various partners, including Ghana and GIMPA. She also expressed gratitude for GIMPA's efforts in co-hosting a symposium on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and the plans for a lasting monument on campus.



Strengthening Collaborative Ties

The success of the congregation was not just in the graduation of students but in the reinforcement of international partnerships. The theme “Strengthen Partnerships for Impact” resonated deeply throughout the event. The Rector of GIMPA, in his address, outlined plans for the future, including the existing GIMPA Endowment and the construction of a student hostel. These initiatives aim to enhance the institution’s capacity to support students and expand its impact.

The Rector emphasized that the GIMPA Endowment will be pivotal in securing long-term financial sustainability and supporting future generations of students. Similarly, the student hostel project is designed to improve accommodation facilities, providing a conducive environment for academic and personal growth.

Chairman of the GIMPA Governing Council, Mr. Kofi Darko Asante, also addressed these plans in his closing remarks. He underscored the significance of the GIMPA Endowment and the student hostel project as key

Endowment and the student hostel project as key components of the institution’s strategic vision. His remarks highlighted the importance of these initiatives in strengthening GIMPA’s ability to deliver quality education and support its students effectively.





Reflections and Future Prospects

The 24th congregation was a testament to the power of collaboration and the enduring partnerships that GIMPA has cultivated over the years. The event provided a platform for celebrating achievements and discussing prospects, reinforcing GIMPA's commitment to excellence and innovation in public administration and management.

The successful execution of this year's congregation reflects the institution's dedication to fostering impactful partnerships and enhancing its role as a leading center for education and

professional development in Africa. As GIMPA continues to build on these successes, the emphasis on partnerships and strategic initiatives will undoubtedly pave the way for even greater accomplishments in the future.







Interviewer: What motivated you to choose GIMPA for your studies?

Murphy Frimpong: I chose GIMPA's School of Technology (SOT) because of its reputation for excellent lectures and faculty with a deep understanding of computer science fundamentals. The program's emphasis on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills made it the ideal place for me to advance my studies and career in software engineering.

Interviewer: How would you rate the quality of teaching and support from faculty?

Murphy Frimpong: The quality of teaching and support from the School of Technology at GIMPA is exceptional. The professors are not only knowledgeable but also very approachable and supportive. They are committed to ensuring that students understand the material thoroughly and are always willing to provide extra help when needed.

Interviewer: Which courses or professors most influenced your growth at GIMPA?

Murphy Frimpong: Several courses and professors have significantly influenced my growth at GIMPA. Dr. Engmann's courses on Compiler Design and Artificial Intelligence provided deep insights and a practical approach to complex topics. Mr. Djaba's lectures on Computer Organization and Architecture (COA) and Electronic Circuits were incredibly engaging and thought-provoking. Professor Adabor's Mathematics

courses, as well as Dr. Kuada's teachings on Database and Networking, played crucial roles in shaping my understanding and passion for software engineering with their unique teaching styles and profound knowledge.

Interviewer: Can you share a memorable experience or challenge you faced?

Murphy Frimpong: A significant challenge I faced was the lack of on-campus hostels, which made meeting up with classmates for group work quite difficult. One memorable experience was working on a group project in the Software Engineering course. The challenge of coordinating with team members, overcoming technical obstacles, and delivering a successful project under tight deadlines was both demanding and rewarding. It taught me the importance of teamwork, time management, and perseverance.

Interviewer: What advice would you give to incoming students for a successful experience at GIMPA?

Murphy Frimpong: My main advice for incoming students is to never miss class, even when the workload feels overwhelming. Consistent attendance ensures you don't miss out on crucial lectures and helps you stay on top of your studies. Be proactive in engaging with the faculty and taking advantage of the resources available. Participate actively in class, join study groups, and don't hesitate to seek help when needed. Balance your academic work with extracurricular activities to develop a well-rounded skill set, and embrace challenges as opportunities for growth.

INTERVIEW WITH

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin

Bachelor of Laws

Interviewer: What motivated you to choose GIMPA for your studies?

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin: I chose GIMPA for its strong reputation in the Bachelor of Laws program and its comprehensive curriculum that aligns with my career goals. Additionally, I know many people who have attended GIMPA, and I have seen firsthand the remarkable achievements and career advancements they have attained. This inspired me to pursue my studies here, knowing that GIMPA provides a solid foundation for success.

Interviewer: How would you rate the quality of teaching and support from faculty?

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin: The quality of teaching at GIMPA has been exceptional. The lecturers are not only knowledgeable but also approachable and supportive. They create an engaging learning environment and are always willing to offer guidance and mentorship.

Interviewer: Which courses or professors most influenced your growth at GIMPA?

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin: Several courses and professors have greatly influenced my growth. Courses like Constitutional Law, Public International Law, Commercial Law, and Criminal Law opened my eyes to new perspectives and helped me develop critical thinking skills. Additionally, Mr. Clement Akapame, who was my Commercial Law lecturer, has been invaluable in shaping my academic and career path. His passion for teaching and enthusiasm for the law were truly inspiring, and I know I inadvertently picked up that same zeal from him.

