



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University July 2-6, 2018

Covenant University Set for 13th Convocation Ceremony



Covenant University will be holding its 13th Convocation Ceremony on Friday, July 20, 2018, in the University's Chapel at Canaan Land, Ota, Ogun State.

Tagged 'The Release of Eagles', the convocation ceremony will be honouring graduands across all academic programmes. The graduands of Covenant will have the opportunity to be recognised

for their achievements in front of the University's Board of Regents, Management, the Senate, honoured guests, professors, Covenant staff, family members, and the media.

Activities lined up for this year's ceremony kicked off on Wednesday, July 18 with a Special Convocation Assembly, a Hooding Event for the School of Postgraduate Studies and a Special Convocation Service.

A Convocation Lecture with the topic, 'Technological Disruption and Tertiary Education: Redefining Learning for The Future', will flag off Thursday's programmes with Dr.

Tope Fasoranti, Executive Director, Zenith Bank Plc, as the Convocation Lecturer. An exhibition of innovative products and Hooding Events for Colleges follow in quick succession.

Friday's convocation ceremony, scheduled to hold between 9am and 12.30 am, will feature a Keynote Address with the topic, 'Influencing Change in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of Emerging

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Graduands Charged on Self-Discovery as Covenant Produces 238 with First Class

Chancellor Charges Graduating Students to Embrace Humility, to Maintain Relevance

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has charged the 2017/2018 graduating students of the University to eschew pride and embrace humility and meekness, which are vital to making them relevant in all spheres of life.

Dr. Oyedepo made the call at the Special Convocation Assembly to kick-off activities for the 13th Convocation Ceremony of Covenant held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at the University's Chapel. He told the graduands to always make God their sole source and resource in all their endeavour, if they desire to experience a glorious destiny.

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Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, giving his charge



Chairman, First Bank Plc. and Keynote Speaker, Mrs Ibukun Awosika, making her presentation

A parade of excellence, inspirational speeches, and unbridled joy on Friday July 20, 2018, combined to make the 13th Convocation Ceremony of Covenant University a riveting spectacle as 238 students emerged with First Class among the 1522 students graduated by the University.

Tagged "The Release of Eagles 2018", the event, which was for the award of First and Higher Degrees and presentation of prizes, also saw the University churning out 365

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Leaders', to be delivered by Mrs. Ibukun Awosika, Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria Plc.

The Keynote Address precedes the award of First and Higher Degrees and Presentation of Special Awards and Prizes.

Covenant University has since inception been releasing new generations of leaders, raised through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and skill development. ■

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While counselling the gathering to appreciate the importance of thanksgiving, the Chancellor noted that the accomplishments of Covenant University in her short time of existence was not the work of any expert or the know-how of any man, but that of the creative God, which requires the giving of thanks.

Dr. Oyedepo advised the graduating class to allow God to be eternally acknowledged in all aspects of their lives, if they don't want to be grounded and lose relevance in life. He added that celebrating God for every result and never blaming Him for failures, is vital to experiencing continuous victory and success.

"Walk the pathways of life with humility and meekness, and God's hands will forever remain upon your life for glory. Your rise and sustainable rise is, and will always be, a function of the depth of your humility," he enthused.

The renowned educationist warned graduands on the danger inherent in pride, as that was the easiest route to truncating destinies.

In his welcome remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, posited that the 2017/2018 academic session had been one of immense surprises for

the University, with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and University of Cambridge, both among the top 10 universities in the world, initiating moves to partner with Covenant. This, he said, signified that the world recognised the important academic achievements of the University.

Professor Atayero stated that as the University gradually gets close to the attainment of Vision 10:2022, God has started validating that the vision ordained by Him, and it is bearing remarkable fruits already.

The outgoing Chairman, Students' Council, Mr. Moses Agbeje, appreciated the leadership of the University for the investment made in the graduating class in the last 5 years, which, according to him had resulted in the birthing of well-rounded graduates.

He noted that the success of the 'Book Drive Campaign' and the social change prompted by the various initiatives of the 13th Graduating Class had caught the attention of the media.

The Special Convocation Assembly is an annual event that heralds other activities lined up for convocation ceremony of Covenant University. ■

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graduands from her School of Postgraduate Studies.

The Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Ibukun Awosika, had in her speech titled, 'Influencing Change in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of Emerging Leaders', said that there was no better time to have a discussion on how the graduating students, as emerging leaders, could foster positive change in Nigeria and the African continent.

Mrs. Awosika, who is the Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria Plc, posited that a university education provides the graduands a way of thinking, it is an enabler meant to open their eyes to possibilities, and it should empower them, adding that the real value of education is how they apply their learning to provide solutions in the marketplace.

She admonished the graduands that whatever they see of Nigeria today was a function of how those before them had handled the affairs of the nation. "Don't allow anybody to tell you how terrible this country is; don't allow them to becloud your vision. Discover yourselves; be open and be flexible," she stressed.

The convocation speaker, who bemoaned the unemployment situation in the country, said that many industries no longer placed premium on human beings due to the efficiency of Artificial Intelligence and Technology. She, however, advised that when the graduands apply their scientific knowledge and innovate, they should balance it with how it affects the human being.

Mrs. Awosika charged the graduating students to eschew arrogance, discrimination, and corruption as they venture into the world of work. ■