Students from the Sacramento region are invited to participate in the exciting and educational Summer 2002 Youth Peace & Cultural Education Program in Ghana, a West African Country of 18 million people. Teachers, faculty guides, counselors and CSUS student mentors may also attend.

Immerse yourself in the Ghanaian culture while developing a project designed to contribute and promote peace in the community. A participant’s abilities to be culturally sensitive, tolerant and work well as a team member are essential to the success this program.

The Youth Peace & Cultural Education Program is designed to:

- Introduce the personal experience of an African culture
- Expose participants to foreign service career opportunities
- Broaden global views
- Enhance self-esteem
- Develop self-motivation, positive thinking and leadership skills
- Promote peacemaking abilities, intercultural and interrelational skills

Program Activities Include:

- Indigenous Ghanaian peace making/violence prevention lectures and demonstrations
- Cultural examination through historical site visits
- Interaction with Ghanaian youth, family and government officials
- Firsthand experience of urban and rural lifestyles
- Conflict resolution/peace making workshop and practicum

Application Deadline: October 19, 2001

Academic Credit: 1-3 unit(s) of college/high school credit, upon request and program completion

Language Requirement: Ghana’s official language is English

Candidate Selection

Prospective participants are high school students, grades 10-12, and must demonstrate their ability to fulfill the program objectives. Churches, businesses, community organizations and schools are encouraged to sponsor youth/students for the program. Prospective candidates must provide:

1. A Letter of Interest

   In one page, state your personal/academic background, list your reasons for applying, present an idea for a peace project and explain how you will apply and share your experiences upon return.

2. Two Letters of Reference

   One letter must be from your school.

   The selection committee and program director will base final candidate selection on the letter of interest, references and a personal interview. The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution reserves the right to consider other reasonable selection criteria or make other changes. Selected candidates must attend the Africa Conference at CSUS, May 2002, and several orientation sessions. The first mandatory orientation will be held at CSUS on November 17, 2001 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Finances

Upon acceptance, participants are required to pay a $100 non-refundable acceptance fee. CAPCR seeks support from private and public agencies and individuals for part of the program. Participants are required to pay $5,000 of the program expenses. CAPCR will provide participants with fundraising information and tips toward meeting your financial obligation. Payments can be made in two installments: $2,500 by January 11, 2002 and $2,500 by May 3, 2002. Credit card (Visa or MasterCard) payments are acceptable. Further information will be presented at the November 17, 2001 orientation.

Mail or fax the completed form with the letter of interest and references by October 19, 2001 to:

Prof. Ernest Uwazie, Director, Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution, California State University, Sacramento
6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819-6058, phone: (916) 278-6282, fax: (916) 278-7692
Email: uwaziee@csus.edu or visit www.csus.edu/org/capcr

YOUTH PEACE AND CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN GHANA APPLICATION

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

School

Grade

GPA

Ethnicity

Male/Female

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Do you have any overseas travel experience?  ○ Yes  ○ No

If yes, please state when and where: __________________________

Future goal/career: _________________________________________

Do you plan to attend CSUS?  ○ Yes  ○ No

By signing below, you state that the information provided above is correct and complete. Any false information could lead to denial of application or other sanctions.

Name: __________________________

Signature: __________________

Date: ________________________

If under 18, parent or legal guardian must sign:

Name: __________________________

Signature: __________________

Date: ________________________