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▶ ATU HOLDS 22ND CONGREGATION, GRADUATES ADVISED TO UPHOLD HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

Dr Wilfred Kwabena Anim-Odame, Council Chairman, Accra Technical University, has advised graduates of the University to uphold the virtues of integrity and honesty to succeed in the field of work. "I urge you to create a niche for yourself and endeavour to make yourself an exceptional graduate," with honesty and integrity". Dr Anim-Odame gave the advice on Friday at the 22nd Congregation of the University. The University graduated a total of 4,282 students, consisting of 1,482 Bachelor of Technology graduands, 2,496 Higher

National Diploma graduands, 219 Diploma graduands and 85 Diploma and certificates for the Ghana Armed Forces. The Council Chairman said the University would continue to provide opportunities for innovation and hands-on training to better position itself to prescribe solutions to the challenges of the country.

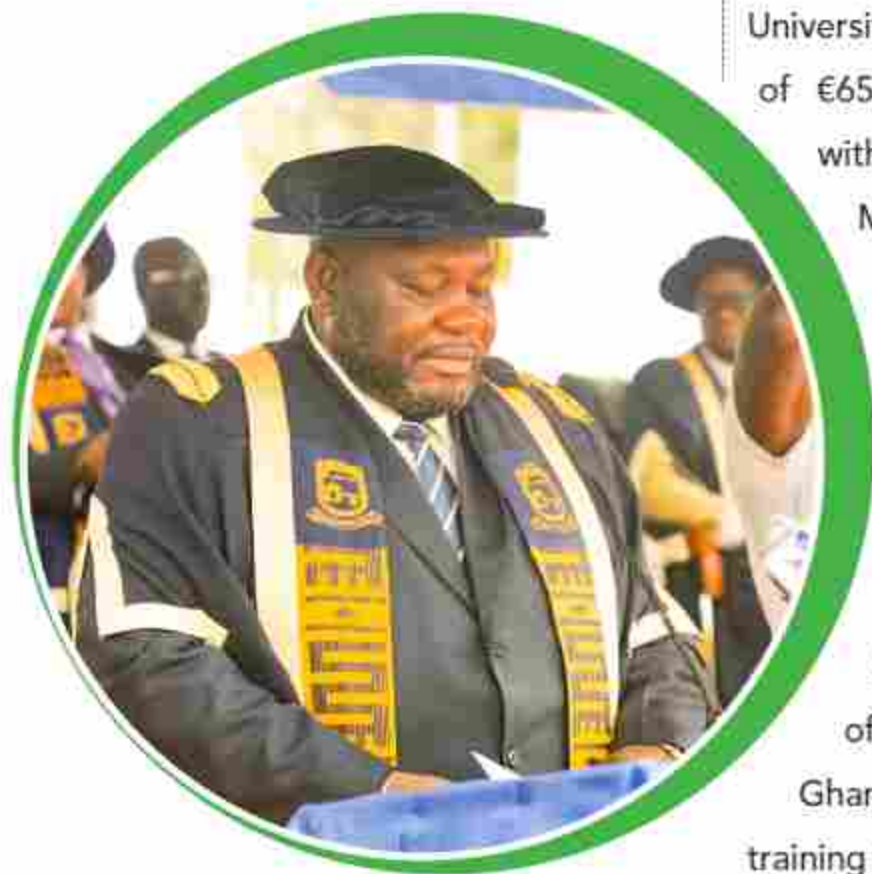
"The Council is committed to promoting excellence in teaching and learning at ATU and guiding management to ensure that its members of staff are motivated through promotion, well-be-

ing activities, and welfare packages.”. He again said the University had undertaken a number of projects like the construction of a five-story auditorium complex with a basement, a University hospital, rehabilitation of lecture halls, and others to support teaching and learning. Dr Anim-Odame stressed that the Council was committed to supporting management to seek private sector partnerships to develop hostel facilities for students on and off-campus.

