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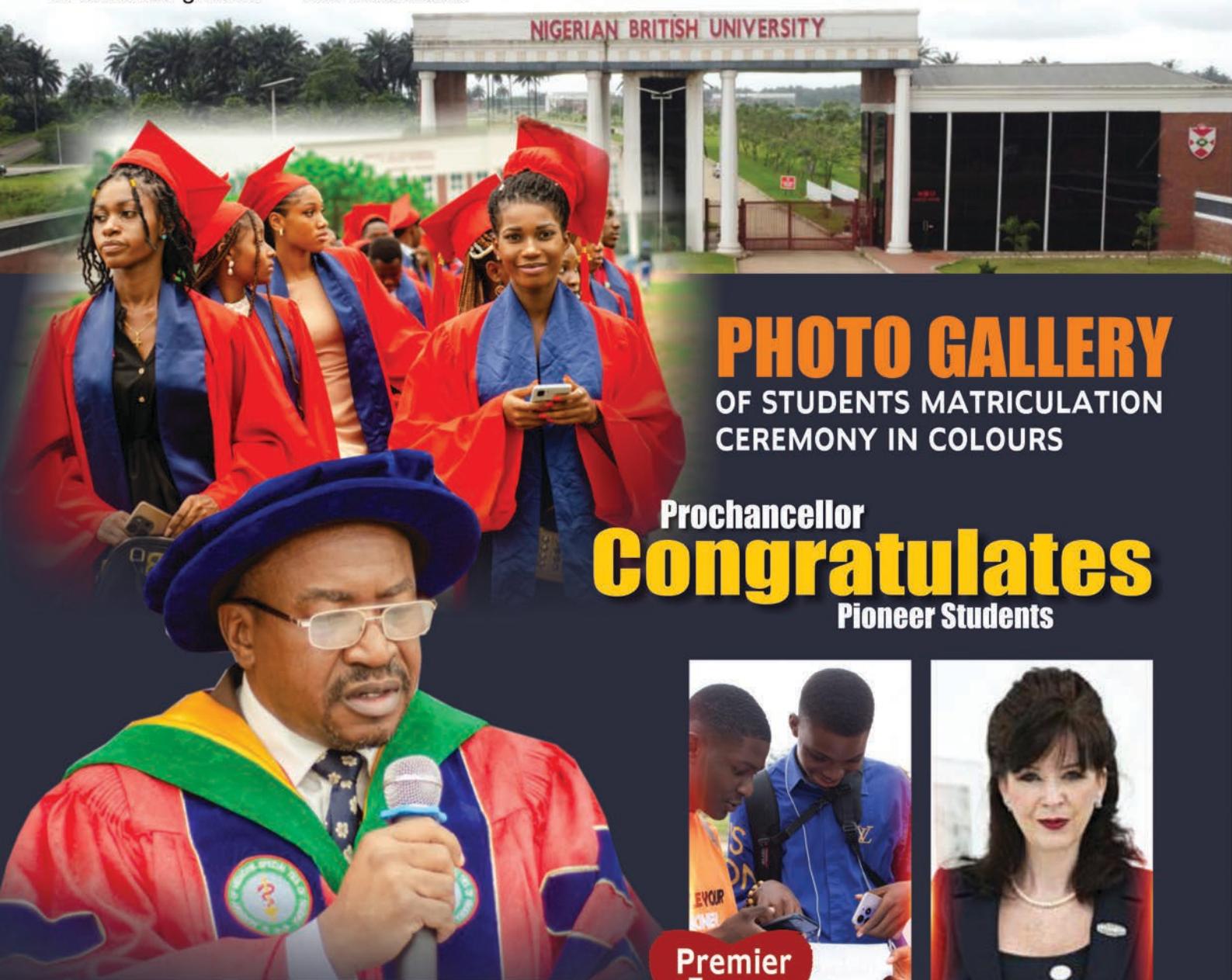


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We operate a British academic programme, that runs an on-campus and off-campus academic model established under a strong IT platform to provide our students with 24/7 online access to lecture materials even after it has been delivered, from anywhere in the world.

