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HIGHLIGHTS

- **UNIMED Announces 3 new Professors and 2 Readers The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED),**
- **UNIMED Professor Appointed into the Executive Committee of International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders Practitioners (IACP)**
- **UNIMED Alumni Association to Hold 1st Investiture Ceremony**
- **“I dream of a UNIMED where the Alumni Association and the university work hand in hand, creating a legacy of excellence and innovation that continues to impact lives for generations to come” – Adedayo Oluwadamola Adesida, UNIMED Alumni Association President**
- **UNIMED Registered as Training Site for Basic Life Support**
- **UNIMED Joins the World to Commemorate International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

FROM THE EDITOR

The much anticipated 10th Anniversary of the University is here. December is usually the crowning glory of the year. It drips with fatness. And it is a season of celebration! And here we are in the month that drips with fatness, celebrating 10 years of trailblazing exploits in health professions education! This is more than a coincidence! It is simply divine! Check out the activities for the first week of the 10th Anniversary in this edition of UNIMED Weekly. In the midst of celebrating 10 years of remarkable accomplishments, fortunes have smiled on some academic staff,

UNIMED ANNOUNCES 3 NEW PROFESSORS AND 2 READERS

The University of Medical Sciences, Ondo has announced the promotion of three new Professors and two Readers. The professors are: Professor Patrick Olanrewaju Osho, Department of Haematology and Acting Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences; Professor Joseph Irewole Fatukasi, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences; and Professor Akinwunmi Ayodeji Akinbodewa, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences. The Readers are: Dr Lasun Tunde Ogundele, Department of Physics, Faculty of Science; and Dr Babawale Peter Olatunji, Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology,

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, while disclosing the promotion of the new Professors and Readers to UNIMED Weekly, congratulated and encouraged them to see their new ranks as a call to more service. In his words, “I congratulate the newly promoted Professors and Readers.

It is a testament to your dedication and diligence to research, teaching and community service in your respective fields. While I rejoice with you on these academic attainments, I want to encourage you to see your promotion as a call to more service to humanity!”

as their academic excellence has been recognized and rewarded accordingly with the ranks of full professorship and readership. Details in this edition of our newsletter.

Alumni Associations play critical roles in the growth of their alma mater. They are usually an integral part of their institutions in ensuring that their schools keep growing in leaps and bounds. As young as the Alumni Association of UNIMED is, it has been vibrant!

UNIMED Weekly spoke with the Alumni Association President, Mr. Adeshida, to get his thoughts on what makes the Association tick and the future outlook for the Association. It is an interview you cannot afford to ignore!

In this edition, we have the stories of the registration of UNIMED as a Basic Life Support Training Centre, International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities, UNIMED Alumni Association 1st Investiture

Ceremony, among others. There are also updates on upcoming events and fellowship opportunities for students. “Thoughts for the Week with Dr. Agbaje” is not left out. This week, Dr. Agbaje encourages us all to make excellence our daily habit in whatever we do. He makes it clear that whatever job we do, we should do it finesse and panache. By so doing, we do not only stand out, but also become outstanding! Happy reading!



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MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES TO HELP INSPIRE YOUR WORKOUT

1. "Exercise is a celebration of what your body can do, not a punishment for what you ate." - Unknown
 2. "The only bad workout is the one that didn't happen." - Joe Cirulli
 3. "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." - Zig Ziglar
 4. "The pain you feel today will be the strength you feel tomorrow." - Arnold Schwarzenegger
 5. "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." - Confucius
 6. "Exercise is king. Nutrition is queen. Together they rule." - Jack Lalanne
 7. "Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going." - Sam Levenson
 8. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretzky
 9. "Wellness is not a destination, it's a journey." - Unknown
 10. "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision." - Muhammad Ali
- We hope these quotes motivate you to push through your workout and reach your fitness goals!



UNIMED PROFESSOR APPOINTED INTO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS PRACTITIONERS (IALP)

Professor Wahab Owolawi of the Department of Audiology and Speech Therapy, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo has been appointed into the Executive Committee of International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders Practitioners (IALP). As a member of the Committee, Owolawi will be facilitating audiological services in mid and low-income countries in Africa.

