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Graduation ceremonies were held for Heritage Christian College in Amasaman-Accra on January 30th under strict Covid-19 government regulations. This ceremony was for the 2nd Graduation Class of Heritage Christian College, and the 20th Commissioning Ceremony of Ministers of the Gospel from Heritage Bible Institute students.

Forty-two graduates were awarded Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration with options in Accounting, Banking and Finance, Marketing, Human Resource, Business Information Technology Management; Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Bachelor of Theology. The degrees were awarded by Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) to which HCC is affiliated. The university was accredited by the National Accreditation Board in 2015. Also, twenty-three graduates who pursued courses in Intermediate Certificate in Christian Ministry at the Heritage Bible Institute were also commissioned.

This 2nd year of HCC students had two groups of students who placed HCC on the international stage at the **Global Social Innovation Challenge in San Diego USA**. The first team of Evans Kwarkye, Benjamin Nketiah and Austin Carboo won the Grand Prize and the Audience Choice Award in the 2018 edition of the contest. The second team made up of Casmier Avadu, Anthony Cobbina Pendoxa and Benjamin Appiah Bright that pitched virtually were among the Top 10 Finalists in the 2019 edition of the event.

The President of the University, Dr. Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah spoke about ongoing plans to increase degree offerings of the university in 2021. He mentioned some of the new programmes being processed for accreditation as **Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor and Diploma in Guidance & Counselling, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Technology, Bachelor of Theology and Community Development, Bachelor of Administration in Accounting and Computing, and Supply Chain and Logistics Management**. He said the university also intends to introduce **Master's in Accounting and Finance, Banking and Finance and Human Resource Management**.

Keep your faith in God, pursue your vision relentlessly, and never give excuses.

The President charged the graduates to go into the world and live what Brian Tracy calls **"A No-excuse Life."** Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah charged the graduates to not fan the flames of failure in their life, to not look for others and things and circumstances to blame for not reaching your highest potential in life. You all can make it if you live your life by daily inching closer to your goals.

The former Ambassador to the UK and former Managing Director of Tema Oil Refinery, Mr. Isaac Osei, who was the guest speaker, spoke on the theme: **Academia and Industry Collaborations: Closing the Skills Gap of Graduates.** He urged the graduates to live out the values they had learned from Heritage Christian College which are very much needed in the development of the country. He encouraged them to be **entrepreneurial**, apply the practical skills they had acquired **to solve problems** and make a **significant impact** wherever they found themselves.

The university, through its **Center for Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and Ethics (CEPE)**, awarded students who won the 2020 edition of the HCC Start-Up Challenge. The start-up challenge encourages students to present business proposals for sponsorship. **Fairview Feed** which will produce **poultry feed** was awarded GHC30,000 (+\$5200 US dollars). **Tils Farms**, which will produce **tilapia fish**, was awarded GHC20,000 (+\$3500 US dollars). Since the university's start up challenge began in 2018, a grant total of GHC230,000 (+\$40,000) has been awarded to **42 students** to start their own businesses, some of which were exhibited at the graduation ceremony. The university believes entrepreneurship is the panacea to the graduate unemployment problem in the country.

Thanks to Conrad Kakraba, Executive Director, HCC Media Centre for his contributions to this article.



COVID-19 AND ITS DRAMATIC EFFECT ON FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT AT HCC



Prince Amoako Nuamah, Minister for the East Legon Church of Christ, who received the award for Best Theology Student-Class of 2020

Earlier this year in an emergency meeting between Dr. Atuilik, Provost for Heritage Christian College, and Deon Fair, Heritage Christian College Foundation-USA Board Chairman, Dr. Atuilik asked that we continue to solicit prayers for the upcoming enrollment period at Heritage Christian College. Dr. Atuilik explained that the financial impact of Covid on all levels of education has been **dramatic**. Due to limited funding available to students across Ghana, the public Universities are experiencing very high enrollment rates due to their low tuition costs compared to the private Universities in Ghana.

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO OUR EMERGENCY CALL FOR TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING. OUR ONGOING PRAYER IS THAT THIS INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FOR THE COLLEGE AND ITS STUDENTS CONTINUES IN 2021, AND THAT YOU BECOME OUR 'AMBASSADORS' FOR HCC.



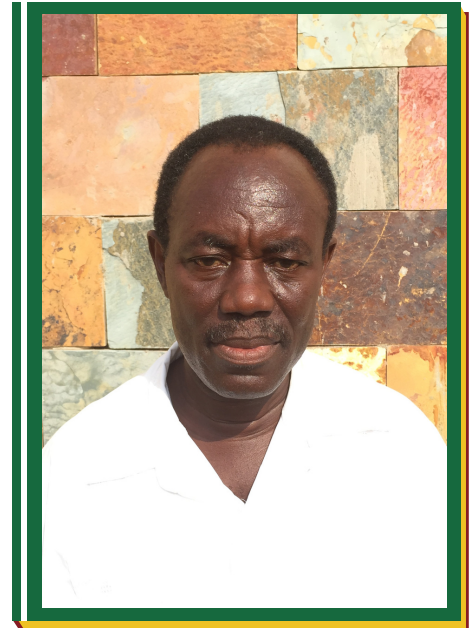
Your continued financial support helps us to strengthen the words of Dr. Twumasi-Ankrah and encourage the students 'to not fan the flames of failure in their life, and to not look for others and things and circumstances to blame for not reaching your highest potential in life.

Your continued support for these students will encourage them to

'live their life by daily inching closer to their goals'.

Last month, Heritage Christian College instructor Douglas Ofori, returned to his home in Accra to find it completely ransacked and all his personal belongings were stolen.

Douglas has been an instructor for Heritage Bible Institute since 1998 and also teaches in the Theology Department for Heritage Christian College. Douglas received his master's degree in ministry from Abilene Christian University. Along with his teaching responsibilities, Douglas also preaches for 3 churches which he personally planted. The membership in these churches is 600, 200, and 100. Heritage Christian College Foundation has created a secure fundraising page for you to directly contribute to helping Douglas replace the items lost in the burglary.



2020 HCC Graduates



2020 HBI Graduates

'There is no doubt that Heritage Christian College and Heritage Bible Institute are ***transforming lives***. Please join us today and become part of this fantastic work that is being accomplished under the most challenging period experienced by this institution. **PLEASE PRAY, PLEASE REFLECT, PLEASE GIVE-TODAY!**

Deon Fair-Chairman of the Board for Heritage Christian College Foundation

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