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*the Registry (Personnel|) has written to request all staff due for retirement in 2018 to visit the Pension Desk Officer in the Registry (Personnel Unit), urgently.*

*Those concerned are teaching and non-teaching staff and Professors born in 1953 and 1948 respectively.*

The former Chairman, Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC), Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, mni was at Nnamdi Azikiwe University recently to deliver the 11th Convocation Lecture.

Speaking during the lecture, he expressed joy that he was chosen to be the Lecturer for the lecture, being that the University is named after the great Zik. Dwelling on the topic:“***Leadership and challenges of National Unity in Nigeria”,*** Mallam Ribadu said that Nigeria’s challenges were linked to the inadequacies that have contributed to compounding a number of our problems, causing divisions among the citizens.

More so, in the approach to solving societal problems, leadership should be geared towards social change. He added that, if a leader eschews corruption it will be difficult for those under him to indulge in such practice. Speaking on ethnic identity, Mallam Ribadu said that ethnic identities are inventions of our political elite, causing the denial of one’s entity.

Gearing towards endowment, he said that Nigeria is endowed with abundant natural resources and brilliant human capital, but there is looming widespread poverty due to misused resources and untapped potentials. The collapse of our institutions after many years of military, political and bureaucratic imprudence, suggested our unwillingness to live together.

He concluded by saying that Nigeria needs honest and modern leadership that would be a rallying point for citizens, tame consuming tides of corruption and evolve creative solutions to our myriad of problems.

In his opening remark, the chairman of the event, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiala said that Nigeria’s quest for development is dependent on what happens in our tertiary institutions. Also, that, nothing evokes ideas than having those who are at the middle of the discourse coming from tertiary institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS in his remark expressed joy at the visit of the Convocation Lecturer and all present. He stated that convocation is very necessary in tertiary institutions since that is the only way of saying that those who were acceptably admitted during the matriculation, have completed their programme and requirements in character and learning, and are due to be crowned during the convocation.

In his closing remarks, the Pro-Chancellor, AVM, Larry Koinyan applauded the effort of the University and everyone involved in the Convocation. He said the problem of Nigeria is not solely leadership, but also a followership problem. We should, he said, know that we are all created for a purpose and should make effort to achieve it. The Chairman of the occasion also commended everyone for their patience, and said that the convocation was a huge success.

***"THE UNIVERSITY IS A RESEARCH INSTITUTION THAT RESPONDS TO OUR PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRY", REV. FR. JUDE EZEANOKWASA AT 11TH CONVOCATION INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE***

The University has been described as a research Institute responding to the tones of issues seeking solution in our society. This was stated by Rev. Fr. Jude Ezeanokwasa in a homily at the interdenominational service, held at the University auditorium to kick-start the 11th Convocation Ceremony of UNIZIK, recently.

In his homily, Rev. Fr. Ezeanokwasa stated that Convocation is a time that we launch our human products and equally show appreciation to God for the gift of our graduates. He thanked God for the unquantifiable inputs of both the teaching and non-teaching Staff of the University. According to him, the fruit of Convocation is a product of synergy of people working in a place, and makes us see one another as colleagues and not competitors. He frowned at the attitude of selling exam grades and sexual harassments which, he regarded as being devoid of human character.

Fr. Ezeanokwasa encouraged good reputation and disciplined character in all students, as no one can give what he/she does not have. Finally, he noted that someday we will give account on how we lived our lives, especially how we taught virtue and character to the young ones.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku FAS thanked all present for being part of the celebration. He added that the interdenominational service was the best way to begin the Convocation Ceremonies, handing over all the activities of the University to God.

Prof. Ahaneku reminded us of why we are called to serve in the University and that we ought to give account of the stewardship on the last day. He thanked the Clergies for always being our spiritual guide in the University and called on them to always pray for the progress of the University.

Nnamdi Azikiwe University has during its 11th Convocation Ceremony, awarded Bachelors’ degrees to successful graduands. The event began with a procession of the graduands in an alphabetical order led by their faculty officers.

In his speech, the chancellor, His Majesty, Da Jacob Gyang Buba, CON welcomed dignitaries and all who came for the event, especially the graduands. He said the graduands are empowered with relevant knowledge with which they should be able to contribute to the development of society.

