



# CRAWFORD UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

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**Our vision**  
To be a Centre of Excellence;  
producing graduates with a balanced  
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higher learning with enviable  
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## SPECIAL ISSUE

### “One Good Step at a Time...”

**Chancellor Lays Foundation for New Classroom Block.**



**The Chancellor, Rev. (Dr.) Emmanuel Adebayo Adeniran, laying the foundation for the new block of classrooms**

The campus of our University wore a festive look with the coming of our Chancellor, Reverend (Dr.) Emmanuel Adebayo Adeniran, who also doubles as the District Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Church in the West and Central Africa sub-regions and his retinue into the campus. Their coming was for the formal foundation laying for a new block of classrooms for the University.

The formal ceremony took the form of a church service near the building site complete with a choir and orchestra. The air around the site resounded with the lead song: “Great is the Lord who

ruleth over all” by the choir who were later joined by the congregation made up of the Deans of the College, Heads of Department and unit and high officials of the Apostolic Faith with songs like “To God be the Glory” and “Christ is made the sure foundation”, to glorify God before the short exhortation by the Chancellor.

In his remarks, Rev. (Dr.) Adeniran noted that for Crawford University, the philosophy guiding its strategic development remains “one good step at a time”. He emphasized that God, the Ultimate Builder was involved in the development of the University every step of the way, as He was the One supplying

both the will to do as well as the ability and wherewithal “according to His good pleasure”

For Reverend (Dr.) Dayo Abe, the Director of Infrastructure Directorate, he summarized the story behind the conception and planning, including the technical details, of the building. He reveals that the building is conceived to be on three floors, that is

ground floor, first floor and second floor and it is to be laid out as L-shaped block.

Afterwards the congregation trooped out to follow the Chancellor, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University, Rev. (Dr.) Gabriel Kayode Ajayi, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rotimi Ajayi and Rev. Dayo Abe to formally lay the foundation at the four corners of the proposed building.

## **Excerpts from an interview of the Chancellor, Rev. (Dr.) Emmanuel Adeniran at the event**

### **Question**

***Kindly outline for us your strategic vision for the infrastructural development of Crawford University***

The vision is in various layers. The first and primary vision is that we raise a team or army of God-fearing students graduating from Crawford University, having first class education and yet God fearing. The second vision is to have a campus where one can come and be close to God. You feel God around you on campus, like an Eden on earth. And that is why you see a lot of trees. A lot of things

are coming, the infrastructures that are built here are not just built without plans. They are with plans. If you look at what we are doing now, we are following a systematic plan of making the school almost like family together, students, lecturers all interacting. They are forced to interact together as a family. We are close together by the grace of God. When you look at all these that means we are trying

to build a University that on its own ground has an infrastructure vision. an academic vision and above all a godly vision. Knowing that if we built on the foundation of Christ, all will be well, both with the students, lecturers even the church that owns the University. We are building builders by the grace of God. That's our vision.

### **Question**

***The University is supposed to be community owned project aside the owner. What are your views about people joining, or co- owning the project, taking parts in the project?***

In terms of community ownership, the number one community that owns this place is the Apostolic Faith and all its members everywhere. The parents are also stake holders, the students whom

have graduated, Alumni, are stakeholders and also international organisations. In the last one year we have so many instances of cooperation, and platforms are being opened for others to join us in

building Crawford. No one can single-handedly build a University. It is a multi stakeholder agenda and platform that we are raising.

### **Question**

***The people of Apostolic Faith, are they being encouraged to join with the leadership of Apostolic Faith to also join into the building of this project.***

There is no separation between leadership and followership. We are all joined together in Apostolic Faith and we do things together.

## **Excerpts from an interview of the Chairman BoT, Rev. (Dr.) Gabriel Kayode Ajayi, at the event**

### **Question**

***What are the things that you think remain for the leadership to prove that you still have plans for the University?***

Well, what we are here to do today is part of that. Development is a process and we are following that process. We will not relent until we are sure that, we have brought the University to where it should be. Today's own is just a block in the entire building.

### **Question**

***What do you think can make this University stand out amongst other Universities as the competition is now very high?***

We want to have a very attractive environment which is very primary, so when parents come here and see the facilities, they would want to bring their children. Because we too are parents, so we are working on that. The other aspect

is the spiritual development. We want to make sure that those who come here do not only go back with their education but also go back with God. And parents who appreciate that would want their children to come here, just like our Secondary School. Many parents want their children there even though they are not members, because they are interested in the future of their children.

## **VC Meets with the Students Representative Council**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Rotimi Ajayi held a meeting with the Students Representative Council, SRC, on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2018. The meeting held at the Senate Chamber of the University by 12 noon. Also in attendance were the Acting Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Amos Abisoye, the

Student Advisor, Dr. Dapo Afolabi and some other notables in the management of the affairs of students in the institution.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the students, as represented by the members of the SRC, remain the most critical

stakeholders in the University, so their pulse need be felt from time to time to let them voice their grievance and concerns in order to detect and douse any tension that may arise.

