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# MATRICULATION: VC CAUTIONS AGAINST DEVIANT BEHAVIOURS AND EXAMINATION MISCONDUCT



he newly admitted undergraduate students over the weekend participated in the 2018/2019 combined matriculation ceremony involving Regular and the Continuing Education Programmes which held at the convocation arena.

Addressing the freshmen, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS warned them to steer clear of cultism, certificate forgery, examination malpractices and other deviant behaviors during their academic stint in the institution.

Prof. Ahaneku, who noted that payment of school fees and attendance of 75 per cent lectures in all courses remains crucial for successful graduation of students, stressed that deviant behavior such as examination malpractice, armed robbery, rape, among others would not be tolerated in the university. According to the Vice-Chancellor, such misconducts and crimes are punishable by suspension or outright expulsion from the University.

He enjoined the students to take their studies seriously, as well as avoid all associations that are capable of jeopardizing their future, even as he stressed that the university has provided the students with conducive environment for development of character and learning.

Disclosing that the institution enjoys full accreditations in all the 107 programmes across the 14 faculties in the University, Prof. Ahaneku added that the University have linkages with universities across the world to facilitate academic programmes development, teaching/research and staff/student exchange.

Highpoint of the matriculation ceremony was oath taking by the new students.

# VC PLAYS HOST TO CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, AS 48 BAG SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE EMBASSY



he Vice-Chancellor Professor Joseph Ahaneku, FAS recently received the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency, Zhou Pingjian in his office.

The Ambassador was in the University for the October 1st Chinese Ambassador's Scholarship Award for excelling and indigent students. 48 students of the University benefitted from the scholarship. The students were drawn across various faculties in the University with 14 from the department of Chinese Studies.

Addressing the students, Ambassador Pingjian stated that 48 students were chosen significantly to mark 48th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the Peoples Republic of China and Nigeria.

Presenting the cash prize of N100, 000 each alongside the Vice-Chancellor to the deserving students, the ambassador equally expressed hopes that the scholarship award would continue.

In his remarks, Prof. Ahaneku expressed gratitude to the Ambassador for his benevolence which according to him has given hopes to a lot of students. He charged the beneficiaries to be good ambassadors of the University and improve in their studies.

Recall, 47 students benefitted from the scholarship in 2018.



### **ELECTION OF TWO SENATE REPRESENTATIVES INTO JOINT COUNCIL/SENATE** SELECTION BOARD FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

Accredited Voters 388

1. Prof. S. O. Anigbogu 102 Votes 2. Prof. Igwebuike V. Onyiaorah -98 Votes 3. Prof. Can Nwankwo 90 Votes 4. Prof. Charles Nwadigwe 81 Votes

Total Valid Votes 371 Invalid Votes 11 Total Vote Cast 382

### **ELECTION OF TWO SENATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR SEARCH TEAM FOR THE** APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

1. Prof. Ikemefuna Uzochukwu -120 votes 2. Dr. Cordelia Ebenebe 118 votes 3. Prof. Micheal Ezenwa 76 votes 64 votes 4. Prof. Maduabuchi Dukor

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### **ELECTION OF TWO CONGREGATION REPRESENTATIVES FOR SEARCH TEAM FOR** THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

1. Mr. ChineduAchufusi 77 votes 70 votes 2. Prof. Vivian Nwogbo 3. Prof. Ngozi Ewuim 37 votes 4. Dr. Chike Nwankwo 20 votes

Total Votes 204 Invalid Votes 0 Accredited Votes 204

# **uBIOME AWARDS GRANT TO UNIZIK TO STUDY THE INFLUENCE** OF PROBIOTICS ON THE URINARY TRACT MICROBIOME

uBiome has awarded microbiome research support in study design, planning, sample collection, and analysis to a team of researchers at Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Anambra State, Nigeria led by Dr. Kingsley C. Anukam, PhD, and supported by Dr. Nneka R. Agbokoba, PhD, of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences and Deputy Provost, College of Health Sciences. The study hopes to determine urinary tract microbiome compositions of culture-positive urine and culture-negative urine and evaluate whether oral consumption of probiotics designed for the prevention of urinary tract infections (UTIs) could be found in voided clean-catch midstream urine.