Also, the Gbong Gwom Jos congratulated the VC, Prof. J.E. Ahaneku, FAS and his management team for the maintenance of peace and security in the University and for sustaining the institution’s tempo of development, infrastructural and otherwise. Finally he thanked the federal Government and its relevant agencies for the financial and other support that has made the achievements possible. He also thanked the University benefactors for their beneficent endeavours, and the staff and students for maintaining peace and order.

During his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS welcomed everyone to the event and congratulated the graduands who were 6,550 in number. He commented on the progress report of the University’s road map for moving UNIZIK to greater height, part of which include; University Governance, Academic Activities, Linkages and Research and Infrastructural Development.

Prof Ahaneku thanked NGOs and organizations who have lent their invaluable support in one way or the other. He added that in the years’ ahead, the University shall explore and exploit foundations and platforms to strive for the completion of all the ongoing infrastructural development projects, thereby expanding academic facilities as: classrooms, laboratories, libraries and easing the teaching-learning process.

Human Resources development shall continue to receive attention, and research and development agenda shall be moved forward. He also, thanked the Federal Government and its agencies (TETFund and NEEDS INTERVENTION FUND) for their support to the University and the graduands. He thanked the Anambra State Government, host communities, the Chancellor, the Governing Council, the staff and students for their unwavering support.

After the VC’s speech, the Chancellor, had a handshake with the best graduating students, while issuing them their certificates to accompany their hardwork.

The overall-best graduating student, Ozofor Henry Ikenna in his valedictory speech, said that his five years in school had its challenges but God saw him through. He thanked the management of UNIZIK for their commitment towards providing healthy environment for learning. He also thanked the staff of the Faculty of Engineering for their student-first-philosophy.

To the younger zikites, he advised that they discover themselves and pursue their visions vigorously so that by God’s grace, they will perfect their missions as students. More so, he expressed hope that the 2016 UNIZIK graduands have the solutions to various issues that battle Nigeria from blazing the trail as true giant of Africa. He extended his thanks to his parents, ABS transport Company, Shell Petroleum Development Company, Chevron and Allied Energy for their scholarships which assisted students like him throughout his studies in the University.

As part of the activity marking the 11th Convocation Ceremonies, Nnamdi Azikiwe University has conferred Honorary degree awards on three Nigerians, Chief Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON, (Degree of Doctor of Public Administrator), Ambassador, Alhaji Shehu Malami, OFR, CON (Degree of Doctor of Public Administration) and Mr. Clem Nwogbo (Degree of Doctor of Business Administration). The event also featured award of Higher Degrees to other graduands.

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR represented by the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwuka applauded the University Management for the annual Convocation. He congratulated the graduands, while urging them to utilize their energy for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity. Also speaking, Prof. Anwuka congratulated the honorary awardees and charged them not to relent in the good works that earned them the award.

The Chancellor, Da Jacob Gyang Buba, CON thanked all present, and congratulated the three eminent Nigerians on whom the honorary degree of the University were conferred. He stated that they have distinguished themselves through their unwavering commitment of selfless service to Nigeria. To the graduands, he said, they are now empowered with relevant knowledge with which to contribute to the development of the society.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS in his speech congratulated the graduands and the honorary degree awardees. He said the administration’s participatory and transparent leadership style has impacted positively on various facts of University operations so much so that its positive outcomes are becoming evident even to outside bodies.

In terms of academic activities, Prof. Ahaneku said measures are instituted for improving the undergraduate and postgraduate students’ intake, by monitoring the teaching-learning process and promoting research. He noted avenues through which the University has implored to enhance employment, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills acquisition. He stated that laurels and awards won by the university students’, linkages and research, and infrastructural development were not left out. Prof. Ahaneku emphasized on them respectively. He thanked all those who have been benefactors to the University, while promising better years ahead in the University.

In his responds, Sen. Ken. Nnamani who spoke on behalf of the award recipients, thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the management for finding them worthy of the honorary award. He commended Prof. Ahaneku for his visionary leadership which has taken UNIZIK to an enviable height. Sen. Nnamani congratulated UNIZIK for a successful 11th Convocation and promised to partner with the University in any way possible to move it forward.

The event witnessed the presence of Senators, Governors of Enugu State, Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi and Imo State, Chief Rochas Okorocha, visiting Vice-Chancellors, former DVCs, Royal Fathers, Deans, Directors, HODs, Staff, Students, well-wishers and friends of the University.

As part of activities marking the UNIZIK 11th Convocation Ceremonies, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed forces of Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR represented by the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwuka has commissioned projects that have been completed within the last one year in the University. The projects that were commissioned were at Okofia, NAUTH, Agulu and Awka campuses respectively.

