**Report on the Maiden Edition of the New Year School**

The maiden edition of the ReCAS New Year School was held on campus at the conference room and it welcomed participants from walks of life. The invited guest and facilitators included; the general manager of Business Resources Center under the Rural Enterprise Programme, the Municipal Coordinator of Nation Builders Corp (NABCO) and a representative of Ghana Scholarship Secretariat under the Bongo District. The first facilitator was Mr. Abiola Adeniyi on the topic; effective communication and personal branding. His presentation touched on how to communicate effectively while sustaining a consistent personal brand.

The second presenter was the NABCO Municipal Coordinator on the functions of the institution. He mentioned all the modules NABCO offers and the sort of candidates appropriate for each of the modules. His presentation covered the qualifications required for the various modules and how potential applicants could enroll into the programme. Notable in his presentation was the impact the programme has had so far on the socio-economic life of those currently enrolled. Participants took turns to ask questions ranging from the when the next recruitment would come off, how much they are paid, when the contract would end and the exit plans.

The next presentation was from the general manager of the Business Resources Center (BRC) on the major functions of the BRC. He outlined the process of registering with BRC and benefitting from their services. He mentioned the local and international partners of BRC and the support they offer to clients in varied ways. His presentation also highlighted the possibility of collaboration between the ReCAS as an academic institution and BRC. He wanted BRC and ReCAS to improve its attention on entrepreneurship and students can build their entrepreneurial skills. He was encouraged by the existing platforms by ReCAS to sharpen the entrepreneurial skills of students. He also answered a few questions on potentials of BRC and how much support they can give.

Mr. George Akuriba Agana also presented on time management and setting life target. In his presentation, Mr. Akuriba highlighted the importance of managing time properly while setting life goals for oneself. He gave participants pointers to look out for in setting life goals and achieving them.

The representative from the scholarship secretariat of the Bongo District was the next presenter. He gave participants information on the purpose of the secretariat and how it functions. He also told participants how to benefit from the secretariat as far as education was concerned both locally and internationally.

The final presenter was Mr. Azure Isaac on how to manage work with studies with some focus on entrepreneurship. His presentation used practical examples to elaborate the importance balancing both work and study. Considering most participants could relate to the scenario of joggling between work and studies, it was an engaging session. The new year school ended with so much enthusiasm from both participants and facilitators who showed interest in coming for another edition.