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## 2018 NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE (NDC)

The 2018 National Delegates Conference (NDC) held in Jos between the 6-8 September, 2018. Elections were conducted during the conference and the following people were elected to serve for the next two years (See table). The following chapters attended the NDC: Abuja, Bayelsa, Benue, Cross River, Enugu, Edo, Nasarawa, Niger, Kaduna, Rivers, Plateau and Lagos.

Kano and Katsina attended as observers.

The President, Mr. Yakubu Idris in his remarks at the swearing-in dinner of the elected Exco, thanked all Josites for the overwhelming support given to the Exco in the last two years, and sought for more collaborations for the next two years. He enumerated some of the achievements of the Exco for the past two years to include; visiting and strengthening existing chapters, inaugurating new ones, and laying the foundation of the proposed Alumni Center. According to him, work on the Alumni Center project will soon commence, he called on all Josites to contribute their quota to the actualization of the project. The Alumni Center, when completed, he said, will house lecture halls, shopping complex, board rooms for alumni meetings, and a place for free WiFi for students who want to access research materials online. It will be

NAME	POSITION	CHAPTER
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Mr Adoration. Z. Dashit	Alumni Relations Officer	Plateau

a state-of-the-art complex, that will compete with the best Alumni Centers in any part of

the world. He promised to engage all Alumni to ensure this project is delivered on record time.

## LAGOS CHAPTER LAUNCHES MAIDEN EDITION OF HER MAGAZINE

The University of Jos Alumni Association, Lagos Chapter recently launched the maiden edition of its magazine. This was to ensure the alumni keep in touch with each other after graduation and to share the experiences while in school. The magazine featured Class of 1979-1983 sets of graduates of the University came together for a reunion on Octo-

ber, 6 2018 at Bay Lounge Hall in Lekki, Lagos State.

Miss UNIJOS 1980 and Mr. UNIJOS 1986 were also featured in the magazine. Reminiscences by some Alumni featured fond memories of their days as students in UNIJOS. Another interesting highlight in the magazine is the article "What Unijos joined together"-Josites who ended up being couples.

**REMINISCENCE FROM A GREAT JOSITES!-LAWRENCE LINUS WAKDET-PHARMACY-CLASS OF 1999**

U-jay. A nostalgia that dates back to 1991 when I scored 210 in JAMB, just enough to scale the hurdle of admission. I remember the legendary Hall A-One where countless mosquitoes feasted on our bloods while we burnt the midnight oil. Some listened to music. Some had their fists clamped irremovably over their ears.

I reminisce the Agada vs Gomwalk-must-go student union debacle. The tension.

The fear. The anxiety. The youthful exuberance. How can I forget the library that had Mungo Park generation books and catalogues! Oh my God. The serial numbering, the brouhaha I never mastered till I left the school. Annoying part was some wicked students, on being given homework, would rush to the library, either remove a popular textbook from the shelf to a different departmental shelf

entirely or even mutilate the book shamelessly.

Down the abyss of memory lane I go. I stayed in Angwan Rogo mostly; just 1 session at Abuja hostel. I remember that fateful Valentine’s day. While I tried to ‘do TDB’, my roommate would wake me up with squeaky sounds. The 6-spring mattress bearing the weight of two hefty seagulls, the aura too much to bear and I didn’t know when I shouted ‘Don’t you have any



**Lawrence Linus Wakdet— Pharmacy, class of 1999**

**...LAWRENCE LINUS WAKDET CONT**

fear of God?!” Aarhhh! Don’t mess with a fun-spoiling roommate.

I reminisce the one and perhaps only ever 3rd semester organized. That was a heaven-sent. I needed it badly to tackle my carryovers and zoom off into the labour market as a well-drilled Pharmacist.

