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As part of efforts towards ensuring best practices in academics as well as improving productivity in the Nigerian University, the accreditation Panel set up by the National Universities Commission (NUC) recently visited Nnamdi Azikiwe University to evaluate some programmes in the University and to access facilities in some Faculties.

At the end of the review exercise, the Chairman of the Panel, Prof. R. J. Isinubi and some other Chairmen of the various reviewed programmes observed that the Departments being evaluated met the required NUC approved benchmark in the areas of students’ qualification, staffing, workshop, well maintained library books/journals internet connectivity amongst others.

The team commended the University for the development in the various areas visited and urged the University to do more.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS expressed appreciation to members of the accreditation team for visiting the University and contributing positive solutions to the development of education in Nigerian universities. He described the exercise as a strengthening mechanism geared towards re-enforcing and enhancing learning process as well as moving the University to greater heights.

Prof. Ahaneku commended the National Universities Commission for strengthening the University system through its review strategies and making universities in Nigeria to attain a level of vicinity. The reviewed programmes include, Department of Chemical Engineering, Polymer and Textile Engineering; in Faculty of Education: Igbo, French, Economics, History, Building and wood work education, Electrical Electronics Education, Chemistry Education, Health Science, Library and Information Science, Kinetics and Health Education. In Faculty of Arts: Department of Philosophy.

The team was accompanied by the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Frank Odibo, Deans of Faculties, amongst others.

Education has been described as a tool for correcting all wrong norms in the society. This was made known by the Keynote presenter, Prof. Okechukwu S. Abonyi at the 2nd National Conference organized by the Department of Educational Foundation, Faculty of Education held at the University Auditorium.

In a welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS represented by the DVC Admin, Prof. Carol Arinze Umeobi congratulated the Department for organizing the Conference and called on other Departments to do so as well. Prof. Umeobi stressed that the Theme of the Conference “Education for Wholesome Development in Nigeria'', will go a long way in addressing the issues bedeviling the educational sector.

The Professor of Law further opined that Education nurtures value, ethics, moralities and decencies because it’s a sacred place where the builders of the nations are produced. She concluded that teachers should be placed first in the country, for they are human formators.

In her welcome address, the Head of the Department, Prof. Ngozi N. Agu thanked and appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for his continuous support to the Department and the Faculty at large. She also expressed gratitude to the erudite keynote and lead paper presenters. Prof. Agu added that educationists are troubled by inconsistencies that bedeviled the system in the country stressing that education is an instrument of change and development. She called on all to brainstorm on how to create, and implement plans that will move educational system in Nigeria into a glorious height.

The keynote presenter, Prof. Okechukwu S. Abonyi appreciated the Department for organizing the conference and for choosing him as keynote presenter. He opined the principles of sustainable development in education as Society, Environment and Economy. He said that wholesome development looks at the following - general well-being, Life expectancy and Economy. Prof. Abonyi advised all educators to work hard towards a wholesome development in education.

Highlight of the occasion was award presentation to the Dean of the Faculty and two others.

**Faculty of Management sciences hosts the first ever UNIZIK Fulbright SCHOLAR from Clayton state University, Atlanta USA**

Faculty of Management Sciences has received and integrated Prof. Alphonso Ogbuehi who is a Fulbright Scholar from Clayton State University, Atlanta USA to the Faculty of Management Sciences, Nnamdi Azikiwe University where he has since settled and already resumed work as academic staff of the Faculty.

Prof. Alphonso Ogbuehi is a Fulbright Scholar, a Professor of Marketing and International Business and former Dean in Clayton State University’s College of Business. He was the Founding Dean of the Park University School of Business in Kansas City, and has held Faculty positions at Bryant, Saint Joseph’s and Illinois State Universities. He is a Founding member of International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD) and a member of its Board of Governors.

The Faculty appreciates the support of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS in realizing this feat. The Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Rev. Canon Prof. Anayo Nkamnebe remarks that this is part of the internationalization agenda aimed at repositioning the Faculty in line with the Vice-Chancellor’s dream to make UNIZIK a top University in Africa.

The Faculty of Management Sciences has successfully held her 2016 International Conference with the theme: ***“Managing Diversification for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa”***. The event started with a courtesy call by the Faculty on the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. J. E. Ahaneku, FAS who was ably represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Acad), Prof. Charles Esimone. He expressed his happiness over the current administration of the Faculty led by Rev. Canon Prof. Anayo Nkamnebe. He gladly observed that the Faculty of Management Sciences is now being brought into limelight and some recent advances by the Faculty.

