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“STRENGTH OF CHARACTER IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS” – VC

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, has enjoined students and staff of the University to strive towards building for themselves strong characters which he described as the key recipe that every individual needs to be successful in life.

He did this while presenting his opening remarks at the second edition of the Orientation Programme held on the 26th and 27th of March, 2024 at the University's Event Centre in Ogbagbara, Ajaba, Ila-Orangun, Osun State. The programme is the University's platform to indoctrinate first-year undergraduates into the culture of the University.

“Strength of character requires that you keep your eyes on the ball, plan your life, and aim at your goals amid distractions and negativities that are there to debar and derail you from the course”, Prof Lasisi admonished while also reiterating the University's unwavering position against disruptive behaviour among its students and staff.

“One of the main importance of this orientation programme is to enlighten you and instruct you on your duties and responsibilities to the Institution and its host community. This programme will introduce you to the environment where the University is established. You need to know and appreciate the traditions and culture of your host community; you need to understand the border marks between Ila-Orangun and its neighboring towns, and the many safety precautions to be taken while residing in this town” Prof. Lasisi advised.

Prof. Lasisi congratulated the newly admitted. He stated that over 4000 candidates sought admission into the University but only 673 students have been admitted and registered.

He implored the students not to despise little beginnings, but rather they should be focused, dedicated, and determined while holding their heads up high in integrity with a clear vision about what they wanted to become in the future.

Prof. Lasisi reiterated that this University was established in 2021 to train a specialised workforce that will deliver

excellent healthcare to the nation and provide research in healthcare services.

He urged the students to work towards making the dream of the Federal Government and the University a reality by being dedicated, determined, and committed to doing things the right way.



The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences Ila-Orangun, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi presenting his opening remark at the 2024 Orientation programme of the University.

Meanwhile, the Registrar, Mr Kasim Kayode Babamale, took the students through the University's Students' Handbook.

Babamale, in his speech, encouraged the students to key into the University's zero-tolerance to social, moral, and academic indiscipline's philosophy. While reading the School's rules and regulations, he emphasised that students, both the first-year and second-year undergraduates, needed to strike a balance between academic excellence and practical problem-solving skills without trading off uprightness.

Also, in his orientation message, the University Bursar, Mr Adelani Adedayo Oyewale, spoke about the University's finance and financial security among the students.

While clarifying the differences between school fees and university charges, the University Bursar explained that “FUHSI, like other Nigerian federal/public universities, does not charge school fees as university education in Nigeria is tuition free”.

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According to Mr Oyewale, “What students pay here is university charges and not school fees”. He, therefore, appreciated the University for allowing the students to pay their school charges in two installments. While also encouraging the students to pay their school charges, he charged them to be financially prudent saying this is a part of their integrity.

“Keep your ATM card very well and never disclose your PIN to anyone”, he counseled.

“I want to advise you to keep all your receipts very well. You will need them the most when you think they would be less important and that is after you have completed your programmes and are ready to exit the University. You will need them for clearance at the Bursary”, he concluded.

GODWIN-OFUA ADVOCATES THE PROMOTION OF DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Assistant State Commandant of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Dr. Yetunde Godwin-Ofua, has urged Nigerian universities to make sure their campuses hinder students from drug and substance abuse.

Godwin-Ofua made this advocacy while presenting her keynote speech at the 2023/2024 Orientation Programme of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun.

The NAFDAC officer warned the first-year students of the University to desist from the abuse and misuse of drugs. According to her, “as youths are in the category of those prone to this social menace, there is a need to motivate and enlighten them on the dangers of indulging in drug abuse and abuse of substances”.

Often, the innocent ones are lured into doing drugs unknowingly by their peers and sometimes by social media influence”.

While commending the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, and the entire Management team for organising the eye-opening programme to further broaden the knowledge of the students on the dos and don'ts of the Institution, Dr Godwin-Ofua described the newly admitted students as excellent medical professionals and great future leaders.

Dr. Godwin-Ofua mentioned that drug and substance abuse is one great demon that stood between the students' graduation from the University and their career advancements.

She mentioned that students might become addicted to substances unconsciously. While explaining this, Dr Godwin-Ofua enlightened the students on various dangerous substances they were liable to consume without knowing that they were doing drugs.

“Do you know that pawpaw leaves, Lacasera, mentholated spirit, caffeine, energy drinks, carbonated drinks mixed with Tom Tom, gutter water, sex enhancement pills, Tramadol, cough syrup, latrine smoking, etc. are some of the substances or drugs addicts abuse to get high?, she asked.

“You would think that the popular ones like Loud, Colorado, Scushi, etc. are more dangerous drugs and substances, but I want to tell you that the earlier mentioned ones are not less dangerous.

“While some of them are prescribed drugs, using any of them without doctors' prescriptions, taking an overdose of painkiller drugs, and many more are considered drug abuse”. She admonished the students to watch out for themselves, single out those who consume such illegal substances, and report them so that they could get the required professional help they needed.

Dr. Godwin-Ofua emphasised the need for parents and guardians to be watchful, study their children and wards, and know the friends/company they keep because friends could most times lure them into taking illegal drug use.

She further advised parents to listen to their children and have heart-to-heart conversations with them. She added that they should not be hasty to go out without seeing their children and knowing what they are up to.

“Be interested in your children's daily lifestyle so as not to end up in regrets in the future”, she counseled.



Dr. Yetunde Ofua-Godwin, Assistant Commandant, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)

WHEN YOU VIOLATE LIBRARY RULES, YOU DESECRATE THE LIBRARY - ASUBIOJO

The University Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubiojo, has urged students of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, to consecrate the University Library and treat it as a hallowed edifice.

