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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

2.30 p.m. – Guests to be seated

2.45 p.m. – Procession: Members of Convocation

3.00 p.m. – Council Procession

3.10 p.m. – National Anthem

– Dawuro

3.15 p.m. – Opening Statement by Chancellor, His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan

3.25 p.m. – Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lecture (3rd Day): Professor Thandika Mkandawire
Topic: The University and “Catching Up”

4.05 p.m. – INTERLUDE: Drum Appellation: Ghana Dance Ensemble

4.10 p.m. – Chancellor declares Special Congregation open: His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan

4.15 p.m. – Adinkanfo Mo: UG Jubilee Choir

4.20 p.m. – Address by Chairman of Council: His Lordship Justice Dr. S. K. Date-Bah

4.30 p.m. – Remarks by H.E. The President

4.40 p.m. – Presentation of Candidates: Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ernest Aryeteey

– Conferment of Honorary Degrees:

• Distinguished Scholarship
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  Ama Ata Aidoo
  Emmanuel Victor Doku

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• Alumni of whom the University is especially proud
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• Former Vice-Chancellors
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  Thandika Mkandawire  ✈️  Drum Appellation
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Hymn:  Now praise we great and famous men (All Standing)
Acceptance:  Representative of Honorees: Sir John Daniel
Chancellor Dissolves Special Congregation
University Anthem:  UG Jubilee Choir
Recession

JOYFUL DRUMMING
ADDRESS BY HIS LORDSHIP JUSTICE DR S. K. DATE-BAH
CHAIRMAN, UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Your Excellency Mr Kofi Annan, Chancellor
Members of the University Council,
Vice-Chancellor,
Members of Convocation, students,
Our distinguished Lecturer,
Alumni,
Invited Guests,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

I add my voice to that of the Chancellor in inviting all of us to join the University of Ghana celebrate sixty-five years of existence. Such occasions allow us to examine what has been achieved so far and plan for what we need to do in the years ahead. In line with this, a number of events have already taken place and others are yet to take place. I extend an invitation to all of us to find out when these activities are taking place and participate fully in them.

At this point, it is appropriate to remind ourselves that at the time that we were celebrating our sixtieth anniversary, we had gone through a Visitation exercise undertaken by a panel of international experts who had submitted their report. I am happy to state that the recommendations of the Visitation Panel have gone a long way to influence the direction of the University for the better. Today many of the actions we undertake as an institution derive the source of motivation from the report of the Visitation Panel.

University Council is very confident that the University of Ghana has a very bright future ahead of it. Only last Monday the University started the processes of moving itself to becoming a Research University. This was at a workshop on the subject matter at which the President of the Republic, through his representative, gave full support to the idea and also gave the indication that he was prepared to favourably consider any specific proposals made in that direction. I am encouraged by these developments and I hereby assure University management of Council’s full support in its effort to chart a new course for the University of Ghana in terms of it becoming a Research University.
Let me now return to the honorary degrees that we are about to confer. Council of the University, after very careful consideration, approved the award of honorary degrees to deserving personalities under the various categories. The Vice-Chancellor will provide further details about the various categories and the processes used in deciding on the personalities to be awarded.

Thank you.
LIST OF HONOREES

Distinguished Scholarship

John Pobee
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Emmanuel Victor Doku

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Thandika Mkandawire
Mr Speaker, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Chairman of Council, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am delighted to receive this honorary degree from the University of Ghana and deeply honoured to have been asked to make some remarks on behalf of my fellow honorary graduates. I confess that I have never before addressed an assembly on behalf of a former state president in his own country. Indeed, I have never previously addressed a university convocation on behalf of such a distinguished group of honorary graduates.*

I speak on behalf of another group as well. Six years ago, in April 2007, the Council invited an International Visitation Panel came to Legon because the University perceived that its teaching and learning functions, and the quality of its operations generally, had deteriorated. The University invited the Panel to review its activities and recommend steps that would enhance its role as Ghana’s premier university and research institution and enable it to become a leader in global higher education.

Your then Vice-Chancellor, Professor Clifford Tagoe, identified and invited the members of the Visitation Panel, and we received tremendous support from the then Registrar, Alfred Teddy Konu. The University is also honouring them at this ceremony, which gives me special pleasure.

It was my privilege to chair that International Visitation Panel with, as my Vice-Chair, Professor Aki Sawyerr, your distinguished former Vice-Chancellor who was then Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities. Our Panel was also enormously fortunate to have as one of its members Ms Stamenka Uvaliæ-Trumbiæ, then Head of the Higher Education unit at UNESCO. As former UNESCO employees both Stamenka and I are greatly honoured to be in the presence of the Chancellor, his Excellency Mr Kofi Annan.

Stamenka arranged for UNESCO to conduct some research on behalf of the Panel and also worked closely with me on writing, editing and finalising
the Panel’s report, which I submitted to the University on a visit to Legon in December 2007. Throughout our work we had tremendous backing from our Panel Secretariat under the leadership of Mr. Kofi Siabi-Mensah.

I am thrilled that Stamenka has been able to come with me to this ceremony today, and I would like to accept this honorary degree on her behalf as well - and, indeed, on behalf of all the distinguished members of the International Visitation Panel, who came from Ghana and six other countries.

I confess that in the years after we submitted our Report we rather lost touch with the University, as those university officers who had arranged our visits and hosted us so generously either retired or moved on.

However, our good friend, Joshua Mallet, my former colleague at the Commonwealth of Learning and now Director of your Centre for National Distance Learning and Open Schooling, CENDLOs, did tell me that the Report was having a significant effect on higher education in Ghana generally. But Joshua is a most generous person, who always likes to please, so we were unsure of the real impact of our work.

