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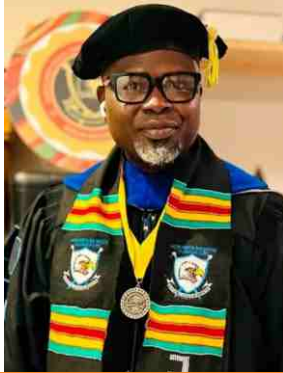
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Editor's Note: Preserving Originality in the AI Era

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In an era driven by remarkable technological advancements, where artificial intelligence permeates nearly every aspect of our lives, the quest to maintain our individuality and originality has become more critical than ever. As we navigate this ever-evolving landscape, we find ourselves at the crossroads of harnessing the power of AI while cherishing and amplifying the authentic expression of human intellectual prowess.

Technology has undoubtedly revolutionized our world, unlocking a realm of possibilities that once existed only in our wildest imaginations. From autonomous vehicles to voice-activated assistants, AI has transformed industries and streamlined our daily routines. Yet, as our reliance on AI grows, it is vital to remember that these powerful tools should augment our human capabilities, not replace them.

In this issue, we embark on a journey to explore how we can strike a harmonious balance between embracing the potential of AI and nurturing our own originality. We invite you, our esteemed readers, to delve into the depths of technological know-how, to develop your expertise in utilizing AI to its fullest extent. Our articles, features, and insights are designed to equip you with the

knowledge and skills needed to thrive in this rapidly changing landscape.

However, amidst the whirlwind of technological marvels, we must pause to reflect on the essence of what makes us unique as individuals. Our originality lies not just in our ability to adapt and utilize technology but also in our capacity to think critically, solve complex problems, and express our ideas creatively. As AI continues to advance, we must cultivate and celebrate our human intellectual prowess—the qualities that set us apart, our capacity for empathy, intuition, and innovation.

It is precisely through the integration of human and machine intelligence that we can achieve new heights of originality and authenticity. AI can serve as a catalyst, amplifying our creativity, expanding our reach, and enabling us to explore uncharted territories. By harnessing its capabilities while staying true to ourselves, we forge a path that transcends the boundaries of what is currently known, venturing into the realm of unexplored ideas and untapped potential.

As you embark on this intellectual odyssey, we encourage you to keep your curiosity ablaze, your mind open to new possibilities, and your

determination unwavering. Embrace the transformative power of AI, but always remember that it is merely a tool—a magnificent tool, indeed—but it is our own ingenuity, passion, and originality that give it purpose and meaning.

In the pages that follow, you will encounter thought-provoking articles, interviews with fellow alumni and captivating stories that embody the delicate dance between technology and authenticity. We aim to ignite a spark within you, encouraging you to harness the potential of AI while preserving the core of what makes us human—our ability to think, feel, create, and express.

Welcome to a world where the intellect of man and the ingenuity of machines converge, where originality finds new dimensions, and where the possibilities are limited only by the boundaries of our imagination. Together, let us navigate this uncharted territory, ensuring that as we embrace the future, we never lose sight of the essence that defines us—our unwavering commitment to maintaining our originality in the AI world.



Going from Ordinary to Exceptional

by Samuel Jacobs-Abbey, PhD

There are examples of exceptional leadership, all around us, but can you define it? What makes an exceptional leadership, exceptional? It's certainly not a job title or economic status, so then, what is it?

Exceptional leadership is the ability foster and develop the love, trust and respect from others need to inspire them to both listen and follow you anywhere. This definition of exceptional leadership allows us to take a more holistic approach to identify and build out what it takes to be an exceptional leader.

It's the qualities of a person that endear others to listen and follow, not a title or position of power, and it's these qualities that are important for leadership. There are four leadership qualities that I feel are the most critical to exceptional leadership above all others,

and these are what I'd like to discuss today. As we detail these out, my aim is to demonstrate how these qualities can help you improve your own leadership, regardless of who you are and what you do professionally.

The first quality I want to talk about is how exceptional leaders re-frame the problems we face to find a viewpoint that can motivate and empower proactive solutions. Exceptional leaders will always seek to understand the problems they face and then re-orientate their frame of view to one that empowers meaning from the situation. They will seek to frame the problem so that it provides themselves and others with the motivation to resolve that problem.

Instead of getting despondent or overwhelmed by a situation, an exceptional leader will

find a way to describe how resolving the issue is really an opportunity to improve. Framing problems in this way motivates and empowers both themselves and others to deal with whatever comes their way. By doing this well, consistently, exceptional leaders often become known for their ability to produce solid outcomes in the face of adversity, and this is how they do it. The second quality is how exceptional leaders tend to only focus on what they can control and ignore those things they can't.

Exceptional leaders will always resist the temptation to blame negative situations on things outside of their control. They understand that blaming things outside of their control will almost never improve the situation they face and is therefore unproductive. Instead of seeking to blame an external force, an exceptional leader



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will ask themselves “What did I do to cause this situation?” and “What can I do to improve it?”. They then empower every member of their team to do the same.

Asking these two questions will elicit the things that are within their control and allow us to identify those things that aren't. By focusing on the things, we can have control over, and ignoring those that we can't, we can ensure that our energy is best spent on achieving productive future outcomes.

The third quality is an interesting and often misunderstood quality, where exceptional leaders favor being process orientated over goal-orientated in how they approach delivering their work.

Exceptional leaders focus less on the goals they are trying to achieve and more on continually improving the processes they use to achieve

those goals. They understand that by continually improving how they execute, their outputs will always improve as a result.

This is essentially the core premise of Lean thinking. i.e., continually iterate upon factors you can measure for improved work outcomes. The leaders' intention is to seek perfection in how they work, knowing that this will naturally result in improving what they output.

Being process focused means leaders need to measure the effects of any changes they make to how they work. It's these measurements of improvement that then become the backbone for any performance indicators and are what the leader will use to inform their decisions on.

By focusing on improving the way we work to achieve our goals we ensure our goals are continually met and exceeded.

The fourth quality and final quality is the most important of them all. Exceptional leaders will make it all about other people. Building up others is not something that comes naturally to everyone, especially in larger corporate environments. It is, however, something exceptional leaders

do by habit.

In a team working environment they understand that building others up around them and focusing on ensuring their success considered, achieved, and celebrated, is the only way to lead people. By aligning individual goals with more holistic team goals, the consequence of ensuring all individuals succeed will result in the teams meeting its goals. Exceptional leaders understand that this is the hidden advantage of making it about other people and that such an approach is why exceptional leaders learn to enjoy and encourage the success of others. The best leads often get to a point of making others success a core personal driver for themselves.

There you have it, the four leadership qualities that help define exceptional leadership. It's important to remember that leadership is not rocket science and it's something we can all improve. By re-framing the negative situations, we face, focusing on what we can control, seeking to continually improve HOW we do things, and empowering those around us to succeed, we can all become exceptional leaders, should we wish to be. Are you an exceptional leader?



**Commencement Speech – Graduation Ceremony –
Executive Strategic Leadership Management 2023 –
Cashenna A. Cross, Mayor, City of Glenarden.**

The wisdom and insightful commencement speech of an extraordinary leader, Cashenna A. Cross, Mayor of the vibrant City of Glenarden, delivered at the virtual graduation of the 2023 Executive Strategic Leadership Masterclass, held on Saturday, 8 July, serves as a beacon of inspiration, guiding us to unlock our fullest potential as trailblazers and change-makers in our respective fields. Let us embrace her words with open hearts and minds, and let the quest for transformative leadership begin!

It is my honor to speak to you during your graduation from the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies. You have a mission of fostering the leadership of tomorrow and developing through those Executive Strategic Leadership Master Classes that you have so eloquently completed. We are proud of the ten (10) weeks you have dedicated to leadership training. To those that are nurturing the growth and those developments, three (3) continents you come from.

I can't tell you how honored I am to have this opportunity. Let me start by giving you one of the greatest quotes yet that I have read, this quote says "The task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there." That quote was given by John Buchan. I want



you to remember that you are already great.

You went through ten (10) weeks of training but those ten (10) are just a refinement of what was already there. Your research and your ability to listen to your instructors teach you. As you were taught, you gained the knowledge of tomorrow that you will also give to those that you will meet. Your ethics is something that I ask you to hold due. Be ethical! Be ready to tell and speak truth to power. Leadership is not about

gaining friends and building relationships but about being respected for the knowledge and expertise that you possess. I am not asking you to do anything other than just being what God intended you to be. Grow in the hope of tomorrow, because the you that you are today, is what tomorrow demands. Be comfortable with who you are. Ethically, stand for the values. The systems that the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies has given you, have refined those value systems that you came to this leadership studies with. I ask that you bring others to the forefront. In all things, use your integrity, and honest striking of fair bargain with those who ask you to become great negotiators.

Nothing is done without a little bit of pain. I think that anything worthy of having at all comes at the birth of great struggle. Childbirth is no different than your birth into the greatness that you have already inside of you. It must come with a challenge, it must come with those tests which have allowed me to speak to this one statement, "Your test



becomes your testimony.” Let your testimonies speak to those excellent statements of worthiness and statements of great strain and strife that will come on your journey. Anything worth having is worth working for and waiting for. I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today, because your accountability is key, for you have not gained the excellence of your success to keep it to yourself. You are now held accountable from the three (3) continents. You are now globally held accountable. You are accountable to share the message of greatness, to share the message of strength, value, and integrity. To share those leadership principles that you earned so far in those ten (10) weeks of studies. You must deal with change.