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ABOUT **NBU**

an intercontinental collaboration in project research works, journal publications, academic and industrial mentorship. Our lecturers are made up of renowned British academic professionals, who have led and championed strategic educational development in Europe and around the world.

We have provided state-of-the-art sports and social life facilities to ensure that our students enjoy the best campus life and extra curricula activities, by ensuring that each student actively participates in at least one sports club which includes, NBU golf club, NBU Football club etcetera. We have also provided a serene and secure nightlife environment for students to enjoy weekend activities like cinemas and concerts.

NBU students are assured of

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NBU runs an eco-friendly power and water supply system that provides constant power and water supply to all our facilities which include our Halls of residence. Our medical facility is well-equipped and manned by trained professionals to provide medical and health services to the university community.

We are on a mission to develop potentials we trust.

KNOW YOUR VICE CHANCELLOR

Professor Hakeem Fawehinmi

VICE- CHANCELLOR, NIGERIAN BRITISH UNIVERSITY

Prof Hakeem Fawehinmi is a Professor of Clinical Anatomy and Biomedical Anthropology. He is well rooted in the finest academic traditions and has a wealth of experience in Institutional Administration having been Two-time Head of Department of Anatomy (2005 – 2007; 2007 – 2009 Niger Delta University), Associate Dean (2010 – 2012) and Dean (2012 – 2014) Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and two terms Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (2016 – 2020) of the University of Port Harcourt. He has served in several Statutory and Ad-hoc Committees and Boards, attributes which have equipped him with the requisite skills to provide leadership to a well-informed, articulate and growing academic community. He has been an active member of his National and International Professional Associations where he served as Secretary-General and Member of National Executive Council of the Nigerian Medical Association Rivers State from 1999 to 2000, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Anatomical Sciences and President of the Society of Experimental and Clinical Anatomists of Nigeria (2014-2016). He has received

many Academic and Community Service Awards and Prizes and is a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland and Fellow of the Academy of Medicine Specialties of Nigeria.

Prof Fawehinmi has over 80 articles in reputable peer reviewed mostly indexed journals, visible in conventional academic search engines and 21 Conference Abstracts, to his credit. He has participated and served as Resource Person in 78 Conferences, Workshops and Training Programmes in Africa, Europe, the Middle-East and North America. He has supervised over 100 BSc Projects, 19 MSc, 14 PhD / MD Dissertations and Thesis. He has attracted some National and International Competitive

Grants as Principal Investigator and has been involved in the conceptualization and delivery of several MoUs and partnerships between Town and Gown locally and internationally. He has been External Examiner and Assessor to the Professoriate to almost all the first and second generation Universities in the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria, including the University of Exeter United Kingdom and has led Visitation Panels of the National Universities Commission and the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria to several medical schools. He was recently cited in the 2021 Africa Scientist Rankings by the Alper – Doger Scientific Index. He is married and they have 5 children.



Why Does My Father Like Embarrassing Me?

Woo!!! You don't want to get me started on this. At some point, varying degree of annoying questions were running through my mind, one about him being my biological father because of all the "ish" (sorry about my language), or the fact I think all he is out to do is to get on my nerves, how about when he had to make two, I mean TWO of my older brothers go stay with me a whole week when I got admission into the polytechnic (screaming), and there was this particular line I get to help whenever am leaving the house either for school for going to a relative's house for holiday "Remember the son of whom you are". At first I get it, I mean he wants me to represent but then do you have to remind me all the time (rolling eyes).

There was a time he made me have my bath out in the open (Yes I said out in the open not in an enclosed bathroom, with the gate to our compound wide open), what did I do you asked right? I didn't have my birth all day (covers face), probably because I was playing football (soccer) and riding bicycle all day. Please don't judge me, I mean I was busy (tongue out).

I remembered when I had the chance to finally be on my own, boy oh boy (or girl oh girl, not sure), I could remember doing the chicken dance, hands in the air, music blazing loud, right where I want to be, when I want to be there, I can't just explain the feeling. It was just perfect!!!

