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### 2019 ANA ANNUAL REUNION FESTIVITIES

The 2019 Amanfoo North America Reunion was held at Springfield Virginia this past Labor Day weekend. The event, themed **"Our Heritage, Our Pride"**, marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Prempeh College founding.

This year's event, which was held from August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, celebrated the graduating classes of 1952 through 1973. The program began with the Friday Meet-and-Greet session, which saw Amanfoo from across the country socializing over drinks and meals.

The business meeting was held the next day, Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>. The meeting, which largely focused on the state of ANAPEF funds, also included guest lectures on health and financial planning.

The highlight of the 3-day event was the fundraising dinner dance, which was chaired by Senior Josiah Osei, class of 1978/80. Senior Francis Achampong (1971/73), Chancellor, Penn State Mont Alto delivered a thought provoking keynote address titled "Providence, Thankfulness and Giving Back." His Excellency Senior Dr. Barfour Adjei-Barwuah (1960/62), Ghana's Ambassador to the United States, was the guest of honor. The fundraiser yielded \$53,293 cash and \$11,800 in pledges.

The weekend festivities continued the next morning with a church service. Thereafter Amanfoo headed to Lake Accotink Park for a picnic and sporting activities. Amanfoo engaged in various games including a table tennis competition, singing "gyama" and dancing. This year's event was a huge success. We eagerly look forward to the 2020 event, which will mark the 5th Anniversary of the Amanfoo North America.

### ANAPEF FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of September 2019, the total market value of ANAPEF's investment portfolio stands at \$150,110, reflecting an annualized return of 15.3% since the inception of the investment portfolio. The ANAPEF Investment Portfolio has been constructed entirely from Mutual Funds. We also have \$79,127 in our checking accounts awaiting investment decision. The ANAPEF Investment Committee manages the portfolio with prudent conservative strategies to achieve relatively low volatility while keeping track of our performance benchmark.



### FALL GREETINGS by Aaron Amankwah "Cincinnati", ANA President

Fellow Amanfoo, on behalf of the ANA and ANAPEF Boards I thank you all for your immense support in ensuring a successful 2019 annual reunion. Once again, you proved your love and pride in our heritage as Amanfoo. This year represents a milestone in the history of Prempeh College, and it behooves on each of us to rise to the occasion and "ask what we can do to make our alma mater better." As we inch towards our \$1 million target, let us be reminded of the opportunities that Prempeh College gave us. Our alma mater needs us now, and it is our duty to rise and fulfill our responsibility to mother Prempeh College.

Have an enjoyable fall, and happy holidays in advance. Floreat Prempeh College!

### CAMPUS LIFE: DOWN MEMORY LANE ...



#### *The Class of 1977/79 with the Boneshaker*

1. When did the Boneshaker first appear on campus?
2. Who was the senior housemaster then?

Send answers to:

[amanfoonorthamerica@gmail.com](mailto:amanfoonorthamerica@gmail.com) for a free ticket to the 2020 dinner dance

**Please reach out to your class rep to make a donation in support of the 70<sup>th</sup> celebration finale in Ghana**

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Above: Senior Prof. Francis Philip Achampong and Senior Prof. Peter Osei at the 2019 ANA Fundraiser

On the Left, L-R: Seniors Kofi Selassie Adimado, Michael Nketiah, Kwabena Osei Mensah, Nana Yaw Barfi, Max Osei-Tutu, Kwasi Abrefa-Kodom, Oliver Agyemang and Kwaku Baryeh

### PERSONALITY PROFILE: PETER OSEI

Senior Dr. Peter Osei entered Prempeh College in 1968, and was in Guggisberg House. He is a member of class of 1973/75 and recollects campus life with fond memories. Mr. and Mrs. Longhurst, who taught him math and biology respectively in forms 3 and 4, were his mentors and he attributes his love of the sciences to them. Senior Osei was such an astute science student, that he led Guggisberg to 3 of Dr. T.A. Osae's inter-house quiz championships.

A huge Asante Kotoko fan, he used to sneak out with friends on Sundays to see his team play. One time, an impromptu roll call conducted during an epic Kotoko-Hearts match got them caught. As punishment, Housemaster Mr. "Sonny" Boakye, made them weed the pineapple farm. In retaliation, they rebelled against the house prefects, prompting their banishment from the form 5 dorm to the "gates" of the junior dorms.

Senior Osei holds a Ph.D. in Nutrition from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has been Professor of Nutrition at Central Connecticut State University since 1994. As Chief Health Professions Advisor, he guides students to various careers in the health profession. He truly believes education is empowerment.

He enjoys playing scrabble and chess, and when not occupied by academics, he watches soccer.

**Prof. Osei is a big supporter of ANA and ANAPEF and has donated \$25,000 to ANAPEF thus far!**

We are proud to recognize Dr. Osei's contribution.

Ayekoo! ANA is eternally indebted to you!

**Seniors are encouraged to pay \$50 annual dues and make contributions through:**

**Wire transfer:** Wells Fargo Bank

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Account #: 8563252447 Routing #: 121000248

420 Montgomery St, San Francisco, CA 94104

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Account #: 8563252447 Swift code: WFBUIUS6S

**Checks payable to:** Amanfoo North America,

8222 Northview Court, Laurel, MD 20707

**ACH transfers/direct deposit:** Wells Fargo Bank

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