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STUDENTS' PROFILE



I'm **Ode Prisca Pamela Ishimwe**, an 18-year-old native of Burundi. I am a multilingual language enthusiast fluent in Swahili, Kirundi, French, English, and Kinyarwanda. I enjoy writing, acting, and dancing.

I am a member of the Our Shot Club, and over my time at ASA, I have grown more self-confident and accepting of diversity. Now, I value hard work and recognize that success is proportional to one's efforts.

I will miss the one-on-one interaction with the Headteacher, who is always attentive to students' needs and concerns.

'Excellence is how you make it and positivity is the key to success!'

Greetings! Meet **Joyce**, a bright 17-year-old young lady hailing from Cameroon.

Joyce is extremely passionate about using mechanical engineering to advance sectors like industrialization and agriculture. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys tennis, volunteering, and socializing. She is fluent in both English and French.

Joyce has had the chance to meet with people from all around the world and broaden her network more than she ever imagined possible because of ASA. In addition, she has raised her academic performance and broadened her prospects, thanks to ASA.

Joyce is therefore ready and looking forward to the experiences she will have at university and beyond.



Acsa Harubuntu is my name. I am 18 years old and I'm originally from Bujumbura, Burundi. Science fascinates me, and I aspire to be an aeronautical engineer. I believe that learning and application go hand in hand. I've grown mentally and become more open to diversity as a result of ASA. I'll miss a lot of things, but the fresh air on the balcony right before Prep will be my favorite. Regardless, I enjoy playing board games, singing, and helping others.

I'm **Favour Fri Fon** a 19-year-old Cameroonian.

Have you ever been told that you are destined for greatness? probably! But are those words sufficient to keep you going? After an on-and-off academic journey since 2017 due to my country's Anglophone Crisis, I began to lose faith in those words, until I came to ASA.

At ASA, I saw and not just heard that I was capable of great things. I met and interacted with successful women in STEM from all over the world who came from similar backgrounds to mine, which was a huge boost.

Working on one of the robotics projects and having the opportunity to represent my school on so many levels taught me resilience, the power of hope, and the value of hard work.

Being exposed to so many cultures taught me to appreciate my African heritage and prepared me to be a global citizen. I was also able to express myself creatively as a member of the music club and through poetry.

I can't wait to contribute to humanity's health and well-being through data science and machine learning and will continue to use my voice and my life to show others that you can be anything you want to be.





I'm **Opara Chioma**, a 16-year-old Nigerian. My favourite pastimes are reading novels, writing short stories and programming in Python. ASA has allowed me to appreciate the importance of networking and effective time management. I've also realised that my progress is a function of my dreams; if I can dream it, then I can achieve it. Although I'll miss a lot of things about ASA, I'll miss My Story sessions the most. While here, I was a member of the Media and Robotics clubs. After ASA, I hope to pursue a degree in Computer Science and one day become an educational philanthropist.

My name is **Ajube Theresah**, an 18-year-old Ghanaian. As the "life of the party", I have learned, even more, about the importance of keeping an uplifted spirit, especially through those trying moments. I joined the music club of the African Science Academy and was opportune to lead as the music director. I was also privileged to be appointed as hostel prefect for the 2022/2023 academic year. Through these experiences, I have been groomed to become a reliable leader. The diversity and sense of sisterhood will surely be hard to find elsewhere. I hope to become one of many STEM women making an unimaginable impact.



Rachel Irakoze from Rwanda here. I'm a 19-year-old who enjoys music and sports, particularly badminton. The Thursday board games, especially tumble, are something I will miss the most about ASA. It's a lot of fun and satisfaction to watch the blocks fall. I'll also miss physics lessons, which were the highlight of the day.

My name is **Esther Afua Appiah**, but I prefer Queen Esther's Hebrew name, Hadassah. I am Ghanaian. After nearly two decades on the planet, I've unearthed an extreme desire to dialogue at all levels of engagement, including debate. Being the Media and Communications prefect and President of the ASA Debate and Media Club has been a growth process. Walking into the walls of ASA with so much uncertainty about life, I'm leaving crazy enough to believe I can change the world. Not only am I inspired to give back to my community and wherever I find myself, but I am also inspired to teach others about the power of giving back. The influence of ASA in my life has been all-encompassing. I am passionate about the brain, a little yet powerful organ of the body. Keep an eye out for me in the neuroscience field in the coming years. I am self-motivated and, by far, boundlessly optimistic about life.





