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Bewaji tasks African scholars to expand frontiers of knowledge

By Mubarak Oladosu and Idayat Hassan



■ Prof. Bewaji

A former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Clement O. Bewaji, has challenged scientists and scholars in Africa to do more for the advancement of knowledge through greater dedication to research and scholarship by spending more time in their laboratories and publishing more academic journals.

Prof Bewaji threw this challenge last Thursday (November 11, 2021) while delivering his Valedictory Lecture at the New Science Lecture Theatre of the University.

The don, who was also one time Dean of Student Affairs in the University, noted that while some academic journals in Africa are hardly published annually, the best journals in the world such as *Nature and Science* are published weekly or monthly.

Prof. Bewaji, therefore, advised that every scientific journal in Africa should be published at least four times a year in order to be more globally competitive and for the purpose of advancing the frontiers of knowledge, towards solving challenges facing humankind.

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Unilorin JUPEB offers opportunity for automatic admission to 200 Level -- Usman

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the University of Ilorin Joint Universities and Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB), Prof. Lamidi Ajao Usman, has assured admission seekers who enrolled through the Centre's programme automatic admission into 200 Level at the University.

Prof. Usman, who gave the assurance penultimate Tuesday (November 2, 2021) while featuring

on a *UNILORIN 89.3FM* Yoruba programme, 'Oro to nlo', explained that such students should have excelled in their registered subjects.

The Director said that so far 90% of the students from the University JUPEB have successfully gained admission, after successful completion of the programme, into the University to study different courses of their choice without any problem.

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■ Prof. Usman

Ojuade proffers dance as recipe for sound health

By Abubakar Imam



■ Prof. Ojuade

A Professor of Dance at the Department of The Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, Jeleel Oluksunmi Ojuade, has encouraged Nigerians to consider regular dance as a way of boosting their health and physical strength.

Prof. Ojuade stated this last Thursday (November 11, 2021) while delivering the 208th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Dance is

Life, Life is Dance: A Cyclical Nature of Man on Earth" at the institution's Auditorium.

The Inaugural Lecturer explained that findings have shown that regular dance activities have the capacities of improving the conditions of human heart and lungs as well as increase the muscular strength of those who engaged in it.

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No nation rises beyond its teachers' level - Okunloye

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Institute of Education (IoE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Rotimi Williams Okunloye, has said that there is no society that can attain any level or form of development beyond the quality of its teachers.

Prof. Okunloye stated this last Thursday (November 10, 2021) while participating on 'Table Talk', a popular current affairs programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by Mr. Temitope Olawuyi, the Station's Head of Programmes.

The Director, who was on the programme to provide enlightenment on the delayed commencement of the 2021 Contact Session of the University's Sandwich programme, being run by the IoE, said that it was in realisation of the importance of qualitative teachers to man the nation's school system that the University of Ilorin established the Institute of Education 40 years ago.

Prof. Okunloye opined that the main target of the Institute is the production of adequate and competent manpower for the development of the teaching sector in order to assist in the nation's human capital development.

The renowned academic described the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, as one of the best Centres for teacher training in Nigeria and the flagship of the nation's most sought after University, which has produced world class scholars teaching in Nigerian universities and similar institutions across the world.

Prof. Okunloye disclosed that the Institute would commence its 2021 Contact Session very soon, saying that the programme, which should have held between July and October and during the long vacation, was delayed as a result of the perilous COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted several human activities across the globe.

While saying that the hybrid system



Prof. Okunloye

of teaching and learning, which the University of Ilorin introduced, is a plus to the nation's education system, the Director added that the decision to have the programme this time around and through hybrid style was to ensure that opportunities were given to interested candidates for them to be educated without stress.

He added that admission forms into the Institute are available online as he advised interested candidates to take advantage of its availability to broaden their knowledge and get themselves trained as teachers.

Prof. Okunloye explained that the Institute runs programmes leading to the award of Bachelors of Education, Master's degrees in Education as well as Diploma, Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in various courses in the field of Education.

The Director, who is a Professor of Curriculum Instruction, specifically explained that the Institute runs 28 Bachelor and 17 Master's degrees programmes in various courses of learning.

He pointed out that the programmes of the Institute were meant for those who are teachers or intending to be professional teachers, adding that some Professors without teaching background have been trained at the Institute for them to become professional teachers.

Prof. Okunloye opined that others who had obtained Higher National Diploma (HND) as well as first and second degrees and even doctorate but are teaching at any level of education could also take advantage of one or two programmes of the Institute for them to become professional teachers.

On the modus operandi of teaching and learning in the soon-to-commence contact session, Prof. Okunloye said that virtual model would be adopted to reach out to uld be expected to converge at the Institute for examinations.

learners in their respective places of abode and work. He added that lectures and assignments as well as tests would be conducted virtually while students would be expected to converge at the Institute for examinations.

Speaking on the perceived differences between the quality of certificates issued to those who undergo their programmes through conventional means and those who are produced by the Centre, the Director said that there is no difference whatsoever between the two, saying that the process through which the certificates are obtained would not be stated on them.

Prof. Okunloye added that it is the same lecturers who teach regular students that also teach the sandwich ones as they are also exposed to the same treatments and facilities.

The Director, who described the University of Ilorin as the real better by far institution, said that the University is a well manned institution whose personnel are among the best in terms of erudition, professionalism and productivity in Nigeria.

