

Approved Transcript 1

VO: Good morning

Me: Good morning. Happy new year

VO: so why are you going to the US

Me: I am going for my masters degree in food science at North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University and I will be working with Prof. *** on her research which is on Nutritional Genomics.

VO: why this school

Me: I chose NCAT because I am interested in prof. *** research as I earlier said the research is on Nutritional Genomics and after making my intents known to her about my interest in her research she offered me a position as a research assistant and the position came with a funding opportunity, here is the funding letter (she didn't tell me to pass it so I held on to it) And also the school has a track on post harvest technology i.e the school has a post harvest technology research center and it is generally known that one of the major problems of food insecurity in Nigeria is post harvest losses of farm produce, i believe i will be able to take courses on post harvest technology among other courses and make use of the knowledge upon my return to Nigeria thereby helping to reduce the problem of food insecurity. Lastly this degree will help me (she cuts in)

VO: I can see you have funding of ... and deficit of who ll be paying for the deficit?

Me: my mother

VO: what does she do

Me: she distributes Nigerian Breweries products within and outside osun state

VO: where does she live

Me: osun state in ife

Vo: what is the name of her company

Me: adet distributing company

VO: adet?

Me: Yes, from our surname

VO: ok

VO: do you have anything to proof this

Me: no, the only thing I have is her bank statement

VO: ok

VO: what is the capacity of her company

Me: she has above 40 staffs, 10 major and above 25 contract staffs

VO: since when has she been doing the business

Me: over 10 years

VO: what will this course do for you

Me: upon my return to Nigeria as I was saying earlier, this degree will equip me with knowledge and skills because the research I will be working on with prof. *** as I said has never been done in Nigeria before and when I return I would continue with the research because I have been promised a position at the department of food sci. OAU where I graduated a position as a research scientist by then the equipments required would have been ready as they have written a grant towards that(she kept nodding and I didn't look away)

VO: what did you study during your undergraduate

Me: I'm going for my masters degree in food science

VO: I mean your undergraduate (pointing at my I-20)

Me: oh I studied food science at OAU

VO: what year did you graduate

Me: I graduated in 2018

VO: what have you been doing since then

Me: after graduation, I went for the compulsory NYSC and finished late 2019, early 2020 I resumed at the department of food science oau as a research assistant

VO: you are working as a research assistant?

Me: I am volunteering as a research assistant due to my interest in research. I assist Dr. *** in preparation, writing and review of manuscripts and journal articles also in performing experiments on her research

VO: what is the research about?

Me: we worked on the bioactive compounds in pawpaw, we word on the determination of the abundance of bioactive compounds in pawpaw before the lockdown (I stammered at first before I regained balance but I didn't take my eyes off as she kept nodding and typing)

VO: what were you doing during the lockdown, did you take professional courses or what

Me: since we were done with the experiments before the lockdown, I assisted in writing of articles and journals

VO: ok, what have you been doing since after lockdown

Me: like I said we have been writing manuscripts and journals and we haven't been able to resume since ASUU is still on strike and I have been making preparations for resumption

VO: so what will you do when you return?

Me: as I earlier said I will be resuming as a research scientist at OAU because I will be working on the experiment since it has never been done in Nigeria and by then the equipments would have been available

VO: so you have a job already

Me: yes

How many siblings do you have

Me: 4, 3 elder siblings who are married and working and a younger sibling who is in her 3rd year in oau

VO: what did you say

Me: I repeated same thing

VO: do you have any friend in the Us

Me: no, just the ones I have been in contact with

VO: I can see you have funding, how can you proof to me that you will be working as a research assistant (I guess she asked that because of the way they stated the funding in my I-20, I had the same issue with the black VO in Abuja the last time)

Me: I have emails printed here that I got from her and from the international office (Fortunately I printed the emails they sent to me when I told them I wasn't going to be able to resume for orientation and all) she passed it back then I passed her the funding letter

VO: then she said the words, i will be approving you visa. I collect the white slip it and just left crying, thanking God

Approved Transcript 2

B.Sc Computer Science 3.93 (2014)

M.Sc Computer Science 4.9|98% (My school uses cgpa and weighted average (2018)).

No Scholarship, no GA, no GRE. Although i wrote PTE-A in 2016 scored 83/90. I doubt if people really knw PTE-A sef.

Had my interview on thursday, 16/08 @ d lagos embassy for 6:45am. That was my first time at any embassy, I neva travel before. After all the serenren, i got on the interview queue, the crowd was frightening I immediately felt like running to the toilet, the urge was so strong but i just forced myself to keep my cool cos i didnt wanna start the queue again. I dont knw why I was so nervous, my job description involves me talking to a lot of people convincing them to use our services. I just kept on praying that i should be directed to someone who would approve my visa, i dont care if he or she is nice or not. I was directed to a white guy at window 9, he approved the guy before me, he was deaf so he came with a translator, I just kept praying he should still be in the approving mood.

Vo: Good morning

Me: good morning

Vo: how are you today

Me: I'm fine and you?

