

Youth Against Corruption (YAC)

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WELCOME

THE FIRST-EVER YAC NEWSLETTER

This is where the YAC story comes to life. Welcome to the very first edition of the Youth Against Corruption (YAC) Newsletter, your front-row seat to the ideas, conversations, partnerships, and moments shaping a generation that believes integrity matters.

Published twice a year, this newsletter will bring together the biggest highlights from across the YAC community, from school and campus engagements to leadership programmes, digital innovations, media features, and the inspiring young people driving change.

Every edition is a reminder that creating a better Ghana doesn't start someday, it starts with young people making the right choices today. Whether you're a student, young professional, educator, or supporter, you'll discover stories that inspire, opportunities to get involved, and the growing impact of a movement that's proving leadership and integrity go hand in hand.

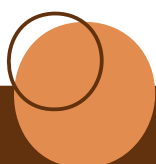
This is only the beginning. Welcome to the movement. Welcome to the YAC Newsletter.

ABOUT YAC

Youth Against Corruption (YAC) is a youth-driven initiative under the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP), dedicated to cultivating integrity, ethical behavior, and anti-corruption consciousness among young people in Ghana. YAC is an initiative established in furtherance of the preventive mandate of the Office of the Special Prosecutor under Section 2(c) of the Office of the Special Prosecutor Act, 2017 (Act 959).

OUR MISSION

To educate, inspire, and mobilize young people through innovative programs, partnerships, and platforms that promote anti-corruption values and civic action.





June 27 2026

INTER COLLEGE DEBATE:

YAC and GRASAG-UCC Debate Reframes Leadership Narrative for Young Researchers

Are results achieved through corruption sustainable? This was the fierce debate at the University of Cape Coast as Youth Against Corruption (YAC) partnered with GRASAG-UCC for an intellectual face-off during GRASAG Week.

Youth Against Corruption (YAC) initiative engaged postgraduate students, researchers, and young professionals in a high-stakes debate centered on the motion, “A Corrupt but

Highly Effective Leader is Better than a Clean but Less Effective Leader.”

While arguments flew on both sides, YAC and GRASAG executives intervened to reframe the entire narrative. The consensus: Young leaders must refuse the false dichotomy of choosing between a capable thief and an incompetent saint. True effectiveness cannot exist without integrity.

The event also introduced our YAC Online Learning Centre to advanced scholars looking to anchor their academic research in practical, evidence-based anti-corruption advocacy.

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June 15, 2026

Youth Against Corruption Engages Pent TV on Empowering Young People to Champion Integrity

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) initiative recently participated in an engaging panel discussion on Pentecost Television (Pent TV), aimed at deepening public understanding of the organization's mandate and exploring practical ways to inspire young people to embrace integrity and reject corruption from an early age.

The insightful conversation featured two representatives of the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP) and the Youth Against Corruption initiative, DSO Eric Sepenu Afli and ASO Antoinette Cecelia Mensah, who served as panelists. The discussion provided a platform to highlight the critical role of youth in the fight against corruption and the importance of nurturing ethical values among young people.

During the conversation, the panelists outlined the vision and objectives of the Youth Against Corruption initiative, emphasizing its commitment to raising a generation of young people who uphold honesty, accountability, transparency, and responsible citizenship. They noted that corruption remains a significant obstacle to national development and that sustained efforts must be made to educate and empower the youth to become ambassadors of integrity within their schools, communities, and future workplaces.

The discussion also explored practical strategies for promoting anti-corruption values among young people, including civic education, mentorship, community engagement, leadership development, and the integration of integrity-based learning into educational activities. The panelists stressed that combating corruption requires collective action and that young people must be equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and ethical foundation necessary to make principled decisions throughout their lives.

A key highlight of the conversation was the emphasis on early intervention. The panelists underscored the importance of instilling values of honesty, fairness, and accountability at a young age, noting that the attitudes and habits developed during childhood and adolescence often shape future behaviour and leadership practices.

The interview generated meaningful dialogue on the role of families, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, and public institutions in building a culture of integrity. Viewers were encouraged to support initiatives that promote ethical leadership and to actively participate in efforts to prevent and combat corruption.

