



Report

Labone Senior High School 75th Anniversary Celebration – 2024

24th November 2024

1.0 Overview

At the Labone Old Students Association (LOSA) Emergency General Meeting on 20th May 2024, the Executive Council (EC) was given an extension of their mandate to plan and organize the 75th Anniversary of Labone Senior High School. The EC, after opening membership for voluntary participation, few members joined the Anniversary Planning Committee.

2.0 Anniversary Planning Subcommittees

To ensure smooth execution, three subcommittees were formed: **Finance & Fundraising**, **Organizing**, and **Publicity & Media Relations**. Each of these subcommittees received guidance from designated advisors. The main committee held its first meeting on May 21, 2024, during which the team outlined the activities and budget for the celebrations. To date, twenty (20) virtual meetings have been conducted. The Anniversary Joint Committee, comprising LOSA and the School Management, has also convened two virtual and three face-to-face meetings. Each subcommittee then began work as follows:

- The Finance and Fundraising committee developed the budget and executed fundraising strategies.
- The Organizing committee handled the logistics of planning the events.
- The Publicity and Media Relations team spearheaded media outreach, visiting various radio and TV stations, and creating promotional flyers.

2.1 Advisory

- Mr Listowel Agbeli, 1992
- Mr. Daniel Ayiku Mohenu, 1965
- Mr Joshua Akrong, 1978
- Rev Wisdom Ocansey, 1981 Official
- Mr David Max-Fugar, 1989

2.2 Chairman

- Mr Stephen Nii Amon Kotey, 1992

2.3 Finance & Fundraising

- Mrs. Gloria Nana Ama Eleonu – Team Lead, 1998
- Mrs Christina Baffoe-Haizel, 1982
- Mrs Minerva Mens, 1988
- Ms Naomi Naa Dedei Atttoh, 1994

2.4 Organizing

- Mrs Juliet Aryeequaye – Team Lead, 1998
- Mr Daniel Prosper Blagogee, 1983
- Ms Margaret Pawani, 1994
- Mr Nutifafa Fiagbedzi, 2000
- Ms Akosua Gyasiwaa, 2009
- Ms Emmanuella Offei, 2019

2.5 Publicity & Media Relations

- Mrs Faustina Adane – Team Lead, 1998
- Mr Raphael Agbeshie, 2005
- Mr Ishmael Anum, 2005
- Ms Odi Yaa Asiedu, 2005
- Ms Wendy Naa Dedei Sampah, 2000
- Mr Edwin Asare, 2019

3.0 Anniversary Logo

Both current and former students were invited to submit logo designs for the anniversary, resulting in 23 submissions from 13 participants. A three-member committee was established to oversee the selection process, leading to two designs being shortlisted (submitted by Raphael Quame Agbeshie, LOSA 2005, and Eric Barkley, a final-year

Visual Art student). These designs were merged and refined into the final logo by the Media and Publication team, incorporating key elements from both submissions.

4.0 Theme

After consultations with the school's committee, the anniversary theme was settled as "75 Years of Academic Excellence: Celebrating Our Past and Empowering Our Future through Technology." This theme reflects the school's legacy and commitment to incorporating technology into modern education, empowering students for future success.

5.0 Anniversary Cloth

Proposals and design samples for the anniversary cloth were sourced from various vendors. After evaluating the design, price, and overall conditions, the committee selected GTP to print 1,200 yards of fabric for the occasion.

6.0 Activities

6.1 Launch – 1st August 2024

The 75th Anniversary was officially launched with the unveiling of the commemorative logo. The event brought together dignitaries from the School Board, Ghana Education Service (GES), school management, old students, parents, students, media, and industry leaders. His Excellency Amarkai Amarteifio, Dean Emeritus of the Honorary Consular Corps of Ghana and LOSA 61, served as the Chairman. The keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Major General Samuel Nii Anum Odotei (Rtd), LOSA 67, a former Army Commander.

6.2 Students Career & Family Fun Day – 16th August 2024

In collaboration with ABSA Bank, this event aimed to expose students to various career paths and networking opportunities with professionals, educators, and parents. Speakers from the University of Ghana, ABSA Bank, and the Association of Ghana Industries shared career guidance and motivational talks. Four tertiary institutions including Academic City University College, Bluecrest University College, Ghana Communication Technology University, and KAAF University College, also exhibited their programs and scholarship offerings.

6.3 Free Health Screening – 24th August 2024

A free community health screening event was organized in collaboration with Rayan Hospital to promote health awareness in La and Osu. About 400 community members received medical services, including BMI checks, diabetes screenings, hepatitis B & C testing, hypertension screenings, and breast exams.

