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## 66-YEAR-OLD JAMB CANDIDATE WANTS TO STUDY PHARMACY, SAYS UTME HAS IMPROVED TREMENDOUSLY



■ Mr. Gabriel Olarenwaju Akinyemi.

A 66-year-old, Mr. Gabriel Olarenwaju Akinyemi, has reiterated his determination to study Pharmacy if not for the low score he had at the just-concluded Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

Mr. Akinyemi, an indigene of Ekiti State, first caused a stir when he presented himself for registration at the UTME/DE 2020 Registration exercise in January at the Ekiti State Office, Ado-Ekiti.

At the Registration venue, Mr. Akinyemi had told the bewildered staff of the Board and co-UTME candidates, his dreams of obtaining a first degree certificate in spite of his age.

Mr. Akinyemi, who lived at Obafemi Awolowo Academy, Fajuyi, Ado-Ekiti, made another historic appearance shortly after at the State Office to make enquiries in furtherance of his ambition. There, he had poured encomiums on the present leadership of JAMB for the transformations effected in the Board's operational processes while also commending the Board for all the safety and containment efforts at curbing the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The sexagenarian, in a chat with the State Coordinator, Mr. Abdulhakeem Abdulhammeed, said the UTME has improved tremendously stating that the electronic mode of test deployment and

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## SHE PERFORMANCE EXCITES REGISTRAR

The Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has lauded the impressive performance of the Sanitation, Horticulture and Environmental (SHE), a Unit under the General Services Department. He disclosed that the unit was not only committed to ridding the National Headquarters of the Board of filth but also provided landscaping services. The Registrar, in a statement made available to JAMB Bulletin, expressed

satisfaction with the level of professionalism displayed by SHE whenever its services are required. He added that this was evident by its commitment to ensuring the highest level of hygiene in the Board's premises especially during the lockdown occasioned by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Prof. Oloyede also commended the prompt response of staff of SHE to distress calls each time they are called upon to keep the environment clean. He particularly expressed his delight at the

proactiveness of the body which saw all the drainages cleared and flowers neatly trimmed which invariably enhances the aesthetics of the premises.

The Registrar urged SHE staff not to rest on their oars but to always strive to uphold the ideals of the body. He assured SHE of the readiness of the Board to provide necessary tools for its staff to render world-class service in the field of environmental sanitation and hygiene.

## ...66-Year-Old JAMB Candidate Wants To Study Pharmacy, Says UTME Has Improved Tremendously

transmission has reduced malpractices to the barest minimum.

According to him, JAMB has really improved a lot going by its transition from Paper-Pencil Testing to Computer-Based Testing which, he noted, has helped in curbing examination malpractice. He observed that since each candidate has his/her own system to work with, there would be little or no opportunity to communicate with fellow candidates. He equally commended the fact there are ample numbers of invigilators and supervisors to put candidates through if they encountered any difficulty during the examination.

Continuing, he said: "The JAMB Registrar seems to be blessed with an abundance of intelligence as evidenced by various transformations he had wrought in the affairs of the Board. In fact, it will do the nation a lot of good if other Chief Executives can emulate him. I'm especially fascinated by the Appointment Booking Initiative through which a candidate could book an appointment with the Board by simply dialling \*55019# with the line we had used for registration. This is commendable as it controls the influx of candidates. Similarly, at the gate, candidates' temperature is checked

before being allowed into the office, after which one is made to wash one's hands and hand sanitizers applied. At the same time, no candidate is allowed into the premises without donning a face mask. All these measures are commendable and worthy of emulation by other public institutions."

Mr. Akinyemi disclosed that his lifelong ambition had been to obtain a degree certificate hence his determination to take the UTME this time around.

Further to this, Mr. Akinyemi had said, "In my youthful days, I had passion to study but my parents were very poor and they could not sponsor my education. So, I stopped after primary school education. However, as a result of my determination to acquire knowledge, I decided to further my education first by obtaining my O' level result, which I passed with flying colours and now my next objective is a first degree without which my hunger would not be satiated."

The sexagenarian revealed that he had sat the 2020 UTME at Mater Christi, Igede-Ekiti, Ekiti State, and had chosen the University of Lagos to study Pharmacy with an aggregate UTME score of 161. He disclosed further that he had resigned his appointment as Court

Registrar at the Ekiti State Judiciary in 2017 to pursue his educational goals after taking the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination at the Christ Boys' Secondary School, Ado-Ekiti.

