

# GHANA SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL (GSTS)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

# 10<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner Dance

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**Arrival of Guests and Silent Auction****6:30pm****Call to Order and Minute of Silence:***Giant Mr. Kwabena Nkansah'92- Chair, Dinner and Convention Committee***Remarks by President***Giant Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun '80 '82, - President, GAA-North America**Introduction by: Giant Mr. Mickey Dawson-Annan'79'81,- Member BOT - Master of Ceremonies**Assisted by: Giant Mr. Samuel Nii Robertson-Okine '81***Remarks by BOT Chair***Giant Professor Yaw Yeboah '69 '71,- Chairman, Board of Trustees, GAA-North America.**Introduction by: Giant Mr. Mickey Dawson-Annan'79'81, - Member BOT - Master of Ceremonies***Honorary Chairman's Remarks and Welcome of Special/Invited Guest***Giant Mr. Henry Essilfie'66 –Honorary Chairman**Introduction by: Giant Mr. Mickey Dawson-Annan'79'81,- Member BOT - Master of Ceremonies***Remarks by Special Guest of Honor***Giant Commodore Steve Obimpeh'61 (Rtd)–Special Guest**Introduction by: Giant Dr. Jonathan Abrokwah'69'71, - Member, BOT**1<sup>st</sup> Keynote Speaker – Giant Wg. Cdr. W. K. Kekrebesi'71 '73 (Rtd) – President, GAA**Introduction by: Giant Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun '80 '82**2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote Speaker– Mr. Samuel K. Essel – Headmaster, GSTS**Introduction by: Giant Mr. Phaniel Markin'76***Fundraising Video***Giant Mr. Kwamena Sankah'88 '90 – Vice-President and Chair, Fundraising Committee***Dinner and Appeal for Funds***Hon. Chairman, Giant Mr. Henry Essilfie'66**Assisted By: Gt. Mr. Irving Nemi'83 '85, - Treasurer and Gt. Mr. Victor Gorman'92, - Dep. Organizer***Special Recognition and Group Photographs***Giant Professor Yaw Yeboah '69 '71,- Chairman, Board of Trustees GAA-North America.***Entertainment, Live Music, Dance and fundraising***Giant Mr. Samuel Nii Robertson'81 and DJ MixMasterbert***End of Silent Auction and Announcement of Winner****Vote of thanks and Announcements***Giant Dr. Edward Botse-Baidoo'91 – National Organizer**Giant Mr. Anthony Ashon'81,- Secretary and Giant Kwabena Nkansah'92***School Anthem and End****11:45pm****Theme: The role of the GSTS Alumni Association –Past, Present and future**



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## Remarks of the Chairman

Good Evening! Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: On this joyous occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner-Dance of the Ghana Secondary Technical School (GSTS) Alumni Association of North America (GAA-NA), I wish to warmly welcome and sincerely thank you, on behalf of GSTS and the Board of Trustees of GAA-NA, for your attendance, participation and support.

Many of you have either experienced directly (as alumni) or heard (as friends and well-wishers) the incredible and undeniable impact GSTS has had over the past 108 years on the high school education and subsequent careers of many young students. Its graduates have been accomplished professionals who have made or are making tremendous contributions in Ghana, the United States, many other countries and society at large. We gather on this special occasion to celebrate the many accomplishments and achievements of this iconic institution, GSTS, and its products. We are also, on this occasion, committing through our continued support and fundraising activities to helping the school regain its preeminent status among high schools in Ghana. This will ensure the school continues to stay relevant and maintains the leadership and tradition of excellence for which it has always been known.

A major need to ensure continued excellence of the institution is the strong support of alumni, friends and well-wishers. The support may be in the form of time or service, financial and other resources. GSTS needs all the assistance we can provide to help with its infrastructure, scholarships and programs. To underscore the needs and importance of stewardship, the current headmaster and president of the worldwide GSTS Alumni Association (GAA) are present at this event to interact and share with you their thoughts too. We all pledge and assure you, as donors, that we will be excellent stewards of your gifts and donations and that all funds raised will go only for the specified and intended projects.

People often say that what one says (or needs) is not as important as how it is said (or obtained). So, now that we have a newly established worldwide alumni association with elected Executives and know what is needed, the question is, how do we accomplish what needs to be done? In my humble opinion, it will take teamwork built on the 4Cs: Commitment (dedication to our cause or activity); Collaboration (all stakeholders strategically choosing to cooperate to achieve our shared objective); Cohesiveness (well-integrated, unified (sticking together)); and Sense of Community (alumni, friends and well-wishers feeling a sense of membership/belonging, developing influence/trust, reinforcing integration and fulfilment of needs, and having a shared emotional connection to GSTS).

In summary, I wish to strongly stress the importance of teamwork built on the 4Cs as we move from the past and present to the future under our new GAA structure and leadership to assist our beloved GSTS. We should be guided, going forward, by the many African proverbs relating to teamwork: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"; "One tree does not make a forest. It takes a collection of trees" etc. With teamwork built on the 4Cs and stakeholders contributing whatever they can offer – time, money, and other resources, you will be amazed with how far (and perhaps even fast) we can go in moving GSTS to the next level. Teamwork (togetherness) is indeed an asset and strength!

Thank you and God Bless. Giants Stand Tall!

Yaw D. Yeboah, Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering and Former Dean of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

**Professor Yaw D. Yeboah** is a tenured Professor at the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering. Until stepping down in 2015, he was the Dean of the College of Engineering and Head of the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering that run programs in Energy Business and Finance, Energy Engineering, Environmental Systems Engineering, Mining Engineering, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering at Penn State University. He was also a Professor of Engineering and Associate Dean for Science and Engineering at Clark Atlanta University.



After completing his General Certificates of Education (GCE "O" and "A" Levels) at the Ghana Secondary Technical School at Takoradi, Ghana, in 1971, Prof. Yeboah received a scholarship to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where in June 1975 he became the first person to receive four separate degrees within four years from MIT: BS degrees in chemical engineering, chemistry and management, and a MS in chemical engineering. He subsequently received his doctorate in chemical engineering also from MIT. Prof. Yeboah has over 30 years of research (academic and industrial), teaching and project management experience.

