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A MESSAGE FROM PM!

March 2025

The first quarter has been busy for Cohort 6 fellows as they complete their Social Impact Projects. In May, they will attend a camp, and in June, we will bid them “au revoir” at the Induction and Graduation Ceremony.

As Cohort 6 bows out, Cohort 7 begins its journey in April. I am grateful to the recruitment team for ensuring the admission of young, enthusiastic leaders who are ready to serve our country and continent. May the best applicants find success. Our Beacons of Excellence have been making waves in their spheres of influence, and this newsletter features a few of them.

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VOICES OF COHORT 6: WHAT'S YOUR CLP STORY?



Fellow Akua Aduwaa Brifo

My journey as a fellow of the Central Leadership Program has been nothing short of exhilarating. As it draws to a close in a few months, I'm filled with gratitude for the transformative experience that has taught me resilience, adaptability, and the art of thriving under pressure. While it's bittersweet to say goodbye, I'm stepping away empowered with invaluable skills, lifelong connections, and unforgettable memories.

Fellow James Kojo Boadu

CLP has been a defining experience, transforming me from day one. As part of Team WAKANDA and our Social Impact Project (SIP), I gained the confidence to launch my network, host events, write blogs, and start a podcast. The invaluable guidance from faculty and mentors; and lasting bonds within the CLP community have been pivotal. CLP also played a key role in writing my recently published book, **Maximise Every Second**. I gained insights from faculty engagement sessions that profoundly influenced the content and direction. Other books I have written are **Consistent Fire** and **The Result Booster**.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

STAR-GHANA FOUNDATION



The Program Officer and Beacons of Excellence (BoEs) of the Central Leadership Program (CLP) recently attended the **Akoto-Ampaw Active Citizenship Dialogue** hosted by the **STAR-Ghana Foundation**. Held on February 19, 2025, at the British Council Auditorium in Accra, the event focused on **“Inter-Generational Dialogue on Active Citizenship in Ghana: Lessons and Opportunities for the Future.”**

Keynote speaker **Mr. Bernard Koku Avle** inspired discussions on strengthening active citizenship for good governance and inclusive development. The dialogue honored the legacy of Mr. Akoto-Ampaw, a tireless advocate for citizens’ rights, and provided valuable insights aligned with CLP’s mission to empower transformative leaders.

THE MAXWELL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

On February 21, 2025, CLP participated in the **Maxwell Leadership Foundation’s Beyond Success Global Workshop** in Accra. Leaders from more than 10 West African countries gathered to deepen their expertise in value-based, people-centric leadership under the theme **“First Things First.”** Inspired by powerful networking and actionable strategies, we reaffirmed our commitment to empowering leaders who drive lasting community impact.



VITITO GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



It was an immense honor and privilege for the programme manager, program officer, and Beacons of Excellence of the CLP to be invited by the **Vitito Global Leadership Institute** at Saginaw Valley State University to attend the **Vitito Global Leadership Conference** on March 4, 2025. This profoundly impactful experience offered invaluable insights into enhancing youth leadership amid globalization and the AI revolution, providing a unique platform to explore innovative strategies for empowering the next generation of leaders in an increasingly interconnected and technologically advanced world.

COHORT 7 APPLICATIONS

We are thrilled to share an update on the Central Leadership Program’s Cohort 7 application process! The response was overwhelming, with many talented individuals applying for this transformative journey. Each application was carefully reviewed, and essays were extensively evaluated to identify candidates with exceptional potential.



Successful applicants were invited for interviews, held from Sunday, 9th March to Monday, 17th March 2025. The finalists have now been contacted, and orientation is underway. Running until 4th April 2025, the orientation formally introduces participants to the program and prepares them for the journey ahead.



The future is bright, and we can’t wait to build it together!

CLP HOSTS INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKER SERIES (GSS) SESSIONS!

On Saturday, February 15, 2025, **Dr. Damaris-Lois Yamoah Lang, President and Executive Director of Parenting Children of Color**, spoke on the theme **“Upholding the Pillar of Science.”** She inspired attendees with her expertise on the role of science in leadership and community development. Her presentation emphasized the importance of scientific principles in driving innovation and solving complex challenges.



Check out the highlight on [Instagram](#).



