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President Tinubu charges UNILORIN graduates to be job creators

By Mustafa Abubakar

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has charged graduates of the University of Ilorin to go beyond seeking employment by creating jobs, embracing innovation and using their knowledge to solve problems and serve humanity.

The President gave the charge last Friday (October 23, 2026) in his speech at the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University at the University Auditorium.

Represented by the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaibah Said Ahmad, the President said that the commitment of the University to academic excellence, discipline and institutional development continued to strengthen the nation's higher education system.

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President Tinubu

ABDULRAZAQ REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, has reaffirmed the commitment of his Administration to investing in education as a strategic pathway to sustainable development, social mobility and economic growth.

The Governor stated this last Friday (October 23, 2026) in his address at the 41st Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ilorin held at the University Auditorium.

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Mallam AbdulRazaq

Let your work speak for you, Wurie counsels UNILORIN graduands

By Abubakar Imam and Mustafa Abubakar

The Sierra Leonean Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Dr Haja Ramatulai Wurie, has charged young people to always work hard and reduce the temptations of playing to the gallery.

Dr Wurie gave the charge last Friday (October 23, 2026) while delivering the 41st Convocation Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room: The Journey from Academia to Public Leadership," at the University Auditorium.

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Dr Wurie

Egbewole charges graduands to tackle nation's challenges

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged graduands of the institution to deploy their knowledge, creativity and integrity to address Nigeria's socio-economic challenges.

Prof. Egbewole, who gave the charge last Wednesday (October 21, 2026) in his speech at the 41st Convocation Ceremony of the University, said the country needed

capable, innovative and compassionate graduates to tackle unemployment, insecurity, inadequate healthcare, food insecurity and moral decline.

He urged the 11, ... graduands not to join the growing number of Nigerians who merely complain about the country's challenges but to become agents of positive change in their communities.

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Prof. Egbewole

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Egbewole charges graduands to tackle nation's challenges

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Prof. Egbewole said, "Our nation faces serious challenges, including unemployment, insecurity, inadequate healthcare, food insecurity and moral decline.

"These challenges are real, but they are not insurmountable. They demand capable, creative, ethical and compassionate people who are prepared to turn knowledge into solutions."

The Vice Chancellor advised the graduands to create value, whether as employees or employers, and ensure that their presence made a positive difference wherever they found themselves.

He described their degrees as products of three major investments: parental investment, institutional investment and self-investment.

According to him, parents and guardians have sacrificed their resources, comfort and personal ambitions to secure a better future for their children and wards.

He, therefore, urged the graduates to honour those sacrifices by supporting their parents when they became financially capable and making them proud through their conduct and achievements.

Prof. Egbewole also reminded the graduands that they would serve as ambassadors of the University, stressing that their professional competence, personal integrity and conduct would influence public perception of the institution.

He said the University had invested its reputation, facilities, resources and integrity in training them, adding that they must not allow such investment to go to waste.

"Your certificate is not the end of your journey. It is the beginning of a greater responsibility. The world is waiting for you, and Nigeria needs you," he said.

Highlighting some of the institution's recent achievements, Egbewole disclosed that three undergraduates secured a combined grant of N150 million under the Federal Government Students Venture Grant (FG-SVG) competition.

He identified the beneficiaries as Abdullahi Usman Babatunde and Abdulrazaq Abdulrasaq Alatare, both of the Department of Information Technology, and Shehu Abdulrahman Mogoban of the Department of Optometry and Vision Science.

Each of the students received N50 million to support separate project proposals.

The Vice Chancellor said the achievement demonstrated the capacity of UNILORIN students to develop innovative ideas and translate them into practical solutions capable of generating economic and social value.



The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the innovative contributions of six undergraduates of the Department of Telecommunications, who donated weather-forecasting equipment valued at approximately N500,000 to UNILORIN 89.3 FM Radio Station on July 27, 2026.

He said the equipment, a Quadrifilar Helix Antenna system, was expected to improve the station's capacity to provide timely, accurate and consistent weather information to listeners.

He added that the Department of Microbiology received scientific equipment valued at 59,846.02 euros, approximately N100 million, for the XSTAR Project Nigeria.

The consignment, he said, included a Luminex MAGPIX system, an ultrasonic bath, microplate shakers and other advanced scientific instruments.

According to him, the equipment will strengthen the university's research capacity and create opportunities for scientific investigation, innovation and collaboration.

"These achievements are not isolated successes. They reflect our continuing commitment to investing in people, research, innovation and

infrastructure," he said.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the investments of the University in infrastructure and research were ultimately aimed at developing generations of students, scholars and professionals who would contribute meaningfully to national and international development.

He reaffirmed that the institution's core values remained rooted in adding value and contributing meaningfully to national and international development.

Prof. Egbewole congratulated the graduands, their parents and guardians, as well as members of staff of the University, on the successful completion of the academic journey.

He urged the graduates to remain grateful to their parents, uphold the values acquired at the University and acknowledge God's role in bringing them to the milestone.

"We have given you knowledge. We have encouraged you to embrace character. We have entrusted you with the discipline and values for which UNILORIN is known", the Vice Chancellor said, telling the graduands to "now, go out into the world and provide solutions."





Tinubu commissions projects at UNILORIN

By Bashir Dawodu

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, last Friday (October 23, 2026), commissioned several infrastructural projects executed by the Administration of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

The project commissioning was part of the activities marking the institution's 41st Convocation Ceremonies.

The projects include the construction and furnishing of a lecture theatre at the College of Health Sciences; the renovation and rehabilitation of the

Administrative Building, Auditorium Building and Senate Chamber; and the renovation and rehabilitation of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) Building.

Representing the President at the ceremony, the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad, commended the management of the University led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its commitment to institutional development and infrastructural improvement.

President Tinubu urged the management of the University, staff and

students to ensure the proper use and maintenance of the facilities to promote teaching, learning, research and overall academic development.

The President also reaffirmed his Administration's commitment to supporting the University and other tertiary institutions across Nigeria, stating that the government's Renewed Hope Agenda was intended to deliver benefits to Nigerians across different sectors.

He further called on members of staff to remain dedicated to their duties and contribute actively to the institution's continued growth and development.





106 staff members receive UNILORIN awards Mustapha named Resercher of the Year

By Mubarak Oladosu

The University of Ilorin has capped its 41st Convocation Ceremonies with over 100 individual staff awards, 66 of which were awarded to senior staff members while 40 awards went to the junior staff members.

The awards were presented last Friday, (October 23, 2026) at a special staff luncheon held at the University Multipurpose Hall.

Notable among the awards were the Researcher of the Year, won by Dr. S.I Mustapha of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Innovator of the Year, won by Prof. J.K.Odusote of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering.

The University also appreciated 15 retired Professors of the University with awards. The Professors are Job Olutimehin Atteh of the Department of Animal Production; Irene Durosaro of the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling; Ismaila Onche Amali of the Department of Social Science Education; Olabode Mathias Bamigbola

of the Department of Mathematics; Abel Fakuade of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages; Prof. Abdullahi Alao Jimoh of the Department of Civil Engineering, Oloyede Timothy Opoola of the Department of Mathematics, and Kolade Joseph of the Department of Home Economics.

Others are Patricia Etejere of the Department of Educational Management; Stephen Billy Olajide of the Department of Arts Education; Ayodele Ojuawo of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health; Abiodun Aboyeji of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Ganiyu Oyeyiola of the Department of Microbiology; Aderonke Kofo Soetan of the Department of Educational Technology, and Plus Abioje of the Department of Religions.

There were three Faculty Researchers of the Year, which went to Dr L. O. Adegboyega of the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling; Dr. Esther Babatunde of the Department of Chemical Engineering; and Prof. H.K. Okoro of the Department of Industrial Chemistry.

Seventeen Lead Authors who published in Quartile 1 Journals were also recognised across the Faculties. While Prof. A.S. Adeniran of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology won the Quality Assurance Ambassador in the Academic Staff category and Mr Salihu Musa of the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts emerged Ambassador in the Non-Teaching category. At the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Mr Oyakhire Sylvester Ikhuemien was recognised as staff of the year.

Several students awards were also presented including awards to University Scholars awarded across the Faculties and the best graduating student award, which was won by Mr Francis Olusegun of the Department of Mathematics.

While making his remarks at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated the Ceremonials Committee for a well planned and well delivered Convocation Ceremonies.

President Tinubu charges UNILORIN graduates on job creation

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Addressing the graduating students, the President said their achievement reflected years of hard work, perseverance and sacrifice, supported by their parents, guardians, and dedicated lecturers.

He said the graduation marked not only a celebration of academic achievement but also the beginning of greater responsibility for the graduates.

According to President Tinubu, certificates should not be regarded merely as qualifications for employment but as instruments for solving problems, creating opportunities and serving humanity.

“In a world increasingly shaped by digital technology and Artificial Intelligence, I encourage you not only to seek employment, but also to create it. Become innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and problem solvers,” he said.

He urged the graduands to make excellence their standard, integrity their compass and service their enduring commitment, stressing that Nigeria needed their creativity, patriotism and enterprise to build a prosperous future.

President Tinubu described universities as vital to national development because of their roles in producing skilled professionals, advancing research, nurturing leadership and generating innovations capable of strengthening society and the economy.

He commended the University of Ilorin for what he described as its enduring reputation for academic excellence, institutional discipline, relative industrial stability and prudent resource management.

The President said he was particularly encouraged by the University's reported research achievements in areas such as stroke treatment and artificial intelligence-powered electrocardiogram testing.

He said his administration recognised education as a strategic investment in Nigeria's future and would continue to support efforts to improve teaching and learning, expand research capacity and equip graduates to compete in an increasingly interconnected world.

President Tinubu said the Renewed Hope Agenda placed education at the heart of national development, stressing that financial hardship should not prevent eligible Nigerian students from accessing tertiary education.