How long did it last you asked? Yeah, not so long apparently. I started to realize all he was doing was out of love, I mean who lets a 16 year old boy out into the sunset like that when he knows he won't be there to protect him? I began to realize, all he did basically was out of love, don't get me wrong the approach might be wrong but then you wouldn't doubt the intentions.

Nowadays, I joke about his wahalas (trouble as said in Yoruba language), I miss him more probably due to the fact I can't tell him thank you for helping shape me to what I am today (he died couple of years ago).

Reflecting on those days, I think the generational difference or mode of growing up, even where we grew up might go a long way in answering the above question, I still don't care, MY DAD IS OUT TO EMBARRASS ME not just in public but indoors as well.

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An Address Delivered by Prof Hakeem B. Fawehinmi

welcome our dear parents, guardians, friends and well-wishers and other stakeholders to the 1st Matriculation Ceremony of NBU. We appreciate your support and encouragement and we are indeed delighted to host you to this special occasion that is an important part of our academic calendar. I welcome all members of the University community, Teaching and Non-Teaching and other interest groups. I urge you to act as role models to the matriculating students, and treat them with respect and the courtesy they deserve, as only the Almighty God knows what they may become tomorrow.

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Staff and Students of NBU, I thank the Government of Abia State and the Ukwa - West Local Government for their kind support, our host communities for the conviviality we have enjoyed so far, neighbouring institutions, Public or Private, and our development partners for the mutual cooperation and hands of fellowship they have extended. We assure you that as a responsible institution, this harmonious relationship which is anchored on peace and progress will not be taken for granted, and will be sustained and nurtured into the future. We are open to partner with investors and welcome donors who wish to share in our social capital.

There is no doubt that this is a momentous occasion for our freshmen who are about to take the Matriculation Pledge, and we share in their joy. However, as I conclude, I wish to reiterate the fact that a Convocation is far more important, when we shall gather at the end of your prescribed period of study to celebrate your academic exploits, and stand up for genuine champions. You have made the right choice by choosing NBU, and I wish you all the very best, as I look forward to celebrating your successes in the future.

Thank you.

Nigerian British University Entrepreneurship Day



News Report on the Maiden Nigerian British University Entrepreneurship Day held on Monday 4th March and the Establishment of the Nigerian British University "NBU" Entrepreneurship Club on Wednesday 15th May 2024

The Nigerian British University on Monday 4th March 2024 hosted its first-ever Entrepreneurship Day. The event which was hosted by the School of General Studies and Entrepreneurship Development under the headship of Professor Innocent Ebere Uwah, was aimed at empowering and supporting student entrepreneurs on campus and engendering the spirit of entrepreneurship among staff and students of the University. The inauguration which was performed by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Hakeem Faweniyimi took place at the Adagbaodu Lecture Theater, Faculty Complex by 2pm. This maiden event brought together the entire University Community including the Principal Officers of the University, deans of faculties, the Heads of Department and Units, lecturers, students, industry leaders, and community members to celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.

The event kicked off with an inaugural address by the Vice

Chancellor of the University- Professor Hakeem Fawehimi, followed by presentation of feasibility studies/business models by two groups of Studentpreneurs. This segment was anchored by the head of the student-industry mentorship unit Dr. Rex E Ufombu who highlighted the process by which the studentpreneurs were selected after due training. The first group of student entrepreneurs led by Apkorherhe Oghenemaro Nwamaka & Jumbo David presented a business model titled

"Moove Bike Services". The vision of this study was to present eco-friendly bicycle hire transport services for easy movement in the university campus within the first year of the University's existence. The second business model titled "Fruitella Smoothies" was presented by Clinton Apostle. The model offers quality and natural fruit drinks for the refreshing and tasty satisfaction of university community and her environs. The students Showcased their entrepreneurial ideation potentials and to sell their innovative business ideas through pitches

The highpoint of the inaugural entrepreneurship day was the keynote lecture delivered by the



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Photo Gallery of Students Matriculation





Circulation Ceremony in Colours



An Address Delivered by Prof Hakeem B. Fawehinmi, Vice-Chancellor of the Nigerian British University

ON THE OCCASION OF THE MAIDEN MATRICULATION CEREMONY OF THE NIGERIAN
BRITISH UNIVERSITY, ON SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024