Reacting to the appointment, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, said "this appointment shows what the University stands for – excellence! Our members of staff excel locally and internationally. This is therefore not surprising as Professor Wahab Owolawi is a seasoned scholar in audiology and speech therapy. I express my hearty congratulations to him and wish him all the best in the discharge of his duties as a member of the committee".

<https://www.optimaltimesnews.com/2024/12/01/unimed-professor-appointed-into-international-communication-practitioners-executive-committee/>



Prof. Owolawi is a clinician, researcher and teacher in audiology. His major areas of focus are noise-induced hearing loss, early detection of hearing loss in children, ototoxicity and aural (re)habilitation. As a former faculty at the University of Witwatersrand,

Johannesburg, South Africa he made his mark as a member of the prestigious University research ethics committee. He equally served as a visiting professor/external examiner to the then Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa)-now University of Limpopo, Medunsa campus, South Africa. Prof. Owolawi was an internal supervisor to Ph.D students in a joint programme of University of Leeds, UK and King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He serves on the editorial board of many professionally related academic journals and has several academic publications to his credit. He has a flair for reading and writing.

<https://www.optimaltimesnews.com/2024/12/01/unimed-promotes-three-scholars-to-rank-of-professors-two-to-readers/>

<https://thesun.ng/unimed-don-gets-ialp-exco-appointment/>

UNIMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOLD 1ST INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo Alumni Association will hold its first Investiture ceremony to celebrate the 6th graduating students of the University on Wednesday, 11th December, 2024 at the Civic Centre, Ondo.

Speaking with the Alumni Association President, Mr Adesida, he said "the highlights of the event include alumni awards for best graduating students (Academic and Non-Academic), outstanding alumni awards, induction of new members and networking".

The occasion, the first of its kind at UNIMED, will also be used to distribute convocation packages to the graduating students.

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1ST ALUMNI INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The 6th Graduating Set of the University

Event Highlights

- Alumni Awards for Best Graduating Students (Academic & Non-Academic)
- Outstanding Alumni Awards
- Induction of New Members
- Networking & Fun

Date: DECEMBER 11, 2024 | Time: 8:00AM | Venue: Civic Centre

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“I DREAM OF A UNIMED WHERE THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE UNIVERSITY WORK HAND IN HAND, CREATING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION THAT CONTINUES TO IMPACT LIVES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME” – ADEDAYO OLUWADAMOLA ADESIDA, UNIMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Background

In this enthralling interview with UNIMED Alumni Association President, Mr. Adedayo Oluwadamola Adesida, takes us through the activities of the association, their operational strategies, their accomplishments, and future outlook. Enjoy it!

UNIMED Alumni Association is relatively young.. Can you take us through what you have been able to do in your short period of existence?

Yes, we're young, and the association will have its 6th set of graduates this December convocation. However, I would speak to the last 11 months we've been in office. To God be the glory, we've been able to record few accomplishments. Firstly, we've focused on building a strong foundation by creating structures to ensure sustainable growth. This includes establishing subcommittees that precisely address issues specific to the alumni, reviewing the constitution to allow for efficient and inclusive administration, and creating platforms to help keep track of graduates, update biodata, and facilitate effective communication among members. Among other achievements, we've been able to build and launch the alumni website, which has helped facilitate transcript applications and other official documents. Previously, alumni had to travel physically to Ondo to apply for transcripts, but now, from the comfort of your room, you can make the application, and the association will assist with submission and follow-up effectively. We've also ensured our financial autonomy, allowing alumni dues to be paid seamlessly through the website, making the clearance process for graduating students stress-free.

To mention a few, we've sought partnerships with international and national companies that offer us discounts on their services and provide opportunities for our graduates to undertake their NYSC services and internships at their facilities. For example, we have two graduates at Genomac Lab in Oyo State due to our camaraderie with this institution, among many others. Partnerships across different sectors, including tech like Geneza School of Design, offer our alumni a 50% discount on all their programmes. We've facilitated and lobbied for internship and NYSC spaces for our alumni in different institutions like Helix Biogen, a translational research lab, and FMC Owo. To enhance the effectiveness of the University Academic Affairs in serving the alumni, as this is the major contact of the university with the alumni, we donated laptops and printers. We've also built our social network by forming friendships with influential individuals, government officials, and prominent figures.