The successful engagement on Pent TV reflects the continued commitment of the Youth Against Corruption initiative to expanding public awareness and fostering a national culture of integrity. Through strategic media engagements and youth centered educational programmes, the initiative remains dedicated to empowering the next generation to become active advocates for transparency, accountability, and good governance.

Accra, Ghana

YAC launches online learning platform to promote governance, ethics and integrity among young people



Youth Against Corruption (YAC), an initiative of the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP), has launched an online learning platform aimed at improving public understanding of ethics, governance and anti-corruption practices.

The YAC Learning Centre, available at www.yac-osp.org, provides free courses designed to help users identify corruption risks, understand ethical decision-making and develop leadership skills based on integrity.

The platform was introduced during an inter-college debate organised by the Graduate Students' Association of Ghana at the University of Cape Coast (GRASAG-UCC), in partnership with YAC and the OSP, on Saturday, 27 June 2026, at the Valco Trust Hall.

The debate focused on the motion: “A Corrupt but Highly Effective Leader is Better than a Clean but Less Effective Leader.”

Students and young professionals discussed whether effectiveness in leadership could justify unethical conduct, with speakers examining the relationship between competence, accountability and integrity.

Representatives of YAC and GRASAG-UCC argued that corruption ultimately undermines sustainable develop-

ment and that leadership effectiveness should not be separated from ethical conduct.

The organisers said the new learning platform is intended to provide young people with practical knowledge to navigate ethical challenges and make informed decisions in leadership and professional settings.

Executives of GRASAG-UCC, including National GRASSAG Vice President Mr Gideon Quansah (Ogidi), a distinguished scholar-leader and PhD Candidate in Accounting Education and his Chief of Staff Nana Yaw, supported the initiative as YAC Ambassadors.

Ahead of the debate, student leaders agreed to a proposal encouraging aspiring student leaders to complete the YAC integrity course before participating in leadership vetting processes.

The organisers said the proposal forms part of efforts to promote ethical leadership among young people and encourage a culture of accountability.

The YAC Learning Centre is open to the public through www.yac-osp.org.



YAC Learning Centre

www.yac-osp.org

Accra, Ghana

Over **1,000** young professionals trained by YAC, with **650** earning certificates

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) Learning Centre has reached a major milestone in its mission to promote ethical leadership and civic responsibility, recording more than 1,000 registered young professionals and students on its digital learning platform. According to verified platform data, 650 learners successfully completed their courses and earned certifications.

Beyond completion figures, YAC measures success by the broader impact of its educational content. The organization believes that every user who engages with the platform gains valuable knowledge that contributes to stronger ethical awareness and responsible citizenship.

Internal assessments suggest that users who do not complete the full curriculum generally fall into two groups. The first includes young entrepreneurs and early-career professionals who access the platform to find practical guidance on real-world ethical and governance challenges. These learners often seek knowledge that can be applied immediately in their careers without necessarily pursuing certification.

The second group consists of curious citizens who explore selected portions of the curriculum to better understand governance, accountability, and institutional integrity.

Even without completing the course, these users leave with greater civic awareness and a stronger appreciation of ethical leadership.

Meanwhile, the 650 certificate holders represent a growing network of digital ambassadors for integrity and good governance.



1000

YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED



650+

CERTIFICATE AWARDED



February 4, 2026

YAC Engages **City Business School** Students on Integrity and Anti-Corruption

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) team engaged about 220 students of City Business and Secondary College (CIBUSCO) in an interactive session on real-life corruption scenarios. The discussion was energetic and reflective, with students openly sharing opinions, debating grey areas, and questioning what truly constitutes corrupt behaviour.

The YAC team outlined the mandate of the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP) and highlighted the vital role citizens, especially young people, play in reporting suspected corruption. Students were introduced to Ubuntu; an African philosophy centred on communalism and empathy and were shown how corruption undermines these values by prioritising personal gain over collective well-being.

The talk also explored the broader impact of corruption on society and emphasised the importance of whistleblowing in promoting accountability and good governance. The introduction of the YAC initiative generated strong interest, with many students eager to sign up and join the movement.

During the Q&A session, students asked thoughtful and challenging questions, including inquiries about current investigations. Even after the program ended, many stayed behind to share more ideas and seek further clarification.