Before going into academia, Prof. Yaw Yeboah worked at the General Electric Corporate Research and Development Center. His research expertise covers such areas as catalysis, bioenergy, fuel cells and energy conversion, combustion and emission control, oilfield scale formation, nanomaterials and materials characterization. He has published widely in these areas. Some of his recent research projects include electrocatalysis/nanomaterials, catalytic gasification with eutectic salts, PEM fuel cells, hydrogen from biomass for transportation and stationary fuel cell power generation, fire spread behavior in liquid pools, and use of non-thermal plasma discharge for emission (NOx) control.

Prof. Yaw Yeboah was the Library Prefect while at GSTS and is very passionate about his alma mater. He is a lifetime Member of the Alumni Association and is the current Chair of the Board of Trustees.

## Giant Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun

### WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the GSTS Alumni Association of North America's (GAA-NA) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and also our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. I want to especially welcome our Guest Speakers, the Chairman and the Special Guest of Honor for this celebration. We are very delighted to celebrate this milestone in the history of our organization with all, especially those of you who have come in person to celebrate with us.

We have come a long way from 10 years ago when 10 Giants met in Maryland to form this organization. We are very grateful to these Founding Members and especially grateful to all who have contributed over the years to get us to where we are today. Personally, I would like to thank my immediate predecessor Giant Mr. Charles Kumi, the former Chairman of the Board Giant (Dr.) Samuel Johnson and all Trustees, Executives and members of the Association past and present.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us remember the reason why we exist as an organization. The mission of this organization is to foster growth, academic and infrastructure development as well as student motivation at our alma mater; Ghana Secondary Technical School (GSTS) in Takoradi. We are therefore calling on all of our alumni and well-wishers of GSTS to continue to support us to accomplish our mission, which is, to support our alma mater to the best of our ability.

Thank you all for celebrating this occasion with us. Giants Stand Tall and God bless GSTS.



Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun entered GSTS in 1975 and completed his O-level and A-level in 1980 and 1982, respectively. At GSTS, Emmanuel was in Einstein Hall and a member of the Scripture Union, Catholic Students Association, Debate Society and Chess Club. He also held several positions such as Class Prefect, Cabin Monitor, Entertainment Representative and Entertainment Prefect.

Emmanuel received his BSc. (Honors) degree in Civil Engineering from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in 1987. He also holds a Masters of Philosophy (MPhil) in Civil Engineering from KNUST and a PhD degree in Civil Engineering from the University Of Kansas (KU) in Lawrence, Kansas.

Emmanuel is a Registered Professional Engineer in three States and the Vice President of Engineering for Constructive Engineering Design, Inc. (CED), a structural engineering design and built firm. His area of expertise is Heavy Structural Steel Buildings. He has designed structural steel connections for numerous high-rise buildings throughout the United States.

Emmanuel is very passionate about GSTS and was a founding member of the GSTS Alumni Association of North America (GAA-NA). He is currently the President and a lifetime member of the Association.





**Giant Wg. Cdr. William K. Kekrebesi (Rtd)**



*In September 1966, I entered GSTS in search of knowledge in science and technology. Our dream then was the popular – phy-ma-ma – that is, physics mathematics and mathematics: perhaps chemistry was embedded. I remember writing a protest letter in form 3 to my English teacher, Mr. Taylor about the introduction of subjects like history and biology. The expanded syllabus was put into place when Mr. DV Owiredu became headmaster, following the tenure of Mr. Adu Ampomah. While these additions helped to produce well rounded students, it could also be argued that it was the beginning of the dilution of the original mission of GSTS, which was to produce engineers and scientists to power Ghana's growing economy.*

*This trend continues at the national level in Ghana, at a time when STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is being promoted even in developed countries like the US. Currently, the School of Liberal Arts is larger than the School of Engineering at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology our premier science/technological university. I do not know how the situation is at MIT and this is not to say the arts and business are not important. Our problem in Ghana however is, we have totally neglected and failed to invest in science and technical education and we seem to be reaping its consequences.*

*We do not need any elaborate research to appreciate the fact that countries that manufacture products are richer than those still wallowing in the quagmire of consumerism. In order to prosper, a country must innovate and manufacture something. To correct this in Ghana, we need to take a second look at the educational curricula of our schools, and invest appropriately especially at specialized schools like GSTS.*

*Several years back, I became aware of some GSTS Giants getting together to reboot our Old Boys Association to help GSTS. This was taking place in Accra and the US. In fact, I joined the Accra group and became president until handing over to Giant George Otoo.*

*In the US too, Giants like Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun, Mr. Ishmael Acquah, Mr. Anthony Ashon, Mr. Victor Abbey, Dr. Tetteh Abbeyquaye, Mr. Samuel Nketsia-Tabiri, Mr. Emmanuel Kofi Arthur, Mr. Mickey Dawson-Annan, Mr. Daniel Sam, Mr. John Baidoo, and many others begun the hard work of forming the US association. Today, we now have an International GSTS Alumni Association. We appreciate all these hardworking Giants whose efforts have brought us thus far.*

*I join you here as the first president of the GAA and on behalf of all Giants to say, Ayeekoo! Congratulations to GAA North America on this 10th Anniversary, an achievement worth applauding. Indeed we can say Ebenezer. God has brought us thus far.*

*You are here to support a worthy cause of sending GSTS and Ghana back to the original path of training the manpower required to launch her on the path of prosperity. Is there any worthier cause than this? This is the aim of this 10th year anniversary and fund raising event. I urge you to give generously to your country and this institution.*

*God bless you.*

### **Giant Mr. Henry Essilfie**

*Giant Henry Essilfie matriculated at GSTS in the year 1961 and completed his O-levels in 1966. A member of Ritchie House, Gt. Essilfie played soccer and was a member of the school's renowned cadet corps.*

*Since graduation, Gt. Essilfie has been working in the area of air aviation. He holds Federal Aviation licenses in Flight Dispatch and Flight Engineering and is currently an Aviation Consultant.*