At today's forefront, the environment is at risk. Globally, we see climate change and global warming are causing so much different types of troubles and strains. Global pandemic we've all just survived, Covid-19. I will ask that you will contend with change with an aspiration of inquisitiveness. Do not look at change with distainment, for in change we birth comes. I speak to you about conflict

resolution. Allow not your heart to be troubled with those that don't agree with you, for they do without abstinence of acceptance of whom you are called to be. You are not meant to be in every place, but the places that you are meant to be in, you will find comfort there. It is very key that you pay attention to yourself, pay attention to your intuitions, and pay attention to those things that will govern your life. Write your values and beliefs. You must lead with innovation in your heart. Tomorrow's world demands that we innovate. Be better than yesterday by looking at every obstacle and problem that what can we do better. Ask yourself the question, “What could this be if we want to do it differently?” Allow yourself to explore the possibilities, not just go with the flow.

You are now motivated to succeed. I don't have to see you personally to know that you are on fire and ready to take this world by storm. And we have been waiting for just this time to tell you that the best you that you will be is who the world needs today. So, be you on all accounts. I want you to be driven by efficiency, and I want you to be driven by productivity. Allow the excellence that is in you to shine at all times. Do not let the light be shined in the darkness that the darkness spread itself from the light. You are now the light of leadership, the excellence that is within you should shine brighter in all the

corners and the depths of the world where there have been great strives and great challenges. You will solve tomorrow's problems because you are now trained and ready with the efficiency and the moral aptitude to get things done. I ask that you continue to build trust, trust in yourself, respect yourself, and respect others.

Allow yourself to be held accountable in all things. To handle yourself, you use your head. But remember this, to handle others, use your heart. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt stated that many, many years ago and it still reigns through today, “That as a leader, you are not there to govern alone, but you are there to serve.” A leader who serves is a leader of greatness, a leader who respects is a leader of greatness, a leader who dies to self, is a leader who seeks to see change, great change happens. And we are expecting that of each of you. We know from the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies, that you are now joining a family that is expanding not just across three continents but across the world. You are not ever alone; your respect and your challenge today are that you shall bring greatness out of humanity because the greatness is already there. I am Cashenna A. Cross, it is my motto that we will move the mission forward. Today, it is your charge to move the mission forward. Thank you!

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Living In An Artificially Intelligent World *Akoa Isaac*



Have you ever imagined a future where you can wake up in the morning and simply give commands to a computer, and a robot will prepare your breakfast and serve it to you in bed? While you take a shower, another robot can get your clothes ready. Then, you can hop into your self-driving car, which will effortlessly take you to work. And if you forget to lock your doors, your house will detect your absence and lock up automatically. Later, a robot at home can even call you at work if it detects any suspicious activity and ask for permission to call the police on your behalf. Exciting, isn't it? Well, this future might not be too far away with the advent of artificial intelligence (AI).

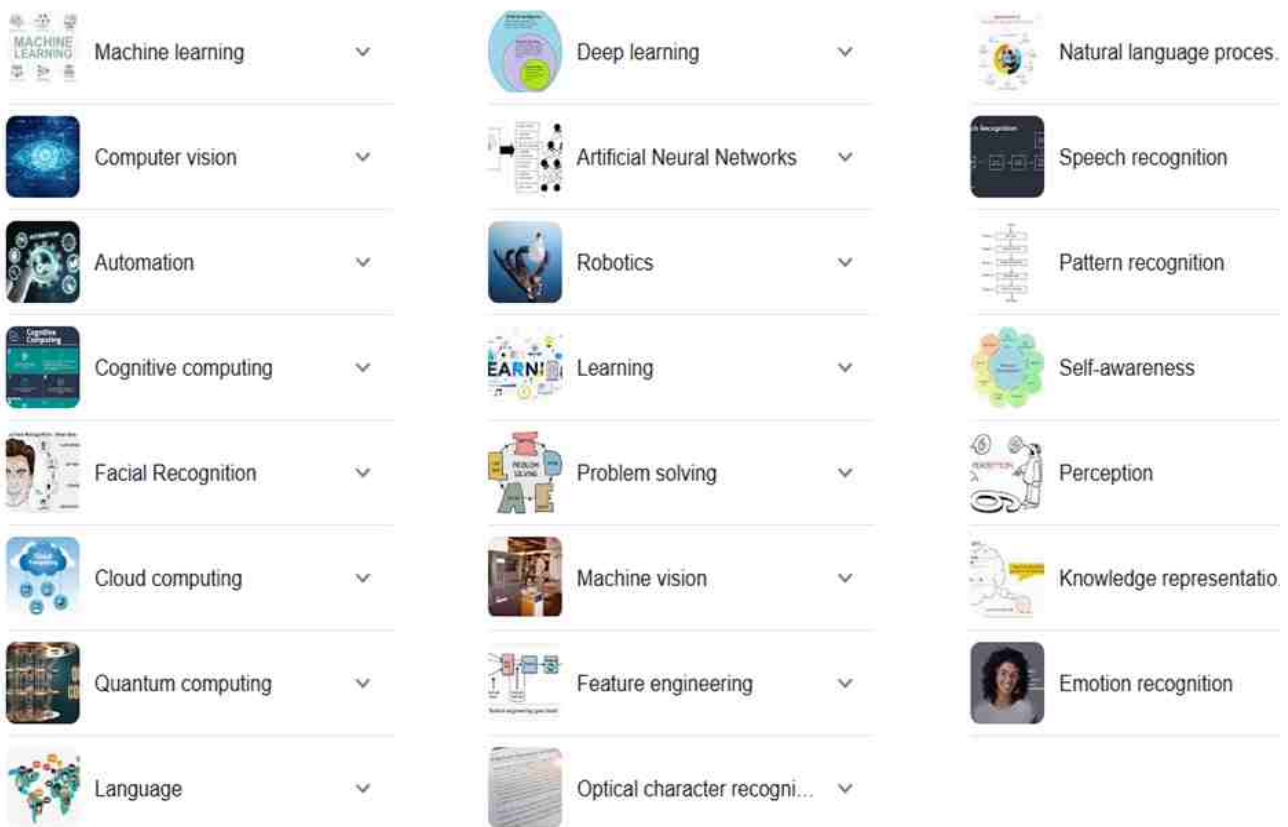
Artificial intelligence refers to the ability of machines and computer systems to learn and behave like humans, with

human-like thinking and cognition. It's both fascinating and, for some, a bit frightening to realize that the world is heading towards this future. Many experiments and trials in the field of AI have shown promising results.

The term "artificial intelligence" was first coined by John McCarthy in 1956 during the first academic conference on the subject. However, the journey to understand whether machines and computer systems can truly think dates back even further. Today, AI has become more popular than ever before, thanks to the increasing volume of data available. It has found applications in various fields, such as applied sciences, medicine, computerization, and industrialization. According to Gartner, 37% of organizations have already implemented AI

in some form, and the number of enterprises using AI has grown by 270% in the past four years. By 2025, it is estimated that 95% of customer interactions will be powered by AI, according to Servion Global Solutions. Furthermore, the revenue from the AI software market worldwide is projected to reach 126 billion USD by 2025, as reported by Statista.

AI enables machines, computers, robots, and software to perform cognitive and rational human activities with little to no human involvement. In simpler terms, it allows these man-made creations to "think" and "act" like humans. This definition also includes human creations that are programmed to perform tasks that were traditionally done by animals, such as dogs or parrots.



AI encompasses various features that are still being rapidly studied and developed. Some of these features rely on one or more other features to execute specific intelligent tasks. It's important to note that AI doesn't necessarily refer to "superintelligence," but rather any human-like or animal-like attribute that a machine can be programmed to perform. Here are a few examples:

1. Algorithm: An algorithm is a finite sequence of rigorous instructions used in advanced mathematics and computer science to solve specific problems or perform computations. It forms the backbone of AI and all types of computer programming

systems. Algorithms have been employed in AI to diagnose diseases, recommend treatments, predict treatment outcomes, and monitor patient progress in the health sciences.

2. Machine Learning (ML): Learning is a process through which humans and animals acquire new knowledge, skills, and behaviors. Machine learning uses complex computer programming algorithms to build systems that can learn and adapt without explicit programming. These systems analyze patterns in data and make inferences, allowing computers to learn and adapt without specific instructions. Deep learning is one example