Just this week, however, the Registrar, Mr Joe Budu, kindly sent us two documents. The first was the final report to Council, made in 2011, of the Visitation Report Implementation Committee. The second is the draft of a case study that the Registrar is preparing with Professor Quashigah of the Faculty of Law for presentation to a seminar that UNESCO’s International Institute for Educational Planning is holding in Nairobi next month. It is titled: The role of steering policies and governance reforms in the management of higher education. Stamenka and I read both documents with enormous interest and a great feeling of satisfaction.

Satisfaction first, because of the most impressive process that the University put in place to take forward the recommendations of our Visitation Panel and to strive to implement them one by one. We were particularly impressed that the Government of Ghana played its role in revising the University of Ghana Act. When we made our visitation back in 2007 we received great encouragement from the Government. But there has been a change of national administration since then and it is a great
tribute to the maturity of Ghana’s democracy that the process of revision continued and a new Act was promulgated in 2010 with new Statutes a year later.

Furthermore, it seems that this reflection on the legislative framework for higher education has influenced the country as a whole. It was a pleasure to read in the case study that, the recommendations of the Visitation Panel greatly influenced university structures and: “The University of Ghana Act has therefore become the standard for the formulation of legislation for all other universities.”

We can also see that the process of reviewing and implementing the Panel’s recommendations engaged many members of the University staff at all levels. Their commitment was most impressive and the degree to which the large majority of the recommendations have been almost fully implemented is amazing and rather humbling to those of us who formulated them.

We are satisfied secondly, and most importantly, because the implementation of the recommendations really does seem to be having an impact. The case study that is being prepared includes a survey of members of the university community to get their views on whether the reforms have made a difference.

I spent 17 years as a university Vice-Chancellor in Canada and the UK, so I know well that academics and students are rarely impressed by the reality of the reforms for which they campaign so vigorously. In my experience students are the most conservative in this respect: urging radical reform, but opposing it when it comes.

During the Panel’s visits the overseas members learned a new word, ‘perching’. We were aghast at the state of some of the halls and residences and recommended an immediate end to perching. We are pleased that this has been done, but not surprised that some students resisted this policy of giving them more civilized living conditions.

However, we are particularly pleased that there seems to be general satisfaction with the considerable changes that have been made to the
curriculum, with the introduction of core courses. When we wrote in our report that “the core obligation of the University of Ghana is the production of graduates who have developed critical thinking capacities, oral and written communications skills, an appreciation for the arts and the humanities, and a commitment to lifelong learning”, I suspect some of the panel feared that this might simply be a pious nod to tradition, but your new programme structures really do aim to inculcate these habits of thought in your students.

Equally, it is encouraging to see the new priority being put on postgraduate programming, with a concomitant emphasis on the qualifications of the academic staff and the fostering of research. None of these moves are easy but they are essential to “enhance the institution’s role as Ghana’s premier university and research institution and enable it to become a leader in global higher education” to quote again from the brief you gave to the International Visitation Committee.

The third reason for our feeling of satisfaction is the success of the process itself. Bringing in an International Visitation Panel could have been a waste of money, but it wasn’t – why?

The Case Study gives several reasons. First, there was an overwhelming desire for change within the University.

Second, the University ensured that the membership of the Visitation Panel was a judicious mix of international experts and Ghanaian and African authorities.

Third, we relied on internal wisdom at every step of the work – holding a mirror up to the University so that it could see itself more clearly. This helped to make the recommendations appropriate, meaningful and therefore largely acceptable.

Fourth, as I noted already, the University followed up on the Report in an exemplary and transparent manner, publishing it in full and setting up a high-powered Implementation Committee with the obligation to report to the Council every quarter.
Finally, of course, this all took place in a supportive environment. Without the active support of the Government and external stakeholders the reforms would not have achieved the success that they did.

All this is to say that this ceremony and the developments at the University in the six years since we were last here give Stamenka and me great joy. We shall share our joy with the other members of the Panel in the days ahead, knowing that they will be as pleased as we are by what you have achieved.

As we are gathered here together in this Great Hall, let me end by quoting the opening paragraph of our report:

“In the Great Hall of the University of Ghana at Legon huge gold pillars rising to a soaring ceiling provide a vivid metaphor for the tremendous national aspirations that accompanied the transformation of the University College of the Gold Coast into the University of Ghana in 1961. Since then the University has survived and developed through periods of economic and political turbulence that would have challenged even the world’s most established centres of learning”.

Today Ghana is a stable democracy with tremendous economic potential. We hope that the impact of the International Visitation Panel, whose work we recall today, will be to rekindle that metaphor of the Great Hall and allow the people of Ghana to reinvest in the University those national aspirations for eminence in Africa and the world of half a century ago. The University now has the elements in place to pursue with energy not only the process of catching up, described with such eloquence by Professor Thandika Mkandawire in his inspiring lecture, but also his invitation for the University of Ghana to lead the universities of Africa in putting down the intellectual foundations for a new era of African empowerment.
As we end today’s function, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have worked hard to make this special congregation a success. I would like to acknowledge the family members, the friends and colleagues who have travelled far to be here to share this moment with our honorees.

I will once again want to thank the distinguished Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lecturer, Thandika Mkandawire for his engaging remarks and for three days of hard work. I think you can tell by the reaction that they really appreciated what you have done.

I want to congratulate the honorees on your achievement but urge you not to rest on your laurels. Instead strive to achieve even greater heights in the years to come and to share your wisdom and knowledge with the next generation of eager minds. You will find plenty around you in this University and in this hall.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege and duty as Chancellor of the University of Ghana to declare this special congregation dissolved.

