

PROFILE OF LETICIA EMEFA YAWA AKABUTOO

Leticia Emefa Yawa Akabutoo is an ambitious, confident, resourceful, and result-oriented teacher. She hails from Dzodze in the Volta region of Ghana. Leticia attended Awudome Senior High School and later studied at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), where she was awarded a Bachelor of Education degree in English Language. She also studied at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, on a Fulbright Fellowship. Leticia holds a Master of Education degree in English Language from the University of Cape Coast (UCC).

Currently, she teaches English Language and Literature in English at St. Catherine Senior High School. She serves as a guest teacher and resource person for students and educators around the world.

Outside the classroom, she volunteers as a judge for the Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition. She has also volunteered as an application reader and conference proposal reviewer for high-profile programmes and events such as the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders and the 2023 West and Central Africa Teachers of English Conference.

Being a teacher who takes delight in equipping her students with 21st-century skills, she led selected students in her school to participate in the 2022-2023 World Smarts STEM Challenge Programme, enabling the participating students to secure a place at the New York Academy of Sciences. She is also the patron of the Leadership and Literacy Club at her school. The club aims to improve the literacy and leadership skills of its members.

With an intense passion for cross-cultural communication and global citizenship education, Leticia blends her traditional classroom setting with virtual learning, which enables her students to interact with resource persons, guest teachers, and other students in and outside Ghana. She has joined hands with professors at the English Language Department of the University of Southampton and the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, to maximise student engagement and learning. Her dedication to cross-cultural communication and global citizenship education has earned her the nickname “The Village Teacher with a Global Attitude “.

Leticia has been accepted into the 2023 Africa ELTA Female Leadership Mentoring Programme, which pairs selected female African classroom teachers with highly accomplished individuals who mentor, groom, and guide them to develop their potential to the fullest.

As part of World Teachers Day 2023 celebrations, Leticia was featured and celebrated by the LearningPlanet Alliance in their newsletter, which has over 5000 subscribers or readers worldwide.

Leticia strongly believes that teaching is one of the few professions that offers the opportunity to be part of the success stories of others.