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ABOUT US

GHASKA, an acronym for Ghanaian Students in Korea and Associates, serves as the umbrella organization uniting Ghanaian students and academics in the *Republic of Korea*. We are an active member of *the Global Union of Ghanaian Scholars (GUGS)*, a testament to our commitment to global collaboration.

Our journey commenced in 2015 when a group of visionary Ghanaian students recognized the importance of rallying their compatriots to collectively pursue common agendas aimed at self-development and nation-building. **GHASKA** operates as a non-political, non-religious, and socio-cultural entity, dedicated to enhancing the academic, social, and overall well-being of our members. Our efforts are greatly bolstered by the support of the *Ghana Embassy in Korea*, our esteemed alumni, and valued partners.

We are dedicated to offering a robust platform for intellectual discussions centered on crucial matters of national significance. Our aim is to facilitate meaningful exchanges and networking opportunities that foster capacity building and contribute to the advancement of our nation.

We strive to lead the way in championing unity and a strong sense of belonging among our members. We promote networking and advocacy as essential tools for driving national development.



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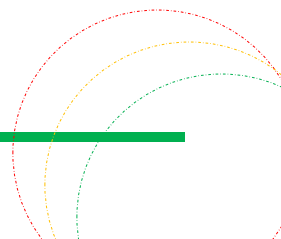
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Welcome Message from the GHASKA President

Ladies and gentlemen,

We welcome you to *GHASKA's Annual General Meeting*, a momentous occasion that underscores your commitment to our collective goals.

This AGM isn't a routine gathering; it's a vital opportunity for us to assess our achievements, identify areas for growth, and plot our future course. *GHASKA* has evolved into a supportive family over the years, fostering friendships, sharing ideas, and collectively advancing common causes.

Today, I encourage active participation, fresh perspectives, and a commitment to shaping our future. We thank our members, the *GHASKA Executives*, the *Ghana Embassy in Korea*, Alumni, and partners for their unwavering support.

Let's make this *AGM* a catalyst for even greater achievements together.



Richard Kabutey

GHASKA President-2023-2024



Courtesy Call to the Ghana Embassy

Setting the Tone for the 2023/2024 Administrative Year

On November 22, 2023, the GHASKA executives paid a courtesy call to the Ghana Embassy in Seoul to set the tone for the 2023/2024 administrative year. The primary objective of the meeting was to engage in dialogue on the policy directions for the association and strengthen collaborative ties. The Ambassador and her team warmly welcomed the executives, reaffirming their commitment to supporting the association.

During the meeting, the executives presented their annual action plan, outlining key initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of *Ghanaian students in Korea*. They also presented the specific needs of members to the embassy for redress, including a proposal for a town hall meeting to address student concerns and discussions on immigration challenges faced by members. The executives emphasized their willingness to collaborate closely with the embassy to find solutions to these pressing issues.

In a gesture of appreciation, the executives presented a citation to the Ambassador and other dignitaries at the embassy, acknowledging their continuous support and involvement in *GHASKA's activities*.

The visit not only underscored the association's commitment to fostering a strong relationship with the embassy but also laid a foundation for strategic cooperation to address member needs and ensure the well-being of *Ghanaian Students in Korea*.



GHASKA End of Year Party – DEC. 2023

The 2023/2024 Administrative year began with the *GHASKA End of Year Party*, an annual event celebrating the achievements, resilience, and dedication of *GHASKA members*. Held on *Saturday, December 16, 2023*, in the Daejeon region, the event provided an opportunity for members to reconnect, reflect on the year's successes, and plan for the future. The 2023/2024 celebration was a great success, drawing approximately 95 attendees—a 20% increase from the 2022/2023 event—with representation from all GHASKA regions.

The presence of the *Deputy Head of Missions from the Ghana Embassy* and other distinguished dignitaries added a prestigious touch to the event. Attendees enjoyed traditional games, Ghanaian cuisine, and drinks, creating an atmosphere rich in cultural heritage. The *HH Community* graciously hosted the occasion, enhancing the spirit of community and collaboration.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of hardworking members who demonstrated outstanding dedication to the association throughout the year. These members were awarded for their commitment, inspiring others and reinforcing the values of GHASKA.