Thank you very much.
CITATION

REVEREND CANON PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN SAMUEL POBEE: Distinguished Scholar, Prominent Theologian, Churchman, African voice on Ecumenism and Religious Pluralism. From your appointment as a lecturer in the University of Ghana in 1966 and for the 33 years you worked in Legon, you served with distinction as a teacher and researcher. Throughout this period, you selflessly pursued the quest to better the lot of all students no matter their religious background, championed the cause of gender equality and projected the University in a positive light wherever you served. You were a pioneer in the promotion of gender equality, religious tolerance and inclusion and promoted higher education for women and marginalized groups. A distinguished academic, you served as a visiting scholar in over 40 universities around the world and produced numerous publications, with 25 monographs, 22 edited works, 117 journal articles and 120 book chapters to your credit. You also actively contributed to the administration of the University: serving as Chapel Warden of Commonwealth Hall from 1969 to 1974, Associate Director of the Humanities programme of the Population Dynamics programme between 1976 and 1980, Head of the Department for the Study of Religions between 1978 and 1980 and, Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1979 to 1983. Even after retirement from active service, you continued to play an active role in the University. You have been influential in arranging for funding to enable colleagues and students pursue further studies and take part in international conferences and you continue to assist with the supervision of graduate theses. Your setting up the Legon Theological Studies Series has helped create additional avenues for publication of works by African scholars of theology and religious studies. Your appointment as Associate Director and Director-Coordinator, Programme on Ecumenical Theological Education of the World Council of Churches as well as Academic Dean, Institut Oecumenique, Chateau de Bossey, Celigny, Switzerland, has significantly raised the international standing of the Department for the Study of Religions and the University. You have been the first scholar from the Southern Hemisphere (i.e. from outside Europe and USA) to have been elected President of the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) and subsequently honoured with Life Membership of IAMS. You have served in various
positions in the worldwide Anglican Communion, as well as on various
global ecumenical bodies and in all these, you have ably represented Ghana
and the University.

Reverend Canon Professor Emeritus John Samuel Pobee, in
recognition of your distinguished scholarship, your commitment to gender
equality, religious tolerance and service to humanity, the University of
Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris
causa.
CITATION

PROFESSOR AMA ATA AIDOO, distinguished writer and scholar of international repute. Your creative works in drama, poetry and prose have had great impact on the global scene. Upon your graduation from the University of Ghana in 1964 with a degree in English, you were appointed as a Junior Research Fellow at the Institute of African Studies. Soon thereafter, your first play, The Dilemma of a Ghost, was published, making you one of the first published female African dramatists. After a long and distinguished career in academia, with professorships and residencies at universities the world over, you recently retired as a Visiting Professor to the Africana Studies Department, Brown University, USA. You served as Secretary for Education, in Ghana between 1982 and 1983, during which time you oversaw a draft proposal for the restructuring of the Ghanaian educational system. Over the course of your career in academia and as a writer, you have received numerous awards, including the 1987 Nelson Mandela Award for Poetry and the 1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Africa. In 2005, you were co-named for the Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize. In 1999, the government of Ghana decorated you as a Member of the Volta. Your books, plays and poems have been translated into many languages and many of your works are required reading for students in many countries at the high school and university levels. In 2007 The Dilemma of a Ghost was selected for production as one of the theatre classics to commemorate Ghana’s fiftieth independence anniversary. You are a member of many professional organizations, including the Association of African Women for Research and Development, Sisterhood is Global Institute, the Zimbabwe Writers Union, the Organization of Women Writers of Africa and the P.E.N. International Women’s Committee.

Professor Ama Ata Aidoo, you have distinguished yourself as an intellectual and your works have stimulated debate on the strength of women and their position in Ghana and Africa since the colonial encounter. Your exploration of Ghanaianess and Africaness, has raised awareness about linkages between Africa and the African diaspora. For your stellar academic work and your commitment to the African identity, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the award of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa.
CITATION

PROFESSOR EMMANUEL VICTOR DOKU, Emeritus Professor of Crop Science, and Plant Breeder of international repute: your association with the University of Ghana began in 1964 when you joined the University as a lecturer at the Crop Science Department. You rose to the position of Professor of Crop Science in 1982. You were the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture from 1981 to 1986 and in 2000 you were named an Emeritus Professor. You served as Honorary Secretary of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences between 1993 and 1996. Your research work has been extensively published and is used by farmers throughout Ghana and beyond to improve upon their crops. Internationally, your work on drought tolerant and early maturing varieties of cassava, bambara and sweet potato and the introduction of various crop varieties is widely recognized and actively promoted. You were a lead investigator on the bambara/groundnut project, which has led to the Department of Crop Science being recognized as a centre of excellence for the crop. Little wonder that you were nicknamed the ‘grandfather of bambara groundnut’.

