
Student Profile



Ines Noella Twishime

Rwanda

“So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit - It’s when things go wrong that you must not quit”
by John Greenleaf.

My year at ASA has been transformational, I have had countless opportunities that have allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, challenge myself, make mistakes over and over again, and most importantly never quit.

It is through all these experiences that I truly found my passion of being creative. I aspire to become an optimistic engineer because I have experienced the power that comes with having a positive attitude and working in a team.

I hope to give back to my community one day through the use of renewable energy sources.

Bless Charles Oppong

Ghana

On my canvas, I softly stroke my pencil. My brain cuts through the transparent past and taps nostalgic memories to awaken an established mood and inspire my artwork with music playing in the background. Nothing, in particular, comes to mind other than the memories embedded in my mind, the passion in my heart, and the determination in my eyes to complete a flawless work of art.

Staying true to myself and creating an original piece exemplifies my most cherished ideals of honesty and integrity. I demonstrate how analytical and perfectionist I am by meticulously and neatly stroking my pencil or a paintbrush on my canvas with smooth lines and molding each portion into perfection.

My dreams for today were tall, like skyscraper heights of roughly 96 floors, but with the opportunity I now have from ASA, it appears that I am almost at the 56th floor, with many improvements and lessons I am ready to learn to achieve my ambition of establishing my own foundation for people with disabilities.



Kimberly Taj Mashanga

Zimbabwe

I am a proud Zimbabwean. My passions include STEM, art, and poetry. I am a proud feminist. Being in ASA has been the most transformative experience of my life.

In the last year I have been surrounded by like minded women from all over Africa. I have gained critical thinking and intellectual abilities that will serve me well throughout my life.

Being around such a diverse group of people has taught me to value other people's perspectives, to refrain from passing judgement, and to be open-minded as there is always something to learn. I am eternally grateful for the lessons I learned during my stay at ASA.



Irene Akawin Agigiba

Ghana

Just as everyone has their own story, everyone equally has their own journey, and through my journey I've met a lot of beauty along the way that were either blessings or lessons.

ASA has been one of the greatest blessings in my life and a place that has taught me a lot and given me so many opportunities, like meeting other intelligent ladies from all over Africa who are also maths lovers.

My name is Irene, known to some schoolmates as Agigiba, while to others, "Little Irene" because of my small stature. I love to listen to news updates to keep myself aware of my society.

I also love sports! Volley and badminton are my most preferred sports on any day. My favorite day in ASA is Thursday because I am always in a hurry to go for sports.

Glorious Osho

Nigeria

When I was in high school, my friends were very fond of me because of my playful and cheerful character. I love smiling, even at things undeserving of a smile. I am so fond of books; I love to read. I dislike unaccommodating people or people who snob or ignore me.

I love sports, especially table tennis and football, even though I am still in the process of learning. I am a very curious and assertive person. I love to learn new and inspiring things.

My stay in ASA has exposed me to the world, especially in the aspects of technology and mentorship programs. Facing challenges in my studies as an A-level student, I have become much stronger and more persistent. The pressure I face every day has made me into a better person. I always remember Mrs Teye's advice, 'It is doable'; 'Keep Practicing' among others. I always tell my future self, "I am proud of you".



Gracious Osho

Nigeria

The sole purpose of life is to save humanity. Little girls with dreams become women with vision. Although every man is special in his own way, I try my best to be consistent, courageous, and ambitious; with this, I introduce myself.

For me, African Science Academy has been a life changing opportunity for me and an eye opener. It has also shaped my personality and has prepared me for the future. During my stay at ASA, I have made a lot of friends, gotten networking opportunities, and gained a lot of practical experience through clubs and activities, especially our weekly guest-speaker and robotics sessions.

I have also been able to experience diversity, improve my critical thinking skills and communication skills. I just want to say thank you to the ASA family!



Elizabeth Demissie

Ethiopia

I love traveling. Saying my final goodbyes to my parents and boarding a flight to take me from Ethiopia to Ghana was quite a reathtaking journey. It was exhilarating because this was my first foray into freedom, and I had no idea what to anticipate.

I love math, not just because of its many applications, but also because it is logical, objective, and ordered, and its sheer nature provides me serenity.

My passion for mathematics was the driving force behind my decision to come to ASA - and it was well worth it. I want to be a mechanical engineer that designs systems and devices with intricate motor skills for a variety of applications. After meeting with my 15 African sisters who share my excitement for STEM, I can't wait for the future of Africa.

Mary Doh

Ghana

I am the metaphor for the Universe. I find beauty in everything; as they're all a curiosity to me. I was exposed to books at an early age and got hooked.

When given the chance to tour the world, I'd start with the Himalayas; I love nature and color but I also like giving chances to the prejudiced. My very nature is the pivot of creativity. With the world as my canvas, I splatter different shades of love mixed with imagination, painting a wonderful picturesque image of empathy and an innovative blueprint.

I am the phoenix, unique in every way; leaving to impart and impact; burning my energies out only to rise from the ashes with renewed youth to live another cycle. I am the epitome of resilience. Just when you thought I'd shed my leaves, I blossom!

Experiencing ASA is one true memory I'd never blot out! ASA has taught me resilience and independence; the kind that is perpetual and priceless.



Alice Samah-Akom

Ghana

She was born in the Western region but has lived most of her life in the Central region of Ghana, specifically, Cape Coast. She is patient, humble, and thoughtful of others.

At a roar of the sea, a twinkle of the stars, and a psithurism of the trees, she dances to the tune of nature.

She loves to sing, read, listen to music, travel, hand out and have meaningful conversations with friends. The whole of her writes this today because of the transformational experience she had at the African Science Academy. ASA really gave her a wholesome education to take her places.

