

MANIFESTO FOR BRIDGETTE TEVI, ASPIRANT FOR THE UDSMSA ORGANIZER PORTFOLIO

My name is Bridgette Tevi, a level 300 graduate medical student of the University for Development Studies, Tamale campus and I am vying for the position of MSA organizing secretary. My campaign slogan- “Organization epitomized” is not just a catchphrase. My classmates, my organizing team members and health committee team members can all attest to the fact that I am efficient, resourceful, and dedicated to every task I must accomplish.

I have been a member of the organizing committee in my first and third year in this university and have gained experience working under the last two MSA organizers. I have also been a health committee member during the last two administrations. By immersing myself in these committees, I have come to understand the saying that “Organization begins with the awareness of what doesn’t work for us.” I have seen what strategies work and which ones need to improve or change to enhance the name and status of this association. Thus, through my manifesto, I will share with you the simple yet constructive plans I have for our noble association when given the nod as MSA organizer.

First and foremost, I intend to improve the turnout and participation of medical students at MSA programs. To do this, I will personally visit all the various classes with my organizing team to build publicity and encourage members to show up for and participate in the events we have planned for them. I will also work with the public relations officer and team to intensify the publicity for MSA programs using the traditional methods such as flyers and videos. With my team, I will identify individuals who have a high interest in MSA activities to act as ambassadors to hype up the programs and get more students interested in them.

Secondly, I will collaborate with the health officer to organize health screening programs. As a graduate student myself with a background in healthcare, I know UDSMSA has the available human resource, for example physician assistants, nurses, medical laboratory scientists etc that will prove useful when these screening programmes are organized. Aside that, these exercises will also provide an avenue for students to perfect skills that will be beneficial to them in practice.

Next on my agenda as organizer, as part of the MSA (health) week celebration, I hope to improve on the rep your school activities to give students the opportunity to suitably represent and take pride in their alma mater. I will introduce the ‘Dress to Rep’ component of the Rep Your School activities where students can wear outfits of their senior high schools to lectures on a said day as this will add some color and fun to the day. There will also be other interschool competitions that will

build on the competition and alliances between senior high schools to improve patronage of the Rep Your School events.

As organizer, I will work hand in hand with the sports committee to organize different stress relieving activities for members of the association. Given the stressful nature of the medical school curriculum, it is important that students have different means through which they can destress to avoid burnout. As the saying goes, a healthy mind lives in a healthy body. Aside the popular MSA games, I will liaise and team up with the sports committee to form a keep fit club to help students train to always stay fit. This keep-fit club will also help to introduce and organize other stress antidotes, such as a mass post-block keep fit exercise.

Finally, I will work in partnership with the dinner committee to introduce an MSA awards night scheme as part of the annual dinner activities to reward deserving students from the past year in fields ranging from academia, sports, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy, just to name a few. I believe this award scheme will go a long way to motivate other students to attain higher heights in the diverse categories that will be considered.

Thank you for listening and thank you for believing in me and my vision for this beautiful association. Vote for Bridgette Tevi and vote for the epitome of organization.