You are renowned for the development of various crops and systems suitable for local conditions, and have also researched widely on tree species for the identification of those suitable for agroforestry. You have served in various capacities in the Food and Agriculture Organization. You were Chief Technical Advisor on the regional Root Crops project in the Pacific region, served as consultant agronomist on the FAO Ethiopian project to intensify root crop production in drought prone areas, and also as a consultant on many FAO projects in West Africa and Asia. You continue to consult for various organizations in the area of crop production, and are currently an Agricultural Advisor to the Catholic Church of Ghana, and serve as a consultant at to the GTZ (GIZ) Agricultural Research Centre at Nyankpala, the National Agricultural Research Project, and the federation of Ghanaian Agricultural Exporters. You have served as chairman of the Cassava Working Group of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture as well as a member of: the Cassava task Force, the Crop Varieties Release Committee and also of the Management Board of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
Professor Emmanuel Victor Doku, your groundbreaking research in plant breeding and crop production has helped in the alleviation of famine and hunger and contributed to food self-sufficiency the world over. In recognition of these, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of *Doctor of Science, honoris causa.*
FRANK ADU JNR., Investment Banker, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist: you have come a long way since completing your undergraduate studies in Geography at the University of Ghana in 1984. You returned to the University and completed an MBA in Finance in 1989. You have over 23 years’ experience in the Ghanaian banking sector and are currently the Managing Director of CAL Bank Limited. You are Chairman of the Board of Golden Beach Hotels Group, a member of the Council of the University College of Agriculture and Environment and the Private Sector Development Board set up by the President of the Republic of Ghana. You are also a member of the Board of the Foundation for Orthopaedics and Complex Spines. You co-founded the Roman Ridge School and serve as the Chairman of its Board. You also co-founded City Investments Company Limited, a successful non-bank financial institution. You have served on several other Boards, including the National Health Insurance Council, where you were the first Chairman and the Ghana Stock Exchange, where you were Chairman for four years. You are passionate about assisting destitute children and helping to create a brighter future for them. You are a mentor to several young people and a patron of Waves International, a group of University graduates and undergraduates who seek to progress professionally and make a positive impact on society. As a member of the Ghana Angel Investor Network (GAIN) you invest in business ideas of young entrepreneurs who otherwise have no access to equity or debt financing. You show a strong commitment to your alma mater the University of Ghana and are a member of the Investment Committee of the Council of the University. You were instrumental in the construction of the road between the K.A. Busia Hall and the Maths Department at no cost to the University. You also played a key role in sourcing funding for the construction of four new student Halls of residence for the University, which effectively solved the problem of inadequate accommodation for students.

Frank Adu Jnr., in recognition of your contribution to tertiary education, your commitment to improving the lot of young people and ensuring that they have access to the opportunities that will enable them make their mark in society, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
PROFESSOR VARTAN GREGORIAN, world-renowned Historian, Philanthropist and University President: your work has taken you across continents and made you a global citizen. Your academic career started in the early 1960s, when you took up appointments at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles and later the University of Texas at Austin. You joined the University of Pennsylvania in 1972, and rose to become the first Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and, eventually, Provost and Chief Academic Officer. You later became President of The New York Public Library and successfully oversaw its restoration. For nine years, starting in 1989, you were President of Brown University, and you succeeded in raising its international stature, advancing racial diversity, and promoting academic excellence and fiscal stability. You took up appointment as the twelfth President of Carnegie Corporation of New York, in 1997 to increase its global philanthropic outreach and promote founder Andrew Carnegie’s mandate to support the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding. You have received nearly 70 honorary degrees, are the recipient of numerous fellowships, and have been honored by various cultural and professional associations. Under your leadership, the University of Ghana has since August 2010, benefited from over six million dollars of support from Carnegie Corporation, most of which has gone into building the capacity of young academics under the Next Generation of Academics in Africa project.

Professor Vartan Gregorian, your life and works have contributed immensely to the advancement of tertiary education the world over, and “promoted the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding” towards “real and permanent good in this world,” and on this occasion, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
CITATION

SIR JOHN DANIEL, Academic and Administrator of world repute. You have served in many capacities in various organizations, namely; Directeur des Études at Télé Université, Vice President for Learning Services at Athabasca University, Academic Vice Rector at Concordia University, Vice-Chancellor of the Open University, United Kingdom and Assistant Director-General of Education at UNESCO. You have also served among others as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Learning, President of the International Council for Open and Distance Education, President of the Canadian Association for Distance Education and the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education. You were Vice President of the International Baccalaureate Organization and are currently Chair of the United World Colleges International Board and Education Master in the Beijing DeTao Masters Academy, China. You have brought your rich experience and insights to bear on all these organizations that you have and continue to serve. Your impressive list of 330 publications reflects your passion for using technology to enhance higher education and lifelong learning. You were knighted by Queen Elizabeth for your services to higher education and hold 31 honorary doctorate degrees from universities in 17 countries across the world. You chaired the Visitation Panel which in 2007, comprehensively assessed and reviewed every aspect of the operations of the University of Ghana. The recommendations of the panel have led to far-reaching reforms of the systems and structures of the University and the current move towards adopting a university-wide collegiate system is a direct response to the recommendations of the Visitation Panel. Under your leadership, the Panel helped management of the University take some very hard and far-reaching decisions, which have ultimately led to major improvements. Indeed, other universities in Africa have learnt from the Legon experience and have embarked on similar exercises of their own.

Sir John Daniel, you have dedicated your career to helping universities develop policies that make educational innovation sustainable and build systems and applications that expand learning. The University of Ghana is proud to have benefitted from your expertise and confers on you today the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

Rev. Canon Prof. Emeritus John Pobee

Prof. Ama Ata Aidoo

Prof. Emmanuel Victor Doku

CONTRIBUTION TO TERTIARY EDUCATION

Frank Adu Jnr.

Dr. Vartan Gregorian

Sir John Daniel
CONTRIBUTION TO TERTIARY EDUCATION (CONT’D)

Mr. Alfred Teddy Konu

Prof. Grace Suzanne Marquis

DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Former President John Agyekum Kufuor

Prof. Samuel Nunoo Woode
ALUMNI OF WHOM THE UNIVERSITY IS ESPECIALLY PROUD

CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRY

Ambassador James Emmanuel Kwegyir Aggrey-Orleans
Mrs. Rachel Philips

Mr. Anthony Oteng-Gyasi
Mrs. Cecilia A. Kwofie
FORMER VICE-CHANCELLORS

AGGREY-FRASER-GUGGISBERG MEMORIAL LECTURER

Prof. Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere
Prof. Clifford Nii-Boi Tagoe
Prof. Thandika Mkandawire
CITATION

