



Covenant University Newsflash

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Members of Covenant University's Conquering Enactus Team

Members of the Covenant University Chapter of Enactus, an international nonprofit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action, have assured the Management of the University that Team Covenant would work harder towards winning the coveted gold at next year's Enactus National Competition.

Team Leader of Covenant Enactus, Mr. Oluwatobiloba Fadero, gave this

assurance on Monday, July 30, 2018, when the team, which came second at the 2018 Enactus National Competition, presented the laurels won to the Covenant Management.

Representatives of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, emerged winner of the 2018 Enactus National Competition held in Lagos.

While expressing the gratitude of the team to the University Management, Mr. Fadero, who said his team actually went

for gold after winning bronze in 2016 and silver in 2017, assured that, "By the time Covenant takes first in the competition, which is soonest, next year, we would retain it for a very long time".

Covenant Enactus, he noted, now has the privilege of having alumni, as the current team was part of the pioneering set of students. He said that the alumni, together with the faculty advisers, mentors, and facilitators, would form the support base for the team. "We are sure that next year, we'll go not only for the gold but for the World Cup," he enthused.

Earlier, in his introductory remarks, the

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APWEN President Inspires Graduate Engineers at College of Engineering Hooding Event



The President of Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria, Engr. (Mrs) Felicia Agubata, making her presentation

The President of Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), Engr. (Mrs) Felicia Agubata, has impressed it on female graduating students of the College of Engineering, Covenant University, that talking to young girls and showing them that women are just as capable as men would change the misguided perception of an actual engineer.

Speaking at the College of Engineering's 13th Convocation Hooding

Covenant Faculty Receive International Certification for RCE Ogun.

The United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) has acknowledged the application by a group of faculty of Covenant University to drive the United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) for Ogun State.

A letter signed by UNU-IAS' Project Director, Mr. Hiroaki Takiguchi, stated that the Ubuntu Committee of Peers for the RCEs had reviewed the revised applications submitted by RCE Ogun in addition to the application submitted for the 12th meeting of the Committee in 2017. Therefore, the United Nations University issued a Certificate of Acknowledgement to RCE Ogun based on the Committee's recommendations.

"I look forward to working with you closely, through the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, for further development of RCE Ogun and the promotion of

education for sustainable development," Mr. Takiguchi assured Covenant faculty.

While explaining the genesis of the certification, a leading proponent of the RCE Ogun, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, said that he and his colleagues had applied to the UNU-IAS in April 2016 for the faculty to drive the UN Regional Centre of

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then Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, commended the team's exploits, saying that the students had acquired experiences because of the training they've gone through, adding that they've learnt about quite a number of things that entrepreneurship encompasses, and they've been involved in community work and could solve global community problems.

Dr. Oluwatobi stated that the students had come to say thank you to the Management for the support given to them prior to, during, and after the National Competition. He said that the students now have enough experiences after featuring in three successive editions of the Enactus National Competition.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, described the occasion as an important one as not every team that participated in the competition has something to show for it. He urged the Covenant team not to be discouraged by coming second, which, he said, shows the level of commitment.

Professor Chinedu, who congratulated the students, said that the University Management has no problem in supporting the Enactus team in any area. "The issue is, what we want to showcase as a University is simply what you are doing," he added.

Others at the event included the volunteers who have been helping them: Faculty Adviser, Mr. Michael Fagbohun; Mentor, Mr. Olalekan Olowo; and Mr. Damilare Osokoya.■

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Expertise (RCE) for Ogun State. The aim was to drive Education for Sustainable Development in the state through research and development activities and efforts. One of the requirements, he noted, was to have the necessary collaborations that would help in providing supports such as facilitation, funding, and government backing, among others.

Dr. Oluwatobi, who was the Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Covenant University, said, "RCE Ogun aspires to create self-reliant, resilient, inclusive and environmentally friendly communities through formal and informal trainings, enlightenment programmes and exemplar projects for the sustainable existence of the region".

According to him, six (6) out of the 20 Local Government Areas in Ogun State were selected as the study locations. He explained that the 6 selected LGAs (Abeokuta North, Abeokuta South, Ado-Odo Ota, Ewekoro, Ifo, and Obafemi Owode), represented over 48 percent of the population of the entire state, which was a good representation.

He stated that the objectives of RCE Ogun were to increase enrolment in Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education; improve the quality of STEM education; provide appropriate training for STEM instructors; carry out enlightenment programmes on environmental stewardship; and provide relevant trainings for people in the informal sector particularly farmers and tie and dye manufacturers.

Other Covenant faculty members of the RCE Ogun team are Professor Evans Osabuohien, Dr. Omotayo Adegbuyi, Dr. Patience Tunji-Olayeni, Mr. Gideon Adewale, Dr. Mayowa Agboola, Dr. Ngozi Adeleye, Dr. Bolanle Motilewa, and Mr. Afokoghene Okoro.■

Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Information Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Petroleum Engineering), preceded the induction of all the graduands into the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and the induction of graduating students of Mechanical Engineering into the Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers (NIMECHE).■

APWEN President Inspires Graduate Engineers at College of Engineering Hooding Event

Event and 2nd Induction Ceremony, held on Thursday, July 19, 2018, Engr. Agubata posited that showing young girls what an engineer looks like was one of the most significant impacts a woman engineer could make and the difference between engineers and scientists was that engineers make real what scientists dream of.

Making her presentation titled, 'Invent it, Build it', Engr. Agubata, who was the Guest Speaker, said that APWEN's motto is to encourage women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), to grow professional careers leading to outstanding achievements, to encourage the girl-child to study sciences, to enhance competence of women engineers through professional development, and to provide a platform for female engineering students and women engineers to excel.

She explained that, 'Invent it, Build it' was a girl-child event organised by APWEN in partnership with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation. "It was a day event to ignite passion for the engineering profession in young girls and showcase the socio-economic value and application of engineering in everyday life," she stated.

Bemoaning what she described as a substantial gender gap in engineering and computer occupations, which contributed to women's overall underrepresentation in

STEM, Engr. Agubata said that less than 13% of Nigerian females were in STEM fields, with some people simply not viewing engineering as a sustainable career option for a woman. According to her, "To dispel these myths, we must prove ourselves and influence our younger female counterparts as competence and skill will define today's woman".

The APWEN president, who said that it was her first time at Covenant University, described it as a well-structured institution and students with a lot of discipline. She commended the University Management and expressed delight at seeing a sizeable number of the female graduating students of the College of Engineering emerging with First Class Honours.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Dean, College of Engineering, Engr. (Professor) Christian Bolu, assured that the University had given the graduands the required skills to go out and take their rightful place as future leaders. He encouraged them to apply all the acquired engineering skills to provide solutions and answers to people as they go forward.

The Hooding part of the programme, which featured Heads of Departments in the College of Engineering decorating representatives of graduating students in each of the various Departments (Civil

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