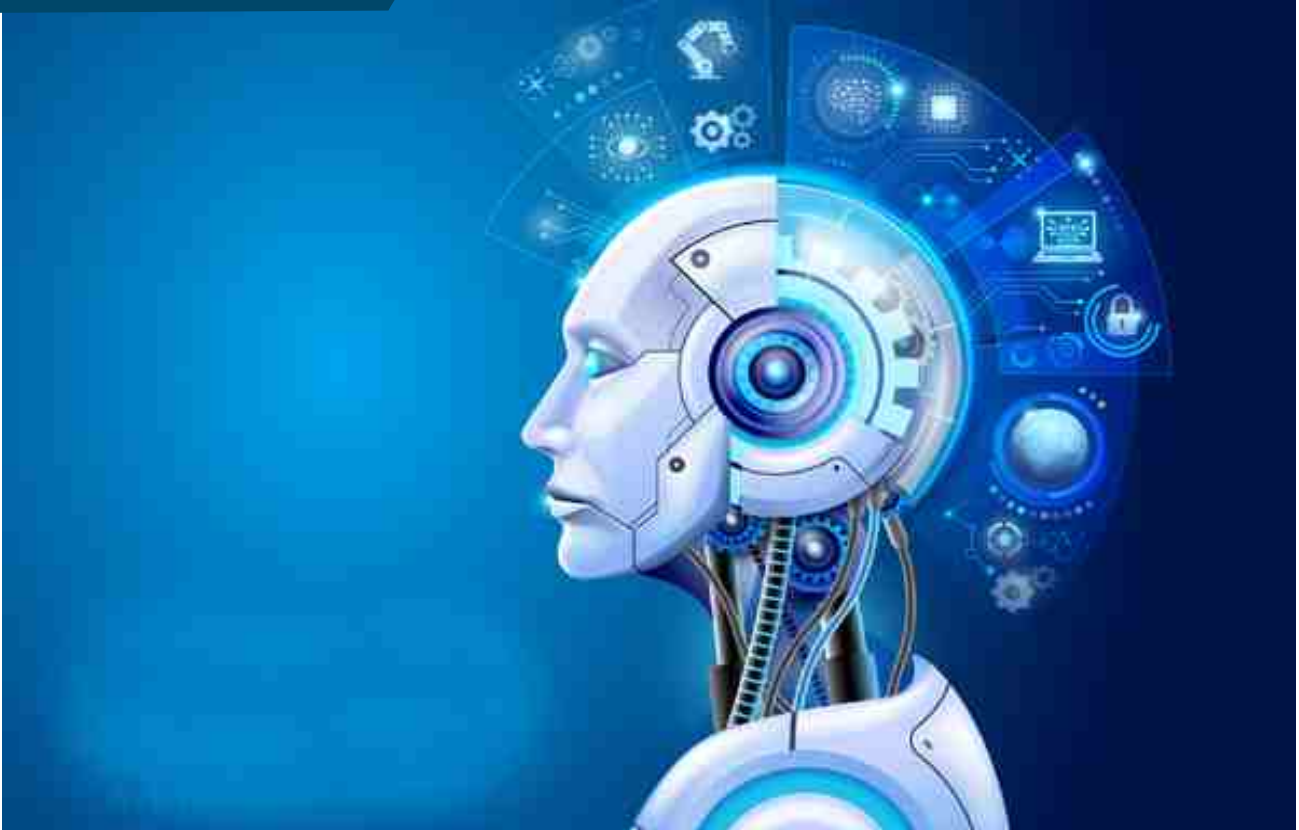
of machine learning.

3. Artificial Neural Networks (ANN): These computer systems loosely model the human brain. They consist of interconnected units or nodes called "artificial neurons" and allow for learning and recognition similar to human memory processes. ANN finds applications in machine learning.

4. Robotics: Robotics is an interdisciplinary field that deals with the design, manufacturing, operation, and use of robots. The goal of robotics is to assist humans by using robots to perform tasks that



Exploring The Vast Horizons Of AI Applications *Akoa Isaac*



Ar t i f i c i a l intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force across various domains, revolutionizing industries and redefining the way we interact with technology. Its widespread application continues to shape the pace of growth in numerous disciplines, enabling unprecedented advancements while preserving the essence of human ingenuity. In this issue, we embark on a captivating journey to explore popular areas where AI has made a profound

impact, showcasing its potential while recognizing the enduring value of human intellect and authenticity.

E-Commerce: Unleashing Personalized Shopping Experiences

In the realm of e-commerce, AI has sparked a revolution in personalized shopping experiences. Recommendation engines, powered by sophisticated data analysis, leverage customer history, preferences, and interests to engage shoppers on a deeper level. Through virtual shopping assistants and

chatbots employing natural language processing, AI simulates human conversation, enhancing real-time customer engagement. Moreover, AI's prowess is harnessed to tackle industry challenges like credit card fraud and fake reviews, safeguarding the integrity of e-commerce platforms.

Education: Redefining the Learning Landscape

While the human touch remains integral to education, AI is reshaping



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non-academic aspects of the sector, streamlining administrative tasks and enriching the learning experience. Automated messages, enrollment management, and HR-related functions are efficiently handled by AI, empowering educators to focus on meaningful interactions. AI-generated smart content, including audio summaries, visual summaries, and comprehensive lesson plans, fosters a dynamic and immersive learning environment. Voice assistants provide supplementary learning materials and readily address common queries, while hyper-personalization techniques enable tailored monitoring of student data, study guides, and more.

Embracing AI in Lifestyle Transformations

The integration of AI into our daily lives has birthed captivating lifestyle transformations. Autonomous vehicles, the epitome of AI-driven innovation, imbue machines with human-like cognition, enabling self-drive cars that

adapt and respond to any environment. Spam filters in popular email services have achieved astonishing accuracy rates, relegating spam messages to obscurity and ensuring streamlined inboxes. The remarkable advancements in facial recognition technology have fortified security measures, protecting access to mobile devices, computers, and restricted areas in various organizations.

Navigation and Robotics: Forging Ahead with Intelligent Precision

Navigation and robotics have witnessed remarkable progress, thanks to the remarkable capabilities of AI. GPS technology, leveraging Convolutional Neural Networks and Graph Neural Networks, delivers accurate and detailed information on road lanes and types, enhancing user convenience and safety. Logistics and transport companies leverage AI to analyze road traffic, optimize routes, and improve operational efficiency, while AI-powered robots effectively tackle inventory management, factory logistics, and even office cleaning, elevating productivity and precision.

Embarking on an AI Journey: Prominent Examples

Within the realm of AI, several remarkable examples stand as testaments to its potential. Virtual assistants

like Siri, Amazon Alexa, and Google Assistant break down language barriers, facilitating seamless communication across diverse cultures. Waymo, the epitome of AI in self-drive cars, impresses with its real-time environmental data analysis, culminating in a successful and smooth ride-hailing service. Chatbots, such as OpenGPT by OpenAI, streamline customer interactions by emulating human-like responses, offering tailored assistance with ease. Google Maps, the quintessential web mapping platform, enhances travel experiences through comprehensive features like satellite imagery, street views, and real-time traffic updates.

Navigating AI's Boundaries: Acknowledging Limitations

While AI presents remarkable possibilities, we must acknowledge its limitations to foster a balanced understanding. AI technologies, heavily reliant on data-driven machine learning algorithms, struggle with contextual comprehension, often missing the nuances and subtleties of human language and communication. The essence of common sense, a fundamental human attribute, enables us to tackle novel situations and solve real-life problems



Artificial Intelligence Vs. Human Intelligence: Unleashing The Potential Of Both Worlds *Akoa Isaac*

The debate surrounding artificial intelligence (AI) and human intelligence (HI) has captivated the minds of experts and enthusiasts alike. Is AI truly more intelligent than its human creators? Some argue that the complex algorithms and intricate programming sequences employed in AI only serve to deepen our appreciation for the wisdom behind human intelligence. Alan Perlis once remarked, "A year spent in artificial intelligence is enough to make one believe in God," suggesting that the creation cannot surpass its creator. But does this notion hold true when humans themselves are responsible for creating AI?

On the other hand, there are those who view AI as a potential threat to humanity's very existence. Renowned physicist Stephen Hawking warned that the development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of our species. He speculated that AI, once unleashed, would rapidly evolve and surpass human capabilities, rendering us obsolete. However, can the world truly sustain itself without human involvement, actions, and the power of human intelligence? The resounding answer is a resolute NO.

Unlike AI, human intelligence possesses the remarkable ability to think beyond programmed instructions, delve into creative problem-solving, and generate innovative solutions. While AI operates within the confines of pre-defined codes and instructions, human cognition possesses the unique capacity to explore uncharted territories, perceive abstract thoughts, and push the boundaries of knowledge. AI is bound by its limitations; it can only perform tasks it has been programmed to do and can make inferences based on existing code. Any tasks outside its programmed capabilities are beyond its reach, a realm in which human intuition thrives.

AI relies on human intelligence for guidance and improvement. It remains obedient to the intentions and instructions set forth by its human creators. AI lacks the inherent ability to learn and enhance its behavior autonomously; it requires human intervention to upgrade and modify its programming. Human intelligence fuels the growth and evolution of AI. In fact, many eminent minds believe that AI will have a positive impact on human intelligence rather than rendering it obsolete. Sebastian

Thrun suggests that AI is, in essence, an attempt to understand and extend human intelligence, making it almost a discipline within the humanities. Ginni Rometty envisions AI as a technology that will augment and enhance human intelligence, rather than replacing it. Yann LeCun further asserts that AI is merely an extension of human intelligence, as it is our unique cognitive abilities that define us as human beings.

