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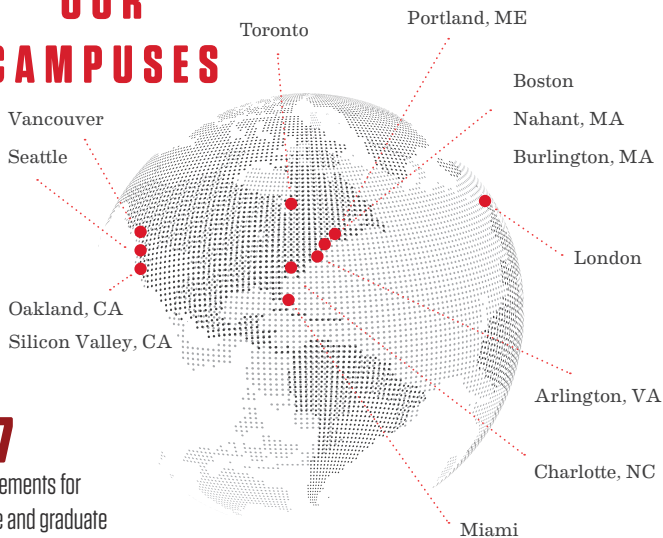
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 9–SATURDAY, MARCH 11**  
ACCRA, GHANA  
KEMPINSKI HOTEL GOLD COAST CITY

## NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Northeastern University is a comprehensive research university known for its distinctive experiential model. Its global network of campuses spans the U.S., U.K., and Canada, including sites in London, Boston, Oakland, Miami, and Toronto. Through innovative co-op programs and creative faculty scholars, Northeastern is an institution distinctly well-positioned to meet disruptive challenges facing higher education and to drive change.

### OUR CAMPUSES

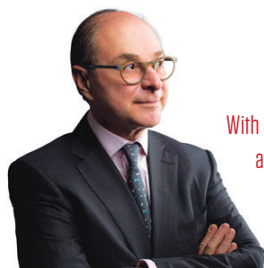


**12,127**

co-op placements for  
undergraduate and graduate  
learners

**93% of graduates**

employed full-time or enrolled in graduate  
school within 9 months of graduation



With Northeastern's expanding global network, our students develop relationships, research, and abilities across countries and cultures that positively influence their entire lives.

—Joseph E. Aoun, President

300,000+ alumni live and work in

**181 countries**

11,500+ participants from **149 countries**  
engaged in **337 programs and events**

## ALUMNI COMMUNITIES

49 Northeastern communities on  
**4 continents**, Asia, Europe,  
North and South America

**2,400+**

partners in our Experiential Network  
have provided

**13,000**

learners at all levels of study with 3,000  
real-world projects since 2015

160 faculty with interdisciplinary appointments,  
**up 281%** since 2012

**In 2020-2021,  
raised \$99.2M**

in gifts and pledges  
**from 23,069 individual donors from  
72 countries**

91,000 undergraduate applications

for fall 2022, and a **7% acceptance rate**

**863 tenured/tenure-track**

hires since 2006,

**including 61**

in 2021-2022

In 2020-2021, \$230.7M in  
external research awards, a

**374% increase**

since 2006

Δ C C R A

Northeastern's extraordinary momentum has been fueled by experience as the lifeblood of learning and discovery. As participants in this year's Global Leadership Summit, we will exchange unique and shared experiences and perspectives. We will listen and learn from one another. And together, we will create collective action to make an impact on the world.

As scholars, innovators, and leaders, you enliven this mission. It is through knowledge, innovation, inclusion, and connection that we serve humanity. The new relationships we forge will drive pioneering partnerships and advance the changes in education, technology, and business that are vital to our continued prosperity. That is the power of our global university system—a university uniquely positioned to meet the needs and challenges of our world.

It is an honor to convene our fourth annual summit in Accra, Ghana, which is home to nearly 500 of our alumni and students. This vibrant region reflects the best of our ecosystem. I invite you to immerse yourself in all that our dynamic programming will offer. The deep well of energy, talent, and spirit of this intergenerational and global community of leaders will catalyze positive change.

