Discovering Ghana

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“Someone’s sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree long ago.

The real voyage of discovery is seeing with new eyes the possibility of unfamiliar landscapes.”
Map of Africa
Map of Ghana
Why Ghana?

HON. LACEY CRUSE
COMMISSIONER
SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSION
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WICHITA, KANSAS 67214

Dear Hon. Lacey Cruse,

SPECIAL INVITATION TO GRACE THE QUEEN’S APPRECIATION DINNER

By the superior grace of Almighty God, Her Royal Majesty Nana Aplam II, the Paramount Queen of Manya Krobo Kingdom in Ghana, West Africa has attained five glorious years on the throne. The Queen has therefore set aside a day to hold an appreciation dinner to honour and celebrate individuals and institutions that have contributed substantially to her initiatives to achieve this enviable milestone.

Indeed, your collective decision to introduce a motion, vote and declare July 26th as Nana Aplam II Day in the Sedgwick County is by far the greatest and most historic honour to be bestowed on the Queen. Nana Aplam II is extremely delighted and eternally grateful to Hon. Commissioner Lacey Cruse for making the request, Chairman David Dennis for supervising the voting process competently and all the Honourable Members of the Sedgwick County Commission Board for this uncommon magnanimity.

In furtherance of this, I have been directed by Her Royal Majesty Nana Aplam II, to officially invite Commissioner Lacey Cruse, Chairman David Dennis, Members of the Board and Prof. Waseelah Mutter to grace the Queen’s Appreciation Dinner as special guests at the details provided below:

- Date: Friday, 21st January, 2020
- Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Airport City, Accra
- Time: 6:00pm (GMT)
- Keynote Speaker: Hon. Naa Ayorkor Botchway, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration
- Dress Code: Formal
Ghana Facts

- In 1957, when Ghana became the first African state to regain independence from British colonial rule
- Ghana has a population of 25.5 million people.
- Ghana’s total area is 92,098 sq miles.
- Ghanaians speak over 40 languages. English is the official language, but most people speak several languages, including African tribal languages.
- Ghana grows the second most cocoa beans in the world.
- Ghana generates 200,000 barrels of oil a day, totaling approximately US$1.6 billion annually.
Day 1 — Narh-Bita College and Hospital

- Established in 1979
- Family owned and operated hospital and college
- College established in 2004
  - Nursing
  - Laboratory Technician
  - Physician Assistantship
  - Pharmacy Technician
  - Theology and Missions
- Offers Bachelors / Masters Degree
Day 1 – Narh-Bita College and Hospital

**Hospital / Clinic / Emergency Department Facts:**

100 Bed Capacity

200-300 Patients per day in clinic

34 Medical Outreaches to villages/broader community each year

70+ lives births per month / Maternity Ward

Operates Central Blood Bank

**Most cases treated:**

- Malaria / other water-born diseases
- Diabetes and other chronic diseases
- TB
- HIV/Aids
- Deworming of children
- Injuries
Day 1 – Narh-Bita College and Hospital

**Educational Partnerships:**
- WSU College of Health Professionals
- KU School of Medicine
- Newman University Nursing Program
- WSU TECH – Skills lab

**Exchange opportunities:**
- PhD Curriculum Exchange for Accreditation
- Cross Training
- Study Abroad Programs
- Recruitment Opportunities
- Tropical Medicine
- Medical Mission Degree
- Skills lab equipment Purchase
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Other Groups discovering Health Related Education opportunities

He mentioned looking for:
trade skills, particularly surgical
cost efficiency
culturally sensitive
provide research opportunities
tool to recruit to his university

Dr. Raymond Price
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Anshuman works closely with faculty leaders to develop competitive proposals and partnerships to establish successful multi-disciplinary research grants and programs in areas such as energy, environment, health and life sciences and engineering, cybersecurity and the humanities. He provides project management for large-scale proposal development, including writing, editing and other related activities, and develops educational workshops and other opportunities for strengthening faculty research capabilities.

Anshuman Razdan
Associate Vice President, Research Development
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Other Groups discovering Health Related Education opportunities

During his 31-year career at UD, Binder-Macleod has advanced the fields of physical therapy and rehabilitation science nationally and internationally by pushing for increased scientific rigor and research to guide clinical practice.

Stuart A. Binder-Macleod, PhD, PT, FAPTA
Edward L. Ratledge Professor & Associate Deputy Provost for Clinical and Translational Research
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Day 2 — Ministry of Aviation
Amin Abdul-Rahaman

Ministry of Aviation Goal:

“Make Ghana the Aviation Hub of West African Sub-Region & Beyond”

Meet with Christina Edmund, Chief Director
Top projects they are working on in 2020:

1. Aviation business development and Strategic Partnerships
   1. Establishment of Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Facility at Tamale Airport
   2. Establishment of Aviation Training Organization (ATO) in Ghana
   3. Establishment of Fixed Based Operator (FBO) at KIA

Was given complete list of all projects for 2020
Partnerships for MRO:

Global Aviation Technologies
Spirit AreoSystems
Aerospace Products, Inc.