In the realm of intelligence, the interplay between AI and HI holds immense potential. As humans continue to explore the boundaries of AI, unlocking its capabilities and leveraging its power, it is evident that the synergy between humans and artificial intelligence is the key to unlocking a future of unprecedented progress. The world will witness not the demise of human intelligence, but rather its augmentation through the symbiotic relationship with AI. The future belongs to those who harness the full potential of both worlds, embracing the fusion of human ingenuity and technological advancement to shape a world that thrives on the harmony between AI and HI

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Transforming Lives Through Education And Social Impact: The Inspiring Journey Of *Barikisu Suleiman*



Barikisu Suleiman, a seasoned teacher and visionary, has dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of Ghanaian school children. With a wealth of experience and an unyielding commitment to her profession, she has not only excelled as a Deputy Headteacher at the prestigious Answaru-Deen Islamic Basic School but has also spearheaded several impactful initiatives that have left an indelible mark on her community. A distinguished alumna, Barikisu Suleiman holds an impressive academic background. She obtained a Bachelor of Education in Basic Education (Mathematics) from the esteemed University of Cape Coast, complemented by a Diploma in Basic Education from the renowned Accra College of Education. Additionally, she has pursued continuous professional

development through various training programs, including a Master Certificate in Executive Strategic Leadership Management from the esteemed Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies and an Advanced Diploma in International Relations Governance and Diplomacy Studies from JAGILS. Her thirst for knowledge also led her to earn a Certificate in Human Rights Leadership from JAGILS, as well as her participation in the INTED Master Fellows Programme and the Mennel Leadership Mentoring Programme. Beyond her remarkable achievements in the education sector, Barikisu Suleiman has actively sought opportunities to contribute to humanity. She selflessly volunteers as the treasurer of the Inspirers Alumni Network and serves as the Secretary to JAGILS publications,

demonstrating her commitment to fostering connections and empowering others. As the National Secretary for JCI Ghana and the President-elect of Youth Impact Network Ghana, she plays a pivotal role in nurturing young professionals and facilitating their growth as leaders, volunteers, and catalysts for positive change. Passionate about human rights advocacy, Barikisu Suleiman is known for her unwavering dedication to ensuring justice and equality for all. She is a tireless champion for the rights of marginalized individuals and actively promotes awareness and understanding within her community. In her role as an educator, Barikisu Suleiman's impact is profound. With her unique teaching methodology, she dispels the misconceptions surrounding the teaching and



learning of Mathematics, making it accessible and enjoyable for her students. Through a play-based approach, she ignites a love for the subject and empowers her learners to excel. Her mastery of the subject matter, combined with her result-oriented nature, has led her to offer voluntary services to students from underprivileged backgrounds, ensuring that no child is left behind. Barikisu Suleiman's exceptional contributions have not gone unnoticed. Her exceptional work ethic and dedication were acknowledged when she received the Okaikwei North Municipal Best Teacher award in the primary division for 2022. She was also recognized as the best teacher in the Primary Category by the Islamic Education Unit in 2010 and received the Outstanding Board Member award from JCI Dansoman in 2021. Driven by her unwavering commitment to education and social impact, Barikisu Suleiman has spearheaded numerous initiatives for the benefit of her students. For

instance, she facilitated the JAGILS HWPL Peace Education trainings during extracurricular periods, cultivating a culture of peace among learners and advocates for peace. She also secured sponsorship from the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Accra Newtown Islamic Hospital and philanthropists, to support the school in celebrating the 2023 World Menstrual Hygiene Day. As a result, adolescent girls received much-needed sanitary pads, empowering them to pursue their education with dignity. Barikisu Suleiman's passion for sports shines through as she enthusiastically officiates netball matches within her circuit, promoting physical fitness and camaraderie among students. Additionally, she nurtures students' artistic talents, guiding them in creating intricate bead artifacts and fostering their creativity. One of Barikisu Suleiman's most remarkable skills lies in her ability to empower struggling

learners. Her coaching prowess has propelled Answaru-Deen Islamic Basic School to the finals of the Greater Accra Islamic Education Unit Reading and Spelling competition consistently, securing first or second place. With remarkable patience and dedication, she instills a love for reading in even the slowest learners, leaving no child behind academically. Despite her profound knowledge in her field, Barikisu Suleiman remains humble and always ready to learn. She continually seeks opportunities to serve and support Ghanaian schoolchildren academically, embodying the true spirit of an educator. Barikisu Suleiman's unwavering commitment to education and social impact has transformed countless lives. Her tireless efforts, both inside and outside the classroom, have made her a beacon of hope and inspiration in her community. Through her visionary leadership and passion for empowering others, she continues to shape the future of Ghana, one student at a time.



International Of Day The Boy - Child



Intentional Parenting: Nurturing Influential and Notable Personalities of the Future By *Mayowa Jolayemi*

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, shifting societal values, and global challenges, parents play a crucial role in shaping the next generation. Intentional parenting, a concept gaining momentum in the 21st century, emphasizes deliberate actions aimed at raising responsible children who have the potential to become influential and notable personalities. By proactively engaging in certain strategies and approaches, parents can lay a strong foundation for their children's future success and impact. In this feature, we explore the key elements of intentional parenting that can empower parents to raise exceptional individuals poised to make a difference in the years to come.

1. Cultivating Core Values: Intentional parents understand the significance of instilling core values in their children from an early age. By emphasizing traits such as empathy, integrity, respect, resilience, honesty, hard work and compassion, parents create a solid moral compass for their children. They actively model these values and provide opportunities for their children to practice them in real-life situations. This approach equips children with a strong ethical foundation, enabling them to navigate complex challenges with integrity.

2. Encouraging Curiosity and Critical Thinking: In an ever-evolving world, the ability to think critically and adapt is vital. Intentional parents foster curiosity by encouraging their children to explore diverse subjects, ask questions, and seek

knowledge beyond the confines of traditional education. They provide access to resources, engage in meaningful conversations, and promote independent thinking. By nurturing these skills, parents empower their children to become lifelong learners and creative problem solvers.

3. Balancing Real and Digital Worlds: Technology has become an integral part of our lives, presenting both opportunities and challenges for parenting. Intentional parents strike a balance between the real and digital worlds. They set clear boundaries for screen time, ensuring that technology serves as a tool for learning and positive interactions rather than a distraction. They prioritize face-to-face communication, family bonding, and outdoor activities to cultivate social skills and emotional intelligence in their children.

4. Fostering a Growth Mind set: Intentional parents nurture a growth mind set in their children. They emphasize the importance of effort, perseverance, and embracing failures as learning opportunities. By praising the process rather than focusing solely on outcomes, parents encourage their children to take risks, overcome obstacles, and develop resilience. This mind set empowers children to embrace challenges, persist in the face of adversity, and continuously strive for personal growth.

5. Promoting Global Awareness and Cultural Competence: In an

increasingly interconnected world, raising globally aware and culturally competent children is crucial. Intentional parents expose their children to diverse cultures, traditions, and perspectives. They encourage travel, engage in community service, and foster an appreciation for global issues. By doing so, parents broaden their children's horizons, cultivate empathy, and prepare them to navigate a multi cultural society with respect and understanding.⁶ **Nurturing Emotional Well-being:** Mental health and emotional well-being are paramount to raising successful and influential individuals. Intentional parents prioritize open communication, active listening, and emotional support. They teach their children to recognize and express their emotions in healthy ways, fostering self-awareness and emotional intelligence. By equipping their children with coping mechanisms and resilience, parents enable them to navigate life's challenges with confidence and empathy towards others. In conclusion, intentional parenting in the 21st century and beyond requires a thoughtful and proactive approach. By cultivating core values, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking, balancing the real and digital worlds, fostering a growth mindset, promoting global awareness and cultural competence, and nurturing emotional well-being, parents can set their children on a path to becoming responsible, influential, and notable personalities.



Opinion Editorial: The Pros And Cons Of Ai In Art Weigh Equally *by Charity Akeiti*



In the ever-evolving realm of art, the intersection with artificial intelligence (AI) has sparked both fascination and concern. As an artist and observer, I find myself torn between the potential benefits and drawbacks of incorporating AI into the creative process. It is crucial to acknowledge that both sides carry weight and deserve careful consideration. Renowned Ghanaian artist and CEO of Art For Soul International, Charity Derby Akeiti, has been vocal about the effects of AI in art. She raises a pertinent concern about the risk of losing the natural human touch and personal connection that are often integral to artistic expression. Akeiti argues that art is meant to be felt, perceived, and related to in ways that resonate with individuals on a personal level. By relying on AI, we may inadvertently sacrifice these deeply human elements, giving rise to ethical dilemmas. Furthermore, AI has the potential to

distort the history of art and dilute its meaning. It could hinder our understanding of the past and erode our connection to our ancestral heritage. Additionally, there is a valid concern that overreliance on AI might stifle human creativity and productivity. As stated by The World Economic Forum, AI is projected to eliminate 85 million jobs globally by 2025, which raises questions about the impact on artistic industries. On the other hand, AI can be a catalyst for increased creativity, innovation, and efficiency in producing contemporary artworks. Artists like Akeiti have experienced firsthand the advantages of integrating AI tools into their artistic processes. For instance, Akeiti has developed a faster and more accurate way of creating her surrealistic paintings by using a projector and downloaded images from platforms like Pinterest. This newfound efficiency allows her to produce masterpieces with precision and minimal errors in a shorter



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period of time. Time management plays a crucial role in achieving higher levels of productivity, as Akeiti learned from the Executive Strategic Leadership Masterclass at the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute of Leadership Studies. However, she also acknowledges the drawback of feeling as though the computer is thinking for her—an aspect that challenges the artist's autonomy and creative agency. Amidst the excitement surrounding AI's potential, a fundamental question emerges: Will AI eventually replace human artists altogether? This

question strikes at the core of what it means to be an artist and raises concerns about the preservation of human ingenuity and artistic expression. While AI undoubtedly offers new possibilities and tools, it is essential to strike a balance between harnessing its potential and safeguarding the unique perspectives and emotions that human artists bring to their creations. As we navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of art and technology, it is crucial to approach AI with a discerning eye. We must actively consider both the advantages

and disadvantages, weighing the potential gains against the potential losses. Only through careful consideration can we ensure that the integration of AI in art serves as a complement to human creativity rather than its replacement. In the end, the decision lies in the hands of artists and the wider artistic community. By engaging in open dialogue and thoughtful exploration, we can shape the future of AI in art in a way that preserves the essence of human expression while embracing the possibilities that technology brings.