In a few days, we will be hosting the first Alumni Investiture Ceremony to welcome graduating students into the association, establish the Alumni Endowment Prize, and present the Alumni Outstanding Award. The association, through one of its alumni, Igbokwe Chioma, will be giving a grant of 150,000 naira as an entrepreneurship grant to support upcoming businesses. Our camaraderie spirit has kept the hope of the alumni high, with some now contributing to the association and the University. The university debate for the 10th anniversary is being sponsored by an alumnus, Dr. Temiloluwa Ogunleye, who is also a member of the association's executive council.

This is to mention a few.



So far, we've been able to establish and stabilize a functional association committed to the growth and support of its members and the university.

2025 will be an amazing year as we will be diving into and showcasing some of the activities and plans we've been working on for the last few months.

The University is 10 and preparations are in top gear to celebrate the trailblazing exploits of the institution in health professions education. How involved is your association?

Apparently, the 10th-anniversary celebration of the university's trailblazing exploits in health professions education is a celebration of the Alumni. We are the product of the university's existence and the ambassadors proudly flagging its colors. So, this milestone is as much our celebration as it is the institution's, and we are deeply involved.

We are actively contributing by supporting key events and initiatives during the celebration. For instance, Dr. Temiloluwa Ogunleye, a member of our Executive Council, is sponsoring the university debate competition to commemorate this milestone. Additionally,

the Association is establishing the Alumni Endowment Prize, which will be unveiled during the first-ever Alumni Investiture Ceremony. This ceremony, scheduled as part of the anniversary activities, will also welcome the graduating class into the Association and present the Alumni Outstanding Award to deserving individuals.

Our involvement extends beyond financial contributions and events. We are working to amplify the university's achievements through strategic partnerships and our networks. This anniversary is a proud moment for us as alumni to celebrate our alma mater's legacy while reaffirming our commitment to its growth and excellence.

What are the steps you are taking to make your association more vibrant and a go-to body for developmental projects by the University?

It's a member-centric agenda. We are focused on building individuals who, in turn, will build the image and structure of the university. In all ramifications, we are committed to creating an enabling environment for every alumnus to achieve their goals and aspirations. Yes, a solid support system. I firmly believe that successful people build successful systems, and this philosophy drives our initiatives.

Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, we have ambitious plans to further solidify the Association's role in the university's growth. Our aim is to position UNIMED where it rightfully belongs among the leading institutions globally.

To achieve this, we're exploring more opportunities for Alumni by creating more platforms for professional growth, internships, and mentorship programmes through partnerships and trainings. Support the University's Vision through financial and non-financial contributions, such as infrastructure development, scholarships, and sponsoring academic programmes. While our focus remains on creating systems that will make the Association self-sustaining while ensuring it continues

to serve both the university and its members effectively.

With these plans, we are not just envisioning an impactful Alumni Association but also actively working to ensure that UNIMED attains and maintains its rightful position as a trailblazer in health professions education in Africa.

Where do you see the Alumni Association in the next 10 years and what are your wishes for the University in the next 10 years?

Looking ahead to the next 10 years, I envisage the UNIMED Alumni Association growing globally as an active body supporting its members as well as contributing to the growth of the university. By then, we look forward to having a structured and automated system which will facilitate engagement with alumni, create opportunities and enhance giving back to the institution. I envision us playing a key role in funding scholarships, research projects, and developmental initiatives that will shape the future of the university. I also see our members making waves in their respective fields, proudly representing UNIMED across the globe, and working together to uplift the Association and the university.

For the university, my greatest wish is to see it become one of the leading health sciences institutions, not just in Africa but globally. I hope to see state-of-the-art facilities, groundbreaking research solving real-world health problems, and students graduating with skills and knowledge that place them among the best in the world.

Ultimately, I dream of a UNIMED where the Alumni Association and the university work hand in hand, creating a legacy of excellence and innovation that continues to impact lives for generations to come.

BIO

Adedayo Oluwadamilola Adesida, currently serving as the President of the University of Medical Sciences Alumni Association in Ondo State, is a scholar and a dynamic leader. With an academic foundation in Human Physiology.