**“I remember the legendary Hall A-One where countless mosquitoes feasted on our bloods while we burnt the midnight oil”**

**REMINISCENCE FROM GREAT JOSITES!-AGNES OGWA OTSE-ACCOUNTING –CLASS OF 2011**

The journey to acquire BSc in Accounting should I say was smooth or tough, if I say it was smooth am a big liar, it wasn’t smooth, the challenges surrounding the State (crises, the stress of going off (strike) and the demand of me coming out with good grade was not easy. Thank GOD I Made it through. Thank you.



**AGNES OGWA OTSE-ACCOUNTING – CLASS OF 2011**

**REMINISCENCE FROM GREAT A JOSITES!-BUETSEN MAURICE MAMMOH-MASS COMMUNICATION**

It was never easy with me in Unijos, the stress of running from hostel to hostel campaigning for political positions, trying to excel through academic with a reasonable class of at least a second class upper and family stress knowing the family I came from were something else.



BUETSEN MAURICE MAMMOH-mass communication - Class of 2016

**REMINISCENCE FROM A GREAT JOSITES!-RAHIM LUKMAN (ACCOUNTING) AND KIM GEORGE CHUNG (POITICAL SCIENCE)**



Rahim Lukman—Accounting

My university of Jos experience was fantastic as an undergraduate student, full of interesting memories; rushing to catch a lecture at the permanent site library building, the marmot crowd of fellow students, the noise, awesome lecturers and most importantly my friends. I keep reminiscing about these unforgettable experiences in my university days. – Rahim Lukman



I experienced heaven and hell in UJ, had the best of friends too. But I love the academic challenge too, that's why I could stand and compete with graduates from any institution.

Kim George (Political Science)

**FACULTY OF LAW ALUMNI CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING COLLEAGUES**

The idea which was initiated in 2014 with regards to having a Faculty of Law reunion dinner came into eventual fruition on October, 13 2018. The Alumni honoured some of its distinguished colleagues for outstanding performances. There were fond memories of their stay in Jos, recalling the serene and peaceful environment that

existed in Jos during their stay. Speaking of experience learnt from the University that has elevated to high places in life and have made positive impact in their lives as a whole.

### 39 YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, UNIJOS SET 1979-1983 REUNITE IN GRAND STYLE

It wasn't an easy task bringing together a whole set of 1979-1983 to have a reunion after about 35 to 39 years of graduation from the University. The reunion which attracted different graduates of the set from all over Nigeria brought together memories of the past and life in the University. Many of them were excited to see each other after a very long time and were glad a lot had changed and improved

since graduation.

Most of the graduates said they have been communicating on a WhatsApp group platform and have been working towards the reunion for a long time. The graduates shared fond memories of their stay in the University and remembered lecturers who taught them. Some of their lecturers present at the event also recalled fond memories they had teaching the students at that time.

### UNIJOS LAUNCHES SERVICOM SERVICE CHARTER, COMPLAINT POLICY

University of Jos has taken another giant stride to improve the quality of service delivery in the institution. The University administration has set up a SERVICOM committee to review the progress and challenges of service delivery at the institution. This was made known at the opening of the National Universities Commission Parastatal SERVICOM (NUCPSC) at their 2nd quarter meeting at the Senate Chambers, Bauchi

Road Campus.

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jos, Prof. Seddi S. Maimako emphasized the commitment of the university's management to support and encourage SERVICOM activities within the University. He went further to applaud the efforts of the National Universities Commission (NUC) towards improving service delivery to citizens. Maimako went further to laud the UNIJOS SER-



39 years after graduation

VICOM office for her active participation in the stages of students' registration, orientation right through to the issuance of transcript in the institution. He observed that students are reluctant to report cases of abuse and went on to suggest that successful disciplinary cases should be publicized so as to regain confidence in the University system. Maimako concluded that SERVICOM should play the role of facilitator between students and the University management.

The acting Chairman, NUCPSC, Mr. Adewale Bakare, commended UNIJOS on the quality of services being offered and assured the various stakeholders that they are getting value for their money.