Dominic delivers 209th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the two hundred and ninth (209th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Prof. Olufunmilola L. Dominic
B.Sc. (Ed), M. Ed. (Ilorin), Ph.D. (Zaria)

Department of Human Kinetics Education,
Faculty of Education,
University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

Topic: "Movement Mechanics:

Performance
Interlock of Trauma, Mortality and Wellness"

Date: Thursday, 18th November, 2021

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin.

Chairman: Professor S. A. Abdulkareem,
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



Prof Dominic

Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	JAMIU, Wasiu	Physical Science/Industrial Chemistry	Adsorption of Selected Heavy Metals and Volatile Organic Compounds onto Nanostructured Polymer-based Materials in Aqueous Solutions.	Tuesday, 16 th November, 2021/9:00am	Departmental Board Room

Ojuade proffers dance as recipe for sound health

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Prof. Ojuade, who is also the Chairman of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** Board, noted that regular dance has also proven to be of positive impact on motor fitness and improvement in muscles tone and strength. He pointed out that dance also gives practitioners better coordination, agility and flexibility all of which are needed to live a sound and healthy life.

While saying that there is nothing wrong in taking dance as either a way of life or profession, Prof. Ojuade charged people against the stigmatisation of dancers and their profession.

Prof. Ojuade, who frowned at the reduction of dance to campaign activities by politicians and businesses or as just mere "pleasurable acts", insisted that dancing is an essential part of our culture and that we must stop debasing our culture.

The renowned scholar said that "dances represent our life and deserves better treatment" and not condemnation and debasement, which discourage people from going into the act and art of dance, at least, in public spheres.

Emphasising the importance of dance as a means of boosting the nation's economy, Prof. Ojuade implored the Federal Government to establish "dance hubs" at different strata of the society. He said that such investment will generate revenue through tourists as it will also serve as a training centre for people who are interested in dance as a career.

Prof. Ojuade, who was installed the Aare Alasa of Ifetedo Kingdom in Osun State just last Saturday (November 13, 2021), also advised the government and other stakeholders to commit more resources to research and development in the area of dance studies and practice for people's knowledge to be broadened.

He also enjoined government to organise and fund cultural festivals, performances and exhibitions where dances would be showcased to the rest of the world to



■ **The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Ojuade (left), presenting the Lecture notes to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, last Thursday**

know that Nigeria is not a people without culture.

Prof. Ojuade also canvassed that dance experts and practitioners be accorded "diplomatic treatment" by foreign embassies, nations and members of the international community in order to reduce the stress that are involved in procuring travel documents by the nation's cultural ambassadors.

He also urged the federal government to consider the separation of Culture and Tourism sectors from the present Federal Ministry of Information and Culture so that more efforts can be given to the cultural sector.

He also enjoined stakeholders to work towards greater synergy between the nation's traditional institution and the academia, saying that such partnership will enhance the preservation of our culture including dance.

Prof. Ojuade, who is also a lawyer, urged the government to accord more

importance to the teaching and study of history, culture, museums and monuments to enable the younger generations have a better knowledge of our past. He explained that "a society devoid of history is on the verge of collapse".

He also urged government at all levels to ensure the proper and consistent documentation of our cultural dances through the establishment of documentation centres as a heritage that would be passed onto future generations.

The lecture, which was presided-over by the institution's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, was attended by dignitaries from far and near including prominent traditional rulers and foremost culture practitioners as well as relations, colleagues, friends and students of the Inaugural Lecturer.

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The Professor of Organic Chemistry commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for deeming it fit to give that golden opportunity to the students of the Unilorin JUPEB Centre to be first considered in terms of admission before any other outsider. While commenting on the effort of the JUPEB Centre, Prof. Usman said that there is tendency for students who graduated from the University of Ilorin JUPEB to have adequate insight into their proposed course of study that can make them to succeed at the University, noting

that each subject has four teachers as a way of ensuring effective learning.

The don also disclosed that any student who graduated from the Unilorin JUPEB has the privilege of using their results to seek admission into private, state and federal universities that registered with JUPEB for three years.

Prof. Usman pointed out that the sales of forms for admission into the Unilorin JUPEB began on August 1, 2021 and will close by December, 2021 while the session will end by June next year, assuring that there is still chance for whoever purchased the form now to meet up the next

academic session of the University.

Prof. Usman advised parents and stakeholders to desist from registering their children at coaching centres deceptively called JUPEB centers, stressing that such centers cannot guarantee them admission into the University of Ilorin.

He, therefore, urged interested candidates willing to enroll into the University JUPEB to visit the Centre located within the University's Mini Campus or log onto the University website; www.unilorin.edu.ng to register.



■ **Prof Esther Omosewo, Senior Fellow of IARSA being decorated last Thursday as the 2nd VicePresident, IARSA at the University of Port-Harcourt**

The Director, Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun (left), presenting a copy of UNILORIN BULLETIN to the Kwara State Commissioner for Communication, Hon. Bosede Buraimoh, while the Unilorin FM Station Manager, Mr. Ibrahim Akintola Idris (middle), watches during the Commissioner's visit to the radio station recently



Bewaji tasks African scholars to expand frontiers of knowledge (Contd. from front page)

The retired don recalled that he was propelled to form the Bioscience Study Group and venture into journal publishing because he encountered manuscripts of 1979 articles in the list of references which were cited as being in press in 1985, and the situation in this part of the world is yet to be ideal, till date.