The success of the event was made possible by the dedicated organizing committee, whose meticulous planning ensured a seamless and memorable experience. This gathering not only celebrated our achievements but also set the stage for a united and productive year ahead.



GHASKA Job Fair 2024 – Equipping members for Success

On *January 20, 2024*, the GHASKA Executives organized the first Entrepreneurship Seminar of the 2023/2024 administrative year at Yemyeong Graduate University in Seoul. This key policy initiative aimed to empower members with essential skills for the job market, focusing on preparing CVs that meet Korean standards and exposing members to various job openings in Korea. *Ms. Bia Lee*, the lead consultant, delivered an insightful presentation on crafting effective CVs and navigating job sites tailored to the Korean employment landscape. Her expertise provided members with the tools necessary to enhance their job applications and increase their competitiveness.

Dr. Dukes Anim, a professor at *Yemyeong Graduate University* and an alumnus of GHASKA, shared valuable strategies on building qualifications to secure visas for staying and working in Korea after graduation. His guidance highlighted critical points for members to consider as they plan their careers in Korea.

The seminar successfully fostered knowledge sharing and networking, reinforcing *GHASKA's* commitment to supporting members in their professional development and job search efforts.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Role of Ghanaian Students in the in the Diaspora in National Development

On **March 6, 2024**, NUGS-China in collaboration with GHASKA, GHASAM (Ghanaian Students in Morocco), GHASAI (Ghanaian Students in India) and NUGS-RUSSIA organized a round table discussion dubbed “**The Role of Ghanaians Students in the Diaspora in National Development**” via zoom to commemorate the 67th Independence Anniversary.

In attendance was *Prof. Yayra Dzakadzi*, the *Director of Tertiary Education, Ministry of Education and Deputy Director-General of the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC)*. The even witnessed discussants from the various sister institutions giving insight into how members can contribute to the development of Ghana.

This event was successful in making members realize that their role in nation-building is pivotal and they could leverage their exposure to advanced technologies and international education to drive progress back home.

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GHASKA Town Hall Meeting Report

On April 6, 2024, GHASKA hosted a Town Hall meeting at the *Seoul National University Asia Center* in a hybrid format, enabling both in-person and online participation. The primary goal was to create a platform for dialogue between students and the Embassy, addressing various concerns. This initiative was made possible through the collaboration of the *GHASKA executive team and the SNU-Asia Center*.

GHASKA Executive team and SNU-Asia Center representative Joonhwa Cho welcomed attendees, emphasizing the vital role GHASKA plays in strengthening *Ghana-South Korea relations*.

Discussions included potential collaborations, such as exchange programs for Ghanaian professors to visit *Seoul National University* and vice versa.

Key issues addressed during the meeting included the authentication of academic documents, personal effect waivers for students at Ghana Port, costs associated with TCs and passports, scholarships, and various importation challenges. Both parties expressed satisfaction with the discussions, and the embassy reaffirmed its ongoing support for Ghanaian students.

Dr. Duke Ofosu-Anim provided valuable insights on living in Korea and immigration opportunities, highlighting the importance of cultural integration. *Pastor Thompson Edufol*, GHASKA patron, encouraged members to practice patience and maintain faith in their endeavors.

The meeting concluded with the signing of two cooperation agreements: one with Study Korea News to provide members with up-to-date information on living, working, and opportunities for students in Korea, and another with the Foreigners in Korea Support Center to offer support on immigration and related matters. *GHASKA Vice President Mr. Patrick Danour* delivered closing remarks, reinforcing the commitment of GHASKA and the Ghanaian embassy to support *Ghanaian students* and enhance bilateral relations.