In his response, the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Rev. Canon Prof. Anayo Nkamnebe thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his accolade and promised that the Faculty will not disappoint the University and the Vice-Chancellor. The Dean proudly announced to the Vice-Chancellor that the Faculty will be hosting the Conference of Academy of Management Nigeria in October 25th – 28th, 2017. He briefed the Vice-Chancellor on the plan for the Faculty to organize a Silver Jubilee Celebration that will span the entire 2017.

He also pleaded with the Management of the University to support to facilitate the ambition of the Faculty to build a ***Hall of Fame*** as a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. In the team for the courtesy call were Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Rev. Canon Prof. Anayo Nkamnebe, the LOC Chairman, Prof. Emma Okoye, the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Cy Ogbodo, Prof. Ben Osisioma, the Conference Chairman, Prof. Pita Ejiofor, former Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. Prof. Alphonso Ogbuehi.

After the courtesy call, the event kick-started with a keynote address titled: ***Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Issues and Challenges*** was delivered by Prof. Chinedu Nebo, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria and Federal University of Oye-Ekiti and the former Minister of Power. Prof. Ogbuehi Alphonso delivered a lead paper titled:  ***Tertiary Education as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa***.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS will be conferred with an honorary Chieftaincy title by His Royal Highness Igwe Dr. K.O.N Orizu 111. The conferment of the Chieftaincy title will be part of the activities for the celebration of the Igwe’s 91st Birthday Celebration and 53rd Ofala Festival that is slated to hold on:

**Date**: Wednesday, 28th December, 2016

**Venue**: Igwe’s Palace

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The Nnamdi Azikiwe University will hold her 34th Inaugural lecture.

**Topic:** “From Local Raw Materials for Industrial Products to Researches in Reforming to Catalysts”

**Lecturer:** Prof. Okechukwu D. Onukwuli

**Date:** Thursday 8th of December, 2016

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 11:00am prompt

**FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES INVITES THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY TO HER VALEDICTORY/AWARD CEREMONY**

The Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences invites the University Community to its Valedictory/Award Ceremony 0f 2015/2016 Graduands.

The National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) UNIZIK at their quadrennial Congress held on Thursday, 30th of November 2016 at Chisco Conference Hall UNIZIK.

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**First Semester 2016/2017 Academic Session**

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| **S/N** | **Dates** | **Activities** |
| 1. | Saturday, December 17, 2016 | 2016/2017 Pre-Admission Examination |
| 2. | Friday, January 13, 2017 | 1st Semester Lectures Commence (Old and Fresh Students) with Payment of Fees and Registration. |
| 3. | Friday, February 10, 2017 | University – Wide Quiz/Assignment (Old and Fresh Students). |
| 4. | Friday, February 17, 2017 | Orientation for Fresh Students |
| 5. | Friday, April 14 – April 20, 2017 | Eater Break |
| 6. | Saturday, April 22, 2017 | End of 1st Semester Lectures/Revision (Old and Fresh Students). |
| 7. | Friday, April 28, 2017 | 1st Semester Examinations Commence (Old and Fresh Students). |
| 8. | Saturday, June 17, 2017 | 2nd Semester Examinations End (Old and Fresh Students). |
| 9. | Monday, July 21, 2017 | Moderation and submission of 1st Semester Results |

**Second Semester 2016/2017 Academic Session**

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| **S/N** | **Dates** | **Activities** |
| 1. | Friday, June 23, 2017 | 2nd Semester Lectures Commence (Old and Fresh Students)  |
| 2. | Friday, July 14, 2017 | University – Wide Quiz/Assignment |
| 3. | Saturday, October 7, 2017 | End of 2nd Semester Lectures/Revision  |
| 4. | Friday, October 13, 2017 | 2nd Semester Examinations Commence |
| 5. | Saturday, December 2, 2017 | 2nd Semester Examinations End |
| 6. | Friday, December 10, 2017 | Project Defence |
| 7. | Friday, December 14, 2017 | Moderation and Submission of 2nd Semester Results |
| 8. | Friday, December 14, 2017 | Submission of Degree Results |
| 9. | Friday, December 23, 2017 | Long Vacation Commences |

Rev. Fr. Prof. Oguejiofor has won the 2016 prize for Best Philosophy Book in Africa with his book titled “Philosophy and the African Predicament”.

The prize is sponsored by the Emmanuel Anyiam-Osigwe Foundation and Managed by the Nigerian Philosophy Association. The prize was conferred at the opening ceremony of the Conference of Nigerian Philosophy Association which took place at Uyo from 27th to 29th of October, 2016.

A student of the Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Aniebu Chinenyenwa Helen has been elected as the new President of National Union of Anambra State Students (NUASS).