UTI is one of the most common conditions in clinical practice in the developing world, yet urine samples for culture procedures designed to detect fast-growing aerobic organisms may not detect other slow-growing

anaerobic/fastidious bacteria. This may lead to clinicians diagnosing UTIs based solely on symptoms and prescribing unwarranted antibiotics. Researchers hope this study will improve our understanding of the diversity of bacteria that colonize the urinary tract in health and disease conditions.

Data collected from the study will include urine microbiome composition from uBiome's patented kits, the presence of nitrite, leucocytes, and bacteria in the cleancatch midstream urine, and type of clinically-tested probiotic (in warm dairy or water) given to study participants."This is an exciting study which may contribute to a better understanding of the urinary tract microbiome and potentially improve the current treatment of UTIs," Dr. Jessica Richman, PhD, co-founder and CEO of uBiome, said. "We look forward to supporting Nnamdi Azikiwe University with this study."

Dr. Anukam is a visiting researcher at the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences at Nnamdi Azikiwe University where he supervises postgraduate students working in the area of the human microbiome and probiotics. He is also the Research Coordinator at Saint Joseph's Health Care London in Ontario and the Research Unit Leader of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). He was previously a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Benin in Nigeria. Dr. Anukam has over 50 peer-reviewed scientific publications and four refereed book chapters, and he is the editor of more than 30 journals.

About the grant, Dr. Anukam said, "uBiome has made the impossible, possible. With their state-of-the-art technology, students and academic staffs of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science lept into the air with joy. uBiome has uplifted the standard of their research projects, which can compete with the rest of the international academic community as Nigeria has a track record of not providing funds for academic research. We look forward to receiving more assistance from uBiome in our future grant applications."

The grant was made possible through uBiome's Microbiome Grant Initiative. The Microbiome Grant Initiative has awarded millions of dollars in research support to hundreds of investigators around the world at renowned academic institutions and not-for-profit research organizations, including Harvard University, Stanford University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of California, San Francisco, Oxford University, and the University of Sydney. Awards include patented microbiome sequencing kits, as well as research support in study design, planning, sample collection, and analysis. To learn more about the award process or to submit a grant proposal, visit <a href="http://www.ubiome.com/microbiome-grant-initiative/">http://www.ubiome.com/microbiome-grant-initiative/</a>.

# **UNIZIK MARKS ORIENTATION FOR NEW ENTRANTS**



The management of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka recently, held an Orientation exercise for new entrants for the 2018/2019 academic session.

Addressing the new entrants, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS spoke on the need that every child should have access to education and that has tilted to the favour of the 2018/2019 new entrants as this year's admission is the highest in the history of the institution. "This year's admission is the highest

we've ever done as we believe that every child should be given access to education," he said.

Prof Ahaneku further enjoined the new students to make use of every window of opportunity which the University will avail them. On that note, the VC encouraged them to make use of the language advantage which the Confucius Institute provides. "The Confucius Institute has become a purveyor of visibility and mobility to Nigerian Youths." Prof Ahaneku also spoke on the need for good behaviour on the part of the students, mandating them that academic excellence ends in character and learning.

Other speakers who spoke during the Orientation Programme include the Special adviser to the VC on academic matters, Prof. Charles Esimone, who spoke on University Academic Regulations; the acting Registrar, Mrs. Uju Okonkwo, on Administrative Structure/Channels of Communication and Registration Guidelines; the University Bursar, Mrs. J.N. Ojukwu, on Financial Guidelines for Students; the Librarian, Rev. Prof. Obiora Cyril Nwosu, on the use of the University Library; among others.

# **9TH RAGS TO RICHES SEMINAR**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS has approved the 9<sup>th</sup> Rags to Riches Seminar of ChikeOkoli Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies in collaboration with ChikeOkoli Foundation, Lagos to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Recall that the 9<sup>th</sup> Rags to Riches Seminar was postponed last year due to the ASUU strike.