He said that it was in this spirit that the Federal Government established the Nigerian Education Loan Fund



Prof. Suwaiba Ahmed

(NELFUND) in April 2024.

According to him, figures available as of August 2026 showed that NELFUND had disbursed more than N322 billion to over 1.6 million students nationwide.

He explained that the amount includes N192 billion for tuition and institutional fees in 319 public tertiary institutions and N129 billion for student upkeep allowances.

“Through NELFUND, we are easing the financial burden on families and expanding opportunities for young Nigerians,” he said.

The President added that the Federal Government was also supporting infrastructure and research through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), while initiatives such as the 3 Million Technical Talent Programme and the Student Innovation Challenge were being implemented to develop digital skills, encourage innovation and promote entrepreneurship.

He said the interventions reflected the determination of his government to build a productive, innovative and competitive economy.

President Tinubu urged the graduands to embrace lifelong learning, strengthen their digital and analytical skills and remain adaptable to changing economic realities.

He said their degrees should be regarded as foundations, adding that their willingness to learn, innovate and create value would determine how far they would go in life.

On the stability of the tertiary education system, the President said a strong University system required a stable academic calendar, motivated staff and constructive engagement among

government, University management and staff unions.

He said his Administration remained committed to implementing agreements with tertiary education unions, improving staff welfare and addressing outstanding concerns through dialogue and responsible negotiation.

President Tinubu disclosed that the Federal Government had signed agreements with academic and non-teaching staff unions of universities, polytechnics and colleges of education on the payment of the Consolidated Academic Tool Allowance (CATA) and Consolidated Non-Teaching Tool Allowance (CONTA), respectively, with effect from January 1, 2026.

He stressed that both categories of workers were indispensable to quality education and national development.

The President said industrial harmony was essential to uninterrupted learning, research and institutional productivity, urging stakeholders to sustain the progress made in maintaining relative stability across the nation's tertiary institutions.

He also acknowledged the economic difficulties experienced by many Nigerians during the current reform process.

He said the removal of petroleum subsidy and the unification of the foreign exchange markets had imposed significant adjustment costs on households and businesses.

He said the government would continue to pursue policies aimed at promoting investment, employment, food security and a more inclusive distribution of economic gains.

As the country prepares for the 2027 general elections, President Tinubu called on Nigerians, particularly the youths, to participate peacefully, responsibly and in accordance with the law.

He cautioned young Nigerians against political thuggery, intimidation, hate speech and the spread of fake news.

“Elections are not war. Democracy is a contest of ideas, not violence,” he said.

The President stressed that no political ambition was worth the loss of human life or the destruction of the country's common future.

He urged Nigerians to participate in the democratic process by examining the records and programmes of candidates, engaging in constructive debate and holding public officeholders accountable through lawful means.

Egbewole charges leading scientists to mentor younger researchers

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged researchers recognised in the 2026 Stanford–Elsevier Top 2% Scientists database to mentor younger colleagues in order to expand the University's pool of globally recognised scholars.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (October 19, 2026) at a reception held in honour of the 10 researchers from the University listed in the global database.

He commended them for their contributions to research excellence and the institution's growing academic reputation.

Describing the scholars as valuable assets to the University, the Vice Chancellor said their achievements had contributed to the Institution's strong performance in research quality and international academic assessments.

He urged them to regard their recognition not merely as a personal accomplishment but as an opportunity to strengthen the University's collective research capacity by sharing experiences, guiding emerging scholars and encouraging colleagues to produce impactful publications.

Prof. Egbewole stated that the University needed to increase both the number of globally recognised researchers and the volume of quality research produced across its colleges and faculties. He expressed optimism that more scholars would feature in subsequent editions of the database.

He also reaffirmed the commitment of the University to



Prof. Egbewole

supporting research and scholarly publications, disclosing that the institution had recently approved \$900 in publication-related support. He acknowledged the contributions of the researchers' families and urged the scholars to sustain their achievements in pursuit of the University's ambition to become Nigeria's leading institution.

Speaking earlier, the Project Manager, Ranking Implementation, Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, said the achievement aligned with the University's Vision 1:10:500, describing the vision as a strategic commitment being pursued through deliberate institutional efforts.

Prof. Ambali said the recognition reflected the researchers' dedication to excellence and their contributions to the growing global visibility of the University, noting that the Institution's standing in research quality was underpinned by scholarly outputs attracting international attention and citations.

He explained that the reception was organised to appreciate the

researchers' contributions, celebrate their accomplishments and motivate them to achieve greater results in subsequent ranking exercises.

Prof. Ambali expressed optimism that more University scholars would feature in the 2027 edition of the database, urging the celebrated researchers to sustain their productivity and inspire other academics to pursue international recognition.

Speaking on behalf of the 10 researchers, a Professor of Public Health and a Community Health Physician at the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Oladimeji Akeem Bolarinwa, thanked the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers of the University for recognising their contributions to research excellence.

He described the commendation as deeply meaningful, saying it had given the researchers a strong sense of fulfilment and appreciation for their work. He disclosed that he had shared the Vice Chancellor's commendation letter on his social media platforms, describing the recognition as worth more than a million dollars to him.

Prof. Bolarinwa said the gesture demonstrated the importance of leadership that recognises merit and rewards excellence, adding that it would remain a positive legacy beyond the Vice Chancellor's tenure.

While appreciating the management for providing an enabling environment for research, he appealed for sustained institutional support to strengthen the researchers' capacity to produce high-quality publications and improve the University's global academic standing.

Olu Obafemi nominated as 2026 ASUU hero

By Mubarak Oladosu

Professor Emeritus Olu Obafemi of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, has been nominated by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), for an award at the Union's 2026 Heroes Day Celebration coming up on November 12, 2026.

The nomination was conveyed to the honouree through a letter signed by the President of the Union, Prof. Chris Piwuna, and dated October 16, 2026.

According to the letter, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, ASUU designated November 12 of every year as a day to celebrate all

heroes of the Union's struggles. The event will honour members who made sacrifices for the development of the Union and the Nigerian University System.

The letter stated that "I am pleased to inform you of the decision of our Union to recognise your immense contribution to the Union and the nation through your service and to invite you to the award ceremony".

The award ceremony, which will hold at the College of Health Sciences, University of Abuja Main Campus, Abuja, by 11 a.m., will also feature a lecture to be delivered by Comrade Owei Lakemfa, titled "Insecurity, Incumbency and Elections in Nigeria: The Role of State Police."



Prof. Obafemi

Let your work speak for you, Wurie counsels UNILORIN graduands

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The Convocation Lecturer, who described herself as an academic in public administration, charged leaders to lead with substance, purpose and evidence, stressing the need to build people and institutions that will outlast them.

She said being young and female in public leadership brings visibility and a responsibility to lead with substance, urging leaders to remain anchored in purpose and remember who their work is for.

Dr Wurie advised leaders to be prepared, consistent and evidence-minded, while building alliances, seeking counsel and avoiding leadership in isolation.

She also urged leaders to treat scrutiny as accountability and remain open to challenge and correction.

She stressed the need to design systems around people by ensuring clear

information, disability inclusion, support for low-connectivity environments and strong data privacy.

On research and policy, the Sierra Leonean Minister said research should begin with national needs, asking what does a nation need to know? Which evidence would improve a decision?"

She said universities should serve as national problem-solving institutions, providing knowledge, innovation, talent, policy evidence, entrepreneurship and leadership.

Dr Wurie further called for partnerships that build capability rather than dependency, based on mutual respect, shared ownership, complementary expertise, capacity development and shared outcomes.

She cited JAMB technical cooperation and Nigerian Technical Aid Corps volunteers as examples of such partnerships.

The Minister also stressed the

importance of people and inclusion, saying people are infrastructure and that barriers affecting women, girls and persons with disabilities must be removed.

On personal leadership practice, she advocated three steps: Pause, to create space; Reflect, to learn from what happened; and Raise the Bar, by turning insight into a better next step.

While emphasising the need for continuous learning, Dr Wurie identified four core takeaways, which graduands must imbibe as learning deeply, serving sincerely, staying teachable and raising the bar.

She urged leaders to remain curious, serve where knowledge can make a difference, seek counsel and build people and institutions that outlast them.

Dr Wurie also urged leaders to move from knowledge to service, from service to leadership, and from leadership to impact.

UNILORIN 41st Convocation: AbdulRazaq reaffirms commitment to education

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Represented by the Deputy Governor, Mr Kayode Alabi, the Governor said education remained the most reliable pathway to a prosperous future, stressing that his Administration had continued to prioritise the sector as a catalyst for individual and societal development.

He said the vision of his administration for education went beyond the construction of physical infrastructure, noting that meaningful investment must also address teaching quality, curriculum relevance, research strength and institutional capacity.

According to him, the comprehensive approach was designed to prepare young people for the demands of a rapidly changing world and equip them with the knowledge, skills and competencies required to contribute meaningfully to society.

The Governor highlighted some of the achievements of his Administration in the education sector, including the completion of the Law Complex at Kwara State University (KWASU) and the establishment of the Kwara State University of Education to strengthen teacher training and improve educator preparedness.

He also highlighted the administration's strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including the

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), to upgrade learning facilities, equip laboratories with modern resources and advance digital learning systems at the basic education level.

On students' welfare, the Governor said the Administration had sustained its bursary and scholarship programmes to expand access to education and reduce the financial burden on students and their families.

He commended the management, Governing Council, Senate, lecturers and other members of staff of the University of Ilorin for their commitment to maintaining high academic standards.

The Governor particularly acknowledged the recent achievement of the University as Nigeria's top-ranking institution for research quality, describing the feat as a demonstration of its commitment to scholarship, research and innovation.

He congratulated the graduating students on their hard work, discipline and sacrifices, while also commending their parents, guardians and educators for their unwavering support throughout their academic journey.