6.4 Homecoming – 20th and 21st September 2024

The two-day event welcomed old students, family, and friends back to campus to reconnect and experience the school's current environment. Events included a food bazaar, candlelight procession, bonfire, live band performance by Kwanpa, and an inter-house "Jama" competition. Special tributes were paid to departed alumni.

6.5 Health Walk & LOSA Olympics – 12th October 2024

The health walk covered a distance of approximately 9 kilometres, starting from Labone Senior High School and passing through notable landmarks like Celsbridge, La Township, Danquah Circle, and Morning Star School, before returning to the school. The event aimed to encourage physical fitness and bonding among participants. Outdoor games such as Ladies Penalty Shoot, Musical Chairs, and Mama & Dada were also organized. In partnership with Rayan Hospital and Van J Eye Care, members present received free medical services, including BMI checks, diabetes screenings, hepatitis B & C testing, hypertension screenings, breast exams eye tests.

6.6 Speech & Prize-Giving Day – 26th October 2024

The 53rd Speech and Prize-Giving Day, the major event to climax the anniversary, attracted over 3,000 attendees, including educational officials, alumni, parents, and students to celebrate the school's academic achievements. LOSA awarded outstanding students and teachers in over twenty award categories. Nana Bram Okae II, graced the occasion as the Chairman. Professor Fred McBagonluri, President of Academic City University College was the Guest Speaker. Other high-profile dignitaries present included Hon. Rita Naa Odoley Sowah, MP, La Dadekotopon, Rev. Dr Ebenezer Markwei, LBSHS Board Chair, Mr Joseph Addo, Aspiring NPP MP and so on.

6.7 Thanksgiving Service – 27th October 2024

A Thanksgiving Service was held to express collective gratitude for the school's achievements over the past 75 years and aimed at seeking divine blessings for future endeavors.

6.8 Fundraising Gala Dinner Dance & Awards Night – 9th November 2024

LOSA organized a fundraising dinner dance and awards night at the World Trade Centre to honor distinguished alumni who have significantly contributed to the school's development. A dedicated committee has been formed to oversee the selection of honorees.

The event also featured the raising of funds for the 75th Anniversary Legacy Project, which focused on refurbishing the school's science laboratory, which was identified as being in deteriorated condition.

7.0 Sponsors

The committee extended an appeal for support to both LOSA members and corporate entities across Ghana, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Numerous organizations stepped forward to sponsor and contribute to various aspects of the anniversary celebrations. Among them were **Multimedia Ghana Ltd, Max TV/FM, Class FM, Latenu Radio, Atinka TV/FM, Uniq FM, GTV, CTV, Obonu TV, Top Radio** and companies such as **Rayan Hospital, Van-J Eye Care, G-P1 Group, Voltic Ghana, Twellium Industries Gh. Ltd** and **Evercool Ghana Ltd**, all of which provided invaluable resources and media coverage to promote the event.

In addition to the corporate support, several **LOSA year groups** and **individual alumni** played an instrumental role in ensuring the success of the celebration. Their contributions ranged from financial donations to offering services, expertise, and logistical support.

This collective effort, led by both institutional partners and the Labone alumni network, was crucial in creating a memorable and well-executed 75th Anniversary celebration.

8.0 Anniversary Legacy Project

The Labone Senior High School 75th Anniversary Legacy Project focuses on the refurbishment of the school's Science Laboratory, an initiative aimed at modernizing and upgrading the existing facilities to meet current educational standards and improve the quality of science education at the school.

The project will involve Structural Upgrades, Modern Equipment Installation, ICT Integration, Furniture, and Workstations.

The refurbishment of the Science Laboratory will serve as a legacy of the 75th Anniversary celebration, benefitting not only the current students but future generations as well. It aligns with the broader goal of empowering the future through technology, as articulated in the anniversary theme, and ensures that Labone Senior High School remains a leader in academic excellence.

9.0 Recommendations

1. **Alumni Engagement:** Building on the momentum from the 75th anniversary celebrations, LOSA should maintain an active alumni network through regular updates on its existing social media channels to foster continued involvement and support by members.
2. **Legacy Project:** The Science Laboratory refurbishment should remain a top priority, with a roadmap indicating timelines, regular updates, and a transparent funding mechanism (to engage other corporate bodies etc). To establish a dedicated committee made up of Project Management, Fundraising & Finance and Publicity & Media Relations to oversee the Science Laboratory refurbishment till it is handed over to the school management.
3. **Regularization of Activities:**
 - i. The health walk event, initiated in 2010, has been an annual ritual of LOSA's activities, with the 2024 edition marking its 13th occurrence. The event was only skipped in 2020 due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. As LOSA's history dates back to its founding on 1st August 1980, it is recommended that annual activities such as the health walk, career day, homecoming, dinner dance and so on be institutionalized and scheduled for August annually. Also, a special lecture to be organized to commemorate the LOSA Month.