I warmly welcome you all to the maiden matriculation ceremony of the Nigerian British University, Asa Abia State. Today marks an important milestone in the annals of NBU history, as we gather to witness the first intellectual planting season in the established academic traditions of our founding fathers. This epoch-making occasion is to formally admit our pioneer fresh men and women into the 15 take-off programmes in three foundational Faculties approved for NBU by the National Universities Commission (NUC). The start-up Faculties are: Law; Management and Social Sciences

and Computing & Information Technology. Matriculation Ceremony is symbolic and differentiates the undergraduate from those who are not privileged to gain access to the University. The occasion also, publicly announces the commencement of full academic activities in the Nigerian British University.

On behalf of the entire NBU community, I heartily congratulate our newly admitted students into this citadel where knowledge meets creativity. Your presence here signifies not only your academic potentials but also your readiness to embrace new challenges and opportunities for

growth, as we provide you with a dedicated team of experienced professionals from a wide range of disciplines, committed to your success and wellbeing, through excellent teaching, research and the provision of support services.

Our pioneer students have come from diverse social backgrounds and with varying degrees of educational experiences. They have shown great promise and potential, and they represent our hope for the future. We are honoured to have them in our midst as part of the NBU community. As they approach this journey with utmost dedication and commitment, I implore them to keep an open mind, be willing to embrace new perspectives and step out of their comfort zone. I urge you to imbibe the culture of collaboration, mutual respect and continuous learning.

Success in academics and other spheres of human endeavour comes only through diligent hard work. Be diligent and strive for excellence and see how far providence will take you. The academic environment has a peculiar culture characterized by orderliness, inquisitiveness and debate, all of which will play an important role in equipping you to be worthy ambassadors of NBU and set you on the path of progress for a better tomorrow. You are expected to take advantage of being here to foster life-long friendships as worthy

alumni of NBU.

As pioneer students, I enjoin you to be law-abiding as the Nigerian British University has zero tolerance for cultism, examination misconduct, unruly behaviour and other forms of anti-social vices, because at the end, the certificate issued will be based on character and learning, with character preceding learning. I admonish you to use the Internet wisely, desist from the inordinate use of social media, as the University strives to provide essential municipal services, ICT infrastructure and recreational facilities that will motivate you to perform optimally and give you an exquisite learning experience. I urge you to make the best of this opportunity and associate yourselves with groups that support your academic, social, professional and spiritual wellbeing.

As from today you have become part and parcel of NBU,

mar you now or in the future! I will like to remind you of the importance of upholding your Matriculation Pledge and being law-abiding while studying at NBU, as doing otherwise puts you at risk of severe sanctions.

NBU has been established to be a World - Class Private Conventional University poised to develop global competitiveness by employing technological innovation to ensure practical and relevant academic experiences. NBU offer a unique and innovative learning experience that combines the best British and Nigerian educational practices, with world-class academic and industrial mentorship. It was formally licensed to operate as a University in Nigeria by the National Universities Commission in May 2022, and was officially commissioned in February 2023 by the Abia State Government to provide the much needed human resource training for self-reliance and contribute to

young University, the leadership of NBU is poised to oversee the task of setting a strong foundation, and respond effectively to changing societal needs and global dynamics for the institution.

The Proprietors of the Nigerian British University have the passion in establishing a true British University in Nigeria that is driven by the traditional teaching techniques and research approach of British Universities. They are committed to the development of the University's academic content, quality assurance and sustainability of its British academic and professional culture.

The University shall in its pursuance of excellent teaching, learning and research, promote its foundational Core Values of mentorship, academic dynamism and professional integrity which shall be the hallmark of the quality and standard of the academic programmes to be run.

It's Mission is 'to develop globally competitive graduates by offering proactive and distinctive research opportunities, a learning and professional mentoring environment with adequate international collaborations, as well as commitment to vibrant industrial engagement to ensure practical and relevant academic experiences'.

