

MOUNTAIN TOP UNIVERSITY (MTU)

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MOUNTAIN TOP UNIVERSITY EMERGES FIRST IN SUB SAHARA AFRICA – IMPERIAL BARREL AWARD (IBA) 2020

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Mountain Top University (MTU) emerged first in Sub Sahara Africa in the ongoing 2020 edition of the Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) organized by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). Below is the list of scores received by each of the seven finalists in the sub-regional round decided in Lagos on the 12th of March, 2020.

- Mountain Top University, Prayer City – 248**
- Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli – 208**
- University of Lagos – 202**
- University of Nigeria, Nsukka – 202**
- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile - Ife – 152**
- Ekiti State University – 132**
- Federal University of Petroleum Resources – 101**

Mountain Top University, Prayer City, Ogun State and Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli, Anambra State, having taken 1st and 2nd place respectively, will progress to the African Region (AR) Finals to be held on the 8th of April, 2020 and coordinated from Cairo, Egypt.

The Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) was founded in 1976 by the Imperial College in the UK. It started off as an MSc Petroleum Geosciences course, where students interpret seismic from the North Sea using colour pencils. In



The VC, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi (middle) flanked on both sides by Geosciences students and their Coordinator, Dr James Adeoye (3rd from right)

2007, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) adopted the program concept and expanded it to incorporate new technology, new data sets, and also include students from every country in the world to participate in the Imperial Barrel Award. The competition provides students with a unique learning experience with real data sets from around the globe.

The Geosciences Department at the Mountain Top University has proven by this feat that they have what it takes to compete with their counterparts in other parts of the world and win. However, awards and laurels are not new to the young and vibrant four-year old department. They have won the NAPE Best University Exhibitor Award twice, back to back, in 2018 and 2019 beating many universities who have been around for decades.

In an interview with MTU Editorial and Media Unit, the Coordinator of the Geosciences programme, Dr James Adeoye, expressed joy at the progress ***Continued on next page***

they have made so far. He attributed the victory to the exemplary leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi, who incidentally is an award-winning and globally recognized Geophysicist, having won many awards and grants in the field including the SEG Honorary Lecturer for Middle East and Africa in 2015. Dr Adeoye also appreciated the prayerful and powerful support of the Chancellor, Dr D.K. Olukoya, who procured all the equipment needed for the department to excel. The commitment and hard work of the academic staff in the

department and other personnel from the industry sector towards achieving this feat, are also appreciated.

The students that took part in the competition are Ajbonjaro, David; Oladele, Taiwo Timilehin; Omisakin, Solomon; Onimisin, Thank-God and Biodun Herbert Adeyemi. They see the achievement as a combination of their hardwork, doggedness, commitment, good mentorship from their Lecturers and above all the grace of God. The students who already see themselves as global scholars are enthused and hopeful that the world will hear about MTU through their achievements. It is important to note that one of the students, Omisakin, Solomon, recently attended a conference in Saudi Arabia fully sponsored by IBTC through a grant he won. He expressed deep appreciation to MTU for providing the platform and an enabling environment for them to thrive and excel.

We at the media unit congratulate them and wish them more laurels and awards as they continue to take giant strides.

MTU GETS FULL ACCREDITATION FROM NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has granted full accreditation to five academic programmes at our great citadel of learning-Mountain Top University. MTU! Empowered to excel! MTU is indeed excelling as her name implies. These programmes are Food Science and Technology (FST), Biology, Biotechnology, Music and Mass Communication.

The Director of Academic Planning of the University, Dr. Mojeed Ologundudu noted that the full accreditation status was the outcome of the NUC accreditation visitation exercise that took place in the university in November, 2019.

He explained that a Mock Accreditation was organized for the 5 programmes where five areas of accreditation contents were examined. These areas are: Academic content; Infrastructure content; Library content; Curriculum content and Staff record. All hands were on deck during the mock accreditation to ensure the success of the exercise. He added that the outcome of the visitation exercise reveals outstanding results for each of the five programmes accredited with the score of 70 and above.

The accreditation result was received by the university in the month of March, 2020. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Elijah

Ayoade Ayolabi, expressed his happiness and excitement about the NUC approval. This is a testament of his proactive leadership and resourceful management.