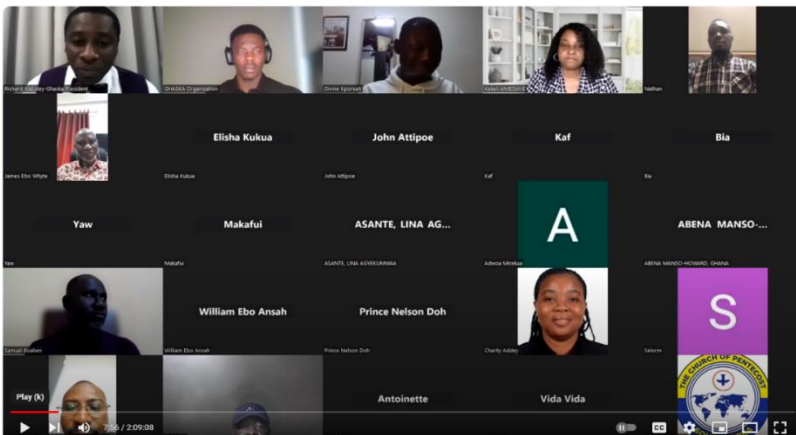


Financial Literacy and Mindset Change Seminar

On April 27, 2024, GHASKA hosted a seminar on Financial Literacy and Mindset Change as a pivotal initiative for the 2023/2024 administrative year, aimed at empowering Ghanaian students to contribute holistically to the development of Ghana. The executive team collaborated with *Mr. Obeng Darko*, a distinguished Ghanaian entrepreneur, author, engineer, and educator with expertise in real estate development, engineering, fashion retail, and writing.

Mr. Darko's presentation emphasized the importance of fostering a mindset that recognizes the potential for prosperity in Ghana. He urged participants to commit to the development of their country and to focus on building wealth at home. His insights highlighted the necessity of saving and investing as fundamental strategies for financial success.

The seminar was conducted online and included participation from our sister association, NUGS China, enhancing the event's impact and fostering collaboration among Ghanaian students abroad. The session successfully provided members with valuable financial literacy skills and inspired a collective commitment to contribute to Ghana's development.



Financial Literacy and Mindset Change – Zoom Meeting

Regional Meetings Overview

During the 2023/2024 administrative year, GHASKA regions conducted regional meetings aimed at fostering bonding and creating a sense of belonging among members. These gatherings provided an opportunity for participants to connect, share experiences, and strengthen their ties within the GHASKA community. By promoting collaboration and interaction, these meetings played a crucial role in enhancing member engagement and solidarity across the association.

Daejeon Region

On *March 23, 2024*, the *Daejeon region of GHASKA* hosted its *Akwaaba Day*, an initiative designed to officially welcome new *Ghanaian students to South Korea* and the association. The primary goal of the event was to provide orientation on GHASKA, as well as to inform new members about living and studying conditions in *South Korea*.

Held at the Hanbat Arboretum, the event featured a soiree organized by the *GHASKA Daejeon / Sejong* regional representative, with attendance from the *GHASKA President, Vice President*, and other members. New students from *Daejeon and Sejong* participated in an informative orientation session that prepared them for their academic journey in Korea. The day included a tour of the arboretum, where participants learned about various ecological environments and local flora.

Attendees enjoyed a communal meal and engaging conversations at the *Daejeon Expo*, further enhancing the sense of community among members.

The success of the *Daejeon Regional Akwaaba Day* underscored *GHASKA's* commitment to supporting Ghanaian students in South Korea and fostering a strong community. Moving forward, *GHASKA plans* to continue organizing such events to strengthen awareness and increase membership among *Ghanaian students*.



Regional Meetings Overview

Daegu Region

On *March 1st, 2024*, *DGIST GHASKA* successfully hosted a regional event for the Daegu region, sponsored by *DGIST GHASKA* members and supported by contributions from participants from various institutions. The gathering aimed to foster community spirit and facilitate the transition for newcomers.

Approximately 20 participants attended, including around a quarter of new students or individuals attending a *GHASKA meeting* for the first time. The attendees represented a diverse group from *DGIST*, *Yeungnam University*, *KNU*, as well as several graduates and associates from other institutions.

Activities were thoughtfully designed to promote interaction and camaraderie. Participants engaged in outdoor sports such as soccer, which encouraged friendly competition, as well as a variety of indoor games for more relaxed socializing. The event concluded with a *traditional Ghanaian meal*, serving as both a cultural highlight and an opportunity for participants to bond over shared experiences.

The event was a resounding success, effectively welcoming new students into the *GHASKA community* while strengthening connections among returning members. The combination of sports, games, and shared meals fostered a sense of belonging and unity among all participants.



