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Matriculation: MTU strides in style- admits new students

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On the 23rd of January 2020, Mountain Top University officially admitted a set of new students for the 2019/2020 academic session. It was indeed a colourful ceremony with excited students and proud parents in attendance. The event took place inside the resplendent, hallowed sanctuary of the University Main Auditorium. As early as 7 am on the D-day, the whole atmosphere was enchanting, as both nature and man were entwined in a warm embrace. With the way the water of the mini-lake across the campus glided with majesty, the early morning sun had no choice but to smile shyly like a new bride, casting iridescent rays across the water and the entire campus. It was easy to sense that something remarkable was



A cross section of matriculating students

about to take place, it happens all the time when nature is at peace. For sure, nature is always at peace at Mountain Top University. Besides the natural green grass, well-marked lawns and lanes, the environment was made more beautiful by the colourful advert panels by Zenith Bank Plc. By 9 am, parents had started thronging the venue and it was a challenging time for the security

personnel to control a large number of vehicles that almost over-ran the expansive car park.

At some point, it felt like the whole academic community and lovers of good things had held a meeting to converge at Mountain Top University. Call it an unconscious positive conspiracy and you won't be far from the truth.

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HUMPHREY H. HUBERT FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MEMORIAL DAY LECTURE AT MOUNTAIN TOP UNIVERSITY

It was an honour and a great privilege to the Mountain Top University (MTU) community when the alumni of the Humphrey H. Hubert Fellowship (HHHF) in Nigeria held their 2020 Martin

Luther King Jr Memorial Day lecture in the University on the 29th day of January, 2020 at the University Multi-purpose Hall.

The event was put together under the able leadership of Mrs Mojisola Onifade, who is the President of the

Humphrey Hubert Fellowship (HHHF) Alumni association in Nigeria. The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General, Lagos, Mr Russell Brooks,

Segun Awosanya, President/Founder, Social Intervention Advocacy Foundation (SIAF) and Abosede Oyeleye, Founder/Executive Director, Children Emergency Relief Foundation.

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As the dignitaries of the day arrived and took their seats inside the posh auditorium, it was obvious that the First-Class academic and Chancellor of the university, Dr. Daniel Olukoya was unmistakably absent. However, he was ably represented by Pastor Kunle Adesanya. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Elijah Ayolabi was, however, present and made the occasion grand with his distinguished presence. Other principal officers of the university present were the Registrar Mr. Olufemi Oyewole, the Bursar Mr. Shola Olagundoye, and the University Librarian Dr. (Mrs) Helen Akinade. Also, all the deans of the university graced the occasion, Prof. Amos Akinwade, Dean College of Basic and Applied Sciences, Dr. Oladele Akinyomi, Dean College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences, Dr. I.B Akinyemi, Dean Postgraduate School, and Dr. Moses Abiala, Dean Students' Affairs. All the HODs, Directors of different institutes and programs, staff, both academic and non-academic, were also present to witness what one of the matriculating student called the most memorable day of his life so far. Given the age of the matriculating student, the day could be his most memorable day but of course, there will be more memorable days for the young, matriculating students.

The first exciting moment of the day was when the principal officers were introduced one after another. The introduction of each of them drew wild applause from the students and staff but when the Dean of Students' affairs was introduced, the roof of the auditorium was almost brought down with thunderous cheers. It appeared that the Dean of students' affairs is very popular with the students. Whether the popularity is for admiration, indifference or mixed feelings one cannot tell but given the amiable nature and debonair disposition of the Dean, one can easily conclude that the cheers were certainly that of admiration.

When the Vice-Chancellor took the

podium to deliver the welcome address, it was greeted with thunderous cheers and applause. This time, one was not in doubt as to the mood and attitude of the audience towards the VC's graceful march to the podium. A man who has transformed a young university into a world-class citadel deserves nothing but applause. In his address, the VC chronicled the birth and growth of the university and paid tribute to the Chancellor and his wife for their insight and vision in establishing the university, sacrificing so much to see to its growth. He further welcomed the matriculating students to the university and assured them of world-class education in a world-class environment. He also assured their parents that they have made a good choice by bringing their children to the university because, besides standard education, the students will also be moulded in line with the doctrines of Christian values. Concluding his address, he fervently prayed for the students and pronounced blessings upon all of them for the period they will study in the university and beyond. To say that the address was received with claps and shouts will be an understatement. The cheers and applause lasted for more than three minutes and it took the MC a few more minutes to calm the audience down.

Representing the Chancellor, Pastor Kunle Adesanya gave a brief exulting word of the day. He read from Gen 1:27 and enjoined the audience to live a holy life that will reflect their personality as the image of God. At the end of his short speech, he prayed extensively for everyone in the auditorium especially the matriculating students.

