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It is no longer news that the world has been ravaged by the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic for the past two months. It is not a regional, ethnic, gender, class, or religious induced pandemic. It is global, general, and brutal. No one is spared. The rich and poor countries, sophisticated metropolis and downright rural enclaves, all are affected. For the first time in distant memory, the world is united to find a common enemy without the usual rhetoric of supremacy echoed by the Western world.

In Nigeria, the effect of the pan-

demic has been total and far-reaching. Like other countries of the world, Nigeria has put several measures in place to check further spread of the pandemic. Although the federal government announced a total lockdown in Abuja, Lagos, and Ogun States, other State Governors did the needful by announcing different measures to check the spread of

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the virus. The pandemic has brought a negative turn-around in all the facets of human engagements. Worship centres like Churches and Mosques have been shut down, businesses have been closed and more telling is the closure of all institutions of learning, including universities, both private and public. It is to the later that

Mountain Top University is affected.

Following the nation-wide lockdown and the closure of all tertiary institutions, many universities have been under lock and key with zero level of activities. However, few universities have been up and running with full academic and administrative activities in progress. Mountain Top University leads the pack having missed nothing since the nation-wide lockdown. The lecturers and students have been engaged in serious academic activities - lectures, assignments, and project supervisions have been going on. In fact, MTU online classes have been adjudged as one of the best in the country. Through the online classes, students are interacting with their lecturers, busy with lectures and assignments. In this way, it is obvious that the university has not lost anything except perhaps the camaraderie associated with physical interaction.

The highlight of last month's activities at MTU was the Google Form appreciation training for lecturers which

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was specifically introduced to train academic staff on how to set their tests and examination questions for the students. The Google Form appreciation training became very important and necessary because as the semester progresses, the lecturers will need to conduct mid-semester tests. To conduct strict academic tests for students will definitely pose a challenge since the students will be in their various homes without the eagle, strict eye of the lecturers enforcing discipline during such tests. But with the Google Form appreciation training, mid-semester tests will be administered effectively and also graded accordingly by lecturers.

Responding to their experiences during the training, many lecturers agreed that it was a welcome development and a wonderful idea by the university management to introduce such a scheme. Although the mid-semester tests have not been conducted yet, the lecturers are set to do the needful in that regard. In order to maintain uniformity, high level of discipline and security in the exercise, all the bona fide students of the university were asked to update their official university email accounts because through the email accounts, the tests will be administered. As at the time of writing this piece, all the students have submitted their email addresses. In this way, both students and

lecturers are ready for the mid-semester academic testing exercise. Indeed, it is commendable that the university has marched on in the face of a recognized global threat which has almost crippled businesses, institutions, and personal lives. Interestingly, when the census is taken of universities that stood the test of time, maintaining a progressive learning culture, Mountain Top University will certainly be counted. In the future when students from other universities may be counting their losses, students of Mountain Top University will proudly raise their hands in confidence, having lost nothing during the global pandemic.

MTU HOLDS GOOGLE FORM APPRECIATION TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF ACADEMIC STAFF

In preparation for the second semester tests and examination, the management organised an online training for academic staff on the use of Google Form for assessment and evaluation of students. The training, which took place on Monday, the 18th of May, 2020 via Zoom platform, had over sixty staff members in attendance.

The training session was facilitated by Mr Jeremiah Balogun of the Computer Science Department of Mountain Top University. Mr Ba-

logun's excellent teaching skills were on display as he took the staff through the processes involved in creating test questions, creating and selecting answer options and generating performance scores for each and every candidate involved in the exercise. It was indeed a beautiful experience.

There were lots of questions from the staff present on the specific use of the application for setting questions in certain subject areas such as: Chemical equations, Musical notes/keys, Phonetics and other

practical oriented courses. Practical illustrations were provided by the facilitator to answer some of those questions. However, the Vice-Chancellor promised to schedule a second leg of the training before the tests start. This is to enable all stakeholders tighten all the loose ends in the entire process for a successful conduct of the test.

MTU is indeed marching on and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us.