ALFRED TEDDY KONU: University Administrator and campaigner for the advancement of tertiary education. You have the unique privilege of sharing your birthday with the University of Ghana, having been born in the year 1948. In the 39 years that you dedicated to serving the University of Ghana, you positively influenced administrative practices in the University and contributed immensely to the professionalization of university administration. You joined the University of Ghana in 1970 as a Trainee Junior Assistant Registrar and over the years, you held various positions within the University, culminating in your appointment as Registrar in 1999. Your major achievements, which led to far reaching changes in the University, include the establishment of a permanent secretariat for the Committee of Vice-Chancellors in Ghana. This secretariat laid the foundation for the current Vice-Chancellors Ghana and has proven critical to the development of public universities in Ghana and to their liaisons with other universities the world over. Conscious of the importance of internationalization of the student body, you initiated moves to increase the enrolment of international students in the University, which has led to the population of foreign students becoming a significant proportion of total enrolment. You championed the expansion of the Accra City Campus to cater for the large number of applicants who were previously denied admission to the University because of limitations of space and facilities and you can be proud of your contribution to the vibrant community that the Campus has become today. You were and indeed continue to be passionate about the welfare of students. Your efforts contributed in no small measure to the establishment of a unit to marshal resources to administer financial support for needy students, the Student Financial Aid Office, which each academic year supports about 350 needy students of the University. You continue to make personal contributions to the Office for the support of these students who without support might not be able to complete their studies. Through your initiatives, you contributed to taking the computerization of admissions, transcripts, examinations and processing of students’ grades to higher levels, bringing these crucial elements into the electronic age and thus reducing the risks of human error and long processing times. Perhaps your greatest achievement as Registrar was to convince the University Council
of the need for a thorough evaluation of the University’s structure, administrative policies and academic procedures and programmes. This resulted in the constitution of a Visitation Panel which subjected the University to a comprehensive assessment and review, which has resulted in far reaching changes in the University. In recognition of your immense contribution to the University of Ghana, you received the Meritorious Award for Distinguished Service in 2009.

Alfred Teddy Konu, you dedicated your entire working life to the development of your alma mater and your contribution to higher education in Ghana is immeasurable. In the light of these, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.
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**PROFESSOR GRACE SUZANNE MARQUIS**, since 1999 you have collaborated with researchers in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Ghana and have committed yourself to building research capacity for Nutrition at the University. Through the International Research Chairs Initiative of Canada, of which you are co-chair holder, you were influential in securing funding for the complete renovation of a major laboratory at the Department of Nutrition and Food Science and also secured funds for the acquisition of vital equipment. You have collaborated with many members of faculty from the Department on the writing of research grants that have attracted about 5 million dollars for research and capacity development at the University of Ghana. Through these research grants, 27 graduates from the Department have obtained scholarships to pursue graduate studies at the University of Ghana and at universities in Canada and the United States. Indeed, three young lecturers in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science were either your doctoral students or had their doctoral programmes supported by your research grants. Your projects have been able to support the work of many Ghanaian and North American graduate students and have also offered profound cultural experiences for these students. Over the years, you have graciously donated payment for your work as an external examiner back to the Department of Nutrition and Food Science for the support of graduate students in Nutrition. Through your vision and together with your collaborators in the University, you sourced funds for the construction of a Nutrition Research and Training Centre at Asesewa in the Eastern Region. The Centre’s strategic location provides the opportunity for the Department of Nutrition and Food Science to extend service and knowledge to rural communities. The Centre provides a base for field research, a focal point for applied nutrition research and a home for the community dietetics internship. It also allows Ghanaian dietetic interns to have training in community nutrition and students from North America to have an international community experience.
Professor Grace Suzanne Marquis, over the past 14 years, you have helped build capacity in the University of Ghana and have contributed to building vital links between the next generation of Ghanaian and North American researchers in nutrition. For your efforts in these, as well as your contribution to tertiary education in general, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
JOHN AGYEKUM KUFUOR, Lawyer, Diplomat and Statesman. You have had a distinguished career in public service, spanning a period of over 40 years both in Ghana and on the international scene. In Ghana, you served as a member of the Constituent Assemblies that drafted the Constitutions of the Second and Third Republics, you were elected and served as a Member of Parliament during the Second and Third Republics and were a Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. You served as Secretary for Local Government and authored the Local Government Policy Guidelines that were the foundation of the current decentralized District Assemblies. You served with distinction as President of Ghana from 2001 to 2009, with one of the most defining acts of your government being that you were the first African President to accede himself and his government to the African Peer Review Mechanism in 2003. As President, you initiated far-reaching political and economic reforms which helped Ghana’s transition to a modern 21st century multi-party democracy with a vibrant economy and freedom of the media. In 2007 under your leadership, Ghana discovered oil and gas in commercial quantities. In that same year, Ghana attained middle-income status as a result of the prudent management of the economy. During your presidency, you served as chairman of the Economic Community of West African States for two terms, from 2003 to 2005 and oversaw the negotiations that brought peace and major post-war reconstruction to Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Liberia. You were chairperson of the African Union from 2007 to 2008, during which period you supervised the peaceful resolution of the post-election conflict in Kenya, among others. As President of the Republic of Ghana, you supported not only the University of Ghana but also the whole of higher education in Ghana in varied ways. To mark the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the University of Ghana, you approved a Ghana government grant to be used in establishing a Chair on Democratic Governance and establishing an Institute for Environmental and Sanitation Studies among others. Since leaving office, you continue to serve with distinction on the African and international stage, on food security, good governance and social reform. In pursuit of your vision of promoting leadership and democratic governance in Africa, you established the John Agyekum Kufuor Foundation, with the establishment
of a Presidential Centre Complex to be located at the University of Ghana, to provide a platform on which African states can build stable democracies and promote the common good of their citizens. Your visionary leadership and statesmanship have led to you receiving numerous awards and honors from governments and institutions around the world. An example of this was when in 2011 you were awarded the World Food Prize together with President Lula da Silva of Brazil for working to half poverty and increase security during your tenure as Presidents.