At this time, the atmosphere of the auditorium became ecstatic with the performance of the students who came on stage to play various musical instruments. Indeed, they played the instruments with such dexterity that left the audience clapping, standing on their feet. Certainly, the university's Every Student a Musi-

cian (ESM) project is working wonders and one could feel from the way the students handled the musical instruments that they have taken to the project wholeheartedly. It was revealed that the students had made a CD which was sold at the venue of the matriculation. One wonders if the management of the university will introduce a counterpart program for members of staff (All Staff a Musician) ASM program. I am sure all members of staff will welcome this kind of initiative.

If we thought that exciting moments of the day were over, we didn't see what was going to happen next or rather, we were not expecting it. It is a tradition for the university management to call out students in the First-Class category during matriculation and appreciate them by presenting a cash award to them. This goes a long way in motivating other students towards gunning for excellence. It was all glorious when this set of students filed out amidst cheers from the audience to receive their award and a hand shake from the Vice-Chancellor. The VC also used the occasion to present tablets/mini-computers to the students. He however, announced that the Chancellor, in his magnanimity, had paid half of the price for each tablet.

In his closing remarks, the Dean of College of Basic and Applied Sciences, Prof. Amos Akinwade prayed for all the students, staff, and parents who graced the occasion and challenged them to aim for the top since it was not by accident that they had come to Mountain Top University.

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Staff and students of MTU were also well represented.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Mountain Top University, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi, extolled the qualities that are found in the life of Martin Luther King Jr and urged the Nigerian youths to imbibe them. In his words, “It is high time today’s youths began to adopt Martin Luther King’s non-violent approach to social change and justice. We need youths that will have a dream for a better Nigeria and selflessly pursue it in a non-violent manner. We need youths that, like Martin Luther King Jr, will not be patient with anything less than freedom and justice, peace and progress of this nation, Nigeria”.

One of the guest speakers Segun Awosanya, who is easily remembered for his powerful campaign on Twitter against SARS tagged #End SARS, delivered a soul



The VC, MTU, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi (middle) with President Humphrey Hubert Fellowship (HHHF) Alumni Association, Nigeria, Mrs Mojisola Onifade (4th from left) and the Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General, Lagos, Mr Russell Brooks (4th from right)

searching lecture on the topic – “Non-Violent Activism for Change: Transforming Nigeria Block by Block”. Also, Abosede Oyeleye, who is a fellow of the HHHF and child and women’s right advocate, delivered another powerful lecture on the topic: Citizen Advocacy in Gender Violence and Child Abuse.

An emotional and inspiring film show on the life and times of MLK Jr was the icing on the

cake for all the attendees. The glowing remarks from the Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General, Lagos, Russell Brooks on the life and times of MLK Jr gave way for question and answer session which was highly informative as well as thrilling. It was indeed a day that cannot be forgotten in a hurry. The University looks forward to building on some of the opportunities this day has thrown open to us.

DR BABATUNDE ONI DELIVERS MTU UNIVERSITY LECTURE ON MEDIA LITERACY

As part of the academic programme and commitment of MTU to research and learning, a University Lecture was held at The University’s Multi-purpose Hall on 23rd January, 2020. It was a great afternoon of knowledge and enlightenment as an erudite and ace scholar, Dr. Babatunde



Ag. HOD, Mass Communication, Dr. Babatunde Oni delivering the University Lecture

Oni, an Associate Professor of Mass Communication at the Mountain Top University delivered an insightful and enriching lecture on a current and trendy topic: ‘Media Literacy: Navigating the Perilous Labyrinth of a Media Saturated Society.’ The Vice-Chancellor in his opening speech welcomed everyone at the event and encouraged them to be attentive

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and focused as they are about to tap into the wealth of knowledge of the scholar on Media Literacy.

Dr. Oni during the course of his lecture, which he delivered with great dexterity and eloquence, says the Mass Media is ‘a valuable power source’ and they ‘are like weapons in the hands of whoever controls

hands of whoever controls them.’ He proceeded to say that Mass media have the power to manipulate people ‘and make them do things or refrain from doing things.’ He defined Media Literacy as “a skill for people who are at the receiving end in a media saturated society for accessing, filtering, analysing, using and (even) rejecting information.’ He went on further to explain that there are some pertinent questions individuals need to enquire on any current event portrayed by media, some of which are: ‘Who are the subjects and what are their positions? Who is covering the story? Is it mainstream, corporate media or alternative non-traditional media? Who/what are the sources? What is their motiva-

tion or interest? Who are their intended audience and through what medium are they trying to reach them?’ etc.

He concluded by submitting that Media Literacy must become part of the educational curriculum at all levels if the skill set must be acquired and applied by all. He opined that this can only be possible if educationists, teachers and trainers of young people themselves are skilled in critical media literacy. In his words, ‘If we learn to make use of media literacy skills in all our activities with the media and the people we encounter we will move closer to becoming more informed and better suited for a desirable civic engagement.’ It was indeed an exciting and enlightening evening.