*Gt. Essilfie's passion for GSTS is unquestionable. Over the years, he has supported a number of projects at the school. Currently, he lives in the United States and is a member of the GSTS Alumni Association of North America.*



## SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR

### **Giant Commodore Steve Obimpeh (Rtd)**



*Giant Commodore Steve George Obimpeh graduated from Ghana Secondary Technical School (GSTS) in 1961. He immediately enlisted at the Ghana Military Academy in Teshie, Ghana and after initial training, proceeded to the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth UK for his naval training. In 1963, he was commissioned as an officer in the Ghana Navy. During his naval career, Giant Obimpeh undertook several courses including a senior officer naval course at the Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island, U.S.A.*

*Professionally, Giant Obimpeh served in several command positions within the Ghana Navy. This includes; Commander of Ghana Navy Ships "GNS AFADZATO" and "GNS EJURA". He also became the Naval Officer, in charge of Western Command; DPA and CSO at Naval HQ and ultimately, rose to the high office of Chief of Naval Staff (Navy Commander) of the Ghana Navy.*

*As a dedicated public servant, Giant Obimpeh's life after retirement from the military has been equally exemplary. Between 1982 and 1985, he was appointed Managing Director of the State Shipping Corporation. During that time, he led the successful evacuation of tens of thousands of Ghanaians repatriated from Nigeria. He then served as Minister for Agriculture from 1986 to 1992, instituting during his tenure, the celebration of "Farmers Day" as a national holiday. After six (6) years at the Agriculture Ministry, Giant Obimpeh was appointed Minister of Health. In elected office, he became Member of Parliament (MP) for the North Dayi Constituency for two (2) consecutive terms.*

*Cdre Obimpeh holds a Master's degree in Maritime Strategy and Management from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA. He has served on many boards including the Ghana Railways and Ports Authority Board, Ghana Armed Forces Staff College Control Board, Ghana Nautical College Council, the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden and the Veterans Association of Ghana.*

*His support and love for GSTS has also remained steadfast since his graduation from GSTS. He is one of the school's most respected alumnus and has on numerous occasions, provided various kinds of support to the school.*

*Now in retirement, Giant Obimpeh lives with his wife Helen and is an active member of the International Lions Club. He enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.*

**Mr. Samuel Kofi Essel. - Headmaster, GSTS**

*Mr. Samuel Kofi Essel's journey of excellence in teaching began after successfully completing his A-Levels at St. John's School, Sekondi in 1982. He then matriculated at the University of Cape Coast and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree (Chemistry Major) and a diploma certificate in education.*

*Mr. Essel taught Chemistry and Integrated Science at his alma mater, St. John's School from 1990 to 2013. At St. John's, he was noted for hard work, punctuality, team spirit, and truthfulness in the performance of his duties. His commitment to work led to his appointment as Head of the Science Department from 2005 to 2012. He went back to the University of Cape Coast for graduate studies and obtained a Master's Degree in Science Education. Aside teaching, Mr. Essel was also a patron of the St. John's Science and Mathematics Club.*

*He was appointed Assistant Headmaster (Academic) at the Tarkwa Senior High School in the Western Region on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2014, with about twenty six years (26) of teaching experience under his belt. After nearly two (2) years at Tarkwa SHS, the zeal, commitment, and enthusiasm with which performed of his duties resulted in a meteoric rise; an appointment as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Headmaster of Ghana Secondary Technical School (GSTS), Takoradi.*

*Mr. Essel has served on the Board of Governors (BOG) of St. John's School –Sekondi. He is also the author of “Practical Chemistry for Senior High Schools (SamKofel's Series)” a popular chemistry textbook for Senior High School (SHS) students.*

*He is a devoted member of the Assemblies of God Church-Ghana, a deacon, a director of a church ministry, a singer, a guitarist and an organist. He is married to Mrs. Juliana Annett Essel and a father of three strong boys, Andy, Stephen and Sydney.*

**Giant Wing Commander William Eugene K. Kekrebesi (Rtd)****President, GSTS Alumni Association (GAA)**

*Giant Wing Commander William Eugene Kwaku Kekrebesi (Rtd) entered Form One at the then Government Secondary Technical School (GSTS) in September 1966. During his Sixth Form, he was appointed to the high office of Senior Prefect of the school. Giant Kekrebesi completed GSTS in June 1973 and immediately joined the Ghana Armed Forces. He trained at the Ghana Military Academy, and then proceeded to the Netherlands where he undertook further training as an air force pilot.*

*During his 33 years of service in the Ghana Airforce, Giant Kekrebesi held many command positions and also participated in peacekeeping operations around the world. Some of these include: United Nations Missions in Lebanon and Israel, the former Yugoslavia, Ethiopia and Eritrea. He is a certified US Federal Aviation Safety Manager and has worked for a few airlines since his retirement from the military.*

*Giant Kekrebesi has always been a strong supporter of GSTS, and has a long history of involvement in GSTS alumni affairs. For a period, he was the President of the GSTS Old Boys Association. After a few years off the leadership, he was recently elected as President of a reorganized GSTS Alumni Association (GAA).*

*Giant Kekrebesi holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Ghana, Legon. He has a beautiful wife Rosemary Aku, and three (3) children; two of whom live in the US. He is also an avid soccer and boxing fan and enjoys reading and horse riding.*

*GSTS is probably the only one of the top pre-independence schools in Ghana that never had a viable Old Students' Association in the real sense of the term as we know it today. And the reason is not difficult to find. Although the products of our Alma mater provided large numbers of middle and senior level personnel for the technical departments and institutions of the Gold Coast before independence and after independence, as one of only two government secondary schools in the country, the school was more than adequately resourced by the state. There was therefore, no need for Old Boys of the school or any other organisation for that matter, to provide anything for it. The school did not even have a Parent/Teacher Association (PTA).*