Vo: passport please.

I passed it with my i-20 and sevis receipt.

Vo: why are you going to the united states?

Me: i'm going for a masters in computer information systems at boston university.

Vo: why do you wanna study this course?

Me: *i had reply i had been rehearsing but i heard myself saying something else* I want to be a Lecturer and I believe i can't give what I dont have. Apart from them having courses that are inline with my research field, there are also courses that I would love to teach. For example during my ug degree, we just scratched the surface of data mining, by my masters degree when we did it, it was mixed with machine learning and web mining. But i just realised that although they are related, they are different concepts.

Vo: what did you research on for your thesis.

Me: a personalized computer assisted language(yoruba) learning platform using machine learning techniques.

Vo: how does it work.

Me: at registration time, the users would fill a form with attributes like age, occupation, likes, dislikes. This data would be used to train the system on what learning content the user would want. The types of learning content are text, audio, graphics and video.

Vo: can u define data mining and machine learning?

Me: i did

Vo: where those the only two concepts u mentioned?

Me: no, i also talked about web mining (defined it)

Vo: can data mining work on a small data set, say 100 records

Me: *i was already thinking, d data mining questions neva do? Who sent me to talk about it now?* it would work sir.

Vo: *chuckles* are you sure?

Me: yes sir.

Vo: is data mining designed for large or small data sets?

Me: mainly for large data sets, but it can work with small data sets.

Vo: how did you hear about boston?

Me i researched online and my immediate boss studied computer science there too, but with a concentration in project management.

Vo: did you apply to other schools

Me: *finally, no more data mining lecture* yes, SNHU

Vo: where u admitted

Me: yes

Vo: so why boston

Me: because its an R1 institution, that is dey av high research activity which would be helpful to me as i would still do my phd in the nearest future.

Vo: who is sponsoring you

Me: my uncle

Vo: are you married or single

Me: single

Vo: do u av children

Me: no

* now this is the tricky part, ive always heard that people go deaf after hearing ill be approving your visa, so i focused on his lips and opened my ear well so dat least if im deaf, i wont b blind, ill read his lips. But i didnt hear anything oo, not even the i have approved your visa part. the next thing i just saw was white paper and my i-20, it took me like some secs to realize i had been approved, said thank you collected my documents and left the place, by dat time all the urge to go to toilet don disappear. It was just God, I wasnt asked for any document.*

I hope my epistle isnt too long.

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to GOD be the Glory!

(Lagos Embassy, August 14th, 6:30am)

visa issued the following day.

me: Hello, how are you?

vo; pass me your passport and i20 (i did)

vo; what course are you going to study?

me; Master of Science in Healthcare Management

vo; where?

me; Atlantis University, Miami, Florida

vo; why are you going to study this course?

me; the deplorable condition of the healthcare system in nigeria has left nothing else to desire which explains.. (vo cuts in; i dont need you to tell me that, i need you to tell me what this course will do for you)..ok, the program will instruct me on the theories and practices of the modern healthcare management environment and prepare me to be able to plan, lead, control, organize, and evaluate quality improvement initiatives in our healthcare industry such that when i return, i'll be able to contribute largely to the reshaping and revolutionizing of the outdated and poor business models put into use in our healthcare industry in nigeria thereby improving public health

vo; why did you choose the school?

me; there are lots of reasons but i'll briefly mention about ten (she looked up scared and was like whaaat) no i dont need you to tell me ten, just tell me the top three..ok i wont talk about the various accreditations, approvals and recognitions, now, atlantis university offers me a curriculum where i'll get community experience which will help me to translate the knowledge gained in class to a real life experience and not just that, having learnt, having exposed and familiarized myself with the US healthcare system, i'll be able to contribute to the nigeria healthcare system on my return. also, financial implication, atlantis university is affordable as i'll be paying 6722\$ per semester. the school has a central philosophy of small class size which facilitates a beautiful learning experience. Also entrepreneurial approach in their programs, case study analysis and simulations, hands on learning, field experiment experience which is what i analyzed earlier and also, multicultural diversity as the school offers lectures in english and spanish so i believe i'll learn spanish (she raised her head and nodded, and said oh spanish, i repeated, yes, spanish. then she sipped some more coffee i guess and got back to her typing)

vo; did you apply to other schools?

me; yes

vo; name them

me; Parks university, parksville, missouri, Westcliff university, irvine, california, Atlantis university, miami, florida

vo; so why atlantis over the others?

me; atlantis offered me master of science in healthcare management compared to the master of business administration in concentration to healthcare management offered by Westcliff. and master of science in healthcare management is the only business program in the world that can harness the reputation, resources and experience of the healthcare industry.

vo; did you take any standardized test?