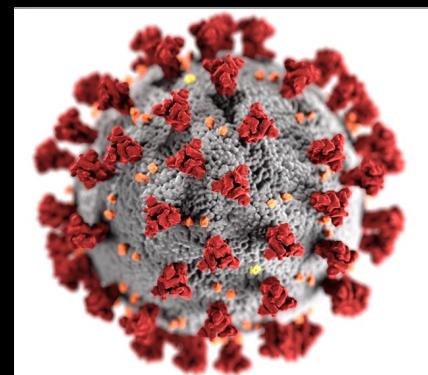
We therefore use this medium to express our gratitude to God for His help and mercy over Mountain Top University. We also congratulate our erudite and hardworking Vice-Chancellor, an achiever per excellence, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi and his hardworking team of Deans, Heads of Department, Coordinators of Programme and indeed the entire staff and students of MTU. Indeed we are MTU! Empowered to Excel!

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: MTU MATCHES ON

Ordinarily, the world flourishes in different capacity and multiple categories on a daily basis. But suddenly, our world is standing still. First, it started as something sinister from the oriental region of China. While many people doubted, many people believed. Then gradually, belief gave way to conviction. It became a reality. Many people were affected in Europe with the United Kingdom and Italy leading the way. It came unannounced, like a thief in the night, collapsing all the barriers of every human demarcation. To underscore its seeming majesty, it assumed two separate names COVID-19 as its scientific name and Coronavirus as its secular name. As a virus, it is merciless and brutal, affecting the rich and the poor, the high and the mighty, resisting every known medication to mankind. At the time of writing this piece, it has killed 33, 552 across the world. 150,000 people have recovered from the virus while 526,000 people are still in the vicious grip of the lethal virus.

Coronavirus has made nonsense of human knowledge, rendering it ineffectual and inconsequential. It has ridiculed world powers, those who endlessly try to compete with God. It has queried human knowledge and scientific discoveries. Sudden-

ly, man realizes that there is a Creator, one who is omniscient. A report recounts that there is scarcity of the Bible in most leading bookshops across the world. Suddenly, everybody recognizes the need to be closer to God and the need to do away with most human pastimes. Before the entry of Coronavirus, some people behaved as if they couldn't do without certain luxuries and certain ways of life.



Ultrastructural Morphology exhibited by Coronaviruses (Source: Center for Disease Control)

Suddenly, the rich cannot drive their expensive cars. The rich can no longer travel overseas for the slightest excuse. COVID-19 stands in the way, threatening everybody. Gold and silver dissolve before the deadly virus. Weddings are postponed, parties are postponed too. Enjoyment has given way to deep introspection. People are advised to stay at home and be safe or hit the streets and contract the monstrous agent of death. Those addicted to sports cannot watch their favourite

teams every weekend. The family unit is stronger with recalcitrant spouses abandoning careers and focusing more on their household. Children are at home, both the ones who have paid school fees and the ones who are yet to pay school fees. Churches are closed and companies are closed too. Suddenly, the desperate need for materialism and morbid desire for the illusions of life suddenly gave way to a need for survival. Indeed, COVID-19 has made a huge statement across the world.

Nigeria has not been left out of the world pandemic. Initially, there was rumour that the COVID-19 virus cannot survive in warm temperatures, therefore Africa was safe from the pandemic. Many people in Africa swallowed this myth with much gusto. But gradually, the myth was demystified when many African countries started recording cases of people infected with the deadly virus. Today, 31st of March, 2020, there are exactly 139 cases across Nigeria with Lagos and Abuja recording the highest numbers. However, in response to the global health threat, the Lagos state government and the Ogun state government have closed all schools, from the lowest

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ranks to university levels. Mountain Top University, as a law abiding institution and in kind consideration of the lives of everyone within the university community, announced a one month closure from the 23rd of March to the 24th of April, 2020.

A statement from the office of the Registrar states that “As part of measures to curb the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) in Nigeria and in line with the directive of the Federal and Ogun State governments, the University Management has directed staff of the University to proceed on their 2020 annual leave for a period of one (1) month beginning from Monday, 23rd March, 2020 and to resume on 24th April, 2020. Members of staff who have utilized part of their annual leave for the Year 2020 should enjoy the rest of the leave due during this break”. By the above pronouncement, the university authorities have shown empathy and care towards members of the university community. In demonstration of the kind gesture, salaries and wages for the month of March have been fully paid, even before the month ran out. Indeed, all hands of labour in the university are grateful for the kind

gesture.

One is bound to ask, does the closure of the university, like all private and public universities across the country, amount to the closure of all administrative activities? Of course, the answer is no. According to the Registrar, there is ongoing e-conferencing to manage the affairs of the university and to ensure that, although the university is on a forced break, the wheels are still running. Kudos must be given to the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, and all administrative staff who are involved in the daily running of the university in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The success of MTU within a very short time of its establishment has provoked several debates across the country. Some people have said that the reason behind the tremendous success of the university is the divine mandate and vision handed over to the Chancellor and Visitor of the institution, Dr Daniel Olukoya, General Overseer of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries. Other people have attributed the success of the university to the visionary management by the pioneer Vice-Chancellor Professor Elijah Ayolabi. Yet many people believe that the success and growth of

the university can be attributed to the quality of committed and intelligent staff in the institution. The debate goes on and on. Whatever be the case, Mountain Top University is making progress and will continue to make progress.

