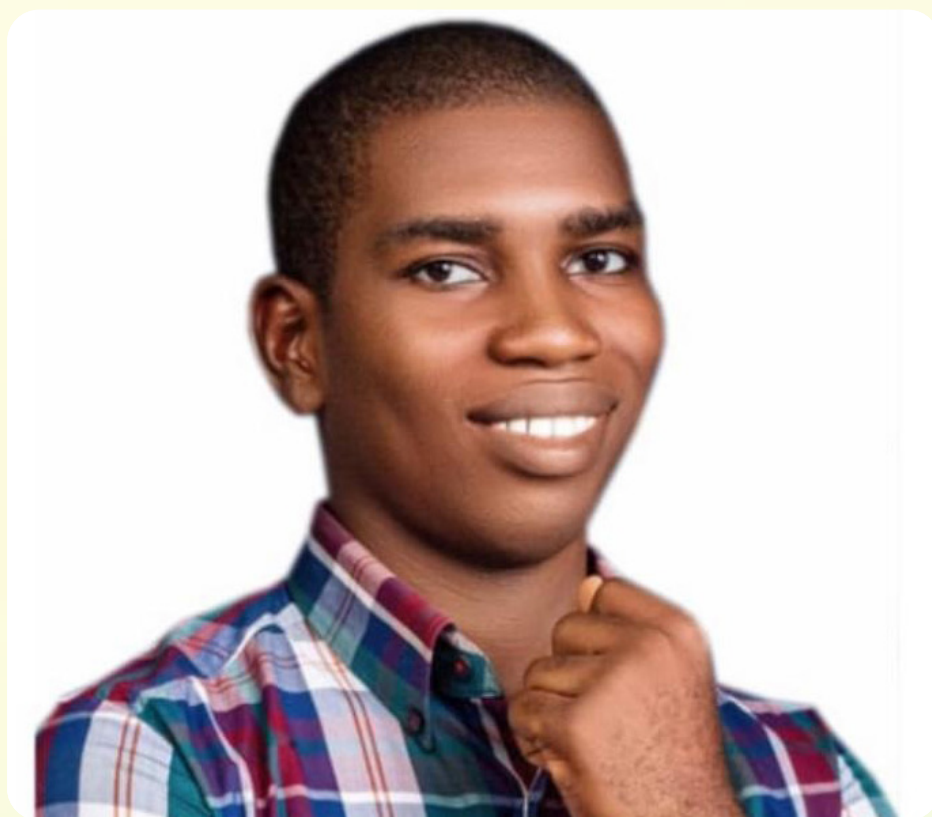


## How Paul Promise Chibuiké emerged MOU-AU's best graduating student with 4.92 CGPA

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**Paul Promise Chibuiké**  
(MOU AU Best graduating student, 2023/2024)

**H**ard work, determination, and attention to detail have paid off for Paul Promise Chibuiké, who was recognized as the best graduating student of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike at its 12th Convocation Ceremony, on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

The Biochemistry graduate topped the 2023/2024 academic session with an impressive Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4.92/5.0

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Anyaelechi Paul from Agbo-Akoli, Alayi in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State, Nigeria, Paul has consistently demonstrat-

ed exceptional academic excellence since his primary school days.

His academic journey began at Ama-oku/Amakwu Community Primary School, Alayi, and continued at Unique International Academy, Cotonou, Benin Republic. Paul wrote his JAMB examination in 2018 and subsequently gained admission to study Biochemistry at MOU AU.

Throughout his academic career, Paul Chibuiké has maintained an impressive academic record, earning him the best graduating student award from his first to final year in the University.

Paul's engagements extend beyond academics. He has been an active volunteer at the Red Cross Society and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), MOU AU Chapter.

In a chat with MOU AU News, Paul disclosed that the secret to his success is his diligent preparation, ability to cover his scheme of work before the beginning of each session, and insistence to prepare ahead of examinations. The star student who is part of the Watchman Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement also attributed his success to fervent prayers.



Paul Chibuikwe stated that his journey was faced with challenges as he tried to balance academics with personal life, in the midst of financial constraints.

Expressing his joy, the best graduating student gave credit to his family, mentors and friends for the unwavering support they gave him throughout his academic pursuit, which helped him navigate through the challenges he faced.

Paul also said that he has benefitted immensely from his volunteer work which has taught him to see beyond the classroom and has helped him to develop the skill of effective communication and the spirit to render selfless service to humanity.

He concluded by advising his younger counterparts to believe in themselves irrespective of challenges, stressing that hard work, dedication and perseverance are the keys to success.

Paul's remarkable achievement points to the transparent academic environment at MOUAW, where students who put in their best can reap the fruits of their hard work at the end of the studies.

Congratulations to Paul Promise Chibuikwe on his well-deserved recognition!

## MOUAW 12th Convocation Ceremony: What VC told the Press

**MOUAW has established Departments of Food Engineering and Geology;  
MOUAW has established a Business School;  
MOUAW succeeding in its entrepreneurial strides;  
Plans underway to bring back delisted courses;  
NELFUND mark-up at N150,000;  
MOUAW partnering with over 62 Universities across the world through the League of Tropical Universities (LTU)**

By Ubadire Agwa & Chinedu Ononiwu



Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe  
(Vice-Chancellor MOUAW)

The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, met pressmen as part of activities to kick-off the 12th Convocation Ceremony of the University, slated for Saturday, November 30, 2024.

During the press conference which was held at the Vice-Chancellor's conference room on Thursday, November 28, 2024, the Prof. Madu Ofo Iwe disclosed that the University has introduced the Departments of Food Engineering and Geology, as well the MOUAW Business School, as part of its expansion efforts.

During his address, the VC also reiterated that the current administration is succeeding in making MOUAW an entrepreneurial University in line with his vision of ensuring that it attains a level of enterprise that would enhance its resources. According to the VC, MOUAW's bread and biscuit factory, water production facility, and Guest House are steadily growing and enhancing the reputation of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor also stated that the University has intensified efforts in the training of competent students who would contribute their quota to the elimination of hunger in Nigeria, in line with the vision of the founding fathers of the University.

Prof. Madu Iwe, while briefing the press, disclosed



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that the University has continued to engage in important linkages with like-minds and has established partnerships with over 62 universities across the globe.

In his response to questions from journalists on the University's delisted courses, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe stated that plans are underway to reinstate the courses that were delisted from the College of Management Sciences (COLMAS), stressing that similar courses were also delisted from other Federal Government-owned Universities.

The University helmsman addressed concerns over the recent school fees increment, explaining that the charges were increased by less than 10% for utilities. According to the VC, the new N10,000 transportation fee for the entire year, for instance, is a reasonable increase from last year's N8,000, considering the rising fuel costs, maintenance and logistics for running the vehicles.

The VC also disclosed that the University is now assessing funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), after years of being

flagged yellow, which is now being used to develop its permanent site.

Speaking further, Prof. Iwe revealed that this year's Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) mark-up for the University is 150,000. He decried the nonchalance of students from the Southeastern part of Nigeria in accessing the funds, urging them to subscribe to it, as way of assisting their parents and guardians to easily pay their charges.



## Michael Okpara University Of Agriculture Umudike.

The Vice-Chancellor, **PROF. MADUEBIBISI OFO IWE**, CFS, FNIFST, FIAFoST, on behalf of the University Senate and Management has the pleasure to invite the University Community and the General Public to her

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