



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University March 28-April 1, 2016

## Collaboration: The Way to Go – Researchers

Researchers, scientists and faculty at the College of Science and Technology (CST), Covenant University, rose from their one-day College Seminar with the conviction that multidisciplinary research collaboration was the way forward for creative and sustainable research products.

They also agreed at the seminar aimed at building the research capacity of the faculty, that national and international research collaboration is required to put the University on the international field in order to achieve the vision of being one of the 10 leading world-class universities by the year 2022.

Speaking at the event on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at the CST Conference Room, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, who was one of the Guest speakers declared that, "Whoever want to go alone is undoing himself and still belong to the old school."

The Vice-Chancellor spoke on "Research Collaboration and

Institutional Goals," noting that, "Achieving our institutional goals demand commitment to research activities aimed at developing products." He explained that product-oriented research must be done in collaboration with those who understand the market, the techniques and have access to the resources required such as funds and materials.

Also speaking at the seminar, the second Guest speaker and a senior faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Angela Eni, in her paper titled, "Why Collaborate as Researcher? Field Work Experience," advocated for multidisciplinary research collaboration which is the global structure for accessing funds.

The Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Professor Samuel Wara, who was also a Guest speaker, in his paper, "How to Identify Potential Collaborators:



Guest Speakers and Faculty of the College of Science and Technology in a group photograph

Within and Without," enumerated the qualities of a good collaborator which includes transparency, integrity, flexibility, considerate, corporate esteem, decisiveness/focus, authenticity, kindness, and high target. ■

## CU Inaugurates Postgraduate Student Council

History was made at Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, recently, as the management of the institution inaugurated a Postgraduate Student Council for its School of Postgraduate Studies.

The setting up of a student council comes 14 years after the establishment of CU's School of Postgraduate Studies.

Delivering his opening speech at the inauguration ceremony held at the University Chapel, the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Shalom Chinedu, said the essence of the event cannot be overemphasized.

"This year makes it the 14th year of the School of Postgraduate Studies, and through the years we have been able to graduate students on schedule," he said.

The 16-man students' council, which has Julius Oladipupo as Chairman and Comfort Samuel as Secretary, also includes Aboderin Deborah, Awodeyi Afolabi, John Temitope, Igboko Harriet, Akpabio Ifiom, Uwagharen Efosa and Ugboko Esther as members.

Other members are Osuji Chizoba, Obaseki Samuel, O. Romanus, Olaolu Adeyemo, M. Ruth, Owuama Ebere and Enefusu Emmanuel.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, who commended Board members of the School of Postgraduate Studies for the

## Covenant University signs Pact with Africa Clean Energy Summit

Covenant University and Africa Clean Energy Summit (ACES) on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to provide a framework for research and innovation in the areas of clean energy and climate change to serve both as mitigating factors to effects of climate change and energy crisis in Africa and globally.

The collaboration will also bring decision and policy makers, industry leaders, inventors, experts and media around the world together to explore and deepen understanding of the challenges and opportunities that arise from renewable energy. It will include a world-class summit, an international exhibition, technical conferences, Business forums and concurrent activities such as the incorporation of the African Climate Solution Centre.

Other areas of cooperation include Africa Climate Solution Centre (ACSC), Renewable Energy Hub, Energy Access

Information Warehouse, Clean Energy Ranch and Parks, Climate Solutions Think-thanks, Carbon Credit Centre, Carbon exchange, Capacity Building Hub, Eliminate Darkness Initiative, Gas Utilisation for Sustainable Transformational Development, Green jobs and Annual hosting of the Africa Clean Energy Summit.

The Director-General, ACES, Dr. Victor Fodeke, stated that the Summit was formed in 2013 with the aim to see

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Professor Ayo ( R ) and Dr. Fodeke

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## Expert Advocates Employability Skills for Graduates

**E**memployability skills which are said to be necessary for getting, keeping and doing well on a job has been recommended for all graduate employees in order to be an asset in the labour market.

