

THE PIPELINE



BIU CONFERS CHANGE NIGERIA AWARD ON FORMER NIGERIAN PRESIDENT, CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, GCFR.

The Benson Idahosa University's 'Change Nigeria Award' was conferred on the former Nigerian President for his contribution to national transformation in the areas of Governance, Education and Agriculture during the 11th Convocation Ceremony of Benson Idahosa University.

Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, who also doubled as the Convocation Lecturer, urged the Management of Benson Idahosa University not to relent in mustering efforts towards making the University one of the leading Universities in Nigeria, and, indeed, in Africa. He gave this charge while delivering his lecture entitled, "Effective Educational System: A Panacea for Societal Development and Transformation".

The former Nigerian President identified education "as a process of updating the knowledge and skills of a person for the purpose of making the person useful to himself or herself and to the community". According to him, education is the foundation for development, antidote for poverty, ignorance and the key for unlocking natural resources and human potential. He added that without quality

Celebrating an Icon at 72



The Vice Chancellor of Benson Idahosa University, Prof. Ernest B. Izevbogie, FNAI, on behalf of the council, senate, management, staff, and students, congratulate our amiable chancellor, leader, and Archbishop of Church of God Mission International (CGMI), Most Rev. M.E. Benson-Idahosa, JP, OON, as she clocks 72 years on the 29th of July, 2015.

We celebrate your work in the ministry, and particularly at the University, in the display of leadership qualities, wealth of knowledge, and hardwork. You remain a mentor and a role model to this generation, and your good legacy will inspire generations to come.

We pray God to grant you more glorious years ahead, and increase in your greatness, influence, wisdom, and favour as you work to accomplish His purpose for your life.

Signed:
Mr. M.J Okagbare
Registrar.



education, our goal to have a great Nigeria will remain a "pipeline dream".

Identifying self-reliance, honesty, diligence, respect for the rule of law and dignity of labour as core values of education, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo enjoined the Management of Benson Idahosa University to stick to its "Mission of raising leaders who are complete in spirit, mind and body, thus contributing to the production of high level leadership and quality manpower for the nation and the world.

He however lamented the increased spate of youth unemployment in the nation, saying that, "youth unemployment makes for 20% of Nigerian graduates".

Highpoint was the conferment of the 'Change Nigeria Award' on the Convocation Lecturer, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR by the Chancellor, Archbishop M.E. Benson Idahosa. This was followed by the presentation of a plaque to the recipient by the President of Benson Idahosa University, Bishop F.E. Benson Idahosa II.



FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

Word of the Month from the Archbishop of Church of God Mission International (CGMi).

The Month of August is a month of; **SUPERNATURAL EMPOWERMENT FOR GOOD WORKS.** (Acts: 1:8 & Acts 10:38)

CAMPUS GIST

BIU Lecturer represents varsity in Cameroon

Dr Alexandra Esimaje from the Department of English Studies, Faculty of Arts and Education made a paper presentation entitled "Authorial Presence in the Project Reports of Undergraduate Students programme in Benson Idahosa University", at the International Colloquium on Academic writing in Yaounde Cameroon. It took place from July 20th -22nd 2015.

Faculty of Agriculture & Agricultural Technology - Department of Agronomy and Environmental Management

Dr .M.A Nwachokor has successfully completed her Ph.D programme.

FROM THE SECURITY DESK

In order to enhance its operations and effectiveness, the University's Security Unit upon Management's approval, has put in place the following emergency numbers for prompt and immediate response to all emergency security situations on campus. The numbers are functional 24 hours of the day; 07026033064, 07026033065, 07026033067



CBSU crew also had a chat with Mr. Ben Ibude, the best graduating student 2015

CBSU: Congratulations on your academic achievement and awards.
Ibude: Thank you

CBSU: How does this make you feel?

Ibude: I feel greatly humbled by this achievement and grateful to God for bringing me this far.

CBSU: Where are you from?

Ibude: I am from Orhvonwon L.G.A of Edo state, and the last child of four children.

CBSU: How did you make it to the top, I mean, did you set out to achieving this feat when you got admitted into the university?

Ibude: I wasn't really a first rated student during my Nursery, Primary and mid Secondary classes. However, along the line, I realized I could be better. My breakthrough actually came after a challenging experience during my JAMB examination. Like every other person, I have had my own share of failure. I am grateful to God that through hard work and humility, I am what I am today, coming out as the best graduating student with five different awards.

CBSU: What did you do differently from others to attain this feat?

Ibude: It will interest you to know that I was not the best student in my class. The mark range from the next student was only a difference of 0.01. My class was highly competitive." My success was God's grace".

