



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University June 5-9 2017

Excitement as Covenant University Distributes First Aid Boxes

Excitement filled the air at both public and private schools in Ota, Ogun State when Covenant University, Ota, distributed First Aid Boxes as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.

The University, through its Community Development Impact Initiative Committee members, on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, paid an unscheduled visit to primary and secondary schools within its host community, Ota, giving out well stocked First Aid Boxes.

Both the teachers and pupils of the beneficiary schools could not curtail their joy over the largesse as they praised Covenant University management for taking care of one of their challenges.

The Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Michael Agarana, who led other officials of the University on the visit noted that the University observed that most schools in the community lacked some basic things schools should have, particularly the First Aid Boxes, hence, the decision to provide them with one.

He said, "Schools are places where you have a lot of children who are prone to injury while playing during their break period. But with the provision of the First Aid Boxes, they can be taken care of." He added that though, the University could not take care of all their needs, it would try as much as possible to impact lives.

All the Heads of the schools visited

seized the opportunity to reel out myriads of challenges confronting them, which they said government alone could not handle and therefore sought the assistance of Covenant University to solve them.

The beneficiary schools included Iju-Ebiye High School (Senior), Iju, Ota; Nawar Ur Deen Primary School, Iju Ota; Local Government Area Primary School, Ilewo-Alaga, Atan, Ota; Ilupeju Community Primary School 1 and 2, Mupin, Ota; St. James' Anglican Primary School 1, Ota; Anglican Mission Grammar School, Ota; Anglican Grammar School (Junior), Ota; St. Michael's Anglican School 1 and 2, Ota; St. Peters School 1, Ota; and Kingdom Heritage Model School, Canaan Land, Ota. ■

Covenant Postgraduate School begins Admission Processes, Screens Prospective Students

Admission into the postgraduate programmes of Covenant University for 2017/2018 academic session has commenced, with the screening of prospective students for the various programmes advertised by the School of Postgraduate Studies.

The screening exercise which consisted of Computer Based Test and Oral interview kicked off on Friday, May 26, 2017 for those seeking admission into programmes in the College of Science and Technology (CST) and College of

Engineering (CoE). Those seeking admission into programmes under the College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS) and College of Leadership Development Studies (CLDS) had their screening exams on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

While addressing the prospective students at the commencement of the screening exercise, the Dean of the School, Professor Samuel Wara, explained the University's mandate, vision, mission and core values. He also enlightened them on anthem, vision 10:2022, ReCITE agenda, research clusters, publications, rules guiding the use of the PG Halls of Residence and the programmes.

Professor Wara stated that the mandate, vision, mission and other rules were put in place to guide them not to engage in the labour of the foolish which was all about

Vice-Chancellor Hosts Carnegie Fellow, Professor Odedina



Acting Registrar Covenant, Mrs Mary Abovade, decorating Professor Folakemi Odedina with a Covenant University lapel pin

A joint professor, Department of Radiation Oncology and Pharmacy, University of Florida, and associate director/program leader, University of Florida Health Cancer Center, Professor Folakemi Odedina, recently paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero.

Professor Odedina, a Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow (2017) at the University of Ilorin, was accompanied on the visit by a Health Scientist



A cross section of Prospective Postgraduate School candidates

Plaudits for Covenant as Carnegie Fellow Rounds off Visit

Covenant University is a very unique university. The drive for excellence in teaching and research is palpable as evidenced by their support for faculty research activities, hosting of Carnegie fellows, and community engagement activities.

The forgoing was the goodwill message by Dr. Wura Jacobs, the visiting Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow and assistant professor in the Department of Health Science at California State University, Fullerton, when she was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, at the conclusion of her working visit to the University.

Dr. Jacobs, who was accompanied by her research collaborator and senior lecturer of Demography and Social Statistics, Covenant University, Dr. Davies Adeloye, said that she was very impressed by the level of interest and engagement exhibited by attendees, which included faculty and students, at the workshop organized by her.

The Carnegie Fellow had during her stay in Covenant organized training on social networks and health, where attendees were taught

the theory and history of social networks and its applications in Public Health research and practice. Also, she conducted focus group interviews for instrument validation with adolescents in 5 secondary schools in Ota (Covenant's host community); and worked on introducing a course on social networks—Demography and Social Networks—either as new course or as a redesign of an existing similar course among others.

Her immediate future plan, she stated, is to collaborate with Dr. Adeloye to work on a pilot study of Nigerian Adolescent Health Risks and Behavior Outcomes, and work with Demography and Social Statistics, e-Health cluster, and the Covenant University Data Analytics Centre (CUDAC) in designing a data repository that can house data from the pilot study, which will be scalable to handle the national adolescent



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting some CU souvenirs to departing Carnegie Scholar, Dr Mrs Wura Jacobs

health study already in the works.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that it was a plus to the University to host seasoned researchers like Dr. Jacobs. He added that the University would be glad to welcome her in the foreseeable future and wished her journey mercies back to the United States.

Also on hand at the occasion of the Carnegie Fellow's farewell visit to the Vice-Chancellor was the Acting Registrar, Mrs. Mary Aboyade. ■

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pain and no gain. He added that as far as their eyes could see are what they would gain as students of the University when given admission.

"The only way to fulfill the vision," he said, "was to create some pathways through which to get there." The mission, therefore, is to create knowledge and restore the dignity of the Blackman via a Human Development and Total Man Concept.

He advised them not to apply eye service to their studies when given admission and obey all the rules put in place which he said, would make their time in Covenant a worthwhile.

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Administrator/Program Director, Centre to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), National Cancer Institute, the United States, Dr. Emmanuel Taylor among others.

The Carnegie Fellow, who prides herself as an ambassador of Covenant University, said that her love for the University influenced her decision to come with Dr. Taylor, who is also a Nigerian

A total of 386 prospective students are applying for MBA, Masters, MPhil/PhD and PhD in various programmes under the four Colleges of the University.

Also at the event were the Sub-Dean of the School, Dr. Humphrey Adebayo, Secretary of the School, Mr Ainwokhai Philip, other staff of the School and staff of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs. ■

scholar in the Diaspora. Dr. Taylor could help to facilitate grants for the University's cancer research endeavours, she added.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Atayero, said that the coming of Professor Odedina and members of her entourage was timely, especially on the heels of Covenant University's recent emergence as the University with the most employable graduates in Nigeria, and the acknowledgement of the University's research competencies amongst some renowned universities in the world.

Also at the meeting were a faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences, Covenant University, Professor Emeka Iweala; Researcher, National Hospital, Abuja, Ms. Nike Samonda; and Research Coordinator, Prostate Cancer Transatlantic Consortium (CaPTC) Nigeria (Region 1), Ms. Ruth Agaba. ■