*Old Boys of GSTS got together wherever they found themselves in reasonable numbers, mostly for social purposes, to reminisce about their time in school and catch up with each other. Historical references suggest that an Old Boys' Group may have existed as far back as the early 1930s. Much later, there were such fairly informal groups at Ghana Railways, Ghana Airways Corporation, the Ghana Armed Forces, Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, the mines, Public Works Department, (PWD), Government Transport (later State Transport Corporation), Ghana Highways Authority, Architectural and Engineering Services Limited (AESL), the erstwhile Tarkwa School of Mines, the old Technical Institutes and Polytechnics, as well as the Senior Staff of the Departments of the traditional universities of the country.*

*Later, these groupings became a little more formalised with elected officers, but were still largely for "end of year get together" purposes. In the early to late 1960s 'Old Boys' visited the school towards the end of the academic year, usually over a weekend, to play games against the various school and house sports teams. On these visits, Old Boys usually slept among the students in their former houses (there were spare mattresses that junior boys could sleep on and the "overflows" were often accommodated by the housemasters). They also mentored the younger students or "Green Horns" or "Raws" as they called virtually everyone still in school. Because most Giants worked in departments and institutions based in Accra, it was almost always invariably, "the Old Boys from Accra are coming for the weekend". Later, "Old Boys" from the universities especially KNUST began making such regular trips to the school.*

*As one Old Boy who has sadly passed away used to say, "the workshops and laboratories at GSTS taught and inculcated such independence and confidence in us that, we did not need networking or "old boyism" for jobs and positions after school." According to that theory, while most of the existing Old Student Associations in Ghana got together to play the "old school tie" or networking schemes where older products "fixed" their younger school mates with jobs and positions, Old Boys of GSTS "were too proud for those games." They went out of the four walls of the school with confidence to "face the world."*

*Later in the late 1970s and early 80s when life began to get tough for schools and colleges in Ghana, some Old Boys and groups provided assistance to the school either as individuals or loose groups. For instance, Mr W W Dompey, then Managing Director of State Transport Corporation provided scholarships for a number of brilliant but needy students in the school for several years. Mr Tuyee who operated his own chalk manufacturing factory in Tema provided the school with chalk, free of charge, for many years. During the "famine" of the early 1980s, some pilots and engineers of Ghana Airways Corporation supplied "provisions" to the school for a period.*

*Other Giants have volunteered as well as provided financial and other types of support to the school to this day, often without recourse to any grouping. To mention a few more names: Giants Gyasi Adonteng '56, Ambassador G.O Kesse '58, Commodore Steve Obimpeh'61, the Late Prof. K. A. Andam '65, J N Okyere '62, Dr K Y Amoako '63'65, Kwaku Botchway '64, Ofei-Bekoe '67'69, S W Y Incoom '68'70 The Late Togbui Kporku '68'70, Kwaku Osafo-Antwi '69, Samuel K Brenyah '71'73, Albert Ogyiri '72, Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa '73, John Aidoo '72, Captain Owusu Koranteng '73, Dr Kofi Adu-Mensah '73, Edmund Obeng '71, George Otoo '74, Yaw Domena '74, Prof R.K Nkum '74'76, Emmanuel Blay '73'75, Andy Konney '77, Mr. Joseph Ashun '74, Mr. Jim Baiden '74, Dr. Nyarko-Mensah '75, Enoch Cobbinah '75, Patrick Attipoe '76, Dr Alex Mensah '78, Eric Akrofi '79, Henry Boafo '80'82, Agyabu Nyanzu '81, Ebenezer Afadzie '84, Johnson Teye '83'85, Isaac B. Clement '84, Alfred Gyan '84'86', William Adusei '89, Kwesi Abbiw '91 and many more. In fact, two of our*

alumni, Gts Thomas K. Mensah '71'73 and Asford Adams '75'77 have served our school as Headmaster.

Obviously, space would not permit me to produce a full listing of all Giant supporters of the School and the Association. As members of the Association, we can only salute and thank these illustrious Giants and the many more unsung heroes of the GSTS alumni family from the bottom of our hearts.

By the mid-1980s, there was a fairly formal association in Accra for Old Boys in the Accra-Tema Metropolitan Area. Other Old Boys' groups also started in Takoradi, Tarkwa, Kumasi, and Tema. It was during that period that the then Chairman, Mr Grant Ohemeng Kesse and a few of his age group coined the accolade "Giants of the West." Which would later be shortened, "Giants," for Old Boys of the school. At that time, the Association also toyed with the idea of "Fight the good fight with all thy might," which was the final hymn that was sung at the evening service of the Sunday before final examinations began every term, as the School's Anthem.

The United Kingdom Chapter of the Old Boys' Association, although thin on numbers, was the very first one to be inaugurated outside Ghana, with Gt Dr S N Adjei (King Crole)'65'67, as its first Chairman. Like other Old Boys' Groups, a few members kept it going, notable amongst them: Gts Farouk Y. Haruna'90, Raymond Akuaku'88'91, Michael Asiedu'76, Frank Akoto'71 (Current Chairman), Otis Abekah-Mensah'70'72, Richard RM Ofori Brown'73'75 and Commander Appiah. The Group managed to attract Giants from continental Europe and was the Chapter that with the assistance of Giants Samuel Abekah-Mensah and Richard Ofori-Brown, donated the very first server and a number of computers to the school.

The Tenth Anniversary celebration of the GSTS Alumni Association (GAA), North America, could not have come at a more opportune time. Ten years ago, you embarked on a journey with ten (10) Giants to unite all

Giants in North America (USA and Canada). Your able leadership in helping to unify and reorganise the GSTS Alumni Association cannot be understated, especially as your Association has led the revival of a global association, leading to the enactment and promulgation of a new Constitution and election of its first executive committee. Arguably, it could be one described as one of the most important events in the life of the GSTS Alumni Association so far.