Things We Need to Know about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that can cause illnesses such as the common cold, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). In 2019, a new coronavirus was identified as the cause of a disease outbreak that originated in China.

The virus is now known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The disease it causes is called coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). In March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person (generated through coughing and sneezing). Individuals can also be infected from touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and touching their face (e.g., eyes, nose, mouth). The COVID-19 virus may survive on surfaces for several hours, but simple disinfectants can kill it.

What is the treatment for COVID-19?

Currently, there is no available vaccine for COVID-19. However, many of the symptoms can be treated and getting early care from a healthcare provider can make the disease less dangerous. There are several clinical trials that are

being conducted to evaluate potential therapeutics for COVID-19.

Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. The time after exposure and before having symptoms is called the incubation period. Common signs and symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Tiredness

Other symptoms can include:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty while breathing
- Muscle aches
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Chest pain

Other less common symptoms that have been reported are: rash, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

The severity of COVID-19 symptoms can range from very mild to severe. Some people may have only a few symptoms, while some people may have no symptoms at all. People who are older or who have existing chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, chronic kidney or liver disease, or who have compromised immune

systems may be at higher risk of serious illness. This is similar to what is seen with other respiratory illnesses, such as influenza.

Some people may experience worsened symptoms, such as worsened shortness of breath and pneumonia, about a week after symptoms start.

Prevention

Although there is no vaccine available to prevent COVID-19, you can take steps to reduce your risk of infection. World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the following as precautions for avoiding COVID-19:

- Avoid large events and mass gatherings.
- Avoid close contact (within about 6 feet, or 2 meters) with anyone who is sick or has symptoms.
- Stay home as much as possible and keep distance between yourself and others (within about 6 feet, or 2 meters), especially if you have a higher risk of serious illness. Keep in mind some people may have COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if they don't have symptoms or don't know they have COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

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- Cover your face with a cloth face mask in public spaces, such as the grocery store, where it's difficult to avoid close contact with others, especially if you're in an area with ongoing community spread.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw away the used tissue. Wash your hands right away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid sharing dishes, glasses, towels, bedding and other household items if you're sick.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, light switches, electronics and counters, daily.
- Stay home from work, school and public areas if you're sick, unless you're going to get medical care. Avoid public transportation, taxis and ride-sharing if you're sick.

Recommendations for Schools

There are principles and actions recommended for schools and students as government is proposing to open schools nationwide. The following basic principles can help keep students, teachers, and other staff safe at school and help stop the spread of this disease. They are:

- Sick students, teachers or some other staff should not come to school.
- Schools should enforce regular hand washing with safe water and soap, alcohol rub/hand san-

itizer or chlorine solution and, at a minimum, daily disinfection and cleaning of school surfaces.

- Schools should provide water, sanitation and waste management facilities and follow environmental cleaning and decontamination procedures
- Schools should promote social distancing (a term applied to certain actions that are taken to slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease, including limiting large groups of people coming together).
- Cancelling any community events/meetings that usually take place on school premises.
- Reinforce frequent handwashing and sanitation and procure needed supplies.
- Prepare and maintain handwashing stations with soap and water, and if possible, place alcohol-based hand rub (hand sanitizers) in each classroom, at entrances and exits, and near lunchrooms and toilets.
- Clean and disinfect school buildings, classrooms and especially water and sanitation facilities at least once a day, particularly surfaces that are touched by many people (railings, lunch tables, sports equipment, door and window handles, teaching and learning aids etc.)
- Implement social distancing practices that may include:
 - *Cancelling assemblies, sports games and other events that create crowded conditions.
 - *When possible, create space for

students' desks to be at least one metre apart.

- *Teach and model creating space and avoiding unnecessary touching.

Recommendations for Students

- ♦ Protect yourself and others by washing your hands frequently, always with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ♦ Remember not to touch your face.
- ♦ Do not share cups, eating utensils, food or drinks with others.
- ♦ Be a leader in keeping yourself, your school, family and community healthy.
- ♦ Share what you learn about preventing the disease with your family and friends, especially with the younger ones.
- ♦ Model good practices such as sneezing or coughing into your elbow and washing your hands.
- ♦ Don't stigmatize your peers or tease anyone about being sick; remember that the virus doesn't follow geographical boundaries, social status, ethnicities, age, ability or gender.
- ♦ Tell your parents, another family member, or a lecturer if you feel sick.

