



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University May 4-8, 2015

CU ALUMNI HONOURS VICE-CHANCELLOR

Eagles Hope Foundation, one of the outreach arms of the Covenant University Alumni base honoured the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, with a partnership cum appreciation award in recognition of his role as a Patron of the Association.

The visiting team comprised three officials of the Foundation, made up of the Programme /Operations Manager, Mr. Remi Ademiju, the Corper Action Fund Coordinator, Miss Oyinkansola Ige and the Programme Manager, Mr. Adedokun Adeola.

While making the presentation,

the leader of the team, Mr. Remi Ademiju, stated that the reason they were at the university to see the Vice-Chancellor was to appreciate him for being a strong pillar of support for them, as a patron.

He stated, "Having a vision such as ours, to become a global non-profit organization committed to influencing social change, we could not have achieved most of our goals over the past years without your support and guidance."

The award, he said, was just a token to say, "We appreciate your good works and we are privileged to have someone like you as a patron." Mr. Ademiju also solicited for further assistance, guidance and advice as they expand their activities into new projects and ideas. He explained that prior to this time, the organization had been involved in projects such as the CITY Summer Leadership Camp, with the acronym CITY meaning, 'Catch & Inspire Them Young' focused mainly on training young people in secondary schools. However, the new plan is to move up to reaching out to National Youth Service Corps members.

According to him, "The CITY



L-R: The Foundation's Programme Manager, Mr. Adedokun Adeola, Programme /Operations Manager, Mr. Remi Ademiju, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo and the Corper Action Fund Coordinator, Miss Oyinkansola Ige, while making the presentation.

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CU MANAGEMENT UNVEILS NEW MOBILE LEARNING PROJECT

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Covenant University, in partnership with Softcom Ltd and Samsung Electronics, unveiled a mobile learning platform tagged, 'EduSocial.' The event which took place at the Tuesday Chapel Service featured an electronic presentation by Softcom, showing the dynamics and features of the new platform.

While making his presentation, the Managing Partner of Softcom, Mr. Yomi Adedeji, said, "A place where learning could be more fun was what

we dreamed about when I and my partner, Seindemi Olobayo, thought about 'EduSocial.' A platform where a student won't need to compete with other students for access to learning materials or library resources; where interactions and discussions can be recorded for ease of reference when preparing for exams; and where you can spend a lot of time learning in a fun way."

He further stated, "This project offers technology entrepreneurship that now allows students to validate their app ideas among 7,000 users

before going into the real world. Students are now able to access class notes, library resources and interact with each other within and outside the university community."

In his remarks at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo stated, "Today is a unique day in the life of the University, a defining moment in the educational landscape, particularly in the higher education context. We are gathered here to witness the launch of mobile learning in the university, an approach that is unique and novel. Our

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product is different from other forms of e-learning earlier adopted in the country by some state governments. What then is unique about our system? All over the world, social media has enjoyed tremendous patronage and adoption among students at all levels of learning. Consequently, it was banned in schools and some offices in the US, UK and most parts of Europe because of its negative influence on learning and work ethics. What we have done is to harness the features of the social media for learning, therefore, our product is a social media based e-learning system. This idea started since 2011 and we have made presentations about it at international conferences and workshops; today, it is a reality."

The Vice-Chancellor also listed some of the benefits of the mobile e-learning system. He explained, "It has the potential to improve the university's internal efficiency and support learning anywhere, anytime; it is a mobile library; it offers the platform for tutorial and interaction between students, staff and faculty, and it offers a platform for communication between Management,



Management with the new learning device.

staff and students."

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo said, "God has given us this platform to show the world how to make things work. The mobile learning project of this university was embarked upon to enable students have real time, round-the-clock access to vast educational resources. This is for the purpose of creating platforms through which they can efficiently disseminate information - individually, in groups and all

together. This platform is to aid and drive collaboration within the student community, by enabling work group communication and individual messaging."

He went further to say, "Covenant, having been ranked number one in Nigeria, number one in West Africa and falls into the top 5% in the world, has very high educational standards. And the university, wanting to uphold in-class learning solutions, enabled her students to have access to online resources from anywhere, remotely, and also to enhance

STUDENTS ADVISED TO INVEST INTO THE FUTURE AS THEY EMBARK ON HOLIDAY

Covenant University students have been urged to invest in the future as they embark on vacation because the investments they make today will determine their accomplishments in life. This advice was given by the Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo during the Departure Service on Friday, May

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summer Leadership Camp is a leadership development camp targeted at teenagers in the society. The goal of the camp is centred on imbibing leadership and positive values and building sustainable capacity in the lives of teenagers. The 2014 camp was the third edition of CITY Summer Camp and the theme of the camp was 'The Leadership Revival II'.

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He stated that it is not sufficient to highlight goals; one must make effort to actualize them. "Don't develop a balloon vision but set yourself a target in life," he said. He also advised them to optimize the opportunity they have to embark on vacation, urging them to develop themselves rather than engage in frivolous activities.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, acknowledged God's faithfulness over the institution and advised the students to comport themselves with dignity. "Eagles don't flock, but soar. Remember you cannot feature in the future that you cannot picture," he said.

While addressing the students, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye appreciated God for a successful completion of 2014/2015 Academic Session. She added that it is imperative to give

thanks to God for the recent webometrics ranking in which the University came tops and also for the protection against the scourge of the Ebola disease. She, therefore, advised the students to maximize the period of their holiday as one of renewal of strength, getting energized and making parents and staff proud of them.

During the vacation, the students are to embark on an eight-week mandatory internship. According to the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, the Students Work Study Programme (SWEP) is slated from May 24 to June 19, 2015 while the Covenant University Scholastic Screening begins on May 26 through to June 6, 2015. The University will resume for the 2015/2016 Academic Session on August 5, 2015.

Also speaking, the Dean, Students' Affairs, Mr. Azubuike Ezenwoke stated that Covenant University was committed to raising a new generation of leaders. He emphasized the need for students to adhere to the Core Values as they commence the holiday.