WHAT IS AN MRO - The Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul (MRO) Market totaled $135.1 billion in 2015, three quarters of the $180.3 billion aircraft production market. Of this, 60% is for civil aviation: air transport 48%, business and general aviation 9%, rotorcraft 3%; and military aviation is 40%. It is projected to grow at 4.1% per annum till 2025 to $96B.
Local Partnerships for Aviation Training:

Hesston College Aviation
Textron – Flight Safety Training
Wings of Wichita – WOW
Aviation Academy
Marsh Flying Services – El Dorado

Skills training:
NIAR
WSU TECH
USD 259 – Elementary – Highschool
Meeting with Michael Ofori-Atta
Head of African Desk and Advisor to the President of Ghana
Also briefed him about Aviation projects which have been designed to serve the West African sub region.
Meeting with Hon. Odeneho Nana Oppong
Head Director of General Transport and Logistics.
General introduction meeting. Exchanged ideas and info.
Day 2 – Niche Cocoa Factory

Niche Cocoa Processing Factory, a wholly Ghanaian owned business, is interested in Kansas chocolate manufacturing.

New Supplier opportunities
- Russell Stover Candies facilities located in Iola and Abilene.
  - The Abilene facility has the capacity to produce 112,000 pounds of candy per day.
- Mars Chocolate facility in Topeka.
  - 14 million Snickers bars and 31 million units of Peanut M&M’s annually.
- Cocoa Dolce Chocolates – Wichita, KS
Day 3 – Odumase, Krobo

Odumase, Krobo, the capital of the Manya Krobo Facts:

Total population: 110,000 (according to 2010 population and Housing Census)

Twinning City Investment Opportunities:
• Agriculture
• Quarry & limestone mining
• Clothing & textile
• Sanitation & waste management
• Hotels & real estate development
• Glass beads making
• Solar energy
• Aviation school
• Tourism & leisure (6 different water falls sites to be developed)
Odumase, Krobo, the capital of the Manya Krobo Facts:

Companies operating in the Municipality:
- Ghana Water Company
- Electricity Company of Ghana
- Afcon Railway
- Volta River Authority
- Cedi Beads
- Manya Krobo Glass Blowing Center
- Limestone mining firms
- Limestone haulage firms
Day 3 – Odumase, Krobo

Odumase, Krobo, the capital of the Manya Krobo Facts:

Health Facilities:
• Atua Government Hospital
• Akuse Government Hospital
• Saint Martin's Hospital (private)

Education facilities:
• Ensign College of Public Health (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
• Manya Krobo Nursing Training College
• Manya Krobo Senior High School
• Krobo Girls Senior High School
• Akro Secondary Technical Senior High School
• King David College of Commerce (private)
• Saint Ann's Vocational School (private)
• Akuse Methodist Senior High School
Meetings Held in Odumase, Krobo

1. Nana Sakite II, formal introductions and also to discuss the seventh division initiative for the African American Council of Elders.
Meetings Held in Odumase, Krobo

2. Manya Krobo State Queen Mothers' Association at Odumase Krobo to obtain first information on their income generation projects and how they can be made profitable with modern technology and exports.
Queen Mother is doing all she can to help girls understand their value. One of many projects is her Valentines Day initiatives.

Last year more than 550 girls became teenage mothers in her kingdom. In order to keep girls focused and in school she as decided to take matters in to her own hands and give each girl a valentines day to remember.
Meetings Held in Odumase, Krobo

3. Municipal Chief Executive, Hon Simon K. Tetteh and his heads of departments at the Lower Manya Krobo Municipality. Made substantial progress in deepening and enhancing the process to have twinning /sister city collaboration between Wichita and Lower Manya Krobo Municipality.
Day 4 – Business Community

Met with Business Executives George Oti Bonsu, CEO/Director of Eco Plus Building No. 29 with the capacity to do business with the people America at the Eco Plus building at East Legon in Accra.
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ECO Technical/Vocational Training Institute
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Visited Ghana's premier Art Center in Accra to connect with Ghana's ingenuity and innovativeness.

