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# Center for Community Civic Engagement Student Project Registration

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**Name/ Title:**      **The Ghana Project**

## **Persons in Charge:**

### **Co-Presidents:**

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## **Mission Statement:**

The Ghana Project: Building & Sustaining a School in The Republic of Ghana.

Through the efforts of SUNY Geneseo students, we will promote global awareness and civic engagement. By conducting educational programming and developing community partnerships, we will raise funds in order to help build and sustain a school in Ghana. In addition, we will share Ghanaian culture, and maintain a connection with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.

The Ghana Project is a Civic Engagement Project conceived through the GOLD Diamond Civic Engagement Leadership Certificate

## Goals the Project:

- **Long term goal**
  - Help build and sustain school in Ghana and share Ghanaian Culture
- **Short term goal**
  - Finalize plans for donations.
- **Specific goals/events for year**
  - T-shirts / Fundraising
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ghana Gala Event (March 25, 2010)
  - African Issues Conference (“I <3 Africa: The Conference”, November 6-9)
  - Xerox Global Education Conference
  - 5K Event
  - Drum circles & other cultural events
  - More events are currently in development

## Community Partners:

- On-campus partners:
  - Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Involvement (GOLD);  
Diamond Civic Engagement Project
  - Education Department groups:  
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC),  
Young Children’s Council (YCC),  
Elementary and Secondary Education Association (ESEA)
  - Invisible Children SUNY Geneseo Chapter
  - ResLife (Dante House has offered to support our initiative)
  - Face-Aids SUNY Geneseo Chapter
  - The Anti-Malaria Project
  - et al.
- Faculty members at SUNY Geneseo
  - Dr. Thomas Matthews, Director: Leadership Education, Development & Training
  - Dr. Osman Alawiye, Dean of School of Education,
  - Dr. Dennis Showers, Education Department
  - Dr. David Parfitt, Teaching & Learning Center

- Prof. Wes Kennison, International Studies
- Prof. Glenn McClure, School of Education
- Prof. Graham Drake, English Department

- Off-campus/international partners

- Prof. Owusu-Dapaa, of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi
- Prof. Eva Tagoe-Darko, visiting Fulbright scholar from Ghana.
- SUNY Brockport

## **Predicted Achievements/ Outcomes & Timeline:**

First Year: 2008-2009

- Project conceived, via GOLD Diamond Civic Engagement Certificate.
  - Promoting civic engagement initiatives, global awareness, and sharing Ghanaian culture.
  - Developing awareness of the Project on campus and recruitment
  - Developing partnerships off campus (such as with SUNY Brockport, Kwame Nkrumah University, and Geneseo community)
  - Raising funds to go toward our goal of building & sustaining a school (such as making Project t-shirts.)
  - Sustaining the Project to carry on in the following year / future.
- Second Year: 2009-2010
- Establishing Executive Board and infrastructure of the Project
  - Continuing promote civic engagement initiatives, global awareness, and sharing Ghanaian culture.
  - Continuing to raise funds
  - Finalize plans for donations.
  - Further collaboration with our pre-existing contacts and partnerships
  - Developing new contacts and partnerships

Project Approved for Posting by: Dr. Tom Matthews & Kay Fly

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