NDLEA–university community interactive session on drug abuse is scheduled to hold as follows:

**date:**  6th of December, 2016

**Time:**  10.00 a.m.

**venue:** university auditorium

Nnamdi Azikiwe University Women Association invites the University Community to her end of year programme/Christmas party.

***The event is scheduled to hold as follows:***

**Date:**  14th of December, 2016

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**A Decade of Excellence: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Holds 10th Anniversary Celebrations/Symposium on Phytomedicines**

As part of its 10th Anniversary celebrations slated for 8th & 9th of December, 2016, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences will hold a Symposium/Workshop on Phytomedicines on 8th of December, 2016 (9 am to 6 pm).

***Schedule of Events:***

**9: 00 - 9: 45 am**: Lecture 1: Basic Methods in isolation and structural elucidation of Phytomedicines – Dr. F. B. C. Okoye

**9: 45 -10: 30 am:** Lecture 2: Formulation, standardization and stability of phytomedicines – Prof. I. S. Okafor

**10: 30am -11: 00 am:** Flag off of exhibitions (HRH Chief Prof. T. Omon Oleabhiele, National President, National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners, assisted by the Anambra State chapter chairman)

**11: 00am: -11: 10 am:** Discussant 1(Prof. F. K. Okwuasaba)

Cultivation, harvesting, processing and preservation of phytomedicines

**11: 10 am-11: 20 am:** Discussant 2

Prof. J. C. Aguiyi: Development of phytomedicines from research lab to therapeutic use

**11: 20am -11: 30 am:** Prof. J. I. Ogaji: Transition from research to industry

**11: 30am -11: 40 am:** Discussant 4

Prof. C. O. Esimone: Quality Assurance of phytomedicines

**11: 40 am - 11: 50 am:** Discussant 5:

Dr. H. C. Ogbunagafor: Functional Foods

**11: 50 am-12: 20 pm:** Tea break!!

**12: 20 pm-1: 00 pm:** Panel Discussion

**1: 00 pm-2: 00 pm:** Experiential Lectures on Phytomedicines in disease management

HRH Chief Omon, Pharm. Ekenna Elikee (Ekenna Natures Limited), Pharm. Ben Amodu (Jasmin Herbals)

(Each to give between 5 and 10 most interesting healings recorded in their practice with phytomedicines, in 10 minutes for each speaker)

**2: 00 pm – 6: 00 pm:** Hands-On: Hands-On training: Extraction, fractionation, TLC (Dr. F. B. C. Okoye & Prof. I. S. Okafor)

**Venue of Workshop:** Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Auditorium, Agulu Campus

**Keynote address will be delivered on 9th of December, 2016, by Professor Maurice Iwu (President, Bioresources Development Group) by 12 noon.**

**Venue:** Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Auditorium, Agulu

**Highlight**: Launching of N2.5 billion Excellence Fund

Workshop registration fee is N7, 500 (workshop only) and N10, 000 (workshop plus hands-on), and covers registration pack and lab necessities (for hands-on). All students can pay a flat rate of 5, 000 provided they have a valid identification. All researchers in Biological Sciences, Health Sciences & Technology, Medicine, Basic Medical Sciences and Chemistry are encouraged to attend.

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All members of the University Community are invited to the anniversary celebrations holding on 9th of December, 2016, at Agulu campus.

The 45 traditional rulers of Old Aguata Union (OAU) will confer Chieftaincy title on our Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS on 17th of December, 2016 at Aguata Local Government Headquarters by 10am. Well-wishers are requested to send in their goodwill messages to PRO, OAU Professional, UNIZIK Chapter.

***The advert rates are as follows:***

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The University Community, family members, friends and well wishers gathered at the University Auditorium on Tuesday, 29th of November, 2016 to bid farewell to late Dr. Mrs. Eyiuche Ifeoma Olibie who until her death, was a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education. During the Faculty Board meeting held in her honour, rumour about her death was confirmed. It was officially announced by the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Nkechi Esimonu that Dr. Mrs. Eyiuche Ifeoma Olibie was dead.

In the commendation service which preceded by a Faculty Board meeting, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS commiserated with the family and urged the children to live out the legacies of their mother.

Prof. Ahaneku further stated that late Dr. Mrs. Eyiuche Ifeoma Olibie had contributed her quota to the Faculty and her role cannot be forgotten.

Rev. Fr. Dr. W. Ofojebe during the homily opined that humans should always keep death in mind because it is inevitable for all mortals.

He eulogized the qualities of late Dr. Olibie and urged all present to keep watch for we do not know neither the time nor the day death will knock at our doors.