Mr. Emmanuel Ilori, a Regional Sales Manager at Etisalat Nigeria, gave the recommendation recently while speaking on "Psychology and Me: Do I have what it takes for Exceptional Career in the Nigerian Market?" at a Town and Gown Seminar organised by the

Department of Psychology, Covenant University, Ota.

"These skills include attitudes and actions that enable workers get along with their fellow workers and supervisors and to make sound critical decisions", he explained.

Mr. Ilori added that employability does not only depend on whether one is able to fulfill the requirements of specific jobs but also on how one stands relative to others within a hierarchy of job seekers.

He however, noted that there is always a spiritual dimension to everything in life and advised the audience made up of mainly students to build their relationship with God, "Only God can make things happen, makes it better and keeps it going. ■



Group photograph of the newly inaugurated Postgraduate Student Council

## Petroleum Engineering Students Get Tips on Job Hunting Success

**P**rospective graduates of Petroleum Engineering of Covenant University would have to strive to earn good grades for themselves at the point of exit from the University as this will give them a relative advantage in a competitive labour market.

Mr Mathew Olabode, a staff of Sahara Energy Field Limited, gave this charge at the Town and Gown Seminar of the Department of Petroleum Engineering held recently at the CU campus in Ota, Ogun State.

He advised the students to focus on graduating with good degrees, stating that it was easier to get good jobs or scholarships for postgraduate and

doctorate with an above average degree than with lower CGPA.

"You have to go beyond what you are being taught in school, read wider and develop yourselves, especially in related software proficiency, so as to gain an edge in the employment market," he said.

Delivering his lecture on the topic of the seminar titled, 'Exploration and Production Value Chain: Overview from Oil and Gas Industry perspective,' Olabode, who was the Guest Speaker, enlightened the students on the different sectors that make up the oil and gas industry, which he listed as the Upstream, Midstream and Downstream sectors. ■

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"enormous work done" in giving the school a facelift, prayed that God will enable the student council members to succeed in their new endeavour.

Giving his Vote of Thanks, Chairman of the Postgraduate Student Council, Julius Oladipupo, expressed gratitude to the Chancellor of CU, Dr. David Oyedepo, the management of the University and other stakeholders for giving the students the platform to learn, while promising that he and his team will not disappoint in their assignment. ■

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Africa take advantage of climate change through clean and renewable energy.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, in his remarks decried the bastardisation of Solar Energy project in Nigeria due to lack of knowledge and technocrats to handle it. "Nigerians are actually yearning for solutions to energy challenges but the technocrats are nowhere to be found. Some individuals took undue advantage of the Solar Energy and the whole project has become abandoned. It has become difficult to convince anyone that Solar Energy can work in Nigeria," he stated. ■

needed to use computer for has to do with numbers. If you're not used to Mathematics, you'd find it difficult to manipulate the computer," said Agbaje.

"Your Mathematics is a foundation for you to launch yourself into any industry," he told the students. "It doesn't say you must be a core Mathematician. ■

## Expert Tasks Mathematics Students on Computer Literacy



Group photograph of participants with Mr. Olatunji from TSI Global Technologies

**A**n Information Communication Technology expert, Mr. Olatunji Agbaje, has urged students of Mathematics at Covenant University to strive to acquire ICT skills to complement their certificate to enable them compete favourably in the job market or as an entrepreneur.

Agbaje, the President and Chief Executive Officer of TSI Global Technologies, gave this admonition at

the third Town and Gown Seminar of the Department of Mathematics where he was the Guest Speaker.

Narrating his foray into

ICT, the Computer Science graduate, who spoke on the topic 'Relevance of Mathematics in ICT' at the seminar, said though his initial encounter with Mathematics was unpleasant, he later became proficient in it and this equipped him in his eventual involvement with computer science.

The foundation he had in Mathematics would later on aid his success in ICT. "I realized most things