CBSU: I saw the exciting mood your parents displayed when you were awarded the overall best student. Did your excellent grade come as a surprise to them?

Ibude: I see it as a genetic phenomenon because my Dad also made a first class. This is a divine arrangement which is superior to sheer coincidence. He couldn't have expected anything less than a first class from me. They parents made huge investment in me. My parents encouraged and gave us the platform to soar. My older brother also graduated from here. Though he didn't make first class, he came out with an outstanding second class upper degree.

CBSU: In all of this, how would you describe your experience at Benson Idahosa University?

Ibude: "The excellent academic standard of Benson Idahosa University is real". BIU made me to know that "hard work pays ". I'm going to miss the conducive environment for learning, the academic culture which inculcates both spiritual and academic excellence with godliness in us. I am going to miss my lecturers whose lectures helped to shape my path to success and my course mates. As a matter of fact, when I start having my own children, I will love them to come to BIU.

CBSU: What's your Advice to those who are yet to get to where you are today?

Ibude: My advice to them is that they should aim at the best, work for 5.0 GP and nothing less. They should realise that hard work and prayers work.

CONDOLENCE

Benson Idahosa University Community wishes to express our deep condolences to some of our staff members who are bereaved.

- Prof.P.A.Igbafe, University Orator
- Mrs. Ngozi Esenamunyor, Department of Social and Management Sciences
- Mr. Temi Esenamunyor, Communications & Brand Strategy Unit (VCO)
- Mr. Linus Ekpes, Security Unit.

We pray that the good Lord strengthens you, as you take solace in His word in 2 Kings 4:26, "It is well"

BIU MAKES HISTORY GRADUATES 871 STUDENTS 49 BAG FIRST CLASS.

The Vice Chancellor of Benson Idahosa University, Prof. Ernest B. Izevbigie, while delivering his address at the ceremony, congratulated the graduating students on their milestone achievement. He however restated Management's commitment to reducing unemployment and promoting job creation by retaining, and providing immediate employment for some of its first class graduates.



Speaking on the developmental strides made by the institution, Prof. Izevbigie announced that construction work was ongoing at the University's Okha site for the commencement of the Faculty of Engineering in the 2015/2016 academic session. He said the University continues to make investment in staff development through seminars, workshops, and graduate programmes to acquire additional skills for better service delivery, adding that incentives has been given to long serving staff members, the most recent being the cash gifts of One Million Naira (N.1 Million per staff) who have served 15 years in the University, regardless of their status (academic, non-academic members, artisans, etc.).

The Vice Chancellor also said that the University has commissioned the development of a 5 year strategic plan document on improved security, along with the installation of CCTV cameras across the Campus. He also disclosed that his Alma Mater, Michigan State University is collaborating with Benson Idahosa University to build a Bio-reactor for the conversion of Carbon-based waste into electricity to supply energy needs to the university and the country at large.

Expressing his profound appreciation to God Almighty for the great things He is doing in the institution, to the chancellor for entrusting the mantle of leadership in his hands, and to members of Council, Senate, Staff, Students and the University Community for their support, Prof. Izevbigie urged the graduating students, (Class of Eminence) to be committed to their Alma Mater, by being good ambassadors.

Earlier in her speech, the Chancellor, and Archbishop of Church of God Mission International, Dr. M.E. Benson Idahosa, drawing from the University's 'Core Values' and 'Mission to raise Leaders who are complete in spirit, mind and body, enjoined the graduating students not to behave like the huge circus elephant which does not break free from the little chain which had held it to a little stick because of its experience from infancy, but go as ambassadors of their Alma Mater, noting that the world expects them to be models and trail blazers.

Meanwhile, the President of the Institution, Bishop F.E. Benson Idahosa, charged the graduating students to be the best and greatest in all that they do, by moving ahead of what others have done. In his words, "I challenge you not to be the next Obama, Mandela, Steve Jobs, etc. But be a better president, leader, create a better Apple and the world will catch up with you".



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jack Welch, legendary CEO of General Electric once said, "A leader grows from the reflected glory of what their people do." I've taken his words a step further to say that an

organization grows and flourishes from the reflected glory of the minds and hearts of what its people do. Benson Idahosa University is growing and it is growing because of you. Thank you for your hard work and commitment at our recently concluded convocation ceremonies and with last month's accreditation visit.