Mrs. Asubiojo, who was represented by Azeez Adeoye, stated this at the Orientation Programme of the University held on March 27th, 2024.

The University Librarian charged the students to abide by the rules and regulations of the Library. She stated that libraries were not just places to find collections of books, material and media, they were respectful edifices.

While taking the students through the importance of the library and its significance to their academic successes, she advised the students to shun any act that may be considered a violation of the rules and regulations of the hallowed house of knowledge.

Mrs. Asubiojo affirmed that the University had invested hugely in equipping the library with “a wide range of resources ranging from books, maps, charts, electronic materials and many more to support teaching and learning for both students and their teachers”. She stated that the investment was in line with the University's mission of producing first-class professionals.

To support this mission, the library was prepared to provide excellent library services and enrich learning, teaching, and community engagements across diverse health sciences disciplines. Mrs. Asubiojo, therefore, encouraged students to always value the library, treat it with respect, and also feel free to consult the librarians on any issues of concern. She stated that “the library is always open to the students



The University Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo, presenting a gift to the winner of the quiz during the 2024 Orientation programme of FUHSI.

PLAY YOUR PART TO PROMOTE THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF ILA-ORANGUN – Chief Oyinlola Douglas

His Highness, Chief Oyinlola Douglas, the Obalotin of Ila-Orangun, has appealed to the students of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun to embrace the rich culture of their father's land to prevent its extinction.

The high Chief made this appeal while delivering his lecture titled *The Historical Background of Ila-Orangun* at the 2024 Orientation programme of the University.

According to the Obalotin of Ila-Orangun, “having a keen knowledge about the culture and traditions of the place you reside is very cogent because it is the precursor to safety and development”.

Chief Douglas, while narrating the history of the Yoruba race, advised the students to adhere to the culture, norms, values, taboos, and laws prevalent in Ila-Orangun communities.

He said that this would provide them with the opportunity to live safe lives and would allow them to fruitfully live together with the people while pursuing their academic goals to success.

Chief Douglas hinted that the town of Ila-Orangun worshipped deities like; *Ogun, Sango, Egungun, and Obatala*.

According to him, “these deities are celebrated or worshipped at different times within the year. On every deity's celebration day, you can come out to celebrate with the town except for the day the *Odun Oro (Obatala)* is to be celebrated”.

He further explained that “this sacred day of worship of the *Odun Oro* festival demands that no one must be outside from 4 to 6 *am* because a masquerade would go round the town to offer prayers. This masquerade must not set its eyes on any human being during its trip around the town. Therefore, all students and indigenes must remain indoors”.

He encouraged the students that they did not have to fear because there would always be a notice by the town crier on the chosen day for the *Odun Oro (Obatala)* festival.



The Obalotin of Ila-Orangun, Chief Oyinlola Douglas during the 2024 Orientation program of FUHSI.

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Chief Douglas charged the students to be well-behaved and law-abiding citizens in their host community while adding that Ila-Orangun is hospitable and accommodating.

FUHSI ILLUMINATES ITS ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Academic Planning Officer of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Mr. Akeem Balogun, has clarified the University's academic standards, regulations, and guidelines.

Balogun made the clarifications at the Orientation Programme of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun.

He stated that the University runs its course unit system as approved by the NUC and the University's Board of Senate. Balogun added that based on this, courses were assigned units depending on the volume of work required to complete a course work which might include any or all of the lectures or tutorials, seminars, and practicals.

“It is required that students take two continuous assessments during each semester before the final semester examinations. While the University gives room for the deletion or addition of courses if the need arises, each of the courses registered at the beginning of each semester or session has a course workload that determines the unit rating of any course, Mr Balogun explained.

He further outlined the important information that the students needed to monitor their academic progress.

He said that the credit rating as approved by the University Senate are: A [70 -100%]=5, B [60 -69%]=4, C [50-59%]=3, D [45-49]=2, E [40-44]=1 and F [00-39]=0.

He further stated that each course had its status and was either tagged 'Compulsory', 'Required', or 'Elective in the University.

He finally stated that the minimum pass mark for any course in the University is 40%. Mr Balogun, however, explained that programmes such as MBBS, Nursing Science, and Medical Laboratory Science required a minimum of 50% as a pass mark.



The Academic Planning Officer, Mr. Akeem Balogun at the 2024 Orientation Program of the University.

2024 ORIENTATION PICTORIAL

DAY ONE PICTURES



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi



The Registrar, Mr. Kassim Kayoed Babamale



The Provost of College of Medicine, Prof. Oyeku Akibu Oyelami



The Assistant State Commandant, NDLEA, Dr. Yetunde Godwin-Ofua



L-R: The University Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo, the Provos, College of Medicine, Prof. Oyeku Akibu Oyelami and the Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Mutalib Aderogba



A cross section of students at the the 2024 Orientation



The 100 level students of the Department of Audiology demonstrating the National Anthem in sign language



A cross section of staff at the the 2024 Orientation



The University Management with the NDLEA Team



The Director of Works, Engineer. Saheed Tunde Mohammed



A cross section of the students at the 2024 Orientation Programme



The representative of ICPC, Mrs. Bolade Ingobro Winifred



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi (middle), the Registrar, Mr. Kassim Kayode Babamale (right) and the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale Adelani Adedayo (left)



The University Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubiojo

ORIENTATION DAY TWO



The Obalotin of Ila-Orangun, Chief Oyinlola Douglas



Representative of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)



The representatives of the Red Cross Society

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"The more that you read, the more things you'll know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss