

Belinda Boahin



My name is Belinda Boahin. A 22 year old graduate of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law.

In my four year stay at KNUST I met a wonderful family called Educational Pathways International (EPI) who supported me throughout my four year stay in the University.

In my opinion EPI's assistance cannot be efficiently described in words, however, I can only begin to describe EPI's assistance by categorizing it under three main headings. Financial, Social and Corporate.

Generally, EPI provided me with funds to cater for the key areas of my academic life and study which were my school fees, accommodation, study materials and stipends which greatly facilitated my academic study and excellence because I no longer spent time or thought on where to lay my head or how to acquire the study materials. As a Law student the books to read are a necessity, however, they were very expensive because of the layman's mantra that Law is for the "Rich" and not the "Poor". But with the assistance of EPI I was able to leap over that hurdle and for that I am immensely grateful.

The family EPI provided was awesome. All the beneficiaries are provided with a network of excellent students who assist each other in times of need and also share educational resources and materials. An EPI beneficiary is very likely to have senior course mate beneficiaries who assist you have a heads-up on the courses. Again EPI was a great motivation to keep my grades up every semester.

The third category of assistance that I received was the corporate assistance. I prefer to call it corporate because EPI virtually prepared us and groomed us to be better in the corporate world. EPI took us through training sessions on what we needed to learn to be more marketable. Topics like Time Management, Goal Setting, Preparing for Interviews, Public Speaking amongst others were taught which facilitated the growth of my confidence and my participation in numerous competitions such as the All African Human Right Moot Court Competition, Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, Georgina T. Wood Moot Court Competition, Ghana University Debate Championship and also the Pan African University Debate Championship. This also under lied my winning several awards in these competitions such as three times National Best Speaker at the Ghana University Debate Championship, Best Oralist at the 2016 Georgina T. Wood Moot Court Competition.

EPI also taught me teamwork which contributed to my working with a team to win the National Rounds of the 2017 Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition and also second best memorial at the 2015 All African Human Right Moot Court Competition. The Corporate skills that EPI taught me was also a great factor that helped me win and also hold several political offices on Campus.

Last but not the least thing that I am grateful to EPI for is that they introduced me to Social Responsibility. Through the Akim Asafo Senior High Programme, I had the opportunity to teach at a High school during one vacation. This part of EPI has taught me to give back to society, a virtue which has stayed with me as currently I am volunteering at the Legal Aid Scheme in Accra to also give back to the society.

I would like to end with a comparative analysis of the Belinda Boahin before EPI and the Belinda Boahin after EPI. The Belinda Boahin before EPI was a lady who though with great aspirations was haunted and discouraged by her financial inadequacies but the Belinda Boahin after EPI is a lady who was encouraged to aim higher and also experience opportunities way unprecedented to even imagine.