400 LEVEL STUDENT IN ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT BECOMES A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

A 400 level student in Accounting Department of our reputable institution, by name Sowunmi Emmanuel, gets certified as a Chartered Accountant. This is a remarkable feat in the field of Accountancy as most people that reach that height are usually people who have put in a number of years of work and have acquired a lot of experience in the profession. But in this case, we have a student, a young undergraduate of a young private University smashing the glass ceiling. This indeed is a testament to the fact that we are doing things right in Mountain Top University.

In an interview with the University Media Team, Sowunmi admitted that it was a product



Sowunmi Emmanuel, (ACA), 400 Level student Accounting Department

of hard work coupled with great mentors and God’s special grace. Visibly happy Sowunmi told us

that it took him a total of three years (since his 100 level) and five exams to achieve this feat. He sees his future as a bright one and calls on his fellow students to embrace hard work and God in these words: “I would advise them to be prayerful and I would also advise them to build on this legacy and work hard. They should also be outstanding in everything they do because one secret to success is that you have to be hard working”. We congratulate him and wish him well in his future endeavours.

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TITS AND BITS

WORDS ON MARBLES

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men”

Proverbs 22:29
(KJV)

“You cannot climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets”

Dr. D. K.
Olukoya

From the office of the Vice— Chancellor

- ◆ The number of recently admitted students this year (2019/2020 session), is the highest since the university was founded. This shows that there is something the university is doing right and the outside world is taking note.
- ◆ The many new facilities and development in the university are geared towards enhancing the world-class image of the university and helping the students to be modern in every way.
- ◆ A new course in the university, Industrial Chemistry, has been approved by the NUC.
- ◆ A new data capture program for staff and students is scheduled on campus and is to run for a week. This is towards the issuance of new identity cards.
- ◆ Exams for the first semester 2019/2020 session started on Friday, 31st January and will end on Friday, 14th February, 2020.
- ◆ VC reiterates that the early morning devotion is very important for all staff because it will be used as a yardstick for important decisions in the management structure.

From the office of the Registrar

- ◆ The convocation and matriculation ceremonies were huge successes.
- ◆ New Staff have been appointed and some old staff promoted.
- ◆ There shall be regular seminars for members of staff working at the registry. This is to train and prepare them in the modern ways of administrative competence in order to meet the increasing demands of administrative duties.
- ◆ Complimentary cards will be issued soon to staff who have shown commitment and are more committed to the university
- ◆ The process of issuing ID cards will be streamlined to ensure quick delivery to members of staff. The days of waiting for so long to be issued ID cards will be over.
- ◆ Distinguished lectures shall be held in the university more often and when the university produces a full professor, inaugural lectures will also be held.
- ◆ The very busy schedule and nature of the registry requires a PR person to assist in the administrative duties of the large office.
- ◆ The registrar maintains that there are plans to reward excellence and professionalism among members of staff.

PHOTO NEWS



Matriculating students



The Management staff at the matriculation ceremony



Pastor Kunle Adesanya representing the Chancellor at the matriculation ceremony



The VC being interviewed by the Editorial and Media Team



The VC, MTU, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi delivering his speech at the matriculation ceremony



The Ag. Dean, CHMS, Dr. Oladele Akinyomi and Dean, CBAS & Chairman Ceremonies and Honours Committee, Prof. Amos Akinwande being interviewed



The VC having a warm hand shake with the lecturer, Dr. Babatunde Oni after delivering the University lecture



Award presentation to the speakers and organisers of the MLK day lecture



A group photograph of the MTU Management Staff and the HHH Fellows and organisers of the MLK day lecture



A visit to Modupe Cole Memorial Home by Mass Communication Students



A Public Relations strategic visit to Project Alert on domestic violence against women by Mass Communication Students

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DATE	NAME	DEPARTMENT/POSITION
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February, 2nd	Dr Oladele Akinyomi Osanebi, Chukwuka, Micheal	Dean, College of Humanities, Management and Social Sciences (CHMS) Music
3rd February	Olugbenga Festus Olawole	Physics
5th February	Richard, Sholabomi Florence	Mass Communication
6th February	Olanrewaju, Gift Titilope	Audit
7th February	Dr Bolanle Fausat Oladejo Gbenle, Olayinka Grace	Computer Science Philosophy and Religion
10th February	Dr Joy Femi Olabisi	Biological Sciences
19th February	Ayorinde Esther Alaba	Student Affairs
28th February	Fagbenro, Moses Olawale	Student Affairs

OUR MISSION

The mission of Mountain Top University is the provision of excellent facilities for the training of men and women in various academic, professional and vocational disciplines in an atmosphere that will enhance the simultaneous development of their spiritual, mental and physical faculties, in order to produce morally upright and academically sound graduates with specialised skills and value systems, who will be independent, invariably self-employable and who will be able to impact positively on the development (be it in leadership, academic, public and the industrial sectors) of their communities, the Nigerian society and the global community at large

OUR VISION

The Mountain Top University is envisioned as a dynamic centre of academic excellence in the liberal tradition for the production of top-rate, morally sound graduates of distinctions who will be globally competitive for outstanding impact on the Nigerian societal and global development.

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- Excellence
- Integrity
- Skill

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