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### DON ADVOCATES MORE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN SCIENCES



A university don, Dr. Cecilia Oluwamodupe, has said more women should be encouraged to take part in science through deliberate enrolment and mentorship.

Dr. Cecilia Oluwamodupe, the Acting Dean, School of Nursing & Allied Health Science, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, made this statement while speaking on the topic "Accelerating Equity in Science" at the 2025 Global Women's Breakfast held at the Tetfund Lecture Theatre, Laje Campus, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo on Tuesday, 11th February , 2025.

According to her, "there is a need for fairness in the field of science for both genders. Most of the world's poverty is with over 1 billion women and children, which is considered unfair as women make a large portion of the nation's human resources, providing a rich potential supply of talented scientists and innovators". To this end, She said "women should not just be seeing as entertainers. Rather, encouraging women to take part in science would allow any country to maximize its valuable human assets, empower its women, and improve its economic prospects".

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

In this week's edition, UNIMED Weekly beamed its searchlight on activities involving almost all the stakeholders in our esteemed University. It's an edition for all!

Experts and seasoned lecturers in Chemistry interrogated the concept of equity in science, as it affects the womenfolk. What was the outcome of the brainstorming session? You have the answer in this week's newsletter.

Excellence is not a one-off. It is a consistent action that distinguishes one anywhere and any time! Students of Radiography of our University in the far away Ahmadu Bello University shone brilliantly. What was the occasion? And what did they do?

No one is an island. Operating in isolation by an individual or a group or an organisation will only attract mediocre results. Bearing this in mind, UNIMED Alumni Association has taken its operation to the level of collaboration to achieve better results that will be beneficial to all. What is this partnership about? How strategic is it? Check out the details inside.

It's a season of Inaugural Lectures. While Professor Oluseyi Adejumo will address the 9th Inaugural Lecture on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025, the 10th Inaugural Lecture will be held on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 with Professor Oyetunde Oyeyemi as the lecturer. Check other details inside.

Dr. Agbaje, this week, makes it clear how quality education can save individuals and nations from perils.

This is a loaded edition. Read it and stay updated. Enjoy a fruitful week!



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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort. **Paul J. Meyer** 



## ERRATUM

In UNIMED Weekly, Vol. 2, Number 6, of Monday, 10th January, 2025, we erroneously addressed Professor Augustina Duyilemi as Dr. Augustina Duyilemi. We also inadvertently described the newly appointed Head of SERVICOM as "Director", instead of "Acting Director". The errors are highly regretted! Editor

### ...DON ADVOCATES MORE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN SCIENCES

The Ondo state Coordinator of the Women in Chemistry/Chemical Society in Nigeria (WICCSN), Dr. Funmilayo Joy Gbenga-Fabusiwa Agbaje, in her welcome address, said "as women in science, we face unique challenges, from implicit bias to unequal access to resources. But we also have a unique opportunity to make a difference, to inspire the next generation of women in science, and to create a more inclusive and equitable scientific community".

She further said that "to destroy any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs produced in the Chemistry laboratories or the use of long-range missiles. It only requires lowering the quality of education, which we must stand against'.

She urged all women in chemistry and science generally to be an instrument of advancing education and promoting gender equity in our community to make our nation great.



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The meeting featured presentation of eminent personalities awards to left deemed have indelible to footprints in the sand of time. particularly in sciences, medical sciences, and even those in the business world supporting sciences. Some of the recipients include the Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, the Deputy Vice-(Academic), Chancellor Professor Rose Angela Nwuba, Chief Olaota Olamuyiwa, among others

There were delegates from Adekunle University, Akungba Ajasin Akoko University (AUA), Federal of Technology Akure (FUTA), Olusegun Agagu University of Science and (OAUSTECH) Okitipupa Technology, secondary school students in and Ondo state at the event.

Chemistry/Chemical Women in Society of Nigeria (WICCSN) is a nonprofit sub-group of Chemical Society of Nigeria which consists of women in Chemistry and related fields. It is a group dedicated to the support of gender issues in the chemical field and encouragement of the girl-child in the study of science. The society promote awareness that is of benefits to Chemistry and Science in our local communities through seminars, conferences and lectures.