I look forward to exchanging ideas, hearing your stories, and seeing the fruits of the innovation that we foster together.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Joe Aoun", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph E. Aoun  
President, Northeastern University

# A G E N D A

**THURSDAY, 9 MARCH**

**8:00 AM Experience Accra: An Immersive Learning Experience**

*Various locations across the city of Accra*

*Led by: Dr. Vanessa Johnson | Associate Professor,  
Past Director, Student Development and Counseling  
Program, Northeastern University*

## **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: DAY ONE**

*Adlon Ballroom, Kempinski Hotel*

**3:30 PM Registration & Networking**

**4:00 PM Global Leadership Summit Welcome**

Joseph E. Aoun | President, Northeastern University

**4:15 PM Lessons in Leadership**

Chris Chinebuah, Parent'23 | Executive Chairman,  
Fueltrade Limited

**5:00 PM The Transformative Art of Creativity and Culture**

*Panelists:*

Alima Bello | Creative Director and Owner, Bello|Edu  
M.anifest (Kwame Ametepee Tsikata) | Musical artist  
and producer

Nana Opoku | Artist and creator of Afroscope

**6:00 PM Cocktail Reception**

Performance: M.anifest (Kwame Ametepee Tsikata) |  
Musical artist and producer

**6:30 PM Opening Dinner Reception: Fueling Global Impact**

Virginia E. Palmer | U.S. Ambassador to Ghana

## FRIDAY, 10 MARCH



### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: DAY TWO

*Adlon Ballroom, Kempinski Hotel*

**9:30 AM**

#### **Registration & Networking**

**10:00 AM**

#### **Welcome Remarks**

Joseph E. Aoun | President, Northeastern University

**10:30 AM**

#### **A Journey of Passion and Purpose**

Elsie Addo Awadzi | Second Deputy Governor,  
Bank of Ghana

**11:30 AM**

#### **Is Africa Ready for the Fourth Industrial Revolution? Partners. Platforms. Skillsets.**

*Panelists:*

Archie Hesse | CEO, Ghana Interbank Payment and  
Settlement Systems, Limited

Sam Immanuel | CEO, Semicolon Africa

Sheikh Jobe, Parent'25 | Chief Operating Officer,  
Standard Chartered Bank

Kwame A. Opong | Head, Fintech and Innovation,  
Bank of Ghana

**1:30 PM**

#### **The Business of a Universal Hit**

Sipho Dlamini | CEO, Universal Music, South Africa and  
Sub-Saharan Africa

**2:30 PM**                    **Captains of Industry**  
*Panelists:*  
Rosy Fynn | Country Head, Ghana and Nigeria (acting)  
Programs, Mastercard Foundation  
H.E. Grace Jeanet Mason | South African High  
Commissioner to Ghana and Sierra Leone  
George Owusu-Ansah | Managing Director, Unilever  
Ghana PLC  
Mansa Nettey | Chief Executive Officer, Standard  
Chartered Bank Ghana, PLC

**4:00 PM**                    **Closing Remarks**

**7:30 PM**                    **Reinventing Tradition: A Festival Celebrating  
Ghana's Past, Present, and Future**  
*Nubuke Foundation Art Gallery | 7, Lome Close, East  
Legon, Accra, Ghana*  
Speaker: Odile K. Tevie, Parent'18 | Co-founder and  
Director, Nubuke Foundation  
Performance: Kofi Kinaata | Musician

**SATURDAY, 11 MARCH** PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**7:30 AM**                    **Cape Coast Cultural Immersion**  
*Various locations, Cape Coast*  
*Led by:* Dr. Vanessa Johnson | Associate Professor,  
Past Director, Student Development and Counseling  
Program, Northeastern University

**6:00 PM**                    **Global Leadership Summit Adjourning Reception**  
*Kempinski Hotel*



# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## **OYEYIMIKA ADEBOYE, PARENT'26**

### **CEO and Managing Director, Cadbury Nigeria PLC**

Oyeyimika Adeboye joined the Board of Cadbury Nigeria Plc. as Finance and Strategy Director in November 2008. She was appointed as Managing Director of Cadbury Nigeria Plc on 1 April 2019 and Cluster Director of Mondelēz International West Africa on 1 July 2019. Adeboye is the chairman of the Board of Cadbury Ghana Limited.



## **ELSIE ADDO AWADZI**

### **Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana**

International economic and financial lawyer Elsie Addo Awadzi was appointed second deputy governor of the Bank of Ghana in February 2018, only the second woman to hold that position. She was also elected as chairperson of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion's Gender Inclusive Finance Committee in 2020. Addo has more than 20 years of experience working in various capacities in Ghana, Japan, South Africa, and the U.K. She formerly served as a commissioner of Ghana's Securities and Exchange Commission, and then as a senior counsel in the International Monetary Fund's Legal Department.



## **ALIMA BELLO**

### **Creative Director and Owner, Bello|Edu**

Alima Bello is the founder and creative director of Bello|Edu, a contemporary womenswear brand established in Accra, Ghana. Its brand mission is to design clothing for the passionate, contemporary, and life-loving woman. Bello attributes her Nigerian and Ghanaian heritage to playing a major role in her flair for aesthetics. She started designing and creating clothes for her family and friends in 2008, her first collection was debuted in June 2014, and in November 2017 she opened the doors to the brand's flagship store.