# ASCON INVITES UNIZIK SENIOR OFFICERS TO 4TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP

he Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) in collaboration with the President Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) has invited the senior officers of Nnamdi Azikiwe University to their 4th National Workshop on Understanding the Ease of Doing Business, Transparency and Promotion of Efficiency and Service Delivery to be held on 20th-22nd May, 2019 at ASCON, Badagry, Lagos.

Recall that the Vice President Prof. Yemi Osibanjo (SAN) had in May, 2017 signed a far-reaching Executive Order to ease business and entrench measures and strategies aimed at promoting ease of doing business, transparency and efficiency.

**COURSE FEE(S):80,000.00** per participant (excluding feeding and accommodation). Payment can be made by cash at the venue or through ASCON e-collection Account No. 0230055861019

The Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) Badagry

Payment may be made by cash at the venue.

**Accommodation:** ASCON has accommodation facilities at the following rates:

Chalet 10,000.00 5,000.00 Double Room 3,000.00 Single Room

Registration: Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday while registration commences on Monday at 8.30am at the same venue

### For further information and bookings:

Please, contact Alh. A. Musa on (08037185286 or 08029942238) Director of Studies and Head of Department, Local Government Studies. E-Mail: musaahmed69@gmail.com

# UNIZIK HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCES SALE OF ADMISSION FORMS

his is to inform the University Community that UNIZIK High School has commenced the sale of Admission Forms for the next academic year (2019/2020).

Interested persons should visit First Bank and pay the sum of N3000 into the school account (A/C No: 2011712725) and visit the school for the collection of the form.

# NIGERIA PRIZE FOR SCIENCE OPENS INVITATION FOR 2019 EDITION ENTRIES

he Nigeria Prize for Science sponsored by Nigeria LNG Limited recently has announced the commencement of the 2018 competition and invited interested applicants for entries.

Opened between February 2019 and May 3, 2019, the Advisory Board of the Organization confirmed the theme of this year's edition as Climate Change: Erosion, Drought and Desertification. The organization aims to encourage and reward excellence in scientific research and innovations that will help to solve a pre-identified Nigerian problem. Recall that Nigeria prize for Science awards a prize of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to winner(s) annually.

Following the invitation, applications and nominations are accepted for the award from interested faculties and students of the University who are involved in research on the related fields. The application procedure and further information can be found on the Nigeria LNG website (www.nigerialng.com)

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

Application for 2020 World Bank selection process for Young Professional Program is open from June 14 - July 28, 2019.

Please encourage your children, nieces, nephews to apply if they satisfy the criteria. Should be born on or after 1 October 1987.

http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/careers/programs-and-internships/young-professionalsprogram

# INVITATION FOR NOMINATION TO MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The Centre for Management Development (CMD) South –East Zonal Office, Owerri has invited UNIZIK to the Management development workshop scheduled to hold in June, 2019. The workshops are designed to equip participants with the requisite skills to perform their day-to-day duties effectively. The title of the workshops are:

- Pension Scheme Management and administration workshop (June, 17-21, i. 2019)
- Store and Inventory Management Workshop (June 17-21, 2019) ii.
- **Human Resources Management for Administration and personnel Officers** iii. Workshop (June 24-28, 2019).

The workshop fee is #80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Naira) only, per participant. The fee covers workshop materials, tea/snacks and lunch.

The Workshop fee is to be paid directly into the TSA account below or pay cash at workshop venue:

Acct. Name: CMD Project Account

Acct No.: 0020075161027

Bank: CBN (through any Commercial Bank)

For additional information, please contact:

The Zonal Coordinator (08033317325)

Centre for Management Development, South-East Zonal Office

No.1 Amamasi Close, Beside Concorde Hotel, New Owerri, Owerri, Imo State.