***At the Okofia Campus***, the minister commissioned a two story building housing classrooms, offices and common facilities that was built by Gabcon Construction Company.

***At the Teaching Hospital*,** Prof. Anwuka commissioned a Clinical Hostel for students on Clinicals at NAUTH. The hostel was constructed by Star rock Construction Company.

***At the Agulu Campus*,** the Minister commissioned a beautiful two-story building housing classrooms, Offices, theatre Hall, and Laboratories. The facility was constructed by ATTIC Construction Company.

***At the Awka Campus*,** Prof. Anwuka commissioned a building that was built for the Department of Architecture, Faculty of Environmental Sciences. The building was built by Godlina Construction Company.

A lecture theatre hall with 1,000 sitting capacity for the students of the Faculty of Bio-Sciences and Physical Sciences was also commissioned by Prof. Anwuka.

The Tony Nzom Accountancy Research Centre that was donated by ANAN was commissioned by the Minister. The building is a resource Centre for research purposes.

The UNIZIK Co-operative Building was also commissioned by Prof. Anwuka. He urged the Staff to co-operate so that the building will yield the desired dividend to the University.

The Minister of state for Education unveiled and re-launched the UNIZIK Business School and prayed that its purpose be realized in the state and the country at large.

The Minister also laid a foundation for the building of a Centre for Community and Rural Development. A building that was endowed by Chief Godswill Akpabio, and it is to be constructed by Chyfon Construction Company.

Prof. Anwuka said that the commissioned facilities will enhance learning and aid research in the University. He commended Prof. Ahaneku for his exemplary leadership and prayed for God’s continuous guidance and protection upon him.

In his remark, the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS said he was delighted for the Minister to have honouredUNIZIk with his presence. He also thanked and appreciated the Federal Government and its agencies (TETfund and NEEDS INTERVENTION FUNDS), for their support to our University.

In thanksgiving to God for a successful week long Convocation Ceremonies of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, the Vice-Chancellor has led the University Management in the Company of the University Community to a thanksgiving Mass celebrated by the Catholic Bishop of Awka, His Lordship Rt. Rev. PaulinusEzeokakaor at the Permanent Site of St. Joseph the worker Chaplaincy, UNIZIK.

Speaking during the homily, Rt. Rev. Ezeokafor reminded us that we are in the Lenten season which entails; Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Abstinence. He said that Christ has given us guideline for coming closer to him by keeping his commandment and by so doing, our eternal life will be guaranteed. He harped on the need for us to always thank God for his blessings in our lives. Furthermore, the bishop encouraged doing good to others and that such work could begin by supporting the building of a befitting church for God.

In his remark, the Executive Governor of Anambra State, Chief Dr. Willie Obiano said he came to appreciate the students of UNIZIK and also to thank the VC for the good works he is doing in the University. He congratulated the graduands, while urging them to contribute to the development of society. The Governor enumerated the three basic things needed in the Educational sector as; Infrastructure, welfare of the students, training and re-training of teachers. He noted that the welfare of the students is very paramount and promised to ensure that the Ifite Road that is under reconstruction will be completed before rainy season begins. More so, he added that schemes and avenues have been put in place so as to enhance Agriculture and as well create job opportunities in the State. Dr. Obiano pledged support for the building of the father’s house at the permanent site of SJWCC. He also made pledges to other chaplaincies in the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaeneku, FAS said that the University has been mapped and handed over to God, that is why every occasion starts and ends with God. He thanked our working Governor for coming to celebrate with the University. He also appreciated the Governor for the good work he is doing in the State especially in the area of security, reconstruction of ifite road and the provision of street lights. He prayed for sustainability of his vision.

After the Governor’s pledge support for the church, one of the University’s recent awardees, Dr. Clem Nwogbo also made donation to the church. There were other donations from government officials, University staff, friends and well-wishers, all inspired by the vice-Chancellor.

The Chaplain, St. Joseph the worker, Rev. Fr. Christian Umeojilinnaka thanked and appreciated the bishop for coming to celebrate with us at the Chaplaincy. He also thanked the Governor for coming irrespective of his busy schedules. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for deeming it necessary to show gratitude to God in thanksgiving for the successful Convocation Ceremonies.

The President, Students’ Union Government, Com. Henry Nwabueze and President, Nigeria Catholic Students Association (NFCS), echoed their thanks to the Governor for coming to the University, while soliciting for the welfare of their fellow students. The students sang a song in honour of the governor. Equally, the students applauded the VC for maintaining the Students’ First Philosophy.

