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Honoring the impact of Educational Pathways International (EPI) EPI didn't just fund my degree. They uncovered a leader I never knew existed within me and paved a robust path towards a future I only once dared to dream of. My journey through tertiary education began under a heavy cloud of immense financial anxiety. In my earlier days on campus, survival and academic continuity felt like game of thrones- a never-ending war for survival. I watched my mother lean heavily on high interest loans to keep me in school, while I simultaneously relied on student loans through the Students Loan Trust Scheme just to register for my courses and pay my residential fees in meager tranches.

The constant, gnawing worry about tuition fees and basic living expenses frequently

overshadowed my academic aspirations. That narrative changed completely when I was awarded the Educational Pathways International (EPI) Scholarship in my second year at the University. By lifting that immense financial burden squarely off my family's shoulders, EPI gave me the greatest gift a student could ever ask for - the absolute peace of mind to focus entirely on my studies, excel academically, and look proactively towards my future.

While the timely financial support was undeniably lifesaving, EPI's impact went far deeper than providing tuition and stipends. Through their deliberate guidance, structured monthly seminars, they consistently challenged me to step completely out of my comfort zone. The EPI family planted seeds of confidence that led me to embrace leadership responsibilities I never thought capable of undertaking. Empowered by the professional skills and resilient mindset nurtured during EPI sessions, I stepped up to serve as the Jean Nelson Aka Hall Financial Secretary for the 2024/2025 Academic Year. Managing the complex finances and budgeting of the most reputable hall on the soil of University of Ghana, such duty was such a heavy responsibility. It was a direct reflection of the governance, accountability, and organizational leadership capacity that EPI helped me discover within myself. Armed with a BSc. in Administration and invaluable practical leadership experience, I have successfully transitioned into the corporate world. I am currently undertaking my National Service as an

Internal Auditor at the Head Office of Zenith Bank Ghana, where I daily apply the principles of absolute integrity, meticulousness, and excellence instilled in me by EPI.

My tenure as a student leader and my current corporate exposure in banking have solidified my ultimate professional vision to become a world-class Fund Manager. I look forward to managing asset portfolios, creating sustainable wealth, and driving economic growth, ultimately paying forward the investment made in me.

To the visionary benefactors, administrative team, mentors, and the entire community at Educational Pathways International, thank you for seeing my latent potential when it was obscured by financial hardship. Thank you for investing not just in my tertiary education, but systematically in my character, vision, and leadership capabilities. I stand today as a living proof that when you empower an ambitious student through the EPI platform, you do not just fund a degree. You unleash a value-driven leader who is ready to change the world.