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Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, has reiterated the government's determination to better the fortunes of education in the country.

The Vice President, who took stock of what the government had done and planned to do, complimented the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for quality

service delivery and setting standards in terms of administration and accountability to the admiration of all.

Prof. Osinbajo gave the comments in a speech presented at the two-day 2020 Nigeria's Annual Education Conference held at Fraser Hotel, Abuja, on the 10th and 11th November, 2020.

He said, "The success story of JAMB in the

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## JAMB AND THE IMPERATIVE OF THE CHANGE AGENDA

There is nothing so stable as change," these were the words of Bob Dylan when he looked back after years of writing songs and felt that change had kept him relevant in the entertainment industry in America.

Today, the increased patronage of JAMB by different organisations bordering on synergy, building or consolidating partnerships has demonstrated the prime position the Board now occupies in national discourse.

The fear of God mixed with patriotism is all an institution needs to transform its entire outlook and perception in the eyes of the public. The notion that all the

negative narratives associated with the country could be turned around for the better can be illustrated by positive vibes coming out of JAMB. These are in terms of commitments and results as seen in the many innovations churned out by the Board in the areas of candidates' registration, examination administration and admission to mention a few. In fact, one would have been surprised if the positive signals emanating from the Board have been anything less than what is being seen today given the pedigree of the present leadership.

In this regard, the conduct of the 2020 Unified Tertiary Matriculation

Examination (UTME), has witnessed consolidation of innovations with many bordering on startling discoveries throwing into sharp focus the capacity of the Board to navigate the many emerging threats and sundry contending interests. As a result of the Board's adroit handling of the various crises and startling performance, many corporate organisations, men of substance in the society and religious bodies, among others, have been calling on the Board to furnish them with top scoring candidates to offer scholarships in tertiary institutions of their choice or even to perform holy pilgrimage as offered by the

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## ...JAMB Has Set Standards In Administration And Accountability- Vice President Osinbajo

realisation of the mandate given to it is now legendary and a subject of several global citations.

"JAMB has set at least two gold standards - one for administering public institutions and the other for public accountability."

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) said, "At the basic education level, UBEC, the interventionist Agency has made tremendous impacts in the various States of the Federation as the machinery to release counterpart funds and monitor same has been strengthened for greater accountability. Further to this, the present administration has disbursed N32.5b in matching grants to 22 States and the FCT. Out of this amount, N8.7b has been utilised in the construction and rehabilitation of public schools while N15.071b worth of instructional materials has been procured for the teaching of core subjects for basic education and science equipment for JSS."

"Today, there have been significant improvements in the performance of UBEC in its mandate compared to what obtained in 2016, chief of which was the significant improvement in the provision of facilities for the delivery of basic education by way of new and refurbished classrooms and school supplies. The new focus on teacher professional development by UBEC is heart-warming and a credit to the Buhari-led Administration. He disclosed that so far, N2.797b has been ploughed into the Teachers Professional Development Fund for training of teachers and education managers in the 36 States and FCT."

He stressed that education is central to the developmental aspirations of any nation and is the best legacy a country could give its citizens so as to effectively drive economic progress, sustainable development and lasting peace.

The Vice President pointed out that the nation's education system must be effective, resilient and sustainable as well as capable of preparing her children for the responsibilities of citizenship and national development.

He said, "A good educational system must prepare Nigerian youths to be self-reliant so as to take competitive advantage of the latest innovations in the technological sphere. As such, the theme of the conference is a true reflection of the state of our educational system in recent times". To underscore the zeal of the Federal Government to drive out hunger, Prof. Osinbajo revealed that President Muhammad Buhari had announced an expansion of the initial number of households that would benefit from the direct distribution of food and cash from 2.6 million to 3.6 million households whom he described as the most vulnerable in the society.

He, therefore, directed the Ministries of Industry, Trade and Investment, Communication and Digital Economy, Science and Technology, Transportation, Interior, Health, Work and Housing, Labour and Employment, Education, to jointly develop a comprehensive policy for a Nigerian economy functioning optimally

within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added that more than ever before, the present administration, through the Federal Ministry of Education, had come up with a battle plan encoded in the 2018-2022 Ministerial Strategic Plan designed to propel the education sector to the next century. In this regard, the Vice President noted pleasantly that access to quality higher education had increased tremendously.

He said, "Today, from all indications, the Nigerian University system has gained 12 percentage points since 2016 and with the launch of the 2019-2023 Revitalisation Plan, the Nigerian University System will experience an even faster growth rate.