## Second Semester Lectures Commence

As indicated in the academic calendar, lectures have commenced in the new Rain (Second) Semester, according to investigation: by the **Crawford Highlight** team. Many students are already thronging the various classrooms, laboratories and other lectures centres to meet with their lecturers. The Vice Chancellor, rationalizing the decision to start lectures forthwith, noted that the semester is a short one and would be punctuated with some public holidays. In order for the lecturers to fully complete their lecture scheme, it is needful to start early.

**Crawford Highlight** spoke with some students as well as lecturers concerning the development.

### **Dr. Michael Adigun a lecturer in Biological Science, Soil Microbiology and Biochemistry.**

The semester started February 26, according to the school time table, Lecturers invariably have been around because we had to stay back to mark and record exams, given that the break is very

short. Since the time table came out, it has been adjusted and all my lecture notes have been prepared. Planning to resume lectures earlier this week, I went to my classes to take my students Their turn-out was impressive. Right after this interview, I will be taking some 200 level students waiting for me, therefore I can boldly say lectures have started proper. I expect the total cooperation of all students. No lecturer is ready to fail any student. Also I would like to appreciate Crawford Management for their consistency and wonderful performances on the payment of salary and pension. They have been very diligent.

### **Ogbah Samuel – 400 level Computer Science.**

Rain semester is usually packed with a lot of activities, and lectures have started fully as we have a lot of activities for the semester, our projects; seminars are going on for 400 level students while generally academic programs, sports and dinner parties between all departments will be coming up.

## Geology Field Trip

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February saw students of the Geology Department setting out on their annual field trip. Their destination this year was Iseyin, in Oyo State and this trip took along 200 and 300 Levels students.

This yearly trip gives credence to the obvious fact that you hardly can study the earth without soiling your hand. Away from the book shelves and laboratories, these students under their tutors were

studying the banded gneiss, quatertzite, schist, and other rock formation in their natural deposits. Armed with either an ounce or a pound of curiosity, they would find more than enough to satisfy them on this field trip **Crawford Highlight** spoke to 200 Level student Abayomi-Zannu Oluwajuwonlo and she revealed that the trip had been successful so far. "We are currently in Iseyin, Oyo State. We are using our map to guide ourselves to

places where we can find out crop and rock containing different rock type," she said. Obviously, the study is not only about rock: "I am (also) learning endurance on the field and some domestic work at our base camps" she said

The extended trip is expected to cover some 3 weeks. During the period, these students we re expected to have covered the requisite practical component of their studies

## New Staff Series

### **Akinkoya Omoniyi Felix Joins the Crawford Academic Staff**

Akinkoya, Omoniyi Felix is a lecturer in Mass Communication department and a doctoral candidate. He holds a Masters, Bachelors degree and Diploma in Mass Communication from Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State. He also studied at the National Film Institute in Jos, Plateau State and the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Training School, Lagos from where he obtained a Certificate in Cinematography in 2005 and Certificate in Broadcast Presentation in 2008 respectively. He hails from Ikun Akoko in Ondo State and had his primary and secondary education at Child House School, Abeokuta and Egba High School,

Abeokuta respectively. He is married to Adenike and blessed with a son.

He was the Director of "One Day", the Best Training Film Award at the First Nigeria International Film Festival, in Jos organized by National Film Corporation in 2006 and a recipient of The Vine Group (TVG), USA Scholarship Award in 2004.

### **Experience since Joining Crawford University**

Crawford University is an ambient environment for learning and scholarship. The institution has good staff welfare programme and supports staff development," he remarks.

### **Vision and Goal for the University**

I want to see Mass Communication becoming the flagship course at Crawford University and a reference point as a foremost media and communication training centre. It is a mandate that calls for pragmatic teaching and collaboration with the media and communication industry among other goals. Even as we welcome Mr. Akinkoya to the Crawford family, we at **Crawford Highlight** are wishing him well as he goes about realizing his objectives concerning his department.

#### **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 most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.

---Albert Einstein



## Picture Story



L-R Director, Infrastructure, Rev.(Dr.) Dayo Abe; Director, Mission Prof. Kayode Oje; and the Chancellor, Rev. (Dr.) Emmanuel Adeniran at the short service before the foundation laying



L-R Chairman BoT, Rev.(Dr.) Gabriel Ajayi and Chancellor, Rev. (Dr.) Emmanuel Adeniran leading every one to site for the foundation laying



Chairman BoT, Rev.(Dr.) Gabriel Ajayi formally laying the foundation of a corner column of the proposed building



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Ajayi formally laying the foundation of a corner column of the proposed building



Director, Infrastructure, Rev.(Dr.) Dayo Abe formally laying the foundation of a corner column of the proposed building



Chancellor, Rev. (Dr.) Emmanuel Adeniran (5<sup>th</sup> left) in a group photograph with WECA Officials and the University Management Team



Director, Infrastructure, Rev.(Dr.) Dayo Abe (extreme right) discussing with the building-site crew



Public Relations Officer, Mr. Layi Olajumoke, interviewing the Chancellor for the Crawford University Highlight