Speaking on behalf of the SERVICOM Office (the Presidency) and the Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. Ugochukou Ijeoma, stated that the legitimacy of government depends on the quality of

service delivery especially, the essential services needed to improve citizens' lives. Mrs. Ugochukou said that the ultimate success in satisfying public demand for better services depends on the commitment and management skills of officials at all levels of the public sector. She stressed that the goal of achieving effective

service delivery is highly dependent on the commitment by the management of the University of Jos to the social compact between the University and their different customer groups.

Ugochukou lauded the university administration on the launch of the service charter and said it would highlight

the kind of services UNIJOS provides to citizens and the standard of performance. She said the service charter is also an operational tool to guide both service providers and customers.

Nodal Officer, University of Jos, SERVICOM Unit, Mr. Marcus Oguiche, stated that the launch of the UNIJOS service charter is a clear testimony of the institution's commitment to provide better and effective service to its stakeholders. He conveyed the service charter as a complaint procedure and grievance redress mechanism of the university and the launch is an indication that the University is committed to serve her various stakeholders better.

### 13TH GOVERNING COUNCIL STRATEGIZE ON FUNDRAISING OPTIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY

The 13th Governing Council of the University in its bid to improve the internal revenue profile of the University recently organized a retreat for its members to strategize on fundraising options for the University. Specifically, the retreat aimed at equipping the Pro-Chancellor and members of the Governing Council of the University on effective fundraising strategies for institutional advancement.

The retreat aimed at equipping the Pro-Chancellor and Members of the Governing Council of the University of Jos on effective fundraising programme for institutional advancement. The two-day retreat tagged “Effective Fundraising for Institutional Advancement” was organized by the advancement office in a bid to equip participants with well researched guides and global practices to enable them

respond to identified challenges facing the institution.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the retreat, the Pro Chancellor and Chairman of University of Jos Governing Council,

Prince Tony Momoh, urged the Council Members to develop strategic action plans that will attract funds to the University. Prince Momoh stated that the Governing Council is dedicated in its resolve to assist the University Administration to generate revenue from various sources for the institution. He emphasized the need to address some



lingering issues affecting the University during the retreat, he expressed optimism that after the retreat, members would develop lasting and implementable solutions to pressing issues concerning the institution.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Seddi S. Maimako, identified insufficient funding as one of the major challenges plaguing higher institutions in the county. According to

him, the University Administration is tasked to source for funds to compliment funds disbursed by the federal government in order to run the University effectively. Prof. Maimako lauded the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) and the NEEDS Assessment programme for their interventions. He went further to commend the efforts of the Chairman and members of council for their resolve to

ensuring that the University is functioning smoothly. Maimako expressed optimism that after the retreat, lasting solutions would emerge to tackle issues concerning the institution.

The Executive Director, Advancement Office, University of Jos Mr. Yakubu Gomos, stated that the retreat was initiated by the Advancement Office with the aim to explore more effective ways by which alternative sources of income could be generated for the University.

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### DONORS TO THE UNIVERSITY

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- Philip Ikita (Sociology class of 2000)
- Ishaku Akyala (Lafia)
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- Medical class (set 1978-1984)

- Alumni (set 1979-1983)
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- Mr. Ochapa (Alumnus Architecture)
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- Prof. J.C. Nwoke and classmates
- British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)
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- Unijos
- Edo Alumni Chapter of Unijos
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- Mrs. G. Logams
- Mr. Onalo Sunday Musa
- Prof. Paul Idornigie



A1 Lecture Hall renovated by an Alumnus: **Dr. John Kennedy Opara.**

## UNI JOS GOVERNING COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLORS

The 13th Governing Council of the University of Jos has appointed two new Deputy Vice-Chancellors for the University for a renewable term of two (2) years each.

They are Professor Tanko Ishaya as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Professor Gray Goziem Ejikeme as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration).

