



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University April 27-May 1, 2015

## COVENANT UNIVERSITY APPOINTS DR. JONATHAN AREMU PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS



(L-R) Professor Aremu receiving his Promotion letter from the VC, Professor Ayo, with them is the Registrar, Dr. Oludayo.

**W**e all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.”

The above empowering quote by Jesse Owens, the American track-and-field legend, captures the elevation of Dr. Jonathan Aremu to the professorial cadre of Covenant University, as Professor of International Economic Relations.

His appointment was announced by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, today, April 23, after a brief meeting with some members of the University Management.

The Vice-Chancellor said his appointment was ratified by the Board of Regents after professorial assessments from the External Assessors had been duly undertaken, which validated the earlier prima facie cases established by the University's Appointment and Promotion Committee.

Professor Ayo expressed optimism that Professor Aremu's appointment would culminate in a robust industry relationship and collaboration for the University, considering his great and diverse industry experience, especially as consultant to many regional bodies in

the continent and beyond. He noted that it came at a time when the University is planning to host captains of industries to a University/Industry Partnership Luncheon with the aim of harmonizing industry/academic partnership for national development.

Professor Aremu, who had a short stint as the University's acting Vice-Chancellor in 2005, was charged to see his new appointment as a call to a higher academic leadership role where more outstanding and ground-breaking contributions would be expected for both academic and community service goals of the University.

In his response, Professor Aremu, who

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## COVENANT UNIVERSITY'S NEW ACADEMIC INTEGRITY INITIATIVE- #ICANDEFENDMYGRADE

**I**n a world where one scandal after another emerges, a reputation of integrity is priceless. Since the establishment of Covenant University in 2002, the University has been committed to academic integrity. This includes values such as avoidance of cheating or plagiarism; maintenance of academic standards; and honesty as

well as rigor in research and academic publishing.

In her drive for academic integrity, as noted in the Mission Statements and as represented in the Core Values, the University has moved toward an inclusive approach to inspiring academic integrity in the ongoing Omega Semester examination. This initiative is

executed through the platform of the Student Council in order to take a further step to make students aware of the consequences of academic dishonesty.

The Student Council Vice-President (Male), Mr. Onyekachukwu Ogwu, a 400 Level Accounting student, said, “the initiative is to foster moral code or ethical policy of academia in the ongoing

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VC, Prof. Ayo

DVC, Prof. Abioye

Registrar, Dr. Oludayo

DFS, Pst. Okubanjo

DSA, Mr. Ezenwoke

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examination, which includes values such as avoidance of cheating or plagiarism.”

According to him, “#ICANDEFENDMYGRADE is an Academic Integrity Initiative aimed at reducing the rate of exam malpractice during the Omega examination period. Students are sensitized about integrity and advised that the quest for truth and

knowledge requires intellectual and personal honesty in learning, teaching, research and service.

“During this Omega Semester examination, students need to feel that their hard work is being recognized and fairly evaluated, and that other students do not have an unfair advantage through cheating in exams, essays, or projects.” He

added.

Happy to be a part of this initiative, Miss. Adewole Toluwanimi, a 100 Level student of the Department of Industrial Mathematics, said it is a thing of joy to be involved in a positive campaign that can help solve challenges faced by the educational sector.

In today's contemporary world where technology is one of the most predominant factors that influence the educational system, Covenant University Students have created awareness that has gone viral about academic integrity, using different ICT means to express, share or exchange information within and outside the University community.

Examination malpractice is neither a recent phenomenon nor peculiar to Nigeria but its alarming rate of increase calls for concern from all stakeholders. In addition, Covenant University calls every stakeholder in the educational sector, to participate in this movement to reduce examination malpractice in the country by making honesty the foundation of good academic work.

To join this movement, make use of #ICANDEFENDMYGRADE on any of the social media, follow Covenant University on Twitter @cuhebron, like our Facebook page - Covenant University, and visit us on Instagram- Covenantuniversityota.

## PET. ENGINE STUDENT EMERGES FIRST AT SPE AFRICA FORUM IN KAMPALA, UGANDA- TO REPRESENT AFRICA IN HOUSTON, TEXAS



Zainab Titus

A 500 Level Petroleum Engineering student of Covenant University, Zainab Titus has distinguished herself at the 2015 SPE Africa Region Students Technical Paper contest, which took place on the April 18, 2015 at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Zainab was selected through a rigorous process in which the SPE considered over 170 submitted abstracts from African students in various universities across the

Continent.

From this large pool of abstracts, twelve (eight in the undergraduate category and four in the postgraduate category) were successful and invited, all-expense paid to present their work at Makerere University, in Kampala, Uganda.

Participants at the contest presented their abstracts, which covered a brief introduction, literature review, methodology, results, analysis/interpretations and conclusions and recommendations. Zainab presented an abstract on “Analytical Model for Improving Completion Efficiency and Production Optimization”, which is a newly developed diagnostic tool with wide industry applications. This earned her remarkable approval from the panel of judges and other participants, thereby emerging “The First Place Winner for the Undergraduate Category in all of Africa”. The first place winners in both categories would represent Africa at the Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE) in Houston, Texas in September, 2015.

This was the first appearance of Covenant University in the contest.

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was overwhelmed with joy, appreciated the Chancellor and the University Management for finding him worthy to be appointed a professor of Covenant University. He congratulated the University for registering itself on the global map as the Best in West Africa and promised to remain committed to the Covenant University vision.