# (INTRODUCING NACETEM 2019 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME)

The National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM) is an agency of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (FMST) set up and vested with the mandate of training and development of middle and high level manpower as well as engaging in policy research in the key areas of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) management for all tiers of government and private sector for national development. It equally seeks to play a leading role in the buildup of expertise for effective management of science technology and innovation through various capacity building programmes whilst equally engaging in policy

research, design evaluation and review. Therefore in pursuance of her objectives, NACETEM, south west zonal office Lagos which organizes and conducts specialized training programmes in the areas of technology management via workshops and seminars, which notable organisations (both public and private) in the past has sent participants, are thereby pleased to invite the general public (school nominee(s) to attend their workshop programmes scheduled for 2019. NACETEM wishes to underscore the importance of advance registration for the programme. Nominations could be made via e-mail to nacetemsouthwest@yahoo.com.



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· Chinyeaka Rebecca Arinze of Vice-Chancellor's office shall on Saturday 27th of April, 2019 walk down the aisle with her heart-throb Mr. Ekene Collins Okpalachianumba of Security Department @ Victory Christian Church, No. 26 Umuoramma Avenue, beside Umuoramma Hall, Amenyi, Awka. Time: 10.00am. Reception follows thereafter.

# **ALUMNI RELATIONS UNIT LOSES STAFF**

The Alumni Relations Unit has lost a staff, late Mrs. Theresa Amogechukwu Nwakego Obi-Okoye. Until her death, she was a deputy Registrar with the Unit and also related to Olisaemeka Obi Okoye of the PA/Payroll Office. Funeral Arrangements are slated for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at her country home, Uruofolo village Nri, Anaocha LGA Anambra State.

### DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY AND BREWING LOSES IMMEDIATE PAST HOD

The Department of Applied Microbiology and Brewing lost a Reader & her immediate past HOD, Dr. Etim Joseph Archibong, who died on 19th of January, 2019. **Burial Arrangement:** Tuesday, 26th of March, 2019 – Commendation Service in his honour @ University Auditorium. 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019 - Interment @ Obong Itam in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State. **Tributes for him** can be sent to this email address: udohmfon196@yahoo.com or archibongtributes@gmail.com

### PROFESSOR EMMANUEL O. EZEANI PASSES ON

The Ezeani family of Ebenato-Okpalla Village of Nnewi South L.G.A announced death of Prof. Emmanuel O. Ezeani, a lecturer in the Department of Modern European Languages, Faculty of Arts, of the University, who passed on to eternal glory on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018. **Funeral Arrangement:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 — His remains will be interred at his residence, Ascension Villa, Ebenato-Okpalla Village, Amichi, Nnewi South L.G.A Anambra State. Tuesday 9th April, 2019—Vigil Mass and Night of Tribute will be held for him at his compound. Thursday 11th April, 2019 — Other Funeral rites will continue. **Tributes for him can be sent to this email** address: ezikeudechukwu@gmail.com

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General **Eligibility Requirements:** in Lagos is pleased to announce the annual call for applications for the Fulbright African Research Scholar Program(ARSP) for the 2020/2021 academic year. This program, funded by the United States Department of State offers senior faculty members from Nigerian universities, the opportunity to conduct research at U.S. institutions for a minimum of three (3) months and a maximum of nine (9) months. The selection process and final award of grants are extremely competitive.

The Fulbright African Research Scholar Program offers two categories of grants: research grants and program and curriculum development grants.

- **Research Grants:** Awards of 3 to 9 months are offered under the research grants for Nigerian university faculty or research institute professionals to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2020 and no later than March 2021. Applicants must hold a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference will be given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.
- Program and Curriculum Development **Grants:** Awards of 3 to 5 months are offered under program and curriculum development grants for Nigerian university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2020 and no later than March 2021. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or other academic programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for university faculty or administrators with less experience and who may not have had recent access to research or instructional developments in their disciplines. A doctorate degree is not required, but applicants must hold a minimum of a master's or equivalent graduate degree.

Grant Benefits: The grant covers the candidate's J-1 visa, round trip airfare to the U.S., a settling-in allowance, professional allowance, monthly stipend, housing allowance, books-and-supplies allowance, and computer allowance. The grant also covers basic university health insurance as a primary insurance coverage and the Fulbright ASPE health benefit as secondary coverage. Also, the grant covers travel of one dependent if he/she will stay with the grantee for at least 80% of the grant period. Moreover, it covers the dependent allowance.