Julieth Moses is my name, and I'm a 17-year-old from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Science fascinates me, especially when it comes to health. I like writing poetry, making videos, and singing. I am a member of the music club. The idea that you are never alone and that there is always someone to count on is what I would miss most about ASA since it provided me with a family. I used to think there was just one route to my destination, but ASA taught me that wasn't the case. ASA is a place that welcomed me, transformed me, and generally equipped me to make a difference in the world, which I would do with my head held high.

Hello, I'm **Hamdallah**, a 19-year-old from Ghana. Before coming to ASA, I never imagined I could achieve what I have today. When my family was in need, ASA came to our aid, offering more than just math and physics lessons. They taught me how to be self-sufficient and strong, and even assisted me in learning new skills like coding. ASA demonstrated that I am capable of shaping my own future and introduced me to a world beyond what I had previously envisioned. I've met people I never would have met otherwise, and I've grown in confidence and resilience as a result of ASA. I am honoured to be a part of the ASA family and grateful for the impact they have had on my life,



Hi, I'm **Georgette Zouglo** from Togo, and I'm 19 years old. My first hobby is dancing, and I'm a member of the Cool Creatives and the Robotics Club. ASA has taught me that life is about balance and that giving back to our community is maintaining equilibrium. ASA helped boost my confidence. My life guidance quote is "hard work is worthless for those who don't believe in themselves" - Naruto Uzumaki.

I am **Fosu Doris**, a 21 year old girl from Ghana. My passion for Science and Technology may have faced significant barriers in pursuing my dreams if not for the opportunities and resources provided by the African Science Academy. I struggled to find mentors or role models in my community and was pressured by society to pursue more traditional career paths. I've had limited access to educational resources, such as textbooks and cutting-edge technology, which would have allowed me to fully explore my interests. It's never been the same since I arrived at ASA. ASA has provided me with a sense of belonging and community which is valuable to me. By creating a safe and inclusive space for girls like me to learn and grow, ASA has helped me to develop a strong sense of identity and purpose, which are powerful motivators for my future success. It has also prioritized the development of my leadership skills and confidence through mentoring, coaching, and community-building activities. I love making crafts from paper and I am a member of The Cool Creatives Club. "Laugh a lot, hate less; love much and enjoy every moment"





A STEM enthusiast and computer programming enthusiast. *Gladys Ayebia Ashong* is a 19-year-old Ghanaian from the Eastern Region. I love singing and making things with my hands to solve problems, so I decided to join the ASA music and robotics clubs. ASA has taught me how limitless I am in the things I can achieve in life due to the resilient nature I was taught to adopt here.

I am *Audrey Mtumbi*, a 17-year-old from Zimbabwe. ASA has been a dream for me with highs and lows but in the end, I realized it was all worth it. I learned a sense of companionship that I had never experienced from any of the schools I have attended in the past. I learned a lot in and outside the classroom. During the school trip to the Vlisco factory and the physics trip to Maritime Hospital, I considered myself to have already known Ghana my whole life within the time spent on the tours.



When I reflect on my past, I see a lack of confidence due to imposter syndrome, but my involvement in ASA has helped me gain self-assurance and pursue new opportunities. I'm *Sarah Nana Efua Serwaa Paintsil*, a 20-year-old aspiring Biomedical engineer, the Vice President of the ASA Music Club, the secretary and designer of the Robotics Club, and an enthusiastic citizen of Ghana. I am a creative individual who enjoys singing, dancing, and making people smile. I see ASA as a nurturing entity that helps individuals make a difference in the world and teaches them how to fly on their own. ASA has taught me the importance of giving back, and that is what I cherish most. Despite my challenges, I have succeeded by working smart and with confidence.

Salut! *SAMA Merveille Solim* is my name, and I am a 17-year-old Togolese. I am the academic prefect at African Science Academy. My time at ASA has been challenging but incredibly rewarding, especially in terms of academics, for which I will be eternally grateful. Right now, I am thinking of majoring in Data Science. With that, I see limitless opportunities to delve deeper into my passion for Math and Science while also giving back to my community by providing valuable information to drive community change. I am confident in my abilities because ASA has given me wings to fly.





My name is *Inkoom Margaret*, a 20-year-old, and I am from Ghana's Central Region. I was filled with uncertainty and doubt when I considered attending ASA. I enjoy caring for people and ensuring their health and happiness, but pursuing a career in STEM seemed like a daunting and unfamiliar path for me. However, looking back, attending ASA was one of the best decisions I've ever made in my life. Through my experiences there, I discovered my potential and learned that if I put my mind to it, I can achieve anything. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend ASA as well as the skills and knowledge I gained here.

