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THE DRIVE REPORT

OCTOBER 2024

OVERVIEW

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

This month, we had the wonderful opportunity to visit **Ghana National College**, which led to the establishment of the first DTIA on-campus club. We also hosted a networking event for the participants of our mentorship program, fostering connections and collaboration among our mentees.



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WHAT WE DO

MENTORSHIP
We pair mentees with professionals who offer advice, support and constructive role modeling.

CAREER GUIDANCE
We provide career guidance, counseling services to students in evaluation of options and making informed choices.

SCHOLARSHIPS
We offer scholarships to academically talented yet economically disadvantaged students, enabling them to pursue higher education and vocational training.

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SHARING IMPACT ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME

Monthly outreach: Visit to Ghana National College

It had definitely been a while since we last went to the Central Region, and the wait was worth it. Our journey to Ghana National College left a lasting impression on our minds, thanks to the warm hospitality extended by the management and students of the school. The eagerness, enthusiasm, and quality of questions posed by the students were truly top-notch.

As is customary for our trips outside Accra, we set off early. This time, however, we were fortunate to travel in a comfortable bus provided by GH Express Limited, which allowed our volunteers to catch a bit of sleep during the journey. Though, to be honest, that rarely happens due to the engaging conversations that ensue.

Upon arriving on campus, we were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of students who had been anticipating our visit, having heard that resource persons were coming to deliver talks. The specifics of those talks were a surprise until our founder was introduced. She shared the background of our organisation and explained the purpose of our visit to their school.

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One thing that has become synonymous with our visits to schools is our drive to inspire confidence and empower young people to speak in public. At Ghana National College, we kicked off the day with a fun activity where students teamed up to randomly pick and answer questions. It was positive to see many students stepping up to participate, and they were rewarded with our branded ‘Touched’ souvenirs.

Following this engaging activity, our founder, alongside other volunteers, addressed the students during a general session, focusing on essential elements for success: discipline, goal orientation, and resilience, all framed within the concept of a Growth Mindset. This was followed by breakout sessions, during which the students impressed us with their thoughtful and insightful questions directed at the professionals present.

We were joined by two psychologists from the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital, by courtesy of The Wholesome Mind Summit, who led our health segment. They addressed important mental health issues and shared effective strategies for dealing with the challenges the students were facing.

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Overall, the journey was an exciting and enriching experience, not just for us but for the students as well.

The impact of our visit was profound, as we witnessed the students engaging, learning, and growing in confidence. It was a reminder of the power of supporting the young and the profound influence we can have on the next generation.

Outreach Details

School	No. of volunteers	No. of Students Engaged	Breakout sessions	Level of students
Ghana National College	15	1,500	7	Form 1

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Media	5
Human Resource	1
Admin	1
Law	1
Healthcare	4
Education	2
IT	1















The Debrief: Our 3 months Mentorship for girls programme

On the 1st of October 2024, we hosted a networking cocktail for participants of our three-month mentorship programme, designed to support young women aged 18 to 30. The evening was filled with stories, laughter, and reflection, as mentors and mentees came together to celebrate their shared journey. This gathering was the first opportunity for many to meet face-to-face after months of virtual mentoring.

The event was more than just a celebration; it was a critical opportunity for reflection, learning, and growth. As a youth-focused non-profit, our goal is to ensure that young people maximise every opportunity. The mentors and mentees shared powerful stories about their experiences—overcoming challenges, achieving personal growth, and forming valuable connections. These reflections provided us with insight into the programme's impact, as well as areas where we can improve.

Key Highlights

- **Personal Growth:** Mentees expressed how the programme helped them develop new skills, build

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confidence, and overcome obstacles. Mentors also shared insights that will help us refine our approach in future programmes.

- **In-Person Networking:** Meeting in person strengthened mentor-mentee relationships, deepening the bonds formed during the virtual sessions.
- **Programme Improvement:** The feedback we received will be instrumental in shaping future mentorship cycles, allowing us to enhance the experience and better serve the young women in our programme.

