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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: BOWEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHINE AS AAAI-24 UC SCHOLARS, LEADING AFRICAN REPRESENTATION IN CANADA

Two exceptional Bowenites, Oluwanifemi Adebayo Moses Adekanye and Joseph Fatoye, both of the Mechatronics Programme, have made significant strides in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by being selected as AAAI-24 (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence-2024) UC Scholars. This prestigious opportunity allowed them to represent Bowen University at the 38th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Vancouver, Canada, held from February 20-27, 2024.

Oluwanifemi and Joseph showcased their research papers titled "LLM-Powered Synthetic Environments for Self-Driving Scenarios" and "Enhancing Robotics with Cognitive Capabilities," respectively. Their work has contributed significantly to advancing AI technologies in autonomous systems and robotics.

The selection process for the AAAI-24 UC Scholars was highly competitive, with only 19 students chosen from 14 universities worldwide. Oluwanifemi and Joseph were the only African representatives, highlighting Bowen University's growing presence and impact in AI research on the global stage. Their participation in the conference has positioned them as future leaders in the field and serves as an inspiration for fellow students to excel in research and innovation.

The success of Oluwanifemi and Joseph would not have been possible without the guidance and mentorship of Dr. Segun Adebayo, the Program Coordinator of the Mechatronics Programme. Dr. Adebayo's support and advocacy for his students have played a crucial role in empowering them to achieve such prestigious honors and contribute meaningfully to the field of artificial intelligence and robotics.

The AAAI (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence) is the premier scientific society dedicated to advancing the scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying thought and intelligent behavior and their embodiment in machines. The AAAI conference series aims to promote research in AI and foster scientific exchange between researchers, practitioners, scientists, students, and engineers across AI and its affiliated disciplines.

Bowen University is proud of Oluwanifemi Adebayo Moses Adekanye and Joseph Fatoye for their outstanding achievements and looks forward to more groundbreaking contributions from its students in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

PROMOTING DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE: BOWEN UNIVERSITY HOSTS SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL GENERAL



On Thursday, April 18, 2024, Bowen University had the honor of hosting the South African Consul General to Nigeria, Prof. Bobby J. Moroe, for a thought-provoking public lecture. The event titled 'Celebrating 3 Decades of Unbroken Diplomatic Relations between South Africa and Nigeria – Prospects and Challenges,' was organised as part of the lecture series of the International Relations, Politics and Law, and Political Science programmes.

Chaired by Prof. Jide Owoeye, Chairman of Council, Lead City University, and one of Africa's foremost professors of International Relations, the lecture shed light on the longstanding diplomatic ties between Nigeria and South Africa. Bobby Moroe highlighted the economic significance of both nations, with each accounting for about a third of Africa's economic strength. He emphasised the need for both countries to leverage their complementarities to strengthen trade relations.

Since the establishment of formal diplomatic relations in 1994, Nigeria and South Africa have signed over 36 agreements in various fields, including defense, trade, investment, and avoidance of double taxation. Prof. Moroe also touched on initiatives such as the South Africa-Nigeria Youth Dialogue, aimed at promoting peace building, conflict prevention, and intercultural learning among youth from both countries.

Another notable initiative discussed was the South Africa-Nigeria Immigration Forum, which focuses on advancing issues of common interest in the field of immigration. Moroe highlighted the strides made in visa processing, with both missions in Abuja and Lagos now capable of processing approximately 200 visas a day.

The lecture also touched on the South Africa-Nigeria Film and Audio-Visual Forum, which seeks to create social cohesion between filmmakers from both countries. Moroe emphasised the importance of collaboration in filmmaking, stating that it is "the heartbeat of cinematography."

In conclusion, Bobby J. Moroe called for the demystification of the stigma attached to the uneasy relations between Nigeria and South Africa. He urged both nations to identify their strengths and complementarities, work towards social cohesion projects, and recognise the significance of their relations not only to the continent but to the world.

The public lecture is a testament to Bowen University's commitment to fostering dialogue on key global issues and promoting understanding among nations.

BOWENITES IMPRESS WITH STELLAR PERFORMANCES AT 111TH CONVENTION OF THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Bowen University students once again showcased excellence at the recently concluded 111th Convention-in-Session of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The convention, which took place from Saturday, April 20, to Thursday, April 25, 2024, was themed "Entering into newness through discipleship and apostleship," with the anchor scripture being Mark 3:14.

During the convention, Bowenites ArikeJesu Aremu, Joshua Akintola, Tomisin Akerele, and Adekunle Promise presented the report of Bowen University to the convention as newscasters. Their presentation touched on various aspects of the University, including academic matters, student laurels, infrastructural development, awards, collaborations, partnerships, and memoranda of understanding.