## **CHRIS CHINEBAUH, PARENT'23**

### **Executive Chairman, Fueltrade Limited**

Chris Chinebuah is the executive chair of Fueltrade Limited, responsible for executing the overall operational and commercial strategy of the company. He reports directly to the Board of Directors. Chinebuah holds a BA degree in geography and economics from the University of Ghana, Legon. Since 1982, he has been working in the petroleum industry mainly as a local representative of a number of international companies.



## **SIPHO DLAMINI**

### **CEO, Universal Music South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa**

Sipho Dlamini started his career in the music industry in the late 1990s as a U.K. concert and club promoter for African artists. He later took a role at the Southern African Music Rights Organization (SAMRO), eventually rising to CEO, where he ensured the smooth operation of performance royalty collection and distribution practices, as well as SAMRO's support of music and arts education through its foundation. Dlamini joined Universal Music Group in 2016, and has since helped elevate legendary brands such as Def Jam Africa and Blue Note Records Africa.



## **ROSY FYNN**

### **Country Head, Ghana and Nigeria (acting) Programs, Mastercard Foundation**

Rosy Fynn is a distinguished change leader with a wealth of experience in international development, telecommunications, financial services, consulting, and insurance. She has over a decade's executive-level experience in transforming organizations across Africa, the U.S., and the Caribbean. Fynn is currently the Ghana Country Head at the Mastercard Foundation, where she oversees the delivery of the foundation's Young Africa Works strategy to enable upwards of three million young Ghanaian women and men to access dignified and fulfilling work by 2030.



## **ARCHIE HESSE**

### **CEO, Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems, Limited**

As CEO of Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GhIPSS) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank of Ghana, Archie Hesse is transforming Ghana into an electronic payments society. He joined GhIPSS in 2007 as a general manager in charge of projects and business development before his appointment to CEO in 2012. Under his leadership, Hesse guided the GhIPSS team to develop several payment solutions for the financial services sector. He has also helped shape policy and strategy in the deployment of national payments system infrastructure in several countries.



## **SAM IMMANUEL**

### **CEO, Semicolon Africa**

Sam Immanuel is the CEO of Semicolon Africa, a social enterprise founded in 2019 aimed at transforming individuals, industries, and communities in Africa, by positioning them for digital transformation with a focus on education, technology, and innovation. So far, the organization has worked with more than 35,000 individuals and over 50 businesses both locally and globally.



## **H.E. GRACE JEANET MASON**

### **South African High Commissioner to Ghana**

With strong diplomatic credentials from spending more than 20 years in the sector, H.E. Grace Jeanet Mason is intentional about using her time to empower people, particularly women, promote youth and culture, and also strengthen the close ties between Ghana and South Africa. In previous roles, Mason has served as chief protocol officer for South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, chief protocol officer for former President Jacob Zuma, and worked with both President Thabo Mbeki and President Nelson Mandela. She was also Deputy Chief of Protocol for former President Kgalema Motlanthe.



## **SHEIKH JOBE, PARENT'25**

### **Chief Operating Officer, Standard Chartered Bank**

Sheikh Jobe has almost 30 years of extensive banking experience holding senior level positions at global, regional, and country levels across banking technology and operations, operational risk management, financial crime risk management, compliance, audit, and branch banking. He has been managing director/chief operating officer, West Africa, at Standard Chartered Bank since December 2019, but joined the company back in 1994 working in various executive roles.



## **KOFI KINAATA**

### **Musician**

Kofi Kinaata, born Martin King Arthur, is a Ghanaian musician and songwriter. Known as the Fante Rap God, he is noted for his lyrical dexterity, unique rhyme schemes, and using a humorous Fante rap style with a touch of traditional African proverbs in his local language to entertain and educate. He has won many awards for his music, and was named Artist of the Year at the Ghana Music Awards USA in 2022. He is also a Goodwill ambassador for the United Nations' International Organization for Migration.



## **M.ANIFEST**

### **Musical artist and producer**

M.anifest is a Ghanaian musician, rapper, and record producer. He was born Kwame Ametepee Tsikata, and is the grandson of one of Africa's foremost ethnomusicologists and composers, J.H. Kwabena Nketia. M.anifest won both categories Best Rapper and Hip-Hop Song of the Year at the 2017 Ghana Music Awards. He has worked with other musical luminaries such as Damon Albarn, Flea, Tony Allen, and Erykah Badu. He is currently home on two continents, splitting his time between Madina in Ghana and Minneapolis in the U.S.