The promoters believe in motivating staff and students to think critically in order to awaken their creativity which shall stand them out in the global labour market. In this vein, the

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therefore, your conduct shall henceforth come under intense public scrutiny. You must take actions that stand you out positively as good Ambassadors of the institution. Today, you are being admitted into NBU's roll as its first set of students. You will be setting the stage for others to follow, and it is my hope that you are all ready to take up this onerous role. Our dear students, do not allow the freedom you will enjoy in the University make you tow the wrong path, as your actions or inaction could make or

the development of its catchment areas, nationally and internationally.

With the successful Resource Verification of its 16 degree programmes by the NUC and its enrolment with Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), NBU commenced academic activities in October 2023 with the admission of students and the engagement of requisite staff, which are committed to the enthronement of highest academic and moral standards. Despite its 'teething problems' as a

university shall aim for international recognition in the delivery of quality, practical and result-oriented research tailored towards industrial and infrastructural development. Its conduct of entrepreneurial studies and trainings shall build the mind-set of its prospective graduates to be enterprising. The Governing Council will work to ensure that the university achieves its set goals and objectives through each phase of its development.

I commend the Proprietors for their vision in establishing a truly 21st Century University that will create opportunities for individuals within and outside the country to gain access to quality tertiary education, where they will further their knowledge and acquire relevant skills, that will enable them contribute meaningfully to the socioeconomic development of their communities and the world at large. As pioneer Vice-Chancellor, I intend to provide leadership that promises our graduates requisite knowledge and skills that will position them to solve the multifarious challenges of today's society.

NBU offers affordable British standard education and provides our students with the opportunity of studying abroad in one of our partner Universities in the United Kingdom. Our drive towards Internationalization have led to Strategic Engagements, Affiliations and Partnerships, through MoUs, with some foreign Universities, and this

have opened new vista for Joint Projects, Academic Visits and Conferences, Undergraduate - Postgraduate Students and Staff Exchanges and Collaborative Research Hub for knowledge exchange.

With this, our students have the option of studying for 2 years on our campus, and completing their remaining 2 years in one of

administrative structures and policy framework that will sustain and promote these strides well into the future.

Our mantra 'Developing Potentials, We Trust' is borne out of the vision of our university to achieve academic dynamism and distinctiveness, distinguished by proactive and unprecedented research, international

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our foreign partner Universities in the United Kingdom, or completing their programme with us and 'topping-it-up' with a one year master's degree in one of our affiliate institutions in the United Kingdom, before undertaking their mandatory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). We have subscribed the membership of International Professional Bodies such as the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRiME) and we are in the process of consummating our membership with Association of Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Our drive towards the employability of our graduates, even while still in school, shall be approached through an enhancement in their hands-on skills by increasing the experiential component of their training. This is designed to mould our students into entrepreneurs and provide them with necessary skills that can turn them into employers of labour on graduation. NBU will develop business processes,

partnership, vibrant links with businesses, and commitment to practical and excellent academic experiences. These aims underpin the offer we make to graduates and guide our curriculum design, development and delivery, as articulated by the DEEP Principles: Developing Potential; Excellence in Inspiring Learning; Empowering Global Citizens with Local Impact; Preparing Work-Ready Graduates.

NBU envisions a State-of-the-Art ICT Centre, e-Classrooms, e-Library, Medical Centre, Sports and Recreational Facilities, including a 9 Hole Golf Course, Biological Gardens, Banking Facilities with a good Security Surveillance Architecture, that will give our students an excellent study experience. Our available programmes are designed to suite our Institutional Objectives and Quality Assurance Statements.

Having set out the background to the Ceremony we are about to conduct, it is now my pleasure to

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CAMPUS REPORTS BY STUDENTS

LIFE

Life in university as a 100-level pioneer student isn't roses and butterflies especially as a male. Regardless, it is a stepping stone to enter a larger stage in life.

My first week on campus in Nigerian British University was indeed a new feeling and experience. The necessity to build meaningful connections as to make my stay here enjoyable hung over me and as a result I had to step out of my comfort zone. It was an overwhelming course of action due to the new faces, different personalities and upbringing.

The week kicked off with Orientations. These orientations enlightened me and encouraged me to bear an open mind and be eager for the experience that was already beginning.