Also, owing to the good work that was began by your group a decade ago, several vibrant year groups and many individuals are now organising and poised to do or have done great things for the school at the present time. And in this, the tireless efforts of Gts Dr. Tetteh Abbeyquaye '89, Dr. Joseph Papa Amuah '92, Seth Ahiekpor '69, Ishmael Acquah '81, Phaniel Markin '76, Mickey Dawson- Annan'79'81, and Irving Nemi'83'85 as well your able leadership under Gts Dr. Sam Johnson '76, Charles Kumi '76, Kwaku Nnuro '74'76, Dr. Ernest Ofori-Darko '78'80, Dr. Jonathan Abrokwah '69'71, Dr. Emmanuel (Lee) Idun '80'82, Prof. Yaw Yeboah '69,'71, Anthony Ashon '81, Emmanuel Arthur '81, Kwamena Sankah '88'90, Victor Gorman '92, Dr. Edward Botse-Baidoo '91 and many more must be acknowledged.

We need to rebuild our Alma mater for our own sake and for the sake of Ghana and generations unborn, and in this venture, all groups and chapters will be looking up to your innovative ideas and contributions. History shall record that the founders of GAA- North America, past and present Trustees, Executives and many of your active Members made a significant and indelible contribution to the GAA.

We wish you a very successful anniversary celebration and may the Almighty continue to bless you all and all Giants everywhere and make us bright beacons wherever we find ourselves in the world.

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*Thank you*



## HISTORY OF SCHOOL

Ghana Secondary Technical School, Takoradi, was founded on 9th August 1909 as the Accra Technical School. It was located at the former Accountant-General Offices until 1939. Its founding was in response to the growing need of technical education for artisans working with the Colonial Gold Coast Government - Transport and Communication, Public Works and Electrical Supply



Commission. Products of the school were also urgently needed as technical instructors in senior and middle schools

With an initial class of 19 students, (a number that increased to 25 by the end of the first term), the school offered three (3) year courses in metalwork and woodwork to students who then qualified as artisans. In line with the school's objectives of providing practical training in engineering and craftsmanship, students of the school, from 1912, began internships, first with the Railways and later with the Public Works Department. This was a symbiotic relationship in which the school had the opportunity to reinforce classroom theory with practical experience, while the government departments benefited from the services of these students. In May 1912, the first batch of 28 candidates, made up of eighteen (18) metalwork and ten (10) woodwork candidates, were presented for examination. The graduates were subsequently recruited into government departments such as the Public Works Department, Waterworks and Railways.

Since its inception, the school has lived with problems. The pioneers of the school had to be housed in the dormitories of the Government Teacher Training College since the school had no lodgings of its own. As a result of this lack of accommodation most of the students from Accra were non-resident. In 1911, two dormitories were put up. Paradoxically, another problem namely a slow growth rate in the student population set in. It was really difficult getting boys to enroll in the school. When the Acting Governor of the Gold Coast, H. Bunyan, visited

the school in the middle of 1912, he was so disappointed at the small number of boys and the many vacancies that remained unfilled that he contemplated reducing the staff if the number of students did not rise appreciably.

The growing concern shown by the Governor and the Director of Education gave the school a new lease of life. But this was short-lived as the World War I started leading to a disruption of the school's academic



activities. The news of the declaration of war on Germany by the British Empire was received on the 5th of August, 1914. Four days afterwards, instructions were given for the evacuation of the Technical School and the Training College buildings so they could be used to house German prisoners caught in Togoland (which was a minor theater of the war). Not only was the school down temporarily, but the staff were required for rendering various services in connection with the war. Some of the students also entered the Volunteer Service and two actually saw action in East Africa

In 1917, the first Principal of the school, Mr. H.A. Wright, retired and handed over to Mr. Pickles. Mr. Pickles was then replaced as Principal by Mr. M. McLaren in November 1919



In 1921, new dormitories were provided towards the end of the academic year and all non-resident students went into residence. Then in 1922, work started on a bungalow for a housemaster. It was opened in 1923 and for the first time there was a resident housemaster. 1923 proved to be a year to remember, it saw the passing out of 45 students made up of 36 woodwork students and 9 metalwork students. That same year the Old Boys Association was formed. Unlike the previous decade, the story of the school in the 1920s was that of overcrowding and consequently the need for more accommodation. Fortunately, the Training College was removed to Achimota College and its buildings were taken over for the extension of the Technical School. In spite of that, the school experienced acute overcrowding again both in the dormitories and workshops.

## School History Continued

With the school's name now changed to Government Technical School, it began receiving a somewhat unique attention from the colonial government. This stemmed from the fact that, it was the potential life-blood for the principal industrial concerns of the Gold Coast. Its students started taking the British City and Guilds Examinations from 1933 signaling an upgrade in the courses being offered. A fourth-year was introduced before the planned transfer to Takoradi.

The buildings in Takoradi were completed in 1939 at the cost of £37,000. The site, was larger than the former, with it being sited on a 120-hectare ground. Accordingly, packing started immediately from May 1939 and equipment from Accra were transferred by road to Takoradi during the month of June, July and August. The school re-opened in Takoradi on the 21st of September, 1939 under the headship of Mr. T. T. Gilbert. Here, its unique character became evident as students from other West Africa countries enrolled at the school. From 1940, students from Nigeria, the Republic of Benin (then Dahomey), and Sierra Leone enrolled at the school in numbers since the school was the only Technical School in the entire West Africa region.

Just as the school began settling down in Takoradi, World War II broke out and the school had to be moved again as its premises were needed this time for the Royal Air Force. In August, 1940 the school moved to the Elmina Castle and the "Royal" Air Force occupied its buildings. (Today a miniature nose of an airplane still hangs at the entrance of the main classroom block to commemorate the occupation by the Royal Air Force). Elmina Castle was woefully unsuitable for a school and a few alterations were required before it could house a school. Again, equipment had to be transferred; this was done in November and December of 1940 and the school re-opened in January 1941. Only fifty (50) of the students enrolled.

Sixteen months after its relocation to the Elmina Castle, the need for training service tradesmen to support the technical branch of the colonial military caused the

school to be absorbed into the technical branch of the military to support WWII. All staff and most of the students served in the military until the end of hostilities. The Royal Air Force which occupied the school's buildings in Takoradi moved out in October 1945 giving way for the return of Government Technical School under the headship of Major T. C. Watkins, designated Acting Principal. A few of the former staff were brought back and the school started growing again, albeit relatively slowly. In 1950 there were 110 students, compared to 80, recorded as early as 1928.