The University's Governing Council through the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prince Tony Momoh considered the nomination of the two Principal Officers by the University Senate and confirmed their appointment with effect from 10th December, 2018.

The newly appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Tanko Ishaya is a Professor of Computer Science with a Mathematics background and specialism and experience in Data Engineering, Computer Security and Forensics. He obtained his B.Sc in Mathematics Education (2nd Class Upper Division) in 1992 at University of Jos and later proceeded to University of Manchester, United Kingdom to pursue an M.Sc programme in Computation which he successfully completed in 1997. He thereafter enrolled for his PhD in computing Studies which he successfully completed in 2001.

He joined the University of Hull, UK in October, 2000 as a Lecturer and was Head, Centre for Internet Computing at the University before returning to Nigeria in 2008 as a visiting Professor to the University of Jos whilst on his Sabbatical. Professor Ishaya was the founding Director of the University's Directorate for information and Communication Technology and later returned back to the University of Hull in January, 2009 after his sabbatical .

Professor Ishaya came back to University of Jos (Unijos) in 2012 on special request by the University and doubled as the Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Pioneer Head of Computer Science Department at the University. He has served in over 40 University Committees at the University of Hull and University of Jos. A member of several professional bodies and associations, Professor Ishaya is a seasoned, multi-skilled IT professional equipped with over twenty (20) years experience and is currently Chairman, Committee of Directors of ICT, for the Nigerian Universities among many other community services he is rendering

Professor Ishaya's research interests are diverse and wide ranging and he has over 40 journal, book chapter, conference and research report publications and has successfully executed a number of national and internationally funded projects. He has successfully graduated five (5) PhD students and more than 40 M.sc. Students in Computing in UK. Professor Ishaya who hails from Zuru, Kebbi State, is happily married to Mrs. Sharon Ishaya and they are blessed with three kids.

The newly appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Gray Goziem Ejikeme, a Professor of Clinical Psychology and Social Work is a graduate of Psychology B.Sc (Hons.) from the University of Lagos. Professor Ejikeme obtained both Masters of Science Degree in Social Work (MSSW) and PhD from the University of Jos among a host of other academic and professional certificates. Professor Ejikeme is a Fellow of the Nigerian Psychology Association (FNPA) and is a recipient of his numerous works to promote the Social Work Profession and practice in Nigeria among many other professional accolades.

A distinguished academic who believes in leadership by example, Professor Ejikeme took up appointment with the University of Jos in 1986 where he began teaching psychologically-oriented Sociology and Social Work Courses in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences. He has held several academic and administrative positions including Head of Department, Sociology; Head of Department, General and Applied Psychology; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; Chairman, Committee of Deans and Directors and Senate Representative on the 13th Governing Council, University of Jos among others.

Professor Ejikeme has to his credit successfully supervised over ten PhD candidates, supervised numerous M.Sc. Research projects, served as external assessor/examiner to several Nigerian Universities and attended many international conferences. Professor Ejikeme has over sixty local and external/international publications in his fields of psychology and social work and is editor of many journals. Professor Ejikeme who hails from Afugiri, Umuahia, Abia State is happily married to Mrs. Theresa Uchechi Ejikeme and they are blessed with three children.

The two Deputy Vice- Chancellors have since assumed office.

### **THE 13TH GOVERNING COUNCIL RE-APPOINTS BURSAR AND LIBRARIAN**

Meanwhile, the 13th Governing Council of the University of Jos has approved the extension of the appointment of the Bursar of the University, Mr. Ibrahim Alhassan and University Librarian, Dr. Stephen Akintunde for a period of one year each with effect from 14th February, 2019. This follows the review of their performance by the Governing Council and favourable recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Seddi Sebastian Maimako which rated them as competent and hardworking. The current Five-year tenure of both Principal Officers is set to expire on 13th February, 2019.