The Governor urged the graduates to apply the knowledge and skills acquired



Mr Kayode Alabi

at the University with integrity, creativity and discipline, particularly in addressing challenges confronting their communities and the wider society.

He advised them to see their education not merely as a means of securing employment but as a platform for creating opportunities, developing solutions and contributing to the development of Kwara State and Nigeria.

The Kwara State Government, the Governor assured, would continue to partner with educational institutions and other stakeholders to enhance academic standards, widen access to quality education and foster a thriving and prosperous society.

Aluko seeks more budgetary allocation to varsities

By Abubakar Imam

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, has appealed to the Federal Government to increase the quantum of funding for research in the nation's tertiary education institutions.

The Pro-Chancellor made the call in his address at the 41st convocation ceremonies of the University held last Wednesday (October 21, 2026) at the University Auditorium.

Surveyor Aluko, who is a former Deputy Governor of Ekiti State, described research as the engine of development, adding that no nation can develop beyond the level of research conducted in its universities.

The Pro-Chancellor also expressed satisfaction with the sustained intervention of TETFund in infrastructure and research as well as the Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), which, he said, had brought great relief to thousands of students.



Surveyor Aluko

He specifically commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, on his remarkable achievements and reforms aimed at transforming the nation's education sector.

The former Deputy Governor also praised the leadership qualities of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, which, he said, has accounted for the increasing quality of

service delivery available at the University.

He said that the University has recorded tremendous progress as a result of the contributions of hardworking staff members and industrious students of the University.

Surveyor Aluko also commended the prevailing harmony across campuses of the nation's universities.

He explained that the harmonious relationship between University authorities and staff unions has maintained the academic calendar of the Universities for almost two years without disruption.

He also thanked the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON for his support to the University as he appreciated the fraternity of the people of Kwara State for the University over the years.

Addressing the graduands, Surveyor Aluko advised them to make good use of the training they received from the University to facilitate national progress and development.

UNILORIN makes top three among 45 universities at NIFST EKO'26

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has made a strong showing at the NIFST EKO'26 Conference, emerging among the top three universities out of 45 participating institutions in the Quiz, Essay and Debate competitions.

The feat was achieved by two 300-Level students of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science, Lafia Hussaini Usman and Qasim Salamat, who represented the University in the competitions, in Lagos last Monday (October 19, 2026).

One of the major highlights of the competition was the debate competition, where Lafia Hussaini Usman distinguished himself with a confident, creative and engaging presentation that captivated the audience.

The presentation of Usman was further enlivened by his creative use of the panelists' devices to illustrate his arguments, a move that generated laughter and excitement among



members of the audience while effectively reinforcing the points he was making.

The students' performance demonstrated their depth of scientific knowledge, critical thinking, effective communication and innovative ability, earning the University a place among the top three institutions at the highly competitive event.

The achievement further underscores the academic excellence of

the Department of Home Economics and Food Science and the University commitment to nurturing students who can distinguish themselves through knowledge, creativity, confidence and innovation.

The feat also reflects the growing presence and competitiveness of the University in national academic and professional platforms, as its students continue to demonstrate their capabilities beyond the classroom.



How Collective Labour Lifted UNILORIN to the Global Stage

By Idris Alooma

Inside the hallowed Auditorium at the press conference that heralded the 41st Convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, when journalists asked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, about the secret behind the torrent of commendations, accolades and praises pouring in from all quarters, the erudite Law scholar did not claim personal glory. In a hall charged with an air of celebration, Prof. Egbewole chose humility over hubris, declaring that success has many fathers.

As the Yoruba say, *Ọwọ́ kan ò gbé ẹ̀rù dẹ́ orí* — one hand cannot lift a load onto the head. Among the dignitaries that attended the epoch-making press conference were institutions that are members of KU8+ — Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, now heading the African School of Economics, Abuja, and Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, the Vice Chancellor of Muhammed Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin — the KU8+ that Prof. Egbewole described as a way of having academic shared prosperity, *Ajoṣe kò dùn bí ẹnikanì kò bá ní, igbà tí a bá jọ ní a n ̣ se ̣ ajoṣe*.

Summarising his message, Prof. Egbewole said the secret behind the commendations from government agencies, parastatals, groups and prominent individuals praising UNILORIN and his administration is the combined effort of academic and non-teaching staff, students, alumni and other stakeholders in raising the ivory tower.

He, therefore, urged staff and students to sustain the good work as the only pathway to fully realising Vision 1:10:500, which has begun in earnest, while appreciating all well-wishers and charging every staff member, student and graduate to remain good ambassadors by sustaining the best practices UNILORIN is known for.

That spirit of collective labour is now bearing fruits for all to see. The most weighty commendations have come from the core government agencies that regulate and fund tertiary education — the true gatekeepers of standards. The Tertiary Education Trust Fund TETFund, commended UNILORIN for effective utilisation of intervention funds without abandoned projects and ranked it the 4th best-performing University nationally. The National Universities Commission, NUC, through NURAC, celebrated its dominance in subject rankings. The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, (JAMB), has repeatedly honoured UNILORIN with the National Tertiary Admissions Performance-Merit Award for strict compliance, while the Nigerian Education



Prof. Egbewole

Loan Fund, NELFUND, commended its seamless, transparent handling of the student loan scheme with high enrolment.

Following closely are the national service and integrity institutions that attest to character and accountability. The National Youth Service Corps, (NYSC), formally commended UNILORIN for academic excellence and high moral standards. The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, ICPC, applauded its transparency during the inauguration of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit, (ACTU). The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, (EFCC), has found in UNILORIN a willing ally in the anti-graft war and routinely uses the campus for youth sensitisation. Indeed, a clean hand needs no washing.

International validation has sealed this local trust. Global ranking platforms have given UNILORIN a passport of excellence. SCImago Institutions Rankings rated UNILORIN number one in Nigeria for Aquatic Science. U.S. News & World Report placed it 5th among Nigerian universities in its Best Global Universities ranking, while Times Higher Education, (THE), placed it joint 4th in Nigeria. Little drops of water make a mighty ocean, and these global feathers are the result of years of consistent drilling.

Professional institutes and credible media houses have added professional affirmation. The Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, (NIPR), awarded UNILORIN the Best Corporate Share of Voice and Best Social Media User. New Telegraph Newspaper conferred the Most Outstanding University Award for its stable calendar and preference by admission seekers. YOMAFA Global Awards this year again honoured two distinguished Unilorites — Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula and Mr Idris Alooma — for excellence in academics and broadcasting. Good wine needs no bush — the world sees excellence even when it whispers.

Corporate and international academic partners have put their money and partnership where their mouth is. Sunbeth Global Concept applauded the University's output and unveiled a N16 million annual awards scheme for best-graduating scholars. The Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, RUDN University, praised UNILORIN's readiness to deploy digital pedagogy and global best practices. When you do well, good partners will come — success attracts success.

Behind these institutional voices are the community groups and eminent personalities who feel the University's pulse daily. The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), under its President, Alhaji Abdulmumin Ayo Abdulmalik, praised the University for emerging as the Best in Research Quality in Nigeria. The Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, lauded its quiet excellence and peaceful host-community relations. Senator Saliu Mustapha, also praised leadership transparency while supporting infrastructure. The Student Union and COBES students frequently commend management for seamless examinations, quality health services and practical field support. A tree does not make a forest, but the UNILORIN forest is thriving because every tree is standing tall.

Kudos to the image-making unit of the University of Ilorin, the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, headed by Chief Kunle Akogun, for having a cream of experienced journalists who are doing great work in promoting, projecting and propagating the Better by Far University.

Responding to these ovations, Prof. Egbewole urged all not to rest on their oars, because it is only through collective discipline that Vision 1:10:500 — to be Nigeria's number one, Africa's top ten and among the world's top 500 — can be fully realised. The journey has begun and, as the saying goes, Rome was not built in a day, but every brick counts. He charged all to remain good ambassadors, for charity begins at home and a good name is better than gold.

He appreciates those appreciating the University and assured them that UNILORIN will continue to uphold the best practices it is known for. In his words, the Better by Far University will not lower the bar. The reward for hard work is more work. And as our elders say, *Ẹni tí ó bá dá aṣọ rere, á rí ẹni tí yòò yín ín* — he who makes a fine cloth will always find those who praise it. Egbewole has woven a fine cloth of stability, integrity and excellence, and the world cannot but applaud.

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APROCON Inducts UNILORIN graduands

By Bashir Dawodu

The Association of Professional Counsellors in Nigeria (APROCON) has inducted graduands of the Guidance and Counselling Department of the University of Ilorin and other institutions into its membership as a way of further equipping them for professional practice.

Other institutions whose graduands were also inducted at the ceremony included Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin; Kwara State College of Education, Oro; and Kwara State College of Education, Lafiagi.

The event was held last Tuesday, (October 20, 2026) at the Education Lecture Theatre, University of Ilorin.

Speaking at the ceremony, the guest speaker and Commander of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Kwara State Command, Dr Fatima Abiola Popoola, congratulated the graduands and welcomed them into the world of professional counselling, urging them to chart their own paths and make meaningful contributions to the society.

She noted that society needed professional counsellors and charged the inductees to uphold the ethics of the profession, build competence, embrace continuous learning, develop professional relationships, serve responsibly and protect their reputations.

Dr Popoola, a drug addiction counsellor, urged the new professionals to equip themselves with knowledge and skills beyond their academic certificates, noting that many challenges require more

than medical intervention. She also emphasised the importance of active listening in counselling practice.

She added that the counselling profession offered limitless opportunities, encouraging the inductees to explore its potential to achieve their aspirations while making a difference in people's lives.

Also speaking, the National President of APROCON, Prof. Patricia O. Osorochi, who was represented by Prof. Mary G. Fajonyomi, congratulated the newly inducted counsellors, describing them as Generation Z counsellors prepared to address the challenges confronting their contemporaries.

