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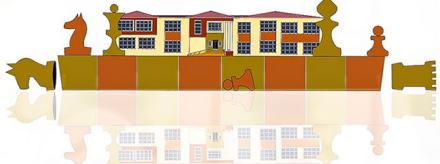
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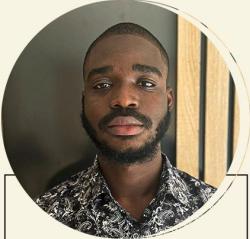
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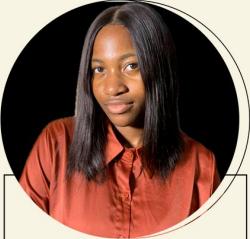
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CLOSING THE L∞OP: A CONVERSATION

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COULD YOU BOTH INTRODUCE YOURSELVES BRIEFLY AND SHARE A BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND?

Nkem: My name is Ezenwa Nkem Mayowa. I'm a first-year student at Bowen University studying Computer Science. My heritage is a blend of Igbo and Yoruba, as my mom is Yoruba and my dad is Igbo.

Malik: Hey everyone! I'm Adebayo Abdul-Malik, and graduate in Computer Science from Bowen University. I currently work as an AI researcher and I'm passionate about football.

John: I'm John Ezembu, a First Class Honors graduate in Computer Science from Bowen University. I have a solid background in Machine Learning, Data Analytics, and Database Administration, along with a diverse skill set that includes Python, SQL, business intelligence, and cloud computing. I've also demonstrated strong leadership abilities through organizing large-scale tech and innovation events. I'm passionate about leveraging my analytical and problem-solving skills in a data-driven role that fosters growth and innovation.

HOW HAS UNIVERSITY LIFE CHANGED SINCE YOU STARTED?

Nkem: Bowen has taught me a lot about independence, time management, and critical thinking. I feel that I've become more mature and responsible.

Malik: Bowen has provided a platform for me to push my limits. I've grown a lot since my first year—academically and personally. Interacting with brilliant minds here has allowed me to learn from others and share my knowledge as well. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had and hope Bowen can offer the same to future students.

WHAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN COMPUTER SCIENCE?

Nkem: What drew me to Computer Science is the challenge of problem-solving. I aim to excel at what I do, constantly learn, and find solutions.

Malik: For me, it's partly the growing opportunities in tech. I enjoy math and problem-solving, and Computer Science allows me to tackle real-world issues. And of course, the field offers good financial prospects.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR YOU?

Nkem: For me, multitasking has been challenging, with so many activities and commitments. Additionally, the registration process can be overwhelming. Some core Computer Science courses require significant self-study, which has been tough.

Malik: My biggest challenge has been adjusting to the structured environment at Bowen, which is quite different from my previous experience at a Federal school. There are more rules and a stronger focus on self-study, and balancing academics with other activities has been challenging as well.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A FRESHMEN?

John: For Freshmen, one common mistake is not getting to know upper-level students or finding mentors. Having someone to guide you, who's already navigated the same challenges, can be invaluable. Many first-years try to go it alone, but building connections and seeking advice can make university life much easier.

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

John: One of the biggest lessons I've learned is that education doesn't stop at the classroom walls. To succeed in this field, you need to go beyond what's taught, take courses, and choose a specialty—be it front-end, back-end, cloud computing, cybersecurity, or data science. Personally, I gravitated toward data science because it matches my strengths in math and analysis. It's also key to develop communication skills and public speaking. Many in tech struggle with communicating their ideas, so if you can master this along with technical skills, you add immense value.

WHAT'S THE BEST TECH-RELATED ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?

Nkem: Consistency is key, along with constantly learning, relearning, and unlearning as necessary

John: There's a common saying, 'practice makes perfect,' which holds especially true in tech. If you don't practice, you'll lose what you've learned. Setting a regular practice schedule helps you build and retain your skills, ultimately making you a professional.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO INCOMING STUDENTS

Nkem: My advice to new students is to be prepared for the challenges ahead. If you're coming to study a technical field like Computer Science or Cybersecurity, having some foundational knowledge of coding can be really helpful. Learning the basics before starting university will prevent you from feeling lost in class