We are grateful to our incredible mentors for selflessly giving their time and guiding these young individuals to see the limitless potential they have. And to our mentees — we applaud you for having the courage to seek guidance and for taking this important step in your personal and professional development. You are the reason we do what we do, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

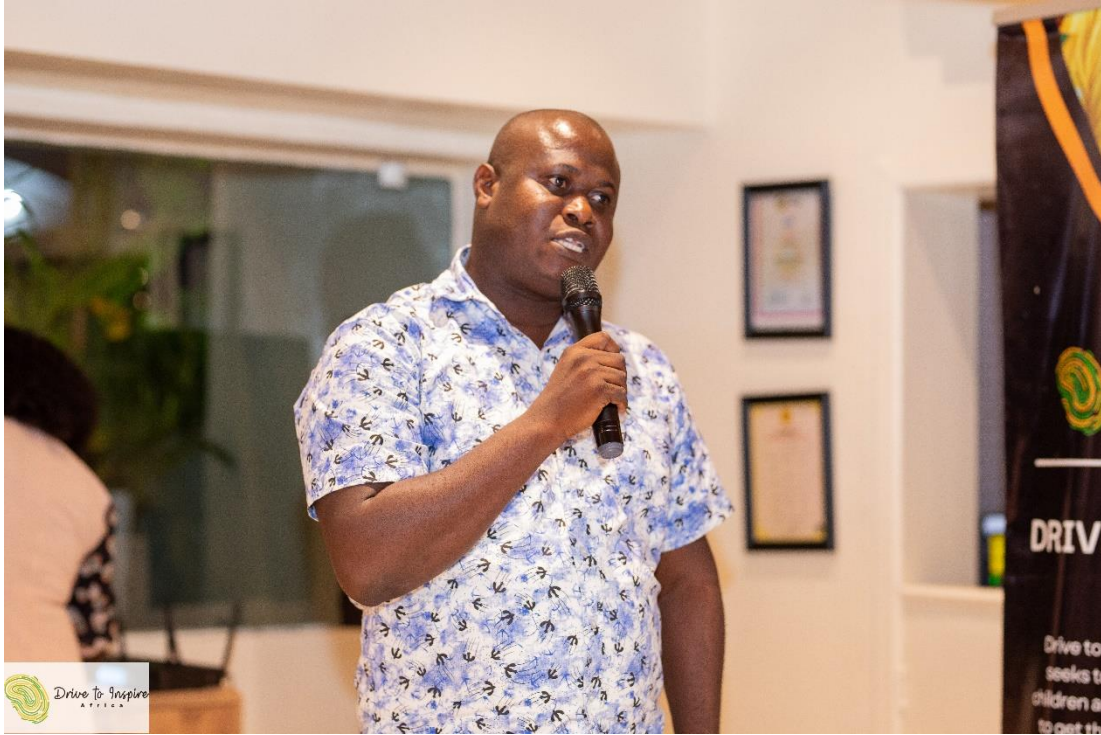














Building a community through our on-campus clubs

We are excited to announce the launch of our first Drive to Inspire on-campus club at Ghana National College, marking a significant step toward establishing a lasting presence in every school we visit. This will allow us to maintain connections with students by providing them with a platform to inspire, guide, and support their growth.

The on-campus clubs will serve as hubs for sharing valuable resources with students, helping them in their personal and career development. Through these clubs, we aim to equip young people with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in an ever-evolving world. DTIA will provide resource persons—professionals from various industries—to engage with students, either virtually during club meetings or in person whenever possible.

Beyond mentorship, we will make available resources on emerging trends in professional fields, keeping students informed about the skills in demand and opportunities within global markets. These insights will help students understand the competitive landscape they will face after graduation, motivating them to invest in their own growth and work toward achieving their ambitions.

Building a community through our on-campus clubs

The on-campus clubs represent more than just a chance to offer guidance; they create a community of like-minded, driven individuals who can learn from one another and continuously grow. We envision these clubs becoming a place where students are not only inspired but also empowered to take proactive steps in their personal and professional journeys.

In doing so, we hope to instill a sense of responsibility and drive in young people, preparing them for the challenges ahead and giving them the tools to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.



Some students writing their names to be a part of the campus club

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