**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: A SPOTLIGHT ON CSU ALUMNUS GLOBAL ICON**

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The Christian Service University is 50 years and is pursuing a one-year anniversary celebrations under the theme: “CSUC @50: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects”.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the University is celebrating the academic excellence of its over 7000 alumni. One of such alumni who has distinguished himself in the area of academic excellence is Associate Professor Dr Dr Dr Joseph Akwasi Agyemang who has been celebrated as a global icon for bagging three PhDs in Accounting from three different universities.

**Academic achievements of Professor Agyemang**

Associate Professor Agyemang began his academic journey from Christian Service University (then Christian Service University College) from 2004 and graduated in 2007. It is instructive to note that he was one of the first batch of Bachelor of Business Administration students and he pursued Accounting (honours). Currently, Professor Agyemang is a member of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA). Prior to his current appointment, he has lectured in several universities including Ghana Communication Technology, Sikkim Manipal University, Ghana Baptist University College, University of Cape Coast (Distance learning), Christian Service University College and the Institute of Business Management and Journalism (IBM&J).

In addition to the 3 PhDs Professor Agyemang holds three research based second degrees namely: Master of Philosophy in Accounting Sciences (Financial Accounting) from University of South Africa, Master of Financial Management (Treasury and Working Capital Management) from Amity University Utter Pradesh, India, a Master of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) from Sikkim Manipal University, India, and a Post Graduate Diploma - PGD in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination from International Forensic Science, India.

Professor Dr Dr Dr Agyemang has authored a number of books and published a number of articles in journals of repute such as Migration Letters, Sustainability, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Energy Exploration & Exploitation, Dinasti International Journal of Economics, Finance & Accounting, and many others. Professor Agyemang’s standing as an academic achiever is underscored by his ranking in the Alper-Doger (AD) Scientific Index, where he ranks as the 16th most cited scientist at the University of Eswatini and the 19th most cited scientist in Eswatini.

Currently, Professor Agyemang has 16 publications (single) in refereed journals and 6 co-authored publications to his credit and a member of professional bodies including: 1)Certified Public Accountant (CPA): Institute of Certified Public Accountants – Pakistan; 2)Member Certified Public Accountants (MIPA): Institute of Public Accountants, Australia; 3)Associate Certified Financial Accountant (AFA): Institute of Financial Accountants, London; (Member of IPA); 4)Associate Certified Forensic Accountant (ACFA): Institute of Certified Forensic Accountants – Canada & USA; 5)Certified Forensic Expert: International Forensic Sciences – India.

**CSU’s Alumni Recognition**

The CSU over the years has committed itself to achieving academic and professional excellence through hard work, discipline and rigorous academic pursuit in line with its mission of promoting knowledge for the training of men and women in Christian values and principles, for the transformation of society. It is not therefore surprising that the institution has produced high profile personalities like the Most Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Asante, who was once the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church Ghana and also the chairman for the National Peace Council, Ghana. A mention can also be made of the 18th moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Rt. Rev. Professor Joseph Obiri Yeboah Mante; the current Ghana Journalist Award Best Journalist of the Year (2023), Erastus Asare Donkor, the Chief Executive Officer of Ghana Publishing Company, Mr. Samuel Binfoh Darkwa, among several others.

**CSU’s brand of Academic Excellence**

The CSU brand of academic excellence is transformational in line with its vision and mission. The institution pays particular attention to rigorous ICT driven teaching and learning in a competitive and supportive environment and above all, drive tertiary education around Christian values of ethics, integrity and hard work. That makes CSU unique. This explains why 50 years on, the University continues to excel in its mandate of transforming society through ethical leadership. As the institution attains Charter, there are plans to consolidate these gains to become a global competitor in the area of academic excellence for societal impact.

From all indications, Professor Agyeman has demonstrated academic excellence that is worth celebrating and emulating. Sometimes the general perception is that individuals who excel at the global level must be products of the “big universities”. But CSU has demonstrated that private institutions can also become trail blazers! On this note, the Management and the entire CSU community wish to congratulate Professor Dr Dr Dr Agyemang and all other alumni who are excelling in their various fields of endeavour. The University pledges its support to continue to build sustainable partnerships with all alumni to advance the CSU transformational agenda.

CSU is proud of you all!

*Long live CSU!*

*Long live Ghana!*