

YOUR WELFARE IS MY PRIORITY: OAUSTECH VC ASSURES NEW STUDENTS



The Vice-Chancellor of Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH) in Okitipupa, Nigeria, Prof. Temi Ologunorisa, has emphasized that the well-being and advancement of students and staff of the University are the primary focus of his administration for a secure and prosperous future.

During the 14th Freshers' Orientation programme, for the 2024/2025 academic year, held at the Main Campus on Wednesday, 15th January 2025, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the new students and assured them that they have made a commendable decision by choosing OAUSTECH.

Prof. Ologunorisa pledged to equip the students with essential 21st-century skills such as effective communication, critical thinking, time management, problem-solving, interview techniques, and digital literacy to empower them to excel and thrive in today's competitive world.

Addressing the freshmen at the event, Prof. Ologunorisa highlighted the presence of distinguished scholars and professors at OAUSTECH who will engage with the students to inspire their academic and career achievements.

He urged the students to familiarize themselves with the University's regulations, focus on their academic pursuits, and emphasized that those who achieve first-class honours would have opportunities for admission to prestigious universities in the United States and

worldwide for postgraduate studies.

The Vice-Chancellor underscored OAUSTECH's partnerships with renowned universities globally, citing examples of graduates who attained first-class honours and were directly admitted to Ph.D. programmes in leading U.S. institutions.

He emphasized the University's exceptional research facilities, including the world-class Central Research Laboratory and digitized library with 24-hour internet access.

Prof. Ologunorisa unequivocally stated OAUSTECH's zero-tolerance policy towards cultism, academic misconduct, unruly behaviour, indecency, and any form of harassment. He encouraged students to report any challenges or grievances, assuring them of a

transparent and responsive administration.

Assuring the students of a stable academic calendar to facilitate timely completion of their studies, the Vice-Chancellor promised that key student welfare issues like sports facilities and on-campus accommodation are top priorities for the coming year. He announced the imminent availability of two new hostels on campus, funded by Tetfund and the Owotuga Foundation.

In conclusion, Prof. Ologunorisa announced that the General Studies programme would adopt a hybrid approach, combining face-to-face and online learning to reduce overcrowding in classrooms. He urged students to acquire laptops, aligning with his administration's vision of providing each student with a personal device.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Daniel Adekeye, commended the students for choosing OAUSTECH, emphasizing the University's commitment to fostering excellence and a supportive environment. He called for students' cooperation in upholding the University's rules and regulations to maintain a peaceful atmosphere conducive to learning.

REGISTRAR TASKS NEW STUDENTS TO AIM FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, IMBIBE GOOD CHARACTER

The Registrar, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa, Nigeria, Mr. Peter Abiodun Okunniga has charged the newly-admitted students to key into the University's vision by aiming for academic excellence and be good ambassadors of their respective families by portraying good characters at all times within and outside the University.

The 3rd substantive Registrar of the University, represented by Mr. Abiodun Kayode a Principal Assistant Registrar gave the charge while speaking on the “**Vision, Mission and Core Values of OAUSTECH**” during the 14th Orientation Programme for the 2024/2025 set held at OAUSTECH main campus between Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th January, 2025.

Speaking further, Okunniga encouraged the students to attend class punctually, be curious, open-minded, bold, resilient and do their assignments to time in order to attain academic excellence and make positive impacts while in the University and after graduation.

“I want to remind you that as part of a proud tradition of academic excellence, we expect



great things from you and we are committed to supporting you in every step to greatness.”

He also urged them to be respectful, disciplined, polite, honest, accommodating, industrious, loyal, always dress decently, appear clean and always uphold the rules and regulations of the University.

“Cultism, examination malpractices, stealing, abuses and fighting are some of the criminal acts which the University would never condoned”. He forewarned.

In his lecture on “**Bursary Services**”, the University Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Bamidele Aminu urged the students to be very transparent, truthful, upright and honest in all their financial dealings with the University, asserting that all forms of shady dealings would

definitely backfire.

The Bursar, represented by Mrs. Funmi Adebayo, an Accountant I in the Bursary encouraged the students to always consult and feel free to seek clarifications and assistance from the Bursary Department of the University with regards to all fees and financial transactions, so as to avoid being duped or swindled by criminally minded individuals.

