

AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR I. U. KALU AT THE 9TH MATRICULATION CEREMONY OF EVANGEL UNIVERSITY HELD ON JUNE 18TH, 2021 AT THE EVANGEL UNIVERSITY, AKAEZE, TAKE-OFF CAMPUS OKPOTO

The Pro- Chancellor
Members of the Governing Council
Principal Officers of the University
Deans
Directors & Heads of Department
Members of Staff
Matriculating Students
Parents & Guardians
Highly Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press
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Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I welcome this gathering of our fresh students, their guardians and sponsors, our highly distinguished guests and the Evangel University Community to our 9th Matriculation Ceremony. The formal admission of fresh students into any university is sealed by their matriculation and execution of the Matriculation Oath of the University. Accordingly, today marks an important milestone in the lives of our fresh students. Evangel University will do its part to enable you to participate in the other notable milestone, the Convocation ceremony.

Admissions

The 2019 pandemic aka Covid 19, caused an unprecedented disruption of academic calendars of tertiary institutions in Nigeria. This resulted among others the extension of the closure of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board's (JAMB) portal by the middle of May 2021. This in particular, has resulted to the delayed matriculation of our students. Evangel University admits only students that satisfy the National Universities Commission's (NUC) and JAMB minimum requirements for admission. You are among the fortunate ones to take up the quota assigned to your course of study in the 2020/2021 academic session. Our University has continued to be a preferred brand that is gaining high visibility among its peers. Today we will be administering the Matriculation Oath/ Affirmation on three hundred and thirteen (313) students) who are pursuing their degree programmes in our five (5) Colleges. This is informed by the bearing capacity of our Take-Off campus. The speed of work at our Permanent Campus at Akaeze, will soon result to our relocation with the expected increased capacity.

The University and its Core Values

Evangel University was licensed in 2012 by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and it presently offers degree courses in twenty – seven disciplines

domiciled in five Colleges. All our degree programmes that have been visited were offered full accreditation by the NUC. We are focused in the realization of the vision of the founding fathers of the University; which is “to give total education to the total man and so produce graduates who shall be equipped and motivated to be Leaders and role models in Nigeria’s public and private sectors and so be instrumental and deeply involved in bringing about the much needed development in Nigeria with the fear of God”.

The University strives to maintain high academic standards by recruiting academic and non-teaching staff that are highly motivated. Our Library infrastructure has bias for e-Resources which are accessible on real time. All registered students and staff of Evangel University have access to our e-Resources. Regular seminars are arranged by the Library staff to the University Community to keep abreast of developments and use of electronic Library. Our fresh students are encouraged to make good use of these opportunities to read e-books & journals and depend less on hard copies of books.

Our tuition fees are the least among Private Universities in Nigeria. Our Proprietor, Assemblies of God Nigeria, subsidizes fees of students in this University. Internet access is available at no extra cost to all registered students as well as staff. Lecture schedules are strictly followed. Students are accordingly counselled to take advantage of these to work very hard to justify the investment made on them by their sponsors and the Proprietor.

Security and Safety

The very challenging times we face in the country today has informed us to increase our investment in security within the University. We are working with the Nigeria Police Force and the Department of State Security to do what man can do even as our safety is in the hands of the Most High God. However, students are warned to limit avoidable shuttles out of the Campus for safety reasons. In particular, students should be careful not to stop at the Enugu – Abakaliki Expressway Junction after 10.00pm. A number of persons have been way-laid at that point. The Security Department of the University shall endeavour to maintain their presence at that point up till 10.00pm. Students are advised to adhere to the Security Tips issued by the Security Department of the University.

Rules and Regulations

We are a highly disciplined community. All University Rules and Regulations **MUST** be complied with. Chapel attendance is mandatory to give the student the moral and spiritual impact that add to the intellectual/academic bent for the moulding of “The Total Man”. All freshmen must be conversant with the Regulations guiding their studentship. We do not make pretenses about our strict observance of no smoking, no alcoholic beverage consumption, sexual immorality, examination misconduct, cultism and fighting, to name but a few.

Cooking in the hostel is highly prohibited. Provisions have been made by the Division of Students Affairs for electric appliances that students may use for preparation of beverages. Contravention of dress codes attract punishments.

Finally, I want to assure our freshmen and women that my highly committed staff and I are poised to make their experience at Evangel University a joyful one, and wish our highly distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen who graced the occasion with their presence, journey mercies back to their respective places of domicile.

God bless you.

Professor I U Kalu
Vice Chancellor
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