The report presented by the students was met with resounding ovation, highlighting the exceptional performance and dedication of Bowen University students. The convention was officiated by Rev. Yusuf Gwadah, the Chairman of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and Chancellor of Bowen University, along with Rev. Dr. Israel Akanji FAR, the President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and Visitor to Bowen University, and other leaders of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

In addition to the impressive report presentation, the Bowen University choir also delivered a stellar performance during their ministration at the convention. Their performance further highlighted Bowen University's commitment to raising leaders of excellence across different fields of human endeavour.

The outstanding performance of Bowen University students and the choir at the convention is a testament to the University's commitment to academic excellence and the holistic development of its students. Bowen University continues to produce future leaders who excel not only in academics but also in various aspects of life, making a positive impact in their communities and beyond.



BOWEN UNIVERSITY'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK: FOSTERING INNOVATION AND HONORING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

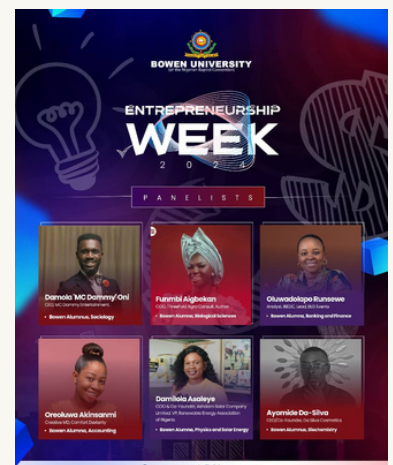
Bowen University recently hosted its 5th annual Entrepreneurship Week, a vibrant event that aims to foster a culture of entrepreneurship among students and the wider University community. Held from Monday, April 15, 2024, to Friday, April 19, 2024, the week-long event featured a dynamic lineup of activities such as a pitch competition and a debate competition designed to inspire, educate, and empower participants to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

Themed "Entrepreneurship: A River for Sustainable Growth," this year's Entrepreneurship Week was particularly special. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Patrick Oladele, a distinguished professor of entrepreneurship from Federal University Oye-Ekiti. What truly set this event apart was the calibre of speakers and panelists, all of whom are proud alumni of Bowen University.

The roster of speakers included Babatunde Akin-Moses (CEO/Founder, Sycamore), Bolu Essien (Content Lead, Coca-Cola Africa), Adeshina Adewumi (CEO/Co-Founder Trade Lenda), and Funmilayo Adamolekun (CEO, GHFarms Limited). The panelists included Damola Oni (CEO, MC Dammy Entertainment), Funmbi Aigbekaen (COO, ThreeFold Agro Consult), Oluwadolapo Runsewe (Lead, BLG Events), Oreoluwa Akinsanmi (Creative MD, Comfort Dexterity), Ayomide Da-Silva (CEO/Co-Founder, Da Silva Cosmetics), and Damilola Asaley (COO/Co-Founder, Ashdam Solar Limited). They shared valuable insights and experiences from their entrepreneurial journeys, which began during their time at Bowen University.

Another highlight of the Entrepreneurship Week was the two-day trade fair that closed out the event. During this fair, students had the opportunity to showcase their innovative products and services to the principal officers of the University, led by Prof. Jonathan Babalola FAS, the Vice-Chancellor, as well as to their fellow students.

Overall, Bowen University's Entrepreneurship Week was a resounding success, highlighting the University's commitment to nurturing the next generation of innovative entrepreneurs. Through inspiring keynote addresses, engaging panel discussions, and interactive workshops, the event left participants motivated and equipped with the tools they need to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.



A NEW CHAPTER: BOWEN UNIVERSITY EMBARKS ON INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT WITH NEW LECTURE THEATERS

On Friday, April 19, 2024, Bowen University marked a significant milestone in its journey towards academic excellence. The Management, led by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Dns. Joan Ayo OON, and represented by Prof. Jonathan Babalola FAS, the Vice-Chancellor, laid the foundation of a new lecture theater at the Iwo campus. This marks the first of two lecture theaters, with the second being constructed at the Ogbomosho campus. Each of these state-of-the-art facilities will accommodate up to 800 students and provide conducive learning environments for the Bowen community.

This development underscores the Management's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of education at Bowen University. The construction of these lecture theaters not only addresses the current infrastructural needs but also sets the stage for a brighter future. It is a testament to Bowen's dedication to providing world-class facilities that enable students to excel in their academic pursuits.

The new lecture theaters represent a new chapter in Bowen's journey towards academic excellence, and we are confident that with the support of our dedicated staff, students, and stakeholders, the future of Bowen University is incredibly bright. Together, we will continue to raise the bar and set new standards of excellence in education.



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