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### UNIMED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PARTNERS WITH UPTHRIVE TO EMPOWER GRADUATES WITH CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES Mr Adesida Adedayo, President of

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Alumni Association has entered into a strategic partnership with UpThrive, a fast-rising edutech startup dedicated to making professional training and opportunities easily accessible to young Nigerians.

This collaboration marks a significant step toward enhancing career development, employability, and professional growth for UNIMED graduates.

Through this partnership, alumni will gain exclusive access to an array of career-enhancing resources, including:

• Monthly Free Webinars & Training – Engaging expert-led sessions featuring free learning materials, templates, and practical insights.

 Exclusive Job Opportunities – A tailored job board providing relevant openings to alumni at no cost.

 30% Discount on Career Services – Special discounts on career consultancy, CV/resume development, and application essay services, including Personal Statements, Statements of Purpose (SOPs), and Motivation Letters.

Free 5-Day Masterclass (February 17-21) – An intensive career-boosting program to equip alumni with indemand skills. Registration is available via UpThrive's official channels.
Speaking on the collaboration,

UNIMED Alumni Association, expressed enthusiasm about the initiative: "This partnership is a game-changer for our alumni. By joining forces with UpThrive, we are opening doors to invaluable career resources and opportunities will that help our graduates in their thrive chosen fields."

Similarly, Miss Aladesulu Bukola, Founder of UpThrive, highlighted the alignment between both organizations "We are excited to partner with UNIMED Alumni Association to bridge the qap between education and career success. Our goal is to provide alumni knowledge, with tools, the and networks needed to excel professionally."

This initiative underscores UNIMED Alumni Association's commitment to the lifelong success of its members by equipping them with essential career tools and resources.



## THREE CANDIDATES OF UNIMED ONDO EMERGE VICTORIOUS AT THE NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF RADIOGRAPHY STUDENTS CONVENTION AND ELECTION

Three students of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, have emerged victorious at the election of the Nigerian Association of Radiography Students (NARS) held during its annual convention at Ahmadu Belli University (ABU), Zaria between 1st and 6th February, 2025.

UNIMED students who emerged victorious at the election are: Senator Adeyemi Ayodele (GCNRS) as the National President; Nafiu Zainab Ojuolape as the National Secretary; and Adeyinka Folashade as the National Treasurer.

In view of this development, the National Secretariat of the association will now be located at UNIMED, Ondo. The students and the newly elected officials expressed their gratitude to the UNIMED Management and Head of Department (HOD) of Radiography and Radiation Sciences, Dr. Solomon Ekott David for their support throughout the convention and election process.

Speaking on behalf of others, Adeyemi Ayodele said "This feat couldn't have been achieved without the support of the University Management and the HOD, Radiography and Radiation Sciences, Dr. Solomon Ekott. We do not take the support for granted. We promise to fly the flag of UNIMED high throughout our tenure".





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> APPLICATION FEE IS N15,000 ONLY APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, 28TH OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

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Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria

#### INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE LEARNING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (IDLCE) Akure Campus

### CALL FOR APPLICATION INTO B. SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025 SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the University of Medical Sciences, B.Sc. Conversion Programmes under the Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Akure Campus.

#### General Requirements for All UNIMED B. Sc. Conversion Programmes

- A candidate for B.Sc. Conversion Programme in UNIMED must have obtained 5 credit passes in the following O'Level Subjects: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in WAEC / NECO/GCE or its equivalent in not more than two (2) sittings.
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- 3. Academic/Official transcripts must be processed and mandatorily provided before admission. An electronic copy of the official transcript can be forwarded to: <u>idlcetranscripts@unimed.edu.ng</u>

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#### FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Health Information Management (HIM) Admission Requirements

• Candidates shall hold a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Health Information Management from recognized and accredited training schools.