## **MANSA NETTEY**

### **Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Ghana, PLC**

With more than 15 years of experience in the banking industry in both corporate and financial markets, Mansa Nettey has a proven track record of delivering results and building strong partnerships with a diversified client base in West and Central Africa. She has specialized in sales and trading within financial markets, including sales coverage in fixed income, investment management, risk management products (derivatives), debt capital markets, and structured products. Nettey was the first female to be appointed to the board of Standard Chartered Bank Ghana in 2014.



## **NANA OPOKU**

### **Artist and creator of Afroscope**

Ghanian artist Nana Opoku uses photomanipulation to create the works of art which are both Afrocentric and Afrofuturistic and known as Afroscope. In addition to receiving the 2017 Kuenyehia Prize for Contemporary Ghanaian Art, Opoku's work has been part of multiple exhibitions in the Accra area, including *Diaspora: From Local to Foreign*, an art exhibition created as part of the 2019 Year of Return Event. Opoku's work was also shown in the A.I. For Afrika's art entry as part of the A.I. For Good Global Summit in Geneva.





## **KWAME A. OPPONG**

### **Head, Fintech and Innovation, Bank of Ghana**

Kwame Oppong is the head of Fintech and Innovation at Bank of Ghana. His background spans technology, digital financial services operations, policy development, and regulation. He has consulted for several governments, public sector institutions, international development organizations, and private corporations globally. Prior to joining the Bank of Ghana, Oppong worked with CGAP (World Bank Group), Millicom, Hewlett Packard (now HP EB), and other organizations in the banking, housing finance, and health insurance industries. He is a passionate advocate for financial inclusion, innovation, and the development of digital economies.



## **GEORGE OWUSU-ANSAH**

### **Managing Director, Unilever Ghana, PLC**

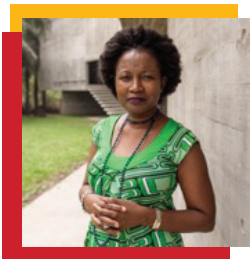
Supply chain professional George Owusu-Ansah has 30 years of experience in operations and strategy development across the planning, sourcing, procurement, and distributions streams of the chain. He has lived and worked across two continents in Ghana, Malawi, China, Singapore, Kenya, and Nigeria. When he became managing director of Unilever Ghana, he was also named to the Board as an executive director. Previously, Owusu-Ansah held executive leadership roles at Unilever Kenya Limited and Unilever Nigeria PLC.



## **VIRGINIA E. PALMER**

### **U.S. Ambassador to Ghana**

Virginia E. Palmer arrived in Accra to assume her responsibilities as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana in April 2022. Some of her previous roles include acting assistant secretary for Energy Resources at the Department of State, deputy commandant of the National Defense University's Eisenhower School, and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi from 2015 to 2019. Other postings during her 36-year diplomatic career comprise assignments in Kenya, Canada, Zimbabwe, China, and Hong Kong working on political-military affairs, corruption, trade and agriculture, labor and human rights issues, health, and development.



## **ODILE TEVIE, PARENT'18**

### **Co-Founder and Director, Nubuke Foundation Accra**

Odile Tevie has served as co-founder and director of the Nubuke Foundation since 2006. In this role, she manages the operations of the foundation, which involves curating visual art exhibitions, mentoring visual artists, and managing the cultural exchanges and collaborative programs with similar organizations. The foundation currently runs mentoring initiatives with artisans who work in clay and textiles in the Volta and Upper West Region.

NORTHEASTERN  
LEADERSHIP TEAM



## JOSEPH E. AOUN

### President of Northeastern University

Joseph E. Aoun, a well-known higher education thought leader and renowned scholar in linguistics, is the seventh President of Northeastern University.

An internationally respected voice on the value of global and experiential education, President Aoun led the global expansion of Northeastern's signature co-op program, bringing experiential learning opportunities to 148 countries. During his tenure, the University has created a global university system spanning campuses across North America and the U.K., quadrupled external research funding to more than \$200 million in annual awards, hired more than 800 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and earned the designation of an R1 research institution.