Being the reserved individual I was, I started off by analysing the people around me. Some characters certainly threw me off. The irritation certainly reeked from my expression and that kept them away.

During these mundanities, I found true friends. Those who saw beyond my grumpy demeanour and terrible social skills and had a mindset I certainly roll with.

Moreso, captivating aspects of Nigerian British University that have made my journey here so far intriguing include:

- The football pitch (with a unique look)
- The golf course
- The gardens
- The animals &
- The free school Wifi

Also, The staff and school management truly aim to make every student here feel comfortable and develop as an individual in every area of life

MY FACULTY

In my academic journey, I'm pleased to say that the Faculty of Computing and Information Technology in Nigerian British University indeed seeks excellence in each and every one of us and the eagerness to impact knowledge to us continues to thrive.

From our outstanding Dean, Esteemed Dr Ekpe Okoroafor, to our Associate Dean, Esteemed Dr Ignace Djitog and of course, our kind and selfless Faculty officer, Mrs Chidinma. Their unhidden interest in meeting our academic need as well as our personal development is yet to be contended with by any other University.

As a student, as well as the Course Representative of this esteemed faculty, I'm quite satisfied by the services. However, there will always be a certain number of students who are difficult and nonchalant towards education, but they are not completely neglected as the faculty management still try to carry them along.

My faculty consists of different departments like:

- Software Engineering
- Cyber security
- Data Analysis
- Information Technology &
- Computer Science

Each department offer 8 courses which includes borrowed courses. Our first semester was quite a delight.

MY DAILY ROUTINE/ ACTIVITIES

Having to wake up early is one of the perks of being a student which I find easier due to my already developed habit of doing such.

Being the course Rep. and the President of the school fellowship (Chapel of Grace), I have many daily activities. With the help of the Executive Committee of the church and my assistant course rep, the duties have been made easy.

I'm also on the school football team, a member of the entrepreneurship club and the press club. Sometimes I game or watch an anime.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a lot has changed since I became a college student. I've improved in my social interactions due to the influence of the company I keep. I'm yet to find out if the consistency in change is for goof.

To all students getting into the higher institution this year, i advise you remain focused to unlocking your potentials and realizing your your true purpose as you start your university journey as distractions certainly thrive in every environment. Maintain your ethics and good morals against the negative influence of peers as university is the gate way to society and life ahead.

My role model once told me "IF YOU PURSUE TRUE KNOWLEDGE FEARLESSLY AND WITH CURIOUSITY THEN AND ONLY THEN WOULD YOU ATTAIN IT".

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CAMPUS REPORTS BY STUDENTS

A VOYAGE THROUGH LEARNING AND GROWING

Being a student is a time of growth and learning that changes people in big ways. It's about finding smarts, growing personally, and making strong friendships. "Learning is a treasure you keep forever." This time is not just about learning things, but also about living through all of the parts that make up student life. This period in one's life can be called THE GOLDEN AGE because the future of a person depends on it. During this time that a person's character is formed. Let's look at the many things that make this time special.

At the heart of student life is getting educated. Classes, talks, and libraries become places where you try to know more and talk about ideas. Here, you find the joy of learning new things, the test of tough ideas, and the fun of doing well. An old saying, "By learning you teach; by teaching you learn," shows that learning helps us all to grow. From hard math to deep books, students look for ways to understand things better. Late nights spent studying, work in teams, and help from good teachers all add to the student life story.

Making friends at school is a big deal. These pals are often for all of life, giving help and fun when times are tough. "A real friend helps when you're in need." This is how much good friends mean. Events, school clubs, and things done outside of class let students meet others who like the same stuff. These times help to make a close-knit group that is a must for feeling good. From study groups to sports teams the fun part of student life is full of chances.

Student life has lots of things outside of the four walls of the classroom that are great too. These are key for a good all-round education and being your best. A casual student saying, "I don't want to work all the time," shows that play is as key to good times as work. Games, art, music, and work to help out are ways for students to look at their likes and grow new skills. Joining in these things teaches big things about group work, leading, making new stuff, and giving back. From the hard work in sports to the fun in a play club, fun things make the educational journey better.

