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My name is Michael Boateng Agyenim. I completed my BA in Economics at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana, where I graduated with first-class honors and emerged as the Valedictorian of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at the 58th Congregation Ceremony.

Growing up as one of five siblings in a single-parent household, the odds seemed stacked against me. Pursuing university education appeared to be an impossible aspiration, given my family's financial struggles. How wrong I was! Joining the Educational Pathways International (EPI) scholarship

programme in my second year at KNUST came with immense support that lifted a huge burden off my shoulders. It allowed me to dedicate myself to excelling in my studies without worrying about financial constraints.

EPI's scholarship program went beyond mere financial aid; it provided recipients like myself with the requisite skills and attitude needed to thrive in today's fast-changing corporate environment. The EPI scholars' meetings were invaluable opportunities for personal growth. They featured discussions on effective public speaking, leadership, entrepreneurship, etc. which added greatly to my personal development. This also provided an avenue for me to network with scholars from diverse fields—connections I wouldn't have made without EPI.

I chose to study Economics because of my deep-seated desire to make a positive impact in my community and country through research and innovative policy recommendations. Economics as a course allows one to apply logical, data-driven methods to better understand societal issues like inequality, unemployment, poverty, public debt, and many other pressing needs of our society. Ultimately, I aspire to be a Professor, contributing to the intellectual growth of future generations in Ghana. I plan to pursue postgraduate studies to further equip myself for the demands of my chosen profession. With the support I have received from EPI, I am confident that I will realize my dreams.

My sincere gratitude goes to Educational Pathways International for their unwavering support and investment in my future. Your belief in my potential has been a driving force behind my achievements, and I am eternally grateful for the opportunities you have provided.