Prof. Osinbajo, however, lamented the collateral damage done to the sector by the coronavirus pandemic and said, "The emergence of the COVID-19 Pandemic has, no doubt, adversely affected the education sector and the economy at both the national and global levels as schools and businesses have been forced to shut down. Perhaps, one of the lessons learnt from the ravages of the pandemic is that the Nigerian education system should henceforth be driven by innovative educational technology for both learning and teaching if our children are to be globally competitive."

## VC, HALLMARK UNIVERSITY COUNSELS NEW INTAKES

### ...Matriculates 52 Candidates



**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Hallmark University, Prof. Segun Odunola,

Itele Ijebu, Ogun State, has warned fresh intakes to shun any act that could undermine their studies and by extension, the integrity of the school.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the warning at the 4th Matriculation Ceremony for the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

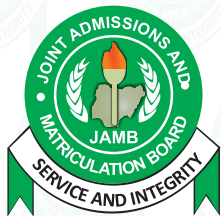
Prof. Odunola, while congratulating the fresh students, reminded them of the need to focus on their primary mission in the University.

He said Hallmark University, as a reputable institution, is committed to excellence, teaching and community service and is ever ready to mould the intakes to become responsible and responsive citizens.

He urged them to shun bad company and be good ambassadors of the institution as well as their respective families.

He stated that the ceremony could have held earlier if not for the raging coronavirus pandemic adding that the institution did not want to expose the students and other stakeholders to unnecessary health risks. He urged them to observe all precautionary measures and protocols aimed at curtailing the spread of the virus.

The ceremony, which was held at the University auditorium, was witnessed by the JAMB Coordinator, Ogun State, Mr. Abdulhakeem Balogun.



# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 13, 2020

### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF REVENUE	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities		73,014,928.00
2	CBT Centre Service Charge		1,016,350.00
3	Consultancy Service		2,452,800.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76,484,078.00</b>

### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims and Welfare	Various	27,220,988.31
2	Nasiru Muhammad & Co.	External Auditor	2,481,627.90
3	Publicity and Advertisement	Advertisement	2,320,822.42
4	Supervision of Examination	Third Party Examination	13,252,040.00
5	Wolewole.Com	Cleaning and Fumigation Service	48,054.65
6	Sabkon Integrated Ltd.	Internet Access Charges	100,000.00
7	Kojo Auto Service Centre Ltd	Maintenace of Motor Vehicle	235,204.16
8	CBT Centre	Third Party Examination	292,200.00
9	Abuja Electricity Distribution Company	Utility Charges (Eletcricity)	195,906.35
10	Remita	Financial charges	18,339.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>46,165,183.29</b>

## JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2020 – NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 2020

Happy Birthday

### 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Josephine Paul Song'den

### 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Jibrin Bako  
Ngozi Ethel Enedoh  
Abdulsalam Muhammad  
Yosi Talatu James  
Godwin Emeka Idagu  
Abdullahi Ibrahim

### 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Aliyu Abubakar  
Emmanuel Adebayo Ganna

### 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Silas Kanje Dauda

Rose Doose Jেকে  
Yakubu Adamu  
Oluwasola Gbenga Ajongbolo  
Victor Omobhude

### 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Cordelia Ifeoma Onokah  
Raufu Atanda Oladipupo  
Saminu Muhammed Almajir  
Tabitha Auta  
Ofora Okwudili Okonkwo  
Tijjani Muhammed Tukur  
Abdulazeez Oshiotse  
Mohammed  
Khadijat Abdullahi Suleiman

### 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

Amina Olije Adaji

Dada Simeon Olaosebikan  
Salihu Omokayode Lawal  
Victor Odewale Odekunle

### 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

Beatrice Nma Okorie  
Herbert Anselem Ubeji  
Sullivan Ugochukwu Obilaonu  
Benedette Abraham Abuwatseye  
Muhammad Ahijo Aminu  
Faisal Ahmad Tijjani  
Agboola Olajide Ayandiran





# EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

**DAILY TRUST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020** –FG, RMAFC to Build Accurate Database on Students' Population, Enrolment: The Federal Ministry of Education and the Indices and Disbursement Committee of the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission, (RMAFC) have agreed to set up a technical committee on accurate and reliable data on student population and enrolment in the country. According to the Minister of Education, the resolve to constitute the technical committee is necessitated by the need for sustainable data processing to curtail falsification. The Minister also pledged his willingness to ensure that the committee gets all the data it needs to perform its functions more efficiently.