Professor Samuel Nii Odai, the Vice-Chancellor in his address, said the University Governing Council in 2022 had approved and developed 24 policies to support governance and quality

systems. He said a new framework for master’s programmes had been developed, and the University was working with the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission to facilitate the accreditation process that would guide its implementation.

He noted that, the University was collaborating with several local and international institutions on mutually beneficial projects. “We won a grant of £120,000 to run short programmes in social enterprises and to establish an Institute of Social Enterprises in ATU under a British Council partnership with the University of Huddersfield and the University of Bolton,” he said. The University also won a NUFFIC grant of €65,000 in 2021 in partnership with the Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands, to develop staff competencies and design a commercial agribusiness course targeted at female entrepreneurs. Prof Odai said the Faculty of Applied Sciences in June 2022, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ghana Infectious Disease Centre for training the students in the faculty. The





University also signed an MOU with the Management Development and Productivity Institute on December 15, 2022, to collaborate in consultancy and training staff, students, and interested members of the public. On scholarship schemes, he said the Governing Council approved the ATU Students Financial Support Scheme to provide scholarships for some students, and a budget of GHc 400,000 had been allocated for the 2022/2023 academic year. He advised the graduands to be focused because the world of work required competence and skills.

Dr Yayrah Dzakadzie, Director in Charge of Tertiary, Ministry of Education, commended the University for the strides made in technical and vocational education, saying, " ATU will show us

innovation and help fix the challenges in the country". He said the government had introduced the "no guarantor policy" for students to access loans and progress on their career paths and is committed to training students to be job creators, not job seekers.





Mr Davies Narhi Koboe, Founder, Cotton Weblink Portfolio Limited, commended the government for enhancing technical and vocational education and training from the basic level through the establishment of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. He called on the authorities to address the gap between industry and academia to meet the needs of society.

Graduands were presented with awards for excelling in their fields of disciplines. Mr. Addison Fiwogbe who

is the overall best graduating student; Mr. Victor Kumi Larbi, won the best graduating student in the Faculty of Built Environment; and Christian Amoako, won the best graduating student in the Faculty of Applied Sciences. The rest are Mr. Brenda Nana Assor Danquah, the best graduating student in the Faculty of Applied Arts, and Mr. Safo Kwasi, the best graduating student in the Faculty of Business.



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ATU ADMITS OVER 8,000 NEW STUDENTS

The Accra Technical University (ATU) has held its matriculation ceremony for 8,677 newly admitted students for the 2022/2023 academic year to pursue Bachelor of Technology, Higher National Diploma (HND), Advanced Diploma, and Certificate programmes.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Samuel Nii Odai, urged the students to be diligent in their studies while adhering to all school regulations.

He further stated that while there were a lot of fun-filled activities on campus, students should not be distracted by those activities, relegating their studies to the last minute.

“Resolve in your hearts to take your studies seriously in order to achieve your main objective of being here, that is, to earn a certificate,” he advised.

Programmes the University offers, Prof. Odai said, are geared towards adequately equipping students with the requisite skills for the industrial world, and urged students to take the technical programmes seriously as they hold the key to industrial change in the country.



These Programmes , he added, are the backbone of change for many a global economic giant.

According to him, the 2022/2023 intake had seen a significant increase in science and technology-related programmes.

"This year, the Science and Technology to Humanities ratio stands at 71:29.... this a slight increase from last year where we had 68% in Science and Technology and 32% in the Humanities,".



The University, he said, had procured some new furniture and begun renovations in the lecture rooms and hostels for students' comfort. He urged students to be responsible and take good care of all the items to ensure that they lasted for posterity to benefit.

Prof. Odai cautioned students against cheating in exams, stating that anyone caught cheating in any way will not be protected.

He entreated the admitted students to show respect to all lecturers and those in positions of power, adding that they played the role of parents in the institution, working for the benefits of students.