He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Robot-Proof: Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* (MIT Press, 2017). In it, he confronts the need for colleges and universities to meet the challenges and opportunities of the complex digital economy. The book lays out a blueprint for higher education with three primary components: a new curriculum for the A.I. age; the case for experiential learning, the ideal delivery system for this new curriculum; and a call or higher education to place lifelong learning at the heart of the educational enterprise



## **DIANE NISHIGAYA MACGILLIVRAY**

### **Senior Vice President for University Advancement, Northeastern University**

Diane Nishigaya MacGillivray is Senior Vice President for University Advancement at Northeastern University, where she oversaw the successful completion of the university's largest ever campaign in 2017, which raised \$1.4 billion, setting a new a university record. Under Diane's leadership, annual fundraising has increased from an average of \$20 million to an average of \$110 million, including securing a gift for the first named college at the university and a \$50 million donation for a second named college. Most recently, MacGillivray was instrumental in attaining two \$100 million gifts to launch an advanced technology campus in Portland, Maine—one from David and Barbara Roux to create the Roux Institute and a second from the Harold Alfond Foundation to provide scholarships and other resources for its students.

MacGillivray steers a University Advancement team that works closely with university leadership to develop and execute fundraising strategies that fuel the university's momentum. After coming to Northeastern, she implemented a strategic restructuring of the fundraising operation from a centralized model to a more effective hybrid structure and oversaw the creation of new initiatives such as the parent giving program, innovative alumni engagement programs, and Women Who Empower—a university-wide initiative grounded in the belief that diverse and inclusive communities empower a better world.



## **SUBODH CHANRAI, TRUSTEE, PARENT'20'23**

### **Group Executive Chairman, Chanrai Summit Group**

Subodh Chanrai is Group Executive Chairman of the Chanrai Summit Group, a Singapore based corporation. Chanrai also serves as the Executive Chairman of Fareast Mercantile Co. International Limited, which engages in sales, supply chain, and distribution of branded products in the food, fast-moving consumer goods, and appliances industries in the West Africa region. He previously served as the Director of Tulsi Eye Hospital in Nashik, India, a family-sponsored charity, which provides free eye care to those in need. Mr. Chanrai is an active member of the Young Presidents Organization. He is the parent of a 2020 graduate of the College of Arts, Media and Design, and a D'Amore-McKim School of Business current student. He joined the Northeastern University Board of Trustees in 2021.



## **DR. WINSLOW L. SARGEANT, E'86, TRUSTEE**

### **Board Chair, International Council for Small Business and Managing Director, S&T, LLC**

Dr. Winslow Sargeant is the Managing Director of S&T, LLC, a firm supporting investment and business development for early-stage growth companies in cybersecurity, energy, communications, capital formation, and education. He is also the current Chair of the International Council for Small Business and Senior Advisor for Globalization and Head of Capital Markets for Genaesis, a mergers and acquisitions advisory firm. He was previously the sixth Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, appointed by President Obama on August 19, 2010; he resigned in January 2015.

Sargeant has served on the boards of First Women's Bank, Druxal Health (Chairman), Hylux, CircleIn, Morgridge Institute of Research, and as a Trustee of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, and a Member of the President Leadership Council of Stevens Institute of Technology. He holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern, an MS in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University, and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the Board of Trustees at Northeastern in 2015.



## **VANESSA DIANNA JOHNSON**

**Associate Professor, Past Director, Student Development and Counseling Program, Northeastern University**

Dr. Johnson has led more than a dozen short-term studies to Ghana as Dialogues of Civilizations entitled Art and Culture in Ghana; Education and Learning in Ghana; Higher Education in Ghana; Health Systems, Health Services, and Health Education in Ghana; and Health and Well-Being in Ghana. At the graduate level, she has offered two courses of study for Ghana: Designing and Implementing Short-Term Global Experiences for Undergraduate Students, and Student Affairs/ Services and College Student Development in Ghana.





## **DR. RICHARD L. O'BRYANT**

### **Director, John D. O'Bryant African American Institute, Northeastern University**

Dr. Richard L. O'Bryant is director of the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute at Northeastern University—named in remembrance of his dad. At the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute, Dr.

O'Bryant oversees educational, leadership development and cultural programs, services and activities focused on students of the African diaspora. His student services work includes engagement with many aspects of Northeastern University including academic components, community outreach efforts, the NU Black alumni, and university diversity and inclusion efforts. Dr. O'Bryant also teaches in the College of Professional Studies, the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, College of Social Science and Humanities, and is a research associate at the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy.

Dr. O'Bryant joined Northeastern in 2003 and came to Student Affairs in 2007. Dr. O'Bryant's service work includes being a proud member of the Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, Incorporated (CBMM), President of the John D. O'Bryant Think Tank for Black Professionals in Higher Education (JDOTT), and a member of the Board of Trustees for Roxbury Community College (RCC). Dr. O'Bryant is an alum of Howard University's College of Engineering and received his PhD in urban and regional studies from MIT in 2004.



