

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**



**2023 RETIREES PARTY**

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**GREAT HALL**

**UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**



Pro Vice-Chancellors

Registrar;

Provosts, Deans and Directors;

Faculty and Staff of the University ;

Esteemed Retirees;

Family and Friends;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today is a day of mixed emotions as we gather to celebrate the dedicated service and remarkable contributions of our esteemed colleagues who have reached the milestone of retirement. It is both a joyous occasion as we honor the achievements of individuals who have dedicated years of their lives to the pursuit and advancement of knowledge and, at the same time, a bittersweet moment as we bid farewell to valued members of our University community.

This afternoon we are gathered to celebrate three hundred and eighty-six retirees who have successfully retired from the university between the years 2021 and 2023. Though we were not able to

organize this party in 2021 and 2022, we are excited to celebrate your day with you in grand style as we mark the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the University. This year has been a year of celebration as well of reflection, on where we have come from as a university, our high and low points, as well as our aspirations for the years ahead. I am proud that each and every one of you has played a part in the history of our dear university, and I urge you all, to the extent you are able, to join us as we plan towards the journey ahead.

In life, we often talk about the legacy we leave behind. Today, we witness the living legacy of our retirees. A legacy built not just on your service and achievements in your various fields, but also on the countless lives touched and transformed through your guidance and commitment to bring change and mentorship. Your impact extends far beyond the walls of our lecture rooms, laboratories, and offices; it resonates in the hearts and minds of those you have inspired and touched. Your wisdom and experience have not only shaped the minds of countless students, staff, and clients but have also enriched the fabric of our university community.

As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, I encourage you to savor the memories of your achievements, the relationships you have built, and the challenges you have overcome. This is a time to celebrate the successes and lessons learned throughout your distinguished careers.

Retirement is an opportunity to explore new passions, spend time with loved ones, and embark on adventures that were perhaps postponed during the busy years of work life. While you may no longer be bound by the responsibilities of your professional roles, your connection to this institution remains unbroken. You are now a part of the distinguished group of pensioners who continue to contribute to the legacy of our university.

While you may be officially retiring from your formal roles, I hope you don't see this as an end but rather as a new beginning. Your wealth of experience and knowledge remains an asset to our community, and I invite you to continue your association with the university in any capacity that brings you joy and fulfillment as we work to build a world-class research-intensive university steeped in technology and anchored in humanism.

Once again, on behalf of the University Council and Senior Management, we reiterate our gratitude to our cherished retirees for your service and may this new chapter in your lives be filled with joy, fulfillment, and well-deserved relaxation. We wish you good health, long life, and the very best in all your endeavors.

Congratulations, and may this new journey be as rewarding and enriching as the one you have so graciously concluded.

I am grateful for your attention and wish you all a pleasant evening.

***Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo  
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