

# BOWEN MONTHLY



## 14TH INAUGURAL LECTURE: OLUTAYO ADVOCATES FOR ABOLITION OF INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE

At the 14th edition of Bowen University's inaugural lecture series held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, Professor Grace Olutayo of the College of Liberal Studies called for the elimination of provocative language in communication. Addressing civil servants, government officials, and professionals across various sectors, Professor Olutayo emphasised the need for courteous, empathetic, and purposeful conversations.

In her lecture titled "Language: A Spice for Seasoned Conversations," Olutayo noted that conflicts and crises are better managed with well-chosen, respectful language. She defined seasoned conversations as respectful exchanges that manage interruptions and facilitate smooth interaction, fostering meaningful dialogue.

Olutayo stressed that effective conversations blend the right "ingredients" to elevate discourse, fostering empathy and bridging cultural gaps. She urged politicians and educators to adopt this approach, noting that respectful communication can enhance students' interest and academic performance.

Professor Olutayo also addressed the issue of research funding in Nigeria, attributing the limited contributions of Nigerian researchers in nation-building to inadequate support in research funding. She called on the government to encourage research in universities to enhance societal development. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jonathan Babalola FAS, echoed her sentiments, affirming the power of words in shaping society and urging politicians, academics and other members of society to heed this advice.

## IKOTUN SECURES £5,000 RSC GRANT FOR PIONEERING CHEMICAL SCIENCES WORKSHOP



Bowen University is thrilled to announce that Professor Adebomi Ikotun of the Industrial Chemistry Programme has been awarded a prestigious £5,000 grant from the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC, UK). This funding is for the upcoming 2024 Bowen-RSC Research and Community Development Workshop titled "Exploring Global Opportunities with a Good Degree in Chemical Sciences," scheduled to take place from August 4th to 7th, 2024.

The workshop aims to gather around 80 participants, encompassing individuals studying for a degree in Chemical Sciences from secondary schools to undergraduate and postgraduate levels. This initiative is set to provide valuable insights and opportunities, fostering a deeper understanding of the global prospects available to those with a solid foundation in Chemical Sciences.

Professor Ikotun's project promises to be a landmark event, designed to inspire and equip the next generation of chemical scientists with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a global context. The workshop will feature a series of interactive sessions, expert-led discussions, and hands-on activities that will engage and challenge attendees, preparing them for future success in their academic and professional pursuits.

This award not only underscores Prof. Ikotun's dedication and expertise but also highlights Bowen University's commitment to advancing research and community development within the field of Chemical Sciences.

## **BOWEN'S HALLELUJAH AWORINDE (PHD) AND UI'S ADERONKE SAKPERE (PHD) RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS \$18,000 GOOGLE EXPLORECSR GRANT**

It is with great pride that we announce Dr Halleluyah Oluwatobi Aworinde, a Computer Science Lecturer and Director of Digital Services at Bowen University, Iwo, along with Dr. Aderonke Busayo Sakpere, a Computer Science Lecturer at the University of Ibadan, have been awarded the esteemed Google exploreCSR grant for the 2023/2024 cohort. Their innovative proposal on the intersection of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has secured funding to the tune of \$18,000, standing out among fifty globally selected projects for this highly competitive grant.

The project, executed in three phases, commenced at the University of Ibadan and Bowen University, with the third phase held at the NITDA IT Hub in Lagos. From a pool of 1,202 applicants, only the top 8% were selected for this capacity-building programme, ensuring a diverse and inclusive representation from all six geopolitical regions and various universities across Nigeria.

Adopting a project-based learning (PBL) approach, the programme featured sessions on research writing, design principles, graduate school survival tips, usability testing, augmented/virtual reality, AutoML, and more. The sessions were enriched by the presence of distinguished academics and industry speakers, including Prof Adenike Osofisan, Prof Rita Orji, Mr Segun Ogunwale, Dr Wilson Sakpere, Dr Segun Adebayo, Itohowo Udofia, Itunu Abidoye, and Onyinye Enyioha, among others.

Highlights of the project included pre- and post-event mentorship initiatives, the selection of nine top capstone projects for seed grants, and graduate school mentorship and application scholarships for selected participants. The team members of the top nine capstone projects participated in a week-long incubation session at the NITDA IT Hub, Lagos. Under the guidance of Dr Victor Odumuyiwa, industry experts mentored the participants on transforming their project ideas into Minimum Viable Products (MVPs). Additionally, participants had the unique opportunity to engage with Googlers at Google Nigeria, Lagos.

This project's success underscores the significance of strategic collaborations and the immense potential for innovation in HCI and AI. We eagerly anticipate the continued growth and achievements of all participants, heralding a bright future for technological advancements and research excellence.