Prof Bewaji also reminisced on how he and his colleagues namely Prof. H. O. B. Oloyede and Prof. Musbau Akanji initiated the Biosciences Research Communication Journal saying that "the idea for BRC was conceived in 1987. At that time, we felt, quite rightly, that finance was a major constraint in starting a journal of high quality both in academic content and in printing that would come out regularly and on schedule."

He also narrated how he sent a manuscript for publication in the Nigeria Journal of Scientific Research for about a year and he did not receive an acknowledgment from the editor until after about 14 months when the manuscript was returned to him from Zurich, Switzerland, with editorial report that he should revise the manuscript in line with the suggestion of two reviewers.

Prof. Bewaji said that hard work and dedication are the secrets of success, which he imbibed from his mentors as a young scholar, lamenting, however, that he did not succeed in transferring the same attitude to many of his former students despite his repeated efforts.

The retired don, who recalled that in his days as a student, he and his colleagues resumed at 8.00a.m and close not earlier than 6.00p.m, saying that such commitment to learn is now uncommon among the present generation of students.

Prof Bewaji recalled the benefits he derived from great mentors such as late Prof. Enitan Abisogun Bababunmi, to whom he dedicated the valedictory lecture, Prof. Odutuga and Dr. Olorunsogo, amongst others.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, commended the valedictorian for his diligence and contribution to academic development in the University, describing him as someone who has time only for academics and one whom he looked up to when he joined the services of the University.

In his own remarks, the former Vice-Chancellor, Summit University, Offa, Prof. O. B. Oloyede, noted that the valedictorian has made his marks in the academic and Bioinformatics, adding that Prof. Bewaji had done a lot to improve the image of lecturers in the University.

Prof. Oloyede also noted that the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, is proud of the valedictorian, adding that he is a man who had no time for academic politics.

He added that Prof. Bewaji came, saw and conquered as he advised younger lecturers to emulate him.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Temidayo Oladiji, recalled that Prof. Bewaji was her lecturer during her Postgraduate days and also said that he interviewed her for employment.

The Dean described Prof. Bewaji as a straight forward, humble and exceptional human being under whom he served as the Sub-Dean at the Postgraduate School, saying that he impacted a lot on her for which she was grateful.

Also speaking, Prof. J. A. Morakinyo thanked the Faculty of Life Sciences for the innovative idea, which informed the Valedictory Lecture series. He explained that Prof. Bewaji did a lot for posterity and that he was never selfish. Prof. Morakinyo implored others to emulate the foremost scholar so that the society can benefit from them too.

The event, which featured many testimonials on Prof Bewaji's preeminence, was attended by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. M. O Buhari; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. B. F. Sule, Prof. M. A. Akanji, Prof. A. T. Ande, and Prof. Omojasola, among others including former students and colleagues of the retired Professor.

UNILORIN MERIT AWARDS PRESENTATION (2)



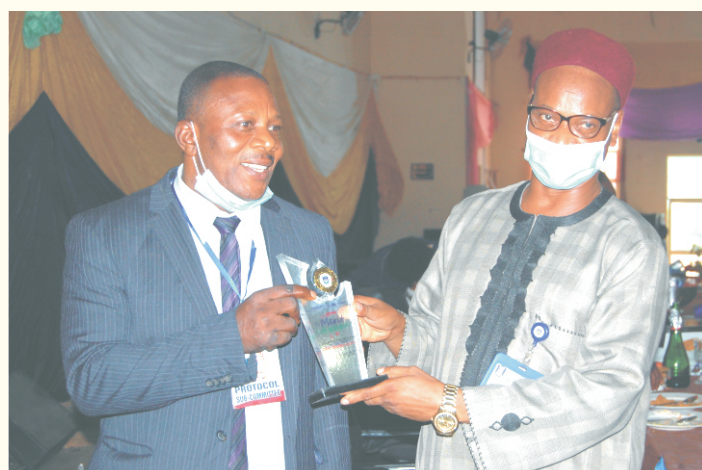
■ Award for Mr. Abdulfatah Oladoke of the Office of the DVC (MS)



■ Prof. Mikhail Buhari (middle) presenting the Merit Award to one of the winners



■ Award for former Unilorin NASU Chairman, Mr. J. J. Bello



■ The University Librarian, Prof. Issa (right), presenting the Merit Award to Mr. Sunday Olorunyomi, Faculty Officer, Life Sciences

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■ Award for Mrs. Modupe Mojuba of the Vice-Chancellor's Office by Prof. Buhari



■ Award for Mr. Salako

Adimula advocates COCOPi to boost national peaceful coexistence

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Senior Lecturer at the University of Ilorin Center for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Dr. Ruth Abiola Adimula, has called for the adoption of what she called Corpers for Community Peace Initiative (COCOPI) project by both the Federal Government and the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) management, as working tool for the enhancement of community peaceful coexistence in the country.

Dr. Adimula made the call penultimate Wednesday (November 3, 2021) at a two-day Capacity Building Workshop on Community Peace and National Integration for members of the Kwara State National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), held at their Yikpata Camp in Edu Local Government Area of the State.

She said, "I wish to advise the government to embrace any initiative that will foster and promote peace and security to the nation. Under this I call on the Federal, States and Local Governments Authorities, including the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) management, to adopt COCOPi as working tool for the enhancement of community peaceful coexistence, reduction of insecurity and building of inner peace in the country"

Dr. Adimula, who is also the Desk Officer and Coordinator of the Suleiman Bogoro Mediation Project, disclosed that the project was initiated by her in 2019.

