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Patrick Awuah is the Founder and President of Ashesi University College, a private, not-for-profit institution that has quickly gained a reputation for innovation and quality education in Ghana.

Ashesi aims to contribute to a renaissance in Africa by educating a new generation of ethical, entrepreneurial leaders with the critical thinking skills and ethical courage it will take to transform their continent. Now in its 15th year, graduates are working for progress across Africa and the University has become a recognized voice in higher education in Ghana. In 2012, Ashesi University was ranked as one of the top ten Most Respected Companies in Ghana, and was the first educational institution to win the award. In the same survey, Patrick Awuah was named the 4th Most Respected CEO in Ghana.

Before founding Ashesi, Patrick worked as a Program Manager for Microsoft where, among other things, he spearheaded the development of dial-up internet networking technologies and gained a reputation for bringing difficult projects to completion. He holds bachelor degrees in Engineering and Economics from Swarthmore College, and an MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business; and honorary doctorates from Babson College and Swarthmore College.

Patrick has won many prestigious international awards including the MacArthur Fellowship; the McNulty Prize; and Membership of the Order of the Volta - one of Ghana's highest awards, given to individuals who exemplify the ideal of service to the country. In 2015, Patrick was named one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune, and received the Elise and Walter A. Haas International Award, given to UC Berkeley alumni with distinguished records of service to their countries.

He is a Fellow of the Africa Leadership Initiative of the Aspen Global Leadership Network; a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; and a member of the Tau Beta Pi honor society for excellence in engineering.

"Africa will be transformed under the leadership of bright young Africans who are educated in Africa, taught to think critically, to question, to solve problems, and above all, to care. I founded Ashesi to be a spark of a revitalized Africa. Ashesi is a catalyst for new enterprises and new solutions, and offers a new model for other universities in Africa."

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