John Agyekum Kufuor, in recognition of your distinguished career in public service and the pursuit of economic and social reforms, promoting food security and good leadership and championing democratic governance in Africa, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
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PROFESSOR SAMUEL NUNOO WOODE, Scholar, Teacher and Practitioner. Academic interest in Public Administration showed in both your undergraduate study of Political Science at the University of Ghana and subsequent graduate work at the London School of Economics. For three decades on the faculty of the School of Administration you researched, taught and published in the area of Public Administration, focusing on Local Government and Public Service Ethics. Besides advancement in your academic career, acknowledgement of your knowledge and expertise manifests also in the many invitations from public and private sector entities, including the Civil Service, the Ghana Revenue Authority and ARB Apex Bank Ltd. for assistance in devising their respective codes of ethics and conduct. Your three books on applied ethics published between 1994 and 1998 are still on the reading lists of departments of universities offering courses in ethics in public administration and business management. Further acknowledgement shows in nominations by the Government of Ghana to serve on the Committee on Decentralisation in 1982; and appointment as Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies in 1999. Your involvement in the reform of the service goes back to 1976 when you served as one of the research consultants to the Commission on the Structure and Procedures of the Ghana Civil Service. You have served on a number of specialized committees to reform the public services, notably, the Committee to Restructure the Public Service Commission, 1987; Oversight Committee for Reform of the Civil Service, 1986-1992; Senior Minister’s Advisory Group on Public Service Reform, 2003-2005; and Ministerial Advisory Board of Public Sector Reform, 2006-2010. Appointments in the public service include part-time membership of the Public Services Commission, 1996-2001 and later chairmanship of the commission, 2003-2011. In the latter capacity, you helped sow the idea of collaboration among public service commissions on the continent of Africa, on account of which there is now an Association of African Public Services Commissions of which the Public Services Commission of Ghana is a founding member. Among the awards earned is a knighthood (in French) Chevalier dans L’Ordre des Palmes Academiques in 1992. This was in recognition of the significant role you played in the collaborative effort involving the Ministry
of Local Government, the French Embassy and the School of Administration in the organization of Decentralization Workshops to support the introduction of decentralization in Ghana in 1988. From Chevalier you were promoted to the rank of Officer (Officier dans L’Ordre des Palmes Academiques) in 2006. Honorary Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Bankers Ghana and various others have followed, not least the Companion of the Order of Volta bestowed in 2006 by a grateful nation on a deserving son of the soil. In recognition of your contribution to the life and work of this University as Acting Director of the School of Administration, Senior Tutor of Akufo Hall and Dean of Students, you earned the Distinguished Award for Meritorious Services in 1995.

Professor Samuel Nunoo Woode, today, for extending your scholarly work to the benefit of public service, your alma mater the University of Ghana, is proud to throw into the expanding basket of honours the degree of *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa*.
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RACHEL PHILLIPS, Distinguished Scholar and Respected Alumna. You were one of the first two female students admitted to the newly established University College of the Gold Coast in 1948. Upon completion of the Intermediate degree programme, you took a break from academic work to raise your family and worked within the private sector for 20 years. You began as Staff Trainer with a Swiss firm (in Ghana), ending up as Staff Training and Development Manager for all divisions of the firm, i.e. Motors, Technical, Textiles, Hardware and Department Stores. In spite of the long break, you never lost your ambition and determination to further your education. At the age of 52 you re-enrolled at the University of Ghana and graduated with a Bachelors’ degree in 1984. You went on to study for a Master of Philosophy degree in Psychology, graduated in 1986 and joined the faculty of the Department of Psychology as a lecturer. You were part of the dedicated team of lecturers who saw the fledgling Department through its difficult formative years and nurtured it to become one of the largest departments in the University. You lectured for a total of 17 years before finally retiring from teaching at the age of 78. During this period, you earned the reputation of being very hardworking and one of the most amiable and approachable Senior Members in the Department. Seeing you as a mother and a friend to all, female staff and students in particular took inspiration from your life story, which taught them never to let go of their dreams. Throughout your life, you have provided dedicated service to various communities and organizations in the country, putting to good use the social skills you have acquired. This you continue to do even today, at the age of 84.