Speaking on “**Introduction to OAUSTECH Library Services**”, the Coordinator, University Library, Mrs. Victoria Adesola Alade represented by Miss Elizabeth Inyang, a Librarian II in the Library told the students that library is very crucial to their success and excellence in their academic pursuit in the University. Adding that their commitment and dedication to their studies would also go a long way in

determining their chances of graduating with good grades from the University. “OAUSTECH Library stands out to help you achieve your goals and aspirations.” She advised the new students to swiftly register with the library in order to have unlimited access to various resources available at the University's Library. She posited that available books – hard and electronic copies, e-library with 125 work stations, electronic academic journals such as EBSCOhost, Research4life, AJOL, JUSTOR and www.pdfdrive.net with over 88 million e-books cover the various disciplines and programmes being ran in the University.

The University Counsellor, Mr. Olusola Olowodunoye in his lecture titled “**Indecent Dressing/Posture Penalty**” cautioned the students against all forms of

offensive/indecent dressings, postures, hairstyles, appearances and other unruly behaviours, stating their penalties ranged from one to two semesters suspension from the University.

He listed dressings/postures penalizable in the University to include shredded jeans, micro-miniskirts, crop/jump tops, off-shoulder clothes, transparent wears, backless clothes, bum shorts, nose/mouth/eye extra rings, visibly exposed tattoos, sagging, spangled hairstyles and dreadlock for males, coloured hairstyles and multi-coloured braids for males and females, as well as reckless driving, driving without valid driver's license and granting press interview or publication without permission among others.

"In every vision-driven university, students are the critical factor, they project the University cultures and values; hence, the need for students to always dress properly as great ambassadors of their University", Olowodunoye submitted.

In his lecture on the "Overview of the Students' Handbook", Mr. John Tawose, Senior Assistant Registrar with the Students' Affairs Department advised



Well Dressed Students Ambassador

students to digest the Students' Handbook, especially the areas that has to do with antisocial behaviours within and outside the campus.

He encouraged them to be good representatives of their respective families and desist from running afoul of any of the University's punishable

offences.

The University's Acting Chief Security Officer, Mr. Dominick Adebayo in his lecture on "Campus Security" enjoined the students to be very vigilant and never be careless about their belongings within and outside the campus. He admonished them against night crawling and be

watchful of the friends they keep and associations they relate with.

"Be quick to report any form of threat and harassment within and outside campus to the University security personnel and above all, report any suspicious move and activity on time for your own good"

As part of the highlight of the Orientation Programme, a panel of Judges led by the Acting Dean of Students' Affairs, Dr. Daniel Adekeye adjudged three students who were well dressed namely Atume Michael Terhemba, Fisheries and Aquaculture Programme, Oria Favour Chidera and Agbeleye Deborah, both of Industrial Chemistry Programme as Students' Ambassadors for 2024/2025 academic session.

The well attended event was graced by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. David Aworinde, the Registrar, Mr. Peter Abiodun Okunniga and Deans of various Schools among others.

OAUSTECH PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

The Management of Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa, has paid glowing tributes to the late Secretary to the State Government, Ondo State, Hon. Temitayo Oluwatuyi, who passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

Hon. Oluwatuyi was a member of the OAUSTECH Governing Council, and his contributions to the development of the institution and the state at large will be greatly missed.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Temi Ologunorisa, paid a condolence visit to the Oluwatuyi family, where he described Hon. Oluwatuyi as "a complete gentleman, highly organized, humble, and very cerebral." He assured the family that the university would provide necessary support to ensure a befitting burial.

The wife, Mrs Aderoju Oluwatuyi, and his daughter, Mrs Adeola Olajumoke, received the OAUSTECH team on behalf of the Oluwatuyi family at their Alagbaka residence on Thursday.

A letter of condolences signed by the Vice-Chancellor was also delivered to Governor Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa, and the family, conveying the deepest condolences of the OAUSTECH community.

The OAUSTECH team, including members of the Governing Council and Management, also signed a Condolence Register at



the Governor's Office, Alagbaka, Akure.

The university's Registrar, Mr. Peter Okunniga, wrote in the Condolence Register: "You were an astute administrator and politician. OAUSTECH will miss your wisdom and contribution. RIP."

The OAUSTECH community prays that God grants the family, friends, and the entire state the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss. May Hon. Oluwatuyi's legacy continue to inspire us to strive for excellence.