## **GIFTY NNAJI TRIUMPHS OVER 11 UNIVERSITIES TO WIN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE**



Bowen University is elated to announce that our very own Gifty Nnaji has emerged as the overall winner of the second edition of Amnesty International's annual human rights debate. Beating out fierce competition from 11 other prestigious universities across Nigeria, Gifty's exceptional performance has brought pride and recognition to our institution.

The debate, held at Baze University, Abuja, was a key initiative by Amnesty International aimed at expanding the understanding of human rights and encouraging their integration into university spaces. Isa Sanusi, Director of Amnesty International Nigeria, emphasised that the programme is part of the organisation's broader efforts to spread human rights education and engage young people in the human rights space.

Twelve universities from all six geopolitical zones of Nigeria participated in this year's debate. The participating institutions included the University of Lagos, Enugu State University of Science and Technology, University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University, Cross Rivers State University, University of Calabar, Landmark University, Adamawa State University, Ahmadu Bello University, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

The inter-university debate aimed to foster a culture of debate, equipping young people with a robust understanding of human rights. Mr Sanusi highlighted the importance of nurturing a generation that values and advocates human rights, envisioning a future Nigeria where human rights are respected and upheld.

Gifty Nnaji's victory is not just a personal achievement but a testament to the quality of education and the emphasis on human rights at Bowen University. Her success highlights the University's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to make significant contributions to society.

## 2024 CHEMISTRY OPEN DAY: A CATALYST FOR ACADEMIC AND ENTREPRENEURIAL GROWTH

The Industrial Chemistry Programme proudly held its “2024 CHEMISTRY OPEN DAY” on May 23rd, 2024. The event was a grand success, drawing participation from various secondary schools and notable dignitaries.

Dr Esther Faboro, Head of Programme, warmly welcomed all attendees, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day. The Deputy Provost, Prof Abimbola Owoseni, represented the Provost of COAES, Prof Olusola Komolafe, delivering an inspiring message on behalf of the administration. The event was officially declared open by the Vice Chancellor, Prof Jonathan Babalola, FAS, who also gave an encouraging charge to the participants.

The highlight of the day was the Open Day lecture titled “Chemistry and the Nation's Wealth Creation,” delivered by the distinguished guest speaker, Dr Marvellous Adekunle Alabi, CEO, Marvellab Industries and Investment Services Limited, Ibadan. Dr Alabi's insights on the crucial role of chemistry in wealth creation captivated the audience and emphasised the importance of industrial chemistry in nation-building.

Ten secondary schools from Iwo, Ile-Ife, Osogbo, and Ibadan participated in the event. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Obafemi Awolowo University International School (OAUIS), Ile-Ife emerged victorious, clinching the first position. Oritamefa Baptist Model School, Total Garden (OBMSTG), Ibadan secured the second place, while Oritamefa Baptist Model School, Ring Road (OBMSRR), Ibadan took third. Each of these schools was awarded plaques, prizes, and certificates of participation. The other seven schools were also acknowledged and rewarded with prizes and certificates, recognising their efforts and participation.

The 2024 CHEMISTRY OPEN DAY was deemed a tremendous success, and we attribute this achievement to the divine guidance and blessings received.

We are hopeful that this year's edition of the OPEN DAY will not only boost student enrolment into the Industrial Chemistry Programme but also enhance the Programme's value both academically and entrepreneurially.



## BOWEN PREMIERES CAPTIVATING NEW MOVIE "A NIGHT OF WAR"



The Bowen University Chaplaincy is thrilled to announce the release of its latest film, “A Night of War.” Written by Chris Tayo Oyelude, directed by Sola Oyin-Adejobi, produced by Rev Dr Gideon Akanbi, the University Chaplain, and executively produced by Prof Jonathan Babalola, FAS, the Vice Chancellor, this movie is set to captivate audiences with its powerful storytelling and dynamic performances.

“A Night of War,” the third movie in the Chaplaincy’s history following “Fiwajomi” and “Abobaku,” premiered its first part on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the University Worship Centre. The remaining two parts are eagerly awaited and will be released on Bowen Chapel’s YouTube page, offering an accessible viewing experience for a wider audience.

The movie, shot on the Bowen University campus as well as other locations outside the University, features a talented cast and crew composed of students, staff members, and professionals from the Christian film industry. This collaboration underscores Bowen University’s commitment to fostering leadership that is dynamic, creative, and dedicated to developing and utilising their talents.

Rev Dr Gideon Akanbi expressed his excitement about the project, highlighting the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. Prof Jonathan Babalola, FAS, emphasised the importance of such initiatives in providing students with practical opportunities to showcase their skills and creativity.

The release of “A Night of War” is a testament to Bowen University’s ongoing mission to cultivate well-rounded individuals who are prepared to make significant contributions to society. This film not only entertains but also inspires, reflecting the University’s values and dedication to excellence.

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