JAGILS ALUMNI INAUGURAL REUNION, ACCRA, & KUMASI GHANA, WEST AFRICA



The Inaugural JAGILS Alumni Reunion: A Night of Unity, Inspiration, and Networking at ZEN Garden, Accra, Ghana

Accra, Ghana witnessed a remarkable gathering on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023, as the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies (JAGILS) held its maiden Alumni Reunion at the prestigious ZEN Garden. The event marked a momentous occasion for alumni from various cohorts to reconnect and celebrate, while also presenting an opportunity to honor the recently graduated students with their well-deserved certificates.

The JAGILS Alumni Reunion aimed to foster unity and

interaction among the leadership and alumni, creating a vibrant platform for networking and the exchange of innovative ideas. Set amidst the enchanting ambience of the Zen Gardens in Cantonment, alumni from different cohorts gathered to embrace this special occasion.

The reunion kickstarted with a heartfelt opening prayer by Ms. Janet Ohemeng Siaw (ESLM 23), setting the stage for an unforgettable night of excitement, laughter, and meaningful connections. The atmosphere was further

elevated by the presence of distinguished guests, including the esteemed Member of Parliament for Madina, Hon. Francis Xavier Sosu, the esteemed member of JAGILS' Board of Trustees, Ms. Juliana Ama Kplorfia(USA) the Global President of JAGILS, Ama Bortsie(USA), the Senior Alumni Leadership Council's Pastor Clement A. Gyima other international delegates from Nigeria Margaret ChiChi Nkire, Margaret Olabisi Mekwuye and graduating student Laurentine Djasta (Burkina Faso- Ivory coast).

Hon. Francis-Xavier Sosu,

Member of Parliament for Madina Constituency

Exclusive Feature



Hon. Xavier with JAGILS BOT & Alumni Leadership



*Hon. Xavier with Nigerian Delegation
(Olabisi Margaret Mekwunye & Margaret ChiChI Nkire)*

Hon. Francis Sosu, MP for Madina, passionately shared insights about ongoing projects he is involved in, such as the Mercy Justice Project, prison initiatives, and the Islamic Project. In

his inspirational address, he called upon individuals and organizations to actively participate in these projects, urging them to submit their proposals and contribute to these noble causes.

Ms. Juliana Ama Kplorfia, a member of JAGILS' Board of Trustees, delivered a compelling goodwill message, challenging the alumni to become the catalysts for change in their respective communities. Encouraging them to identify and address the needs of their communities, she emphasized the immense impact they could have by actively participating in community development.

Ama Bortsie, an esteemed adjunct professor of the institute, shared exciting news about the upcoming JAGILS African Leadership Summit, a three-day event that would commence in Ghana before extending its reach to other countries. She extended heartfelt congratulations to the newly graduated students, praising their dedication and hard work throughout the program. Ms Ama reiterated the institute's commitment to hosting the JAGILS African Annual Dinner annually, alternating between May and

June in Ghana. She further urged alumni to fulfill their financial obligations and announced an upcoming survey to gather suggestions and insights for future projects.

As the evening progressed, certificates were presented to the Class of 2023, a symbol of their remarkable achievement. The official group photos captured the joy and pride radiating from alumni, as they donned the elegant black, white, and blue JAGILS T-shirts, symbolizing their shared bond and commitment to excellence.

Alumni passionately voiced their opinions and ideas, shaping the future of the institute. Engaging discussions revolved around topics such as enhancing collaboration with the U.S. embassy in Ghana to expedite visa processing for students and alumni attending the annual gala in Virginia, as well as the need to strengthen the institute's database for streamlined management of alumni records and improved

operational efficiency.

The event was further enriched by captivating live band performances, enchanting dance routines, and the witty humor of the graduating class. Team Courage, in particular, left a lasting impression with their spirited rendition of their presentation song, igniting a collective spirit of unity and camaraderie as everyone joined in song.

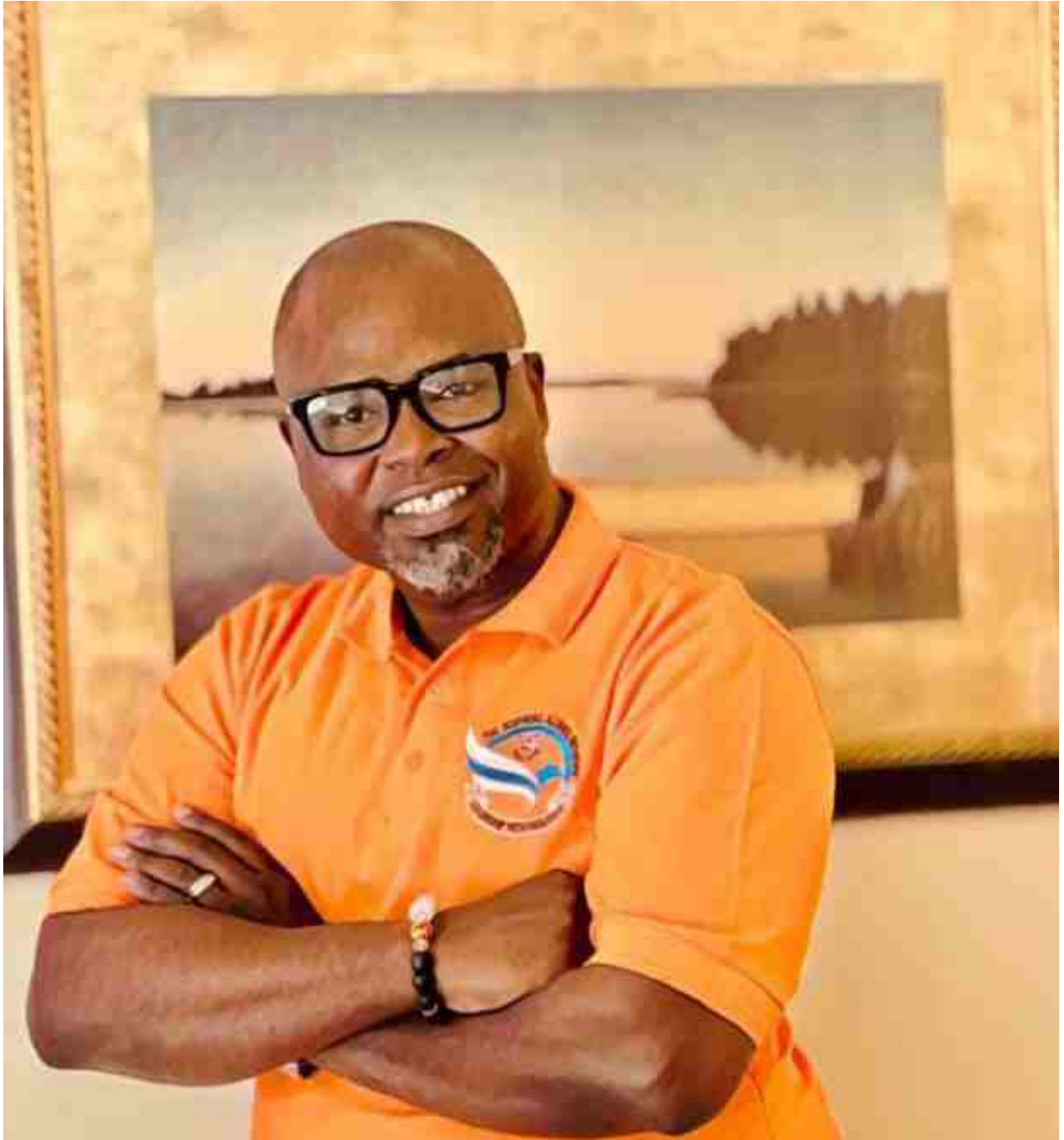
The entire evening exuded an atmosphere of mirth, joy, and purposeful connections. Laughter resonated, friendships were reignited, and networks expanded. The JAGILS Alumni Reunion marked the beginning of a new chapter, fostering enduring bonds among alumni while reinforcing their dedication to leadership and progress.

JAGILS...We moooove!!!

Compiled by Janet Ohemeng Siaw (Member, Inspirers Editorial Board)



Networking and Connecting at Jagils Reunion Accra and Kumasi





ALUMNI EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT !

Name: Dominic B. Kulariba **Student ID:** JAGILS 210530
Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) 2021
Cohort Team: Team Integrity
Profession: Health Administrator & Development Practitioner
Country: Ghana

The JAGILS reunion had been a much talked about event from the beginning of the year 2023 with regular reminders on all Jagils social media platforms helping to wet my appetite and so I promised not to miss the opportunity to be part of the event. My greatest motivation was to be able to fraternize with some of the beautiful friends I had made through the program and had never met them in person. I met my cohort group members of ESLM 21 Integrity group and other alumni from other countries like Nigeria and Ivory Coast including the United State. It was a gathering of culturally, gender and demographically divers

Jagils Alumni to everyone's delight especially wearing our beautiful T-shirts. The reunion should be sustained as an annual event and made to rotate within the subregion, if possible, to enable alumni travel and experience other countries where we can learn from other environments to promote unity and help to unveil areas of possible collaborations to impact development in our various communities.

I am grateful to the JAGILS team for their foresight and hard work that made Institute and subsequent reunion of alumni a reality.

International Delegates at the Alumni Reunion Accra & Kumasi Nigeria



Name: Margaret ChiChi Nkire **Student ID:** JAGILS 210561
Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM 2021) International Relations Governance & Diplomacy and Human Rights Leadership Education (2022)
Cohort Team: Team Integrity & Team Charge 'De Affaires
Profession: Founder/Executive Director, Leadership Empowerment and Development Innovation Initiative Africa (LEADIN AFRICA)
Country: Nigeria

As a student mentor and an Alumni with JAGILS it was a great honour and privilege to attend the "Alumni Reunion" as an international delegate from Nigeria. The event provided an opportunity for me and other Alumni's to meet physically for the first time. Socially, it embraced diversity, an essential part of what enriches human relations. It fostered a deep sense of belonging and comradery that helped participants to better understand the values of multiculturalism which involves an attitude of respect for the feelings, ideas, behaviors, and experiences of others who differ from oneself in any way. This, further cemented cultivated relationships built by students over the virtual space during the classes.