Interviewer: Can you share a memorable experience or challenge you faced here?

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin: One memorable experience was participating in the moot court preparations for the CHRISTOF HEYNS African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, held in Egypt. I worked with a team to



solve hypothetical questions centred on real-world problems under the guidance of Dr Enam Antonio and Daniel Odonkor. Although I did not make it to the end, I enjoyed every bit of it. It was challenging but incredibly rewarding, as it pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. On the negative side, I had to endure several instances where my exam marks and grades were not accurately recorded, and I had to chase the administration to have them rectified. This had a psychological effect on me.

Interviewer: What advice would you give to incoming students for a successful experience at GIMPA?

Abena Owusua Mintah-Benyin: My advice to incoming students is to take full advantage of the opportunities available at GIMPA. Get involved in extracurricular activities, seek mentorship from faculty, and don't be afraid to challenge yourself academically. Building a strong network and staying proactive in your studies will contribute significantly to a successful experience.



INTERVIEW WITH

Ebenezer Osei Best Graduate Student

Interviewer: What motivated you to choose GIMPA for your studies?

Ebenezer Osei: My motivation to choose GIMPA came from the recommendations of some friends who had attended the school. They shared their experiences of gaining rich knowledge and appreciated the flexibility of studies, which met the needs of working-class people.

Interviewer: How would you rate the quality of teaching and support from faculty?

Ebenezer Osei: I rate the quality of teaching and support quite high. This is evident in the devotion of the faculty towards teaching and learning. Lecturer attendance and punctuality are commendable and something other institutions could learn from.

Interviewer: Which courses or professors most influenced your growth at GIMPA?

Ebenezer Osei: All lecturers were good, in my view. However, some honourable mentions are Prof. Ebenezer Bugri Anarfo, Prof. Famiyeh, and Dr. A. Y. Tano. Particularly, Dr. A. Y. Tano, because through him, I developed a passion for a course I initially did not really like.

Interviewer: What advice would you give to incoming students for a successful experience at GIMPA?

Ebenezer Osei: To have a successful stay at GIMPA, effort and hard work are always crowned at the end. Therefore, it is very important to put in your all and ensure you work hard because mixing work with school requires a lot of sacrifice.



INTERVIEW WITH

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson

BSc Public Administration

- Excellent teacher-student relationship.
- The readiness of the teachers to go the extra mile to help students grasp the practicality of the subjects, not just the theoretical aspects.
- I believe the faculty still has room for improvement and the potential to be ranked among the best in the world.

Interviewer: Which courses or professors most influenced your growth at GIMPA?

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson: All courses, doctors, and professors have influenced my life and shaped my perceptions and personality, from Humanities 1 in the first semester of level 100 to Taxation in the last semester of level 400. All the courses were very impactful. I would, however, like to specifically mention Leadership and Ethics as a course that made an unforgettable impact on my growth. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Tandoh, and Prof. Agomor for their unrelenting encouragement and guidance, both directly and indirectly, throughout my time at GIMPA.

Interviewer: Can you share a memorable experience or challenge you faced here?

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson: Pop-up quizzes, presentations, and the challenge of submitting assignments before the deadline when the network was bad are all experiences that have made me tough.

Interviewer: What advice would you give to incoming students for a successful experience at GIMPA?

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson: GIMPA lecturers will do their part to deliver quality education, so they expect you, the student, to do your part as well. You may see them as friendly, but they are different during exams, all for your well-being. Be serious with every aspect of your studies. Thank you.

Interviewer: What motivated you to choose GIMPA for your studies?

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson: Several factors motivated me to choose GIMPA:

1. Proximity: As a parent, I needed a school that provided easy access from home, allowing me to maintain my oversight responsibilities towards my kids without compromise.

2. Reputation of GIMPA: The university has an outstanding reputation for academic excellence, which serves as a source of inspiration to push beyond boundaries.

3. Conducive Learning Environment: Given my age of entry, GIMPA was an excellent fit. The learning environment and the systems in place were motivating factors for me.

Interviewer: How would you rate the quality of teaching and support from faculty?

Anastasia Sweetie Johnson: I would rate the teaching and support from the faculty 9 out of 10, for the following reasons:



Bunker Hill Community College Delegation Visits GIMPA for Educational Tour

A delegation of students and facilitators from Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, USA, visited the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) on June 27, 2024. The educational tour provided an opportunity for the visitors to interact with GIMPA's faculty, staff, and students, gaining valuable insights into the academic and social environment of the Institute.

The visiting students, representing diverse academic disciplines including Finance, Business Administration, and Economics, were enthusiastic about expanding their knowledge and experiencing GIMPA's dynamic environment. The delegation was warmly welcomed by the Head of the Department of Business Management, Professor Fanny Quagraine, who provided an overview of GIMPA's operations, the variety of courses offered, and the different types of academic programs available.

