

RUDOLPH ZIKPI



My name is Rudolph Zikpi, and I am a graduate of Food Process Engineering from the University of Ghana (Legon), where I graduated with a Second Class Upper Division. Growing up, I was always curious about how things worked and how problems around us could be solved through innovation. This curiosity led me to study Food Process Engineering, a field that combines science, technology, and engineering to improve food production, reduce waste, and contribute to food security. I was excited by the opportunity to learn how engineering solutions can positively impact people's lives and communities.

Being a beneficiary of the Educational Pathways International (EPI) Scholarship Programme has been one of the most impactful experiences of my life. EPI's support went far beyond helping me pay for my education. The programme provided mentorship, leadership training, guidance, and opportunities that helped shape me into the person I am today. Through EPI, I gained confidence in my abilities, learned the value of service, and developed a mindset of excellence and resilience.

During my time at the University of Ghana, I had the honour of serving as the Vice President of the Engineering Students' Association of the University of Ghana (ESUG). This role gave me the opportunity to represent and support fellow students, organize activities and initiatives, and work with people from different backgrounds toward common goals. It was a rewarding experience that strengthened my leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.

Outside the classroom, I have always been passionate about technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. This passion inspired me to establish Kinectiks Robotics, a startup focused on robotics and automation solutions, and Spark Point Technologies, the company behind Swipe, an innovative digital technology platform that is set to launch in the coming months. Building these ventures has taught me valuable lessons about leadership,

creativity, persistence, and problem-solving. Looking ahead, my goal is to become an Automation Engineer and contribute to the advancement of robotics, intelligent systems, and automation technologies. I am fascinated by the potential of these technologies to transform industries, improve productivity, and create new opportunities across Ghana and Africa.

I am also deeply passionate about giving back to my community. In the future, I hope to establish STEM and robotics programmes that will introduce young people, especially those from underserved communities, to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. I want to help create opportunities for young people to discover their talents, develop practical skills, and pursue careers in fields that can shape the future. More broadly, I hope to contribute to Ghana's development by promoting innovation, supporting youth entrepreneurship, creating employment opportunities, and developing technology-driven solutions to local challenges. I believe that by investing in young people and embracing innovation, we can build stronger communities and a brighter future. I am sincerely grateful to EPI for believing in me and investing in my future. The scholarship programme has played a significant role in my academic journey, leadership development, and entrepreneurial growth. The support I received has opened doors, expanded my horizons, and inspired me to pursue goals that once seemed beyond reach.

As I move into the next chapter of my life, I carry with me the lessons, values, and opportunities that EPI has given me. I remain committed to making a positive impact, empowering others, and using my skills and experiences to create meaningful change. Thank you, EPI, for being part of my journey