Overall, the engagement was informative and inspiring, reinforcing the message that the fight against corruption begins with awareness, responsibility, and active youth participation.





February 12, 2026

Young Voices at Padua Take a Stand for Integrity

Students at Ebenezer SHS (Padua) proved that the future is not a distant dream, the future has found its voice and is ready to speak boldly against corruption.

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) team stormed the campus, greeted by a sea of over 650 students whose energy could have powered the entire city. The atmosphere at the Dansoman-based school was electric as the SRC Week celebration launched, marked by a colourful display of students' individuality. The beautifully varied casual outfits worn for the special occasion added vibrance to the event, while the cadet corps delivered an impressive parade to the delight of everyone present. This wasn't just another school gathering.

The YAC team connected with the students, speaking heart-to-heart about a simple but powerful truth: Integrity doesn't begin with a headline or a politician; it begins with us.

650

STUDENTS ENGAGED

Laughter from light-hearted moments quickly transformed into focused resolve as discussions deepened around why standing against corruption is not merely a choice, but a responsibility.

In a spontaneous and inspiring moment of unity, the YAC team and the students stood shoulder-to-shoulder to take the Integrity Pledge. This collective commitment strengthened a shared sense of purpose — to fight corruption in all its forms and help build a better Ghana for the next generation.

YAC-CDD Collaborative Digital Forum

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC), in partnership with the Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) and with support from GIZ, co-hosted a high-level virtual dialogue that brought together young professionals, activists and emerging leaders.

Held under the theme, "Beyond the Headlines: Youth Accountability and the Fight Against Corruption in Ghana," the dialogue created an open, safe and intellectually engaging platform for participants to examine the country's transparency and accountability challenges. Discussions focused on the role of young people in promoting integrity, strengthening public accountability and advancing sustainable anti-corruption efforts.

The dialogue forms part of YAC's ongoing commitment to empowering young people to actively contribute to democratic governance and accountability. Through strategic partnerships with organisations such as CDD-Ghana and the support of GIZ, YAC continues to create platforms that amplify youth voices and inspire action towards a more transparent and accountable Ghana.

Space Discussion

Beyond the Headlines: Youth, Accountability and the Fight Against Corruption in Ghana

A conversation on the state of accountability and anti-corruption efforts in Ghana.

DATE
Monday, June 22, 2026

TIME
07:00 PM GMT

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March 27, 2026

PRESEC Students Take a Stand Against Corruption

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) team engaged about a 100 students of Presbyterian Boys' Senior High School (PRESEC) in a highly interactive session on issues of governance and accountability.

The forum created space for open discussion and spirited debate on what constitutes corruption and how it manifests in everyday settings. Using real-life scenarios, the YAC team prompted students to reflect on ethical decision-making, responsibility, and the importance of integrity in leadership.

A key moment during the engagement was the introduction of the Youth Against Corruption initiative, a programme run in partnership with the Odadie Rotary Club through its network of Interact Clubs across Senior High Schools in Ghana. Students expressed strong interest in joining the movement, with many signing up immediately after the presentation.

The team also highlighted the significance of whistleblowing, stressing its role as a crucial mechanism for promoting transparency and strengthening good governance. Facilitators explained how young people can responsibly contribute to a more accountable society.

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Leadership without integrity is Leadership without purpose.

During the Q&A session, students posed probing questions on corruption and ongoing investigations by the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP), reflecting a clear awareness of current national issues. A number of students remained after the session to seek further clarification and explore topics raised during the discussion.

School authorities described the outreach as impactful. PRESEC's Headmaster, Mr. David Odjidja, thanked the YAC team and extended an invitation for future engagements, including an appearance at the upcoming prefects' swearing-in ceremony and other schoolwide programmes.

The event emphasised the rising commitment among Ghanaian youth to understand and challenge corruption.



February 18, 2026

Building the Future: YAC Inspires Integrity at ATTC

On February 18, 2026, the OSP's Youth Against Corruption (YAC) initiative brought the conversation of national integrity to the Accra Technical Training Center. Engaging the entire student body, the YAC team emphasized that the fight against corruption is not just for policymakers, but a shared civic responsibility that begins in the classroom and the community.