I'm *Kelly Kethia Gacuti*, a proud 19-year-old Burundian who enjoys swimming, listening to music, and mathematics. I was also a member of my school's shot club. ASA has taught me to seize every opportunity and be open-minded. I'll miss my classmates and the memories we shared. I'm excited to study computer engineering at university and believe that "The sky is my limit"



I am *Praise Kudzai Machengere* a 19-year-old Zimbabwean, Deputy Head prefect, President of Our Shot Club, and an active member of the Music and Robotics Club. I will forever cherish the unwavering support from the teachers, administrators, hostel guardians, meeting with the Headteacher, and tutoring sessions at ASA.



When I was asked about my expectations at the beginning of the academic year, I never thought that ASA would exceed them, but I am proud to say that it has. ASA has taught me resilience, leadership qualities, and the importance of having unshakable trust in God Almighty. Despite being challenged with one of the most difficult courses, Further Math, I was able to push myself beyond my limits and complete it in just six months.

As I look to the future, I am determined to continue the vision and legacy of Dr. Tom by making quality education more accessible to women and girls in Africa and around the world. ASA has been a catalyst for change in my life, and I am forever grateful for the transformative impact it has had on me. Thank you, ASA.

I'm *Beatrice Boabeng*, a 19-year-old from Ghana.

I am an outgoing person who loves to be around people that radiate positive energy. In my spare time, I enjoy listening to choral music and watching movies.

I made the right decision by attending ASA. ASA has helped me improve my self-confidence and public speaking skills. I have become more resilient and meticulous in everything I do. My understanding of Physics and Math has also improved significantly.

With the knowledge and skills I've gained, I hope to become a biomedical engineer and contribute to my community.

I'm a member of the Cool Creatives Club, and I'll miss ASA most for the school trips and people I've met.





My name is **Keshiro Hephzibah Ayooluwa** and I'm 17 years old. I am a Nigerian and I'm in the media club at African Science Academy. ASA has served as a training ground for me to develop myself academically and socially. Before ASA, I struggled with poor time management skills but due to the daily structured timetable, my time management skills have greatly improved. I aspire to study mechatronics engineering and pursue chess at a professional level. My favorite quote is 'Walk like you have a purpose'.

I'm **Beni Esther Aku**, a 19-year-old Ghanaian with a love for STEM, robotics, dance, music, theatre, art, and programming. You can probably tell what I like to do in my spare time and which clubs I joined at ASA. The sky is the starting point: ASA has taught me to dream bigger and to believe that nothing is out of reach. What I would miss the most about ASA are the meals, unlimited opportunities such as networking opportunities with guests, and the sense of belonging. I believe that doing things the normal way is boring, so do them your way.



Siyapnji Youyou Agatha Suzie is my name. I am a 20-year-old Cameroonian with unyielding academic and volunteer achievements. I like programming, dancing, singing, and graphic design. At ASA, I lead the agricultural robotics project, do graphic design in the cool creative club, and serve as the entertainment and event prefect. What I will miss most about ASA is the supportive community. ASA has helped my personal growth by enabling me to pursue my interests while developing new skills. Eleanor Roosevelt's remark, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," is one of my favorite quotes.

I'm **Forgive Doamekpor Josephine**, a 20-year-old Ghanaian. To do great work, you must first love what you do. Keep looking if you haven't found it yet. Don't give up. You'll know it when you find it, as with all matters of the heart. African Science Academy has shown me where my heart is and that I am fully prepared for this exciting future. ASA has provided me with numerous opportunities to pursue my interests and passions. I enjoyed every extracurricular activity, from sports to music. I enjoy hearing successful people's stories because it reminds me of the sacrifices that lie ahead and the need to be mentally and physically prepared to give my all. Because of my adventurous spirit and keen interest, I've developed an interest in technology and am looking for new and innovative ways to improve our communication systems. Thank you, ASA, for shaping me into this self-assured and goal-oriented young woman.





My name is **Ruth Arhin**, a gifted 20-year-old girl from Ghana. I am the Headgirl of ASA, Vice president of the Cool Creative Club and a programmer of the Robotics Club.

ASA has been a great impact on my life. The Weekly themes have been very helpful in keeping me motivated, especially when the journey became tough. I will miss my mates and roommates as being around them has been a great source of comfort during stressful moments.

My experience with ASA has allowed me to grow emotionally and gain exposure to different parts of the world. It has made me realise that there are countless opportunities available to me should I choose to pursue a career in STEM, and it has also instilled in me the importance of giving back to my community.