"At first, it was planned to be used as a practical class for conflict simulation and conflict resolution platform. So, we started it and it made impact for the University community and the general public. To expand the frontier of what we did, I brought the initiative of COCOPi, which stands for using the Youths Corps members to preach peace and ensure harmonious coexistence across their respective communities or LGAs where they are posted," she said.

The Legal Luminary and Peace Ambassador also explained that after the training, the Corps members are expected to do two peace projects towards peaceful coexistence in the community of their posting, for a period of six months.

She stated that these Corps members are expected to act as peace advocate or ambassadors settle little conflicts and write report that can be used to assess them for awards after six months.

Dr. Adimula said, "This one held in Kwara is to test-run the project and we can see that it's a program that could reduce problem of insecurity in our communities and build inner



■ One of the youth corps members, Sekina Damilola Musa, flanked by Dr. Adimula (right) and Dr. Raji (left) at the event

peace", adding that "the intention is to also take the project to the national level whereby the Unilorin Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies will collaborate with NYSC at the National level, so that it will be replicated all across the federation".

The don, who also presented a paper on "Alternative Disputes Resolution" at the event, observed that the initiative will, however, improve the inner peace of the Youth Corps, reduce Youths restiveness and enhance peaceful coexistence in the country.

Earlier in her presentation on Religion and Peace in Africa, the Director of the Center for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, urged the members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to embrace peace and ensure sustainable peace building across the country, as Nigeria makes conscious efforts to reduce insecurity in some parts of the country to the barest minimum.

She said that the training is targeted at the Corps members based on their exposure from their various institutions of higher learning to issues revolving round peace and security.

She explained that two Corps members will be selected, each from the 16 local government areas of Kwara State to undergo training as agents of change in terms of peace building in the society.

Also in the paper he presented at the event, entitled "Understanding Conflict and Peace", Dr. Raji Shittu of the CPSS submitted that both the concept and implementation of the peacemaking and peace-building processes are very central to global peace and security without which sustainable peace is flat.

In her own paper, entitled "Youth as Agent of Peace building", Dr. Abosede O. Babatunde posited that youths are indispensable agent of peace building that must be carried along in the quest for peace, security, national integration and development in Nigeria.

She, however, said that it is imperative to build, foster, promote and inculcate the culture of peace, sense of civic nationalism, patriotism, determination, diligent, industriousness, perseverance, and social justice in the youth to ensure the stability, security and human development of future generations.

Mass Comm students present strategies for effective COVID-19 vaccine campaigns

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Kayode Mustapha Lambe has identified thorough research as paramount to creative presentations towards finding lasting solution to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Mustapha, who disclosed this last Monday (November 8, 2021) while speaking at the presentation of campaign strategies on COVID-19 vaccination among the University Community as well as members of the public, organised by the students of Mass Communication Department, said that it would exposes them to innovative information which will help



■ Dr. Mustapha

them to give depth knowledge of the campaign to their target audience and

achieve their objectives.

The Head of Department urged the students to always try to differentiate between the objectives and tactics while presenting, noting that they are not the same but rather perform different roles.

The don emphasized the proper usage of words in defining their variables to avoid incredibility in their presentations while urging them to always specify the number of publicity that can be accorded to their campaigns. He, therefore, urged them to always do everything possible to get people attracted but not distracted.

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CRL honours ex-Director, Yakubu, ex-Deputy

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Central Research Laboratories (CRL), University of Ilorin, has honoured the immediate past Director, Prof. M. T. Yakubu and the Deputy Director, Dr. Amudalat Lawal for their meritorious services to the Center.

The send-forth ceremony, which held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the CRL Meeting Room, was marked with encomiums from Staff and Students who have worked with or were trained by the two dons.

In his remarks at the event, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, expressed his happiness at the occasion, and thanked Almighty Allah for making the day possible.

He disclosed that the immediate past Director, Prof. Yakubu, has succeeded in the running of the affairs of the Centre during his tenure. He, however, told his predecessor that there is no way a good leader who performed excellently will go without shortcomings, urging him to see all the shortcomings encountered during the service as necessity of job.

The Professor of Chemistry disclosed that when he came on board as the Director of CRL, he used to seek Prof. Yakubu's advice on how to succeed, declaring that "the CRL has worked and will continue to work, to achieve more for the University.

Prof. AbdusSalam advised Staff of the Centre to keep putting in their best, adding that whatever they are doing is not just for somebody but for themselves.

While paying tribute to the duo, Mr. Emmanuel Oloinal, described Prof. Yakubu as a leader but not a boss, mentor



■ **The Director of CRL, Prof. AbdusSalam (middle), flanked by the honorees and members of staff of CRL during the send-forth ceremony**

and coach whose transformation of the Centre started with technologists.

Mr. Oloinal disclosed that Prof. Yakubu "is always interested in the well-being of everybody under him and always answerable to our needs that can ease the job and bring about efficient productivity".

He, therefore, prayed that he is looking forward to seeing him occupying a more sensitive position in the nearest future.

On Dr. Amudalat Lawal, Mr. Oloinal equally described her as a very jovial person that relates practically with everybody. He therefore stressed that since she in academic line, he is also hoping to see her climb the ladders and become a greater achiever.