As a mentor, I got to meet my current mentees in the INTEGRITY Cohort Team of 2023 & 2022 sets across countries as well as my Integrity Team 2021 course mates. I could see the rich content of the taught-courses playing out among Alumni's and new graduates as people connected and socialised and birthed new innovative ideas that will drive continuous Alumni

engagements.

Overall, the JAGILS programme has been able to equip new students and Alums like me with exceptional leadership skills that is transformative and reflective on our personal and organizational growth and development over the years. My profound appreciation to Dr. Samuel Jacobs -Abbey, the JAGILS team, sponsors and partners of JAGILS for providing this laudable opportunity for me to grow professionally, mentor and positively impact upcoming leaders.

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Name: Margaret Olabisi Mekwuye **Student ID:** JAGILS
Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management
(ESLM)&Human Rights Leadership(2022)
Cohort Team: Team Focus
Profession: Founder/ Executive Director, Greenspring Development Initiative

The event was enriching ,entertaining and brought together All JAGILS Alumni that fostered friendship networking and relationship building. I appreciate the huge efforts of JAGILS in ensuring people get the opportunity to grow professionally .



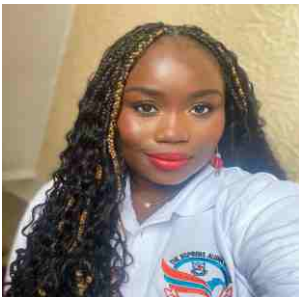
Name: Laurentine Djasta **Student ID:** JAGILS 440029
Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM)2023
Cohort Team: Team Integrity
Profession: Entrepreneur

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a Strategic Leadership course offered by Jagils, and I must say that it was a transformative experience. The course provided me with invaluable insights and practical tools that have enhanced my ability to lead and navigate complex organizational challenges.

One aspect of the course that stood out to me was the emphasis on effective communication and collaboration. I learned how to communicate my vision clearly, motivate and inspire my team, and build strong relationships with stakeholders. The course encouraged active participation, which significantly improved my

communication skills and confidence as a leader.

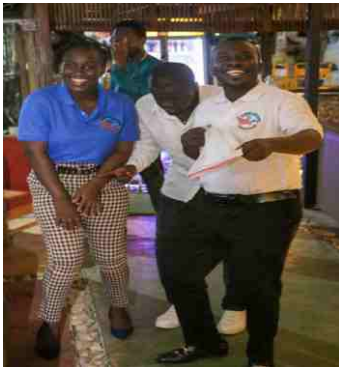
The course facilitators were exceptional. They were highly knowledgeable, experienced professionals who created a supportive and engaging learning environment. Overall, the Strategic Leadership course was a game-changer for me. It equipped me with the skills and mindset necessary to lead strategically, inspire my team, and drive organizational success. I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in this course and would highly recommend it to anyone seeking to enhance their leadership capabilities.



Name: Yaa Roy
Student ID: JAGILS2201
Course attended : ESLM 22
Cohort Team: Team Cohort
Profession: Sr. Technical Business Analyst
Country: USA

“I had a great time meeting my cohorts. Everyone was very welcoming and friendly. The reunion was such a great way to get to know more about each other and network.”

Networking and Connecting at Jagils Reunion Accra and Kumasi





ALUMNI EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT !

Name: BARIKISU SULEIMAN **Student ID:** JAGILS210517
Course attended with date: ESLM 2021, Diplomacy Studies, 2022, Human Right, 2022
Cohort Team : RESILIENT
Profession: Teacher
Country: Ghana

To me, it has been a life changing experience. Reconnecting with other alumni from varying backgrounds and learning from their experiences have inspired me to be better than I use to be. Again, the program has sparked my curiosity, nourished my passion and deepened my sense of community. All these have helped to spice up my instructional practices in the classroom. The program showcased rich cultural experience from both Alumni and other members of the community at ZEN Garden. A commitment of anti-

racism and respect for diversity of experience and thought among alums made the program one of a kind.

Alumni from various cohorts both far and near were well represented, served and valued. Indeed, success is contagious. Most of my recent successes are as a result of my encounter with Amb. Dr. Abbey. I have not just attended his class but I have learned to put to practice all the trainings I have received from him. Many thanks to him and the entire Jagils faculty for relighting the candle of success in me

Jagils Alumni Reunion



Name: DENSU, Reindolph Nana **Student ID:** Jagils 220191
Course attended: Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) and International Relations, Diplomacy & Good Governance Studies, 2022.
Cohort Team: Team Courage & Team Demarché
Profession: Travel Consultant/ Businessman
Country: GHANA

I might say, I am among the privileged few to have attended both events (Accra and Kumasi), and that happens a few times in a life of a student or alumni. Being in the same room with beautiful brains who decided to let their walls down to have fun with the high and low, powerful and mighty, I should say, it was a unique and humbling experience I would cherish. This gave credence to the phrase, 'your network is your net worth'.

The Accra event was more of a 'corporate' hangout, where most participants came from their 'homes', Kumasi was more of a 'family bonding' setting. We that move from outside Kumasi were lodged in a hotel where

we had the opportunity to bond and were also treated to lunch in a colleagues' house before the event. Just like the composition of the students, there was a wide array of representations, young, old, professionals, businesspeople gender balance and representations from the political divide. Based on these experiences, I would recommend JAGILS to all who wishes to improve their leadership skills.

I would also want to thank Dr. Jacobs Samuel-Abbey for the opportunity to meet such wonderful people. The faculty, lecturers, alumni and the entire student body for impacting my life.

Jagils Alumni Reunion



Name: Odo Serwaa Anima Apaw
Student ID: JAGILS220202
Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) 2022
Cohort Team : Team Fearless
Profession: Executive Director, Odo Serwaa Foundation
Country: Ghana

Having closely observed, the experience I had on the Jagils reunion program held in Kumasi was an exciting one where I met new friends and networked with many people as well. Throughout my professional journey, I have been fortunate enough to immerse myself in various facets of culture, witnessing its transformative power and its ability to shape societies. This reunion gave further enlightenment on other cultures I was yet to explore. One of the most rewarding aspects of my career as Ashanti Regional Women Organizer of the United Nations

Association of Ghana, and the Upper East Regional Envoy to the United International Peace & Governance Council of Africa (UNIPGC) Africa is the collaborations and interactions between people from all walks of life and this reunion was no exception. I encourage upcoming leaders to take up their leadership skills and leadership roles very serious. My utmost appreciation goes to Prof. Jacob Samuel Abbey, for bringing this noble Institution to our doorstep, and to the faculty members for their patience and guidance during classes and sessions.

ALUMNI EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT !



Name: Aaron Nii Lamte Lawson Student ID: JAGILS 220100

Course attended: International Human Right Leadership Education and International Relations, Governance & Diplomacy Studies (2022)

Cohort Team: Team Diplomatic

Profession: Development Management Practitioner, Educator and Youth Development Specialist

Country: Accra, Ghana

The reunion homecoming experience is quite an awesome and a great networking platform for strong bonding. The Accra and Kumasi union created a great opportunity to build my social capital and establish rapport to sustain business opportunity prospects. The diversity and social inclusion was reinforced as we meet different year groups from different cultures and share different experiences and ideas on how to be agents of change.

I strongly recommend that such platform should include some capacity building training in areas of project ideas and implementation, team collaboration for social impact project across regions

I therefore wish to commend Dr. Jacobs Abbey and the team for such a laudable idea and I hope we can all commit to ensure we have sustainable reunion network events yearly

Jagils Alumni Reunion



Name: Dankyi Esther Lovia Student ID: JAGILS220200

Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) 2022

Cohort Team : Team Integrity

Profession: Deputy Director & Programs Officer, Odo Serwaa Foundation

Country: Ghana

My experience at the Jagils reunion program held in Kumasi was quite Memorable and fun-filled. My confidence is boosted, I feel a lot more optimistic. Attendees who joined from various regions and countries displayed a richness in their culture, thus there was a positive exchange of information regarding the various cultures that were present at the event. Although the reunion was held in Kumasi, we had attendees joining from Accra, Nigeria, and the US. This shows the level of interest and

meaningful bonds that were created between each year group and course. My recommendation to leaders would be to learn to set realistic goals and encourage their team/followers to work together diligently to achieve those goals. I would like to thank Prof. Jacobs Samuel-Abbey, for being such an inspiration and a motivational leader for us, all the lecturers for their dedication to instilling this knowledge in us, and the institute for being a beacon of hope for learners like myself.



Name: Charity Derby Akeiti Student ID: JAGILS 33102

Course attended with date : Executive Strategic Leadership Masters Class (ESLM 2023) & International Relations, Governance & Diplomacy

Cohort Team: Team Focus & Team Diplomatist

Profession: Artist/CEO Art For Soul International

Country: Ghana

An observation of the Jagils Accra and Kumasi Reunion held on the 9th and 27th of May 2023, respectively, saw a beehive of old and new students and graduates gather at Ghana's famous cities to celebrate the end of the 2023 School Year in flying colours.

Graduates were awarded certificates after Ten (10) weeks of vigorous and marathon classes which seemed to have passed really fast.

