



Covenant University Newsflash

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Chancellor Demands More Commitment from New Professors

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has charged newly promoted Faculty members of the university to rededicate themselves to the discharge of their responsibilities as there is no end to going upwards.

He gave the charge on Friday, September 9, 2016, when he played host to the promoted faculty members in his conference room at the Living Faith Church Worldwide Secretariat in Canaan Land, Ota, Ogun State.

The promotion beneficiaries include: Professor Adedayo Inegbenebor, professor of Chemistry; Dr. Kehinde Adetiloye, Associate Professor of Banking and Finance; Dr. Adeniyi Adegbuyi, Associate Professor of Marketing; Dr. O.J Oyelade, Associate Professor of Computer Science; and Dr. G.I Olasehinde, Associate Professor of Microbiology.

Others are Dr. Abiola Babajide, Associate Professor of Banking and Finance; and Dr. Kehinde Oladele Joseph, Associate Professor of Marketing.

Speaking after the Covenant University Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, had presented the promoted faculty members to him, the Chancellor, Dr. Oyedepo, while describing the emergence of new professors as a tradition at CU, said he congratulated them from the bottom of his heart and prophesied that their new calling would be the most accomplished era in their careers.

"Every change in status demands more commitment," said the Chancellor. "Your career is lifelong as long as one is committed to adding value. There will be no end to going



Vice-Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo

upward."

Reiterating that the advent of private universities in Nigeria was destined to fill a gap, as Covenant University in particular is well positioned to be part of rewriting the story of Nigeria as a people, Dr. Oyedepo prayed that

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Vice-Chancellor Charges PG Freshmen on Successful Stay at Covenant University

The uniqueness of the Covenant University Culture is predicated on the Strength of our Core Values. A proper understanding of our Core Values would ensure your successful stay at Covenant University.

These were the charging words of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, to the newly admitted Postgraduate Students for 2016/2017 Academic Session during their orientation programme on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

While welcoming the students, the Vice-Chancellor, explained the vision and the uniqueness of the University, noting that the University is dedicated to be a leading world-class university committed to raising

a new generation of leaders in all fields of human endeavour.

Professor Atayero spoke on the Vision, Mission and Mandate of the University cum overview of Vision 10:2022. He stated that the quest to attain a world-class status in quality education delivery in all facets of the University's operations informed the institution of Vision 10:2022.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the Vision is to get the University listed among the top 10 universities in the world within the next five years, adding that the goal for the current Academic Session - ReCITe (Research, Citation, Innovation and Teaching), is also geared towards attaining the Vision. He explained further that in order to accomplish the vision, an eight-point agenda was formulated. These include disciplined atmosphere for learning, research volume and income reputation, citations, that is, to encourage quality research publications, improve teaching facilities, international outlook among others.

He concluded that high level of spirituality is expected of them, noting that it is the anchor point of the seven core values of the University. "Thus

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CU Enactus Wins Laurels at National Competition

Members of the Covenant University Chapter of Enactus, an international nonprofit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action, have distinguished themselves on their maiden outing at the Enactus National Competition where they emerged second runners-up.

After coming tops in the first round of the 2016 competition in Lagos, where they were nestled in the same pool with four other tertiary institutions, the CU Enactus representatives progressed to the second round, where they also came first before going on to finish third at the national level. And for their efforts, the CU Enactus team were rewarded with two trophies; one for reaching the semi-final and the other for coming third.

Presenting some members of the Enactus team and the laurels won to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, on Monday, 12th of September, 2016, a Staff Adviser to the CU Enactus, Dr. Adeniyi Adegbuyi, described the third place finish as a great accomplishment as the CU Enactus, which was approved by the CU Management only seven months ago, was featuring in the competition for the first time.

"In Nigeria, Enactus had been established for over 13 years. Since then, CU had never participated. But as God would have it this year, we put in our own application to participate in

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Professor AAA. Atayero

Federal Government Charged to Support SMEs to Grow Economy

A call has gone to the Federal Government to ensure the removal of administrative bottle necks on the paths of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) towards accessing funds in order to enhance their contributions to economic growth.

In the same vein, the Central Bank of Nigeria and other financial Institutions were charged to embark on extensive sensitization of entrepreneurs on the operations of banks and reduction of high

interest rates to single digit.