Rachel Phillips, the roads you have taken are a testament to the fact that anything is possible for those who aspire to learn, serve and lead at the highest levels. For your pioneering role in female higher education, your long and dedicated service to the Department of Psychology of the University and your compassion for the less privileged in society, the University of Ghana is proud to honour you as an outstanding alumna and to confer on you the award of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
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AMBASSADOR JAMES EMMANUEL KWEGYIR AGGREY-ORLEANS, Diplomat, Parliamentarian, Political Advisor and Consultant. You received your University education at the University College of Ghana where you took an Honours degree of the University of London in French Language and Literature. You also studied at the University of Bordeaux, France and at St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, where you pursued a post-graduate course in politics and diplomacy. You joined the Ghana Diplomatic and Foreign Service in 1963 and went on to hold numerous positions in the service, including as First Secretary (Political) at the Ghana Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Director of the UN and International Organizations and Conferences Division and Chief of Protocol. Between August and September 1979, you served as Secretary to the Joint Planning Commission – a transitional body established to plan the transfer of power from the outgoing Armed Forces Revolutionary Council to the incoming civilian Government of the Third Republic of Ghana. Your diplomatic skills, honed by years of practice, were put to good use in this exercise. Between 1979 and 1983 you served as the Clerk to the Parliament of Ghana and as the first head of the newly established Parliamentary Service. After retiring voluntarily from public service, you took up various positions in the private sector, notably as Deputy Resident Manager of VALCO. Later, for ten years, 1987 to 1997, you gained appointment as the Assistant Director (Economic Information and Market Intelligence) at the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) a newly established UN agency based in Japan. Between October 1997 and March 2001, you were appointed as the High Commissioner for Ghana at the Court of St James’, United Kingdom, with concurrent accreditation as the Ambassador of Ghana to the Republic of Ireland. Between 2003 and 2005, you served variously as Consultant, Political Director and Senior Political Adviser to the UN Peacekeeping Mission in La Cote d’Ivoire. You have demonstrated your integrity and zeal in the services of various societies to which you belong: Life Member of the Oxford Society; Life Member of the Society of Clerks at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments; Member of the Royal Commonwealth Society, London; Life Member of the U.K.–Japan Association, London; Member of the Commonwealth Forestry Association (for several years the President); Member of Rotary Club of Accra (a Paul Harris Fellow) and
member of the Garrick Club, London. You continue to serve as a resource person during the induction of newly appointed Ambassadors representing Ghana, in training workshops for Foreign Service Officers and in the induction, training and orientation programmes for Members of the Parliament of Ghana. You are often called upon to give training on peacekeeping operations, conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation techniques in Africa. In 1984, you were decorated as Officier dans l’Ordre de Palmes Académiques by the Government of France for services to the Alliance Francaise of Ghana and in 2006 the Government of Ghana conferred on you the honour “Companion of the Order of the Volta.” As one of the most dynamic members of the University of Ghana Alumni Association, you play an active part in the association’s activities and are ever ready to champion projects that will promote your alma mater.

**Ambassador James Emmanuel Kwegyir Aggrey-Orleans**, in recognition of your distinguished career, your service to Ghana and the international community and your dedication to your alma mater, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the Degree of *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*
ANTHONY OTENG-GYASI, Industrialist, Entrepreneur and Lawyer. You first graduated from the University of Ghana in 1975 with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics. After working for institutions in both the private and public sector for 11 years, in 1986, you set up your first company; Tropical Products Limited. In 1997 you set up Tropical Cable and Conductor Limited, the first wholly Ghanaian owned cable manufacturing company in Ghana, of which you are currently Chairman and Managing Director. You are also chairman of Western Rod and Wire Ltd, the only continuous casting aluminum rod manufacturer in West Africa. You serve on the boards of the Export Development and Agricultural Investment Fund, the Africa Centre for Economic Transformation and several other bodies both within and outside Ghana and have gained the reputation of being firm but accommodating of the views of others.

You are a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana, an Honorary Fellow of the Ghana Institution of Engineers and a member of the Ghana Bar Association. As Chairman of the University of Ghana Council from 2006 to 2009, your council initiated the single largest investment by the private sector in a public university in Ghana. You served two terms as President of the Association of Ghana Industries. You have been a member of the Council of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration and the Ghana Stock Exchange Council. You have been Chairman of the Oversight Committee of the Private Sector Development Strategy.

Over the years, you have received numerous awards from both public and private bodies: In 2008, the Republic of Ghana awarded you the Order of the Volta for your services to industry. You won the Empretec Star Award for Entrepreneurial Achievement in 2000 and in 2001, your company; Tropical Cable and Conductor Limited, was adjudged the fastest growing Empretec Client Company. In 2004, you were selected as Marketing Man of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Marketing. In 2008 a survey of top Chief Executive Officers voted you the fourth most respected Chief Executive Officer in Ghana. You are a recipient of the Distinguished
Service Award from the Economics Department of the University of Ghana.

**Anthony Oteng-Gyasi**, for your outstanding contribution to industry in Ghana and your entrepreneurial and nurturing spirit, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*
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CECILIA ADWOA KWOFIE, Entrepreneur, Industrialist and Economist. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Ghana in 1972, you started your career as an Investment Promotion Officer at the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre in 1972. You entered the private sector in 1981 and with your husband, established Domod Aluminium Limited in 1987 and held the position of Executive Director. In 2005, you established another company, Domod Roof Limited.

Since 2008 you have been the Chief Executive Officer of the two companies and the first Ghanaian woman to co-own aluminium cookware and roofing sheet production plants in Ghana. Your company, Domod, was the first in West Africa to manufacture non-stick cookware for both domestic and export markets. As an astute and innovative entrepreneur, you contributed to the prominence and recognition of Domod as a distinctive symbol of excellence in the aluminium cookware and hollowware trade as well as the roofing sheet business in Ghana and across the ECOWAS sub-region. Under your leadership, the companies you manage have featured in the Ghana Club 100 listings and have won several prestigious awards from the Ghana Export Promotion Council, the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Ghana and UNIDO. You have served and continue to serve on a number of Boards of both public and private sector institutions and organizations. You are the recipient of many prestigious awards and honours, including Marketing Woman of the Year 2001 by the Chartered Institute of Marketing and a special award from the Ghana Association of Women Entrepreneurs in 2003. The Department of Economics, University of Ghana honoured you as an Eminent Economist in 2007. You were honoured as a Member of the Order of the Volta, Civil Division in 2008. In 2012, you were also honoured with Women of Excellence Award for a distinguished career in industrial development by the Ministry of Women and Children’s Affairs. You are well known for your philanthropy, which has benefitted many from all corners of the country and serve as a role model for budding entrepreneurs.