Commenting on his not-too-impressive performance at the UTME and reasons why candidates failed examinations, Mr. Akinyemi said, "What you do is what you get; JAMB result is a reliable reflection of your preparation. I could not finish all four subjects I had registered for because time was against me and this affected my score. Candidates fail because they do not study and prepare well for examinations. JAMB questions are easy if candidates study hard. As such, I will like JAMB to maintain the standards of its examinations so as to continue to bring out the best in our students."

According to Mr Akinyemi, "I advise all candidates to cultivate the habit of reading. They should desist from looking for short cuts to success. If I could decide to further my education at my advanced age, then I see no reason why the younger generation should not be determined to excel."

## COVID-19: ACTU COMMENDS REGISTRAR, URGES CANDIDATES TO ABIDE BY JAMB CONTAINMENT MEASURES

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB)-Anti corruption Transparency Unit (JAMB-ACTU) has commended the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for the various measures he had put in place to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

JAMB-ACTU also urged candidates and other stakeholders seeking the services of the Board to abide by all these containment measures and protocols on COVID-19 pandemic.

A statement from the JAMB-ACTU Chairperson, Mrs. Munirat Abimbola Lawal, reads in part:

"The Anti-Corruption and Transparency

Unit (ACTU) of the Board commends the Registrar for the various laudable initiatives that have been put in place in line with the global practices to curb the spread of COVID-19."

According to her, some of the initiatives which readily come to mind include the Ticketing Platform, Appointment Booking Platform, One-Time Password and the installation of pedal hand-washing machines in all the offices.

All these, she said would go a long way in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic in our immediate community and the country at large thereby ensuring the safety of staff, candidates and other clients.

The ACTU Chairperson also stressed the need for all Nigerians to keep safe stating that the war on the virus is a collective one that must be won.

She further charged the general public to avail themselves of the opportunities created by the various COVID-19-inspired initiatives and access all the services of the Board without hindrance. She added that these measures were in line with the Federal Government's determination to sustain the tempo of activities aimed at facilitating all protocols on ease of doing business in the country while safeguarding lives and property.

# EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

## **GUARDIAN, SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020**

–Review Decision on School Resumption, Says Nwajiuba: The Federal Government has given school owners July 29, this year to meet the safety protocols recommended by Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) towards the reopening of schools at a date to be announced in due course. Minister of State for Education, Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba disclosed that the ministry, having consulted widely, has, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health, NCDC and Education in Emergencies Working Group, developed and circulated guidelines for the reopening of schools and charged school owners to prepare and comply with the guidelines. **Also in DAILY TRUST, SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020**–

## **THISDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**

–EDITORIAL: COVID-19 and Reopening of Schools: The editorial of Thisday examined the decision of the Ministry of Education not to reopen schools due to the pandemic and the recent guidelines issued to school owners to put their facilities in place in order for reopening while praising the tentative agreement reached between the government and WAEC.

## **PUNCH, SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**

–WASSCE: Don't Reopen Schools Until 2021, ASUU Tells FG: The Academic Staff Union of Universities has said it supported the decision of the Federal Government to stop Senior Secondary School, 3 pupils, from partaking in the West African Senior School Certificate Examination earlier scheduled to commence on August 4. The union advised the government to shut down schools until 2021 to ensure adequate preparations, citing the case in some countries such as Kenya. The ASUU President, Prof Biodun Ogunyemi, said no reasonable government would take such chances unless parents would be told to sign an undertaking. He appealed to Nigerians to see reason in the decision of the Ministry of Education.

## **THISDAY, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

–2020 UTME: JAMB to Begin Admission Exercise on August 21: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, (JAMB) has sent guidelines on the 2020 admission to all

heads of higher institutions in the nation. This came as it directed institutions to begin admissions for candidates for first and second choices of the 2020 UTME on August 21, 2020. **Also in Daily Trust, Monday, July 20, 2020; Punch, Monday, July 20, 2020; Nation, Monday, July 20, 2020; Guardian, Monday, July 20, 2020; Vanguard, Monday, July 20, 2020;**

## **DAILY TRUST, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

–INVESTIGATION: Curbing Examination Malpractice the JAMB Way:

This opinion looks at the deployment of technology by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board to drastically nib incidence of examination malfeasance and urges other examination bodies to follow the same path.