The opportunity ASA gives us to make our own flyers for internal programs has helped me discover my interest and creativity in graphic design. I aspire to be a computer engineer.

Favourite quote- "When someone tells you you can't do it, show him or her you have done it" Supporters from Nigeria.



Meet **Estherine Uwase Itambineza**, a 21-year-old from Rwanda. During my year in ASA, I experienced significant personal growth and faced several difficult decisions that will define my future. I am proud to have made these decisions on my own and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.



My name is **Eva Mensah**, an 18-year-old STEM enthusiast from the Central region of Ghana, I am committed to making a positive impact in the world.

ASA has been instrumental in helping me develop my skills and confidence through its supportive staff and empowering platform. For instance, the weekly guest speaker sessions and themed presentations have allowed me to enhance my communication skills and broaden my knowledge.

In the future, I aspire to become an influential young woman who can make a difference in the lives of other young girls like me. I plan to achieve this by volunteering in a mentoring program and organizing community events to promote girl child education. With the skills and resources gained from ASA, I am confident that I can make a meaningful contribution to my community and beyond.



My name is **Sheryl Atieno**, I am a 19-year-old Kenyan. I like swimming, skating and bowling. Being part of this diverse community at ASA has been a very wonderful experience. ASA has been one of the most impactful experiences in my life, which has challenged and built me in so many different ways. I am forever grateful for every lesson I learnt during my stay at ASA.





I am **Zoe White**, a 19-year-old trailblazing woman from the breathtakingly beautiful land of South Africa.

In this past year, I have grown creatively, emotionally, socially, and academically. ASA has helped me to learn to speak up, let my ideas soar, and collaborate with other brilliant minds. Being part of a community that shares my passions has been nothing short of magical.

In the future, I aim to take a deeper dive into the world of innovation, engineering, and product design. I want to tap into the depths of my creativity and create solutions that manage Africa's natural resources in a way that is as beautiful as it is effective.

Viva Africa Viva!

"When I thought I couldn't go on, I forced myself to keep going.

My success is based on persistence, not luck". Estee Lauder.

I am **Petra Asima**, a 21-year-old Ghanaian, with a drive to excel in the fields of STEM and advocacy. My love for singing, reading, and listening to music also adds a colorful dimension to my life. My time at ASA has been a transformative and unforgettable experience, providing me with numerous opportunities for growth both academically and personally. It has instilled in me the belief that one can achieve great things with hard work, dedication, resilience, and perseverance. These experiences have allowed me to come out of my comfort zone, challenge myself, make mistakes over and over again, and most importantly never quit.

As I look toward the future, I am excited to see where my passion for stem will take me, and how I can use my skills and knowledge to make a difference in my community.



I am **Bulus Levitmwa Irene**, an 18 year old Nigerian.

I will miss the cooperation, love, and care here in ASA.

ASA has made me grow mentally and emotionally, taught me resilience, self-control, and self-consciousness, and taught me to always be happy.

I will like to pursue a career path in computer science

My favorite quote is "Yesterday is not ours to recover but tomorrow is ours to win or lose".

I'm **Cindy Akenma Ayirebono** a 19-year-old from Ghana's Upper East Region. I am part of the robotics club, the music club, and the French club. During my leisure, I like to listen to music, view nature, and watch documentaries about science and nature.

Attending ASA is a life-changing experience I will be forever grateful for. The school's commitment to empowering young women in STEM fields has given me the confidence and skills to pursue a career in mechanical engineering and be a part of the world's problem solvers.

I am able to connect with like-minded people from diverse backgrounds because of ASA's support, fostering an environment of collaboration and mutual support.

The rigorous academic program, hands-on learning approach, as well as programming and robotic sessions, have challenged me to grow and develop in ways I never imagined possible.

I am proud to be an ASA alumna and am excited to continue positively impacting my community through my STEM education.

Always do good when no one is watching you.





I am **Monica Aben Moses Dhieu**, a 20 year old from the Upper Nile State of South Sudan. I find joy in composing and reading poems, drawing and painting, and listening to music as well as playing musical instruments of the wind family.

At ASA I am part of the Robotics Club and Cool Creatives Club. My favorite part of ASA is the library which floods with insight. ASA has improved my social skills and ability to share spaces with people. I have learned that in any case, try not to laugh at the actions of people, not to cry over them, not to hate them but to understand them. My goal now is to live a life full of humility, gratitude and intellectual curiosity and to never stop learning. Key though, is to remember to live, love and laugh.