The thanksgiving saw the presence of Government Officials, DVCs, Prof. Charles Esimone (Academic), Prof. Carol Arinze-Umeobi (Administration), Principal Officers of the University, Council Members, Deans, Directors, HODs, Traditional Ruler, Umunya-Igwe Kris Onyekwuluje, Members of the University Community, Students and Friends of the University.

Obafemi Awolowo University, in Conjunction with Bioscience Research, Education and Advisory Centre (BREAC), Yola and the University of East London (UEL) is hosting a Summit for Scientists, University Lecturers and other stakeholders in medicinal plant research across West Africa.

The Summit wil help to dialogue on how best to address several challenges earlier facing the development, commercialization and the integration of herbal medicine into mainstream healthcare system within the region.

The Summit is scheduled to hold as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, 20th June, 2017 – Wednesday, 28th June, 2017

**Venue:** Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife Nigeria

**Theme:** The role of Medicinal Plants Research in Sustainable Healthcare Delivery in West Africa

***Workshop Regulation***

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The Faculty of Bioscience at its 17th Statutory Board meeting held on Monday, 13th February, 2017, approved Prof. Frank Ogbo as Editor-in-Chief of the Bioscientist.

The Bioscientist is a journal of the Faculty of Biosciences

*UNIZIK 94.1 F. M. has commenced a shout-out Programme for all Deans in Nnamdi Azikiwe University. This is a* ***“Getting-to-know-you”*** *Programme designed to enable our numerous listeners within and outside UNIZIK to get to know the distinguished scholars who are occupying the lofty positions of Deans in various Faculties and similar Units and provide an opportunity for each Dean to give a shout-out to people close to their hearts*.

Applications are invited from qualified candidates, particularly Practising Journalists without any qualification in Journalism or Mass Communication for admission into the Professional Diploma in Journalism (PDJ) Programme offered by the Department of Mass Communication, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

The programme is aimed at equipping journalists, especially those who have practiced the profession or ***several years*** without any formal qualification in Journalism or Mass Communication, with the theoretical knowledge to remedy their deficiency.

***Entry Qualification***

At least five O’Level credits obtained in not more than two sittings, including English Language.

***Duration of Programme***

The (PDJ) is a part time programme that is expected to run for a minimum of three semesters of 18 calendar months.

***Nature of Programme***

The PDJ is a part-time programme in which practicing Journalists will attend lectures two to three days in a week between 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. to give them the freedom to attend to their daily professional assignments in the morning hours.

***Take-Off of Programme***

The programme has been approved to take off on Monday, 13th March, 2017

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**DIRECTOR, SANDWICH UNIT**

*The University Librarian, Reverend Prof. Obiora Cyril Nwosu invites the University Community to the Solemnization of the Holy Matrimony of his son, Chukwuemerie Ernest and his hearthrob, Miss Oluchukwu Grace Mbah on Monday, 17th April, 2017 at the Chapel of glory, UNIZIK, Awka by 10.00 a.m. Reception follows immediately after service at Finotel Classique Hotels and Reservations, opposite Juhel Filling Station, Agu-Awka.*

**Bereavement**

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

* Lolo Justina M. Ogueche who died on 13th February, 2017 after a brief illness. Until her death, she was the mother of Dr. NnamdiOgueche, Department of Human Biochemistry. Burial Arrangement has been scheduled to hold on 24th March, 2017 at Ametiti, Adada, Uzo-Uwani L. g. A. of Enugu State.
* Chief Peter MbamaluIkeaba who passed on to glory on 8th January, 2017 at the age of 77. Until his death, he was the father of Agbasipeggy, a staff of the University attached to the Department of Botany, UNIZIK. The Burial Arrangements is as follows: Wednesday, 22ndMarch, 2017 by 5.00 p.m. – Vigil Mass at late Chef Peter MbamaluIkeaba’s Residence, Ire Ndi Uno Village, Ogidi; Thursday, 23rd March, 2017 by 10.00 a.m. – Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, OgborUruOgidi, Anambra State; Interment follows immediately after mass at his compound. Funeral Ceremonies follow immediately after interment; Friday, 24th March, 2017 – Funeral Ceremony continues; Sunday, 26th March, 2017 by 10.00 a.m,. – Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Ogbor, UruOgidi, Anambra State.

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