**JENNIFER BARRYMORE**

**Vice President, Advancement Resources**



**SATYAJIT DATTA GUPTA**

**Chief Enrollment Officer, Senior Vice  
Chancellor, and Senior Advisor to the  
President**



**CAROLYN JASINSKI**

**Assistant Vice President, Leadership  
Relations and Campaign Strategy**



**CAMILLE KLUTTZ-LEACH, JD, PHD**  
**Board Secretary**



**MEGAN NICKLAW**  
**Associate Director, Leadership Relations**

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### **SHANDY NDJIGUE, COE'24**

Shandy Ndjigue is a fourth-year honors student pursuing a major in bioengineering and a minor in psychology. She has always been intrigued by the intersection of biology, technology, and data analysis and is interested in computational biology, bioinformatics, genetics, and global maternal and fetal health. She serves as the vice president of both the Senior Year Experience Board and the Black Student Association, as well as an external ambassador for the African Student Organization. Ndjigue is also a Husky Ambassador, a College of Engineering Peer Mentor, and is involved with Northeastern University Teaching English Language and Literacy.



### **CHIKAMADU OKAFOR, COS'24**

Chikamadu Okafor is a behavioral neuroscience major and a 2022 recipient of the Advancing Women in Science Scholarship. Outside of the classroom, she is involved with Northeastern's Black Student Association and the Minority Association of PreHealth Students. She is also involved with Northeastern's African Student Organization, currently serving as events coordinator and previously as secretary. She is interested in studying public health in West Africa through the lens of their medical facilities, training institutions, and governmental policies.



## **OCEANE KENFACK TONFACK, KHOURY'24**

Oceane Kenfack Tonfack is a third-year computer science major with minors in pharmaceutical science and math. She serves as the treasurer of the African Student Organization, and is involved with the Black Student Association, Stepping on Another Level, and the Black Christian Fellowship.



## **ADWOA SEFAH, S'22**

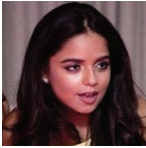
Adwoa Sefah graduated with her bachelor's in cell and molecular biology in 2022. She is currently enrolled at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and will graduate with her medical doctorate in 2026. Sefah was 12 when she and her two siblings left Ghana with their single mother, Juliana, who is Adwoa's role model to this day. Her firsthand experience with medically underserved communities in Ghana has spurred her interest in pediatric surgery, health disparities, and healthcare access.

# ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



**OYEYIMIKA ADEBOYE, PARENT'26**

CEO and Managing Director, Cadbury Nigeria PLC



**HANSIKA CHANRAI, CAMD'20, YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER**

General Management, Chanrai Investments



**SUBODH CHANRAI, PARENT'20'23, TRUSTEE**

Group Executive Chairman, Chanrai Summit Group



**ALICE CHINEBUAH, PARENT'23**

Senior Partner, Reynolds C. & Co.



**SHEIKH JOBE, PARENT'25**

Chief Operating Officer, Standard Chartered Bank



**PHUMZILE LANGENI, PARENT'25**

Co-founder and Executive Chair, Afropulse Group  
Proprietary Limited

# ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



**AYO OYEBANJO, DMSB'13, YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER**

Assistant Manager, Central Bank of Nigeria



**MANOJ SADHWANI, DMSB'16**

Associate, Melcom Group of Companies



**PRERNA SADHWANI, DMSB'14**

Marketing Branding Consultant, Melcom Group of Companies



**RAMESH SADHWANI, PARENT'14, '16**

Partner and Joint Group Managing Director, Melcom Group of Companies



**ODILE K. TEVIE, PARENT'18**

Co-founder and Director, Nubuke Foundation



**RAMZI YAMUSAH, S'13**

Founder and Managing Director, Lifestyle Experiences Limited, Yamusah Group



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## YOUNG GLOBAL LEADERS

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### Attendee Bios



#### **Elina Agrawal, DMSB'22**

United Kingdom  
Current City: London

Elina graduated from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business with a degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Entrepreneurship and a minor in Political Science. In addition to membership in the YGL, Elina is also a Women Who Empower Ambassador. She is currently taking a gap year and working with the university to build student entrepreneurship at the New College of Humanities at Northeastern campus.



#### **Jude Albukhari, S'15**

Jordan  
Current City: Boston & Dubai

Jude graduated from the College of Science with a degree in Psychology. Upon graduating from Northeastern, she was accepted into the PGSP-Stanford PsyD Consortium program and obtained her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Jude sits on the Board of Directors of CISV USA, an international children's peace education organization, and is actively seeking a position in the digital healthcare field.