In all, it was a wonderful experience and hoping for the largest gathering for the 2023 Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute For Leadership Studies, Graduation, Annual Dinner and Fundraising Gala in Virginia, USA. I have been afforded the opportunity to meet with a network of

Jagils Alumni with which I wish to work with in future in relation to my profession as an Artist. In attendance, were members from other countries who were previously met only virtually.

I would highly recommend that upcoming leaders would take up the experience of paying attention to lessons learnt in class and apply it to their day-to-day business of life.

I wish to extend my profound gratitude to Dr. Samuel Jacobs-Abbey, Lecturers, the JAGILS Faculty and the entire Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute For Leadership Studies

Jagils Alumni Reunion



ALUMNI EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT !

Name: Prince Afriyie

Student ID: JAGILS220207

Course attended :Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) 2022

Cohort Team : Team Fearless

Profession: Executive Director, Nyankonton Aid Foundation

As the Executive Director of the Nyankonton Aid Foundation, I had the privilege of attending the Jagils reunion program held in Kumasi. It was a memorable experience, as I had the opportunity to network with other leaders from different industries. The Executive Strategic Leadership Management training has impacted me greatly both as a person and in my work. I have gained valuable knowledge and skills that have helped me lead my team more effectively. I have also learned how to adapt to the ever-changing business environment and make strategic decisions that align with the goals of my organization.

The training has also shown me the importance of culture and diversity in leadership. As an NGO working in Ghana, it is important to understand the cultural nuances

that affect our work and how to leverage diversity to achieve better outcomes. Additionally, social inclusion and representation have become key parts of our strategy as we work towards achieving our mission of helping vulnerable communities.

For upcoming leaders, I would highly recommend taking up leadership skills and courses. This will help them develop the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of the business world and lead their teams effectively.

Samuel-Abbey, the faculty (lecturers), and the institute for providing such an impactful training program. The knowledge and skills that I have gained will be invaluable as I continue to lead my team and work towards achieving our goals.



Name: Mohammed Tawfique Student ID: JAGILS 440020

Course attended: Executive Strategic Leadership Management (ESLM) 2023

Team : Courage

Profession: Painter, CEO of the Islam Project, Office of the Member of Parliament, Madina constituency.

Country: Ghana

Lots and lots of appreciation as well as applauses to Jagils management for the great knowledge I acquired throughout leadership studies journey.

My experience at the Jagils reunion program held in Accra was amazing and a memorable one.

I feel so excited about how my confidence has upgraded and I must confess also that, it's assisted me to network with the attendees who joined us from different countries to also exhibit their culture, thus there was a positive exchange of information regarding the various cultures

that were present at the event and love sharing, although the reunion was held with so many different groups and courses. My recommendation to leadership is to encourage more social media adverts to sell out vision of Jagils the world/followers to do well to be ambassadors of our great institution. I would like to specifically commend Prof. Jacobs Samuel-Abbey, for his continuous inspiration and motivation towards students and all the lecturers for their dedication to service to humanity in imparting knowledge, and the institute for being a beacon of hope for learners like myself.



ALUMNI EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT !

Name: Kingsley Kwame Kawodie

Student ID: Jagils 220134

Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Masterclass (ESLM)2023

Cohort Team : Team Courage

Profession: Policing

Country: Ghana

My personal experience of Jagils reunion program held in Kumasi specifically was so amazing. Actually, members met the real beings not photos and chatted face to face.

It was a fantastic fun making. Above all, it was a way of releasing stress.

Relating to my work place, I will say the program has actually added some professional skills to what I already have, especially when it comes to delegation and communication skills with regards to our subordinates.

The program also really threw more light on culture and diversity. Before we can coexist, we need to tolerate or embrace each others culture since we come from different backgrounds. And since we are not from the same background, certainly there will be differences and we need to understand each other for social cohesion.

We need not to look mean on anyone irrespective of one's

colour, race, food and whatever makes the person who he or she is.

My recommendation for upcoming leaders to take will be on communication. Also, program on artificial reproductive technology. Not only this, but program on marriage counseling. Professional marriage counselors should be engaged in such courses. These days divorce is becoming a fashion which is affecting parenting. The effect on our future generations is so great and on our society as well.

For Dr. Jacobs Samuel -Abbey and his lecturers, they are doing excellent job. They should keep it up. I'm the near future, I will like to join them since I'm teacher by profession. I don't know which adjectives to use to describe them.

I'm looking forward to seeing more programs to join especially on security aspect and gender.



Name: Christopher Dapah Student ID:210527

Course attended : Executive Strategic Leadership Masterclass (ESLM) 2023, International Relations , Governance& Diplomacy Studies (2022)

Cohort Team : Trust

Profession: Development consultant

Country: Ghana

Iserved as part of the organising team to achieve programme success. The program created the Networking space, in personal touch and better known in relationship. It has really impacted in personal human relationships and experiences in Cultural diversity and human behaviours. Commonality and differences in human behaviour served as learning points to share with like minded Mentors and Alumni in general.

Both women and men played critical roles including event preparations, making submissions to inspire other Alumni, sharing of refreshments, together on dancing floor, media interviews to give testimonies on how Jagils has transformed lives

through education and practice in leadership and management.,

Leadership skill is very critical in every human existence and therefore, one needs to improve upon it at every step in life. It is continues learning and never ended process that situates on one or many types of leadership depending on circumstances and time. Much appreciation goes to Dr. Jacob Samuel Abbey for such a wonderful, worthwhile , well crafted and innovative program in transforming the Global leadership. Jagils, we move , we change the world through effective and efficient leadership and management traits.

Presentation of Certificates to **2023 GRADUANTS IN GHANA**



Best Graduating Student - Issac Akoa

Hon Francis Xavier with International Delegates, JAGILS BOT& Alumni Leadership



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Hon.Xavier with JAGILS BOT& Alumni Leadership and the Nigerian Delegation

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Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation



Madam Kolu Sokodolo Walters, Founder/Chief Executive Officer of the Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation. The Liberian American was inspired to bring empowerment to children after her experience of War in Liberia that led her to fled to Ghana. Inspired by love for humanity and children empowerment, Mrs. Walters established the Kolu Sokodolo Foundation in Stockton, Liberia, and Sierra Leone to help under privileged children to achieve their educational goals by providing tuition free school for all students at the Kolu Sokodolo International Academy in Liberia.

Through her foundation, Madam Sokodolo-Walters has identified with thousands of children and old folks in Liberia. Her foundation, which was founded in August 2016, has been extending helping hands

and providing empowerment and educational opportunities to scores of less fortunate Liberian citizens, including old folks, disadvantaged youths, disabled, marketers, vulnerable groups, Muslims, Christians, students, among others across the nation.

On May 4, 2021, her foundation officially presented the keys of a newly constructed home worth a little over US\$2000 to Mother Hannah Swen. This brings to three the number of homes she has constructed for struggling and aging Liberian mothers.

The foundation has provided food and other assorted items to scores of orphanages in Monrovia, Brewerville and other areas, including the UNICO Orphanage which caters to orphans left behind by United Nations and ECOWAS peacekeepers in Liberia.

She also established Kolu Sokodolo International Academy, a tuition-free school, in Unification Town, Margibi County, which is providing quality education to over 300 less fortunate Liberian children.

Over the year 2022, she received three prestigious awards from reputable organizations based in the United States for her consistent advocacy and untiring supports towards the improvement of the wellbeing and dignity of thousands of less fortunate American and Liberians.

Early in April, Madam Sokodolo-Walters won the Virtuous Woman and Most Respected Individual Awards from the I Am Magazine based in the United States.

She also received the Dr. Nina L Meyerhof Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 3rd Award ceremony of the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute for Leadership Studies in the US. The award was presented at an event ceremony held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Centre, in USA on November 12. It is worth noted that she received this award alongside with H.E Dr. Jewel Howard-Taylor, Vice President of the Republic Liberia and Mayor Cashenna Cross, Mayor of City of Glen Arden, Maryland. On November 19, she was awarded as the Outstanding Civic Leader by The Gawad Amerika at a ceremony held at the Celebrity Centre International Pavilion in California, USA on Saturday. Madam Kolu Sokodolo Walters was the only black among 60 persons who received awards from The Gawad Amerika Awards.

Background of Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation (KSCF) Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation (KSCF) is a non-for-profit organization with a proud track record of successful delivery on its thriving projects. We are established in 2016 and registered under the non - profit public benefit law for Public and Charitable

Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation

purposes in the USA and Liberia. We are a 501(C) 3 registered in California.

Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation was established over the years to cater to the less fortunate, underprivileged children, the elderly, disabled, women, and girls, among others, in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The foundation opened its first school in Unification City, Margibi County. The school, named Kolu Sokodolo International Academy, was opened to operate in the country as a tuition-free school.

The foundation's projects

1. Grocery Box Initiative: The "The Grocery Box Initiative Project" is a food donation project that aims to help alleviate the high cost of groceries provision in the vicinity of Stockton so that we may help provide equal access to this basic commodity for all. Free grocery will be distributed to walk-in residents in the form of pre-packed grocery boxes every month.

2. Take a child to school: At Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation, strongly believe that only schools can provide safe spaces where children can receive education

and psychosocial support for their trauma.

3. Construction of a 12-unit community clinic in Soul Clinic Community, Montserrado County in Liberia (West Africa)

4. Construction of a 6-unit community ICT center and library in Unification City, Margibi County in Liberia (West Africa)

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JABULANI YOUTHS FOR TRANSFORMATION

CROWNING THE YOUNG GENERATION



ABOUT US

Jabulani Youths for Transformation envisions a generation of young people transforming Africa and living up to their lives' purposes. A community where everyone is empowered to work with each other to take action and build sustainable solutions for the common challenges.

