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# IMPRESSIONS

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## WELCOME MESSAGES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK

It is always important to sometimes sit back, relax and take stock of all the amazing things you are doing. It helps you identify what is working and what is not working so you can put in strategies to keep up with the positives and importantly, devise newer ways of doing things for the negatives.

It is therefore heartwarming to see the Editorial team come up with this great idea '**IMPRESSIONS**' which seeks to be a mouth piece of our stakeholders and audience to give their feeling(s) and or opinion(s) about WiSTEM.

Indeed, WiSTEM has come far and that it behooves on us to hear the **IMPRESSIONS** of our stakeholders and target groups about what we do.

Take some time and enjoy the maiden edition of **IMPRESSIONS!**

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# EDITORIAL

As **WiSTEM**gh continues to churn out projects, and activities, year after year, it dawned on the editorial team to create an outlet where our key stakeholders and target audience could express their views about what we do as **Women in STEM**.

The essence is to give an idea on the reach of our interventions, and also offer feedback for improvement. This hunch is what has given birth to the maiden edition of the **IMPRESSIONS**.

This edition contains comments from students, tutors, lecturers and other stakeholders on the 2022 edition of the WISTEM INSPIRER, and the Girls Camp of the same year.

Have a good read.

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# IMPRESSIONS

*“ Every story taught me one thing which is knowing what you want and going for it 😊*  
- **Winniefred Ayittah (Pharm D, Year 2, KNUST - Ghana)**”

*“ Hi Madam, thanks for sharing this document. For me as the name of the document, indicates, it is a source of inspiration. The INSPIRER talks about many women who have succeeded at this point, even though, they are at different conditions of living. Firstly, I learnt about their discipline, to face the different challenges even though they are women with other roles in life. Secondly their devotion to never say no in front of any challenge and then their adaptation when the situation is different from their expectation. Indeed, there is this point that marked me is their humility to be open-minded and their confidence in themselves and in God that they can make great and better achievements. To finish they really insisted on networking which allows the present generation to learn from the previous ones and vice versa and it is this which was the focal point of this document. To allow us to believe in giving ourselves the best of ourselves and using the examples of our predecessors... - **Alphonsine Ablavi HADIKOU (Bachelor in Chemistry Graduate from Université de Kara, Togo)** ”*

*“ All the stories are interesting and they seem impossible if I didn't get the chance to read stories of these successful women...Mrs Patricia Obo-Nia's story is my favourite. I admire her persistence and ability to carry such huge responsibilities as a woman being the CEO of Vodafone. I was wowed from the first story to the last 😊... - **Emmanuella Ayittah (BSc. Chemistry, Year 2, KNUST-Ghana)**”*

*“ This was quite interesting but one-way. I felt they could have also added some notable women from the Technical Schools (being it Secondary or the Universities), this is not because I am a product of the Technical University but because we are talking about STEM. Aside from academia, I was expecting more of industrial because STEM is huge and covers lots of place. I feel they brought up old faces, maybe next time they can research more and add new faces for us to get to know more of them. I think this is one of the ways to showcase and applaud the women yet to be brought to the light. Most great women, I believe are still in the dark - **Lecturer (Ho Technical University-Ghana)** ”*

*“ I think it is inspiring to read the stories of all these women, it gives us the opportunity to see them differently and be inspired to dream big - **Louisa (Student at ISA Lille-France)** ”*

*“ The stories of these women were very inspiring, I was most touched by the story of Professor Ibok Oduro, I saw a possibility of being versatile as an individual- **Adwoa Gyankoma (KNUST-PharmD 5, KNUST-Ghana)** ”*

*“ Rev. Sister Professor Eugenia and Prof Esme are Women I admire greatly due to having had an in-class experience with them and their active role in academia. I found their parts inspiring and my take from both of them is that you can achieve your goals with hard-work, diligence and making God a part of everything you set your heart and mind to do - **Elizartar Nanaesi Mensah (BA Economics-4th year)** ”*

*“I enjoyed it a lot! These women have shared genuine and beautiful stories about their lives! It was very inspiring to hear their stories It was especially interesting to read the story of Rev Sr. Prof Amporfu, an Ashtown girl who is now the Dean of the Faculty of social science at KNUST.”*



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*“Her humble beginnings (as she put it) didn’t hold her back! Having this magazine available for girls in second cycle institutions would be great - **(Ama Konadu Agyemang, M.Phil. Physical Chemistry 2)**”*