In her tribute, Mrs. Abdulkareem testified that Prof. Yakubu is her boss who has equipped her well in knowledge as she described Dr. A. Lawal as her teacher right from her undergraduate days.

Responding, the honourees,

Prof. Yakubu and Dr. A. Lawal, appreciated the Staff, particularly the Director whom they described as perfect successor and a reliable father.

Prof. Yakubu appreciated the Centre for organising a befitting send-forth for him in recognition of his selfless service to the CRL, adding that this is the second send-forth that has been organised in his honour since his assumption of duty many years ago in the University.

He however assured them of his continuous support to the CRL and charged the staff to build a team work as the fastest way to ensure greater output.

On her part, Dr. A. Lawal advised staff of the Centre to discharge their duties diligently and always put in their best for the progress of the University at large, praying that with the support and contribution of everyone the Centre will continue to grow to greater heights.

Highlight of the occasion is the presentation of gifts to the duo, who they said have made them proud, the CLR and the welfare committee of the Center.

Mass Comm students present strategies for effective COVID-19 vaccine campaigns

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Dr. Mustapha said, "The University of Ilorin is always proud of you and interested in your activities; so be good ambassadors of the University as you are going for internship and put everything that we have taught you into the best practice. Whatever you do there will get to us here".

On her part, Mrs. Rukayat A. Abdulrahman, observed that the collection of the COVID-19 vaccine will be more effective, if we keep on observing all COVID-19 protocols as we are gradually returning to our day-to-day activities in order to set us free from being infected.

Also speaking at the event, Dr.

Abdulkadir Laro suggested that the theme music could be better presented on television to get the audience convinced as it brings people closer to the event and provide the opportunity for audio-visual compared to the radio.

Earlier in his submission, the Coordinator of the programme, Dr. AbdulGafar Arikewuyo, explained that the purpose of the campaign presentations is to make the students market ready and be able to bring out the best in them.

In his own remarks, Dr. Patrick Udende commended the students for the confidence they displayed during the presentations and encouraged them to keep on committed and dedicated to anything they are

assigned to do in the pursuit of their careers.

While commenting on the presentation, Dr. Aisha Imam Omoloso, advised the students to make use of the necessary comments and observations to improve themselves for future engagements

During the group presentations by the students of Mass Communication on COVID-19 vaccine, concluded that the misinformation and different perception of individual are key factors that discouraged many People from Kwara State from getting themselves vaccinated against COVID-19.

Focus on Prof. Abubakar, Dean, Faculty of Arts

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Abdullahi Salih Abubakar, a foremost scholar, reputable author and exemplary administrator, was born at Ilorin on May 5, 1962.

Prof. Abubakar assumed the office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts, in August 2021.

He started his early education at Kwali Primary School, Kano, between 1968 and 1975 from where he earned his First School Leaving Certificate. He was also trained at the famous School of Arabic Studies, Kano, from 1975 to 1980.

This outstanding academic attended Bayero University, Kano, from where he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1985. He was also educated at the University of Ilorin, from where he bagged his Master of Arts and doctorate degrees in Literature in English in 2000 and 2006, respectively.

Prof. Abubakar also earned a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) from the University of Ilorin in 2013. He was formally inducted into the teaching profession following his registration by the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN).

Prior to joining the services of the University of Ilorin in 2001 as lecturer II, Prof. Abubakar was a staff of the Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies (CAILS), Ilorin. He was the Acting Head, Department of English at the College from 1999 to 2001.

This versatile teacher has served the University of Ilorin in several capacities. He was a member, Departmental Computation Committee,



■ **Prof. Abubakar,**

Department of English, between 2002 and 2009. He was also a Member of the Committee which designed Questionnaire for Assessment of Lecturers by students in 2018.

Prof. Abubakar served as a Member of the Development Committee of the Department of English from 2002 to 2006. He equally served as the Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of English between 2007 and 2012.

He served as the Head of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, twice: between 2016 and 2018 and from 2019 to 2021. This eminent scholar was the Sub-Dean, Faculty of Arts from 2013 to 2015.

Outside the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abubakar was the Director, Academic Planning, Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, Abuja, between 2012 and 2013. He also served as a Resource Person to the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) from 2016 to 2020.

He was also a Member of the National Universities Commission (NUC)

Accreditation Panel to the Federal College of Education, Yola, Adamawa State, in 2019. He was also on a similar body to the Federal University, Kashere, Jigawa State, in March, 2021.

Prior to and since the last two decades of his services at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abubakar has benefitted from many trainings, conferences and workshops, which had broadened his horizon. He has, in fact, attended no fewer than 10 conferences at local and national levels where he presented intellectually-stimulating papers.

This cerebral academic is a member of many professional societies. Apart from the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Prof. Abubakar is also a Member of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA). He served as the Vice-Chairman of the Kwara State chapter of ANA between 2017 and 2019. He is also a Member of the American Studies Association of Nigeria and the African Literature Association (ALA). He is also a Member of the Readers Association of Nigeria, the Literary Society of Nigeria as well as the African Theatre Association.

The Dean is also a well-published scholar. He has no fewer than 43 publications in local, national and international intellectual outlets. He also has eight creative writings, some of which have been staged by the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, to his credit. These include "Next Time", "Creating a Future", "All for God" and "The New Eves", among others.

Prof. Abubakar, a hardworking, religious and humble teacher and administrator, is happily married and blessed with children who are doing well.

