



About the College of West Africa (CWA) Preparatory School

The College of West Africa (CWA) preparatory high school is in Monrovia, Liberia. [Liberia](#) is a nation on the west coast of Africa founded in 1847 by former slaves from the United States who arrived in what is now Liberia in 1822 with the help of the [American Colonization Society \(ACS\)](#). CWA is the second oldest secondary school in the country. Other notable mentions about CWA include:

- Established as the Monrovia Seminary in 1839
- Officially recognized as the College of West Africa in 1904
- Owned/run by Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Named United Methodist Historic site #457
 - One of only six historic sites outside of the United States
- Offers 13 subjects across 6 departments (Language Arts, Science, Drafting, Social Science, Computer Education, Home Economics)
- Extra curricula activities include Sports, Debate Club, Quiz Team, Press Club

Support and Advocacy for CWA

This year, as Liberia commemorates the 200th anniversary of the arrival of former slaves who helped found the country, CWA has a unique opportunity to celebrate its historic place in the founding of the Republic of Liberia.

Having experienced decades of uncertainty, including a 14-year civil conflict (1989 – 2003), Liberia’s economy has been significantly impacted. The country’s post conflict recovery began in 2005 with multiple starts and stops which have indirectly affected CWA. Post conflict disruptions include:

- Impact of the 2008 global financial crisis exacerbated conditions
- Outbreak of the 2014 Ebola epidemic compounded the situation
- Post Ebola economic downturn and currency devaluation followed
- COVID-19 impacts to the global economy also affect Liberia

These disruptions have had forecasting and budgetary pass-down affects on CWA. As such, both in-kind and monetary donations are essential.

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Investing in and Sustaining Student and Talent Development

The 2022 bi-centennial celebration provides a wonderful opportunity for CWA students, faculty and staff to observe this remarkable occasion. To create a memorable experience, the CWA Alumni Association USA is hosting its 1st Annual Diversity Equity and Inclusion symposium. This exciting and interactive experience takes place on March 24 – 25, 2022 in Monrovia.

[CWA Alumni Association USA Inc.](#), (501c3), also aims to start a Women and Girls Leadership Forum at CWA this year to help faculty, staff, and students achieve greater success, effectively navigate difficult life choices, enhance inclusive culture competencies, and advance key leadership skills. [Join us](#) on our journey to achieving the following student development platforms:

- Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion and Career Services
- Change Leadership Academy
- Guidance Counseling and Teacher Accountability Office
- Paid Summer Jobs/Internships Program
- Preservation of CWA as a Liberian national landmark/heritage site

Become a DE&I Symposium Founder and CWA Diversity Ally

Advancing an Inclusive and Engaged Culture where students of diverse backgrounds collaborate, drive innovation, high performance and exceptional results



College of West Africa Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Career Services



Earnestine F. W. Smith Women and Girls Leadership Forum



Bishop Francis Burns Change Leadership Academy



Guidance Counseling & Teacher Accountability



Designation of CWA as National Landmark & Heritage Site

Leveraging the power of inclusion to unlock our diversity and full potential

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