Duration: Two (2) years, 3 semesters per year

#### FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES

#### B. Dent T Conversion Programme in Dental Therapy

#### Admission Requirement

- All candidates for admission to the B Dental Therapy degree by conversion must possess the following:
- Higher National Diploma with minimum of upper credit
- The candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Dental Technology Admission Requirements

- All candidates for admission to the B. Sc (Dental Technology) degree by conversion must possess Higher National Diploma (HND) in Dental Technology with minimum of lower credit pass.
- Candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

Duration: Six (6) semesters

#### FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION

#### Admission into Transitional-Doctor of Physiotherapy Admission Requirements for 18 months duration (3 semesters)

- Candidate must have obtained a first degree- BSc PT, BMR PT, BPT from a 4 or 5 year training programme within or outside Nigeria.
- Candidates shall possess a minimum of second class lower division in BSc PT, BMR (PT) or BPT.
- Candidates with Third Class degree in Physiotherapy but with additional Postgraduate National Diploma certificate in any relevant fields can also be offered admission into the 18-months duration programme.

#### Admission Requirements for 12 months duration (2 semesters)

 The candidate must satisfy the minimum requirements as stipulated for the 18 months programme but must have additional postgraduate qualification(s) with a minimum of MSc in physiotherapy or relevant fields (MPH, MSc in Exercise science or Physiology, Physiology, Anatomy and Biochemistry).

#### B. PO Conversion Programme in Prosthetics and Orthotics

#### Admission Requirements

 Candidates shall possess a minimum of Higher National Diploma (HND) in Prosthetics and Orthotics Technology from recognized / approved institution with a minimum of lower credit).

Duration: Six (6) semesters.

Note: Current MRTB practicing license is required for both tDPT and P&O.

#### FACULTY OF SCIENCE

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Computer Science

#### Admission Requirements

 An applicant seeking admission into the B. Sc. Conversion in Computer Science must hold an HND in Computer Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Physics Electronics or Core Engineering: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical & Electronics with a minimum of lower credit. Applicants who obtained a Third-Class degree in any university recognized by Nigerian University Commission (NUC), can apply. Also, applicants with B. Ed Computer Science (having a minimum of Second Class Lower Division) can apply.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Microbiology

#### Admission Requirements

 Applicants must possess an HND Certificate with a minimum of Lower Credit or a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of a Pass in a related discipline from a recognized university or polytechnic.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Physics

Areas of specialization: (i) Physics (ii) Physics with Electronics (iii).Medical Physics Admission requirements

An applicant must possess any of the following:

- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Physics with Electronics, Electrical/Electronics with Lower credit
- Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.) with a Third Class degree in any recognized University
- Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) or Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng) in Electrical/Electronic with Third Class degree
- Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) in Integrated Science with a minimum of Second Class Lower division.

#### B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT)

The options available are:

(i) Biochemistry Techniques (ii) Biology and Computational Biology Techniques (iii) Chemistry Techniques (iv) Industrial Mathematics and Statistics Techniques (iv) Microbiology Techniques (v) Physics with Electronics Techniques

#### Admission Requirements

 Candidates must possess a Minimum of Pass or Third Class Honours or HND (minimum of Lower Credit grade) from a recognized Institution.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

#### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

B.Sc. Conversion Programmes in Community Health & Environmental Health Science

#### Admission criteria for Community Health

• Holders of Community Health Officers (CHO) certificate with current license.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

#### Admission Requirements for Environmental Health

• Holders of HND in Environmental Health Science with current license. **Duration**: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

#### METHOD OF APPLICATION

Eligible candidates should log on to the University website at <u>www.unimed.edu.ng</u> and take the following steps:

Click on Admission;

Click on the Programme of Choice

Click on PAYMENT to make payment via online payment system using VISA or MASTER Card. Note that VERVE card is not allowed;

After payment, print the Payment Receipt

Click on APPLICATION FORM with your Payment Transaction ID to complete the form.

Application Deadline: Friday, 28 February 2025

Application Fee: N15,000 only

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

"To destroy any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs ... or the use of long-range missiles. It only requires lowering the quality of education, which we must stand against." - Dr. Funmilayo Joy Agbaje

### **MEANING:**

This quote by Dr. Funmilayo Joy Agbaje, a food chemist, inventor, and Senior Lecturer, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Nigeria, at the Global Women Breakfast 2025, organised bv Women in Chemistry, Ondo State conveys a powerful Chapter, message about the subtle yet profound impact of education on a nation. Here's a breakdown of its meaning:

#### 1. Destruction Beyond Weapons:

The statement suggests that a nation can be harmed or weakened without the need for physical violence or advanced weapons like atomic bombs or missiles. Instead, the focus is on the more insidious way that society can be eroded.