### **Binja Basimike, BHS'12, MPH'13**

Democratic Republic of Congo  
Current City: Kinshasa

Binja earned an Innovator Award from the Women Who Empower initiative, as well as the Northeastern Emerging Leaders Award for her Kinshasa-based business, Kivu Venture Capital. She is also both the Co-Founder of DIASPAT, a support platform, as well as the Founder of Kivu Brand Architects, a full-service creator agency that connects global brands to African influence. Both ventures are also based in Kinshasa. Binja received her BS in Health Science in 2012 and her MPH in 2013 from the Bouvé College of Health Sciences. She serves as member of the Bouvé Strategic Advisory Council and as a Women Who Empower Ambassador.



### **Curtis R. Bergh, DMSB'06**

Singapore/USA  
Current City: Taipei

Curtis graduated from the D'Amore McKim School of Business with a degree in Marketing and International Business. He is currently the Singapore Director for Startup Grind, an organization focused on giving startups everywhere the education and opportunities they need to build, grow, and scale their companies.



### **Hansika Chanrai, AMD'20**

Singapore  
Current City: London & Singapore

Hansika graduated from the College of Arts, Media, and Design with a degree in Communication Studies. She currently works for her family's 6th generation business, based in West Africa. Hansika splits her time between Singapore, London, and Africa and she cherishes the global experiences she has had in her life. She is an active participant in her family's philanthropy and is currently focused on creating scholarship opportunities for students from Africa.



### **Maarten Eenkema van Dijk, E'14, MS'15**

The Netherlands/United States  
Current City: Norwalk, CT

Maarten earned a BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the College of Science, and then worked in the United Kingdom as a structural engineer. He is now the operations manager for Van Dyk Recycling Solutions in Norwalk, CT.



### **Andrea Regina Garcia-Mendez, SSH'19**

Mexico  
Current City: Boston / Mexico City

Andrea graduated from the College of Social Science and Humanities with a degree in International Affairs. She is the program director for MPL Young Leaders, an organization based in Monaco that is dedicated to helping to shaping the new economy for years to come with more sustainable, more social, more inclusive and longer-term orientated initiatives.



### **Manit Ghogar, DMSB'17**

Thailand  
Current City: Bangkok

Manit graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics and then served as the head of the Thai division of Carro, an online marketplace for used cars. He is currently the CEO of Genie Insurance Public Co., Limited, an automobile financing provider in Bangkok.



### **Armando Hernandez, CPS'16**

Venezuela  
Current city: Boston

Armando completed his graduate work at Northeastern, earning a MS Project and Construction Management in 2015. Following graduation, Armando supervised the execution of several multimillion-dollar development projects. He is currently Principal at North Coast Group.



### **Kari Hoegh, E'21**

Norway  
Current City: London

Kari graduated with her BSc in Industrial Engineering from the College of Engineering in 2021 and her MSc in Engineering for International Development from University College London in 2022. With a focus on sustainability, impact investing, and international development, Kari is a proud generalist. She has worked in Tel Aviv, Oslo, and London.



### **Oliver K. Homberg, SSH'18**

Spain  
Current City: Boston

Oliver graduated from the College of Social Sciences and Humanities with a degree in International Affairs. He is the co-founder and CEO of Boston Microgreens, an urban farm located in South Boston that delivers to restaurants and residents across the Boston area.



### **Ellen Karina Mosko Horn, S'21**

Norway  
Current City: London

Ellen is an aspiring commercial solicitor with a focus on private equity or maritime law. After graduating with a BS in Psychology and Criminal Justice from the College of Science in 2021, she is actively pursuing an LLB in Law at Queen Mary University of London. She co-founded the Greek Orthodox Church Fund, the first non-profit of its kind in Nassau, Bahamas. Ellen is also a retired equestrian dressage rider for the country of Norway.



### **Archit Joshi, DMSB'17**

India  
Current City: Singapore

Archit graduated from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business with a degree in International Management. He is an experienced international business development executive with experience concentrated in the pharmaceutical industry. Archit is currently the Co-Director of Startup Grind and is a Managing Partner at Venture Partners Pte Ltd.



### **Jennifer E. Judge, E'14**

United States  
Current City: New York City

Jennifer graduated from the College of Engineering with a degree in Civil Engineering and began her career as a Track Engineer with HNTB. Jennifer is now the Deputy Rail Department Manager at the company.



### **Nishant Mehta, DMSB '15**

India/Thailand  
Current City: Bangkok

Nishant graduated from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business with a BS Business Administration in 2015. Nishant is the founder of a jewelry marketplace that matches wholesale clients with suppliers of gems, stones, and manufacturers of jewelry. A polyglot with business interests in Southeast Asia and India, Nishant is currently based in Bangkok, and frequently travels to Mumbai, New York, and Los Angeles.