Africa Cultural Festival - 2024

The *Africa Cultural Festival 2024* was held from May 10-12 at *Gwanghwamun Square* as a prelude to the *Korea-Africa Summit*. The event aimed to highlight the rich diversity of *African cultures to Koreans* and reshape perceptions of the continent.

GHASKA collaborated with the *Ghana Embassy* to run a booth that showcased Ghanaian culture. Attendees engaged in traditional games such as *Oware, Ludu, and Achii*, fostering interaction between Koreans and other foreign nationals. *GHASKA* also featured a stage performance that included traditional *JAMA songs*, further enriching the cultural experience.

The festival provided valuable insights and demonstrated *GHASKA's commitment* to cultural inclusivity and diversity. It served as an effective platform for promoting Ghanaian heritage and strengthening ties between Korea and Africa.



GHASKA Annual Sports Festival - July 13, 2024.

The annual GHASKA sports event was held on July 13, 2024, at Hanbat National University, attracting approximately 195 attendees the highest in the history of GHASKA, including participants from over 15 different countries. The event was well-organized and honored by the presence of several dignitaries, including **H.E. Mrs. Charis Obetsebi-Lamptey Zweness, Ghana's Ambassador to South Korea**; *Professor Jung Ho Park from Hanbat National University*; *Deputy Ambassador Mr. Adomako*; *Ms. Hyeonjeong from UNESCO*; and *Pastor Kim Kijoong of the HH Community*.

Ambassador Zweness delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing the significance of festivals in helping students destress, fostering teamwork and cooperation, and promoting healthy minds and bodies.

The event featured a series of track and field competitions as well as a soccer tournament, with teams identified by colors: *Seoul (Red)*, *Suwon (Yellow)*, *Daejeon (Green/White)*, and *Busan-Daegu (Black)*. *Daejeon* excelled in the track events, while the soccer tournament concluded with *Daejeon* taking first place, followed by *Seoul*, *Daegu-Busan*, and *Suwon*.

The event culminated in an awards ceremony, recognizing participants and awarding medals to the best regions in each activity. *Daejeon* was honored with the overall cup for its outstanding performance. Closing remarks and a prayer concluded the festival, reinforcing community spirit and camaraderie among GHASKA members.



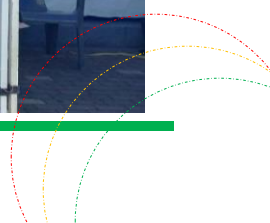


GHASKA Volunteering – Seongnam Migrant Center *World Together Day Celebration*

On May 19, 2024, GHASKA participated in the *World Together Day* celebration at the *Seongnam Migrant Center* as part of its commitment to *volunteering* and giving back to Korean society. The *Suwon region* served as the lead facilitators for this meaningful event.

During the celebration, the *Ghanaian flag* was proudly hoisted, and GHASKA operated a booth that showcased Ghanaian culture. Attendees enjoyed local drinks, including **sobolo**, alongside various snacks, facilitating a cultural exchange and enhancing community engagement.

GHASKA's involvement in the *World Together Day* celebration exemplified its dedication to fostering connections and promoting cultural diversity within the local community.



Korea-Africa UNESCO Education Nexus Forum

GHASKA participated in the *International Forum on Korea-Africa UNESCO Education Nexus* held from June 25-27, 2024. The forum focused on the collaborative educational efforts between Korea and Africa, framed within international goals and frameworks. *Mr. Richard Kabutey, President of GHASKA*, delivered a speech on policy directions to improve education in Africa, emphasizing the need for strategic partnerships. The forum aimed to strengthen the *Korea-Africa* educational partnership, fostering deeper cooperation and shared learning opportunities between the two regions.



The 7th Annual GHASKA Innovative Conference

The 7th Annual GHASKA Innovative Conference was held on August 10, 2024, at Kyunpook National University in Daegu. This gathering brought together thought leaders and researchers to explore pressing challenges facing Ghana and the global community.

The plenary session featured *Dr. Mrs. Latifatu Mohammed* from the *CSIR-Institute of Industrial Research*, who delivered insightful presentations on healthcare, agricultural innovation, and educational exchanges between *Ghana and Korea*. Additionally, *Dr. Dela Quarme Gbadago* discussed advancements in artificial intelligence.