She encouraged them to embrace modern technology and digital platforms, including TikTok and LinkedIn, to connect with clients and expand their professional reach. She also urged them to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to enhance their practice.

Prof. Osorochi further advised the inductees to collaborate with senior colleagues to benefit from their wealth of professional experience and expertise.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of APROCON, Kwara State Chapter, Dr Usman Jimoh AbdulKareem, described counselling as more than a job, saying it is a calling that requires dedication and a strong sense of responsibility.

He observed that the country was facing increasing social and psychological challenges, including depression, drug abuse, career confusion, broken homes and mental health concerns.

"With these challenges, counsellors have become first responders for the soul," AbdulKareem said.

He reminded the inductees of their responsibility to heal, guide and restore individuals facing various challenges, assuring them that the association would continue to provide guidance and support throughout their professional journey.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. O. L. Olaitan, represented by the Sub-Dean, Dr L.O Adegboyega, urged the newly inducted counsellors to inspire lives and embrace the responsibilities that came with their qualifications.

He stressed that their certificates represented more than academic achievements, describing them as a call to service.

Prof. Olaitan also emphasised the importance of professionalism and confidentiality in dealing with clients and encouraged the inductees to represent the University positively wherever they found themselves.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling, University of Ilorin, Dr S. K. Ajiboye, described the induction as not only a personal achievement for the graduands but also an opportunity to contribute to national development.

He advised the new counsellors never to stop learning and encouraged them to engage in further research to improve their professional competence and contribute to the advancement of society.

Dr Ajiboye urged the inductees to make meaningful impacts and transform lives in schools, homes and their communities.

Social works Dept holds 2nd induction ceremony, honours outstanding students

By Mustafa Abubakar

The National President of the Nigerian Association of Social Workers (NASOW), Alhaji Mashood B. Mustapha, last Monday (October 19, 2026) at the Old Moot Court, Faculty of Law of the University of Ilorin, inducted the 2026 graduands of the Department of Social Work into the profession.

Alhaji Mustapha charged the inductees to uphold the responsibilities and ethical standards associated with the profession.

Speaking at the event, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. Y. Muhammad, charged the inductees to be worthy ambassadors of the University and the social work profession by upholding its values, maintaining good conduct and adhering strictly to professional ethics.

Prof. Muhammad stressed the importance of integrity, discipline and responsible conduct in the discharge of their professional responsibilities, urging the inductees to use their training to make positive contributions to society.

Also speaking, a former Dean



of the Faculty, Prof. I. P. Ifabiye, admonished the inductees to conduct themselves responsibly and protect the reputation of the University and the social work profession wherever they found themselves.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department, Dr M. S. Yusuf, urged the inductees to remain committed to the principles and ethics of social work, while continually developing their professional knowledge and skills.

The Chairman of the Kwara State NASOW, Mr Ayodele Aluko, later

presented certificates of registration as licensed social workers to the inductees.

The ceremony also featured the recognition of outstanding academic performance for the 2025/2026 academic session. Akinbowale Grace Adebukanla emerged as the overall best graduating student, while Oladoye Moyinoluwa Praise also graduated with First Class honours.

In recognition of their academic excellence, the Kwara State Chapter of NASOW presented cash awards to the two outstanding students.

CODL produces pioneer graduates

By Abubakar Imam

The Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, has recorded a significant milestone in the history of the University with the graduation of its first set of students during the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University held between Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd October, 2026.

No fewer than 53 students from the Centre were found to be worthy in character and learning and subsequently graduated into the real world by the authorities of the University, marking the completion of their academic programmes through the Open and Distance Learning platform of the University.

In her remarks, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Madinah A.O. AbdulRaheem, described the graduation as a fulfillment of the University's mandate to provide flexible, accessible and quality education to learners



irrespective of location and time.

The Director, who is also the Head of the Department of Chemistry, commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the University Management, facilitators, e-tutors and the entire CODL team for their commitment to ensuring the success of the

programme.

According to her, the impressive results of the pioneer set, with over 62% graduating with Second Class Upper and above, was a clear evidence that Open and Distance Learning at the University maintains the high academic standard for which the University is renowned.

How I made a perfect 5.00 CGPA-Olusegun, UNILORIN's best graduating student

By Abubakar Imam

The best graduating student for the 2025/2026 academic session at the University of Ilorin, Mr Francis Olusegun, has revealed how he made history by graduating with a perfect 5.00 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

In an interview with **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Wednesday (October 21, 2026), Mr Olusegun, who graduated from the Department of Mathematics, explained that his journey to academic excellence was not simply about reading for long hours or possessing exceptional intelligence. He said that it involved making difficult choices, knowing when to withdraw from competing interests and developing a study approach that worked for him.

Mr Olusegun, who hails from Ogbomoso, Oyo State, explained the sacrifices behind his achievement, his determination to become the University's overall best graduating student, the role of his family in his academic journey and his plans for postgraduate studies.

He explained that he had to put relationships aside to concentrate on his studies as he declined to disclose the reasons behind the decision.

Explaining how he managed his interests, he said: "I do not do too many things at the same time. I am not a very social person, and I have interests in many things, but when they conflict, I have to drop some of them."

Mr Olusegun explained that his involvement in Junior Chamber International (JCI) and Minddrive began in his third year, while he participated in animal welfare activities in his fourth year. He also had interests in sports and technology but had to make difficult decisions about the activities he could continue.

According to him, students should not attempt to do everything at once but should concentrate on activities that support their ambitions.

"My own take is just don't do plenty things, just do few that will complement what you want to achieve. If it is leadership, take leadership. If it is volunteering, take volunteering. I did some volunteering too. So, just do few things that really count," he said.

Beyond the sacrifices, Mr Olusegun attributed his academic success to developing a personal structure that guided his decisions and helped him remain focused on his long-term objective.



He cautioned students against assuming that discipline alone would guarantee academic excellence without a clear understanding of their individual goals and the practical steps required to achieve them.

He further urged students to understand themselves, their goals and their present circumstances before applying general principles of academic success.

Mr Olusegun also revealed that his approach to studying was flexible rather than tied to a rigid timetable. He said he was willing to change his reading methods whenever he discovered that a particular strategy was no longer effective.

Asked whether he followed a strict study timetable, Mr Olusegun explained that he preferred to assess his performance and adjust his methods instead of continuing with an approach that was not producing the desired results.

"My reading system is very flexible. I don't believe in one particular way. Once I carry a structure or a way of doing things, and it's not working again, I quickly improve it. I read after class. I believe in consistency," he said.

He further explained that his study approach involved revisiting what he had learnt in class and making sure he understood the material rather than relying exclusively on a predetermined reading schedule.

Explaining how he responded when his plans became difficult to maintain, Mr Olusegun said that "what I do is, once something is not working for me again, I throw it away. If I create a timetable and it's not working, I switch to another one. So my flexibility is the key, and my

consistency."

He disclosed that his ambition to become UNILORIN's overall best graduating student had been developing since 2019.

He explained that seeing reports of outstanding graduates from other universities inspired him to set a similarly ambitious target for himself, adding that his determination grew stronger after he recorded a perfect 5.00 CGPA in his first year, making the possibility of graduating with the same result more tangible.

Asked whether he had always believed he could become the University's best graduating student, Mr Olusegun explained that he initially wanted to stretch himself and test the limits of what he could achieve.

"I thought, if it was possible, I could stretch myself and go for it. Everyone can have a first-class but it's not my original target. I wanted to be the overall best graduating student," he said.

Mr Olusegun maintained that he did not score below 70 in any course throughout his academic journey, a record that reflects the consistency he said he brought to his studies.

According to him, the achievement was the fulfilment of a goal he had pursued over several years, supported by a willingness to make difficult choices and continually improve his approach to learning.

Mr Olusegun acknowledged the contributions of his family members to his academic journey.

He said his parents had supported his education and helped provide the conditions that enabled him to pursue his academic ambitions.

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UNILORIN emerges overall winner of maiden Kwara campus poetry championship

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has emerged overall winner of the maiden edition of the Kwara Campus Poetry Championship (KCPC), after defeating other participating institutions, winning a cash prize of ₦1 million.

The University, represented by Adediran Timothy Oluwamayomikun, Bello Precious Ifeoluwa, Ayanshina Olamilekan Sodi, Sheriff Salamat Arafat and Olorunfemi Temiloluwa Blessing, clinched the top position at the championship held last Saturday (October 24, 2026), at the Ilorin Innovation Hub, G.R.A., Ilorin.

The championship, organised by the Ilorin Creative and Cultural Foundation in partnership with the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), Kwara Chapter, was themed, "Poetry as a Catalyst for Gender Relations, Social Responsibility and Shared Nation Building."



The initiative was designed to discover and nurture young poetic talents across tertiary institutions in the State while promoting literary excellence, creativity, social responsibility and youth development through poetry.

The championship also provided participating students with opportunities for mentorship, creative development, networking and competition for trophies, certificates, cash prizes and other awards.

The maiden edition commenced

with a capacity-building workshop on October 3, 2026, at the Ilorin Innovation Hub, ahead of the grand championship.

The Convener of the KCPC, Dr. Mohammed El-Nasir Al-Amin, said the initiative was aimed at building a sustainable platform for young writers and poets while using poetry to promote responsible citizenship, social consciousness and shared nation building.

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Recalling the encouragement he received, he said: "My parents did not have tertiary education; their highest level of education was secondary school. My uncle and elder sister were among the few people who understood my academic standing."

He explained that encouragement from family members and people who believed in his potential helped strengthen his determination.

"Most of the motivation came from me. I also received encouragement from a few scholars in the university and people in my church," he said.

Mr Olusegun added that his family had continued to support him throughout his academic journey, expressing appreciation for the people who stood by him as he worked towards his goal.

His experience highlights how personal determination and encouragement from others can work together in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Mr Olusegun urged students struggling with poor academic performance to identify the causes of their difficulties, seek appropriate guidance and adopt practical strategies to improve.