While the COVID-19 pandemic rages on across the world, disrupting the regular protocol of human community, it is believed that many institutions will surely survive the debacle and when the numbers are counted, Mountain Top University, together with all the staff, will be among those that will be counted. Meanwhile, the university is not totally shut down. All management staff and their support staff are working, the security unit is working, the Health/Medical Centre is working, and Facility and Electrical Units are working. Housekeepers in the Hostels are also working. The above units may not maintain a regular work schedule, but the underlying concern is that they are all working through an effective template that will meet the demands of the university. Mountain Top University is truly empowered to excel.

BOARD OF MTU SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES INAUGURATED

History was once again made in Mountain Top University (MTU) as the Vice Chancellor, Professor Elijah Adebawale Ayolabi inaugurated the Board of the University's Postgraduate School on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020. The University recently received the permission of the National Universities Commission to initiate the process for the commencement of postgraduate programmes.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. E. Ayolabi charged the Board to ensure timely delivery of all programmes in order to be a model postgraduate school in Nigeria, urging members to set the direction that the SPGS would go from start. He challenged the Board to work on placing the University at the forefront of research excellence in the country and beyond.

In his remarks at the event, the Ag. Dean of the School, Dr. Ibidapo Akinyemi thanked the Vice Chancellor for his doggedness which ensured the prompt approval of postgraduate studies in the University by the Senate. He expressed his delight on his appointment to pioneer the MTU Postgraduate School as Acting Dean. He further appealed for the support and coop-



The VC, MTU Prof. Elijah Ayolabi (middle) flanked on both sides by the Principal Officers including the Ag Dean of the newly inaugurated School of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Ibidapo Akinyemi (3rd from left)

eration of the various Colleges that are running post-graduate programmes to ensure timely delivery of the programmes. He promised to make sure that the School sets an academic precedence that would be one of its kind in Nigeria, adding that they had already studied the activities of some other postgraduate schools in order to be the best.

Courses and Departments in the School of Postgraduate Studies

The university is to start with the following courses/programmes:

1. Department of Accounting
 - ◆ PGD, M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D. Accounting / Finance
2. Department of Economics
 - ◆ PGD, M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D. Economics
3. Department of Biological Sciences
 - ◆ PGD, M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D. Microbiology / Biochemistry
4. Department of Computer Science and Mathematics
 - ◆ PGD, M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D. Computer Science / Mathematics

The members of the MTU Postgraduate School Board are:

1. Dr. I. O. Akinyemi	Ag. Dean SPGS	Chairman of the Board
2. Prof. A. I. Akinwande	(Dean, CBAS)	Member
3. Dr. O. J. Akinyomi	(Ag. Dean, CHMS)	Member
4. Dr. M. M. Ologundudu	(Ag. Director, AP)	Member
5. Dr. S. O. Akande	(Dep. Director, ICT)	Member
6. Dr. J. O. Ojo	(Rep. CHMS)	Member
7. Dr. S. A. Oluranti	(Rep. CHMS)	Member
8. Dr. S. O. Kareem	(Rep. CBAS)	Member
9. Dr. E. A. Ofudje	(Rep. CBAS)	Member
10. Mr. T. Balogun	(Assistant Registrar)	Member & Secretary to the Board

TIT - BITS**WORDS ON MARBLES**

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty”
Psalm 91:1
(KJV)

“Your confession in times of confusion determines the conclusion of your condition.”

Evang. Shola Mike Agboola

From the office of the Vice— Chancellor

- ◆ Five Courses/Programs have received full accreditation from the National University Commission (NUC). They are: Biology, Biotechnology, Food Science and Technology (FST), Mass Communication, and Music.
- ◆ Mountain Top University emerged best in Sub-Saharan Africa in the ongoing 2020 edition of the Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) organized by the American Society of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG).
- ◆ Every staff should prepare for online interaction and lecture presentation during the period of the lockdown.

From the office of the Registrar

- Introduction of Personal Development Plan (PDP). A tool for career and personal development with a view to helping Registry staff reach short and long term goals.
- Zoom and Google class training was conducted for academic staff online on Friday, 3rd of April, 2020.
- Evaluation of knowledge, skill, and attitudinal gap of staff in the Registry continues.
- Monthly Registry Seminar series postponed due to University -wide prayer meetings held in March.
- Fifteen non-academic staff were appointed and one non-academic staff upgraded.
- Eight academic staff were promoted.

