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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the **May edition** of our monthly newsletter, where we give you a recap of our activities for the previous month.

The month was filled with many activities that involved engagement with students and providing them with opportunities to connect with more professionals.



**MAKING IMPACT & HAVING
FUN!**



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A DAY SPENT IN ABURI

On Saturday, 4th May, our team dedicated the day to Presbyterian Senior High Technical School in Aburi, reaffirming our commitment to youth development by bringing professionals to engage with campus clubs. This trip marked a significant milestone as it was the first collaboration between our organisation, the Ghana Armed Forces, and the National Commission for Civic Education, aimed at inspiring the young generation in their career paths.

Our founder consistently emphasises the importance of participating in extracurricular activities for personal growth. Recognising this, we aimed to reward students who had voluntarily joined campus clubs by facilitating direct engagement with professionals who shared their experiences and journeys.

Engagements with Campus Clubs

Debaters Club and Readers & Writers Club: Members had the opportunity to interact with lawyers and journalists who shared insights into their respective fields, discussing the importance of reading and widening their knowledge.

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Drama Club: Students met with two prolific actors who talked about their paths to success in the acting industry, highlighting the importance of creativity and perseverance.

Cadet Corps and Head of State Awards Club: These groups engaged with personnel from the Ghana Armed Forces, learning about discipline, leadership, and the various career opportunities within the military.

Civic Education Club: The staff of the National Commission for Civic Education educated the students on the importance of being responsible citizens.

The trip provided students with a unique opportunity to ask personalised questions to these professionals, who had overcome significant challenges in their career paths. These interactions not only inspired the students but also gave them practical advice and encouragement to pursue their dreams with determination.

The day spent in Aburi was impactful and enriching for all involved. The students gained insights into various career paths, and the professionals had the chance to inspire the next generation.











PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR THE TRANSFORMING JOB MARKET!

With the growing influence of technology and the establishment of regional blocs like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the job market for Ghanaian students is undergoing a significant transformation. They no longer compete solely with their compatriots but with a vast pool of talent across the African continent. This evolving landscape presents both challenges and exciting opportunities.

The AfCFTA, by creating a unified market, fosters competition but also opens doors for skilled individuals. Understanding the free movement of goods, services, and – potentially in the future – labour within Africa is crucial for students to navigate this new reality. This knowledge can serve as a guiding principle, propelling them to aim high and develop the skills needed to become Africa's next generation of change-makers.

To equip them for this future, we secured invitations for 20 final-year students from West Africa Senior High School to attend the launch of the Africa Prosperity Dialogues (APD) 2025. The APD is a prestigious event that brings together Africa's leading thinkers and policymakers, providing a unique platform for students to gain insights into the AfCFTA and its impact on the continent's economic landscape. By exposing students to such high-level discussions, we aim to inspire and prepare them to thrive in a competitive and integrated African job market.







Monthly Outreach: Visit to OPASS & ABUSCO

As part of our monthly outreach programme, our team travelled to the Eastern Region on 17th May to engage with students at Ofori Panin Senior High School in Tafo and Abuakwa State College in Kibi. We were accompanied by a tall list of professionals from various fields, including medicine, information technology, maritime, acting, business, law, media, and vocational training.

The interactions at both schools were highly engaging. We received a warm welcome, with ABUSCO students greeting us with a live band performance. This lively reception led to some of our team members showcasing both old and new dance moves.

The breakout sessions proved to be particularly engaging, as students eagerly sought advice and insights from our team of professionals. These sessions provided valuable one-on-one interactions, allowing students to gain deeper knowledge and guidance on their career aspirations.

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As in previous months, we conducted several informative talks:

- **Founder's Segment:** Highlighting the origins and mission of our organisation as well as inspiring the students to work hard to achieve their goals.
- **Adolescent Health Segment:** Focusing on health issues pertinent to teenagers and how they can deal with them.
- **University Application Guidance:** Providing essential tips and advice on completing university applications successfully.

Introduction of the “Touched” Initiative

A highlight of this trip was the introduction of our new “Touched” initiative. This program is designed to recognise and reward outstanding students who demonstrate exceptional engagement and potential during our school visits.

Outreach Details

School	No. of Students Engaged	Breakout sessions	Level of students
Ofori Panin SHS	378	12	Form 1 & 3
Abuakwa State College	890	12	Form 1 & 3

Professions of Volunteers	No. volunteers
Technical & Vocational Expert	1
Media & Entertainment Personality	3
Maritime Administrator	1
Lawyer	2
Nurse	1
Medical Doctor	1
Information Technology	1
Lecturer	1

A large group of students, mostly young women, are seated in a classroom, facing forward. They are wearing blue and white uniforms. The classroom has large windows in the background, and the students are sitting on blue plastic chairs. The text "OFORI PANIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL" is overlaid in the center of the image.

OFORI PANIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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ABUAKWA STATE COLLEGE













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