Unilorin hosts John Paul Foundation launch

By Abubakar Imam

Arrangements have been concluded for the launch of a Foundation in memory of a deceased student of the University of Ilorin, Mr. John Paul Usman, by the US Government Exchange Alumni Association of Nigeria, Kwara State chapter.

A statement signed by the Chairman of the Association, Dr. Mubarak Oloduowo Ameen, said that the event would take place at the University on Tuesday (November 16,

2021).

Dr. Ameen added that the Foundation, which is to be known as John Paul Memorial Foundation, is being set up in memory of the late Unilorite who died while on Mandela Leadership exchange programme in the United States of America in 2016.

The statement added that the event would also witness the launch of a book "Nova: The Life And Time of A Legend", as well as the conferment of awards of honour on distinguished

individuals including the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem; the Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello; and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Abuja, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah; among others.

Mr. John Paul Usman was, until his death, a student of the Department of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 4TH TO 11TH NOVEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	368,311.00
Staff I.D.Card	1,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	825,700.00
Hire of University Property	50,000.00
Sundry Other Income	1,715,734.00
Boarded Property	8,000.00
Rent on University Property	52,169.46
Clinic Registration	4,000.00
Dental Charge	132,977.50
Staff Quarters Electricity	40,948.86
Housing Loan	500.00
Refund	3,340,200.00
Contractor's Registration	1,000.00
Verification	25,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	129,067.25
Capitation NHIS	2,007,750.00
Undergraduate Hostel Charges	40,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	606,500.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Charges	60,450.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	39,850.00
Postgraduate School Charges	13,543,800.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop payment	4,600.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	388,050.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	40,300.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,464,500.00
JUPEB School Charges	3,764,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance	564,200.00
JUPEB Hostel	783,900.00
JUPEB Application Form	754,500.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦30,787,708.07
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
FredTek International Services Supply of Electrical Materials and Sundry Items	7,414,105.00
Fasman Enterprises Supply and Fixing of Gate	202,497.75
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator sets	337,550.00
Redstar Express Plc Dispatching of IV Cards	808,920.00
Joe Exclusive Image Centre Supply and Installation of Led Light.	2,498,246.25
Penfolam Ltd Convocation Expenses	391,321.27
S.O. Alani & Son Enterprises Maintenance of Public Building	763,787.50
HyperLink Technologies Ltd Supply and Installation of infrared Multi Touch Screen Smart Board.	97,650,000.00
Cyteck Engineering and Chemical Ltd Rehabilitation of Building.	3,049,156.34
Hoolyla Facility Services Supply of Branded Unilorin Notebooks.	1,935,000.00
O.M. Fasman Nigeria Ltd Road convelts bridges and Fence.	2,250,388.88
Fasman Enterprises Maintenance of Electricity supply	117,712.50
Halmax firms and Records Maintenance of Generator Sets	187,050.00
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Charges for waste disposer	35,000.00
DHL International Nigeria Ltd Courier Services	227,534.10
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Electricity Bill	49,006,295.38
Busafa Enterprises Rehabilitation of Building at Agric Professorial Building.	1,987,245.00
Alhaji Hussein Taiwo Adeniyi Supply of Tyres	120,400.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	48,861,561.35
Purchase Advance Various	20,444,621.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel to College and Senate Building.	8,497,462.00
Unilorin Scholars prize for 2019/2020 Academic Session	24,460,100.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	424,000.00
Staff Training Programme Workshop and Seminars	1,300,000.00
Total TSA Charges	114,917.00
Total payment for the Period	₦273,084,871.32

Signed

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Bursar

IBS holds retreat on module development

In a bid to conform with global best practices in the new norms of e-learning, the Ilorin Business School (IBS), University of Ilorin, is set to hold a retreat on Module Development for its staff.

The two-day retreat, being

organised in conjunction with the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, will hold on Tuesday, November 16, and Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), Ilorin.

A statement by the Director of IBS, Prof. G. T. Ijaiya, and made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, disclosed that “the retreat will be in two folds, one for the teaching staff and the other for the non-teaching staff”.



