



Covenant University Newsflash

A daily update of News and Events in Covenant University

January 5-9, 2015

Chancellor Urges Students to Make Spiritual Investment

Students of Covenant University have been urged to invest into their future, because life only gives back what one invests into it.

This advice was given by the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, at the Opening Assembly on Monday, January 5, 2015 to welcome the students into the New Year and Omega Semester.

The Chancellor, represented by the immediate past Registrar and Resident Pastor, Faith Tabernacle, Canaan Land, Pastor Nbong Ntia, made reference to 1 Timothy 4:7-8, and Hebrew 6:5, emphasising the need for spiritual investment.

He stated further that to achieve success in life, one must embrace spiritual investment, so that all other efforts are not rendered futile. "There are certain things you will never be able to touch in your life except you are given to prayer and fasting", he said.

According to him, Daniel and the three Hebrew boys made investments that made them ten times better than their colleagues. "This is when you need to invest into the future, so that the days ahead will be very good," he added.

He concluded with Oprah Winfrey's quote on excellence, "I was raised to believe that excellence is the best

deterrent to racism or sexism", stressing that students should thrive for excellence.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo noted that "There is no substitute for godliness if you must maximize your destiny on earth". He, therefore, advised the students to embrace godliness.

While making reference to Proverbs 4:20-23, Proverbs 1:10 and 2 Chronicles 1:8, he assured the students of a better interaction with industries to keep them abreast of current happenings in their field. He also promised closer ties with other world-class Universities during the next summer.



Representative of the Chancellor, Covenant University, Pastor Ubong Ntia, Resident Pastor, Faith Tabernacle, Canaan Land, exhorting students during the event

The Vice-Chancellor also reiterated the need to work harder to get the University listed among the first ten leading universities in the world.

Professor Ayo noted that there are plans to put in place monthly seminars where professionals from industries would deliver papers to enhance town and gown collaboration.

He appreciated everyone for the smooth running of the University system and enjoined them to do more in order to maintain her leading position in the webometrics ranking.

"No Regrets following Christ" -- Chancellor

The first regular Faculty and Senior Staff fellowship of the University for the Year took place on Friday, January 9, 2015, where the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, enjoined everyone to make followership of God their priority in the New Year.

Quoting from the scriptures in Mathew chapter four and verse 19, "Follow me and I will make you..." Dr. Oyedepo said, "No one genuinely follows Christ and ends in regrets". He added that following Him would make any human endeavour a cheap success.

The Chancellor emphasised that the benefit of following God does not end with an individual, but extends to generations after him or her. He stated

further that following God does not bring people down but ends up in open profiting for them, according to 1 Tim 4:15.

Dr. David Oyedepo, however, noted that followership was an individual's choice, and the quality of each one's engagement would determine his level of profiting. He also prayed for the successful academic activities in the Omega (Second) Semester, which commenced on Monday, January 5, 2015.

The fellowship also featured three presentations, which included "Introducing 2nd Covenant University's International Conference on African Development Issues (CU-ICADI) 2015," presented by the Local

Organizing Committee Chairman, Dr. Justin Daramola. He gave an overview of preparations toward the successful hosting of event.

There was also a presentation on SCOPUS Indexing by Professor Sanjay Mistra of the Department of Computer and Information Science, while the Director of International Office and Linkages, Dr. Angela Eni, gave a brief report on the visit to world class Universities in France in company of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo.

Other activities at the fellowship included testimonies of God's faithfulness, prayer of thanksgiving as well as intercession for the Omega Semester and the New Year.

Students share Expectations as Omega Semester Commences



Students during the Welcome Assembly for Omega Semester

After four weeks of holiday, together with Christmas and New Year seasons, Covenant University students have finally resumed for the Omega (second) Semester of the 2014/2015 academic session, with work beginning in earnest. Many of them have different stories on how they spent the holiday. Some of them shared their experiences and also what they look forward to in the New Year and Semester.

For Olorunfemi Adegboyega, a 100 Level Management Information System (MIS) student, the Christmas holiday was quite eventful and fun filled with the presence of family members, relatives and friends. He visited his village and some tourist centres. Also, Oguntayo

Faith, of Accounting Department, had a wonderful time at home with her family. Anyamkpa Akunna, of Computer Science Department, said the holiday went well and at the same time was hectic as she travelled to her village.

Quite a number of the students shared similar experiences on how they spent their Christmas and New Year holiday. There was no dull moment with most of them having a busy time with their families and friends and also paying visits to public recreation centres. On the contrary, Asiyambi Jesuferanmi, a 200 Level Computer Engineering student, said

the break was not as lively as expected. Rather, he had a boring holiday as a result of the violence in his area in Port-Harcourt, which even made him eager to resume.

Just as everybody looks forward to setting new goals for the year, some of the students have also earmarked their plans for the year, which revolve around their spiritual, academic and personal lives. The New Year harmonized with the Omega Semester is a time to make supreme effort academically to attain a better result, amend past mistakes and upgrade spiritually and personally.

While sharing his plans for the year, John Celestine Orok, a 100 Level Petroleum Engineering student, said his plans for the year is to improve academically as he was not satisfied with the Alpha (first) Semester result. He also hopes to enroll in a vocational training that will increase his knowledge during the summer holiday. Olubuyi Ifeoluwa, a 300 Level Industrial Physics student, looks forward to being a better person in 2015 and also achieving a better result academically.

In another case, Shodiya Ayokunle Phillips, a Business Administration student, judging from his experience last year, he is planning to have a better bond with friends and push harder to achieve his set goals for the year.

According to Williams Aaron and Asiyambi Jesuferanmi, 200 Level Computer Engineering students, their plans for the year and semester are to, most importantly, build up their spiritual lives, correct some past mistakes and also develop themselves on daily basis. As for Omongbale Roosevelt, also a 200 Level Estate Management student, this new semester and New Year is a time to rebuild.

Ojeifo Joy and Hamed Ayoyinka, both final year students of Policy and Strategic Studies and Industrial Mathematics respectively, described their holidays as blissful though brief because they were occupied with their project work.

However, their hopes and expectations for the year, which also happens to be their last semester in the University, are to improve on previous results, have better performance and joyfully bag their B.Sc. Definitely, it is a year that holds so much in stock for them academically.

With lectures already in full gear, students seem to have settled down to business by attending lectures and getting recommended textbooks, and the final year students are back to their project work.

FACULTY/STAFF BIRTHDAY *January 4-10, 2015*

04-January

Mr Falola Hezekiah Olubusayo
Assistant Lecturer
Business Management

05-January

Dr. Olanipekun Emmanuel Abiodun
Lecturer 1
Building Technology

06-January

Miss Krika Aviwohgo Juliet
Principal Nursing Officer
Health Centre

06-January

Dr. Dejuwon Grace Anuoluwapo
Senior Lecturer
Psychology

06-January

Mr Oni Abiodun Samson
Lecturer 2
Estate Management

06-January

Mrs Ademuyiwa Faith Toty
Technologist 2
Mechanical Engineering

07-January

Mr Sanni Samuel Eshorame
Assistant Lecturer
Chemical Engineering

08-January

Mr Ajiboye Olalekan Samson
Technologist 2
Electrical And Information Engineering

08-January

Dr. Aderonmu Peter Adewuyi
Lecturer 1
Architecture

09-January

Mr Joel Emmanuel Sunday
Assistant Lecturer
Physics

09-January

Mr Obafemi Leke Nathaniel
Technologist 2
Physics

10-January

Miss Mba Gloria Uchenna
Nursing Officer 2
Health Centre