



NYSC: Two Fmr. MOUUAU Graduates Receive Presidential Award

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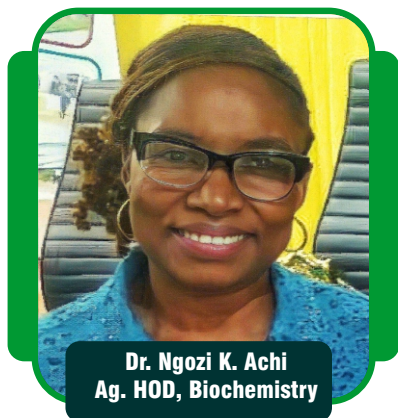
By Ubadire Agua



**Nkwocha Chukwuebuka
Callistus**



Nwogu Chinonso



**Dr. Ngozi K. Achi
Ag. HOD, Biochemistry**

Two former students of Biochemistry in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, have received the Presidential Honours Award for the impactful projects they initiated and executed during their National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme.

The former students, namely Nkwocha Chukwuebuka Callistus and Nwogu Chinonso, were among 209 Nigerians honoured recently by the President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in the State House, Abuja.

Presenting the award-winning students to the University Management on Thursday, August 7, 2025, the Ag. Head of Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Ngozi K. Achi, said the Department was excited that the former students have made the University proud.

Dr. Achi recalled how she and other lecturers in the Department taught and supervised the students during their years of study in MOUUAU and expressed her joy that they were not only found worthy in learning, but also in

character.

In his response to the cheering news, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUUAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Nneoma Elechi Obasi, congratulated the former students for their outstanding contributions to national development through their projects during their NYSC programme. She commended the students and described them as worthy ambassadors of the University.

“Our students are making us proud both in Nigeria and abroad. Recently, our Engineering students won both regional and national competitions, and we are glad,” the Vc’s Rep. said.

MOUUAU News gathered that while Nkwocha Chukwuebuka served in Bayelsa State in 2021 Batch B, and carried out impactful health awareness campaigns on diabetes, cancer and high blood pressure, Nwogu Chinonso served in Gusau, Zamfara State and provided basic drugs and delivery kits for 250 pregnant women and their projects.



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VC excited at successful completion of 2024/2025 session in record time, commends staff, students for the feat

By Ubadire Agua and Ginger-Eke Collins



The Vice Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has expressed his excitement over the successful completion of the 2024/2025 academic session in record time, without any disruptions, describing it as a feat that has not been achieved in the University for a very long time.

Prof. Iwe stated this on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, during MOUAU PRAYS programme, the University's monthly prayer meeting, which held at the Senator Anyim Pius Anyim Auditorium.

Addressing staff and students at the gathering, the Vice Chancellor

expressed gratitude to God for the collective effort and cooperation that enabled the University to strictly adhere to its academic calendar.

"We kept to our calendar. Classes went well, exams held as planned and results will be released quickly. This means our students will graduate as planned," Prof. Iwe said, drawing applause from attendees.

He emphasized that the seamless academic year reflects the University's dedication to excellence and sound leadership, especially at a time when many other universities are grappling with various forms of disruptions.

According to him, the timely conclusion of lectures, examinations, and result processing is a testament to MOUAU's commitment to delivering quality education.

Prof. Iwe commended lecturers, non-teaching staff, and students of the University for their discipline and focus throughout the session, stressing that their contributions were crucial to the University's success.

"This smooth completion of the session is not just a win for my Administration, but a collective achievement that highlights our growing reputation as a serious University, and what we can accomplish when we work together", the VC added.

VC urges MOUAAU community to pray for smooth transition as process for appointing a successor begins soon

By Chinedu Ononiwu



Prof. Iwe, addressing staff and students during Lifting Up MOUAAU in June, 2025

The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, has urged members of the University community to pray fervently for smooth and peaceful transition from his administration to a new one, stating that he has asked the Governing Council to begin the process, as required by regulations.