*“ I find the stories of these women a great source of muse, that despite our backgrounds or the challenges we are currently facing, if women press on, we can also attain higher heights in their careers and in life. Women have historically been viewed as second-class citizens and underestimated. It wasn't that we attempted to accomplish what males typically did and failed. We were aggressively discouraged from pursuing our desired subjects of study. But women can still defy the odds and make an impact in society if we make up our minds to do that. - **(Yawlui Emefa, BSc Food Science and Technology, 3rd year)** ”*

*“ Reading the stories of these women light up hope in my path as they are very inspiring and teach, we the upcoming ones that anything is achievable as long as we work hard, not leaving out God. To attain greater heights means to work hard and as women, to work even harder to defy the odds as beautifully exhibited by these great women. They have done it and we can also do it. - **(GLORIA ANIM, BSc. Biological Sciences, 4th year)** ”*

*“ Being a woman doesn't limit my capabilities or society expectations of me. If I set up my mind to do something, I can achieve anything. - **(Beatrice Osei, Kumasi)** ”*

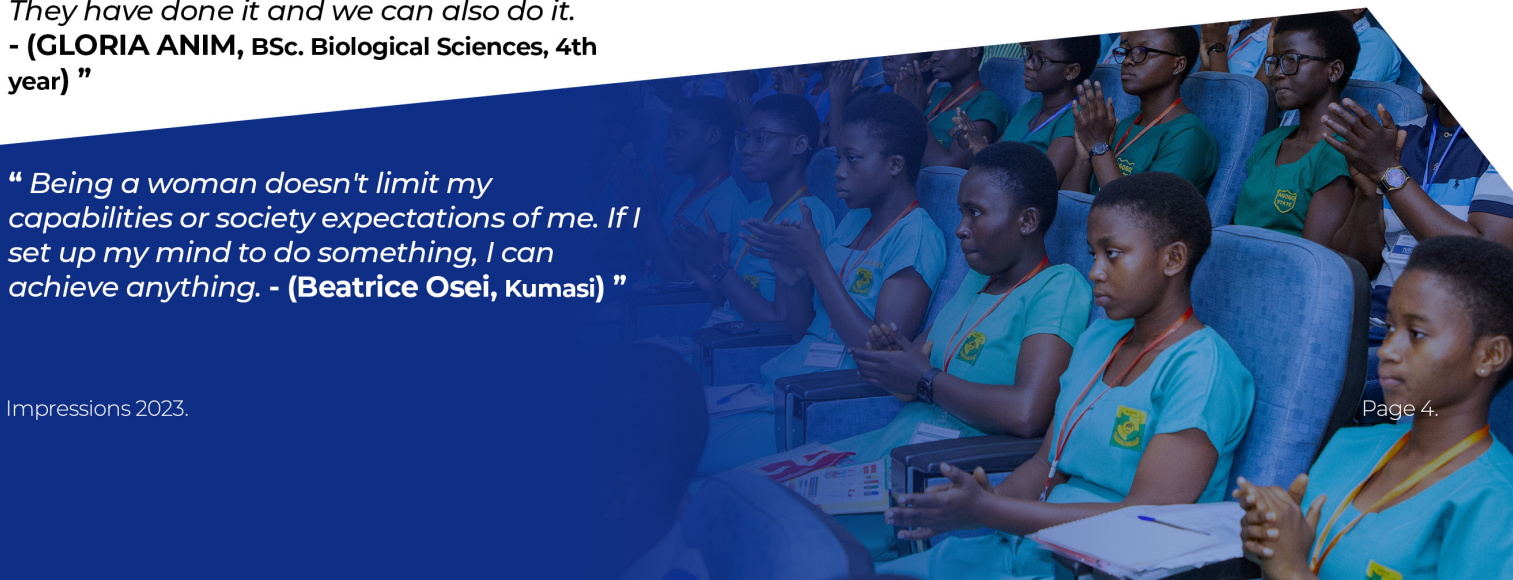
*“Well from what I have read so far, I'm actually motivated as a woman to strive more for excellence. All these women have worked hard to be where they are, in positions where we are all proud of. I want to be able to work as hard, stay committed and motivated in order to achieve greater success. - **(Eunice Ampiah, Knust, Kumasi)** ”*

