



## MOUAAU promotes 7 to the rank of Professor, 4 to Associate Professor 1 to Deputy University Librarian

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### MOUAAU Senate invalidates, withdraws degree certificate of student over fake result

The Senate of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU), has announced the invalidation and withdrawal of the Bachelor's Degree Certificate issued a student of the University, Onwudiwe Miriam Oluomachi, (MOUAAU/BUS/13/30160) with immediate effect.

The decision was taken during the 250th Regular Meeting of the University Senate held on July 3, 2025, after considering the report of the Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC) which investigated the student over allegation of falsification of result..

According to the Registrar and Secretary to Senate, Dr. (Mrs.) Nkeiruka Charity Mbanasor, Senate of the University upheld the recommendations of the SDC which established that the student falsified her degree result.

A public notice on the matter signed by the Registrar said Senate resolved as follows:

**1. The Bachelor's Degree Certificate issued ONWUDIWE MIRIAM O L U O M A C H I (MOUAAU/BUS/13/30160) by the University is hereby invalidated and consequently withdrawn.**

**2. Any other certificate obtained by ONWUDIWE MIRIAM OLUOMACHI (MOUAAU/BUS/13/30160) by reason of the degree certificate obtained from faking her degree result is hereby disclaimed by the University.**



Some Principal Officers and Directors showcase farm-fresh tomatoes from MOUAAU Screen House at the flag-off of 2025 tomato harvest season



Some final-year students celebrating the end of 2024/2025 academic session after concluding their 2nd semester examinations.





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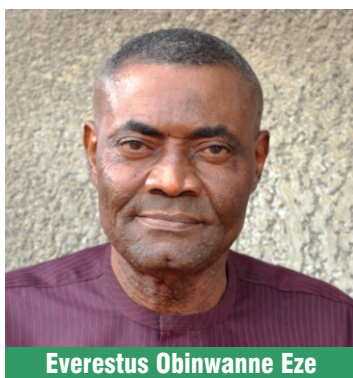
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Prof. Jonathan Chukwuemeka Madu



The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has announced the promotion of 4 Associate Professors to the rank of Professor and another 4 Senior Lecturers to the rank of Associate Professor, and 1 from Senior University Librarian to Deputy University Librarian.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the Chairman of the University Appraisal Committee (UAC), announced the promotions during a meetings of the Committee held on July 8 and 17, 2025.

According to a report on the UAC meeting made available to MOUUAU News on behalf of the Registrar by the Deputy Registrar in charge of Academic Staff Matters (ASM), Dr. Chinwe A. Ifenkwe, the effective dates for the promotions range from October 1, 2022 to October 1, 2024.

MOUUAU News gathered that those promoted to the rank to Professor are:

1. Chikera Samuel Ibe, now Professor of Veterinary Anatomy with effect from October 1, 2023;
2. Igwe Oscar Obasi, now Professor of Agricultural Economics with effect from October 1, 2023,.
3. Jonathan Chukwuemeka Madu, now Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, with effect from October 1, 2023,
4. Joy Chituru Onyenachi, now Professor of Library and Information Science, also with effect from October 1, 2023.
5. Patricia Ogechi Ukegbu, now Professor of Human Nutrition with effect from October 1, 2023.
6. Everestus Obinwanne Eze, now Professor of Mathematics with effect from October 1, 2023
7. Uloma Adonye Onoh, now professor of Banking and Finance

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It was also gathered that those promoted to the rank of Associate Professor are:

1. Dr. Chidinma Rosemary Okezie, in the Department of Agricbusiness Management (ABM) College of Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology and Extension
2. Dr. Amechi Onyeabor. in the Department of Vet Parasitology and Entomology, College of Veterinary Medicine
3. Dr. Christian Emeka Odo, in the Department of Biochemistry, College of Natural Sciences
4. Dr. Ukpabi Ikenna Unya - School of General Studies
5. Dr. Caroline Amarachi Okoro was promoted from Senior University Librarian to Deputy University Librarian

# MOUUAU Soil Scientist leads revolution against high cost of organic fertilizer with Biochar inorganic fertilizer innovation

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**Prof. Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka**



In the face of rising fertilizer costs and worsening soil degradation, a renowned soil scientist in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), Prof. Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka is pioneering a sustainable farming breakthrough through the promotion of biochar fertilizer.

Professor Onwuka, who is also the Supervisor of MOUUAU Greenhouse Project, is already transforming farming practices and boosting productivity across South-East Nigeria.

Professor Onwuka, who trained in China on the application of biochar in

agriculture, has taken her expertise to over 40 rural communities, focusing particularly on empowering women. Through hands-on training and community outreach, many of these women are now producing biochar independently, with recorded success stories; including a bumper ginger harvest in Ikwuano LGA.

Biochar, produced via a process called pyrolysis, offers a practical solution to both the high cost of synthetic fertilizers and the growing concern over soil acidity - an issue that plagues much of the region's farmland.

Remarkably, a 50kg bag of biochar costs less than 10,000 and can be made locally by farmers themselves, making it a far more accessible alternative to synthetic options that now sell for as much as 50,000.

As a forward-thinking institution, MOUUAU through its Greenhouse Project, the University continues to lead agricultural innovation by adapting global practices to local realities.

With a vision to train 500 women per LGA in Abia and expand across the South-East, MOUUAU is redefining sustainable farming in Nigeria through smart agriculture.



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