The VC made the call during the August edition of the University's monthly prayer meeting, MOUAAU

PRAYS, held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

During the prayer session, clergymen, staff, students, and Management, prayed God for wisdom for the Governing Council to manage the process smoothly. They also prayed against the kind of leadership transition crisis recently witnessed in some universities across the country.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the importance of peace and unity during times of administrative change, and pleaded with all stakeholders to seek peace and pursue it, according to the Scriptures.

He emphasized that MOUAAU must be an example of institutional maturity and stability, even in times of transition.

"I have informed the Council regarding the timing for the selection of a new VC. I urge us all to continue to pray for the University, to ask God for a smooth transition. We pray for peace. We need peace and unity for this University to move forward," Prof. Iwe said.

The Vice-Chancellor also thanked the MOUAAU community for their support during his tenure and encouraged all stakeholders to continue building on the University's legacy of academic excellence and integrity.

During the session, the Chairman of the MOUAAU Prayer Committee, Pst. Dr. Lawrence N. Chinatu, noted God gives His people peace and joy out of every trouble, and hinted that the search for new leadership is not just an administrative process but a spiritual one.

Participants prayed fervently for a process guided by fairness, transparency, and divine wisdom. They asked God for a leader who would build on the achievements of the current administration and lead MOUAAU into a new era of growth and innovation.

**Pray and act
for the
peace of
MOUAAU**



Pastor Dr. Lawrence N. Chinatu, Chairman of MOUAAU Prayer Committee



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NIM commends MOUAU's contribution to national food security, as VC calls for practical management policies for national dev.

By Sunday Anyim



The Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) has commended Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike for its outstanding contributions to national food security and human capacity development since its establishment, 32 years ago.

The Institute made the commendation through its President, Commodore Abimbola Ayuba (Rtd.), during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of the University on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

According to NIM, MOUAU stands out as major contributor to national

food security through its teaching, research in agriculture, science and engineering wherein it has churned out many graduates in the fields of its mandate, who are making their marks in the agricultural sector of the country.

The NIM President urged the University to remain focused and continue to do its best in the management of human and material resources at its disposal/

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Nneoma Elechi Obasi, welcomed

the President and Leadership of NIM to Abia for its Southeast Zonal Summit and thanked them for choosing MOUAU as its first point of call. She appreciated their kind words for the University and charged the Institute to formulate practical policies that will enhance value creation and promote professionalism in the management of human and material resources in Nigeria.

The VC acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the Institute to human capital development and urged them to continue to deliver impactful training programs aimed at producing managers who meet and exceed workplace expectations.



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APROCON honours VC with Ambassadors Award at its 9th Int'l Conference in MOUUAU

By Sunday Okorie



The Vice-Chancellor, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), Professor Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has received the prestigious Ambassadors Award of the Association of Professional Counsellors in Nigeria (APROCON).

The Association presented the Award to the VC during its 9th International Conference which held in the University from August 6-8, 2025.

According to the President of the Association and Director of Career Services in MOUUAU, Prof. Osorochi Obi, the VC earned the Award in appreciation of his wise counseling to innumerable number of staff and students which has helped to resolve complex issues and restored peace on campus over the years.

Prof. Iwe, while appreciating APRCON for the Award, urged the Association to spearhead the creation of a national framework for preventive counselling and conflict transformation that is inclusive, data-driven, and policy-relevant.

The charge was contained in the VC's address, while decalring the Conference the theme "Counselling and Conflict Resolution." open.

Prof. Iwe described the theme as apt, given the increasing complexity of Nigeria's socio-political and economic landscape. "Counselling is a vital instrument in addressing the intricate challenges of our time, the VC noted.

Prof. Iwe challenged APROCON to rise to the occasion by designing actionable frameworks that will not only address these national issues but also inform policy and empower communities.



Participants at the 9th Int'l Conference of APROCON in MOUUAU



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