In her vote of thanks, Miss Chioma Olibie, daughter of late Dr. Olibie on behalf of Olibie’s family thanked the University Community and stated that bringing their mum to the University to give her last respect is of great honour to the family

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st of December to Christmas day). Advent means “coming” in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. There are three meanings of coming that Christians describe in advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and died for us. The second can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now. And the third will happen in the future when Jesus comes to the world as king and judge, not a baby.

The theme of reading and teachings during advent is often the preparation for the second coming, while also commemorating the first coming of Christ at Christmas. Many churches also hold special musical events, such as Nine lessons and carols or the advent prose, i.e. an antiphonal plainsong. Usually, spiritual reading during advent will reflect emphasis on the second advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at Christ’s coming, judgement on sin and the hope of eternal life.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation and of longing. Rather than a time of mourning and fasting, advent is celebrated as a time of joy and happiness as we await the coming of the king. We celebrate with gladness the great promise in advent, yet knowing that there is also a sober tone added to the theme of promise. Advent is a time of preparation that is marked by prayer, while lent is characterized by fasting and prayers. Therefore, we are called this advent season to prepare for the coming of our saviour in our hearts, home, workplace and through our actions so that we will feel more fulfilled during the Christmas season, and get all the blessings that comes with it. (curled from google)

**BIRTHDAY**

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| **S/N** | **NAME**  | **DEPARTMENT** | **DATE** |
| 1. | Mrs. Nkiru Nnonyelu | Records Unit | December 11 |
| 2. | Prof. Au. Nnonyelu | UNIZIK Business School | December 12 |
| 3. | Pastor Chioma N. Okeke | UNIZIK Business School | December 15 |
| 4. | Nwofor, Ngozika | Early Childhood | December 23 |
| 5. | Rachel Nnonyelu Chinyere  |  DVC (ACAD) | December 23 |
| 6. | Okoye Christian Obiora  | Electrical Engineer  | December 25 |
| 7. | Rev. Fr. Dr. Emma Umezinwa | Music Department | December 25 |
| 8. | Okeke, Rita Nkechinyere | DIPR | December 26 |
| 9. | Anaere Chukwugozie C.  | Personnel Unit  | December 31 |

The immediate past Registrar of the University Barr. C. C. Okeke invites the University Community to the marriage ceremony between her daughter Miss. Ijeoma Vera Okeke and Mr. Chidi Kenneth on Friday 30th of December, 2016 at Church of Pentecost Anglican Communion beside Government House, Awka at 12noon. Reception follows immediately at Suncity Exclusive Hotel (Hall of Honour) Awka by Regina Caeli Junction.

**Traditional marriage** ceremony takes place on 27th of December, 2016 at Barr. C. C. Okeke’s compound Umunnealam, Umudim, Nnewi, Nnewi North Local Government Area Anambra State.

Former Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Norbert Okoye is dead. He died on 1st of November, 2016 at the age of 83. The Professor of Psychology retired in 1998 but remained in contract until 2013. His burial activities will commence on 21st of February and run through 25th of February with interment at Ozubulu on 24th of February, 2017.

Works Services Department, UNIZIK, has lost two of its staff

* ***Mr. Samuel Chukwurah Ekwunife (Onyenaenyo)*** of Umuanum Village, Nibo in Awka South L. G. A. of Anambra State. Until his death, he was a driver attached to Geology Department. His burial has been scheduled to take place on Monday 12th of December, 2016. According to a release signed by the assistant Secretary, Mr. Chinedu Nwaobasi, all drivers are expected to attend the condolence on Saturday, 17th of December, 2016.
* ***Mr. Moses A. Okeke (Ochili)*** of Umuesona Kindred, Uruoji village, Agukwu Nri, Anaocha Local Government Area, Anambra State. He died on Thursday 20th of October, 2016. Until his death, he served as the driver attached to the University High School as a senior Transport Superintendent II (grade level 12).

**Bereavement**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS regrets to announce the demise of:

* Mrs. Catherine Nwabueze who died on 16th of October, 2016 at the age of 90. Until her death, she was the mother of Mr. Nwabueze Christian of the Security Department. ***Burial Arrangement:*** Late Mrs. Catherine Nwabueze will be buried on 8th of December, 2016 at her husband’s home town, Umuamamu Village, Ifite Nibo in Awka South L. G. A. of Anambra State.
* Mrs. Catherine Oyidi Okeke, who died on 23rd of September, 2016 after a brief illness. She will be buried on 10th of January, 2017 at her husband’s compound, Umubele Village, Awka, Anambra State. Until her death, she was the mother of Justina Ify Okeke of Records Unit and Mr. Osondu Okeke of the Mechanic Section of Works Services Department, UNIZIK.

**VICE – CHANCELLOR’S SECURITY LINES**

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