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RACHEAL KAFUI ASARE

(Majority Leader, University of Ghana Students' Parliament)



Introduction and Leadership Journey

INTERVIEWER: Can you tell us a bit about yourself?

My name is Racheal Kafui Asare, and I am a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering student at the University of Ghana. I currently serve as the Majority Leader of the University of Ghana Students' Parliament. Prior to this role, I have held several leadership positions, including serving as the first female President of the Ghana Society of Biomedical Engineers, University of Ghana

Chapter, where I focused on innovation, advocacy, and student capacity building. I was also the team captain for the National Science and Maths Quiz team and Sharks Team at Aburi Girls Senior High School in 2022.

INTERVIEWER: What sparked your interest in student leadership and parliamentary governance?

My interest in student leadership was sparked by a desire to represent student voices effectively and influence decisions that directly affect our academic and social experience. Parliamentary governance appealed to me because it offers a structured platform for dialogue, accountability, and democratic decision-making.

INTERVIEWER: What engineering programme are you currently offering, and why did you choose this field?

I am currently offering Biomedical Engineering at the University of Ghana. I chose this field because it sits at the intersection of engineering, healthcare, and innovation, allowing me to contribute practical solutions to real-world health challenges, especially within resource-limited settings.

Leadership Experience

INTERVIEWER: How has your engineering training influenced the way you think, solve problems, and lead as Majority Leader?

My engineering training has strengthened my ability to think critically, analyze problems systematically, and make evidence-based decisions. I approach leadership challenges the same way I approach engineering problems—by identifying root causes, evaluating alternatives, and working collaboratively toward sustainable solutions.

INTERVIEWER: What motivated you to contest for the position of Leader of the Majority Caucus?

I was motivated by the need for purposeful, inclusive, and strategic leadership within the Students' Parliament. I was also inspired to further contribute to the narrative that women are effective and impactful leaders.

INTERVIEWER: What do you think made you stand out during the election process?

My consistency in leadership, clear vision, and proven record of service distinguished me. The trust I had built across different groups and my experience in student governance contributed significantly to my election.

Impact and Achievements

INTERVIEWER: You are the first female to hold this position. What does this milestone mean to you personally?

This milestone is deeply meaningful because it represents progress for women across campus. It

reinforces that leadership is based on competence and commitment, not gender.

INTERVIEWER: Did you face any unique challenges as a woman contesting for this role? If yes, how did you navigate them?

I was fortunate to have mentors and friends who believed in me. Their support helped me stay focused despite any negativities.

INTERVIEWER: What message does your election send to young women on campus?

It sends a clear message that young women belong in leadership spaces and are capable of excelling in them.

Future Outlook and Advice

INTERVIEWER: What are your key priorities as Majority Leader?

My priorities include promoting legislative efficiency, strengthening collaboration between Parliament and the student body, ensuring accountability, and advancing inclusive student-centered policies.

INTERVIEWER: Do you see yourself pursuing leadership or public service beyond campus politics?

Yes. My experiences have strengthened my interest in governance, policy, and public service.

INTERVIEWER: What advice would you give to other young women who aspire to take up leadership roles?

I encourage them to believe in their competence, prepare diligently, and not allow fear or stereotypes to limit their potential.

Personal Reflection

INTERVIEWER: Outside of politics and academics, what do you enjoy doing?

I enjoy watching movies, listening to music, going on walks with friends, reading, and spending time reflecting and connecting with people.