### **Andrea Dorta Munoz, E'20**

Venezuela/Spain  
Current City: Boston

Andrea is a passionate Technical Program Manager with experience in planning and executing large-scale robotics cross functional programs. She has worked for Amazon Robotics since graduating with both her BS in Industrial Engineering and MS in Engineering Management from the College of Engineering in 2020.



### **Ayoola (Ayo) Babade Oyebanjo, DMSB'13**

Nigeria  
Current City: Lagos & London

Ayo holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a dual concentration in Finance & Entrepreneurship from The D'Amore-McKim School of Business. Upon his graduation in 2013, Ayo joined the Central Bank of Nigeria in 2014. He has gained expertise in a wide-array of fields ranging from Energy & Infrastructure development finance to Banking & Monetary policies.



### **Carlo Sartori Pacifici E'14, MBA'18**

Venezuela  
Current City: Miami

Carlo graduated from the College of Engineering with a degree in Mechanical Engineering followed by receiving his MBA from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business. Carlo began his career as a Field Engineer and, after earning his MBA, transitioned to roles in project management and is now in supply chain as Senior Global Sourcing Manager at Costa Farms, the biggest plant nursery in the world.



### **Anisha Valli Ramakrishnan, SSH'13**

United Arab Emirates  
Current City: Dubai

Anisha graduated from the College of Social Sciences and Humanities with a degree in International Affairs in 2013. Following graduation, Anisha spent time in London and Paris while completing a MS in Shipping, Trade and Finance from Bayes Business School, before settling back in Dubai as a Director for the Transworld Group. She is now the Chief Executive Officer for WAMI Capital.



### **Federico Ramirez, SSH'12**

Costa Rica  
Current City: San Jose, Costa Rica

Mr. Ramirez is a Partner with Poinltel Corredores de Seguros S.A, the fastest growing insurance brokerage firm in Central America. He previously served as the COO and Founder of VibeCompass LLC before graduating with a BA in International Relations and Affairs.



### **Sureena Sachdev, DMSB'19**

Thailand  
Current City: Singapore

Sureena is an Associate Project Manager at Agoda, an online travel platform. She has experience in tech social finance in Boston and Bangkok since graduating with her Bachelor's in Finance from the D'Amore McKim School of Business. Sureena is also a Women Who Empower Ambassador.



### **Prasan Shah, DMSB/SSH'16**

India  
Current City: New York City

Prasan graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's in International Affairs and Business Administration from the D'Amore McKim School of Business and College of Social Sciences and Humanities. He is the co-founder of the Original Madras Trading Company, a family garment business in New York City. Prasan is also both a Sales Associate at Fresh & Green Agri Imports, as well as the Marketing Director at P.S. Exports & Consolidates Pvt. Ltd.



### **Haley Waud BHS'12, DPT'13**

United States  
Current City: San Antonio

Haley is a product developer, innovator, consultant, and international traveling physical therapist who holds multiple patents. After receiving both her BS in Rehabilitation Sciences and Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Bouvé College of Health Sciences, she has practiced physical therapy in Wisconsin, Texas, and Kuwait. Currently she serves as the Chief Innovation Officer at Youreka Hub LLC, a product licensing and coaching company.



### **Michael Winston, DMSB'10**

United States  
Current City: Boston

Michael graduated from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business with a degree in Business Administration. Michael began his career as a Business Analyst at NewVantage Partners and went on to lead as the Co-Founder and CEO at Humble Hues, the Co-Founder and Principal at FWD Partners, and Global Director of Business Development at The Collective. Michael is a real estate developer and advisor. He serves Northeastern University as co-chair emeritus of the Young Global Leaders.



### **Ramzi Yamusah, S'13**

Ghana  
Current city: Accra

Ramzi is the founder and managing director of Lifestyle Experiences Limited, which owns and operates Kōzo Restaurant (Afro-Asian Fusion) in Accra and The Vine Restaurant (modern contemporary Afro-Mediterranean concept). He is also a director of C&Y Capital Partners, Ltd. since 2020, and chief operating officer of Yamusah Group since 2017. Ramzi earned his BS in biology from the College of Science in 2014, and his MS in business finance (with distinction) from Brunel University London in 2016.



### **Zuren Tai Zhang, E'15**

Uruguay  
Current city: Boston

Zuren graduated from the College of Engineering in 2015 with a BS in Industrial Engineering. Based in Boston, Zuren is the Chief Executive Officer at PiSA Manufacturing, a US-based company, and a representative of Grupo PiSA. PiSA offers comprehensive, vertically integrated contract manufacturing services for sterile pharmaceutical and medical device products.

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