UNIOSUN graduates 1,186 students; Aregbesola charges tertiary institutions to restore glory to ivory towers

Osun State University has graduated 1,186 students from seven faculties at its third convocation ceremony. In his convocation speech, the Visitor of the institution, Ogbeni Rauf Adesoji Aregbesola argued that higher institutions could do better in guaranteeing functional education. He charged them to restore glory to the ivory towers. According to him, "A university does not only provide and promote knowledge; it is also one of the highest achievements in human organisation. The university is crucial to development. Knowledge is useless without being available to humans who apply them. It is unfortunate that in our society, the relationship between the academia and the larger society has almost broken down. One of the manifestations is the issue of unemployable graduates." He therefore advised that there must be a link between knowledge-producing centres and knowledge-using centres.

Meanwhile, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of Osun State University, Professor Gabriel A. Olawoyin, re-stated the focus of the Governing Council in ensuring quality assurance and transparency.

He said: 'We are resolute in applying quality assurance, transparency and prudence to all areas of our mandate. Our expectation of excellence from the staff and students of the University is found in our own submission to the same standards that Council has set for them.'

On funding, Olawoyin said: 'We are strategizing to attract non-governmental funding to the University so as to enhance its development, research capacity and scholarship.'

He seized the opportunity to appreciate the enormous and timely financial and infrastructural support that the University has received from the Government of the State of Osun, the Local Governments of the State as well as distinguished Nigerians in general and indigenes of the State in
particular. He commended the sacrificial dedication of the staff and students of the University and the fact that they have had to endure hardship as pioneering soldiers in the relatively new but rapidly developing institution.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adekunle Bashiru Okesina, congratulated the graduands and noted that the university has recorded academic successes. He stated that 1,186 students graduated at the convocation: 20 with first class; 328 with second class upper; 660 with second class lower and 178 with third class. He listed the institution’s achievements to include accreditation, introduction of new courses and giant strides many of its lecturers are making.

To the graduands, he said: 'I admonish you to transfer the lessons of the UNIOSUN spirit that is encapsulated in our motto and core values - 'the living spring of knowledge' - to the wider world where you will now function. I urge you to be courageous, adventurous and be good ambassadors of your citadel of learning.'

The NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Julius Okoje represented by Professor Adebisi Balogun commended the institution for the progress it was making.

High point of the ceremony was the conferment of first degrees and award of prizes to the best graduating students.

Don't Give Up Until You Make Your Last Attempt, ... best 2012/2013 graduand

The best UNIOSUN graduand for the 2012/2013 academic year, Rasheed Oluwaseun Oladipupo has charged his fellow graduands not to give up until they have made their last attempt.

Oladipupo stated this in his valedictory speech at the 3rd convocation ceremony of the institution. The 22-year old graduate said: 'Success in life depends on how determined and how well prepared we are to effectively apply the knowledge and skills we have acquired here, and in addition, how willing we are to constantly add to these by improving ourselves.

He warned that the end of their studies at the institution should be seen as a means to an end, rather than an end in itself.

He said: 'Let us go out there to harness our potentials and God-given abilities to contribute to
the growth of humanity in our own small way. As we step out of this university and into the world, let us ponder on this simple but thought-provoking quote by Ben Francia “Don’t give up until you make your last attempt and don’t make your last attempt until you have succeeded”.

He implored his colleagues to stand, protect and defend the image of this great institution. 'We must also defend the degrees that have just been awarded to us. We all have passed through doors opened by the heroes of the past. So let us not close the door behind us by hoarding whatever experience or knowledge we have accumulated these years. Let our successors pass through the doors we will open.

He advised them to dare to make some breakthroughs to make life easier and more interesting for those that will come after them.

'Great ambassadors of our reputable institution, in saying a very big congratulation to you, I remind you that the battle line has just been drawn. Therefore, in order to affect our world positively we must exhibit a great sense of courage, power, humility, optimism, and tenacity. We must be prepared to dare challenges and also never accept defeat as we journey through life. So I implore you to be great leaders wherever you find yourself and also have the zeal to dare things that may seem impossible from the onset.'

He expressed appreciation to their parents/guardians who have contributed financially and otherwise in making them happy and successful graduates.

**FOUNDER VC COMMENDS AREGBESOLA, APPLAUDS THE APPOINTMENT OF OLAWOYIN AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Foundation Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University, Professor Sola Akinrinade, has commended the continuing commitment of the State Government to the development of Osun State University along the right paths.

This was made known in a goodwill message sent to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor A. B. Okesina, on the occasion of the 3rd convocation ceremony of the institution.

Akinrinade who would have loved to be personally present at the various programmes but due to a national assignment that took him out of the country said: '... I like to congratulate the Visitor, Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the University on this important occasion. That the University is holding its 3rd convocation is evidence of the progress that it is making in establishing itself as an institution of note in the country.

One must commend the continuing commitment of the Osun State Government to the development of the institution along the right paths as evident in the choice o the chairman and members of the Governing Council of the University. I like to encourage continuing commitment to the vision and founding values and ethics of the institution in the quest to build an enduring institution.'

**FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE: OKESINA RECEIVES PAT ON THE BACK**

For his various achievements within one year in office, the Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University, Professor Adekunle Bashir Okesina has received a pat on the back.