- ii. Additionally, individual year groups are to be encouraged to take up a legacy project as their contribution to the school's development. As part of the annual activities, the hosting of the Speech and Prize-Giving Day could also be rotated among year groups. A special ceremony could be introduced to formally pass the baton to the next year's group, symbolizing the continuity of this tradition.
- iii. We propose maintaining "Shiagbe," meaning "Way Home," as the official jargon for subsequent homecoming events, given its strong resonance with participants and the public.

4. **Procurement Policy:** LOSA to introduce a procurement policy aimed at establishing a structured and transparent framework for appointing vendors or service providers, ensuring accountability, fairness, and value for money in all transactions, while prioritizing members with valid LOSA identification numbers.

5. **Construction of an Ultra-Modern Secretariat:** In the course of executing various activities, it became apparent that the current secretariat facilities are insufficient to meet the demands of our operations.

- (i) Officials frequently work late into the night at the secretariat and then have to drive home, often under unsafe conditions, due to the lack of on-site accommodation facilities.
- (ii) The current structure cannot accommodate all officials working simultaneously and lacks adequate storage for essential materials and equipment.

- (iii) Critical facilities such as a meeting/conference room and a kitchen are missing, which hampers operational efficiency.

To resolve these challenges and to ensure a more efficient working environment, we recommend the construction of an ultra-modern secretariat.

6. Internally Generated Funds:

6.1 To generate sustainable funds for LOSA and ensure the efficient running of its affairs, the committee is recommending the construction of a modern washing bay at the currently underutilized refuse dumping site near the school's main gate. This initiative will transform the refuse site into a profitable venture while addressing waste management concerns of the school through funds generated. Other sources that could generate funds may be considered.

6.2 To utilize the school's frontage fence wall, spanning over 300 meters, for commercial advertisement purposes. This will involve the installation of durable angle metal frames fixed in between the wall sections, designed to hold printed banners of prominent LOSA members and corporate bodies at a determined subscription fee.

10.0 Conclusion

The 75th Anniversary celebration was a resounding success. The various activities, from the launch to the fundraising dinner dance, brought together alumni, students, corporate partners, and the media, fostering a strong sense of unity.

Also, the celebrations were instrumental in achieving key objectives such as inspiring the next generation of students through career-focused initiatives, promoting healthy lifestyles in our communities, reconnecting alumni and raising funds for the Science Laboratory refurbishment,

The planning and execution by the Anniversary Planning Committee, supported by the broader LOSA network, corporate sponsors, and the school management, were crucial to the success of the anniversary.

11.0 Useful Links

1. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C9HhBhwlgim/?igsh=MWpia3hqM2l5OG13Mg==>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/QuGLbXaX4HMtwNzJ/?mibextid=7J6EjN>
3. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Af8SoOI7r5wXbgrETMsB9vyHckfpMbTi?usp=sharing> (Anniversary Launch Photos)
4. <https://www.facebook.com/share/tE3VecpzoQ7TuHPy/>
5. <https://www.facebook.com/share/tE3VecpzoQ7TuHPy/>
6. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/7k1cwA9ZEKfMqM7W/>
7. <https://citinewsroom.com/2024/08/former-army-commander-calls-for-increased-ict-resources-in-senior-high-schools/https://pdfhost.io/v/r3fwDaHZ8> Friday 9th August 2024
8. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QKGZCeIgN8ENqCf1C9QHt6F4NI9pyiaS?usp=sharing> (Students' Career Day Photos)
9. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SCiMw8bbMdR3jw2CHvJ0mPuuvTqxyESx?usp=sharing> (Home Coming Photos)
10. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q09AcIBGjilc7XVMEp7B_ZiX9ZLu0xMi?usp=drive_link (Health Walk Photos)
11. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PCyPboCrzaMN67zwlqwS9SImxjOrgdpB?usp=sharing> (Speech Day Photos)
12. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kNvsSh4aC6TxF3Zl-UWSiFdHRxOtixJC?usp=drive_link (Dinner and Awards Night Photos)
13. <https://youtu.be/shKF15KPVNM?si=pRb32bCzBhcKsNRZ> (Dinner and Awards Night Video)