

**EVANGEL UNIVERSITY, AKAEZE  
EBONYI STATE NIGERIA**

**AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR I U  
KALU ON THE OCCASION OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MATRICULATION CEREMONY  
HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019 AT THE TAKE-OFF CAMPUS, OKPOTO**

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**WELCOME**

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate and the University Community, I very warmly welcome you all to this hallowed ground, The Evangel Camp which presently accommodates our fast growing Evangel University, Akaeze as Take-Off Campus.

In keeping with the age long tradition of universities, we have gathered to formally receive our freshmen and women into our intellectual community with a view to the realization of the philosophy of our university. That is to train the total man for total service to the society and the community by producing a totally relevant and committed man for a decent society through inculcating in the students, sound academic knowledge, character building, entrepreneurial skills and culture that shall make them independent and yet relevant in the society.

The next event of this sort and magnitude for you will be your convocation ceremony. Between this time and the graduation, we will all be meeting under the canopy of the Lord Jesus Christ and the occasions will be moderated by the University Chaplain. My job and about two hundred and thirty (230) or so academic and non-teaching staff is to make your experience here very joyous and pleasant. We are a listening community and will respond quickly to your concerns and eventually mould you into the total man.

**ADMISSIONS**

Evangel University is growing rapidly in tandem with the Academic Brief approved for it by the National Universities Commission (NUC). We have admitted a total number of two hundred and fifty (255) students for the 2018/2019 academic Session. In my address presented on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, I shared the proposal for the establishment of the College of Health Sciences comprising Departments of Nursing Science, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiography and Radiation Science, Physiotherapy; and Public Health. The NUC

conducted its usual Resource Verification exercise and approved the proposal. Accordingly, a number of the students participating in this matriculation ceremony were admitted into those programmes for the 2018/2019 academic session.

## **COLLEGES IN THE UNIVERSITY**

In 2012, the university started with the Colleges of Science and Management Sciences and the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences in the 2015/2016 academic year. Today we have added the College of Health Sciences. The courses offered in those Colleges are as follows:

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS**

B.A English Language

B.A History and International Studies

B.Th Theology

B.A Philosophy

B.A Religious Studies

B.A Theatre Arts

### **COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

B.MLS Medical Laboratory Science

B.Sc. Physiotherapy

B.Sc. Radiography & Radiation Science

B.NSc. Nursing Science

B.Sc. Public Health

### **COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

B.Sc. Accounting

B.Sc. Business Management

B.Sc. Banking & Finance

B.Sc. Marketing

### **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

B.Sc. Biochemistry

B.Sc. Computer Science

B.Sc. Mathematics

B.Sc. Physics with Electronics

B.Sc. Biotechnology

B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry

B.Sc. Microbiology

### **COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

B.Sc. Economics

B.Sc. Political Science

B.Sc. Sociology & Demographic Studies

B.Sc. Mass Communication

B.Sc. Psychology

Permit me, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen to inform you that all programmes in Evangel University enjoy **FULL ACCREDITATION** of the National Universities Commission. At the May/June 2018, NUC Accreditation exercise the least score for each of the programmes visited was 84%. Our staff recruitment and infrastructure improvement is a continuing exercise.

### **PERMANENT SITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Proprietors of the University have signed the Contract for the development of the Permanent Site at Akaeze. Work is expected to start there in the second quarter of 2019. A parcel of land measuring approximately 302 hectares has been acquired and fenced in ready for development of academic buildings and community infrastructure. We covet the prayers of all our stakeholders for the success of the project.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Let me inform our dearly beloved freshmen and women that we believe in the biblical provision that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity of idolatry. All our RULES are meant to be kept. Attendance to Chapel services at the stipulated time is sacrosanct and it forms part of the Academic Regulations of the University. We do not make pretences about our strict observance of no smoking, no alcoholic beverage consumption, smoking, sexual immorality, fighting, to name but a few. Cooking is not permitted in the hostels and adequate provisions are made at the Common Rooms for use of appliances that require high electric energy. Dress codes are strictly enforced and the governing authorities of the university will not spare any student that goes contrary to these rules.

### **SECURITY AND SAFETY ON CAMPUS**

Adequate provisions have been made to provide security of life and property on campus. More Patrolmen have been recruited to safeguard life and property. The Security Department has been instructed to keep their men at the Enugu-Abakaliki Expressway Junction till 10.00pm daily. Students should endeavour to return to the Campus on or before 10.00pm to avoid attack of hoodlums who waylay people at the Expressway Junction. Students are advised to limit shuttles out of the campus for safety reasons. Plans are being perfected to have a Police Check Point at the Expressway Junction.

## **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

The University shall strive to not only maintain the present academic standards set from inception but to continually seek to improve on them with a view to working towards ranking among the best four universities in Nigeria at our 15<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Celebration. Our Library has been equipped with eResources which are available in real time. Internet services are available at no extra cost to all registered students and staff. We have structured standby power provision in the academic areas to run from 9.00am to 4.00pm and the hostel areas from 4.00pm to 12.00 midnight. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these to work very hard to justify the investments being made on them.

## **CONCLUSION**

With joy filled in my heart I would like to welcome our fresh students to the membership of Evangel University Community and to our highly distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen I pray for journey mercies as you journey back to your various places of domicile.

Thank you and God bless you.