



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University November 13-17, 2017

## Nigerian Air Force Keen to Sustain Partnership with Covenant

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has expressed a strong desire to continue its partnership, based on the successes so far recorded since signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Covenant University.

The Chief, Standards and Evaluation at Headquarters, NAF, Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Kingsley Lar, made this known on Thursday, November 9, 2017, when he led a team of officers comprised of Research and Development specialists, to pay a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University.

AVM. Lar, who described Covenant University as the premier private university in Nigeria, said the Chief of



CU Management with Members of Nigerian Air Force

Air Staff (CAS), Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, was delighted at the successes so far recorded through the collaboration with some research clusters in Covenant.

"I'm happy to inform you that we've

done a lot in terms of research and development. The Nigeria Air Force has two patent rights; one is the diaphragm for helicopters, and the other is the unmanned ground vehicle," said AVM. Lar.

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## Graduate Students Charged to be Persuasive in Research Presentation

Postgraduate students of Covenant University have been told to make their research papers more persuasive in order to get published in high impact journals. They were also told to always come up with solutions to viable questions that meet both local and international needs.

This was the submission of the facilitator and Director of the University's International Office and Linkages, Dr. Ada Peter in her presentation titled, "Scholarly Writing and Publications," at the School of Postgraduate Studies Seminar and Workshop on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.



Dr Ada Peter, making her presentation at the School of Postgraduate Studies Seminar

At the event tagged "Towards a Ground Breaking Research (Part 3), Dr. Peter emphasised that irrespective of their programme of study, at the center of every research was persuasion. "One of the reasons your papers are turned down is because you are not persuasive enough," she added.

Dr. Peter also charged the participants to come up with viable questions noting that one thing that make or break a student's research project is the quality of the problem they pose. Students with good question, she said, find more useful sources, read more thoughtfully as well as make better decisions in planning and drafting their papers.

The facilitator identified three kinds of questions they could pose which include conceptual questions, which attempts to explain things; practical questions, which is not telling the reader what to do, but to understand the issue; and applied questions, which explain what we must understand before we know what to do.

Dr. Peter also presented the elements of good writing which

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## Expert Suggests Relevant Skills for Graduate Employment

The Acting Registrar, Institute of Supervision and Leadership, Mr. Martins Omotoyinbo, has tasked Covenant University students in the Department of Economics and Development Studies to be more creative, innovative and entrepreneurial in their career pursuit to enhance their employability after graduation.

Mr. Omotoyinbo, Guest Speaker at the November 7, 2017 Town and Gown seminar of the department, where he made a presentation titled, 'Repositioning the Industry-Academia Partnership in Nigeria: Panacea for Graduates Unemployment and Roadmap for Sustainable Development', advised the students to acquire the required skills that will help them meet up with the demands of their industry.

Giving an overview on why graduates unemployment was on the rise, Mr. Omotoyinbo attributed it to factors like dependence on foreign technologies, rapid population growth, poor infrastructure design, rural-urban income differentials etc. He, however, added that Industries in this era are impatient in recruiting substandard graduates due to factors like high expectation of shareholders, rise in operating cost, dynamic technologies,

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## Choose Career that Aligns with Your Personality Type - Expert Advised Students



National Key Accounts Manager, PZ Cussons Consumer SBU, Lagos., Mr Olusegun Adekeye, making his presentation at the Biological Sciences Department's Town and Gown Seminar

Choosing a career that aligned with individual's personality type will lead to greater success and satisfaction. This was the opinion of Mr. Olusegun Adekeye, the National

Key Accounts Manager, PZ Cussons Consumer SBU, Lagos.

Adekeye noted that knowing what an individual value most would help to define his career search and choice.

He expressed the opinion at the Town and Gown Seminar put together by the Department of Biological Sciences on Tuesday, November 2, 2017. He spoke on, "Building a Diverse Future."

The guest speaker said, "Your personality must have a handshake with the kind of job you want to do. Let the work you are looking for align with your personality."

Adekeye explained further that participants should discover the perfect career for themselves through

the secrets of personality type, as the only way to do a great job is to love what they do.

The guest speaker also enjoined the participants to choose a career coach, who he said, "are not to tell you what to do, but simply guide you by identifying what factors may lead to successful and interesting career options."

He also advised everyone to network through the various social media platforms in order to be reached as potential candidate for the kind of job they desire.

He however, enjoined them to keep their options open by having several careers in mind rather than just one and to be knowledgeable about more than just one career field as well as develop a wide variety of general skills. ■

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include motive, Thesis, analysis, reflections, evidence, sources, stitching, orienting, structure, style, title and key

terms.

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of the School, Professor Samuel Wara

noted that the purpose of the seminar was to equip the students with the requirements to present what they had researched. "One way of presentation is through publishing and that is why we are here," he added. ■

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He said the rewarding outcome of the relationship between the two organisations had influenced the NAF's decision to seek a renewal of the existing MoU, as much more could be achieved with Covenant being a leading research university. He added that the vision of the CAS, on assumption of duty, was to reposition the NAF through capacity building initiatives, and one of the key pillars was strategic partnership with Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

Noting that the NAF has a number of personnel with Ph.D. degree in aeronautic and engineering fields, AVM. Lar stated that the force will

come up with a list of new areas in which the NAF and Covenant could collaborate, so as to help the NAF maintain the peace in the country.

In his comments, the Deputy Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Dr. Obinna Nwinyi, said the University has been performing excellently in the field of research, as well as developing technological products that are able to solve societal problems; while a senior faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, who is also a retired Air Commodore, Dr. Isaac Odunayo, said he was excited that the NAF was

making headway in research through its collaboration with Covenant University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, considered it a privilege that the NAF seeks to continue its collaboration with the University. He said it was a good thing that the relationship had started and yielded good fruits, adding that both organisations have to take it further.

While urging the NAF to expedite action on the proposed new areas of collaboration for research to commence on them in earnest, the Vice-Chancellor assured that his administration will do everything to give the necessary impetus to the continuation of the productive relationship. ■

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Government tax etc.

To reposition industry-academia partnership and address the issue of



Mr Martins Omotoyinbo, making his presentation at the Department of Economics and Development Studies' Town and Gown Seminar

graduates' unemployment in the country, Mr. Omotoyinbo enumerated that, "Academia should reconnect with the industries by having a regular review of their curriculum to meet the demands of the industries. Also, Academia should develop their students' entrepreneurial knowledge and skills through practical-based trainings and also getting involved in Students/Faculty exchange programmes to aid idea generation and exposure".

Mr. Omotoyinbo added that

determination to succeed, hard work, patience, eyes for opportunities, creativity, attitude, and personal development are ways students can overcome unemployment in the present era.

Earlier on in his welcome address, the Head, Department of Economics and Development Studies, Prof. Evans Osabuohien, told the gathering that Covenant's Town and Gown seminar has become part of the University's academic curriculum, drawing from industry experience to complement theoretical teachings of the University system. ■