My name is **Mirriam Sarfo**. I am 19 years old, and Ghanaian. I love music, I love to write, and journal a lot. I'm totally into board games, and chess is my jam. It's the best! I am an active member of the Robotics Club and the secretary of the ASA Media Club. I'm definitely going to miss indoor games and movie nights during entertainment on Saturdays. Throughout my time at ASA, I have learned valuable lessons, the most important one is to seize every opportunity for personal growth. You don't have to know everything beforehand before you get involved. When you are given an opportunity, grab it and figure it out later. If I could give you one piece of advice, it would be this: 'Whatever happens, DO NOT GIVE UP. You are capable!'



I am **Kerina Anyona**, a 19-year-old from Kenya. I consider it a divine selection to be at ASA. I couldn't have asked for a better time to reinvent myself than in 2022 when I got admission to this prestigious academy. I enjoy the diversity, which I realized that ASA had opened a door of opportunities, friendships, and networks for me.

It has been a transforming experience to have attended ASA - a leap into the unknown. I look back with fond memories of this exceptional season, convinced that ASA has reinvented my story. I anticipate working for the greater good of Africa, my home.

I am **Mariam Abu**, a 20-year-old Ghanaian and a member of "OUR SHOT" club. I like playing badminton and volleyball. I also enjoy motivating people.

One of the best choices I have ever made in my life is coming to ASA. I have always found technology and its products fascinating. I believed in my heart that I wanted to study engineering, but after learning about the costs involved, I quit and thought it was not meant to be. Thankfully, my teacher introduced me to this life-changing school after high school. I immediately submitted an application, which was thankfully accepted, and am currently on my way to pursuing my dream of becoming a mechanical engineer. I'm extremely grateful to ASA for reviving my dead dream.





I am **Onyekwere Grace Chidera** an 18-year-old from the eastern part of Nigeria. I am forever grateful to Dr. Tom Ilube, for creating a platform that has helped me grow academically, socially, and morally.

ASA provides me with learning materials such as a laptop, textbooks, and internet access, which makes learning both easy and enjoyable. I have built my leadership and confidence skills through the morning presentations. Living with 39 girls representing 12 African countries exposed me to diversity.

In ASA, I have the opportunity to interact with my teachers during rag sessions, and participate in music club activities, where I display my talents and love for music and dancing.

My future goals include reducing internet fraud in Nigeria, creating a machine to help my aunt who suffers from chronic pain, and helping children worldwide. My favourite quotes are "Never say never" and "You can do it, just try, and you will definitely reach your goal."

My name is **Mary Atanga**, and I'm a 20-year-old from Ghana. Singing is one of my favourite hobbies, and I'm lucky to be a part of the ASA music club. As my time at ASA ends, I know I will miss this place's incredible learning environment. The teachers teach with passion, and the staff genuinely care about my well-being. ASA has had a significant impact on my life. The most substantial change I've gone through is a boost in confidence. I've also acquired a great deal of knowledge about Africa and other continents, which has broadened my perspective.

"It is not enough to be available; you must be usable". This is the message I wish to spread to others around me; it inspires me.



My name is **Sarah Gloire Nitonde**, and I am a student from Bujumbura, Burundi. I am 18 years old and passionate about computer workings, critical thinking, and mechanical engineering, and I am committed to making a positive impact in my country. I am also a member of the ASA Media Club.

I love to keep my brain updated and engaged by reading online and participating in activities that require quick thinking and multitasking. My time at ASA has helped me to hone these skills, and I enjoy the challenge of being able to think and react faster.

My passion for mechanical engineering grew after joining ASA, and I am excited to explore how this interest can contribute to the development of Burundi. I believe that with dedication, education, and hard work, I can help make a difference in my country and its people's lives.

I am **Theresa Arthur**, a 20-year-old Westsider from Ghana. I may not have a lot of fun facts, but in my spare time, I turned into a passionate music lover, an enthusiastic reader, a knowledge-seeking researcher, and more. Sometimes I like imagining how the world would be with me in it as a hero. My time at the African Science Academy (ASA) has been incredible, and I will miss the constant push from the staff to bring out the best in us and soar higher like the beautiful butterflies that we are. I cannot afford to forget the delicious food, the wonderful women behind them, the amazing school trips, and my great hostel guardians. ASA has made me well-prepared for any situation, both academically, socially, and emotionally. As I move on to my next step, I plan on joining a foundation to help mentor other young women in STEM like myself in my region. My favorite quote is "Be fearful, but do it anyway." "The sky is the limit, but there's more beyond the sky, so I will reach for it." I am excited about my future and can't wait to see what's next!