Doing student stuff has rough bits too. The work is big, new groups are hard, and no one knows what comes next. But this is how you find power and grow your ways. The popular saying, "Get up eight times if you fall seven," tells us about the fight in students. Learning to juggle time, deal with stress, and do well in all of your doings are skills you get in this time. Each time you beat a thing, it's a way to know more about yourself and grow strong. Big wins and small bits both teach you lots in this time.

The future, and what does the future hold? as students go on with their school journey, they look more at the job they want and how to get there. It is looked upon that, "A long walk starts with one step," highlights how much time and drive are key to your dreams because the world gets bigger as you end school. These times help get real skills and show you how things work. Talking to pros, learning things, and asking for help set you up for life after school.

The heart of student surrounds about learning and growing. It's a time that shapes and steers you with help from those who teach and friends. Aristotle (a Greek philosopher) once said, "Teach the mind and heart, or you teach nothing". I agree that with this sometimes in life we need to learn by educating our heart not only our minds. Educating the heart refers to the importance of not only focusing on developing the cognitive aspects (our mind's) but also the qualities that make us human and to give meaning to our lives.

Student life teaches both ways to let the brain and heart grow. This journey is a time to find and grow. It's a time for hopes, chance, and good times that stay with you. Taking in all of this trip gets you set not just for work, but for life too. In the end, the things you learn and friends you make in this time will be what stay with you for good.

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Nigerian British University Entrepreneurship Day



renowned Entrepreneurship Educator, Certified PPP professional, and a Small Business Development Specialist, Dr. Friday O. Okpara, who shared his journey of starting and scaling multiple successful businesses. His inspiring words set the tone for the day, encouraging students and staff to embrace challenges and pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. Dr. Okpara was formerly the Director of Partnerships & Coordination at the Small & Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN).

The occasion afforded the attendees the opportunity to participate in panel discussions which focused on various aspects of entrepreneurship, such as idea generation, business planning, marketing, and funding.

Overall, the inauguration of the University Entrepreneurship Day was a great success, bringing together a diverse group of individuals passionate about entrepreneurship. As the event concluded, staff and students left inspired and motivated to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions, with a newfound sense of confidence and support from the university community. The Nigerian British University is committed to fostering a culture of

innovation and entrepreneurship on campus, and looks forward to supporting the next generation of student entrepreneurs.

To sustain this drive to nurture the entrepreneurship spirit in the University, the Nigerian British University "NBU" Entrepreneurship club was established on Wednesday 15th May 2024. In attendance were 15 students, 3 experience officers and the ICT Director. This initiative was nurtured by the industry-

Mentorship unit of the School of General Studies and Entrepreneurship Development of the University. The club meeting featured a talk on the essence of the entrepreneurship clubs and the role & officers of the Entrepreneurship Club by the Staff Coordinator Dr, Rex E. Ufomba.

Three interim student officers were selected by the club members to pioneer the club pending full elections. These include: Jordanba Inko Williams (Interim Secretary); Stanford Ukadike (Interim Business recruitment officer) and Gaddiel Itam (Interim ICT Officer). Four books chronicling the biographies of numerous Nigerian entrepreneurs and how they started their businesses were gifted by Dr. Rex E. Ufomba to four student groups for group take home assignment.

All attendees were provided with light entertainment to celebrate the inauguration of the NBU Entrepreneurship Club. The Club meets weekly on Wednesdays by 3pm.

Dr. Rex E. Ufomba
Head Industry-Mentorship Unit
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Entrepreneurship Development



CAMPUS REPORTS BY STUDENTS

MASTERING THE ART OF BALANCE:

Thriving Academically and Socially at Nigeria British University (NBU)

Introduction

Effectively balancing academics with social life is a worldwide university dilemma for most students, Nigeria British University included. It is necessary that students at NBU learn to set priorities and manage time properly to ease their academic journey. The purpose of this article is to give insight into the importance of balance, time management, maintaining social connections without compromising academics and discipline as students to harmonize the flow of studies and having fun.

Why Balance is Important

Balancing studies and social life is crucial for the overall well being and success of students.