A series of student research presentations aimed at addressing specific challenges in Ghana received constructive feedback, fostering collaboration and improvement in ongoing studies. Participants had the opportunity to network during breaks, enhancing connections among attendees.

Alumni presentations, facilitated by *Dr. Reynolds Addo-Akoto* and *Dr. Kwadwo Boateng*, highlighted their various research areas.

The conference also featured a panel discussion titled "*Developing a Global Mindset,*" with insights from *Dr. Kwadwo Boateng*, *Mr. Sam Okyere*, and *Dr. Evans Okpoti*, who examined the complexities of navigating a rapidly globalizing society. *Ms. Bia Lee*, from the *Foreigners in Korea Support Center*, provided valuable guidance on visa navigation.

The event concluded with a brainstorming session that addressed policy-making and cultural adaptability. Awards were distributed to participants, sponsors were acknowledged, this conference marked another successful endeavor for GHASKA, reinforcing its commitment to innovation and collaboration. The event was made possible by the dedicated GIC committee members.





K-Heritage Program

GHASKA collaborated in the *K-Heritage program*, held from **August 20 to 21, 2024**, focusing on cultural exchange. Approximately **10 GHASKA** members participated, benefiting from a range of experiences designed to deepen their understanding of *Korean culture*.

Participants visited significant sites, including the *UNESCO Memory of the World in Andong and the Korea Institute of National Studies*. These visits provided valuable insights and fostered cross-cultural appreciation, making it a meaningful learning experience for all involved.



Entrepreneurship Seminar

On **August 31, 2024**, GHASKA hosted an entrepreneurship seminar in collaboration with the Foreigners Support Center, titled "*Implementation of AF-KO Economic Cooperation Strategy*." The primary aim of the program was to equip members with essential skills and training for engaging in export and import businesses.

Mr. James K. Huh, a seasoned expert in the field, led the seminar, delivering valuable insights and successful strategies to the attendees. His extensive knowledge and experience provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of navigating the complexities of international trade.



GHASKA New Members Orientation

In the *2023/2024 Administrative Year*, the GHASKA Executives organized a number of orientation events to welcome the new Ghanaian students who arrived in South Korea within the Spring and Fall seasons.

These orientations played a crucial role in helping students adjust to their new academic and cultural environment, providing essential information on university life, resources available to them, and practical guidance on living in Korea. Additionally, the events fostered a sense of community, allowing new students to connect with their peers, build support networks, and ease their transition into a new country, ultimately setting a strong foundation for their academic and social success.

Scholarships / Welfare

During the *2023/2024 administrative year*, GHASKA benefited from scholarship awarded by the Global Elim Foundation. This award was made possible through the Ghana Embassy. Two active students in need received this support. We extend our gratitude to the embassy for their collaboration and to the awarding institution for their generosity.

Constitutional Review

During the *2023/2024 administrative year*, GHASKA undertook a comprehensive review of its constitution to better address the evolving needs of its members. This initiative aimed to enhance the association's governance and responsiveness. The executive team extends its heartfelt gratitude to the constitutional review committee for their dedication and hard work in crafting a more effective constitution for GHASKA.

Official Registration of GHASKA

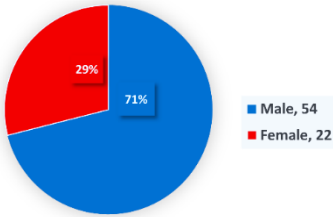
During the *2023/2024 administrative year*, GHASKA made significant strides in securing legal status. The executive team successfully compiled and submitted all necessary documents for official registration, marking a major milestone in the association's growth and governance. This achievement underscores GHASKA's commitment to establishing a solid foundation for its operations and enhancing its support for members.