## **PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

–NUC Advises Varsities on Academic Excellence: The Director of Academic Planning, National Universities Commission, Dr Noel Saliu, has advised universities to constantly review their curriculum and use modern teaching methods. According to him, varsities would do well when they employ quality teaching staff and put in place adequate facilities and infrastructure. He noted the hat the captains of industries could be invited by varsities to teach relevant aspects of the curriculum.

## **PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

–Technical Varsity Concludes Online Exam, Begin New Semester: The first Technical University, Ibadan, Oyo State, has completed its first-semester examination and resumed for the second semester despite the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Ayobami Salami, noted that as soon as the students were sent home in March, in line with the government's directive that all schools be closed, Tech-U strengthened its e-lecture platform and continued its session online.

## **DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

–Private Universities Write NUC, Want Schools Reopened: The Committee of Vice-

Chancellors of Private Universities (CVCPU) has requested that private universities be allowed to re-open for on-campus delivery of teaching and learning. The committee said serious distortion and damage in academic calendar and resource base await the institutions should school closure to be prolonged beyond a month. The Committee requested the NUC boss to make a strong case with the government to allow the universities to reopen for on-campus delivery of teaching and learning within the next one month.

## **PUNCH, FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020**

–WASSCE: FG Considers NOV/DEC GCE: The Federal Government has said pupils in Nigeria might be forced to sit the General Certificate Examination in November if the country failed to meet up with this year's timetable for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination. The government explained that this might become necessary since the West African Examination Council could not shift its WASSCE scheduled to commence on August 4. The Minister of State for Education, Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba disclosed this at the PTF On COVID-19 briefing on Thursday. **Also in Daily Trust, Friday, July 24, 2020, Guardian, Friday, July 24, 2020, ThisDay, Friday, July 24, 2020**

## **FOREIGN EDUCATION NEWS**

## **FIRST NEWS ONLINE, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

–South Africa Shuts Schools Again as 6,000 Die From Covid-19: President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa has said that public schools in the country would close again for a month from Monday to limit the spread of coronavirus as the country grapples with surging infections. He announced that the schools earlier opened would be closed for the next four weeks, from 27 July to August 24, 2020, a period when the country would experience its greatest increase in infections.



# NILE UNIVERSITY PARLEYS WITH JAMB ON ADMISSIONS, ASKS FOR SUPPORT

## -You Can Only Admit Candidates With UTME Results, Registrar Tells University



The Management of Nile University in a meeting with JAMB Management

The Management of Nile University, Abuja, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Osman Nuri Aras, were recently at the Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to discuss some salient issues pertinent to the operational imperatives of the University.

Prof. Aras, while briefing the Registrar of the Board, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed that they had come to solicit the support of the Board in the areas of admission of candidates and other related issues. He said Nile University is determined to fill the admissions gap through the provision of quality education to the desiring public.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board's Management that the institution is partnering with other critical stakeholders like the National Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in the area of scholarship and other top universities across the globe. He disclosed that the partnership with foreign institutions had provided the ample opportunities for student exchange as well as cross-fertilisation of ideas.

Taking the Registrar and Management through their plans to ensure that their academic calendar is not distorted by the COVID-19 pandemic, he said the University was considering different academic scenarios which would see it offering some of its programmes online.

He disclosed that his team members were in JAMB to basically see how the institution could improve on the quantity of its intakes.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed delight with the seamless and transparent features of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) while appealing to the Board to consider making special provisions for candidates who did not take the UTME or apply for DE. He stated that many of these potential applicants, who would have travelled abroad to further their education, had to find placement in Nigerian Universities like Nile owing to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

He disclosed that some of their prospective candidates with A'Level qualifications were unable to enrol for Direct Entry (DE) because they were yet to obtain their results when the Board's application documents were on sale earlier in the year.

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, congratulated the Management of the Institution on the wonderful academic environment it has put in place and commended its desire to do more.

He stressed that all stakeholders in the education sector needed to put their heads together to address the myriad of challenges confronting enrolment into private universities in Nigeria. He, however, maintained that all admissions into tertiary institutions in Nigeria must

be through either UTME or DE as well as all prescribed requirements. He explained that the provision for Awaiting Results was to ensure that all desiring individuals are given the opportunity to enrol while also urging them to take advantage of the conversion platform by letting A'level candidates apply for UTME and convert to DE once they have their DE results.

Responding to their desire to go online, Prof. Oloyede advised the University to interact with NUC with a view to reorganising their syllabus to meet the new normal. He said they could also look at the possibility of instituting staggered physical class sessions.