Education: The 2. Quality of "lowering the quality of of education" serves as a metaphor for neglecting the intellectual growth and critical thinking of a population. It implies that when education deteriorates, it can lead to a less informed, less engaged, and less capable citizenry.



**3. Call to Action:** The phrase "which we must stand against" indicates a call to action—encouraging individuals and societies to actively resist the decline in educational standards. It emphasizes the need for collective effort to protect and enhance the educational systems to ensure a strong, informed nation.

In essence, Dr. Agbaje is advocating for the importance of education as a pillar of national strength and urging society to defend it against degradation. It's a hopeful reminder that through commitment to education, we can build a resilient future.

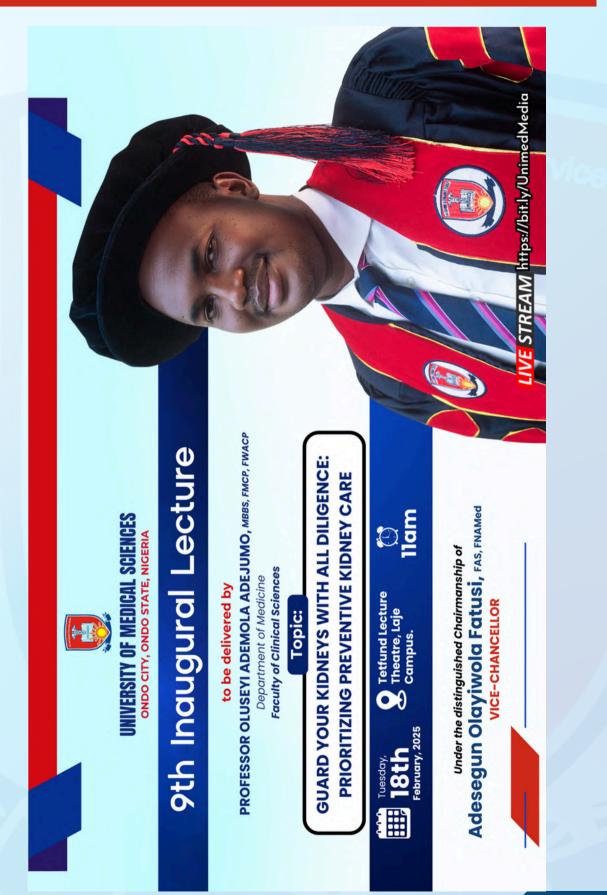
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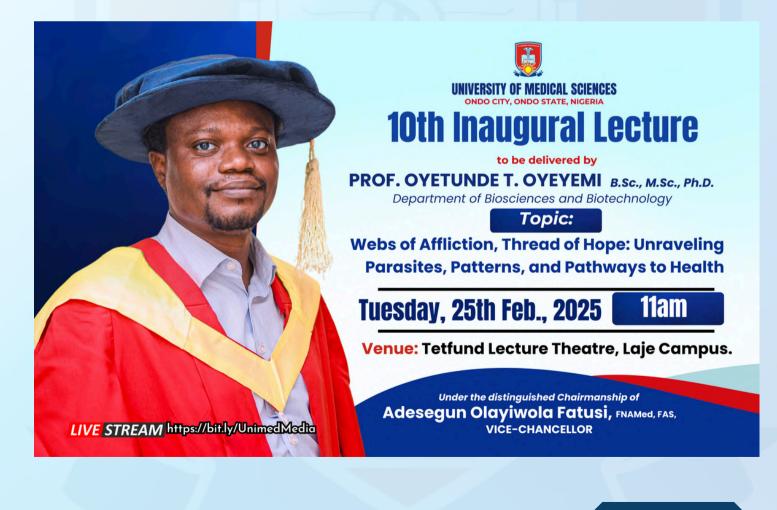




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### PRESENTATION OF FIRST PRIZE TO ONDO BOYS' SCHOOL FOR THE 2024 U-STEM COMPETITION

**On Monday 10th February,** the 2024 USTEM Competition Planning Committee members ably led by Dr Lawal Oyeneyin mni (Director, Office of Advancement & Strategic Partnership Initiatives, UNIMED) presented the 1st prize items (1 laptop and 6 mini laptops) worth about N750,000 to the Vice Principal, staff and students of Ondo Boys High School