Pictured: Samuel Kwame
Attended Queen's Appreciation Dinner held in honor of Sedgwick County, Wichita and African American Council of Elders at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Airport City, Accra-Ghana

Made many connections to include Janean Davis, Health Office Director Health, Population and Nutrition Office at the US EMBASSY.
Day 5 – Queens Appreciation Dinner
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Cape Coast Map

Cape Coast is the capital of the Central Region in southern Ghana. It's known for its role in the transatlantic slave trade, overlooking the Gulf of Guinea.
Day 6 – Cape Coast
Between 1482 and 1786, clusters of castles and forts were erected along the 500 kilometer-long coastline of Ghana between Keta in the East and Beyin in the west. Back then, Ghana was called the Gold Coast due to its vast quantities of gold, and these strongholds served as fortified trading posts offering protection from other foreign settlers and threats from the African population. Placed strategically as links in the trade routes established by the Portuguese in the 15th century, who were the first settlers on the Gold Coast, the forts thereafter were seized, attacked, exchanged, sold and abandoned during almost four centuries of struggle between European powers for domination over the Gold Coast.
Up to 1,000 male and 500 female captives were shackled and crammed in the castle’s dank, poorly ventilated dungeons, with no space to lie down and very little light. Without water or sanitation, the floor of the dungeon was littered with human waste and many captives fell seriously ill. The men were separated from the women, and the captors regularly raped the helpless women.
The castle also featured confinement cells — small pitch-black spaces for prisoners who revolted or were seen as rebellious. Once the captives set foot behind this door, they never came out.
As early as the 1500s, the settlers’ interest turned to the slave trade in light of the growing demand for human labor in the New World (the Americas and the Caribbean). From holding gold, ivory and other wares, the castles gradually imprisoned slaves, who were reduced to yet another commodity. The majestic fortresses along Ghana’s breathtaking coast housed dark dungeons, overflowing with misery and despair, right up until the slave trade was gradually abolished by each of the colonial powers in the first half of the 1800s. But by this point, the irreversible and immeasurable damage was done, and from West Africa alone it is estimated that six million slaves had been shipped to other countries. About 10-15% perished at sea during the so-called Middle Passage, never reaching their final destination.
Day 6 – Cape Coast
Day 7 – Sunday
Meeting at the US EMBASSY

Janean Davis, Health Office Director Health, Population and Nutrition Office at the US EMBASSY.
• Driving distance from Accra to Tema is 19 miles.
• Driving distance from Accra to Tamale is 383 miles.
• Driving distance from Accra to Cape Coast is 89 miles.
• Driving distance from Accra to Odumase is 94 miles.
Government Structure

• Modern – President / Parliament
• Traditional – King and Queen
Like the United States, the President of Ghana is head of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces. The position is elected for a maximum of two four-year terms. The President appoints a Vice-President and nominates a council of ministers.

The administration of justice is handled by various courts divided into two groups: the superior courts, consisting of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, and the High Court; and inferior courts, consisting of the circuit courts, the district courts, and specialty courts.
The Cabinet of Ghana make up the Executive Branch of the Government. The cabinet takes responsibility for making key government decisions. The current cabinet was formed in May 2017 and includes over 20 divisions:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Aviation
- Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Transportation
- +14 additional departments
Engage Partners

Education

Wichita State University – Jay Golden
College of Health Professionals
KU School of Medicine
Kansas State University
Newman University
WSU TECH - Dr. Shereen Utash
USD 259
State of Kansas
Friends University
Next Steps

Engage Partners

Aviation

Hesston College Aviation
Global Aviation Technologies
Textron – Flight Safety Training
Wings of Wichita – WOW
Aviation Academy
Marsh Flying Services – El Dorado
Spirit AeroSystems
Aerospace Products, Inc.
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Engage Partners

Agriculture

Kansas Department of Agriculture
Secretary Mike Beam

Kansas Department of Commerce
Secretary of Commerce David Toland

Kansas John Deere Dealers
Prairieland Partners
Heritage Tractor

Export and Import experts

Kansas Global Trade Services
Greater Wichita Partnership
Chamber of Commerce
Next Steps

Plan Meetings

Plan Meetings with all Stakeholders to include but not limited to:

- African American Council of Elders
- Wichita City Council Members
- The Kansas African American Museum

Prepare for Ghana Delegation in July

Discuss and Plan next Sedgwick County Delegation to Ghana
Developed Clearly Defined and Transparent Travel Policy for Sedgwick County:

- Clearly define commutation and approval requirements
- Airline, rail, hotel and rental car reservations.
- The use of other transportation, such as taxi cabs.
- Rules for on-site spending, including meals, entertainment and phone calls.
- Security relating to travel – both in terms of personal safety and work materials.
- The rules around gifts and favors that may be bought or received during business travel.
- The approval process that employees and managers need to follow.
- The system for the payment of any expenses incurred during travel.
- Requirements for Disclosure of outcomes of trip
“In order to get to the next level of whatever you’re doing, you must think and act in a wildly different way than you previously have been. You cannot get to the next phase of a project without a grander mind-set, more acceleration, and extra horsepower.”
Questions, Concerns, Comments, Ideas