During the visit, the delegation engaged in meaningful discussions with GIMPA students about the social environment at the Institute, further enriching their experience. The event was also attended by key figures including Professor Kwami Adanu of the School of Technology & Social Science, Mr. Kwabena Amoah the Senior Assistant Registrar from the Students Affairs Unit, and the Corporate Affairs Team.

The collaboration between Bunker Hill Community College and GIMPA underscores the importance of fostering international academic partnerships. Such visits not only broaden the horizons of students but also strengthen global educational networks. GIMPA remains committed to enhancing its international engagement and looks forward to future collaborations that contribute to mutual growth and understanding.



GIMPA Middle-Level Staff Association Embarks on Relaxation Trip to Volta Region

The Middle-Level Staff Association of GIMPA recently undertook a four-day relaxation and networking trip to the picturesque Volta Region from August 3rd to August 6th 2024. This trip was part of their efforts to rejuvenate and strategize for the upcoming academic year.

The journey began with a visit to Mount Afadjato, the highest peak in Ghana, where staff members challenged themselves with a rewarding hike. The breathtaking view from the summit served as a perfect metaphor for the heights the association aims to reach in the new academic year.

Next on the itinerary was the awe-inspiring Wli Waterfalls, the tallest waterfall in West Africa. The serene environment provided a perfect backdrop for relaxation and reflection, allowing staff members to connect with nature and each other. The cascading waters and lush greenery offered a refreshing respite from the hustle and bustle of daily work life.

Throughout the trip, members of the Middle-Level Staff Association engaged in various team-building activities and discussions aimed at fostering stronger relationships and developing innovative strategies for the new academic year. The scenic and tranquil settings of the Volta Region provided the ideal environment for these productive sessions.

"The trip was an excellent opportunity for us to unwind, bond, and come up with fresh ideas for the upcoming academic year," said a spokesperson for the association. "We are returning to GIMPA rejuvenated and ready to tackle the challenges ahead with renewed vigor and enthusiasm."

This initiative underscores the association's commitment to the well-being and professional development of its members, ensuring that they are well-prepared to contribute effectively to GIMPA's mission of academic excellence and leadership.



Celebrating the Exceptional Work of GIMPA's Estate and Municipal Service Directorate - Grounds Unit



The Greenhill Campus of GIMPA has always been renowned for its lush, picturesque landscape. This verdant beauty is no accident but the result of the tireless efforts of the Estate and Municipal Service Directorate's Grounds Unit. Today, we celebrate and commend their dedication to maintaining and enhancing the campus environment, which has rightfully earned its name, "Greenhill."

The Grounds Unit's commitment to beautification has transformed our campus into a serene and welcoming haven for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Their meticulous attention to detail in landscaping, gardening, and overall environmental maintenance ensures that the Greenhill Campus remains an oasis of tranquillity and natural beauty.

Under the stewardship of the Estate and Municipal Service Directorate, the Grounds Unit has implemented sustainable practices to preserve our green spaces. Their innovative approach to horticulture and landscape design has not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the campus but also contributed to the overall well-being of our community.

On behalf of the entire GIMPA community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to the members of the Grounds Unit. Your unwavering commitment to excellence has made Greenhill Campus a model of environmental stewardship and beauty.

Thank you for making Greenhill Campus a place we are all proud to call home.

Faculty Spotlight

Prof. Ebenezer Bugri Anarfo is an Associate Professor of Finance at the Department of Accounting and Finance, GIMPA Business School. He is currently the Director of Academic Planning and Quality Assurance (APQA) of GIMPA. He is a Senior Research Fellow at A&A Universal Consults Ltd and also consults for Corporate Support Group (CSG).

His research interests are in the areas of financial inclusion, financial sector development, monetary policy, financial regulation, remittances, food security, FDI, economic growth, capital structure, mental health and environmental management systems. His works on these areas of interest have been published in reputable journals.



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

24TH
SEPT

LAUNCH OF EVOLUTION OF DREAMS

Theme: Dreams as Drivers of Change
VENUE: GB AUDITORIUM

28TH
SEPT

Private Showing

GIMPA ART AND CULTURE EXHIBITION

Theme: Evolution of Dreams
VENUE: RECTOR'S RESIDENCE

5TH
OCT

Public Opening

GIMPA ART AND CULTURE EXHIBITION

Theme: Evolution of Dreams
VENUE: DEI CENTRE (TESANO)

10TH
OCT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Theme: Resilience through Creativity
VENUE: GIMPA AUDITORIUM

12TH
OCT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Theme: Art as Advocacy: Amplifying Voices for Change
VENUE: DEI CENTRE (TESANO)

17TH
OCT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Imagining the Future: Dreams, Innovation, and Transformation
VENUE: GIMPA GB AUDITORIUM

19TH
OCT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Beginning of Dreams: Fostering Children's creativity
VENUE: DEI CENTRE (TESANO)

26TH
OCT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Theme: Sustainability and the Artistic Vision
VENUE: DEI CENTRE (TESANO)

Please Note: The art and culture exhibition will run from 5th to 31st October 2024. Mark your calendars and immerse yourself in a world of creativity and inspiration!

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