Adesida is also an M.Sc. holder in Bioscience and Biotechnology with a major in Molecular Parasitology at the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Nigeria. His academic journey is further complemented by a Diploma in Data Science from ALTSchool Africa, reflecting his commitment to interdisciplinary expertise.

In his professional capacity, Adesida serves as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Medical Sciences Ondo, where he coordinates the activities of the Animal House, guides students in ethical and scientific animal handling, and supports undergraduate research projects. His previous role as a Graduate Assistant at Benue State University further honed his skills in practical physiology education and research methodology and also as Cardiac physiologist across different facilities within the country including Bola Tinubu Diagnostic Center, Lagos State Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos.

Adesida is a member of several learned professional societies, including the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the Global Schistosomiasis Alliance, the British Infection Association, and the African Society for Laboratory Medicine. These affiliations underscore his commitment to staying at the forefront of scientific research and professional development.

In addition to his pursuits, Adesida is a data analyst, a proficient graphic designer and visual artist, leveraging his creative talents to communicate concepts visually.

Adesida's exemplary achievements have earned him several awards, including the Best male personality of the UNIMED pioneer set, the First Chief-Editor of Rejoice magazine and partial financial sponsorship for hands-on molecular techniques training. His dedication to research, education, and leadership makes him a remarkable figure in the academic and professional community.

WEEK 1 ACTIVITIES FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

4th - 14th DECEMBER



WED. 4TH	Media Briefing (12:00pm) / Advocacy & Stakeholders' Engagement (3PM)	UNIMED Council Chamber, Laje Medical Campus, Ondo / Ondo City
THURS. 5TH	Advocacy & Stakeholders' Engagement (11:00am)	Government house, Akure
FRI. 6TH	Finals of U-STEM Competition for Secondary Schools (11:00am)	Odosida Campus UNIMED
SUN. 8TH	Thanksgiving Service 10:00am	University Auditorium, Laje Campus



UNIMED REGISTERED AS TRAINING SITE FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

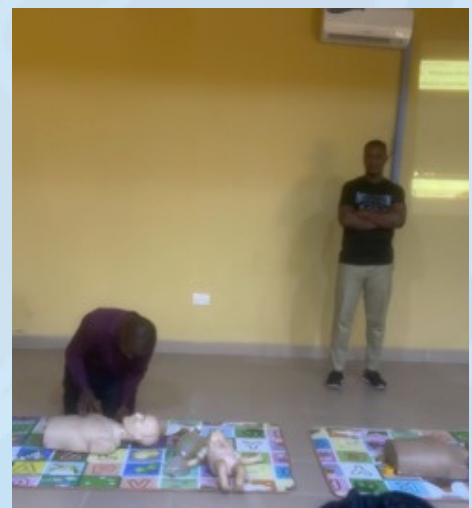
The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has been registered as a training site for Basic Life Support (BLS).

This development came as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, an American Heart Association Training Centre in Nigeria.

Speaking on this development, the Director of Centre for Professional Health and Bio-medical Education of the University, Dr. Salewa Osho, said that the registration of the University as a training site was part of the Centre's quest to give qualitative medical education with demonstrable community impact.

In her words, "This registration is part of the University's efforts to give qualitative medical education with demonstrable community impact". She went on to say that "with this agreement and recognition of UNIMED as a training site, we will be able to train about 250 BLS providers per year".

The first set of 14 providers was trained by BLS instructor on the 27th of November 2024. These providers will undergo instructor course and will anchor the training in UNIMED.



UNIMED JOINS THE WORLD TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, through its Office of Disability Affairs and Services, will join the world to commemorate this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024 at Seminar Room, Learning Resource Centre, Laje Campus of the institution.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. It was originally called "International Day of Disabled Persons" until 2007.

"Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future" is the theme of this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities. UNIMED will join other organizations, on December 3 in recognizing the accomplishments of disabled persons and the roles they play in society.