The newly admitted students vowed to uphold all school regulations and advance the interests of the University through an oath to establish their new status.











ATU ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT HOSTS INTERNAL AUDIT AGENCY

The conference room of the ATU Lodge on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, was occupied by staff and students of the Accra Technical University's Accountancy and Finance Department as members of the Internal Audit Agency (IAA) paid a visit to ATU.

The Internal Audit Agency is a Government of Ghana reform aimed at enhancing efficiency, accountability, and transparency in the management of resources in the public sector. Accra Technical University's Faculty of Business hosted a team from IAA to train its accountancy students in various auditing activities and inform them on the functions of the agency. The IAA team advised students to be honest, accurate and thorough in every aspect of their profession.

University heads present included Dr. Shani Bashiru, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Dr. Ibrahim Zubairu, Head of the Accounting and Finance Department.



2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR FRESHMEN AND WOMEN UNDERGO ORIENTATION

Orientation for freshmen and women at the Accra Technical University (ATU) began on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the University Auditorium. A general orientation ceremony was held for morning session students at 10 am and for evening session students at 5 pm.

Both ceremonies acquainted new ATU students with various members of the Management and executives of the Student Representative Council.

The University's administrators took

turns familiarising the freshmen and women about their departments and their roles in enhancing students' experience.

After the Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Martin Owusu Amoamah and





Director of Public Affairs, Ms. Fausta Kilian Ganaa officially welcomed the freshmen and women to ATU, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of ATU, Professor Amevi Acakpovi, delivered a touching speech, encouraging students to be mature and take responsibility for every aspect of their lives.

Professor Acakpovi urged the freshmen and women to be responsible when receiving and relaying information. He also cautioned them against sexual misconduct and indecency. According to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, discipline matters most if students seek to achieve academic maturity. He, therefore, advised students to be time-conscious, hardworking and result oriented.



The evening students were commended particularly for the enthusiasm with which they sang the Accra Technical University anthem on the first attempt. Other officials present at the ceremony included the Director of Finance; University Librarian; Director, Academic Affairs; Director, Public Affairs; Director, ICT; Director, Quality Assurance and Academic Planning; Director, Industrial Liaison; Director, Guidance,

Counselling and Career Development; Director, General Services; University Exams Officer; University Medical Services; Head, SPORELU, and the Head, Sanitation and Environment, who all took turns to educate the freshers on their various areas of operations.

The orientation process continued for the week at the faculty level.











EAST CANTONMENTS PHARMACY OPENS ATU BRANCH



The Vice-Chancellor of Accra Technical University (ATU), Professor Samuel Nii Odai, was joined by other key officials of the University to cut the tape for the commencement of operations of an all-new pharmacy on campus on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the University's Stores Complex.

The pharmacy, operated by East Cantonments Pharmacy Limited (ECPL) is expected to serve the student populace, staff of the University and the surrounding community. Students make up the largest demographic group of the pharmacy's target clientele, hence ATU SRC





President, Etse Kofi Damesi, appealed to ECPL to consider ways to make their services more affordable. He also requested weekend and late-night presence since it is typically at those times that students often report health issues.

University Medical Officer in charge, Dr. Imam Abdul Moomen also spoke along the lines of quality and affordability in the services provided

by the pharmacy. He advocated for a smooth relationship between the pharmacy and the University Clinic, which will soon become a hospital.



The Vice-Chancellor expressed his agreement with Dr. Moomen and the SRC President during his speech and invited the pharmacy to engage with management to develop a "win-win solution".



Professor Samuel Nii Odai revealed that he always had the vision of getting the stores occupied by businesses that would provide convenient services to students.

He divulged that the Stores Complex now hosts a stationary shop, a bank, a pharmacy, and a conference room. He also teased about the development of three (3) research centres in his speech.

After the official tape-cutting gesture, officials of the University toured the pharmacy and interacted with its employees.





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