



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University July 16-20, 2018

## Chancellor Declares 2018/2019 Academic Session Year of Unprecedented Impact



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, addressing Covenant University Faculty and Staff at the Executive Advance for 2018-2019 Session

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has declared the 2018/2019 Academic Session as the "Year of Unprecedented Impact" for the University's Management, faculty and staff.

Dr. Oyedepo had while blessing faculty and staff at the Opening Assembly for the new academic session held on Monday, August 6, 2018, thanked God for the hugely successful 2017/2018 academic session and for His protection over the lives of every member of the

University community.

The Chancellor prophesied that the University and her faculty and staff would in the 2018/2019 academic session make more outstanding impacts hitherto unexperienced. He emphasised that the new academic year would be a year of global impact, qualitative investment, and great products for Covenant University, just as he prayed for the physical, social and

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## Covenant Policy Decisions to Boost Professionalism, Others -Registrar

The recently approved policies guiding the administration and operations of Covenant University were aimed at boosting professionalism of faculty and staff, give clear line of sight to achieving objectives, and ensure swifter decision-making process, the Registrar of the University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, has explained.

Speaking at the opening session of the 2018 Executive Advance for Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching Staff of Covenant, held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Dr. Oludayo stressed that Predictability of actions, Alignment with corporate expectations, and Clear

parameters for evaluation were other expected outcomes of the policies. Some of the policies include Appointments and



Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, making his presentation on the topic "Covenant University Policies and Expectations"

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## Covenant Leads Again at CODET National Engineering Competition

Covenant has sustained her leadership in Engineering in Nigeria by winning big at the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET) National Engineering Competition, which held in Abuja on August 7, 2018.

Of all the Engineering students' projects in Nigeria that were presented for the Single Category of the competition, Covenant claimed the 1st and 2nd positions. The 1st prize, which went to Gabriel Tobi Eigbe, was for the project titled "Production of Tiles from Recycled Waste Pet Bottles and Sand" while the 2nd prize went to John Udoka Nsionu for the project "Production of

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economic wellbeing of faculty and staff.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, charged faculty and staff to renew their dedication to duty and be ready to make themselves amenable to changes in the University.

Professor Atayero, who glorified God for the blessings He continues to shower on Covenant University, said that the 2017/2018 academic session was particularly very rewarding. He cited the example of two of the world's top 10 universities in the world, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Cambridge, initiating collaborations with Covenant University. This, he attributed to the favour of God on the University.

The Vice-Chancellor praised faculty and staff for their steadfastness and commitment to the vision of the University becoming one of the top 10 Universities in the World by the year 2022. "When I visit other

universities in the world, I boast to my Vice-Chancellor counterparts that I have the most dedicated faculty and staff. Your resourcefulness is highly appreciated," he stated.

He noted that the first two years of the current administration in the University had witnessed tremendous achievements, with the institution recording an astronomical increase in publication, which was 57% of all that the University had published since inception.

Professor Atayero reiterated the commitment of the Board of Regents and Management of the University to the academic progress and welfare of faculty and staff, adding that faculty would be further encouraged to get their works published in high-impact journals and Elsevier for wider visibility.

Also at the event were other members of Management; Principal Officers and Senior Professors. ■

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Mosquito-Repellant Candles using Crude Oil Extract from Neem Seed". Covenant did not stop there as another student, Dawn Ochenaya Idoko, emerged the 1st runner-up in the Best Graduating Student category.

Covenant has indeed established herself as a leader in Engineering in Nigeria as can be recalled that the University also came tops in the 2017 edition of

the competition. In 2017, the University won the 1st prize in the Group Category with a project on "Mechatronics Application in Irrigation Farming", and also emerged the 1st runner-up in the Single Category with a project on "Nano-Refrigerant for the Preservation of Vaccines". ■

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Promotions Policy, Academic Policies, Career Development-Oriented Policies, Welfare Related Policies, and Operational Policies

The Registrar, who presented a paper titled, 'Covenant University Policies and Expectations', posited that, "there is nothing that is good that cannot be better". He urged faculty and staff to see the big picture in the policies by Focusing on the future (long run and not short run), Assess the parallels (what are we doing better?), and Overall view (harmonising perspectives).

He said that the policies of the University could be gleaned from the perspective of Adopted principles of action, Approaches to decision making, Pathways to achieving expected outcomes, Procedures to guide conduct, System of maximizing resources, and Outline of boundaries.

Highlighting the influencers of Covenant University Policies, Dr. Oludayo listed them as the overall vision of the university, the mandate of the university, the periodic goals and aspirations of the university, Prevailing objectives, Resources, Core values, Operating environment, Social environment, Political landscape, Economic situation, and Technology.

He enjoined all faculty and staff to cooperate with the Management in seeing to the successful implementation of the policies, which he stated were not fashioned to displease any faculty or staff but for the good of all. ■