



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University January 16-20, 2017

Chancellor Tasks Students on Responsible Academic Engagement in Omega Semester



Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, addressing the students during the Opening Assembly for Omega Semester, 2016-2017 Academic Session

“There are certain things you cannot be in the future, if you do not make adequate preparation and pay the required price. So take responsibility.”

This was the wakeup call by the Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, to the students of the University, at the 'Welcome Assembly' of the Omega (second) Semester, of the 2016/2017 Academic session. Dr. Oyedepo, speaking on the 'Place of Responsibility in the

Fulfillment of Destiny', noted that those who do not sit up today can never lead tomorrow, adding that 'Everyone's future is determined by the investment they make towards their tomorrow.'

The Chancellor told the students that their tomorrow was a function of what they were doing with the present, and taking adequate responsibility today was vital to taking the lead in future. He averred that, that was why Covenant University, as an institution of learning, is not only about teaching students to graduate, but mentor them to become great men and women.

Dr. Oyedepo counseled the students to maximize their present stage, if they hope to fulfill their God given destiny. "You cannot squander your youth and expect a better tomorrow," he admonished.

The Chancellor stated further that there are pathways for everyone in life. He warned that it is either they sign up for the pains of discipline which guarantees a glorious life or they subscribe to the pains of regret, which out weighs the pains of discipline. In his words, "Choose the pains of discipline and you will be free from the pains of regrets."

He posited that the Core Values which the University holds sacred have been carefully put together towards nurturing

destinies so, as to make the most of their journey in life. Any student that accepts spiritual responsibility, he said, has simply sought empowerment for a higher responsibility in all spheres of life.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, who gave an overview of the University's academic performance, in the Alpha Semester, said the results of the Alpha Semester examination showed that 93.8% of students were in academic good standing, with a pass rate of 96.7%.

Professor Atayero commended faculty, staff and students for their dedication and committed engagement that brought laurels and positive mentions to the University during the Alpha Semester.

Delivering the welcome message, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, told the gathering that the Omega Semester was a unique semester in the university calendar, because it always herald the beginning of a new year which signifies a period of distinction and change of levels for students and scholars in the University. He urged them to maximize the new season.

The university's 'Welcome Assembly' is the spiritual curtain raiser that kick-starts activity in the university academic calendar at beginning of every semester.

COREN Endorses CU's Engineering Programmes

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has given the Engineering Programmes of Covenant University a clean bill of health a few weeks after a team from the Council made a re-accreditation visitation to the University.

COREN, in a letter dated 19th December, 2016, and addressed to the Covenant University Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, conveyed the Council's approval of the University's undergraduate Engineering Programmes, namely Information Communication Engineering and Chemical Engineering. Both programmes were granted full accreditation status, which has a five-year validity period.

The letter, signed by the Registrar of COREN, Engr. W. Kamila Maliki (FNSE, mni), states that there would be random visits by representatives of the Council to the University within the validity period to check on the state of facilities, while urging the University to ensure that standards are not only maintained but improved upon.

A COREN team led by Engr. Julius Olurinola, it will be recalled, had between October 30 and November 3, 2016, made a re-accreditation visitation to Covenant University, during which it assessed the books and toured facilities including lecture theatres, ICT labs, the Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and

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A cross section of COREN's Accreditation Team to CU

Africa's Body of Engineers Lauds CU on Support for Education Summit

The African Engineering Deans Council (AEDC) has expressed its appreciation to Covenant University for accepting to host the Council's 3rd Engineering Education Summit scheduled to hold in July, 2017.

Speaking during the courtesy visit of the AEDC to the Covenant University Management led by Engr. (Professor) AAA. Atayero, on Monday, January 16, 2017, the AEDC President, Engr. (Professor) Adagbonyin Obiaz, who was at the head of a team comprised of members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), said the Council was delighted at the warm reception accorded him and members of his entourage.

He described as wonderful the core values of the University, particularly that of Possibility Mentality, which he said is the

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Three Teams to Represent Covenant University at Hult Prize Regional Competition

Three of the four Hult Teams representing Covenant University at the 8th Annual Hult Prize have qualified for the Regional Finals of the game-changing initiative, taking place simultaneously in five major cities of the world on March 3, 2017.