He advised students not to assume that their current academic challenges were permanent but to examine their circumstances and identify where changes were needed.

"First thing, have your personal structure. That's the mistake that people make. Have your own way of doing things," he said.

He explained that students needed to understand their individual circumstances before deciding how best to address their academic challenges.

"The first thing is to sit down and identify where the problem is coming from, what is causing the problem, then you look up to mentors, scholars or people you look up to. Explain your situation to them so they can help identify the problem and suggest possible solutions," he said.

He added that seeking help should be followed by practical action.

"Once you have possible solutions, apply them. But the first thing is to be interested in improving your results," he said.

On his plan for the future, Mr Olusegun said he intends to pursue a Master degree abroad and may subsequently proceed to a doctorate. He disclosed that he was considering fields such as Mathematical Biology and Mathematical Epidemiology, which apply mathematical

techniques to biological processes, infectious diseases and public health challenges.

Explaining his plans, he said: "My next step is to pursue a Master degree abroad. In five years, I may be doing my PhD or may have completed it. It depends on the programme I pursue."

He said he was interested in applying mathematics to real-world problems, particularly those related to infectious diseases and public health.

"I could work with public health organisations, or I could work with one abroad. If I pursue a programme in Mathematical Epidemiology, I will also be working in the health field because epidemiology deals with diseases," he explained.

His perfect 5.00 CGPA is the culmination of an ambition he had nurtured for years. Yet, as his own words reveal, the journey was shaped not only by academic effort but also by the personal structure he developed, the distractions he chose to limit and the willingness to change his methods whenever they stopped working.

His message to students is clear: ambition provides direction, but achieving it requires a deliberate plan, sustained commitment and the courage to make difficult choices along the way.

NPA inducts UNILORIN Psychology graduands

By Mustafa Abubakar

All the 2026 graduands of the Department of Psychology, University of Ilorin, have been inducted into the Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA), marking a significant milestone in the history of the Department.

The ceremony, held last Tuesday (October 20, 2026), at the Faculty of Social Sciences, was organised under the theme, "Psychological Practices and Nation Building: Ethics, Competence and Professional Identity."

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. A.Y. Mohammed, congratulated the inductees on attaining an important milestone in their academic and professional journey.

Prof. Egbewole commended the Department for organising the induction, noting that the initiative provided the graduates with an opportunity to formally connect their academic training with professional practice.

He urged them to uphold integrity, discipline and excellence while using their knowledge and skills to address psychological and societal challenges.

The Vice Chancellor further charged the inductees to remain committed to continuous learning and professional development, stressing that the changing nature of society requires psychologists to constantly update their knowledge and competencies.

He expressed confidence that the new members would become worthy ambassadors of the University and make meaningful contributions to nation building.

In his personal capacity, Prof. Mohammed described the ceremony as a significant achievement for the Department and the Faculty.

He noted that professional induction would strengthen the graduates' identity and commitment to the standards of the psychology profession, urging them to uphold ethical conduct, competence and professionalism in their careers.

The Dean stressed that their responsibilities extended beyond the



acquisition of academic certificates, encouraging them to apply their knowledge responsibly in promoting human wellbeing and contributing positively to society.

The National President of the Association, who was represented by the General Secretary of the Association, Dr Joseph Kiva, described the induction as an important milestone in the professional development of the graduates.

Dr Kiva said the ceremony marked their formal entry into the professional community and reminded them of the responsibilities attached to the practice of psychology.

He urged the inductees to uphold the ethics, standards and professional values of the Association, stressing the need for competence, integrity and continuous learning in their careers.

He also encouraged them to use their knowledge and skills to contribute to individual and societal wellbeing and

nation building.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department of Psychology, Dr B.E. Agesin, expressed delight at the successful organisation of the maiden induction ceremony, describing it as a landmark achievement for the Department.

Dr Agesin congratulated the inductees for successfully completing their academic journey and attaining professional recognition. He urged them to remain worthy ambassadors of the Department and the University by demonstrating competence, integrity and commitment in their professional practice.

He said the Department would continue to support the development of graduates capable of applying psychological knowledge to address societal challenges and contribute to nation building.



UNILORIN moves against illegal grazing, trespassing

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Management has drawn a firm line against illegal grazing, trespassing and other activities threatening the safety of students, staff and property, as it engaged leaders of neighbouring Fulani communities in a crucial meeting aimed at addressing recurring security concerns on campus.

The meeting, held at the Auditorium Basement penultimate Wednesday (October 14, 2026), brought the University Management face-to-face with Fulani leaders over reports of cattle straying into students' hostels, academic areas and Senior Staff Quarters, destruction of crops, attacks on security operatives and farmers, and vandalism of University property.

Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, expressed concern over the presence of herdsmen and cattle within the University campus, noting that such activities posed security risks to students, staff and University property.

Prof. Adeyemi noted that some herdsmen had allegedly resisted University security operatives when challenged and, in some instances, resorted to violence. He, therefore, challenged the community leaders to take responsibility for the conduct of their wards and ensure that their activities did not constitute a threat to the peaceful and secure environment of the University.

He particularly stressed the need for the movement of cattle and grazing within the University campus to cease forthwith, noting that the University has a responsibility to protect its academic environment and ensure that activities capable of disrupting teaching, learning and other institutional operations were prevented.

Prof. Adeyemi reiterated the University's position that grazing and the movement of cattle within the campus must cease forthwith.

He appreciated the commitment of the Chairman, Kwara State Miyetti Allah Fulaku Association, to convene a meeting with relevant Fulani leaders, parents and herdsmen to address the security concerns and prevent further incidents.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor stressed that the University expected the commitments made at the meeting to be followed by concrete action, particularly in preventing further trespassing, unauthorised grazing, vandalism, theft, destruction of University property and attacks on staff and other members of the

University community.

Also speaking, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, welcomed the intervention of the Fulani leaders and expressed happiness that the matter had taken a new and better dimension through dialogue between the University Management and the neighbouring communities.

Prof. Akanmu urged the Fulani leaders to ensure that herdsmen and cattle stayed away from the University campus. He also appealed to them to ensure that attacks on University staff, security personnel and farmers cease, stressing that the safety and welfare of students remain a major responsibility of the University.

He expressed optimism that the renewed engagement would lead to practical measures capable of preventing further incidents and strengthening the security of students and other members of the University community.

Earlier, the Acting Director of Security, Mr Paul B. Ogidi, explained that the meeting was necessitated by recurring incidents involving some herdsmen within the University environment.

Mr Ogidi said the concerns included trespassing and unauthorised grazing in students' hostels, academic areas and Senior Staff Quarters; physical attacks on security operatives and farmers, destruction of eight hectares of beans cultivated at the Agricultural and Research Farm of the University; and vandalism of University property.

He stressed that the issues required urgent attention, particularly as the university resumes full academics activities when there would be increased human and vehicular activities within the University.

In response to the issues raised, the majority of the Fulani leaders acknowledged the concerns presented by the University

Management. They noted that similar issues had previously been discussed at meetings convened by the Acting Director of Security.

The Fulani leaders expressed concerns over the conduct of some younger members of their communities and acknowledged that such conduct had placed considerable strain on the relationship between the University and the neighbouring Fulani communities.

The Chairman, Kwara State Miyetti Allah Fulaku Association, Alhaji Mohammed Ali Jowuro, appreciated the patience of the University and appealed for additional time to address the situation.

He promised to convene a meeting involving neighbouring Fulani leaders, parents and herdsmen to find a lasting solution to the challenges. He also promised to invite the University Management to the proposed meeting, emphasising his desire to preserve the existing relationship between the University and the Fulani communities.

The Fulani leaders also expressed their regret over the developments and indicated their willingness to return to their communities to address the concerns raised by the University Management and caution their members against activities capable of threatening peace and security within the University.

The representative of the Director of DSS, Ayoola Joshua, commended the University for adopting a peaceful approach in addressing the matter. He, however, cautioned the Fulani leaders against further acts capable of breaching law and order or tarnishing the image of the University.

The meeting ended with a renewed commitment to dialogue, cooperation and peaceful coexistence between the University and its neighbouring Fulani communities.



Olaitan urges students on AI, innovation

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, has urged students to harness the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics and other emerging technologies to develop innovative solutions to societal challenges.

Prof. Olaitan made the call last Tuesday (October 20, 2026), while delivering the keynote address at the Kwara STEM FunFest 2026, held at the Kwara State Banquet Hall, Ilorin, with the theme, “Beyond Imagination: Shaping the Future with AI, Robotics and Innovation.”

Addressing students, teachers and innovators at the event, the Professor of Human Sexuality, Reproductive and Family Health said the next generation of great inventors could emerge from among the young people participating in the festival.

He urged the students not to underestimate the power of their imagination, noting that an idea that might initially appear simple could



Prof. Olaitan

become the beginning of a useful invention.

According to the Dean, young people should not see themselves merely as leaders of tomorrow, but as problem-solvers who can begin addressing real challenges in their communities today. He identified curiosity, courage and creativity as important qualities needed to achieve this.

Prof. Olaitan explained that STEM was not merely an academic combination of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, but a way of

thinking that encourages people to identify problems, ask questions, conduct research and develop practical solutions.

The Dean challenged the participants to look around their immediate environment and identify challenges relating to flooding, waste management, health, agriculture, energy, education, transportation and the environment.

He advised them to move beyond complaining about problems by asking critical questions such as “Why?”, “How?” and “What if?”, stressing that curiosity should lead to research and, ultimately, innovation.

The keynote speaker also encouraged students to move from being consumers of technology developed elsewhere to becoming creators of technologies capable of addressing local needs.

He cited possible innovations in infant health monitoring and access to educational materials as examples of solutions that could be developed to meet specific community needs, urging participants to build technologies that serve real human beings.