While speaking with the Director, Office of Disability Affairs and Services of the University, Dr. Immaculata Akpalaba, she said "our theme for this year is 'Building an Inclusive Society for Persons Living with Disabilities', and we have lined up array of seasoned experts to do justice to the theme". The speakers at the event are Mrs. Funmilayo Abdulahi and Mrs. Joy Olafisoye, while discussants include Miss Justinah Ajayi, Mr. Festus Akintuyi, Mr. Christopher Ogundare and Mr. Richard Olafisoye.



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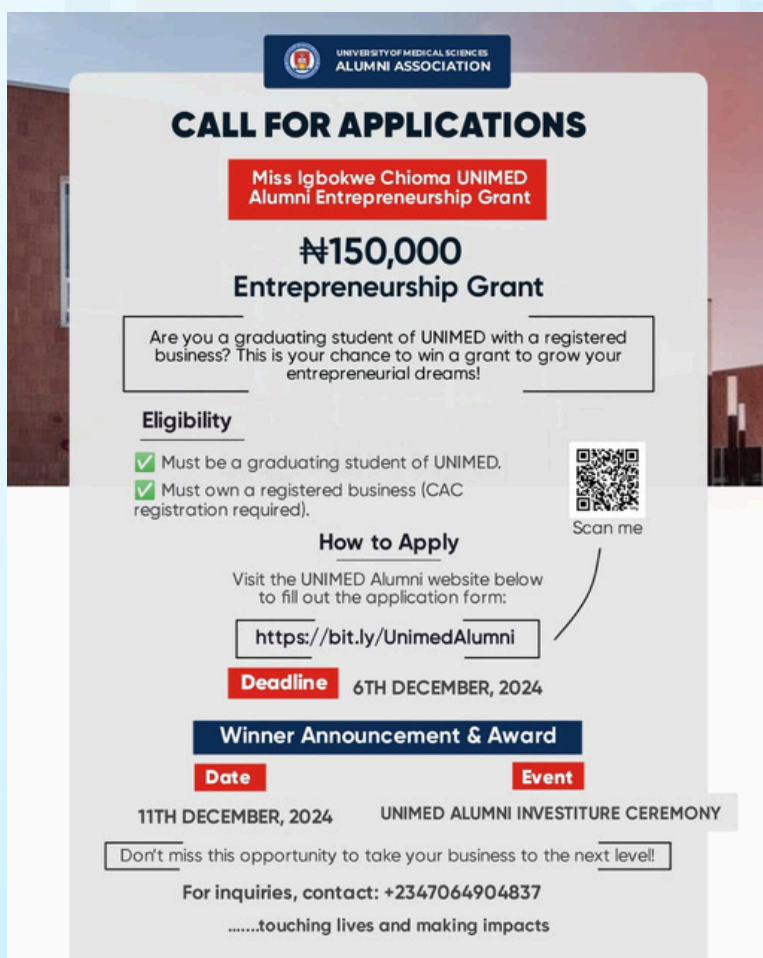
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Eligibility

- ✓ Must be a graduating student of UNIMED.
- ✓ Must own a registered business (CAC registration required).

How to Apply

Visit the UNIMED Alumni website below to fill out the application form:

<https://bit.ly/UnimedAlumni>

Deadline 6TH DECEMBER, 2024

Winner Announcement & Award

Date	Event
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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'

— Martin Luther King Jr.

MEANING:

This quote by Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), an American Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher, emphasizes the importance of excellence and pride in whatever work one does, regardless of the job's nature or societal status. It suggests that every role, including one as humble as a street sweeper, can be performed with greatness.

King compares the act of street sweeping to the masterpieces created by renowned artists and thinkers like Michelangelo, Beethoven, and Shakespeare. He highlights that it's not the job itself that defines a person's worth or impact, but rather the dedication, skill, and passion one brings to it. The idea is that when someone approaches their work with commitment and a high standard of quality, they transform even the simplest tasks into something admirable, worthy of recognition. Ultimately, the message encourages individuals to take pride in their work and strive for excellence in all they do.



FACES OF UNIMED NEW PROFESSORS AND READERS



Professor Patrick Olanrewaju Osho, Department of Haematology and Acting Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences



Dr Babawale Peter Olatunji
Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology, Faculty of Science.



Professor Joseph Irewole Fatukasi, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences



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Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi, FNAMed, FAS
Vice-Chancellor