Culled from Lisa Bender (lbender@unicef.org) Education in Emergencies UNICEF New York

Tit - bits**From the Vice-Chancellor's Office**

- ♦ Academic activities still going on through the online channels.
- ♦ Google Form appreciation training for lecturers took place.
- ♦ Practical online demonstration for tests and exams to commence soon.
- ♦ Plans underway to start tests and exams soon.

WORDS ON MARBLE

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

- Philippians 1:21 (KJV)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me

- Galatians 2: 20 (KJV)

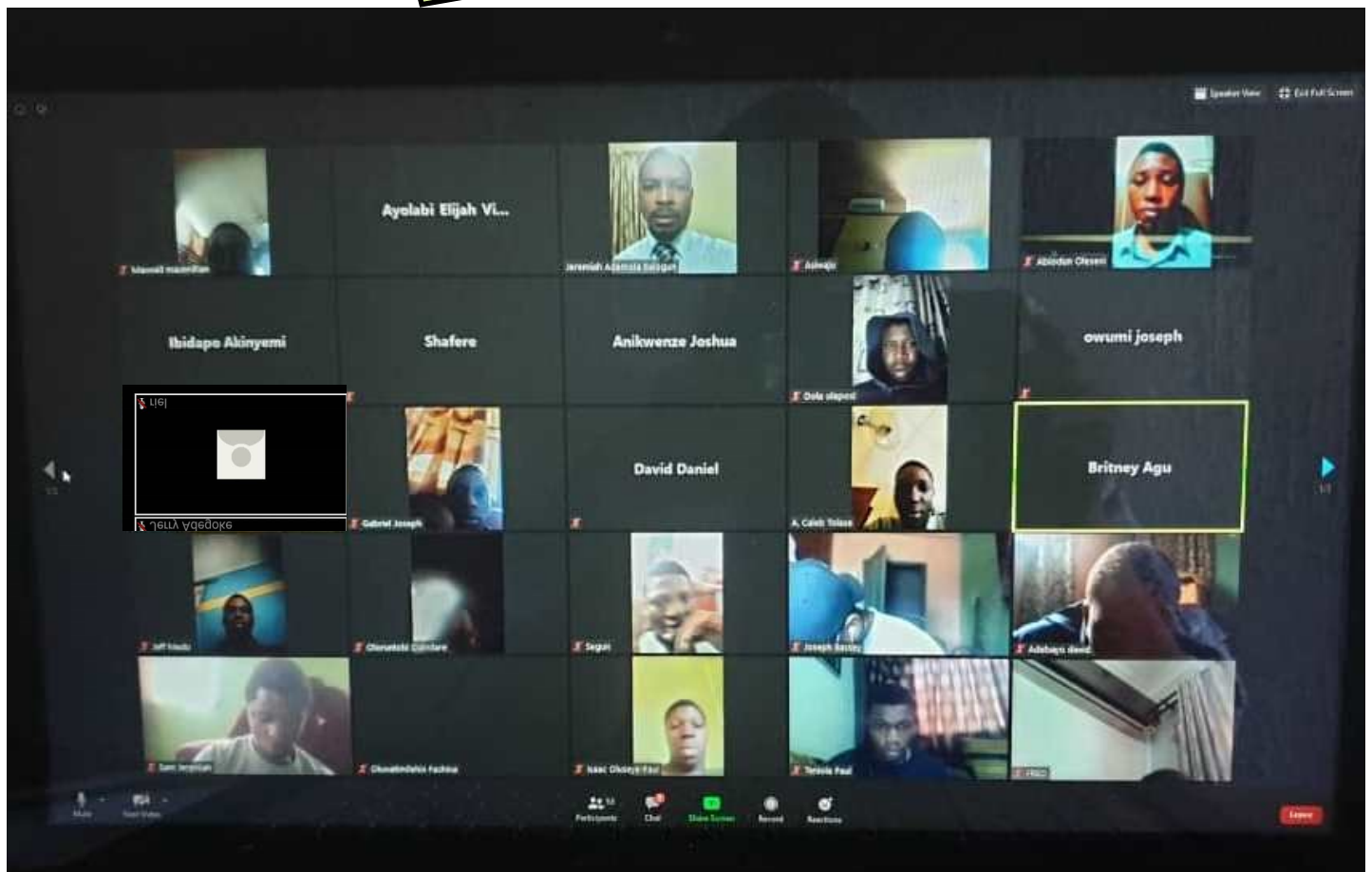
"A man who wont die for something is not fit to live."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything"