*“ like the fact that they're able to combine their busy schedules with their family life and marital life and how there's no clashing or interference. That's how I would like my life to be. - **(Adwoa Nyarkoaa Preko, Kumasi)** ”*

*“ Obviously, this is an issue shedding light on high achieving women, we stan! It's important for me to see that there was a journey that led to that success and it didn't happen overnight. Some of these women even say they still have more to do. I'm encouraged to keep working hard cos success truly is the summation of small efforts, day in and out. - **(Manuella Agyeman, Missouri, USA)** ”*

*“ To never look down on the things we want to do as women even if it looks difficult but also to try and manage our works and our family and when you listen to them, they always look on God, never lose that relationship or that connection we have with God. - **(Paz Davis, Accra)** ”*

*“ I was not too sure of my career choice but this program has directed me to a particular programme to study after S.H.S - **(Sarah Animah Nyarko, Jessica Anna Frimpong)** ”*



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*“ Before the program I thought a lady like me cannot pursue Petroleum Engineering but thanks to WiSTEM and the various female professors invited from the Engineering field, I have been inspired and I am taking my mathematics, Chemistry and Physics very serious for these will take me there but my gender. - (Jessica Anna Frimpong, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“Per my experience at the WiSTEM camp,2022.I have learnt that science and technology are not meant for men only but for both men and women, I have also been learning harder than before since I came back from the program - (Mary Onifade, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“I have come to terms with the fact that life doesn't mean just settling for the least after the program, I am motivated to go higher and to reach higher targets than I earlier imagined. - (Khadija Atalata, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“I have learnt an indefatigable way of learning; I don't have to limit myself in anywhere and not to be intimidated by anyone after attending the program. - (Matilda Ayaba, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“Wherever I find myself, I can stand and express my views regardless of my gender because the program taught me how to be on my own. - (Lordina Kwartemaa, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“I had the opportunity to meet female professors in the career I want to pursue during the program and that alone has motivated me a lot and I am inspired to study harder because I have realized that everything is possible not necessarily the gender. - (Veronica Agyemang, SStudent, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“What I experienced during the program has encouraged me to improve my studies to become like them. They were all ladies of whom I can become like no matter my gender, background and I am now determined, focused in achieving my goal in the aspect of science. - (Beatrice Dieni, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*



*“Honestly, WiSTEM has really taught me to be courageous, visionary, impartial, focused, versatile, respectful and competent and most importantly to be bold and determined to be ready to achieve my dreams. - (Pamela Asante Richlove, Student, Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

*“ I have come to realization that, there is more room for improvement in developing my potential to make my dreams come through. - (Esther Nilab, Jessica Anna Frimpong) ”*

*“The program has really inspired and motivated us to further our education upon series of advises and education from WiSTEM organizers and various invited guests, and also educated us more on girl child education. - (Emmanuel Adjei Amponsah & Richard Osei Bonsu, Tutors of Dormaa Senior High School) ”*

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*"I really enjoyed the magazine. How they led us through the process, their struggles and even with the advices they had for us. It was truly interesting and wonderful. Thank you 😊. But I wish they had spoken about how they blend profession with having families too. - (Boachie Akosua Addai, Faculté de Médecine Dentaire Morocco) "*

*"Seeing the joy on the faces of the girls as they learnt new skills and identified areas of STEM where they fit in was priceless. I cannot wait for the next girl's camp! - (Abena Kyerew Abebrese, Department of Nursing, KNUST-Kumasi) "*

*"WiSTEM Girls Camp was an amazing event. It was educative, interactive and inspirational. To bring girls from diverse backgrounds to network, learn, interact and be inspired was phenomenal. The excitement on the faces of the girls was an indication that indeed they have been inspired to do more. I'm excited to have participated in the camp activities and I look forward to more of such activities. - (Dr. Wina Ivy Ofori Boadu, Department of Medical Diagnostics, KNUST-Kumasi) "*

*"The WiSTEM Girls Camp was well organized and a good initiative for lifelong skills development for young girls in our society. The program offered a great opportunity for the young ladies to work together, share and learn from each other. It was evident that the participants did enjoy the sessions. The young ladies have acquired knowledge and skills, which will help them for their lifelong career. The experience has given them a lasting impression that will encourage them to pursue STEM/STEAM related subjects in their academic journey. I wish them every success in their future academic endeavors! Ayekoo! - (Dr. Ralitsa Diana Debrah, Department of Communication Design, KNUST-Kumasi) "*