## T H E M O D E R N E R A

1953 saw drastic changes with the introduction of a Secondary School Curriculum. The school then became Government Secondary Technical School. A five-year course leading to the School Certificate was initiated. The pre-1953 curriculum comprised of Engineering and Construction, with English, Mathematics and Science as background subjects.

The Secondary School curriculum added academic subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Elementary and Additional Mathematics, Geography and French. Religious Knowledge, Music and History added later, but were not offered for the school certificate examinations.

Government Secondary Technical School had its first African Headmaster, Mr. J.V.L. Mills (who took over from the last white head, Mr. F.E. Joselin) in August 1958 and sixth-form education began in 1 9 6 1 .



Another landmark is the story of the military's involvement with the school. Obviously, GSTS has been involved with the military since World War 1. On 3rd November

1965 however, the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, first President of the Republic of Ghana announced that Government Secondary Technical School would be adopted and turned into an Air Force Training College.



"Students in the Government Secondary Technical School will be given such opportunities as are appropriate and suitable to make them potential candidate to the Air Force and even for our Civil Aviation," he said. This pronouncement was not implemented until the early 1970s when Air Marshall M. A. Otu (formerly Lt. General) and Senior Officers of the Military Division of Ministry of Defense visited the school on 23rd April, 1971 to clarify the intention of the Military's involvement in the school. In the 1972-73 academic year, a batch of Officer Cadets admitted to the Ghana Military Academy were concurrently admitted to GSTS for their two-year sixth-form leading to the Advanced Levels Certificate. Due to the changing and unstable political atmosphere, this was a short-lived experiment as no other cadets came to the school afterwards.

The academic year 1970-71 recorded another change in the name of the School. From Government Secondary Technical School, when the school ceased to be a completely government - run institution it became Ghana Secondary Technical School (to maintain G.S.T.S).

The course of the school's history in the 1970s seemed to suggest that everything had fallen in place. The curricula of the school appeared to have undergone all the relevant changes and had stabilized. The school was doing well in sports, always taking the first position in athletics and rubbing shoulders with other schools in hockey, football, basketball and the rest. There were a number of clubs and societies to take care of both the social and academic life of the students. The upward surge in the reputation of the school brought other problems in its wake. Chief among these was the pressure on the school to admit beyond its capacity, consequently stretching its facilities.

Although for many years the school has been technical and science biased, the school now has an arts program. In 2009, GSTS celebrated its centenary and it can be argued that GSTS has and continues to produce some of the best students in Ghana especially in the areas of Science, Technology and Engineering. This strength is evident in the calibers of its alumni all over the world and its successes at National Mathematics and Science Competitions, Robotics Competitions, and National/International examinations.



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## HISTORY OF GSTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (GAA) OF NORTH AMERICA

The beginnings of GSTS Alumni Association North America can be traced to a telephone conversation between two old friends, Giant Daniel Sam'81 and Giant Ishmael Abeiku Acquah '81 in 2007. According to Giant Acquah, they wondered why a great school like GSTS did not have any Alumni group in the US like some Schools from Ghana. They therefore called another classmate Giant Tony Ashon'81 that weekend who immediately bought into the idea. From that point on, they started brainstorming and agreed to meet in Maryland for the first convention of the Association. None of the original organizers of the Association lived in Maryland but it was chosen because of its geographical location.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> 2007, 10 Giants met in Elridge, Maryland for what would become the first official meeting of the Association. The Giants

present were: Anthony Ashon'81 - House 1, Victor Abbey'81-House 5, Tetteh Abbeyquaye'89 - House 8, Samuel Nketsia-Tabiri'82 - House 8, Emmanuel Kofi Arthur'81- House 2, Mickey Dawson-Annan'79'81 (OT) House 6, Daniel Sam'81- House 4, Emmanuel (Lee) Idun'80 '82 - House 8, Ishmael Acquah'81- House 5 and John Baidoo'81- House 3.

The first agenda centered on a draft constitution. Giant Micky Dawson-Annan (OT) suggested and it was unanimously agreed that a draft constitution be adopted as an Interim Constitution until the group met again. To get the Association up and running some of the members present were given various assignments. Giant Acquah was tasked to get the Association incorporated as a non-profit organization and open a bank account in the Association's name. Giant Tony Ashon was tasked to develop a website. An annual dues of \$100.00 was decided and interim executives were

elected. The following Giants were elected for the following offices: Interim President: Giant Emmanuel (Lee) Idun, Interim Vice-President Giant Daniel Sam, Interim General Secretary Giant Anthony Ashon, Interim Deputy General Secretary, Giant Tetteh Abbeyquaye, Interim Treasurer: Giant Ishmael Acquah, Interim Conference Coordinator: Giant Emmanuel Kofi Arthur.

For the Interim Board of Trustees: the following were elected; Giant Mickey Dawson-Annan (OT), Giant

Victor Abbey, Giant John Baidoo, Giant Samuel Nketsia-Tabiri. Other than the organizational structure of the Association, other discussions included the upcoming Centenary. The next Convention was scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August, 2008 in



New Jersey. The highlight of the day was a group picture in a custom-made T-shirt designed by Giant Joseph Assifuah of House 1; 1976-83 who could not make it himself for the meeting.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2007, the Association formally received its Letters of Incorporation from the State of Florida. It also hit another milestone by being recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt non-profit organization on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Since its humble beginning, The GSTS Alumni Association of North America has seen extraordinary growth. It now boasts of more than 200 registered members from almost all States in the US and every Canadian province. It has held Annual Conventions each year and has lived to its founding mission of helping its alma mater GSTS by funding several programs at the School.



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## GAA - NORTH AMERICA (10) YEARS OF GIVING

Over our 10 years, GSTS Alumni Association of North America has found several practical ways of helping GSTS and its students. Below is a list of some of the donations and impact we have made.