ADC rewards 30 eco-scholars at UNILORIN school

By Mustafa Abubakar

Thirty pupils of the University School, University of Ilorin, have been rewarded for their participation in an environmental initiative aimed at promoting plastic waste recovery, environmental consciousness and educational development among young people.

The beneficiaries, known as Eco-Scholars, were rewarded at the inaugural ceremony of the Alpha Design Creations Eco-Initiative 1.0, Tuesday (October 13, 2026), held at the University School.

The initiative, tagged the “Back to School Drive”, recognised pupils who participated in the collection of plastic waste, with each beneficiary receiving educational materials, including school bags, books, stationery and reusable water bottles.

Leading the cohort, Oluwasegun Oluwashindara Angel, who emerged as the first Eco-Scholar to collect 1,000 PET bottles within 28 days.

The programme also recognised the University School with a Bronze Green School certificate after the institution recovered 110.51 kilogrammes of plastic



waste through the initiative.

Presenting the certificate, the Head of Administration, Office of the Kwara State Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Mr Abdulaziz Olasunkanmi Ishola, MCPDM, ACIPM, described the initiative as “one of its kind in Kwara State”.

Mr Ishola urged the pupils to remain environmentally conscious and put into practice the green skills acquired through the programme, stressing the importance of developing responsible attitudes towards the environment from an early age.

Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to Mr Adeboye and Mr O.K.

Lawal for their contributions to the first phase of the project.

Speaking at the ceremony, the organisers said the initiative was designed to demonstrate how environmental action could be linked with educational opportunities, youth empowerment and community development.

They expressed appreciation to the Headteacher of the University School, Mallam M.I. Salihu, the teachers, volunteers and other partners for their support towards the success of the programme.

Akogun, Alooma bag TV station's awards of excellence

By Abubakar Imam

The consistent professional outputs of the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, and the General Manager of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) have, again been recognised as Curious Multi-Media Network, operator of the popular Curious Television, has nominated the duo for its prestigious Award of Excellence.

In a letter of notification dated September 22, 2026 jointly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Organising Committee, Otunba Kenny Adedayo and Mr Gbenga Samuel, respectively, and addressed to each of the duo, the television company explained that the veteran journalist and consummate public relations practitioner will be presented with the award on November 5, 2026 at the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Hall, Lajorin Street, Ilorin, beginning at 2:00pm.

According to the letter, the media outfit's decision was anchored on the professionalism of the two gentlemen as veteran journalists and their courageous, innovative and consistent efforts in projecting the positive image of the University of Ilorin while fostering cordial relations among the institution, the media and the public.

The letter added that the commitment of both Mr Akogun and Mr Alooma to communication excellence and support for innovation in broadcast media are highly commendable".



Mr Akogun

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the UNILORIN Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr Tijani Adekola Adewoyin, has welcomed the conferment of the honour on the two eminent media professionals.

Mr Adewoyin, in a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin on the development, described the honour as well befitting and well-deserved.

The Chairman described Mr Akogun, who is also the Chief Akogun of Oke-Ode Land in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, as a distinguished and prolific media professional and administrator whose contributions to the development of media practice and progress of the University of



Mr Alooma

Ilorin cannot be glossed over. He also said Mr Alooma has equally distinguished himself over the years in both the print and electronic media.

Mr Adewoyin thanked the Curious Multi-Media Network for recognising the worth of Mr Akogun and Mr Alooma as role-models in the media industry as he explained that the awards would not only motivate the honourees for better service delivery but also encourage other media practitioners to emulate their professionalism and industry.

Arabic graduate unveils book to mark Convocation

A fresh graduate of the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, Mr Habeeb Babatunde Mufutau (Minteeq), last Wednesday (October 21, 2026) unveiled a book titled "Between Light and Mirror", to mark his graduation from the University.

The event, which was held at the premises of Alangua Tanke Compound, Ilorin, attracted several relations, friends and colleagues of the author.

In a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin, Mr Mufutau, who graduated with a Second Class (Upper Division) degree, said that he decided to write the book appreciation of the essence and impact of authorship on his life.

The Arabist said that he combined the launching of the book with his convocation because he wanted it to make a significant landmark in his new journey and for it to be a stepping stone in the field of academic like his lecturers.



Mr Mufutau

The Unilorite said that it is a collection of Arabic poetry borne from his inner experiences, reflections, emotions, memories, and aspirations.

Mr Mufutau, who hails from Oke-Onijo in the Ifelodun Local Government

Area of Kwara State, explained that the collection emerged from a desire to give poetic expression to what could not otherwise find its way into existence through ordinary language.

He added that the title of the book embodies the central vision of the collection: light represents insight, faith, hope, and every meaning that awakens consciousness and opens a window through the walls of darkness, while the mirror represents the poet himself—with his joys and sorrows, questions and memories, love and loss, faith and aspirations.

Mr Mufutau added that the collection embraces a diverse range of themes, including Arabic language and literature, faith, patriotism, nature, love, loss, mourning, memory, and self-reflection. Its apparent diversity reflects the complexity of human experience, in which different emotions and seasons of life continually intersect.



UNILORIN provokes national consciousness with Convocation play, "Death of Crown Escort"

By Mubarak Oladosu

As it is the tradition at the end of every academic session during the University of Ilorin Convocation ceremonies, the Department of Performing and Film Arts, University of Ilorin, has again provoked national conversation and highlighted the path forward to national progress with the 2026 Convocation Play titled "Death of the King's Escort".

The play, set in fictional Odu community in Idoma land of present day Benue State in North Central Nigeria, examined inter generational cultural conflict and intercivilisational cultural conflict caused by apprehension over embracing new practices as norms.

The play, however, resolves with abolition of sacrifice of the Crown Escort whom Dr Shuaib compares with the graduands who offer the promise of a better future and reconcile tradition with progress and integrity with leadership to move the nation forward towards peace,

progress and prosperity.

The staging of the Convocation Play, which was written by Dr Abdulmalik Amali of the Department and directed by the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, was attended by the Pro Chancellor of the University, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, other Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and graduands.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor noted that it is an annual practice for the Department of Performing and Film Arts to prove that its productions is second to none around the world.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also a Member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, urged the Department to reflect on new ways of generating funds for the Department and the University.

In his welcome address, the Ag. Head of the Department, Dr Shadiat Olapeju Shuaib, said the Department has become a

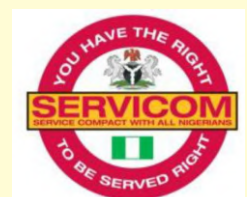
veritable platform that interrogates society through Drama, Dance and Music, adding that the Department does not perform plays as mere entertainment but to hold a mirror to the society as a people and as a nation.

Dr Shuaib, who is an Associate Professor at the Department, drew a parallel between Odu land and Nigeria blessed with a rich destiny and a covenant of greatness that was truncated by the death of cherished values, replaced with greed, selfishness, inordinate quest for power, corruption, poverty, insecurity, religious bigotry and wanton destruction of lives and property.

In his remarks, Prof. Adeoye, who is also a former Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, said that culture defines a people and described the production as a total theatre and satire of purpose which urges the audience to kill all the obstacles hindering their growth.

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1	SULEIMAN YUSUF KOLAWOLE	VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY	25-Oct
2	OLATUNJI AJAPE JIMOH	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Oct
3	IBRAHIM AZEEZAT QUADRI	REGISTRY	25-Oct
4	ONIYIDE OLADIMEJI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	25-Oct
5	ANIFOWOSHE ABASS TOBA	ZOOLOGY	25-Oct
6	SALMAN-OKE ISMAIL OPEYEMI	REGISTRY	25-Oct
7	JILANTIKIRI LYDIA JOHN	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	25-Oct
8	OGUNGBADE AYODELE RACHEAL	REGISTRY	25-Oct
9	BOJUWOYE MATTHEW OLUMUYIWA	MEDICINE	26-Oct
10	AREMU MARIAM	HEALTH SERVICES	26-Oct
11	MAHMOUD RILWAN FUNSHO	PUBLIC LAW	26-Oct
12	ABDULLAHI ADAM	AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES	26-Oct
13	DANIEL OREOLUWA MOYOSORE	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	26-Oct
14	AKINLEYE TAIBAT ADEOLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	26-Oct
15	GIMBA AMINA ONYI	REGISTRY	26-Oct
16	AYINLA MARYAM TAYO	PHYSIOLOGY	27-Oct
17	USMAN IDIAT BOLA	REGISTRY	27-Oct
18	ABDULLATEEF ATIKU ABIODUN	SOCIAL WORK	27-Oct
19	OLASEHINDE SAMUEL GBENGA	CENTRE FOR ARCHIVES & DOCUMENTATION	27-Oct
20	ALWAJUD-ADEWUSI MARIAM BUKOLA	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	27-Oct
21	OLOGBONSAIYE VICTOR TAIYE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	27-Oct
22	ABOLARIN ABOSEDE TOLUWASE	BIOCHEMISTRY	27-Oct
23	FADIPE-JOSEPH OLUBUNMI ABIDEMI	MATHEMATICS	28-Oct
24	AFODUN ABDULKADIR OBA	SECURITY DIVISION	28-Oct
25	OBARO SUBAIRU IBRAHIM	SECURITY DIVISION	28-Oct
26	POPOOLA FEMI JOSHUA	REGISTRY	28-Oct
27	SALAMI SEGUN OJO	REGISTRY	28-Oct
28	OBADARE IFEDOLAPO GBOLASERE	GEOPHYSICS	28-Oct
29	AYANLERE TOLULOPE RUKAYAT	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	29-Oct
30	ORE AMINAT JOKE	REGISTRY	29-Oct
31	AYINDE SHAKIRAT	REGISTRY	29-Oct
32	ELAGRONDI MAHMOUD GAMAAN	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	29-Oct
33	SANUSI ISSA OLARONGBE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	30-Oct
34	ADEWARA ADEDAYO AMOS	STATISTICS	30-Oct
35	OWOLABI AMUDALAT MONISOLA	INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION	30-Oct
36	AYINDE TAOFEK OLANREWaju	PHYSIOLOGY	30-Oct
37	SALAUDEEN TAOFEK LEKAN	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	30-Oct
38	AFOLABI FOLASHADE OLANIKE	LIBRARY	30-Oct
39	ADEPOJU AZEEZAT DAMILOLA	BURSARY	30-Oct
40	BAKARE NATHANIEL OLATUNDE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	31-Oct
41	SOLIU KAZEEM ADEBAYO	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	31-Oct
42	BAKARE RIDHWAN OPEYEMI	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	31-Oct