me; yes. GRE, 311.5, TOEFL, 104
vo; what are you doing currently
me; i work as a histologist at Chronox laboratory owned by Dr. James Olumide Ashaolu who is the first scientist in the world to use bats for simulated microgravity.
vo; who's sponsoring?
me; my mum
vo; what does she do?
me; she is the principal accounting officer for osun state ministry of finance
vo; do you have her soa?
me; of course (passed it to her)
vo; (looked, calculated, typed, flipped through, then asked) does she have any side business?
me; yes, she owns three event halls (i wanted to explain what event hall is and she said she knows, then she returned the soa to me after she was done with it)
vo; have you ever travelled out of the country?
me; i've never had any reason to
vo; are you single or married?
me; single
vo; any kids?
me; hahaha i'm single, so, no kids
vo; (typed and typed and typed, and i was saying HOLY SPIRIT take over, HOLY SPIRIT take over) your visa is approved
me; sorry?
vo; your visa is approved
me; thank you.
vo; pick up your passport in three working days at isolo and at the port of entry you'll need your i20
me; say that again
vo; (she explained again)
me; ok thank you. (and then i left beaming with smile saying JESUS, I GOT IT! then i left)

now a day prior to my interview, i came across a link posted in part 13 of this forum about what vos wish applicants knew, i held onto two.

1. the more the documents you bring to the interview, the less truthful you occur to them, the less documents you come with, the more original you likely are.

2. vos likes complicated stories THAT MAKES SENSE although the stories might not be completely honest, but as an intending STUDENT, you have to make a whole lot of sense. Also, all through my interview, the vo never smiled, she didnt even reply my hello how are you which was enough to dampen my courage, but NOPE!

then confidence, it doesnt come from imagining it, it comes from lots and lots of preps and researches and readings. if you are well prepared, your courage will be boosted. days and nights, i read and read, especially on here, then practices after the agent i contracted had prepared me with series of mocks

Now wait for it, GOD! i told my mum, please pray, my dad, my babe, then myself. GOD's role here can't be overstated!

i had been denied once (june 27th) cuz i wasnt well prepared i guess, but then, the agent i contracted said to me, lets do it one more time (not all of them are bad after all).

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VO: Did you apply to any other school?

ME: Yes

VO: Name them?

ME: University of Tampa, Tareleton state university and Webster university

VO: Why this school?

ME: (smiles) well, although these other three schools are great and outstanding but the deciding factor for me was because I was offered a 50% Academic merit based scholarship (he was now looking at my i-20 for the scholarship) most importantly I have been given the opportunity to work with prof xyz whose research agenda has been on instructional designs and e-learning in developing countries which is applicable to the current situation of education in Nigeria and this was amplified in the Microsoft conference organized two years ago in Nigeria. Lastly I got so fascinated with the curriculum technology center of the department which is designated for designing curriculum for third world countries which I want to acquire and implement in nigeria working.....(cuts me off)

VO: You said you got a 50% scholarship but I can see \$\$\$ which is not even up to that?

ME: Ooo sir I also have an award for out of state waiver(quickly brought it out I kept it somewhere in my folder cuz I knew such question would come up)

VO: (looking at it then said) I think this is 30%

ME: Sir i went to the school's website and got the resident tuition cost of attendance I did a calculation with my total semester credit hour and I arrived at a rough estimate of more than 50%

VO: ooo I see (nodding his fine head lolzzzz) so the scholarship and the award all amounted to 50% which is what amount (yes boo in affirmation and told him the amount) so who will be paying for the rest fees?

ME: My uncle Mr. xyz will be paying the rest fees, my mum will be assisting me where necessary and I also have my personal savings for miscellaneous.

VO: Can I see your uncle's SOA?

ME: Sure sir(Note: I still took my 621 pages SOA A.K.A GMAT,TOEFL and GRE textbook as mocked by few persons here and this was part of the major reason he didn't place me on AP mere looking at the SOA it screams GENUINE!!, I brought it out from it special portfolio) sir for the fact that the SOA is voluminous my uncle made a summary of all transactions On this paper (trying to show him)

VO: Just take off the first and last pages of the SOA

ME: (trying to remove it from the thick staple chai! the thing no gree I was like God ooo this man Should not get angry that I'm wasting his time village ppl oooo. Then I asked) Sir can I tear it? I'm finding it difficult to remove the staple(beckoned on me with a smile to go ahead fiam! In two sec I gave him the pages my booboo was busy studying the SOA I guess he was really impressed with the inflow and outflow which ran into hundreds of millions within 6months then he gave me back and started typing)

VO: Are you single or married?

ME: I'm single

VO: (Started typing for what seemed like eternity, I saw God/devil white/blue paper and my passport was placed beside both of them I was praying in my heart lord please don't let me cry again today please lord) Finally my booboooo said those sweet words YOUR VISA HAS BEEN APPROVED you will pick up blabababla in 3 days blalabla I couldn't curtail the excitement that I had to stamp my left feet on the floor like Nigeria police lolzzzz

ME: smiling sheepishly thank you sir! Thank you sir! Do have a lovely day immediately I came out of the door was jumping and running to go tell my family the good news one of the security men told me to take it easy because those soldiers outside would extort money from me immediately 'I bone face lolzz'