### CADETCORP

The GSTS Cadet Corp (Junior ROTC) is one of the remarkable student clubs at GSTS. Founded in 1954, the GSTS Cadet Corp is the oldest School Cadet Corp in Ghana. Although members are not part or expected to join the military it is not surprising that GSTS has produced some of the finest military officers in the history of the Ghana Armed Forces. GSTS North America **donated uniforms and boots** to the Cadet Corp to mark the Centenary Celebration of the School.

### CENTENARY BUILDING ROOF

As part of the Centenary Celebration GSTS North America donated **\$15,000.00** towards the roofing of the Centenary Building. The Building, which was finally completed in 2015, houses new classrooms, a new library and the School's administration.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATION

In addition to contributing to the Centenary Building, GSTS North America made a donation of **\$5,000.00** towards the anniversary celebrations.

### METAL GATE

In 2010, GSTS North America made a donation of **\$2000.00** towards the replacement of the School's old gate.

### SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Sports play an important part in the daily lives of students at GSTS. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, students have not been able to fully enjoy the thrills of sports. To help address, this GSTS North America made a donation of sports equipment worth about **\$2500.00** to the school.

### LIBRARY PROJECT (PHASE 1)

In 2012, it came to the notice of GSTS North America that the School's library was in shambles. The School's library had no books or furniture. A Library Project was launched by members of GSTS North America; the result was **several**

**books** donated, collected, **10 new computers** and **100 new chairs** purchased and shipped to GSTS at the cost of about **\$10,000.**

### LIBRARY PROJECT (PHASE 2)

Through the efforts of our member Gt. Phanael Markin, the New York Public School System donated to us a container full of books and supplies worth about **\$250,000.00** GSTS North America shipped these items to the school at a cost of about **\$8,000.00** As a result of the Library Project, the GSTS library is now very well stocked.

### GENERATOR

Over the past few year, Ghana has suffered perennial power cuts throughout the country. This has greatly affected academic work at GSTS. GSTS Alumni Association of North America therefore joined our fellow GIANTS around the world to install a generator purchased by Gt. Eric Akrofi'77 by making a **\$5000.00 contribution.**

### FUMIGATION

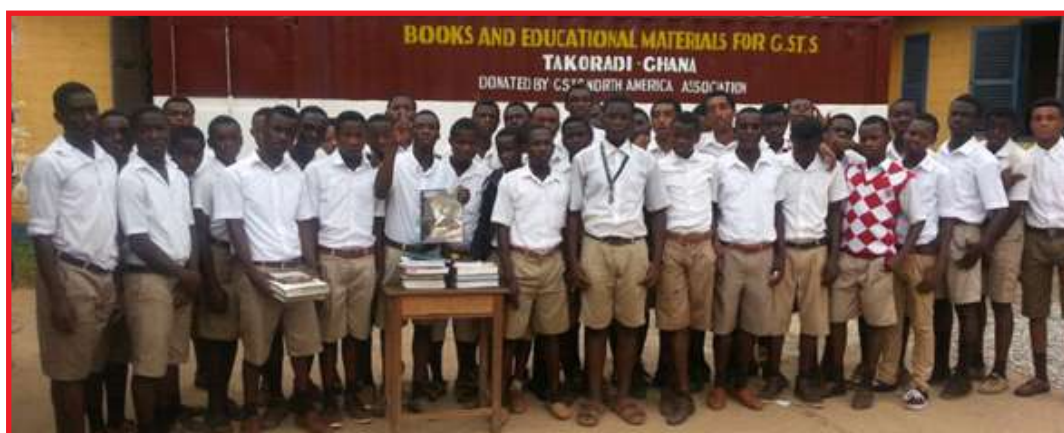
Due to over-admission and overcrowding, GSTS has in recent times been infested with bedbugs. The GSTS Alumni Association of North America joined our brother Giants around the world to rid the Campus of these blood sucking creatures. So far, GSTS-NA has donated approximately **\$9360.00** towards this effort.

### OTHER CLUB SUPPORTS

The GSTS Alumni Association of North America continues to support clubs and societies at GSTS. We have given almost **\$1200.00** in support of the Robotics Team and the National Science and Mathematics Quiz Team at GSTS.

### COMPUTER ROOM RE-CONFIGURATION

Recognizing the importance of computer literacy to current students, GSTS North America made a donation of **\$3975.27** in 2017 to help reconfigure lab space for a new computer lab project almost exclusively funded and donated to the school by Gt. Kwesi Abbiw'91



**CENTENARY BUILDING ROOF**



**LIBRARY PROJECT**



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**CADET CORP**



**GENERATOR**



## GAAA OF NORTH AMERICA "GIANTS SCHOLARSHIPS"

The GSTS Alumni Association of North America proudly offers need-based and merit-based scholarships to current students of GSTS- Takoradi, Ghana. The GIANTS SCHOLARSHIPS provide full and half tuition per student for one year. These scholarships help promising students experiencing financial difficulties to continue their education at GSTS. So far, GSTS Alumni Association of North America has given out scholarships worth about **\$2120.00**

We wish to do more, so please help us reach more students through these Giants Scholarships.

Below is a list of past recipients of the GIANT SCHOLARSHIPS

### 2014/15

Mr. Evans Cudjoe - \$100.00

Mr. Mickail Hasan - \$100.00

Mr. Nurulhag Hasan - \$100.00

Mr. Jacob Cobbinah - \$100.00

### 2015/16

No awards were made

### 2016/17

Mr. Jerome Adu - \$320.00

Mr. Kenneth Acko Asmah - \$320.00

Mr. Joel Bankam - \$160.00

Mr. Obed Etrue - \$160.00

Mr. Daniel Nii Dodoo Ansah - \$160.00

Mr. Emmanuel Larbi - \$100.00

Mr. Victor Adom Mensah - \$100.00

Mr. Kwabena Asiedu - \$100.00





*Even as we applaud the growth of the primary school educational system throughout our homeland of Ghana, we are saddened to see our network of secondary schools languish owing to lack of funding. Facilities are deteriorating, the growing population of youth are packed into overcrowded dormitories, and the problem of providing adequate sanitation continues to grow as well.*