The session vibrated with energy as students moved beyond being passive listeners to active participants. From the workshops to the assembly grounds, young leaders raised thought-provoking questions regarding transparency and the practical challenges of holding leaders accountable. The YAC team addressed these concerns directly, fostering a candid dialogue on how everyday honesty shapes the broader strength of Ghana's institutions.

This engagement reinforced a vital truth: youth empowerment is the most effective tool for sustainable change. By equipping students with the courage to demand accountability today, we ensure a more transparent tomorrow. As these young innovators prepare to enter the workforce, they carry with them the understanding that true leadership is defined by an unwavering commitment to integrity.





February 27, 2026

Youth Rising Against Corruption: YAC Lights Up Christian Methodist Senior High School

The Youth Against Corruption brought its powerful anti-corruption message to life once again, this time captivating the entire student body of Christian Methodist Senior High School in an unforgettable outreach session.

Over 200 enthusiastic students gathered as the OSP team transformed the opening of the school's annual SRC Week into a dynamic, open-air talk show. Through gripping real-life scenarios and thought-provoking discussions, the students were not only informed but deeply moved. Their moral compass awakened to the urgent need for integrity in every aspect of life.

The atmosphere was electric. Students leaned forward, shared personal reflections, and openly echoed the true cost of corruption to society. The OSP team seized the moment to unpack the Office's mandate, stressing that the fight against graft cannot succeed without the active participation of the youth.

As the conversation deepened, students discovered the devastating impact of corruption on national development and the transformative power of whistleblowing in building

accountability and good governance. The highlight came when the team introduced the Youth Against Corruption (YAC) initiative. The response was immediate and overwhelming, dozens of students eagerly agreed on the spot, pledging to become part of a growing movement of young change-makers.

Although the formal programme concluded by mid-morning, the energy refused to die down. Students continued to surround the OSP team with questions, ideas, and personal commitments long after the official end.

What began as a school event ended as a powerful movement in the making, a vivid reminder that the battle against corruption starts with awareness, gains strength through engagement, and will ultimately be won by a generation that refuses to stay silent.

The future of Ghana's integrity just got a whole lot brighter.



YAC inducts new members in Bold Fight Against Corruption

May 16, 2026

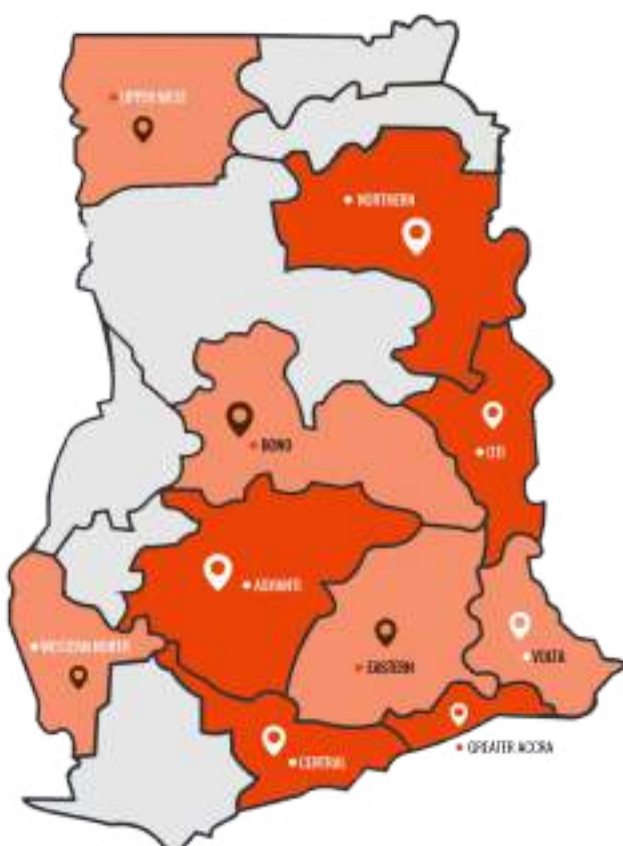
On 16 May 2026, the Youth Against Corruption (YAC) officially welcomed new YAC Ambassadors during the maiden edition of LAUNCHPad, an exciting virtual induction programme that marked the beginning of a new journey for young changemakers across Ghana.