- Alexander Hamilton

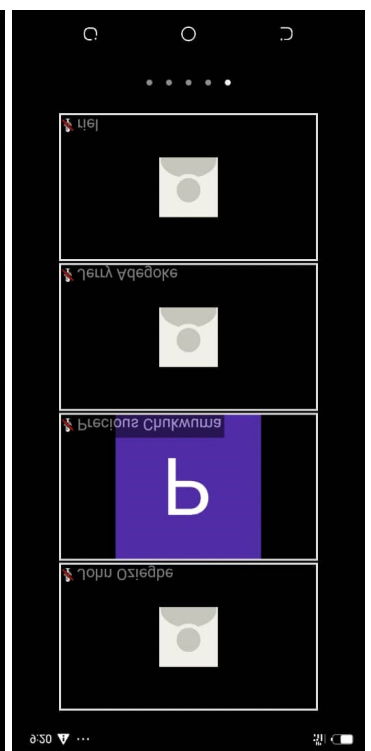
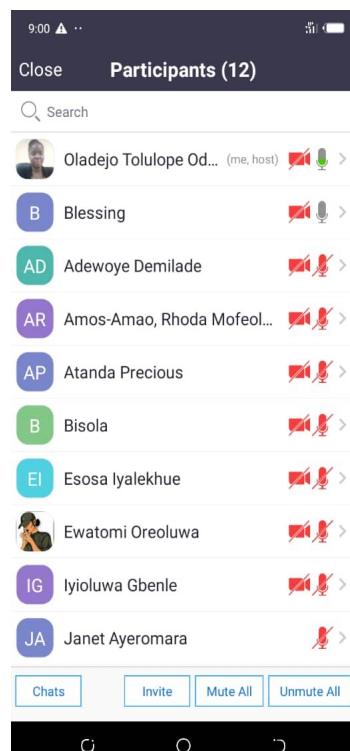
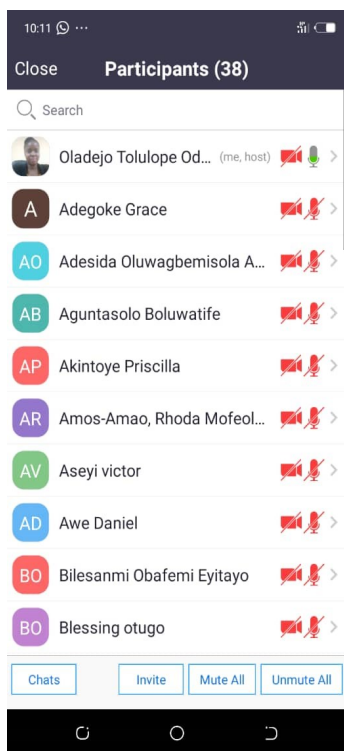
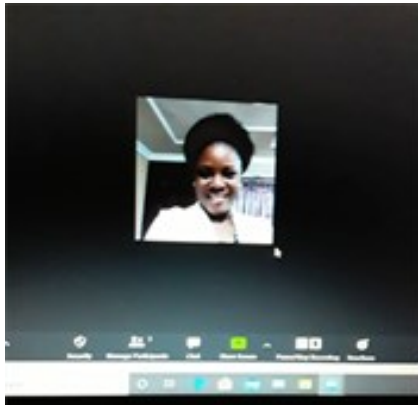
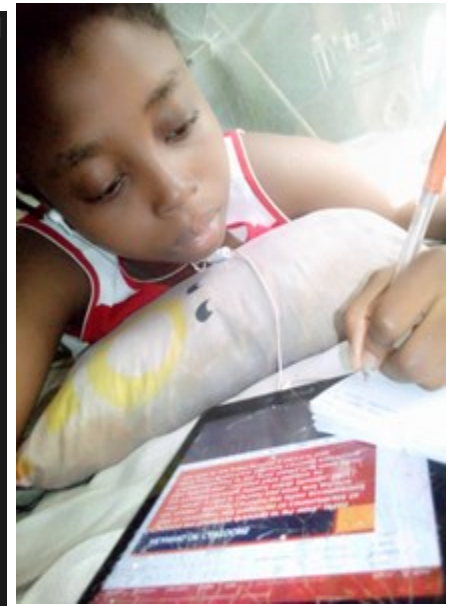
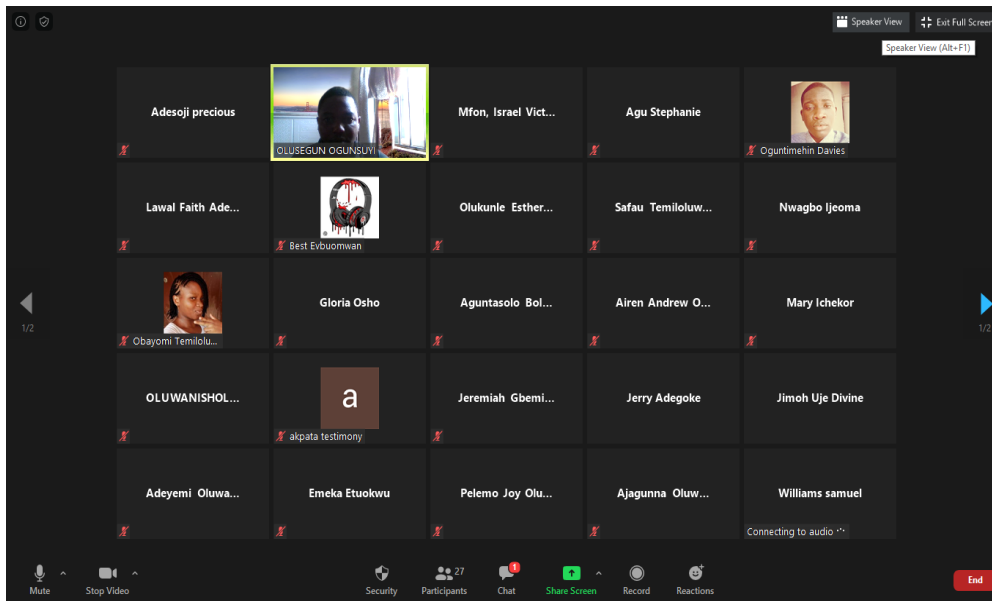
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STAFF BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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June 4th	Victoria Omolola Akinsola	Human Resources, Registry
June 4th	Dr Francis Hope Ibadin	Coordinator, Biological Sciences
June 5th	Dr Pius Okafor Onichabor	Accounting & Finance
June 6th	Aribake Ronke Apo	Porter
June 7th	Oscar Silverex Otoide	Porter
June 7th	Kehinde Oladayo Adeniran	Medical Centre
June 12th	Oluwaseun Olufemi Osibo	Students' Affairs
June 17th	Donald Tunde Abiodun	Students' Affairs
June 18th	Kelechi John Ukagwu	Physics
June 19th	Oluwatosin Olatunji Oluyomi	Economics
June 21st	Prof. Amos Ifeolu Akinwande	Dean, CBAS
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June 25th	Deborah Ngozi Egunleti	Students' Affairs
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June 27th	Temitayo Esther Olalekan	Works & Physical Planning
June 30th	Olufunke Olajumoke Badaki	Porter

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.

CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Skill

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