*Conditions on the ground constitute a public health crisis. The situation at our alma mater, the Ghana Secondary Technical School (GSTS), reflects this Ghana-wide problem. Once the vibrant site of science and technical learning for hundreds of promising students in Ghana, facilities at this Takoradi school are in a terrible state.*

*Decades of neglect, inadequate funding, and overcrowding – the school's population has tripled from approximately 700 to 2,100 students over the past few years – have resulted in a steady decline of basic sanitation infrastructure such as plumbing, water supply, bathing areas, and working toilets.*

*If repairs are not made immediately, an outbreak of disease at the school is virtually guaranteed. We faced such a problem with a bedbug outbreak on campus at the beginning of 2016. During that outbreak, GSTS Alumni Association -North America and other school alumni went into action, helping to fund school-wide fumigation efforts and implementing a plan to ensure that an infestation does not happen on the campus again.*

*The bedbug problem we faced, and the current state of sanitary facilities at the school, underscores the need for immediate action to repair and replace the school's bathrooms and toilets. It would be irresponsible on our part to wait for another outbreak of pestilence or disease before acting on the critical problem of sanitation at the school.*

*GSTS is fortunate enough to have the technical know-how to solve this urgent sanitation problem in its community of alumni. We already have technical plans and designs in place to construct four (4) brand new, modern bathrooms and toilet areas to replace existing facilities. Each bathroom and toilet facility would cost approximately \$200,000.00.*

*This ambitious project is worthy, but costly. We are asking all of our alumni, friends, and supporters to help us raise \$800,000 to execute this restoration and modernization project. Your donation will go a long way toward helping current and future GSTS students thrive in a safe and healthy educational environment. These hard-working future leaders deserve no less than our full and timely support.*

*Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.*

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Ghana Secondary Technical School is exceptionally blessed in one thing. The school has produced perhaps the greatest number of engineers, architects, quantity surveyors and building professionals in Ghana. Although many live and work in Ghana, others have made the USA home and practice their trade here in the private sector, in government, and universities around the US. The design of these projects is a collaboration between GSTS Alumni around the world with GSTS North America spearheading this effort. The next few pages are a summary of the major aspect of this project. Kindly take a look and support us in any way possible. We do this so that the next generation of leaders can live and study a healthy and safe environment.

### CORE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

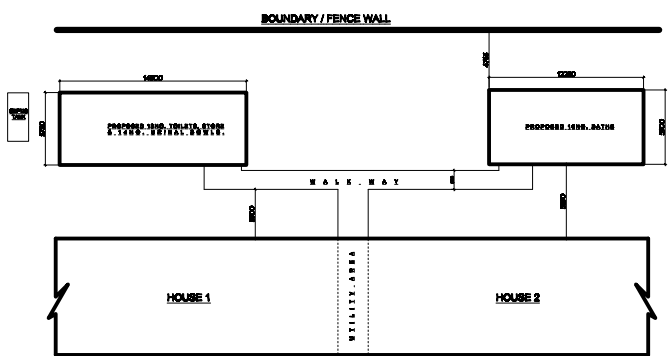
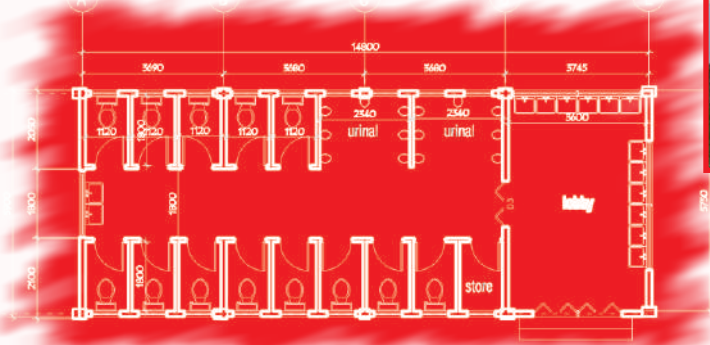
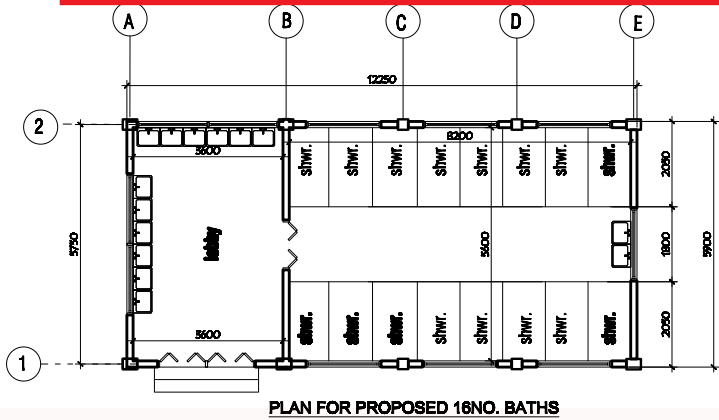
1. Provide a healthy sanitary environment at GSTS.
2. Build four (4) new toilet facilities.
3. Build four (4) new bathroom facilities.
4. Incorporate solar and other green innovations in designs to make them energy efficient.

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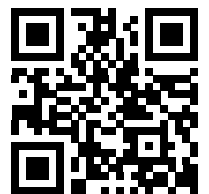
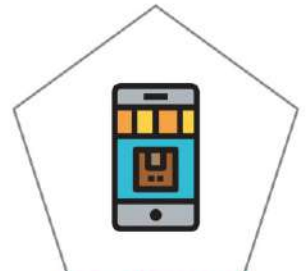
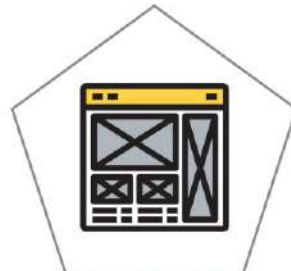
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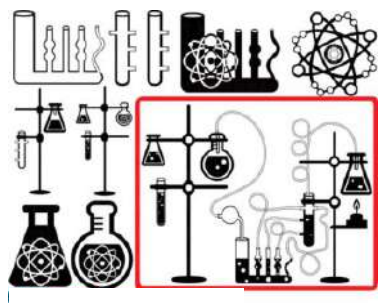
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