JAY4T offers a positive youth development program to young people between the age of 13 and 25 and co-creates social enterprises with youths, enabling them to rise out of poverty and vulnerability, create business solutions and contribute to a more self-sustaining, resilient, and friendlier community.

OUR MISSION

To alleviate poverty, improve welfare, promote good governance, nurture talents and contribute to environmental conservation.

OUR PROGRAMS

Social Enterprise Co-creation

- Building community-owned social enterprises
- Coaching youths on Asset-Based Community Development
- Social Business Modeling sprints around the Sustainable Development Goals

Positive Youth Development

- Developing 21st Century skills among youth
- Advocating for enabling environment for young people
- Promoting youth engagement and contribution

Partnerships Transforming Africa

- Implementing joint projects and activities to respond to youth development and community resilience challenges in Kenya and across Africa
- Fostering collaboration in youth development and social entrepreneurship

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OUR VALUES

- Diversity
- Collaboration
- Shared Prosperity
- Growth and Learning
- Humility and Service
- Creativity and Innovation

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Love
- Resilience
- Sustainability
- Transformation
- Collective Engagement

CO-CREATED SOCIAL ENTREPRISES



KaaKazini connects tradesmen to skills training and job placement to guarantee quality, cost-effective and reliable services.
kaakazini.com



Sote Tule connects producers of organic food to households to guarantee a high-quality organic food supply to households in Kenya.
sotetule.com

And more...

SOCIAL IMPACT

- **Economic development** - engaging over 70 young people in social enterprise creation led to establishing 2 currently registered worker-owned social enterprises and 2 more startups in the gig economy and creating opportunities for sustainable jobs targeting 140 young people in 2022.
- **Youth development** - involving young people in the Positive Youth Development program has resulted in a mindset shift about vocation and employment. Over 600 young people mentored through our program have gained more clarity on what careers and business opportunities they are keen to explore and pursue.
- **Engagement and collaboration** - our programs within Kisumu Central and Kisumu East Sub-Counties have led to increasing collaboration, community engagement, and contribution to social, economic, and environmental challenges among young people.

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Social enterprise income** - Through the co-created social enterprises, JAY4T receives share income for the sustainability of innovation and DEI best practices.
- **Crowdfunding** - JAY4T participates in fundraising campaigns through Global Giving and Giving Way to fund the programs and projects throughout the year.
- **Volunteer program** - JAY4T is a volunteer-based organization receiving volunteer support from different communities, countries, and continents yearlong.

JAY4T'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

JAY4T recognizes that our current community is not fully equitable. We have established DEI policy, and priorities to ensure that JAY4T actively seeks out opportunities to include those who are underrepresented or marginalized to include them in our decision-making, learn from their perspectives, amplify their voices, and ensure that they have opportunities for growth in our organization. We pledge to:

- Create a welcoming community, one that is open to challenging assumptions about diversity, equity, and inclusion, to ensure that all individuals/groups can fully participate
- Expand our international engagement
- Continue to broaden partnerships with other organizations that have diversity programs to support broader community engagement activities
- Provide training and educational resources specifically targeted to young people that have historically been underrepresented
- Recruit without bias for all JAY4T activities and actively seek participation from groups that are discriminated against, underrepresented, and marginalized



ALUMNI PROFILING



About me

My life's principle:
Consistency.
That's it. That's the message.

My philosophy of life:
Keep learning. Work diligently, work smart. Do good. Be kind. Help the poor and needy. And if

you're going through hell, keep moving — why would you want to stop in hell anyway?

Full name: Esther-Nicole Adomako

Academic qualifications:
Bachelor of Science (Medical & Food Microbiology)

Institutions attended:
University for Development Studies (UDS), Jacobs-Abbey Institute for Global Studies (JAGILS), Cambridge Centre of Excellence.

Professional training: UX Design | Executive Strategic Leadership Management | Project Management | Diplomacy, International Relations and Policy

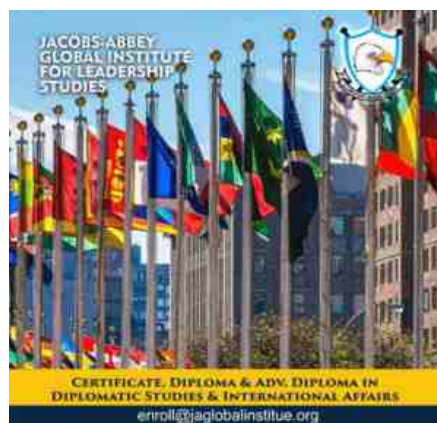
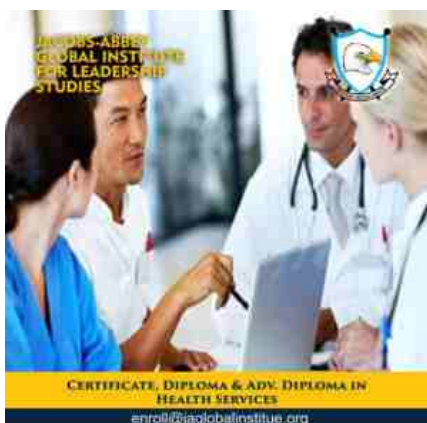
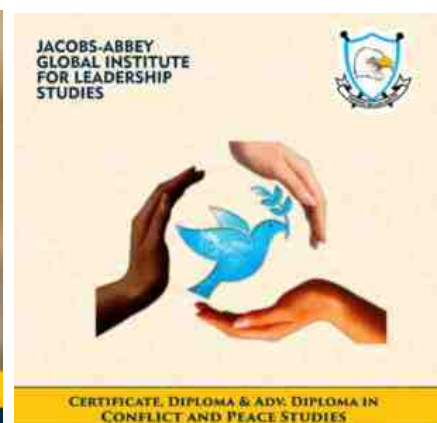
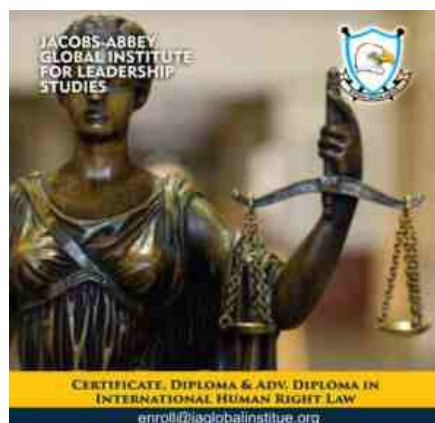
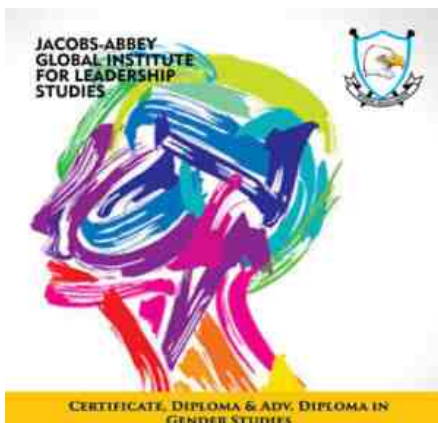
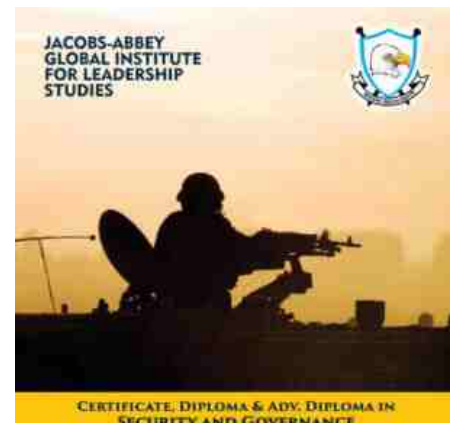
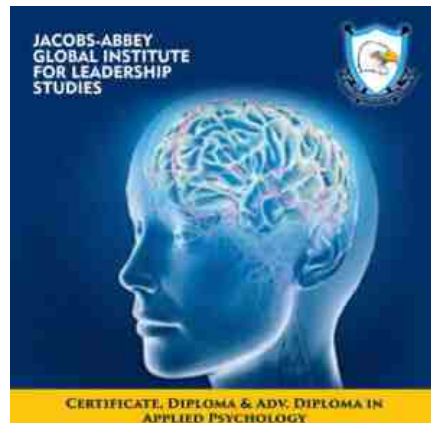
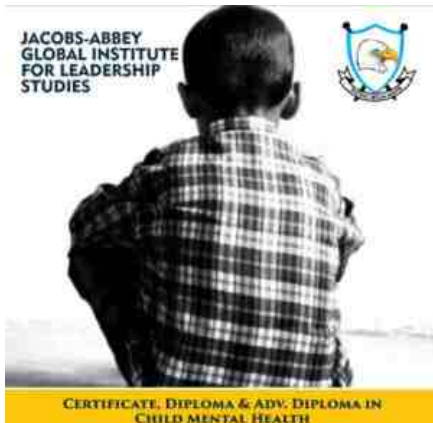
Advocacy

Brief Work History:
Personal Assistant, 2015 - 2016 | Project Supervisor, 2016 -2017 | Business Development Executive & UX Writer, 2018 -2020 | UX Writer, 2022 - Jan 2023 | Founder, UX Quotient, 2023 - to date

Awards: Winner and Overall Best Debater (International Youth Day 2018 - to date)

Hobbies Binge watching seasonal movies, singing, traveling, reading, capturing rare moments of nature, and trying new foods and cooking recipes

OUR PROGRAMS



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