Upcoming Guest Speaker Series

Next month, the CLP will continue its Guest Speaker Series to inspire and equip the 6th Cohort Fellows as they prepare to graduate and make their mark on the world.

The series will feature **Mr. Dan Wathen**, Founder and Executive Producer of DRW Media Works, speaking on **"Upholding the Pillar of Media."** This session will provide fellows with valuable insights and perspectives as they transition into their next chapter of leadership and influence.

MAKING WAVES: SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECT

Mindshift Inc.: One School at a time!



Mindshift Inc., a Social Impact Project (SIP) group of the Central Leadership Program, is making waves in youth empowerment and self-esteem development. They just completed a two-week program at Providence School, their first partner school, successfully igniting confidence and potential in young minds.



To expand their impact, they have submitted funding proposals to Absa Bank and Chango, a Ghanaian crowdfunding platform, with the guidance of their SIP mentor, **Mrs. Judith Ocansey**.

Innovation is at the heart of their growth! The team is now developing websites and mobile apps to digitize their educational comics, ensuring wider accessibility beyond hard copies.

With one school successfully engaged, they are now working to expand to two more schools, fueled by passion, dedication, and strong mentorship. Stay tuned! Mindshift Inc. is just getting started!

Team Wakanda: Shaping Young Minds for Success in Careers and Life

Team Wakanda is mentoring 22 students from Preset Pacesetters SHS through a year-long career development program focused on standing out in a field, starting a business, and resilience. In phase one, students will explore self-leadership, covering goal setting, confidence-building, and personal responsibility.



To extend its impact, the team held its first Career Webinar on March 29, 2025, targeting university students. The webinar introduced CLP and Project MASI, provided expert career insights, showcased mentorship activities, and served as a fundraising platform to support and expand the initiative.



Moving forward, Team Wakanda will complete phase one, secure experienced speakers, track mentee progress, and enhance outreach and fundraising efforts to sustain and scale the project.

BEACON OF EXCELLENCE (BOE) IMPACT

BoE Joyous Ocran, Team Lead of Joyous Trainings & Consult, recently hosted two power-packed events, inspiring young leaders to challenge norms and strive for excellence.

The first event, "Young Leaders Convo" (themed "Challenging the Status Quo"), urged participants to tackle real societal issues. Featured speakers BoE Odamea Amoako (CLP BOE Association President) and Ps. Raphael Koomsom (CEO, Raphael Impact Global) shared game-changing insights on leadership and transformation.



Character Series 2.0, themed "Dare to Excel," focused on resilience, professionalism, and a results-driven mindset. Speakers BoE Grace Osei (Graduate Assistant), Ewuradwoa Owusu (Chartered HR Professional), and BoE Dr. Michael Gyau (Clinical Optometrist) shared valuable insights on personal and professional excellence.

Both events left young leaders fired up and ready to make a difference.



BOEs IN THE DIASPORA

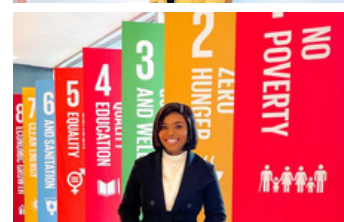
Richard Nyarko is making strides at the **University of Arkansas, USA**, with a strong commitment to research and innovation. After earning his MS in Agricultural Economics last year, he will complete his second master's in Industrial Operations Management this summer, and in the fall, he will begin his **PhD in Industrial Engineering**, further advancing his expertise. His research is gaining recognition, as his abstract ranked among the top ten for a prestigious conference this year, earning him an invitation to present. This achievement highlights his dedication to advancing knowledge in his field and contributing to impactful research.