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 15TH TO 20TH October 20, 2026

RECEIPTS:	
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	5,000.00
House Rent from Staff	196,791.48
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk etc	7,833,595.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	107,000.00
Sundry Other Incomes	1,972,835.10
Income from Verification /Screening	460,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	3,000.00
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	59,500.00
Capitation NHIS	14,500.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	10,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personnal Advance	15,000,000.00
Refund Salary	1,886,080.05
Refund Non Salary	45,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges	100,400.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	25,200.00
CODL- General Payment	181,800.00
University of Ilorin- 1000115- Fees	10,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	701,100.00
Undergraduate School Charges	382,278.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	25,200.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	80,700.00
Undergraduate Change of Course Form	448,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	29,088,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	3,923,200.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	160,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	3,497,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	3,429,040.00
Postgraduate Application Form	75,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	211,600.00
Remedial School Charges	2,306,800.00
Remedial School Application form	152,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	762,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	201,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance payment	316,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of results	363,600.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	606,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	83,320.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results	262,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment	1,209,600.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,184,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	6,944,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	N84,339,239.63
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Victory Sign International Design, Printing Lamination of Invitation cards for 41 st Convocation	1,448,200.00
Prince Bigger Nig Ltd Logistics incurred on Convocation Ceremony	1,645,875.00
Khaki-B Communication Renting of Led Screens and Sound System 2026 Convocation Ceremony	980,400.00
Cytek Engr Construction Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Animal Houses	728,661.88
Istabaraqim Nig Ltd Supply of Hydrated Lime for water Treatment Plant	1,731,250.00
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Supply of Classroom Seat	253,385.56
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Repair of Damaged Roof	17,155,628.25
GLOMOBILE Public Sector Internet Service	14,792,899.50
Raib G. Nig Ltd Repair of Damaged Roof & Primary Education dept	6,647,289.49
Ibrahim Global Resources Limited Supply of Classroom Seat	252,861.50
Qboys Global Resources Ltd Renovation of some Building in the Old College of Health Sciences	5,827,172.12
Kar-Mal Global Ventures Repair of Roof at English drama Studio	5,357,860.00
Abyaz Integrated Service Ltd Repair of damaged Roof	5,573,970.69
Raslat 1 Nigeria Limited Repair of damaged Roof	6,351,606.06
Silver Snab Ventures Catering Services	556,745.00
Watdev Engineers Ltd Renovation of new senate chamber Lot 8 (CBNTETFUND)	2,089,325.55
Noab Global Concept Ltd Supply of Battery	763,250.00
Triakaf Ventures Ltd Review and Digitization of Unilorin master Plan and Cleaning Services	26,048,750.00
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Electricity bill	82,575,514.40
Shaumat Global Services Ltd Renovation of former Dining hall CODEL	282,221.52
AQDAS Global Resources Ltd Renovation of Educational Technology dept	490,243.32
Phakhaji Global Concept Internet Connection	2,820,000.00
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests	77,400.00
Precept Technical MultiLinks Services Renovation of NLNG Research Building	675,847.83
Messrs Gadai Ventures Ltd Repair of Complete Engine for Marcopollo M/Benz	719,873.75
Victoria Ikubanni Multibiz Ventures Reconstruction of Collapsed Block wall fence and cutting of trees at Zamfara Hostel	1,607,505.55
Messrs Gadai Ventures Ltd Renovation of Veterinary Medicine Building	159,856.35
African Newspapers of Nig PLC Placement of Advertisement	445,420.00
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nig Ltd Renovation of French dept Building	335,686.90
Animals Hope Veterinary Solution Supply of drugs, Vaccines etc	11,667,147.00
Power eagles Consulting Ltd Renovation of Radiography dept and inverter at Vice Chancellor Lodge	384,864.51
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	50,543,025.62
Purchase Advance Various	17,288,997.91
Unilorin Petrol Mgt Board Supply of Fuel	577,690.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	4,286,942.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge Accommodation of Guests	1,250,000.00
Unilorin Press Production of Visitors pass	2,250,000.00
Staff 25 and 35 percent Salary	2,901,790.90
Unilorin Holdings Limited Dispatching of mails and Supply of file jacket	9,192,236.66
Total TSA Charges Various	70,412.50
Total payment for the period	N288,807,807.92

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- The University of Ilorin will confer degrees, diploma and other academic qualifications on a total of 16,152 graduands at its 41st Convocation Ceremony for the 2025/2026 academic session.
("365 Students Bag First Class as Unilorin Graduates 16,152 at 41st Convocation", <https://holisticinfos.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 Students, 365 Bags First Class", <https://thenationalpilot.com>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152, records landmark gains in research rankings", <https://rectitudenewsng.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin 41st Convocation: 16,152 Graduands, As 365 Bag First Class", <https://fellowpress.com>; "UNILORIN to Graduate 16,152 as 365 Bag First Class; VC Egbewole Spotlights Research Feats, Global Rankings Ahead of 41st Convocation", <https://midlandpoost.ng>; "41st convocation: Unilorin produces 365 first-degree holders, among 16,152", <https://tribuneonline.com>; "365 Students Bag First Class As UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 At 41st Convocation", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 Students, Secures N260m Research Grants", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Japa is Not Bad If Nigerians Japada - Unilorin VC Egbewole", <https://fellowpress.com>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 produces 365 first class degree holders" <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin Secures 8 Awards Worth N260m Under Research Fund", <https://nannews.com.ng>; "Unilorin Secures 8 awards worth N260m under research fund", <https://decency.blog>; "Unilorin to graduate 16,152 students, produces 365 first class degree holders", <https://thesun.ng>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class honours", <https://democracynewsline.com>; "UNILORIN to Graduate 16,152 Students, 365 First Class Holders", <https://radionigeriaakaduna.gov.ng>; "Unilorin graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class honours", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "41st Convocation: UNILORIN To Graduate 16,152 With 365 First Class", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Unilorin graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class degree holders", <https://247primesnews.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 as varsity records major breakthrough in research, innovation", <https://choicereportets.com>; "41st Convocation: UNILORIN to Graduate 16,152 with 365 First Class", <https://the.reflection.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Secures N1.26bn for Research, Engineering Upgrade 1 Probeone", <https://share.google>; "41st Convocation: UNILORIN Produces 365 First-Class Graduates", <https://the.cabal.ng>; "UNILORIN gets TETFund's N1bn for equipment upgrade, as it turns out 16,000 graduates", <https://guardian.ng/education>; "UNILORIN to graduate 16,152, trains 8,320 in 21st century skills", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class honours", <https://boardroom.vip>; "UNILORIN Produces 251 Ph.D, 365 First Class graduates at 41st convocation", <https://dailyembassage.com>; "365 bags first-class as UNILORIN graduates 16,152", <https://thenationonline.net>; "UNILORIN to Graduate 16,152 Students, Records 365 First-Class Honours", <https://esnadnews.blogspot.com>; "UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 Students as 365 Earn First Class at 41st Convocation", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "UNILORIN to graduate 16,152 at 41st convocation, 365 earn First Class", <https://face.com>; "Convocation: UNILORIN Students Win #150m Federal Venture Grants", <https://share.google/7YcTEBF6R2AeBsnbg>; "UNILORIN to graduate 16,152 students, 365 with first class honours", <https://theabujapost.com.ng>; "365 Students Bags First Class as Unilorin Graduates 16,152 at 41st Convocation", <https://justeventonline.com>; "365 Bag First Class as UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 Students", <https://highprofilenews.com>; "UNILORIN

produces 365 first-class honours, graduates 16,162 students", <https://peoplesdaily.ng>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class honours", <https://thesyndicate.com.ng>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students, produces 365 first-class degree holders", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; "UNILORIN trains 3,000 students in AI, to graduate 16,152 at 41st convocation", <https://bussinessday.ng>; "UNILORIN's 16,152 -Graduate Convocation 365 First-Class Scholars, N150m Students Venture Grants Steal Spotlight", <https://facebook.com>; "UNILORIN Graduates 16,152 Students, 365 First-Class Honours", <https://von.gov.ng>; "UNILORIN to produce employers of labour, not job seekers -- VC", <https://decency.home.blog/pot>; "Nigeria's Brain Drain Crisis: VC Proposes 'Japada' as Reserve policy", <https://youtube.be>; "UNILORIN to Graduate 16,152 Students as 365 Earn First-Class at 41st Convocation", <https://YouTube.be/L7si9a9ZPBO?si=o-smdTg3U1NSilf>; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152, records 365 first-class honours", The StandardTimes, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, p.22; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students, records 365 first-class honours", The Daily Monitor, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, p.6; "41st Convocation: Unilorin graduates 16,152, produces 365 first-class graduands", National Moonlight, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, p.8; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152, records 365 first-class honours", The DailyTimes, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, p.8; "UNILORIN graduates 16,152, records 365 first-class honours", The Herald, Wednesday, October 21, 2026, p.22)

A lecturer at the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Dr Uthman Idrees Kankawi, has been selected as a recipient of the institution's 2026 University Merit Award.