The call was made by a SMEs expert and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Banking and Finance of Covenant University, Dr. Joseph Taiwo, in his office on Thursday. He spoke on the findings of his research work, "SMEs Financing and its Effects on Nigerian Economic Growth," in conjunction with Dr. Edwin Agwu of the Department of Business Management and Temitope Falohun of

Banking and Finance.

Dr. Taiwo argued that the importance of SMEs is such that cannot be ignored by the government of any country especially in Nigeria, adding that SMEs contribute about 80 to 90 percent of employment in Nigeria and generally assist a great deal in poverty alleviation as they help to generate income for the household.

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the promoted faculty members will be among God ordained agents of change. High level discipline and commitment, he said, can get the university done anywhere.

"I look forward to world renowned professors from Covenant University; you will bring global honour to Covenant University. Promoting God has brought honour your way; this is just the beginning," he added.

Responding to the Chancellor's exhortation, Professor Inegbenebor, expressed gratitude to Dr. Oyedepo and thanked him for the elevation. She attributed their accomplishments to the encouragement given by the Chancellor coupled with the wonderful environment at Covenant University. Vision 10:2022, she added, is a reality by the grace of God.

Dr. Olasehinde, who has spent 11 years at Covenant University, said she was glad to be alive to receive promotion and thanked the Chancellor for providing the platform to attain the feat. While also thanking the Vice-Chancellor, Professor

Atayero, and his management team for completing the promotion exercise, Dr. Olasehinde promised she and her colleagues will not let the university down and will ensure the fulfillment of being one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; and the Deputy Director, Media and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Igbanu ■

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anything short of absolute dependence on God is unacceptable."

In his presentation, the Dean School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara, noted that the School

would provide both short and long-term training facilities aimed at improving and upgrading the existing and potential high level manpower needed for planning, implementing and reviewing national development plans as well as improved national productivity and performance in the private sector.

Professor Wara spoke on the "Philosophy and Objectives of Postgraduate Education" at the University. He noted that the Mission of the School is to produce high quality postgraduates by focusing on four cardinal points which include scholarship, innovation, collaboration and professionalism.

He enjoined the students to ensure that they work hand-in-hand with faculty, staff, collaborators and management, in order to proffer groundbreaking and revolutionary solutions to the challenges in Nigeria, Africa and the World.

Other speakers at the orientation programme include the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu. He spoke on the Core Values of the University; Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr Christopher Nkiko, who spoke on Learning Resources at Covenant University and Director, Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Professor Olawole Obembe on Research and Publications at Covenant University.

Professor Patrick Edewor, who represented the Dean, College of Leadership Development Studies, Professor Charles Ogbulogo spoke on Ethical Issues in Postgraduate Training in Covenant University; Dean of Students, Mr. Azubuike Ezenwoke talked about Covenant University Dress Code and Residency Rules, while the Deans of the Colleges, Professor Francis Iyoha (CBSS), Professor Chris Bolu (CoE) and Professor Nicholas Omeregbe (CST) welcome the students to their various colleges.

Other highlight of the event was the commissioning of the Sports Facilities at the Postgraduate School's Halls of Residence. The Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, performed the commissioning, calling on the students to make good use of the facilities. ■

the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; the Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; including other Enactus members and mentors. ■

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero and other CU Management with the Enactus team

the competition. At the end of the day, CU Enactus became one of the best through initiating projects that affect our communities positively," said the associate professor of Marketing.

While thanking the CU Management for the tremendous support given to the Enactus team to participate in the national competition, another Staff Adviser to the group, Mr. Michael Fagbohun, said Enactus uses economic, environmental and social factors as criteria for selection of

projects. He said Enactus had designed a machine that can ease production for Isalu, an oil palm producing community near Covenant University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, congratulated the Enactus team for making the university proud in spite of the lack of adequate time for preparation. And while promising to address all the issues raised concerning office space, communication gadgets among others, the Vice-Chancellor urged the Enactus group to be prepared to do better next time.

"We'll have nine months of preparation this time around and we'll make sure we give you everything you need to make it happen. We are proud of you," he said.

Also on hand to witness the event were