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Olorunyomi, Sunday	Registry	Nov 14
2	Bello, Olayiwola Wasiu	Information & Communication Science	Nov 14
3	Abidoeye, Amudalat Mopelola	Works: Civil/Building	Nov 14
4	Akinsola, Wasiu Adewale	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Nov 14
5	Yusuf, Mohammed Sanusi	Social Work	Nov 14
6	Giwa, Ajaratu M.	Registry	Nov 14
7	Tolorunleke (Bodunde), Funke Alice	Registry	Nov 14
8	Dada, Moses Sunday	Mathematics	Nov 15
9	Murtala, Abdulyaqin Tukur	Educational Management	Nov 15
10	Ganiyu, Surajudeen Adeyemi	Registry	Nov 15
11	Abukbakar, Abdulrahman	Political Science	Nov 15
12	Alabi, Oladimeji Mohammed	History & International Studies	Nov 15
13	Akande, Abosede Margaret	Registry	Nov 15
14	Muhammed, Issa	Works: Parks & Gardens	Nov 15
15	Mahmoud, Abdulraheem Olarongbe	Ophthalmology	Nov 15
16	Ambali, Sikirat Abolaji	Unilorin Staff School	Nov 16
17	Mohammed, Is'haq Alhassan	Chemical Engineering	Nov 16
18	Adio, Elijah Kayode	Registry	Nov 16
19	Olanrewaju, Rhoda Moji	Geography & Environmental Management	Nov 16
20	Owolabi, Taiye	Registry	Nov 16
21	Olayanju, Sunday Akinwale	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 16
22	Jimoh, Adamu	Chemistry	Nov 16
23	Sobande, Elizabeth Olajumoke	Registry	Nov 17
24	Jubril, Kamilu Shaban	Chemistry	Nov 17
25	Raufu, Ibrahim Adisa	Veterinary Microbiology	Nov 17
26	Adeyemo, Wahabi Onireti	Works: Parks & Gardens	Nov 17
27	Ishola, Adeola Hawawu	Sugar Research Institute	Nov 18
28	Lawal, Amudat	Chemistry	Nov 18
29	Adebayo, Oluwatope Joseph	Biochemistry	Nov 18
30	Yusuf, Rafiu Olasunkanmi	Chemical Engineering	Nov 18
31	Robert, Emmanuel Francis	Works: Civil/Building	Nov 18
32	Adesanya, Emmanuel Olorunleke	Science Education	Nov 18
33	Lawal, Abubakar Zubair	Medical Biochemistry	Nov 18
34	Salihu, Abdulazeez Bolanle	Architecture	Nov 18
35	Ajeigbe, Bukola Beatrice	Registry	Nov 19
36	Kehinde, Mary Feyisike	Registry	Nov 19
37	Idris, Ibrahim Olanrewaju	Security Division	Nov 19
38	Sulyman, Fatimoh	Registry	Nov 19
39	Osanyinlusi, Oluwatoyin	Physics	Nov 19
40	Adeoye, Raphael Idowu	Biochemistry	Nov 19
41	Owolabi, Risikat Ronke	Registry	Nov 19
42	Babatunde, Olarewaju Raphael	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Nov 19
43	Mogaji, Obalowu	Security Division	Nov 20
44	Odeleye, Amos Agboola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Nov 20
45	Adedeji, Abdullah Adeola	Civil Engineering	Nov 20
46	Edungbola, Olayinka John	Security Division	Nov 20
47	Toyin, Taibat	Health Services	Nov 20
48	Alaro, Abdulrazzaq Abdulmajeed	Islamic/Sharia Law	Nov 20
49	Garuba, Taofeeq	Plant Biology	Nov 20
50	Ayinla, Luqman	Central Research Laboratory	Nov 20
51	Ambali, Abdus-salam Babatunde	Arabic	Nov 20
52	Ogunrinu, Oluwaseyi Gideon	Educational Tech. Centre	Nov 20
53	Alepa, Vincent Cephas	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Nov 20
54	Baker, Mariam Temitope	Chemistry	Nov 20
55	Afolabi, Abdulrasaq Olarewaju	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Nov 20
56	Ajao, Babatunde Hadiyatullah	Animal Production	Nov 20

The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks

- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Oyewole Abdul -Muizz, who is now the Chief Technology Officer, Majacheck -Pro Technology Ltd , has stressed the need for Nigerian youths to study ICT. ("Why Nigerian Youths shouldn't stop learning ICT - Oyewole", *Daily Trust*, Friday, November 5, 2021, P. 28)
- A Lecturer at the Department of Mathematics, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabode Bamigbola, has urged the Federal Government to encourage career in Mathematics research through provision of scholarship. ("Don urges govt to encourage career in Mathematics research", *The Nation*, Monday, November 8, 2021, P 8; See also, "Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity", *Blueprint*, Saturday, November 7, 2021, p.22; <https://www.newsng.com.ng> , "Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity, grow economy: Don" , <https://phenomenal.com.ng>: "Explore Mathematics to solve Nigeria's security problems -Don..." , <https://www.alschool.com.ng>, "Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity problem - UNILORIN professor " , <https://dailynigerian.com>: " Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity problem - Don" , <https://theparadise.ng> " Mathematics can solve insecurity grow economy - Don..." <https://gazetteng.com>, "Mathematics can solve Nigeria insecurity grow economy: Don" , <https://thenationonline.net>: "Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity problem - Don" , newswireng.com " Mathematics can solve Nigeria's insecurity problem - Don " , <https://dailyreporters.com> " Mathematics can solve Nigeria's problem of Insecurity - Prof " , infonet9ja.com "How Nigeria can Use Mathematics To Fight Insecurity- Prof. Olabode ")
- The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, has urged National Youths Service Corp members to ensure sustainable peace building across the country. ("Unilorin trains corps members on peace building conflict management " *The Herald*, Sunday, November 7, 2021, p 4)
- A Lecturer at the Department of The Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Jeleel Ojuade, is set to deliver the 208th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: "Dance is life, Life is Dance: A Cyclical Nature of Man on Earth" on Thursday, November 11, 2021. ("Prof of Dance, Ojuade holds Inaugural lecture today" *National pilot*, Thursday 11th- 14th November 2021, p.4, See also, "Festac 77 child dancer delivers UNILORIN inaugural lecture tomorrow" *The Guardian*, Wednesday, November 10, 2021)
- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister Jimoh Tahir Olaitan has stated that the reason why his client (wife) filed for criminal assault and the rest, in court 1 sternly opposed the bail application of the husband's counsel and he was demanded. ("When my client filed assault charge against Husband- Olaitan" *National pilot*, Thursday 11th -14th November 2021, p.18)

My emergence as Researcher of the Year, a pleasant surprise - Adeniyi

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr George Adewale Adeniyi, has described his emergence as the institution's Researcher of the Year (2021) as a pleasant surprise.