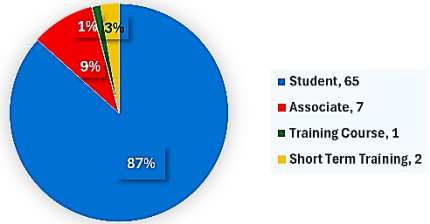
GHASKA MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Members added to the GHASKA Database during the 2023/24 administration = 57 (48.6% Increase)

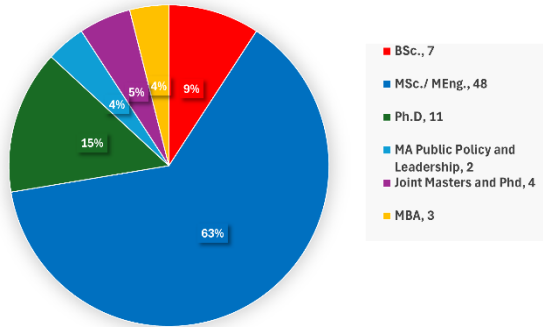
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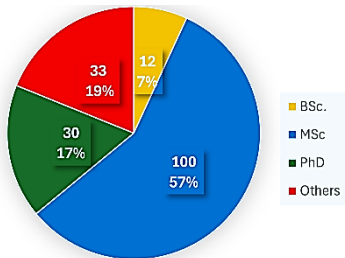


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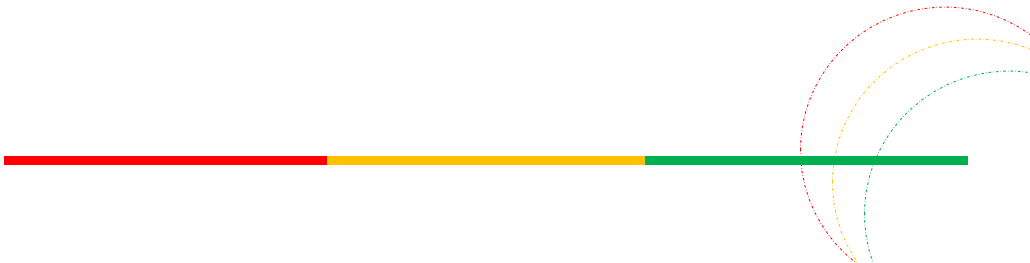
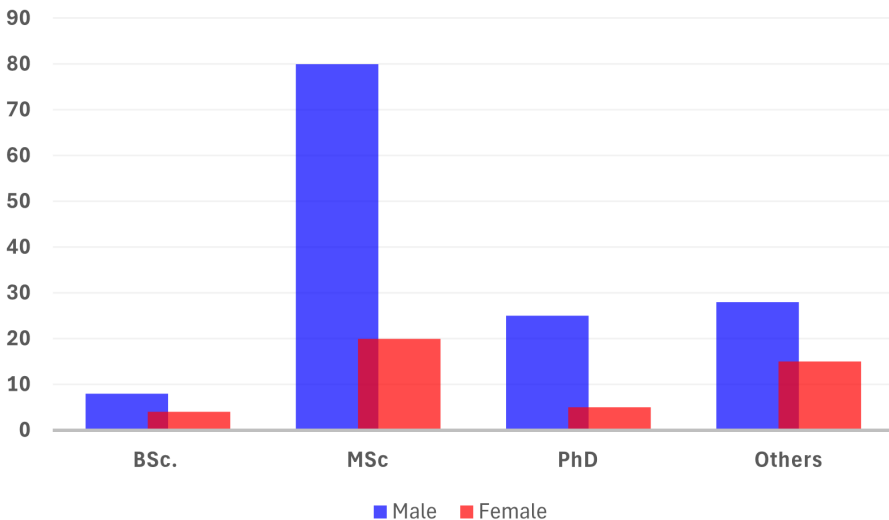
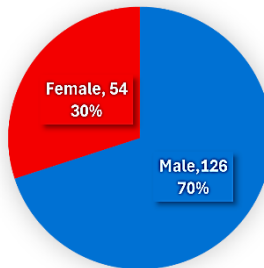


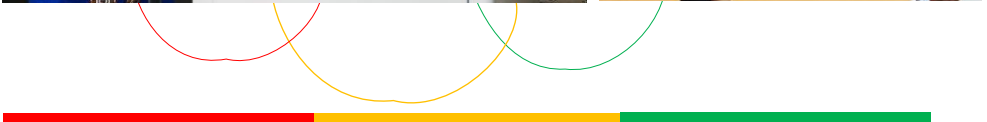
COMPREHENSIVE MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC SUMMARY

Membership By Degree Type



Membership by Sex







PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

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