This was the assessment of people during the celebration of the first year in office of Professor Okesina, at a ceremony held at the University's Guest House, Osogbo.
the achievements so far recorded within his first year in office. 
In his remarks, Professor Okesina, expressed appreciation to the Almighty Allah for his grace and thanked everybody for their support. He, however, urged them to remain steadfast in their prayer and support for him.
At the ceremony were the Principal Officers, Provosts, Deans and Directors, union leaders, staff and friends of the institution.

AMAECHI ADVISES GOVERNORS TO TAKE EDUCATION SERIOUSLY

The Governor of Rivers State, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, has advised all Governors in the country to take education seriously.

Amaechi gave this advice while delivering a lecture titled, “Higher Education and Good Governance in Nigeria: The way Forward” at the Second Osun State University Distinguished Guest Lecture Series, held at the University Auditorium, main campus in Osogbo.

While speaking on the commitment of his administration to basic education, the Governor of the State of Osun, Ogbeni Aregbesola said: "Basic education is not negotiable, that is why we are doing what we are doing on basic education considering the neglect that the sector had suffered, it is our concern to give it necessary quality."
Aregbesola then expressed hope that UNIOSUN would sustain the tradition of academic excellence tailored towards social relevance.

UNIOSUN RANKS 2ND BEST STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE WEBOMERICS RANKING OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Osun State University, Osogbo established about seven years ago, has been ranked 2nd best State University in the country.
According to the latest edition of the Ranking Web of Universities released in February 2014, UNIOSUN ranked 2nd best State University in
Nigeria, 24th in Nigeria and 10,114th in the world.

The ranking which covers 20,000 higher education institutions worldwide is aimed to motivate both institutions and scholars to have a web presence that reflect accurately their activities.

This is a remarkable improvement from the previous edition released in February 2013 where the University ranked 30th in Nigeria.

My son has made my dream come true ... Alhaja Oladipu; Oladipu Rasheed says his best is yet to come
The pride of all parents is to see their dream come true on their children.
One of such parents is Alhaja Oladipuo, the mother of Rasheed Oluwaseun Oladipuo, the best graduated student of Osun State University at the 3rd Convocation ceremony,

Alhaja Oladipu, a trader in Obun Eko, Lagos who was happy, embraced her son several times. She smiled and said: “My son has made my dream come true.
I am just a trader who believes my child should have the best education. Because I did not go to school, I believe he (Rasheed) should get the best of education. Besides, it is proceeds from our trading that formed a large part of what we used to train him. So, it is important that he makes the best use of the opportunity.
Alhaja Oladipu who was grateful to Allah was, however, sad that her husband who died last year could not witness the joy.
Meanwhile, the best graduated student, Rasheed Oladipu has stated that his best was yet to come.
He said this in his valedictory speech when addressing his mother, 'Alhaja, I want to tell you that the best is yet to come. You will be alive to reap the fruits of your labour and sacrifice. God will so bless you that you will be called blessed. I love and appreciate you so much. You are the best mother one can ever have and I could not have asked for a better mother.'

Oladipu with the Cumulative Grade Point Average of 4.73, won the Departmental, Faculty and College Prizes. He also bagged the Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for the Most Outstanding Student of the Year in Humanities and capped it with the Chancellor’s Prize for being the Most Outstanding Student of the Year. He is an indigene of Kwara State.

NAAT Felicitates with Professor Okesina
The entire members of the National Association of Academic Technologies (NAAT), UNIOSUN Branch have joined others to felicite the Vice-Chancellor, Prof A. B. Okesina on the occasion of his first anniversary as the VC.
According to a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Comrade Kazeem Olabiyi, the Union prayed God to make the Vice-Chancellor's tenure to continue to bring peace to the entire university community.
WORDS OF WISDOM

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

?  Winston Churchill

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

The management and entire staff of Osun State University rejoice with the staff members whose birthdays fall on the dates noted below as they add another year to their lives.

Wishing you many happy returns.

ADEXUMI, I'smy I A. - 24/3
ADEYEMO, Abiola O - 24/3
BALOGUN, Oluwafemi T - 24/3
ONI, Olawale P - 24/3
AJIJOYE, Abiodun A - 25/3
OIJOLA, Boseide M - 25/3
OVIJE-DLEONE, Alex I - 25/3
PELEMOMO, Grace D - 26/3
ABES, Peter O - 27/3
AKINRINADE, Ayo A - 27/3
IJITONA, Olugbenga O - 27/3
AJAYI, Ayodeji - 29/3
OGUNLANA, Olafunke E. - 30/3
AKANDE, Sunday A - 31/3
EHINDOKUN, Abidun R - 31/3
LAWAL, Muyiwa O - 31/3
AKINYEMI, Adeyemi O - 2/4
FAMOYEGUN, Adesanya - 2/4
RABIU, Kazeem O - 2/4
SHADARE, Adejoke O - 2/4
AKANBI, Boseide E - 3/4
HAMMED, Moshood A. - 4/4
SALAM, Isiaka A - 4/4
FATOKUN, Yemi T - 4/4
FAAOYE, Oluwasogo O - 5/4
IDOWU, Amos O - 5/4
OUGBEJA, Suken T - 5/4
TIJANI, Ahmad A - 8/4
ILESANMI, Oladele A - 9/4
OKANLAWON, Isiaka A - 9/4
OLADELE, Olajiwola O - 9/4
HASSAN, Mustapha B - 10/4
FALOYIN, Olaelekan A - 11/4
OGUNDIMOYIN, Ibrahim K - 12/4
ADEROGBA, Adegoke A - 13/4
ADESOYE, Anthony A. - 13/4
AJAYI, Ebenezer I - 13/4

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