HOW DO YOU BALANCE ACADEMICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

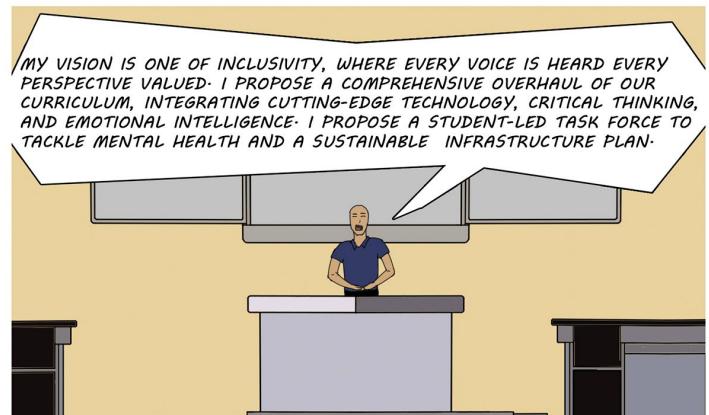
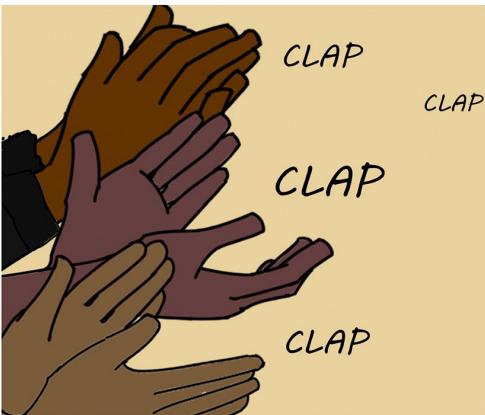
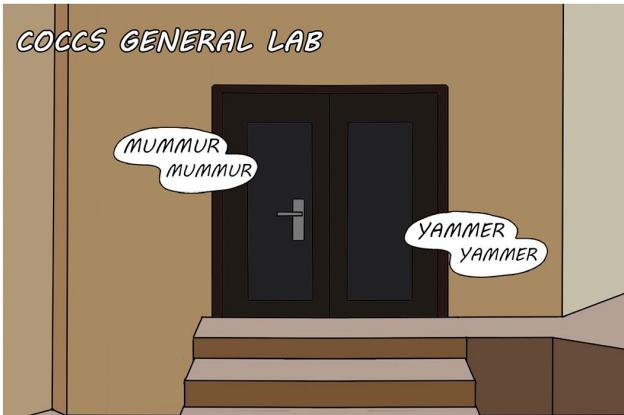
Malik: Time management and prioritization are crucial. I plan around events, ensuring my academics are handled beforehand. Toward exams, I intensify my study efforts, minimizing distractions to stay fully prepared. Throughout the semester, I balance academics and extracurriculars by prioritizing based on what's most important each day.

HOW HAVE YOU FOUND SUPPORT FROM LECTURERS, PEERS, OR MENTORS?

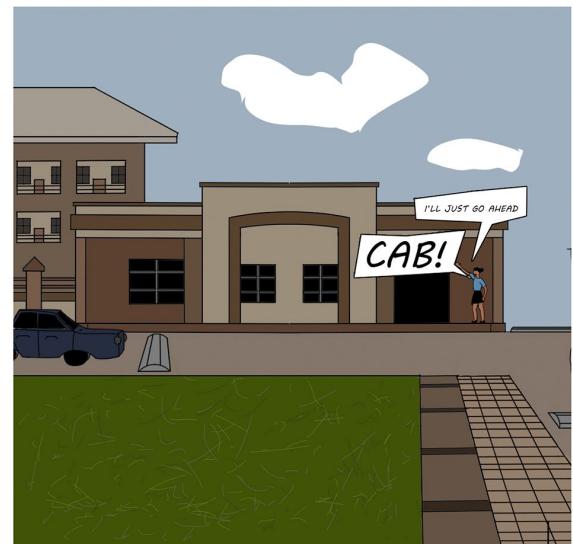
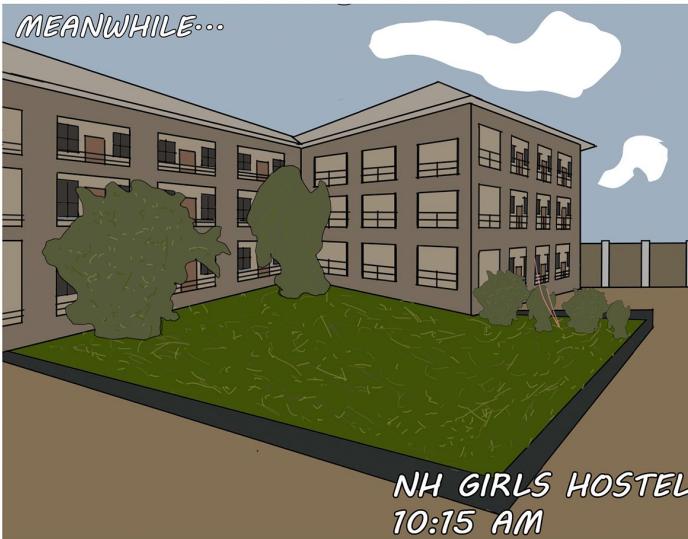
Malik: Don't be shy about seeking help. Whether it's classmates, seniors, or lecturers, most people are willing to assist if you approach them respectfully. Reaching out can make a big difference.

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The entire NACOS community is proud to celebrate one of our own, Boluwatife Ogundiran, on this incredible achievement. Being recognized by ForbesBLK is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and passion. We are inspired by her accomplishments and can't wait to see the positive impact she'll continue to make.

Congratulations, Boluwatife!

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We are thrilled to congratulate the College of Computing and Communication Studies (COCCS) on their remarkable achievements at the 2024/2025 Fresher's Cup! COCCS claimed victories in Football, Relay (male & female), Shot Put (female), and the 200M race, as well as securing the Basketball Runner-Up position. Their exceptional performance earned them the title of Overall Best College. We are incredibly proud of our COCCS athletes for their dedication and hard work. Congratulations, COCCS



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