[Click to stay connected with Richard's progress on his LinkedIn profile.](#)



Grace Osei, a final-year graduate student in Higher Education Leadership and Administration at **Canisius University, USA**, works as a graduate assistant, mentoring students and supporting their academic success. Recognized for her academic excellence and volunteerism, she was nominated for the **Tri-Alpha Honor Society and the Outstanding Graduate Award**, with results pending. Beyond academics, she shares insights on leadership and education as a guest speaker on online platforms in Ghana and internationally, extending her impact beyond the classroom. [Click to explore Grace's journey on her LinkedIn profile.](#)

Joyce Arthur, a master's student in International Education Policy at the **University of Maryland, USA**, is passionate about girls' education, rural access to quality education, gender equality, and youth empowerment. To strengthen her expertise, she has participated in key global forums, including **CSW69 at the UN Headquarters**, the **Comparative and International Education Society 2025 Conference**, and a **Data Hackathon at the World Bank**. She also presented her research proposal on education inequality in Ghana at the 2025 Annual Graduate Student Research Conference by the Washington Consortium for Comparative and International Education. Through her studies, research, and global engagements, Joyce is actively shaping her path as a future policy leader in education. [Click to discover her work and achievements on her LinkedIn profile.](#)



NEW HORIZONS AND HAPPY RETURNS!



The Central Leadership Program (CLP) recently celebrated Mr. Henry Nii Mensah, our talented Social Media and Stakeholder Officer, as he moves on to an exciting new opportunity. Henry’s creativity, passion, and dedication have been instrumental in CLP’s digital presence and stakeholder engagement. While we will miss his energy and expertise, we are excited for his next chapter. Thank you, Henry! We’re rooting for your continued success!

In equally exciting news, we are thrilled to welcome back Ms. Justina Hammond as the Administrative and Stakeholder Management Officer of the CLP!

Justina previously made her mark at CLP before leaving to further her education. Now, with even more knowledge and experience under her belt, she’s back to bring her expertise and fresh ideas to the team. Welcome back, Justina! We are so glad to have you rejoin the CLP family!

Change brings new opportunities, and at CLP, we’re embracing it with open arms. Here’s to growth, new adventures, and continued success!



WHAT PM HAS BEEN UP TO?



Mrs. Ewurama Bennin, Programme Manager of the Central Leadership Program, is dedicated to raising transformational leaders who shape society. Her passion for youth leadership development causes her to extend CLP’s impact beyond its immediate circles.

In January, she held a workshop for the **Campaign for Female Education** alumni to build the capacity of their leaders. On March 19, 2025, she served as a panelist on the **Achimota Speaks** platform to discuss **Free SHS reforms**. She emphasized the need to balance accessibility with academic excellence, warned against excessive modifications to grading and placement, and suggested the introduction of more day schools.

[Click to watch her at Achimota Speaks, on YouTube.](#)



In March, at the **Vitito Global Leadership Conference**, she reminded participants that their youthfulness was an advantage and encouraged them to seize the opportunities that are available to them. She also delivered four sessions on Leadership and Ethics at the **Dikan Center**, ensuring values-based leadership remains central to youth development.

Through these engagements, Mrs. Bennin is actively fulfilling CLP’s mandate, equipping young leaders with the skills, values, and vision to drive meaningful change in Ghana and beyond.



CLP PODCAST

In our latest CLP Podcast Series episode, Fellow Steven Boakye Donkor explores practical solutions to combat modern slavery.

This insightful podcast sheds light on key challenges and outlines actionable steps toward real change. Don’t miss the opportunity to learn from an informed perspective.

Listen now on [**Spotify!**](#)

A SNEAK PEEK INTO QUARTER 2!



CLP CAMP

Cohort 6 is gearing up for a **5-day camp in April** that is equal parts learning and fun. Imagine team-building under the stars, inspiring sessions, and memories that will last a lifetime. Would you like to help make this camp impactful? **Sponsor a fellow today!** Let's create an adventure they will never forget!

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Mark your calendars! June 2025 will be a month of celebration as we honor the incredible journeys of our **CLP Gold Cohort 6 and CLP Crystal Cohort 1**, sending them off to make waves in their spheres with the practical knowledge and leadership skills they've gained!

INDUCTION OF COHORT 7

Get ready! **Cohort 7 is on the horizon!** We are counting down to the induction of our newest changemakers as they join the CLP family. This ceremony will mark the beginning of an exciting new chapter as we introduce a fresh group of changemakers ready to build on the legacy of the six cohorts before them.

CALL FOR SPONSORS!

We're inviting you to join us in making our upcoming graduation and induction ceremonies in June 2025 truly spectacular! Your support will help us celebrate the achievements of our graduates and welcome the next generation of leaders with an event that inspires and empowers. Let's make these milestones unforgettable together!



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