The cheering news was contained in a mail to the University's management, dated Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and signed by Hult representative, Ahmad. The mail read in part, "Congratulations! Your team has been selected to participate in the 8th Annual Hult Prize Regional Final. Your team was selected from a record breaking pool of over 50, 000 applications received from over 1,000 countries to participate in this game changing initiative."

The Covenant University's teams that qualified for the regional finals include Project Team RMS (Refugee Management Systems), led by Olalekan Olowo, which is an online management system for proper identification, registration, management and classification of refugees. The essence is to gather data of refugees with respect to their skills and

capacities in order to create employment opportunities for them. The team will be competing with others in London, UK for the regional finals.

The other teams are Project Team Feed-Well, led by Deborah Elabor, which focus on eliminating malnutrition among the children of refugees by producing affordable cereal from wheat. It will be competing with other teams at the Shanghai, China centre while Project Beauty Cycle, led by Timothy Mufwang, which aims at empowering refugee women in the area of fashion and lifestyle and creating market opportunities for them, is deployed to Dubai, UAE, where it will compete with other regional finalists.

Organisers say there would be one winning team from each region that would qualify for the Global Finals where each team would pitch for 1 million US Dollars on a date to be announced. At the event, each team would present their new social enterprise to luminaries, start-up pioneers and global leaders including former American President Bill Clinton.



CU Management with Hult Prize Competition Representatives

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mindset of Engineers. The AEDC, he said, appreciates the vision of the Covenant University Chancellor, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, that the University will be one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022. "We want to align with the vision," he added.

"Following the successful hosting of the Engineering Education Summit in 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and in 2016 in Bloemfontein, South Africa, we are glad that of all universities in Nigeria, Covenant University has taken the lead to host the third edition. We need lots of support from Covenant University and engineers in strategic positions to make the summit a very successful one," said Engr. Obiasi.

A lot of personalities from across the world, he revealed, would be gracing the summit with the theme, 'Engineering: A Proactive Vehicle for Transforming Africa'.

In his comments, Professor Christian Bolu, the Dean, College of Engineering, Covenant University, who is a member of the CU local organizing committee for the AEDC summit, stated that organisers were aiming at getting one Head of State to attend the conference. The AEDC, he added, would be opening a line

of communication with the African Union to recognize what engineers can do in the development of the continent.

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. (Professor) AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, admonished the AEDC representatives to feel at home as their visit came at a time when the University was celebrating the successful professional accreditation of two of its engineering courses.

While assuring the AEDC that Covenant University will give the body all the necessary support to make the conference a resounding success, Professor Atayero suggested the utilization of the forum to fashion certain things

that will benefit Nigeria and Africa at large.

In the entourage of the AEDC President, Engr. Obiasi were Engr. (Professor) J.K Adewumi, Engr. (Professor) Elkanah Oyetunji, Engr. (Professor) B.A Alababan, Engr. (Professor) M.J.E Evbogbai, and Engr. (Professor) Adeoye Ojo.

Also representing Covenant University at the meeting were the immediate past Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Engr. (Professor) Sanjay Misra and Engr. (Professor) Samuel John.



CU Management with Members of African Engineering Deans Council (AEDC)

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Discovery (CUCRID), main University Library, engineering workshops among others.

Engr. Olurinola had at a meeting with the Management of the University stated that, "We (COREN) are aware that you have taken engineering as a priority, Covenant University will reach the pinnacle with devotion to improving engineering programmes".

"We acknowledge the good vision, the desire to be among the top 10 universities in the world, Vision 10:2022, which is admirable and encouraging. COREN will support you to achieve that, we see it as a source of inspiration," he added.

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. (Professor) AAA. Atayero, described the re-accreditation visitation as an objective exercise, adding that, "We are benchmarking with the best universities in the world to make sure we arrive at our desired destination. The most important issue is quality and we are not compromising on that".

The COREN had also in 2012 approved full accreditation status for other Engineering programmes of the University, namely, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Computer Engineering, Petroleum Engineering and Civil Engineering. The programmes will be due for reaccreditation later this year.