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I am Thomas Liyajabale Waliba and I pursued BSc. Geomatic Engineering at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi-Ghana. I graduated with first class and excellent students' category according to the standards of the College of Engineering (KNUST).

I have been a beneficiary of the Educational Pathways International (EPI) Scholarship scheme for three consecutive years, but for the timely intervention of EPI, I would not have completed my degree program. All thanks to EPI, I am a graduate with a first-class division. EPI has impacted my life and by extension, that of my family in enormous ways, but for space constraints I will mention a few of these impacts.

Where I come from, having a university education is almost impossible due to financial constraints, but I had a dream of beating the odds, a dream of rising against the normal in my environment, a dream of becoming an agent of change and motivation to those who come after me. The journey almost seemed impossible until EPI intervened, by granting me a full scholarship to cover my fees, accommodation, books and others. EPI became the fuel that ignited the flames in me to pursue greater heights, the burden of having to combine academics with hustling was over. I had all day to learn and become a better version of myself so that I could shine forth and enlighten my people who still lived in state of impossibilities.

Knowing that it is not enough for one to only be a master at his/her field of study, EPI ran series of seminars and meetings to equip, train, model and groom its beneficiaries into responsible young people who are well rounded in all spheres of life. The seminars and meetings featured short courses on improving resume writing skills, leadership, time managements, self-planning and entrepreneurship. Indeed, these seminars were really worth it and I have learnt many things which my program of study could not have offered me and I can see the impact in my life today.

Given that my home country Ghana is a developing country and characterised by litigation and land related conflicts, poor spatial planning and infrastructural deficit, I chose to offer Geomatics Engineering so that I can contribute my quota to mitigate these challenges. My goal is to become an Engineering Consultant with my own firm with the goal of providing solutions to the challenges as stated earlier. By so doing, my community and Ghana as a whole will become a better dwelling place for its citizens.

I cannot thank EPI enough with words, but truly, I am indebted to EPI. Indeed, EPI is really making great impact on many of us out here. As a Ghanaian, I would like to say whenever the cock crows in the morning, let that be a reminder that Thomas and his family are grateful to you EPI. Thank you!