She no longer hides in her small comfort zone but is ready to take on opportunities and make the most out of them. She's become one who would break through the barricades to create a possible world of utopia. Humanity's healthcare lays on her heart and a part of her yearns for it badly.

She aspires to be a biomedical engineer and an activist for female education, especially in pursuing STEM courses, considering the domination of science and technology.



Diana Murungu

Zimbabwe

As a child, I had the chance to travel with my mother around the beautiful country of Zimbabwe. Whether I was traveling to the chilly highlands of Inyangani or bearing the heat of Masvingo, I had the opportunity to observe and analyze how each location has its unique character, such as languages and social traditions.

My interest in learning more about and appreciating what the world has to offer grew as a result of my exposure to new things. While at ASA, for example, I realized that Shona and Kinyarwanda contain a few words in common, such as tambira, which means "dance" in both languages. My interest in robotics and artificial intelligence was ignited by the integration of software and hardware in automated machinery.

Being the Robotics Club president at ASA has helped learn the basics of the kinematics and dynamics of robots. With this knowledge, I plan to pursue creating an artificial ozone layer that will accelerate the regeneration of the ozone layer. Aside from robots, I enjoy nature, music, art, and photography.

Taking walks around my neighborhood's avenues, listening to music, and capturing aesthetic photographs of the tree canopies and sky are some of my favorite ways to unwind at home.

Manuella Kwawu

Ghana

Saying yes to ASA is, and will always be, one of my audacious and proud decisions. I vividly recall writing a letter to myself on my first week at ASA, as was required of my peers and me.

My letter was a manifestation of all the good things I hoped to see in myself upon graduating from ASA. The truth is that I am all of those things and more as a result of the opportunities and people I have met through ASA: the amazing and ambitious peers, dedicated staff, and ever supportive AGF trustees.

I know that every path I will take will be paved in some way by the doors that were opened for me here in ASA, through this family, and by the people who worked tirelessly to put the wind beneath my wings.



Yvette Ahishakiye

Rwanda

I am a proud Rwandese. My friends call me Yv. I am a blend of courageous and quiet, dedicated to my future but devoted to my family and friends, modest yet strong.

I don't claim to be the smartest person in the room, but I am quite brilliant. As a philomath, coming to ASA, an inductive environment, was such an exciting period of challenging my limits and exploring more of my potential as well as exposing my talents.

One of the lessons I learnt in ASA that has stuck with me is that commitment gets me started, consistency gets me somewhere, and persistence keeps me moving.



Caroline Gyireh

Ghana

Coming to ASA is one of the best opportunities I've ever had in my life. Meeting and hearing from great people out there, as well as those around me whom I hadn't had the opportunity to hear from or possibly meet before, attending tech camps, and gaining mentorship are just a few of the opportunities I had.

I enjoy exploring, meeting new people, and seeing new things, all of which ASA has provided me with and more. I want to work in a STEM field, promote it, and be a beacon of hope for other girls. My time at ASA was one of the most incredible and memorable experiences I've ever had. Overall, I have learned that; my wings already exist, all I have to do is fly. The gift of a new day energizes me, with my life philosophy mirroring a calculus limit that I may or may not reach.

But I keep doing my best because I can still get infinitely close, which is terrific. My experience in ASA is one great and unique opportunity I have had in my life, which I will always look back at and be grateful for.

Rahinatu Lawal Mohammed

Ghana

She has always been a sport, arts, and healthcare fanatic since she was a child. She thought she wanted to be a doctor since she watched so many people in lab coats on TV.

Until she found herself at the African Science Academy, where she was given a laptop, "amazing," but that wasn't all; as she sat for programming classes, "oh my God," she declared, "I want to be a computer engineer."

Her time at the African Science Academy has been an extraordinary adventure; she has not only learned about the Cambridge A-level syllabus, but she has also progressed from being shy to a confident young lady. She no longer views issues as obstacles to overcome, but rather as opportunities to grow.

Her long-term goal is to run a non-profit organization that will help young people develop their interest in technology.





Ziyanda Nomcebo Mthethwa

Kingdom of Eswathini

Growing up, I was always a curious child. I wanted to know why certain things were the way they were and the logic behind those rational things. My curiosity led me to decide on a field in STEM because it provides the opportunity to provide a new perspective on situations and new approach on life.

My journey to ASA has been a rollercoaster from meeting a variety of guest speakers to the picnics, Christmas Dinner, Visiola Camp to the SATs and endless exams and test and the tremendous hours put, to me feeling like I don't want to but knowing the quit button was no where to be seen.

ASA has transformed me from "I can't do it" to "Why am I not getting it" and to finally "I have got it" I have come to believe that two main factors determine success. The first is a person's determination and will to succeed. Are you ready to make sacrifices to achieve your goal?

Are you prepared to recover after failure and proceed to your goal again? Without strong internal motivation, it is nearly impossible to become successful.

Fridossetou Gnon

Togo

Salut! (Hello!) Straight from Togo is Fridossetou Gnon, a lively young lady. Fridosse is intelligent, ambitious, assertive, inquisitive, magnetic, fierce, imaginative, dependable, and level-headed. She can communicate in four languages: French, English, Bassar, and Ewe, and is learning Spanish as well.

Coming to the African Science Academy for Fridosse was a venture with its apprehensions_a particular one being the fact that she had never schooled in an English-speaking country. However, with the incredible support of the ASA community, she got over this challenge like a boss.

Fridosse has a wide range of interests, some 180 degrees out of phase. Prior to ASA, she'd nearly given up on her dreams due to her underserved background. ASA has allowed her to dream again and bigger than ever before. She plans to focus on software development, entrepreneurial leadership, and business in her higher education.

One of her biggest long-term goals is to revolutionize agribusiness globally by merging the engineering and business skills she will acquire. Her first ambition is to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger.

