



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant Wins Big at National CODET Competition Finals



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero with Covenant University's Winning CODET Team

emerged the 2nd runner-up in the Best Engineering Graduate Category, thus giving Covenant the privilege of representing the zone at the national finals.

The Competition at the National Finals, held at the NIG-COMSAT Auditorium in Abuja, saw Covenant claiming the 1st prize in the Group Category for its unique project on Mechatronics Application in Irrigation Farming, which earned the University a cash prize of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000), while in the Singles Category, the University emerged the 1st runner-up courtesy of her project on Nano-Refrigerant for the preservation of vaccines, which attracted a cash prize of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000).

The Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu, commended the University's Management for facilitating the

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Engineering students of Covenant University have made outstanding accomplishments in different categories at both the South-West Zonal and National Finals of the 2017 edition of the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET) competition.

At the South-West Zonal Finals of the competition held in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, the project entered by Covenant University in the Singles Category won the 1st prize. Also, projects submitted by the University in the Group Category won the 1st and 2nd runner-ups prizes, while the University's representative

Postgraduate Studies: Vice-Chancellor Promises Conducive Learning, Research Environment

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero has assured the postgraduate students of the University's commitment to providing an enabling learning and research environment towards the success of their studies.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the assurance on Monday, September 25, 2017, while addressing both fresh and returning postgraduate students at the Orientation Programme for 2017/2018 Academic Session.

Speaking on "ReCITE: Approach to Attainment of Vision 10:2022-The Place of Postgraduate Students", Professor

Atayero stated that the University would make anything and everything necessary available to make their study successful. "By His grace, we are going to work together and break new grounds. It will be tough, but at the end, it will be glorious," the Vice-Chancellor added.

While presenting data, on Covenant University's ranking on the Times Higher Education World University Ranking for 2018, Professor Atayero declared that there would be no research without the postgraduate studies, even as he advised them to own their Ph.D.

He said, "From the beginning, take your Ph.D work very seriously. If you are expecting people to put contents into your head, you are in the wrong place. You will have people who will teach you how to learn and at the same time, we will demand of you."

The Vice-Chancellor also charged them to be humble to learn, noting that they should cultivate a master and apprentice relationship with their supervisors.

The Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara, in his presentation, noted that one of the goals of the School was to develop a

Manufacturer Seeks Collaboration with Covenant University on M-Tutor

Mobile Tutor Private Limited, producer of the easy to understand Application oriented animated contents for engineering students, M-Tutor, has opened discussions with the Management of Covenant University on the feasibility of a partnership with the University.

The Vice-President, Mobile Tutor Private Limited, Mr. Senthil Kumar, had on Thursday, September 28, 2017, during a presentation on the application to the Covenant Management, described M-Tutor as a digital learning model delivering engineering course content of all Universities. Also, he said the application is a conceptual learning tool that takes learning beyond the classrooms and is designed to make students see their lessons play out as a video for them.

Mr. Kumar said that his organization was desirous of having a collaboration with Covenant University, because of her soaring profile and reputation as the best private university in Nigeria and her ambition to become one of the top 10 universities in the world. He added that M-Tutor will stay committed to offer Covenant the cutting edge in digital learning.

Highlighting the benefits of M-Tutor to the students, he stated that it offers the students an interactive and effective learning platform; course content aligned to the University's curriculum; assessments and tests, that facilitates self-evaluation of the students'



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, addressing PG Students

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Quality Management Identified as Responsibility for All



Professor Adesola Ajayi from the Department of Biological Sciences, presenting some Souvenirs to the Guest Lecturer, Mr Emmanuel Onwuka

Quality Management has been identified as the responsibility of everyone in achieving and sustaining success in any organisation.

This was the view of Mr. William Onwuka, on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in his presentation as the Guest Lecturer at the Town and Gown

Interaction, organised by the Department of Biological Sciences, Covenant University, Ota.

Onwuka, a Principal Consultant at Fine Spectra Consult Limited, Lagos, in his paper titled, "The Quest for Excellence:

Opportunities for a Career in Quality Management," explained that when everyone does their bit, the organisation becomes stronger.

"The understanding is that in any work done, the ultimate expectation is not to be an average performer but an excellent performer. And the concept

of excellence is to achieve zero defect," he explained.

The guest speaker explained further that the organisation must come to terms with requirements of interested parties. That is, all those who are concerned by its activities, those who make input into what it does as well as those that the products or services affects.

"In quality, we try to know every person, not just only the customers that buys our products. The customers in this context are all that are affected by what we do," he noted.

Quality, he said, has three goals which include customers' satisfaction, compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and sustainability, noting that when quality is improved, it leads to lower cost, improved productivity, capturing of market share, sustained business and provision of more jobs. ■

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knowledge; rich graphic-aided content to increase students' retention power; and conception learning methods to make students' syllabus relatable for life.

On the benefits of M-Tutor to the University, Mr. Kumar said that it is an agile tool for dynamic and comprehensive teaching; an analysis tool to monitor students' performance; promotes activity-based and interactive learning methodologies; and ensures a cohesive bond between students and faculties among others.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA.

Atayero, said that as a University currently planning to institute Open and Distant Learning, M-Tutor would be useful in that direction.

He, however, observed that quite a number of issues have to be streamlined, one of which is how the application would be adapted and implemented. According to him, representatives of Covenant University and Mobile Tutor Limited would have to meet for further discussions to see how they can package the product to suit the Covenant environment, adding that the University looks forward to a great partnership with Mobile Tutor Private Limited. ■



The Vice-President, Mobile Tutor Private Limited, Mr. Senthil Kumar, making his presentation

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participation of the college in the competition, and praised the collaborative efforts of the various departments in the college that resulted in the successful outing at the event.

Professor Bolu noted that the engineering community at the competition was very impressed with the witty innovations of the University's engineering students. According to him, "Some organisations indicated interest in buying into the entries of the University at the competition, but we were more focused on improving on them to commercial stage for better economic value to the University".

Receiving the victorious team, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, commended the team for being good

ambassadors of the University. He appreciated the efforts of faculty, staff and students of the College of Engineering, promising that greater days lie ahead.

The University's representatives at the competition, made up of Final Year engineering students, were led to the competition by their projects supervisors, which included the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara; and the immediate past Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi. The Team Coordinators were Professor Ambrose Anuzie, Engr. Samuel Sanni and Mr. Gideon Adeyemi. ■

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spirit of enquiry among graduate students for research, intellectual independence, individual creativity and team work.

The Dean, who spoke on "The Objective and Philosophies of Postgraduate Education," promised that the postgraduate school would deliver highest quality postgraduate education and experience.

He enjoined them to collaborate with management, faculty and staff for progress and best practices. ■