

Chancellor of Regent University and Chairman of the Occasion;
The Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana (Being represented by
Justice Joseph Bawa Akamba (Justice of the Supreme Court);
Chairman and members the University Council past, present, and
incoming;
Members of the Press;
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;
All protocols observed!

On my personal behalf and on behalf of the management, faculty, staff, and students here present, I sincerely welcome you all to today's in-house induction ceremony of the Board of Regent University College. We realise you have had to sacrifice other important schedules in order for you to be here with us. We are grateful!

Our Experience

January marks 10 years since we opened our doors to our first crop of students. Today's event, takes our institution to another level in its development. The good Lord has been very gracious to us as an institution. Even as we have had the challenge of operating from six different satellite campuses. The good Lord has helped us to chalk some great successes. We are credited for mounting the first ever postgraduate degree programme in computer science in the country. Until recently, our MBA programme, was the only MBA with AMBA international accreditation status offered in the country.

In terms of ranking, in January 2011, the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities ranked us as the third best university in Ghana. Since then, we have consistently been ranked among the top 10 universities in Ghana by the same agency.

Our Graduates

Our graduates have distinguished themselves in the business world. Some have either set up their own new businesses or contributed to the growth and success of existing enterprises. Some have gone ahead to pursue postgraduate studies outside our continent and have excelled with distinction. Some have excelled as National Service personnel in a competitive environment. One of our students who took our Management with Computing programme is currently serving as a National Service personnel at Ghana Cocoa Board. While with this public institution, she saw herself in a group of five other graduates: from KNUST, Legon, GTUC, UMAT, and NIIT (which is now called Blue Crest University College). The degrees of all these other students are either in Computer Science or ICT related. We are informed that because our student excelled in the initial database development assignment given to the group, she was made the group leader. I am told she is currently assisting the Head of the IT Department because his secretary is on leave. We have several other examples. Indeed our students are among the well respected and well-sought after graduates in our country.

Our Community Engagement

We have had a very vibrant community engagement and social transformation experience. We have refurbished a dilapidated block for DA Junior High School in a remote village near Suhum; we have provided ICT infrastructure for one Senior High School, and two JHS all in the Eastern Region. Many schools are knocking at our doors for assistance in this direction. About a year ago, we completed a research work on the availability or otherwise of ICT infrastructure and resource persons among over one hundred Senior and Junior High Schools in the Akuampem North District in the Eastern Region. Our conclusions indicated that more work need to be done to assist the schools here in area of ICT literacy. We have also, out of our own resources given scholarships to scores of people from economically

poor families to study here. Some have gone ahead to do postgraduate studies.

Expansion of our Facilities

The limitations and challenges of the satellite campus system worked against our numerical growth and expansion of academic programmes. Thankfully, this will be over by the beginning of the 2015/2016 academic year, as we have embarked on massive infrastructural development.

Our strategic plans for this stage of our development include, but are not limited to, the introduction of more engineering, science, and technology related programmes at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. We are also making continuous efforts towards recruiting more world-class academic staff to support these programmes. We are glad to announce that just before the Christmas holidays we received a draft agreement from our partner institution, the Maastricht School of Management, to mount the first ever Doctor of Business Administration programme in the country, starting from September 2015. Similar exciting partnership agreements are in the offing. The University has also geared itself towards sustained collaboration with industry and other external institutions with high potential in technology to support cutting-edge research, teaching, and community engagement.

It has now become urgent to dedicate all necessary energies and resources towards getting a government Charter by the end of 2016. We are also aiming at positioning the institution as a world class institution within the shortest possible time. This ambitious but achievable vision will undoubtedly call for continued hard work, funding, sacrifice, and above all, the grace of God.

It is at this very critical stage of our development that we are inducting these new distinguished board members into office. We are more than convinced that we will be able to work together with you towards the realisation of the strategic objective of positioning the institution as an enviable, world-class institution.

We want to thank our distinguished Council members for accepting to be part of this great institution at this critical point in time. We are looking forward to working together to strategically position this institution, as a world class institution. We also want to thank the council members who have finished their term but are still supporting with their prayers and kind thoughts. We trust you will continue to support our efforts in whatever way possible.

THANK YOU; MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS US ALL.