

MANIFESTO

compiled by JOEL BOAKYE.

Running for exchange officer, UDS MSA 2021.

All protocols observed

Let me tell you a short historical story of a young black boy who inspires me a lot. This lad was born to two religious leaders living in a racism marred country and era. Little did anyone know that this disadvantaged child will turnout to be the leader of a non-violent protest that will fight for the rights of all people including African Americans and fight that America and the world would form a society where race would not impact a person's civil rights. This young chap is considered one of the great orators of modern times, and his speeches still inspire many to this day as I hope my manifesto will today. Even though our hero of this story was assassinated which I don't want to be a victim despite how much I may desire his achievements, he earned the title as the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel peace price in 1964 together with over 730 streets being named after him and many other achievements. Now that's a short story to get us started with .

This is your life, do what makes you happy, travel around the world, gain knowledge, gain experience, learn about different cultures and help make the world a better place. Now just imagine, taking that one in a million shot in front of the Eiffel tower making all the poses you can or visiting the legendary pyramids of Giza and learning about ancient Egypt or experience the city that never sleeps in the USA, watching a soccer match at Santiago Bernabéu in Spain. This and many more is how I will describe how my regime as Exchange officer will feel like.

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant. —Max DePree. This is why I'm here this evening to project the plans I have for the exchange office of UDSMSA and to serve all of you

In the subsequent paragraphs, I'm going to expatiate on some of my major policies of which majority are concerns raised personally by the MSA populace.

Firstly, I will Increase awareness of the functions of Exchange office

role to students to make them know who exactly to contact in case they are in need of any of the roles the exchange office is responsible for. From an online survey I organized, I was saddened to learn that so many students in our association didn't know what the exchange office stands for or what an exchange officer is supposed to do. Owing to this situation I will organise frequent online

education via social media platforms and symposia to educate the student populace on the benefits and preparation they must go through to partake in this wonderful program. This will go a long way to reduce expenditure stress and unpreparedness during the exchange season.

I will Liase for more slots targeting at least 70% of the exchange class.

My regime in the Exchange office of UDSMSA will maintain the good deeds of my predecessors and also upgrade on them. I will ensure that as many students as possible are able to get the opportunity with at least 70% of the exchange class participating. This will be done by liasing with the fgmsa Exchange office and other doctors to procure as many slots as possible to make this once in a lifetime experience available to at least 70% of the student populace if not all.

Ensure implementation of good selection criteria for selecting Exchange students.

This is a rule by the UDSMSA Constitution. I will however ensure that the criteria I use will ensure that a good amount of our students are eligible for selection since according to the Constitution, I will be a part of the organization of MSA programs from which students who actively participate in MSA programs are to be selected. This begins as a responsibility of the MSA executives, to organise interesting and student attractive programs.

Ensure the organization of new engaging and fun programs in UDS MSA.

As your exchange officer, according to the Constitution, I will be working with the organising secretary to help in the organization of UDS MSA programs. I will ensure that there will be the first ever MSA games organised on an Astro turf pitch to ensure the comfort of our sports men, sports women and spectators aside that, I will ensure swimming race is added to the sporting activities as well.

Liase for sponsorship from successful companies to provide fully funded slots to students participating. With my business network, I am confident that I will be able to procure some slots that will be fully funded by some companies. These slots realistically

may not be readily available to all the participants but I hope and pray that they will. The fortunate students who benefit from these slots will have the opportunity to go on Exchange for free.

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand. —General Colin Powell. This is why I've put my policies in 5 simple sentences.

1. Increase awareness of the functions of Exchange office role to students through the use of social media and symposia.
2. Liase for at least 55% of the class participating
3. Ensure the organization of engaging and fun programs in UDS MSA.
4. Ensure the organization of the next UDS MSA games at the Tamale Astro turf.
5. Secure free exchange slots.

These are just a few of the things I am looking forward to doing for our distinguished association. This is why you should vote for me(JOEL BOAKYE)to make these words come into reality and secure a bright future for our association.

long live UDS MSA, long live Ghana.

thank you.