**Program Timeline:** Application opens on February 1, 2019 and the strict deadline for submitting online applications is June 1, 2019. All supporting documents must be uploaded online by the application deadline to receive consideration.

Application and Instructions: Applications must be completed online at https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2020 Applicant should click on "create an account" to start a new application.

- An intended applicant must be a citizen of Nigeria or a permanent resident, and should hold a valid passport issued by the Nigerian government.
- The ARSP is open to scholars in all disciplines and without regard to gender or age; however, proposals for clinical medical research involving patient contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
- Applicants for research grants must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference is given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.
- Applicants without doctorate degrees but who hold a master's or equivalent graduate degree are eligible in the program and curriculum development category.
- Applications for doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following the completion of a doctorate degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright scholar grant.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have had no experience or limited experience in the U.S.
- Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.
- Scholars must indicate the grant category for which they are applying (research grant or program and curriculum development grant).
- Each application must include three letters of reference.
- 11. Letters of invitation from U.S. academic or research institutions are strongly encouraged but not required. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions may request that the Institute of International Education (IIE) identify suitable placements.
- Although TOEFL exams are not required but applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues.
- Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous 13. competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, and obtain current letters of reference.

We urge applicants to contact Fulbright alumni for guidance with the application process, if possible. Should you have questions regarding this program, please send an email to AygbusiCO@state.gov



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

- Dr .Uzochukwu Edwin Ebenebe who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 after a protracted illness. Until his death, he was a retired academic staff of the University in the Department of Community Medicine and Primary Health Care and equally a one-time South-East Zonal coordinator (2000-2004) at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency. Funeral Arrangements: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 @ 2:00pm brief commendation service at St Andrews DCC, near round about Nnewi. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019: lying in state at his compound with interment and condolences following subsequently after.
- Mr. Clement Uzoeto Okeke (MUTUM) who died at the age of 68. Until his death, he was the father of Mr. Okeke Clement Onyeka of Bursary Unit and the Fatherin-law to Mrs. Chikaodili Okeke of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations. Burial Arrangement: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2019: Service of Songs, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019: Body leaves Rest Land Mortuary Ichi to his compound for lying in State. 9am: Burial Mass, Interment. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 Condolence Visit Continues. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Outing Service @ Divine Mercy Catholic Church Oka Ichi, Ekwusigo L GA Anambra State.
- Mr. Isaac Chukwuma Dike (A.K.A Akulueuno) who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019. He retired in Works Department. Burial Arrangement: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019, he will be buried @his residence No. 12 Alpha

- Lane Amikwo Village Awka. Until his death he was the husband of Mrs. Comfort Nkem Dike, the Directorate of International Collaboration & Linkages.
- Mr. Iwuchukwu Samuel Okeke. He was the husband of Grace Amache Okeke of the Faculty of Law and father to Anichebe Tochukwu (Nwanyikwonu) of the Department of Biochemistry. He was equally an uncle to Lawrence Okeke (Lawman), the Chief Security Officer of the University. Burial Arrangements: Thursday 28th of March 2019- vigil mass at his compound Enebe Street, Nkwelle Awka. Friday 29th of March - Interment and condolence visit subsequently by well-wishers and friends.
- Barr. Emma Frank Ifeagachukwu Anaebonam of Umunagu village Achalla town, Awka North LGA whose death occurred on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 after a brief illness. Until his death, he was the husband to Mrs. Anaebonam Nkiru, the Faculty Admin Officer of Social Sciences. *Burial Arrangement:* Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019; Time-5pm, Vigil Mass at his compound. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 @10am- Burial Mass at St Paul Catholic Church Achalla. Interment follows immediately at Anaebonam's compound. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-Thanksgiving and Outing Mass subsequently at St Paul Catholic Church Achalla.

### VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECURITY LINES

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