Bringing together students, graduates, and young professionals from 10 regions of the country, LAUNCHPad was more than just an online meeting, it was the official launch of a movement driven by purpose, courage, and integrity.

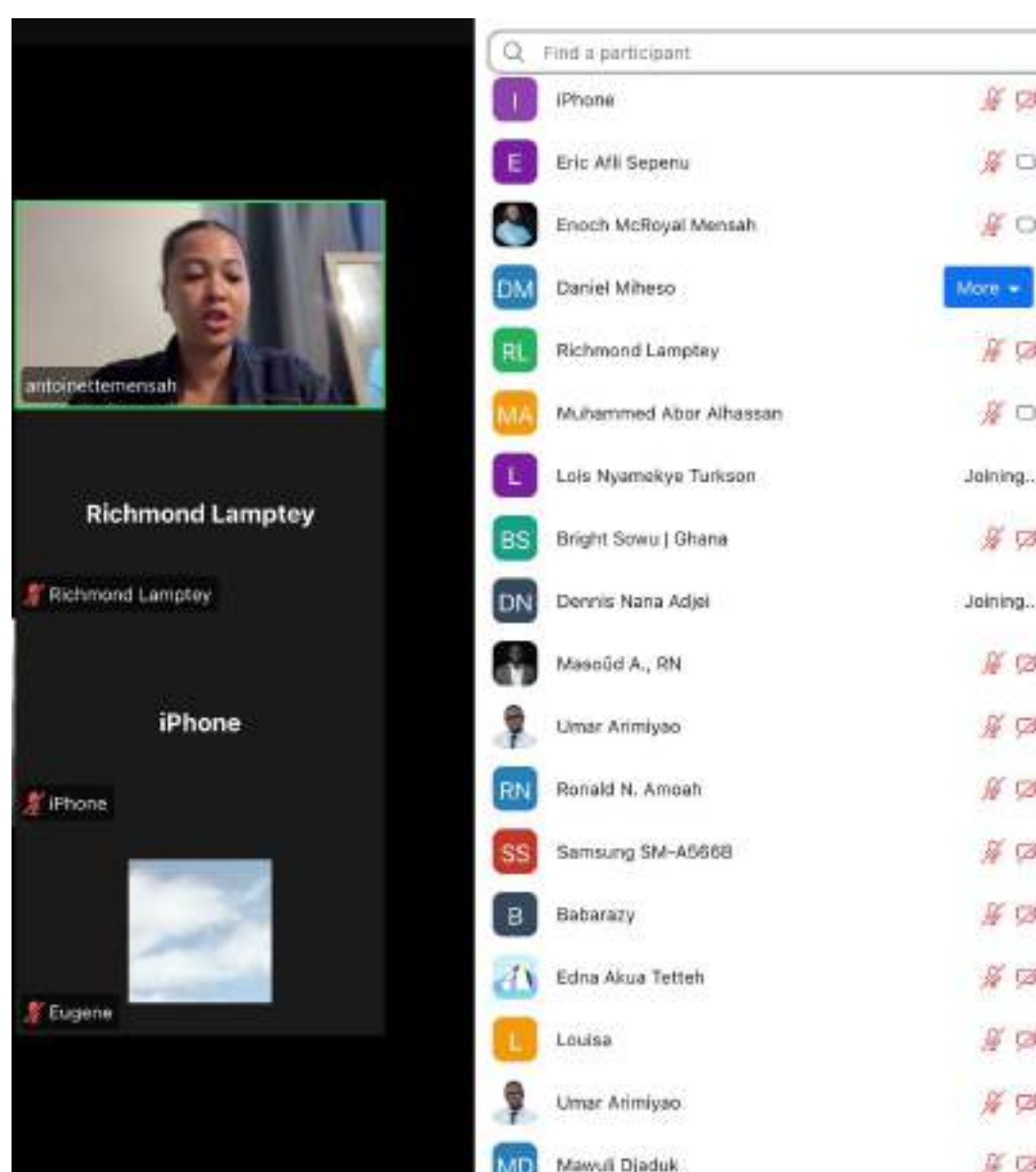
From thought-provoking discussions to real-life corruption scenarios, participants challenged themselves to think differently, share innovative ideas, and discover practical ways to fight corruption in their schools, campuses, workplaces, and communities.