A 1990 Graduate of Accounting (2nd Class Upper Division) from the University of Calabar, Mr. Ibrahim Alhassan is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a member of several other professional bodies. He holds an MBA in Finance and has garnered many years of experience in private and public service.

Dr. Akintunde is the fourth (4th) University Librarian, University of Jos and has, in the last five years transformed the library to a learner-centred Creative Learning Space. He is Chairman, Nigerian University Libraries; Nigerian Library Association; American Library Association; Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (United Kingdom) and International Sociological Association.

### **UNIJS ENJOINS FOREIGN STUDENTS TO BE GOOD AMBASSADORS OF THE INSTITUTION**

Thirty-six International Students of the University of Jos undergoing various Postgraduate programmes have been advised to become Brand Ambassadors of the University whenever they return to their Countries of Origin. The students who are on the verge of graduating were hosted to a reception organized by the University of Jos, African Centre of Excellence in Phytomedicine Research and Development at its Bauchi Road Staff Quarters Office, where they are undergoing their various programmes.

Addressing the students who are from Liberia, Uganda, Kenya, Mali, Niger and Togo, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Seddi Sebastian Maimako represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Ishaya Tanko applauded the determination of the students to pursue their academic aspirations and encouraged them to use the knowledge gained for the development of their home Countries. Tanko disclosed that the University will create a Directorate of International Relations to ensure International students acclimatize quickly for robust performance. Also speaking, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Grey Ejikeme noted that no country has the monopoly of knowledge and skills explaining that it is good for people to move to other Countries to see and learn how others do their things in order to exchange ideas and experiences while also appreciating the differences in culture and language. Centre Leader, African Centre of Excellence in Phytomedicine Research and Development, Professor John Aguiyi challenged the students to make a difference by contributing their quota to the development of health care in their countries and beyond.

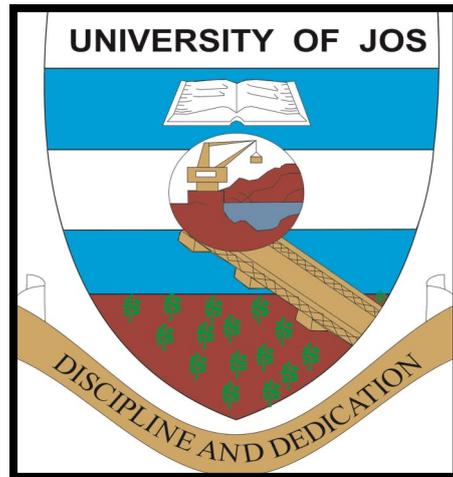
The Centre leader also revealed that requirements for their Resident Permits had been fully settled. Goodwill messages were presented by the Executive Director, Alumni Relations, Samuel Mwansat, Mrs. Na'omi Embaga of the Advancement Office, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Jacob Kolawole through Dr. Patricia Odumosu among others. Some of the students, Konah Morris Togbah and Austin Neidoteh Cholopy both from Liberia and Francis Kodjo Akpadja from Togo described their experience as worthwhile saying the quality of research they have undertaken will impact positively on the lives of their Countrymen. The students, however, enumerated some challenges encountered during their stay in Unijos that need urgent attention. The occasion featured dance presentations as well as and dinner.

**We are on the web!**

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## ***Great Josite! Partnering to make a difference!***

A University Campus is a hub of fond memories and experiences. While students likely learned a thing or two about topics and set themselves up for career success, they also build a relationship with their University that grew to ingrained loyalty.

For University of Jos, the love and commitment of the institution to alumni can be a powerful tool for bringing them back for fundraising opportunities, marketing and brand awareness. However, if UniJos wants

to tap into those benefits, she needs to find a way to maintain the relationship owned with the students even after they receive their degree.

Hence, the need to develop a partnership between alumni and their alma-mater could not be more reflected than the establishment of a Directorate for alumni engagement and the development of enduring partnership to make a difference in the great University of Jos.