Dr. Adeniyi stated this in a letter of appreciation dated October 25, 2021 which he forwarded to the institution's Registrar, Dr Folaranmi Modupe Olowoloni, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

The renowned academic, who said that he regarded the award as an "absolute honour", commended the University for instituting the annual award, saying that "I am deeply grateful for this honour and I appreciate the entire university system".

Dr Adeniyi explained that he never saw the award coming as he "promise to live up to the level of success the award demands".

Dr Adeniyi added that "the award will definitely go a long way in slotting the new mechanism in place on our research and development mandate" and propel him towards



■ **Dr. Adeniyi**

"implementing a new strategy to improve the efficiency of my team".

The award-winning scholar paid glowing tributes to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for

his worthy leadership. He said that the foremost Professor of Chemical Engineering assisted "in sharpening my skills on product development and is always with us in the laboratory, reading all manuscripts on weekly basis despite his busy schedule".

Dr Adeniyi added that the Vice-Chancellor "is admirably a great and exemplary mentor, who regularly refuses to be listed as the first author", saying that he could "not really or fully explain how he touches my heart for passionate pursuit of excellence".

The Unilorin Researcher of the Year also thanked all other collaborators such as Engr. I.A.Tijani and Engr. Ndagi Mustapha, who are technologists at the Department, as well as Mr. Ighalo Joshua, Mr. Damilola Onifade and Mr. Samson Adeoye for the unique passion with which they "worked with me in the pursuit of excellence".

He also recognized the tireless contributions of Mr. Mubarak Amoloye, Miss Comfort Adeyanju and Mr. Samuel Ogunniyi, who he described as his students and teachers at the same time, for working with him wholeheartedly.

The BIG STORY

Kwara NUJ Chair inaugurates Unilorin Chapel exco

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the Kwara State Council of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Abdulateef Lanre Ahmed, has urged journalists to always emphasise professionalism in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Ahmed gave this advice last Thursday (November 11, 2021) while inaugurating the newly executive committee of the University of Ilorin Chapel of NUJ, led by Mr. Tajudeen Babamale, at the Conference Room of the institution's Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

The NUJ Chairman, who commended members of staff of the Directorate for working so hard to form a chapel of the Union, said that the Kwara NUJ Council expected so much from the Unilorin Chapel.

He specifically commended the exemplary leadership style and professionalism of the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, who he described as a thorough-bred and outstanding journalist whose style of doing things should be emulated by members of the pen-pushing profession.

Mr. Ahmed urged members of the new executive committee of the Unilorin NUJ Chapel to think out of the box and explore means by which the chapel can generate stable means of income for it to discharge its responsibilities to the fullest.

He encouraged the new executive committee to consider various programmes it can embark upon which would not only earn it some funds but also turn it into a force to be reckoned with within the University and in the State Council.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, commended what he called the satisfactory performance of Mr. Babamale in his first term in office.

He explained that it was his performance that accounted for his return to the office for his second term by his colleagues, including himself.



■ **The Chairman, Kwara Council of NUJ, Mr. Ahmed (left), presenting the oath document to the Unilorin Chapel Chairman, Mr. Babamale, after the swearing last Thursday**

Mr. Akogun urged Mr. Babamale and his team to work harder for his second term in office to be more fruitful and eventful.

He assured the new executive committee of his personal cooperation and those of other colleagues in the Directorate in the task of moving the chapel beyond the next level.

Mr. Akogun also formally congratulated the NUJ Council Chairman on his election as the number one journalist in Kwara State. The Director noted that the Chairman was visiting his alma mater and specifically the Unilorin chapel of the Union for the first time since his election in July this year.

The veteran journalist commended Mr. Ahmed for the efforts he has been making towards repositioning the Union since his assumption of office and urged him and his colleagues not to relent in their efforts towards leaving the Kwara NUJ Council better than they met it.

In his comment, the Chairman of the Credentials Screening Committee, Mr. Mustafa Abubakar, said that all those who formed the new executive committee of the chapel are not only professional journalists but also financially committed members of the Nigerian Union of Journalists.

In his acceptance speech, the new

Chairman, Mr. Tajudeen Babamale thanked members of the chapel for the huge confidence reposed in him, which eventuated in his reelection.

Mr. Babamale assured all that he and his colleagues were ready to serve the Union with all the resources available to them to justify their elections.

While thanking the Director and other senior staff of the Directorate for the cooperation enjoyed in his first term, Mr. Babamale solicited more cooperation towards repositioning the chapel for it to serve its members, the University of Ilorin and the society at large better.

Other members of the new executive committee are Ms Bimbo Durojaiye, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Isaac Lewu, Secretary; and Mr. Tijani Adewoyin, Assistant Secretary. Others are Mrs. Idayat Hassan, Treasurer; Miss Precious Okeowo, Financial Secretary; and Mr. Abdulkadir Abubakar, Auditor.

The highlight of the event was the swearing-in ceremony of members of the new executive committee by the State Chairman of the NUJ and presentation of copies of recent publication of the Directorate to the NUJ Chairman and members of his entourage, which include the State Secretary, Mr. Jacob Ayanda; the Auditor, Barrister Moshood Zarumi and ex-officio member II, Mr. Ismail Ayodeji.