("Dr Kankawi Bags Prestigious UNILORIN 2016 Merit Award", <https://high-profile.com.ng>)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged 11,213 first-degree graduands of the institution to justify the sacrifice and investments made by their parents on their education, by becoming agents of positive change
("UNILORIN Convocation, Egbewole Tasks 11,213 Graduands on National Development as Council Demands More Research Funding" <https://dailyinfolinks24.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN VC Charges 11,213 Graduands To Drive Societal Change, Pro-Chancellor Seeks More Research Funding", <https://factualnaija.com>; "Let This Investment Count", Cheers, Emotion as UNILORIN Opens 41st Convocation, VC Egbewole, Pro-Chancellor Seek More Research Funding", <https://midlandpost.ng>; "41st Convocation: UNILORIN, leadership factory, says Pro-Chancellor, VC Tasks graduates on parents' sacrifice", <https://dailyembassage.com.ng>; "Unilorin Rises to 5th Position in Nigeria, Top Aquaculture Ranking -Pro-Chancellor", <https://choice-reporters.com>; "Unilorin Pro-Chancellor Commends President Tinubu On NElfund", <https://247primenews.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin Pro-Chancellor Urged FG To Increase education Funding", <https://peoplechoiceng.blogspot.com>; "UNILORIN Pro-Chancellor Urges FG to Increase Research Funding", <https://radionigeriaakaduna.gov.ng>; "41st Convocation: UNILORIN VC Tasks 11,213 Graduands on Societal Impact as Pro-Chancellor Seeks increased Research Funding", <https://thenationalpilot.com>; "Unilorin Pro-Chancellor Urges FG to Increase Research Funding", <https://vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN VC Charges 11,213 Graduands to Justify Investment Education", <https://boardroom.vip>; "Egbewole to Graduates: 'Let This Investment Count' as Unilorin Presents 11,213", <https://fellowpress.com>; "UNILORIN VC Charges 11,213 graduands to justify parents' investment in education", <https://thegraphicnews>; "UNILORIN VC Charges 11,213

Graduands to Tackle National Crisis", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "UNILORIN Graduates 19,663 Students as VC urges Graduands to Make Educational Investment Count", esnadnews.blogspot.com; "How Parents Resort To Loan To Finance Their Children's Education -UNILORIN VC", <https://dailytrust.com>; "UNILORIN VC Tasks 11,213 graduands on national development, says degrees must deliver solutions ", DailyTimes, Thursday, October 22, 2026, p.5; "FG urged to Increase research funding for Universities, as UNILORIN graduates 16,152 students", Bussinessday, Friday, October 23, 2026, p.16)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged graduands of the institution to uphold good character, demonstrate competence and maintain integrity as they embark on the new phase of their lives.

("UNILORIN VC Charges Graduands on Character, Competence at 41st Convocation", <https://esnadnews.blogspot.com>; "UNILORIN 41st Convocation: Prof. Egbewole Charges Graduands On Character, Competence", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "We Have Taught, Trained and Refined You; Go out and Shine - Egbewole Tells UNILORIN Graduands", <https://highprofilenews.com.g>)

- The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, has commented the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN and the University's management for sustaining the academic stability and expanding the institution resource base.

("41st Convocation: UNILORIN Pro-Chancellor Lauds VC Egbewole Over Academic Stability, IGR, Innovation Hub" <https://9japarrot.com>; "UNILORIN Pro-Chancellor Attributes The Institution's Success To Heavy Investment In Research", <https://dailytopic.com.ng>; "Students loan not compulsory for tertiary students, says NELFUND" <https://thenationonlineng.net/>; "NELFUND Intervention bringing relief to thousands of students -UNILORIN Pro-Chancellor" <https://Bussinessday.ng/education>; "UNILORIN PRO CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMENDS PRESIDENT TINUBU ACHIEVEMENTS AND REFORMS IN EDUCATION SECTOR" <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN at 41st Convocation Pro-Chancellor Hails 16 First Class Law Graduates, Global Rankings Rise", <https://gatmash.com>; "Olusegun Francis Joseph is the record-breaking Overall Best Graduating Students at the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) for the 2025/2026 academic session", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ft3hLvkvL/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "Meet Olusegun Francis Joseph UNILORIN Best Graduating Students with a CGPA of 5.0", <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19Ry7fFW4J/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "NELFUND intervention bringing relief to thousand of students -UNILORIN Pro-Chancellor", Bussinessday, Friday, October 23, 2026, p.36

- President Bola Tinubu to commission projects at the University of Ilorin tomorrow.
("41st Conv: Tinubu To Commission Projects At UNILORIN Friday", Leadership, Thursday, October 22, 2026, p.10; "41st Convocation: Tinubu To Commission Projects At UNILORIN Friday", <https://leadership.ng>)

While delivering the Convocation Lecture at the University of Ilorin, the Sierra Leonean Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Hon. Dr Haja Ramatulai Wurie, has urged graduates to apply their knowledge to public service, policy development and national progress, drawing on her transition from academic research to government

leadership.

("From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room:" Sierra Leone Minister Haja Wurie Shares Lessons on Academia, Leadership at UNILORIN ", <https://gatmash.com>; "On the Podium is the Convocation Lecturer, Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Sierra Leone, Hon. Dr Haja Ramatulai Wurie at the 42st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, holding at the Main Auditorium" <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FcKKFi3hD/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "Former JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede at the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, holding at the Main Auditorium", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FsN4dDgek/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "On the podium is the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Surv. Abiodun Aluko at the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, holding at the Main Auditorium.", <https://facebook.cm/share/p/29zLwQfbj/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "Signing off National anthem at the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, holding at the Main Auditorium", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14symEMCE9J/?mibextid=wwXlfr>; "Arrival of Chief of Imam of Ilorin, Sheikh Muhammad Bashir Dasuki Al Fulani to the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, holding at the Main Auditorium", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18PBo2rL8o/?mibextid=weXlfr>)

- The Proprietor of Assunah Madarasah , Prof .AbdulRazaq Abdulmajeed Alaro, mni, Is set to honour five first -class graduates of the University of Ilorin (Unilorin), comprising two students and three teachers of the Madarasah, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements.

(" Prof. Alaro to Honor Unilorin First Class graduates of Assunah Madarasah ", <https://esnadnews.blogspot.com>)

- President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Kwara State Governor, Mallam Abdulrahman AbdulRazaq, and the 42st Convocation Lecturer of the University of Ilorin, Hon. Dr Haja Ramatulai Wurie , have charged graduates of the University to translate their knowledge into innovation, job, creation, leadership and service to humanity.

("Unilorin convocation; Tinubu AbdulRazaq reaffirm commitment to education as Wurie urges research -driven governance", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Tinubu urges UNILORIN graduates to create jobs, embrace innovation" <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; "UNILORIN convocation: Tinubu, others urge graduates to turn knowledge into service", <https://wp.me>; "Tinubu Charges UNILORIN Graduands On Innovation, Job Creation", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Tinubu, AbdulRazaq, Wurie Urge UNILORIN Graduates To Turn Knowledge into Service Innovation", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "Tinubu Urges UNILORIN Graduates to Embrace Innovation, Create jobs, says NELFUND Disbursed Over N322bn to 1.6m Students", <https://choice reporters.com>)

- The University of Ilorin (UNILORIN), has held it's 41st Convocation Ceremony celebrating academic excellence and outstanding achievements, with Olusegun Francis Joseph emerging as the overall best graduating student after recording a perfect Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 5.0.

("UNILORIN Holds 41st Convocation as Best Graduating Student Makes History with Perfect 5.00 CGPA ", <https://justeventonline.com>; " Ogbomoshos -born Olusegun breaks 51-year Unilorin record with perfect 5.0 CGPA", <https://westernpost.ng>)



UNILORIN concludes 41st Convocation Ceremonies with prayers in Mosque, Church

By Isaac Lewu and Muizdeen Adewole

The week-long 41st Convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin were brought to an end last Friday, October 23 and Sunday, October 25, 2026 with a special Jumaat service at the University Central Mosque and interdenominational Christian service at Saint Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, respectively.

In his message at the Jumaat service, the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam charged members of the University community to always hold firmly to unity, support one another like parts of a building, and build the institution rather than break it.

He explained that Islam gives a profound principle of togetherness that can be strengthened when different people work together for a common purpose. He added that everything must be done to transform diversity into strength.

Addressing the graduands, Prof. AbdusSalam warned that training might have been completed, their character will determine what happens after their graduation.

He encouraged them not to leave the University merely with useful knowledge, but do so with integrity and determination and should always be responsible with knowledge and character.

The Chief Imam prayed to Allah to make the University a place where knowledge is pursued with sincerity, taught with wisdom, applied with responsibility and transmitted from one generation to another.

On his part, the Chaplain of Saint Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, University of Ilorin, Rev. Father Celestine Emah, urged graduands to express gratitude to God for their academic achievements and use their knowledge to address societal challenges.

He described thanksgiving as an essential part of celebrating success, noting that any convocation without

thanksgiving amounted to taking credit for what belonged to God.

He urged graduands to remember the University as a place that nurtured, trained and disciplined them.

While encouraging the graduands to apply the knowledge they acquired at the University to solve real-life problems in Nigeria, the Chaplain called on them to appreciate God, the University community and their parents for their respective roles in their academic journeys.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated the Christian community for its prayers and continued spiritual support for the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, noted that it was significant that the University began the convocation ceremonies with prayers and was ending it with thanksgiving to God.

Prof. Egbewole stressed the importance of committing every undertaking to God and acknowledging him as the source of success.

He expressed gratitude to God for the achievements recorded by the University during the academic session and the successful completion of its 41st Convocation Ceremonies. He urged members of the University community to remain prayerful, united and committed to the institution's continued growth, noting that thanksgiving was an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness and seek His guidance for greater accomplishments. He also encouraged the congregation to sustain the spirit of gratitude, peace and service as the University moves into another academic session.

The two events were attended by Principal Officers of the University, several academic and non-teaching staff members of the University, graduands and students.