For the next level that we need to grow into, we will need not just all hands to be on deck, but your hearts and your minds as well. A salary commits your hands to the work, but it is a compelling vision and the degree with which you buy into it that commits your heart, and your mind to working with it. Thank you for connecting to the vision of our founder, Archbishop B.A. Idahosa, a man who changed Nigeria. Let us keep working together to take his actions to the next level in order to achieve the core purpose of our University... to Change Nigeria. Thank you for giving your hands, your hearts, and your minds to the Benson Idahosa vision.

NEWS

EDO HERITAGE UNION OF MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES, OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP TO BIU STUDENTS.

Edo Heritage Union is a United States based organization established in 2001 by some Edo indigenes. Its aim is to provide access to health care and scholarships for Edo indigenes in Edo State or abroad.

Its objective is to promote unity, peace and harmony among all Edos; foster awareness of and pride in Edo cultural heritage; work diligently towards the progress of Edo State in the areas of education, delivery of health care, welfare and economic development; to cooperate with other Africans in general and Nigeria in particular in promoting unity and patriotism.

The scholarship is aimed at addressing the difficult financial needs of indigent students of Edo extraction.

Criteria for application/nomination:

- Applicants must be 400L bonafide students of Benson Idahosa University.
- Must be seen to have genuine financial hardship or difficulty in paying fees.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 or higher.

Application/Nomination for interested students is open from September 15th through October 15th 2015.



STAFF PROFILE OF THE MONTH

-MR. FELIX
USIOMWATA

In line with one of the University's 'Seven Core Values', "People Matter", the Communications and Brand Strategy Unit (CBSU), profiles members of staff.

This month, the CBSU Crew caught up with Mr. Felix Usiomwata, (a.k.a, Car washer). He is a staff of Benson Idahosa University, an artisan (Gardner).

CBSU: Good morning sir.

Ans: Good morning. How are you people doing?

CBSU: Please tell us about yourself.

Ans: My name is Mr. Felix Usiomwata, I am from Edo State and a Staff of this great Institution, Benson Idahosa University where I work as a field worker since 1999. I am happily married with four children (3 boys and a girl).

CBSU: How has your experience been, working as a staff of BIU?

Ans: My experience has been very wonderful. First, I am most grateful to the Management most especially when we were awarded with hundred thousand naira (N100, 000). I mean those of us who have done over 15 years in this place.

CBSU: Do you have any challenges on the job?

Ans: Challenges! Not at all. My only problem is that, sometimes the authorities give out jobs which is in line with my job description to outsiders. I am not happy about this. The late Archbishop Idahosa *My Papa* gave me this great opportunity to serve, and I can, and will carry out my duties diligently. I don't think there is any need incurring cost by employing contractors to do such jobs in line with my job description.

Generally speaking, my job has been a great blessing. Every day I am made better and like the Archbishop, my papa would always say, "be hardworking and faithful in your dealings"- hard work pays. This has been my guiding principle.

CBSU: What do you dislike the most?

Ans: I dislike people who pretend too much and those who are not truthful. I hate lies.

CBSU: If you are the Vice Chancellor of the university how differently will you run it?

Ans: I will ensure that safety wears are provided for all field workers to protect them from any hazards and will try to make sure all machines are properly serviced and worn out ones replaced.

Birthday Bounties

- Dr. A.E. Ojie --- August, **1st**
- Mr. T.M. Akinmuyisitan --- August, **2nd**
- Mrs. A.S. Agusiobor --- August, **2nd**
- Dr. P.A. Ekunwe --- August, **3rd**
- Mr. Habila Bulus --- August, **3rd**
- Mr. Anthony Akpowera --- August, **5th**
- Mr. Peter Obuzome --- August, **6th**
- Miss. Maureen K. Ehimiaghe -- August, **6th**
- Mr. Smart .S. Odaro --- August, **8th**
- Mr. Enoch Umunnakwe --- August **9th**
- Mr. Enoma Aruevbose --- August **9th**
- Mr. John Tukuna --- August **10th**
- Mr. C. Odin --- August **10th**
- Mr. Stephen Ikojie --- August **11th**
- Mr. David E. Idahosa --- August, **11th**
- Mrs. Y. Ebuchi --- August **12th**
- Dr. K. Obahiagbon --- August **15th**
- Mrs. Roseline Okundamiya --- August **16th**
- Mr. Barikui Nnaane --- August **16th**
- Dr. (Mrs). T.U. Akpoghome --- August **17th**
- Mrs. Sarah Ekeikhomhen --- August, **18th**
- Mr. Samuel Ogbemor --- August, **19th**
- Mr. Vincent A. Okponavioba -- August, **20th**
- Mr. Isaka Omale --- August, **20th**
- Mrs. Ngozi .B. Okeibunor --- August, **28th**
- Miss. O.A Obehi --- August **29th**



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