Conversations ranged from standing up against bribery and promoting ethical leadership to using social media as a powerful tool for accountability and positive change.

YAC REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES



WE ARE IN 10 REGIONS





INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL
GOSPEL CHURCH
CHRIST TEMPLE

YAC Meets **ICGC** National Executives

Accra, Ghana

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) has initiated talks with the International Central Gospel Church (ICGC) under a landmark partnership to deploy a youth centred anti-corruption programme across all ICGC branches nationwide.

ICGC leadership, represented by General Secretary Rev. Dr. Michael Perry Nii Osah Tetteh, showed commitment and is taking the lead among other Christian denominations.

A framework for rolling this out across all ICGC branches was presented. YAC unveiled a four-module partnership with the International Central Gospel Church (ICGC) aimed at nurturing a generation of young people.

The programme will be delivered through Youth Camps, Youth Week and Youth Services, Sunday Church engagements, and a Youth Leadership Development Programme.

While the first three modules focus on interactive anti-corruption education through seminars, discussions, and church-wide engagements, the fourth module will train selected ICGC youth leaders as certified YAC Peer Advocates to champion integrity within their local assemblies and communities.

Through this strategic partnership, the OSP and ICGC seek to empower young people to become agents of change.

Sweet Melodies FM

OSP takes youth sensitisation to **radio** in Accra.

April 22, 2026

The Youth Against Corruption (YAC) team was live on the morning show on Sweet Melodies 94.3 FM, an Accra-based radio station, where the team talked about how corruption affects young people and how they can get involved in combating the menace.

The team introduced the Youth Against Corruption initiative, answering bold questions from listeners and giving meaningful contributions, while sharing experiences they have had from their outreach so far.

The team explained that the YAC initiative is hinged on the prevention mandate of the OSP, which seeks to inculcate the values of transparency, integrity, and accountability in the youth.





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PRESEC Odadee

June 18, 2026

YAC Inspires PRESEC Prefects to Champion Integrity and Fight Corruption.

In a powerful move to nurture integrity from the grassroots, Youth Against Corruption (YAC) Team engaged with the newly elected prefects of Presbyterian Boys' Secondary School (PRESEC). The session focused on building strong values of accountability, ethical leadership, and transparency among the next generation of Ghanaian leaders.

After the event, the student leaders shared heartfelt testimonials about their commitment to doing things differently. They spoke passionately about using their positions responsibly, rejecting any form of corruption, and starting the journey toward a more upright nation right from their school corridors. The team stressed the importance of young leaders understanding that real change begins with the choices they make today.

This outreach is part of a wider youth sensitization drive across Ghana, targeting student leaders in both second cycle and tertiary institutions. By catching future professionals, entrepreneurs, and public servants early, the program aims to plant seeds of integrity that will grow into stronger institutions and better governance tomorrow.



GRASAG-UCC Joins YAC to Champion Ethical Leadership Among Student Bodies.

June 12, 2026

Executives of GRASAG-UCC met with the Youth Against Corruption (YAC) team in Accra to discuss upcoming anti-corruption-focused events scheduled as part of this year's GRASAG-UCC Week Celebration. During a roundtable discussion, participants explored YAC's participation in the programme and how to enhance the students' experience with technical expertise. Discussions centred on activities of the weeklong celebration.

Under the theme, “Celebrating Ethical and Responsible Leadership,” the week-long programme will highlight the importance of integrity, accountability, and responsible leadership within the university community and beyond. The celebration aims to inspire postgraduate students and young leaders to embrace transparency and uphold high ethical standards in their roles, reinforcing the broader national call for anti-corruption and good governance.

The highly anticipated event is set to bring together students, leaders, and stakeholders for a dynamic and engaging experience focused on promoting ethical values in student governance.

The GRASAG Week Celebration promises a vibrant blend of academic, social, and recreational activities designed to educate and entertain. With elements that encourage learning, collaboration, and creativity, participants can expect an enriching experience that fosters both personal development and collective responsibility.

The executives are championing integrity, transparency, and accountability as core principles of campus governance through their collaboration, setting a strong example for student leaders.



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