



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant Remains Most Preferred Private University among Nigerian Students



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, Ilesha-Remo, Ogun State with 1,599 applicants, followed by Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti

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Vice Chancellor Exhorts Faculty, Staff on Value of Executive Advance

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has admonished faculty and staff of the great institution not to take the just ended Executive Advance programme as a religious exercise, rather, an equipment for engagement in the new academic session, leading to the advancement of the University's vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

The Vice-Chancellor gave this admonition while making his remarks during the last session of the Executive Advance, which ran from August 22-25, 2017, at the African Leadership Development Centre (ALDC), on the University's premises in Ota, Ogun State. He advised all faculty and staff to adhere to the rules and regulations of the University in order to maintain sanity and keep the system running smoothly all through the session. He pointed out the need to develop character, stating that it is a very crucial element in achieving any great feat.

Earlier in his remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, commended the tremendous quality of all the presentations made pertaining to the diverse operations of the University. He advised faculty and staff not to judge their capabilities by the

performance of another person, but take advantage of the executive advance platform to improve themselves and develop competence towards better service delivery.

The Registrar expressed confidence that Covenant University will become one of the top ten universities in the world in no distant time. He buttressed this with the scripture from Philipians



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, addressing Covenant University's Faculty and Staff

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Vice-Chancellor Urges Students to be of Good Conduct

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has said that the University was committed to driving the core value of 'Responsibility' in the 2017/2018 Academic Session as he welcomed returning students.

Speaking at the Opening Assembly organised for the returning students on Monday, August 28, 2017, the Vice-Chancellor assured the students that being in Covenant University, they are in a very good place where the vision is to raise a new generation of leaders, which makes it expedient to continuously pursue excellence in all areas.

He reminded the students of the compelling vision of the University to be one of the top 10 universities in the world in the next five years and how that puts stringent demands on all stakeholders. "Covenant University is taking the vision of 1 of 10 in 10 to the next level this session," he added.

He stated that for a university that is yet to be 15 years old, Covenant University has risen to become the only university in Nigeria with a graduate

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PPSN Symposium: Experts Advocate Multispecies Control for Co-infections

The need for multispecies control approach in the management of the menace of co-infections, particularly as it affects Nigerians was said to be inevitable and cost effective. This came to the fore at the recently concluded one-day Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN) Symposium hosted by the Covenant University Biotechnology Centre.

Speaking on "Co-infection and Morbidity", the Symposium Lecturer, Professor Olubunmi Otubanjo, examined the current understanding of synergism and antagonism among pathogens causing common co-infections in Sub-Saharan Africa as well as the impact of co-infection, particularly in the context of what he called Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) that are prevalent in many low and middle-income Sub-Saharan African countries.

Otubanjo, who is also the Head of Zoology Department, University of

Lagos, called for the need to establish co-infection data and African problems to be solved by Africans.

The symposium, which doubled as the second zonal meeting of the PPSN Southwest, was facilitated by the Chair, Biotechnology Centre, Covenant University, Professor Louis Egwari; PPSN Southwest Zonal Coordinator, Professor Uwem Ekpo and the Editor-in-Chief, Nigerian Journal of Parasitology, Professor Sammy Sam-Wobo.

A total of 84 members of the Society from 10 tertiary institutions and organisations as well as eight partners participated in the one-day event. They included Covenant University; University of Lagos; Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta; University of Ibadan; Ogun State Institute of Health Technology; Olabisi Onabanjo University; Delta State University; Crawford University; Abraham Adesanya Polytechnic and Ogun State College of Health among others. ■

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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.

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 checklist before making choices in their applications. ■

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1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

There were presentations by faculty and staff, covering different areas of the University's operations. The executive advance programme was rounded off with an impartation service presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo. ■

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employability rate of 90%, making it number 1 in Nigeria.

"You will be responsible for your all-round conduct in this session and would need to ensure you do not run foul of any of the core values. However, be assured that you would have such a great time this semester that you would not want to go home at the end of the semester," he asserted.

Professor Atayero encouraged the students that this was the best time to face the tough place in their lives, so that they can be worthy, both in character and learning, thereby developing the ability to face the world outside.

Situating the welcome remarks, the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara, representing the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, assured the students that the new session would be entirely different from all the sessions they have ever experienced in Covenant University.

He stated that as the full academic work commences, the same spirit of excellence that was upon Daniel shall come upon every faculty, staff and student of the University. He encouraged the students to get ready to be distinguished in the new session as they commit to hard work and diligence.

The Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, in his remarks, welcomed the students to the Alpha Semester of the 2017/2018 academic session. He appreciated God for the preservation of lives and for changing everyone's level in the new session, and also reminded the students of the need to be steadfast, committed and aligned to the core values and regulations of the University.

In his closing charge, the Chaplain of the University, Pastor Promise Omidiora, exhorted the students on the values of making the right decisions. According to him, "Life is not a funfair; life is a warfare and the one who is fighting with you does not relent, and that is why the Bible calls him the accuser of the brethren."

He added, "The hand of the Almighty God has brought you here and that same hand will preserve you." ■