



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University August 28- Sept. 1, 2017

Chancellor to Faculty, Staff “Expect Supernatural Speed this Academic Session”



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, making his presentation

Covenant University has maintained her preeminent position as the most preferred

private university in Nigeria by emerging the 2017 Private University of First Choice among students seeking admission into higher institutions of learning in Nigeria.

The University had also in 2016 ranked first in the league of private universities chosen by student-applicants as university of first choice.

In a new report obtained and carefully computed and analysed by the Economic Intelligence magazine from the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the preferred first private university of choice in 2017, Covenant University has the highest applications with 2,438 applicants among the 67 private universities in the country.

The number two position is

occupied by Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State with 1,599 applicants, followed by Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State 1,455; and Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State with 485 student-applicants. The fifth and sixth positions go to Abuja-based Nigerian Turkish Nile University with 478 and Baze University with 476 applicants.

According to the Economic Intelligence, the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, has the highest applications with 104,038 student-applicants. The figure represents almost about 10 percent of the 1,212,818 total applicants seeking admissions into the 40 Federal Universities in Nigeria. Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria is next with 89,688 student-applicants, followed by the University of Benin (Uniben), Edo State with 85,486 applicants.

The University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), is the fourth with 79,073 applicants; University of Lagos (Unilag) fifth with 78,899; while Bayero University Kano (BUK) comes sixth with 68,241 student-applicants.

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Conducive Learning Environment, Emotionally Intelligent Faculty, Staff Germaine to Attaining World Class Status

A conducive learning ambience with high emotional intelligent faculty and staff, who are well grounded in impactful pedagogies such as Problem Based Learning and Research Informed Learning, are said to be critical to citation and industry partnership goal of Covenant University in the 2017/2018 Academic Session.

This was the submission of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Charles Ayo, in his presentation on “The Changing Classroom: Lessons from World Class Universities,” at the 2017/2018 Executive Advance on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at the University Campus.

Professor Ayo noted that world class universities does not only offer excellent curriculum, great leadership and inspirational teaching, but, according



Immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Professor C.K Ayo, making his presentation

to him, positive classroom learning environment with high-quality infrastructural facilities.

He examined academic leadership, classroom management and teaching models to drive home his points on what makes the academic classroom of the 21st Century.

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Our Character Determines the Success we Desire – Chaplain

Faculty and staff of Covenant have been advised that whatever they say and stand for will not count as much as what people see them do, as character will continue to play a critical role in the rating of the University in her march towards the attainment of the set mission statement and vision of Covenant.

Delivering a lecture titled “Character: Basic Foundation for Success” at the 2017/2018 Executive Advance for Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching Staff of the University on Thursday, August 24, 2017, the Chaplain, Pastor Oluwasegun Omidiora, stated that every man's action is principally guided by the kind of thought

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Covenant Alumni Plans Big for Varsity

Chairman of the Covenant University Alumni Association (CUALA), Mr. Reginald Bassey, has urged the University management to engage the alumni in the branding and rebranding strategy of the University, while he also tasked members of the alumni to uphold the Covenant brand with a sense of ownership.

This was the crux of the message contained in a presentation delivered on behalf of Mr. Bassey by the Covenant University Registrar and immediate past Chairman of the alumni association, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, at the just concluded 2017 Executive Advance programme of the University.

Mr. Bassey, whose presentation was titled, 'Improving Level of Participation and Feedback from the Alumni Platform', noted that the extent of the connection between Covenant and the University Alumni will help determine a sense of ownership by alumni members.

He said that with the increasing numbers of Covenant alumni across the continents of the world, it was important that they be carried along so as to help foster visibility for the University, which would be achieved through focused partnership drive via workplace improvement and social media presence that will keep signposting innovations from the Covenant stable among other

schemes.

The alumni platform, according to the Chairman, was ready to partner Covenant in the area of students engagement, and support for academic departments by facilitating the 'Town and Gown Seminars' and the establishment of departmental or college wide mentoring initiatives. In addition, Mr. Bassey posited that the association has set aside some funds to support 12 indigent students in the payment of their tuitions for the current academic session.

He noted that the alumni base was working at improving on the number of awards from the current 19 doled out at the last convocation ceremony of the University.

While stating that the alumni was interested in the University's students recruitment drive, Mr. Bassey solicited partnership towards developing platforms for such outreaches, like the production of short introductory videos of departments and faculty members, and joint marketing initiative for programmes with low subscription to targeted schools.

Mr. Bassey noted that with the Eagles' (sobriquet for graduates of the University) growing reputation in the social, economic and political sectors of the nation, it was imperative that their potentials be harnessed in signposting the University's brand in the public domain. ■

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process his heart is subjected to.

According to him, "Though your thoughts are not visible, they are eventually transformed into action which can be seen and read by all. This is because great personality and career advancement are a function of good character".

Pastor Omidiora posited that it is the strength and foundation of individual character that determines the height a person can get to in life, and this foundation comes in the form of tenets, principles and axioms upon which character evolves.

The Chaplain encouraged faculty and staff to continuously embrace qualities that can help them in the process of character development. He noted honesty, moral excellence, discipline, focus and dedication as some virtues that can help in these regards.

He cautioned against allowing vices

like lying, slandering, deceit and cheating to become the order of the day as they have nothing positive to add to the system, but to cause the erosion of trust, lack of respect and dignity, and promotion of deceit.

"Because the heart is a fertile ground to receive either good or bad traits, it is important to put in place certain safeguards against the intrusion of worldly virtues by employing spiritual weapons such as the Word of God, the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit," said Pastor Omidiora. learner is focused on creation and critical thinking.

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Also, of the current 41 official State Universities, Lagos State University (LASU), is number one with 36,119 applicants, followed by Kaduna State University with 28,914 applicants; Delta State University, Abraka, is third with 28,672 student-applicants; Nasarawa State University, is fourth with 29,142 applicants; while Benue State University, Makurdi and Adekunle Ajasin University Ondo in South-West are fifth and sixth with 27,611 and 27,579 student-applicants respectively.

Using the JAMB's report of most preferred universities in the country, the Economic Intelligence magazine gathered that applicants seeking for admission into universities considered academic stability, popularity, affordability, available facilities and quality of lecturers as part of their check-list before making choices in their applications. ■

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He argued that faculty are 'the lords' in their various classrooms noting that, "Effective teachers exhibit strong class management skills, while the hallmark of inexperienced or less effective ones is disorderly classroom."

The former Vice-Chancellor stated that the students-centred classrooms are arranged so that students can collaborate on projects or assignments, where teachers are participants and co-learners in discussion and where the 21st Century learner is focused on creation and critical thinking.

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