

# KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Department of Chemistry Faculty of Science

Vice Chancellor

**Professor Muhammad Tanko**

B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D, FCA, FCPA, FNAF

E-mail: muhdtanko@gmail.com

08029151213



Head of Department

**Dr. S. P. Bako**

B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D

Dear Graduate Admissions Committee,

### RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR MR. OBED JOSHUA DODO

I am happy to send this recommendation letter in support of Mr. Dodo's graduate school application. I have known him for over four years during his undergraduate studies as a Professor and Head of Department at Kaduna State University (KASU) where he graduated with an outstanding CGPA of 4.71. He has been in three of my classes which are Macromolecular chemistry I (CHM 315), Synthetic methods in organic chemistry (CHM 412), and Industrial Raw Materials and Resource Inventory (CHM 405). Obed obtained a near perfect score of ninety seven (97) in CHM405, a course in which he had the best performance amidst a hundred and twelve students (it was a combined class of chemistry and industrial chemistry students).

My first encounter with Obed in class was in CHM315, a class most students loathed because of the bulkiness of the course materials. Also, my expectation from students during quiz and in exams is always very high and requires extra work, especially outside of the study materials I gave them. Therefore, getting a good grade (at least B) implies a very high level of work ethic and analytical thinking. Obed did not score an A grade but was in the top five percent in that class. Although I am one of the few faculties who gave him a grade of B, it did not seem to bother him like his eagerness to learn. Subsequently, he was consistently at the top of the other classes I took him. His exams, quiz records, and interaction in class showed his in-depth understanding of the fundamentals and practical applications of polymer synthesis, characterization, low-molecular, and structural materials. Also, from his performance in CHM412, Obed proved how well he understood advanced organic reaction mechanism that is applied throughout the synthesis of various natural products and organic compounds. He demonstrated in-depth understanding of the course content by organizing tutorials for his class mates and shared his insights on the concepts treated in class. Obed had the highest score in this course. His ability to create time and tutor his mates and still have testimonials proving the effectiveness and resourcefulness of his tutorials shows his organizational skill and strong potential of doing well in graduate school.

Personally, I got used to seeing Obed in a front row sit throughout all my classes, the interesting part was that he interacts very well in class and never hesitates to share his thoughts on anything being discussed. Obed is a very articulate speaker and is able to communicate his ideas easily without being overbearing. He was the Chairman of the graduating committee for the class of 2017, he had frequently visited my office (Since I was the HOD) in order to inform me of the plans they had as a class and sort permission to execute them. He did a great job in leading that committee and the outcome was remarkable. He amply demonstrated his leadership skills by organizing free tutorials in some other courses and has had an impressive leadership record as the president of the Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry Christian Students Association (CICCSA).

In addition, Obed graduated as the second best student in the Faculty of Science, thereby making the Department of Chemistry proud. Given his strong academic preparation, leadership records, and selfless effort in teaching his fellow undergraduates, I am certain that Obed is highly prepared and is mentally matured to face the challenges in graduate school. With extreme belief in his abilities, I strongly recommend him for the graduate program at your reputable institution. Please consider this remarkable young man as you review his application into your program.

Signature

Name of recommender and title