Cecilia Adwoa Kwofie, in recognition of your distinguished career in industry and your remarkable entrepreneurial achievement, the University of Ghana is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
PROFESSOR KWADWO ASENSO-OKYERE, Professor of Agricultural Economics and seventh Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana. You were appointed as a Junior Research Fellow at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) in 1976 and appointed through promotion to the position of Senior Research Fellow in 1987, Associate Professor in 1990 and Professor in 1997. Also in 1997, you were appointed the Director of ISSER, a position you held until your appointment as Vice-Chancellor in 2002. You have served variously as Senior Tutor, Vice-Master and Master of Commonwealth Hall, during which period you raised funds for implementing a number of projects in the Hall. Through your fund-raising efforts, you saw to the establishment of the ISSER Endowment Trust which has raised large amounts for the Institute. As Director, you encouraged collaborative research, which made it possible for the Institute to acquire much needed research equipment. Your tenure as Vice-Chancellor saw the formation of the College of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, the second such College in the University of Ghana. You also oversaw the reorganization of the University’s central administration, with the aim of promoting greater efficiency, ensuring the proper functioning of the administrative system, and facilitating management. This led the creation of a number of administrative Directorates including Academic Affairs, Physical Development and Municipal Services, Sports, Human Resource and Organizational Development, Planning and Management Information Systems, Finance, Information and Communication Technology, Public Affairs and Internal Audit. The reorganization of the Central Administration into Directorates also marked the completion of the revision of the University Statutes which had been outstanding for some time before then. As Vice-Chancellor you initiated extensive physical development projects on the University’s campuses, including the expansion of the Balme Library, the construction of a Sports Complex for the University, the Dental School building and the new Faculty of Law building, mostly through funding from the GETFund. The Ghana Commercial Bank funded lecture/examination hall complex was started on your initiative, as was the water supply augmentation project through provision of bore holes on campus. Your tenure also saw the introduction
of scholarships for students from less endowed secondary schools, and the formation of the Students Financial Aid Office and the re-activation of the fellowship scheme for graduate students.

**Professor Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere**, for your long association with the University and your invaluable contribution to its growth and development, the University of Ghana is today proud to confer on you the degree of *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*
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PROFESSOR CLIFFORD NII BOI TAGOE: Professor of Anatomy and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana. You were appointed a Lecturer at the Department of Anatomy, University of Ghana Medical School in 1984 and appointed as Dean of the School in 2000. As Dean, you oversaw improvements in the areas of staffing, major curriculum review, acquisition of learning aids, rehabilitation of buildings, the establishment of research funds and widening of the School’s academic links with international organizations. You were appointed the Provost of the College of Health Sciences in February, 2005 and two months into your term, appointed as the acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor. You acted as Vice-Chancellor for 13 months before being appointed as substantive Vice-Chancellor in 2006. You took office at a time when the University was facing many challenges and as Vice-Chancellor you made it your objective to work towards the restoration of the University’s academic integrity and image. You played a key part in the decision of the University Council to invite a Visitation Panel to assess and review the systems and structures of the University, the recommendations of which have led to far reaching changes in the University. Your term as Vice-Chancellor saw major infrastructural development in the University. The construction of new halls, which have provided over 8000 additional residential places for students, was initiated under your leadership, as was the construction of the International House, which houses the International Programmes Office, the building for the Faculty of Engineering Sciences, Central Science Laboratory and additional teaching laboratory for the Physics Department. Your tenure saw the establishment of a number of units such as the Institute of Environment and Sanitation Studies, West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) and the Schools of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine. Also as Vice-Chancellor you oversaw the start of the Next Generation of Academics in Africa project and the establishment of the Research Commons: a model facility in the Balme Library for graduate learning and research which is funded by the Carnegie Corporation. Your efforts at strengthening research included among others, providing modern research equipment for the College of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences. You were influential in sourcing funding from the government of China for the expansion of ICT infrastructure to support the Distance
Learning programme. Aware of the importance of engaging with industry, you were influential in the establishment of Academic Chairs in various Faculties of the University.

Professor Clifford Nii Boi Tagoe, you have dedicated your life to the service of the University of Ghana and your alma mater, grateful for your leadership and vision, is proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.
PROFESSOR THANDIKA MKANDAWIRE, Academic and Economist of international repute. You are one of the best known and highly esteemed social scientists in the world and we are proud that we can identify with you. Having earlier served as Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Director of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Copenhagen and Professor at the universities of Stockholm and Zimbabwe, you are currently the Olof Palme Professor for Peace at the Institute for Future Studies in Stockholm Sweden. You were the first person to be appointed as Chair in African Development at the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom. For ten years, from 1986 to 1996, you were Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). You have published broadly on various areas of the social sciences in Africa and on problems of policy making, adjustment and democratization and you have many years of experience in the promotion of comparative research on development issues. Your research interests are mostly in development theory, economic policy and development and social policy in developing countries and political economy of development in Africa. You have written extensively about the role of welfare policy in the development process and the prospects of democracy and the social sciences in Africa. You offer extensive insight into the role of African intellectuals; social policy in a development context; African perspectives on structural adjustment; Africa’s re-industrialization; aid, accountability and democracy; and transformative social policy in developing countries. You are a member of the editorial boards of Africa Development; Africa Review of Books; Development and Change; Global Governance; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Human Development and Oxford Development Studies; Africa Review of Books and Feminist Economics; and you have recently served on the executive committees of the International Institute for Labour Studies, the Swedish NGO Fund for Human Rights, the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) of the International Social Science Council, Care International, the Steering Committee of the United Nations Project on Intellectual History and the African Gender Institute.
Professor Thandika Mkandawire, you graciously accepted to deliver the 2013 Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lectures and for three evenings, you have given all of us a lot of food for thought. For this and your continuing contribution to the further development of the University of Ghana, we are proud to confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.