

## FROM DR. SILAS

Dear all,

It's with great pleasure to write to you this report. I hope you are all coping well through this “new normal” times. I was wondering how I'm going to complete medical school in this pandemic. Our school called us back about 2 months ago where we continued our project work. I was conducting research on TB medication adherence, and this was high-risk groups of COVID-19 and so I thought it wise to collect my data through a phone interview but the expected sample size has not been achieved and a big thanks to Sonjelle Shilton for her support. We used 6 weeks to prepare for our professional license exams organized by the Ghana Medical and Dental Council and this happened to be the only exams that justify you as a Doctor in Ghana. The exam includes Surgery, internal medicine, public health community medicine, and research project defense. In general, the exam was standard and were common things we were highly expecting. I'm glad to inform you that I passed successfully and now officially a Doctor.

We are patiently waiting for the school to give us an update as to whether there would be a virtual graduation ceremony or not. Moreover, the most important ceremony is the induction of doctors at Accra where newly recruited doctors are given a temporal license to render service to the country compulsorily for 2 years under the supervision of senior colleagues and one can decide to specialize after two years or not. After two years you are given a permanent license.

For the past 6 yrs., I was thinking of specializing in pediatrics and now I decided to pursue a different career in research and technology geared towards healthcare. Aside from pursuing a career in the field of medicine, I also excelled in the field of software development and graphic design including web and mobile application development. With the experience and expertise gained while studying, I have an interest in furthering Masters in Public health and Data Science and Ph.D. in Artificial intelligence in Healthcare to help make health care service in the tropics accessible and affordable.

Besides academia, I also have an interest in establishing a robotic and diagnostics company while pursuing my masters and an agricultural e-commerce start-up in Africa to help create jobs for the Youth. Finally, one of my long-term goals is to build a small city for the aged in Ghana where the aged are separated from the young so that they can be given the necessary attention they deserve as it is done elsewhere in Europe.

I'm forever grateful for all your support, guidance, and encouragement you have given me throughout Medical School. I would forever be grateful. This is another humble beginning in my career and I'm yet to make you prouder. I will never disappoint you. Thank you.

Kisses



Dr. Silas