While good grades are essential and of primary focus, social and extracurricular activities contribute to personal development. They help students build connections, soft skills for professional success, groom talents and relax which can also enhance good academic performance.

Effective Time Management
Effectively managing one's time is very necessary in order to create a balance between academics and social life. Here are some strategies one can employ:

- **Avoid Procrastination:**

Procrastinating is a struggle most students face. They delay tasks they're meant to achieve within a time frame leaving everything until the last minute which is very stressful. Do not delay schoolwork!

Develop the habit of tackling assignments and studying regularly. Starting bit by bit will go a long way.

- **Create a Schedule:** Plan your week, allocating specific times for classes, homework, social activities and rest based on your school timetable. Incorporating the use of digital calendars or planners and reminders can help you stay on track.

- **Set Priorities:** Look through the tasks you have to carry out and set out the most important and urgent ones. Do those first. Afterward, make time for social engagements and rest to prevent breakdowns.

Maintaining Social Connections

Building and maintaining social connections is essential for an interesting university life. Attending campus social events and participating in extracurricular activities is a way to start socially.

Campus events like festivals, Student's week, and other social gatherings serve as a break from academic stress.

Religious gatherings can also help build connections with like minds and make good friends. Extracurricular activities are great for personal growth. Pick activities you enjoy that fit your schedule. Choose wisely and don't join too many at once, quality over quantity is key. You could look for opportunities that integrate your hobbies with your academics. For example, If you're interested in journalism and writing, you could join the NBU Press Club. Your hobbies can serve as a yardstick to select where you want to belong.

Moreso. Forming study groups is a way to study and form bonds with friends simultaneously.

Despite how interesting your engagements may turn out or how involved you may be in your clubs, it is necessary to set limits. There are times you should say NO to social events to finish your schoolwork or achieve your set targets. During peak academic periods like Exams or project deadlines, you might need to cut back on extracurricular activities. Your academics do come first no matter what.

Self-Care and Well Being

Balancing your academic and for your physical and mental health. Ensure you get adequate sleep, consume a balanced diet, and exercise. Also, take breaks in between tasks and do things that help you relax like meditation. These habits will help you stay energized, calm, and focused as they directly affect your academic performance and social interactions.

In addition, learn to talk to someone when you feel overwhelmed. Meet the right individual for the right counseling. The Student Experience Officers are always available if you're uncertain who to open up to. It's important to address any mental health issues immediately.

Conclusion

Mastering the balance between your social and academic life at Nigerian British University is possible with proper planning and effective time management. It requires discipline and the ability to prioritize.

Finding the right balance is a continuous process that requires dedication and might need adjustments along the way. Bear an open mind, mistakes will be made, criticisms will occur but these will help build your persona as you thrive academically and socially.

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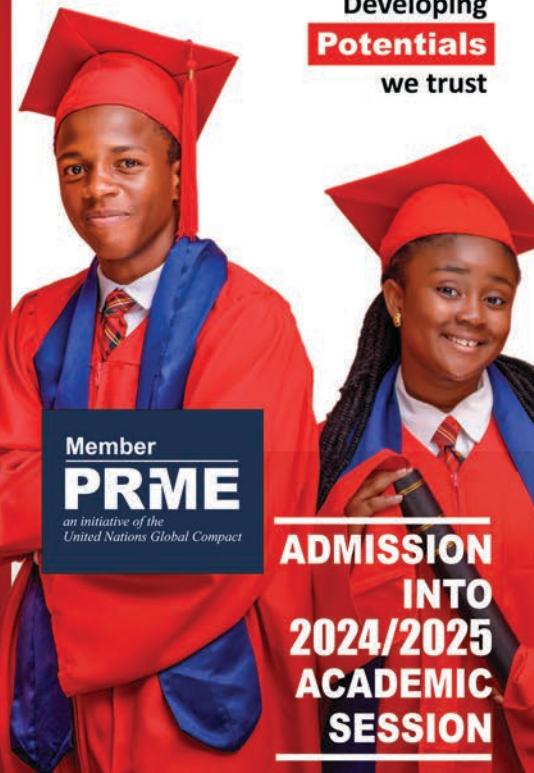
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