



CRAWFORD UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

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Our vision
To be a Centre of Excellence;
producing graduates with a balanced
education.

Mission
To be an International Institution of
higher learning with enviable
standards of teaching and research

The University Resumes after Christmas/New Year Break

The University roared back to life last week when it formally resumed after the Christmas and New Year break. The university formally closed at the end of business on Monday, 18th of December, 2017. All units and departments closed except the Registry which was opened throughout the time except the public holidays to receive the freshers seeking for admission.

Right from Tuesday, 2nd of January, staff members have begun thronging their offices to set up and prepare for business in the new year. On Thursday, the first Prayer Meeting of the year was held. It was a full house as staff members praised, sang and prayed together to bring the new year before God and ask for grace to traverse it in peace, progress and prosperity. Prayers were said for the church's authority, Crawford University management, staff and students and for our nation, Nigeria.

Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rotimi Ajayi addressed the house to thank them for their unwavering support and cooperation. He used the opportunity presented by the meeting to apprise them of developments in the institution and what we are to look forward to in the new year. He informed the house on the approval by the council of some promotions, confirmations, increments and other incentives to appreciate the inputs of some staff members. Without doubt, one of the most cheering news is that of the elevation to the post of professorship of Dr. Comfort Omorogbe in the Department of Accounting and Finance, Dr. James Oludotun in the Department of Physical and Earth Science, Dr. Gabriel Lanrewaju Adeola in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. There also is the elevation to the chair of Associate Professor of the Acting Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Amos Abisoye and Dr. John Ayodele both in the Department of Social Science (Sociology Programme). There were other levels of elevation. The meeting, which started at 10 a.m. did not come to a close until 2.45 p.m.

Crawford University Played Host to the IYC

In the interregnum between the Christmas and the New Year holiday, our campus played host to over 6, 000 youths of the Apostolic Faith Church from all over Nigeria and some neighbouring West African countries. The event was the 3-day International Youth Camp, IYC, which held between Wednesday 27th and Saturday 30th of December, 2017.

The yearly meet has over the years provided a forum for the youths of the Apostolic Faith churches to come together and review the year behind them and plan for that coming in. It has proven to be for them a time of refreshing, re-appraisal, socialising and seeking for God's blessings in their personal and corporate life. This year's event had the theme: Dare to Rise.

Nuggets from the VC's Address

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Rotimi Ajayi, took his time to address the staff as well as field questions emanating from the speech. Hereunder are some major highlights from the speech.

▪ Staff-Students Relationship

The Vice Chancellor urged on the staff better Staff-to-students relationship. He reminded the house that the students are the reason for all of us being here. While not compromising standards and laid-down regulations, he insisted that civility and mutual respect could still be maintained.

▪ Mass Communication Department's Accreditation

The Vice Chancellor informed the house that the Mass Communication Department would come up for accreditation by May. He called for the support and cooperation to make the exercise a success.

- **NUC's Team for Verification of New Programmes**

The University is expecting a team from the National Universities Commission, NUC, to come for a fact-finding and Verification mission on the heel of the University's applications for the running of some new programmes.

- **Thorough Overhauling of the Institution's Website**

The University is undertaking a thorough overhauling of the institution's website. It is considering a more robust website that would be more comprehensive and fully-interactive. The improved website would allow visitors to fully perform and transact any business from any remote location. Also, it would be administered by qualified webmasters who would ensure that it is updated at very short interval, such that it would be the source of the most authentic messages and information about the University. The committee that would see to the project would be headed by Dr. Lucky Osai.

- **More Impetus for a Cleaner Campus**

More efforts are to be devoted to the Waste-to-Wealth programme to promote a cleaner campus and ingrain in students an hygienic lifestyle. Dr. John Ayodele remains the pointsman of the environmental project.

- **CAPAC Off to a Flying Start: First Project Soon to Take Off.**

The Vice Chancellor commended the staff for their sacrifice on the Capital Advocacy Project which has garnered some fund as at last year. He revealed that the Lecture Theater project will commence as soon as approval is obtained.

- **Godliness on Campus: Sacrosanct Days.**

The Vice Chancellor expressed his displeasure to how staffers are not taking serious two sessions reserved for staff for meetings in the chapel, first for the Bible Study on Wednesdays and Prayer Meetings on Thursdays. While overlooking the negligence of the past, he said management would from henceforth take the issue very seriously.

- **Public Lectures, Better Town-Gown Interaction.**

The Vice Chancellor revealed that from now on, the University would be engaging significant members of the public in the various professions, captains of industry and entrepreneurs to come into the University to deliver public lectures for the broadening of the experience of the members of the University community and better Town and Gown relationship.

- **Seminar for Retirees**

Seminars would be organised from time to time to prepare staffers for life after retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff Bible Study holds 2pm every Wednesday.
Staff prayer meeting holds every Thursdays by 8am. God bless you as you attend these meetings.

Management

The secret to a rich life is to have more beginning than endings.

...Dave Weinbaum