VOLUNTARY STAFF DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020

ACADEMIC STAFF:	NON-ACADEMIC STAFF:
PROFESSOR AYOLABI ELIJAH ADEBOWALE	MR SHOLA ROTIMI OLAGUNDOYE
DR. OJO JAMES OLANIPEKUN	MRS. IBIRONKE VERONICA BAKARE
MR SAMUEL AYODELE MAJEKODUNMI	MR FELIX OLALEKAN OYEWOLE
MRS OPEYEMI OLUWAYEMISI AYODELE	MR ABIODUN DONALD BABATUNDE
DR. AKANDE RAPHAEL OLUWOLE	MR. OLAWOLE, O. FESTUS
DR ADEIGA ADESINA ABAYOMI	MR OMONIYI EMMANUEL OMOTAYO
MR ADEBAMI EBENEZER GBOYEGA	MRS OLAYEMI OMOLABAKE ESEZOBOR
DR. OKUNOYE OLUREMI JOB	MRS AKINSOLA VICTORIA OMOLOLA
MRS IKEOLUWAPO OLANIKE ADEFISAN	MISS ALO ABOSEDE COMFORT
PROFESSOR ADEDUN EMMANUEL ADEDAYO	MR OJI ROTIMI CHARLES
DR OLOGUNDUDU MOJEED MUHAMMED	MR. OLAWOLE MICHAEL OGUNKANMI
MR. ATTAH ALEXANDER ENEBI	MRS SOYINKA ADENIKE ESTHER
MR OKUNUBI MICHAEL OLAJIDE	MR MAKINDE MATTHEW ADENIYI
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PROF. AKINWANDE AMOS	MR OJO ADEGBOYEGA
DR SEMIU KAREEM ODURO	MR SALAMI BAMIDELE
DR. (MRS.) OMOSEBI MARY OMOLOLA	MISS OLAREWAJU GIFT TITILOPE
MR OGUNYEMI OLUDARE ADEBAYO	MR TANIMOWO OLUMIDE MICHAEL
DR MRS AKINADE O. J	MR ADESOJI KUJORE
DR OLADELE JOHN AKINYOMI	MRS. POPOOLA ADEJOKE ABOSEDE
DR ONI BABATUNDE OLAGOKE	MR AKINTOYE ABIODUN
DR MBAKA CHINYERE	MR ISHOLA AFOLABI
DR (MRS) ERIGBE PATIENCE AJIRIOGHENE	MISS LAWAL VIVIAN
DR OLUSEGUN IFEOLUWA OGUNSUUYI	MRS ADENIYI MODUPE EUNICE
DR. OFUDJE EDWIN ANDREW	MR OLUFEMI EMMANUEL OYEWOLE
	MRS AYORINDE ESTHER A.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

DATE	NAME	DEPARTMENT/POSITION
April 4th	Oluwaseye Isaiah Ayanniyi	Driver
April 5th	Dr Edwin A. Ofudje	Chemical Sciences
April 7th	Adewale Micheal Sunmola	Security
April 8th	Ruth Ikeoluwa Ojekunle	Medical Centre
April 8th	Francis Dupe Adekunle	Porter
April 10th	Shola Olagundoye	Bursar
April 12th	Titilope Anifowose	Library
April 13th	Dr Chinyere A. Mbaka	Mass Communication
April 14th	Dr Esther O. Senayon	Languages
April 15th	Rotimi Charles Oji	Bursary
April 16th	Ibironke Veronike Bakare	VC's Office
April 18th	Josephine Omolara Williams	VC's Office
April 18th	Elizabeth Ife Omodanisi	Biological Sciences
April 18th	Bamidele Afeez Salami	Entrepreneurship Centre
April 20th	Olufunmilola K. Aderinboye	Registry
April 22nd	Dr Mojeed M. Ologundudu	Economics
April 25th	Dr Olarenwaju E. Fayemi	Biological Sciences
April 26th	Dr Mary Omolola Omosebi	Food Science & Technology
April 26th	Omoniyi Emmanuel Omotayo	Registry
April 27th	Adeolu Opeyemi Ojo	ICT

OUR MISSION

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.

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

CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Skill

EDITORIAL AND MEDIA UNIT MEMBERS

- Dr. (Mrs) Chinyere A. Mbaka (Chairperson)
- Dr. (Mrs) Tolulope O. Oladejo
- Dr. Olusegun I. Ogunsuyi
- Dr. Promise O. Adiele