The Registrar expressed dissatisfaction with the provision of condonement of illegal admission otherwise referred to as regularisation. He said regularisation was nothing other than a veiled form of corruption. He explained that institutions intentionally admit candidates who are not qualified through all sorts of dubious processes with others not even attending any classes and then turn round to apply to the Board for names of such candidates to be regularised.

He assured the Management of the University that the Board would do all within the ambit of the law to assist the Institution as it sought to advance the cause of tertiary education in Nigeria.



# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD JULY 18 - JULY 24, 2020

### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (N)
1	E-facility /Sales	41,228,594.00
2	CBT Centres Service Charge	200,393.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,428,987.00</b>

### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims and Welfare	Various	10,733,885.51
2	Publicity and Advertisement	Publicity	500,000.00
3	CBT Centre payment	2020 UTME	181,200.00
4	Survey and Documentation	Lagos Office	3,254,500.00
5	Kojo Auto Service Cente Ltd	Vehicle Maintanance	129,608.32
6	Remita	Bank charges	21,473.13
7	Amal Engr & Construction Coy Ltd	Owerri CBT Construction	7,164,511.63
8	Skyhigh Security Safety & Skills	Files Disinfectant Equipment	705,000.00
9	Arkmas Integrated Solutions Ltd	Kogo CBT Registration Area	7,819,258.25
10	Interactive Engineering Consult Ltd	Consortium Consultancy fees	24,259,595.27
11	Emacs Engineering Consulting Ltd	Consortium Consultancy fees	15,215,770.25
12	Outsourced Security Service	Gatemen Service	358,225.58
13	Nasiru Muhammed & Co	Audit fees and Expenses	8,333,027.50
14	L.E.A. Nomadic Primary School, Bwari	Rehabilitaion of Adopted School	1,609,065.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80,285,120.44</b>

## JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2020 – AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> 2020

Happy Birthday

### 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Gabriel Ugbaje Ajodo  
Tanimu Dangana  
Agbonugwu Andrew Agbo  
Andrew Oliver Wabalba  
Rosemary Demvihin Iorpuu  
Abiola Kamardeen Bello  
Salihu Omotayo Lasisi  
Eucharía John

### 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Zainab B. Muhammed Shafiyi  
Muhammad Kwairanga  
Hamisu Muhammed Ibrahim

### 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Ahmed Maikudi Garba  
Folake Omolara Oyetayo  
Ramatu William Wampana

### 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Safiya Harazimi Wali  
Ronke Oluwafemi Fadayomi

### 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

Josephine Nwadi Ezii  
Ngozi Dominica Ofili  
Modupe Yetunde Aloba

### 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

Yakubu Sagagi Chigari  
Ibrahim Umar  
Olayemi Agnes Ajayi  
Christopher Igonoh  
Nasiru Suleiman Ghaji  
Nkem Josephine Okodike  
Doris Chinelo Ezenwoke  
Mbami Danladi Musa

### 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST

Aisha Mohammed  
Umar Mohammed  
Augustina Oghere Ekesi  
Racheal Adeyinka



# PICTURES FROM THE VISIT OF NILE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT TO JAMB



## VARIOUS PICTURES



The Zonal Director, Lafia Zonal Office, Dr Mahmuda A. Mahmud( middle front row) ; Mr Mohamed Shehu, Coordinator, Benue State Office Makurdi( 1st left front roll) in a COVID-19 group Photograph with other staff of the office during an inspection visit to Benue State Office Makurdi by the Director.



Prof. Bello Salim, former Registrar JAMB( 2nd from right front row) at the wedding of the Son of the Director, Human Resources Dept, JAMB, Mr. Ibrahim Abdulkadir Maska who were with him in Kaduna; Abdullahi Ibrahim, groom(standing tall behind Prof. Bello Salim); Director, HR, Mr. Ibrahim Abdulkadir Maska(3rd from left back row)



Mr. Sulaiman Oloyede, HOD CNAL (1st from right) addressing Mr. Felix Faleti and other officers on duty, at the Board's State Office Ekiti during his inspection visit; Mr. AbdulHakeem, Coordinator, Ekiti State Office (3rd from right) and other members of Staff of the Board.





# JAMB



## ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Kwara, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Kaduna	Kebbi, Sokoto, Kaduna and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Lagos	Lagos and Ogun
10.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
11.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns they are located.



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