**DAILY TRUST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020** –FEATURE: Tackling Certificate Forgery: In this article by M.U. Nagi, the author takes a look at the rate at which educational certificates and other academic records are being forged by students, applicants and workers in Nigeria. According to him, the scourge is common among admission and job seekers, prospective corps members, desperate politicians and political office chasers. He pointed out that the incidences of false academic credentials have become prolific in Nigeria. Since too much emphasis is placed on paper qualification rather than the ability, capacity or aptitude displayed by an individual, university degree has become one of the most sought-after needs in modern Nigeria, giving rise to an alarming trend of certificate forgery. He believes that technology is the answer as seen with the introduction of the National Identification Number (NIN) a project of the National Identification Management Commission (NIMC) as the NIN could be tied to all personal details of every individual including examination results, bank accounts, residential address among other personal details.

**DAILY TRUST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020** –NIPOST to Deliver WAEC Certificates to Candidates' Addresses: A new collaboration is in the offing between the Nigeria Postal Services (NIPOST) and the West African Examination Council (WAEC) over the delivery of examination documents across the country. The hint towards this was given recently when the Head of National Office, WAEC, Patrick Ehidiemen Areghan, visited the Postmaster General of the

Federation, Dr Ismail Ade Bayo Adewusi. According to Meghan, there was a need for collaboration with NIPOST in the area of Logistics such as using NIPOST locked up vans to deliver WAEC documents. By this means, candidates who took their examinations in the past but had not collected their certificates would have the opportunity to easily apply for them and get them with ease wherever they reside with the aid of NIPOST delivery services. **Also in Daily Independent, Monday, November 8, 2020**

**DAILY TRUST MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020** –Buhari Approves Health Insurance Scheme for NYSC Corps Members: President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to ensure the enrolment of corps members into the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). The Director-General of NYSC, Brigadier-General Shuaibu Ibrahim, who disclosed this, assured that the NYSC has intensified liaison with security agencies to ensure the security of corps members wherever they are serving in the country. He also noted that the scheme had expended huge resources on critical health needs of corps members, including footing of medical bills in line with a presidential directive. **Also in Punch, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Daily Independent, Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**THISDAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020** –Era of Dumping Projects on Universities Over, Says TETFund BoT Chairman: The Chairman of Board of Trustees, Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFund, Mr Kashim Ibrahim-Imam, has declared that the era of dumping projects on the universities has gone. He stressed that the agency would never fund projects not originated by the beneficiary tertiary educational institutions and their critical stakeholders, including the students. He said TETFund under this Board would never recklessly invest in anything without first consulting the beneficiary institutions to determine their needs. According to him, TETFund would collaborate with the universities and other institutions to ensure that we get value for money. However, routine inspections would be carried out to ascertain the quality of work being done. He charged universities to take ownership from conceptualisation to execution.

**THE CHRONICLES OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020** –WAEC

Postpones Exams for Private Candidates to Nov. 30: The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has postponed the 2020 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for private candidates in Nigeria to Monday, November 30, 2020. According to a statement by the Head of Public Affairs WAEC Nigeria, Mr Demianus Ojijeogu, all registered candidates for WASSCE for Private Candidates, 2020- Second Series and the general public are to take note of the timetable change. The examination, which was initially scheduled to commence on Saturday, November 14, 2020, will no longer hold as planned due to circumstances beyond the control of the council and would commence on Monday, November 30, 2020. **Also on Thisday, Monday, November 9, 2020.**

**PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020** –ANUA Canvasses Documentation of Unemployed Graduates: The Association of Nigeria Universities Alumni said it has resolved to ensure all unemployed graduates in Nigeria are registered with a view of having social security allowance for them from the Federal Government. The Chairman of the group, Dr Stephen Fasakin, announced that one of his mandates was to unify all the alumni associations of the universities in the country.

**PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020** –Bowen Best Graduating Students Get N1.3m: The management of Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State, at its 15th Convocation gave its three best graduating students a sum of N1.3m in appreciation of their efforts. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Joshua Ogunwole, announced the financial rewards at the grand finale of the 15th convocation ceremonies held recently. Aka Oghenevovwero and Oladepo Priscilla, who tied as best graduating students with a CGPA of 4.86 were rewarded with N500,000 each, while Emmanuel Adeleye, who was a third-best graduating student was given a sum of N300,000. Ogunwole said the graduating students had imbibed the philosophy and core values of the university predicated on sound Christian life alongside academic work. He challenged the graduates to face the world without fear in pursuit of excellence.

**DAILY INDEPENDENT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020** –EDITORIAL: Stemming the Tide of

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**Examination Malpractice:** This is an editorial report on the recent announcement by the Head of WAEC Nigeria, Patrick Aregban that the Council had withheld the results of 215, 149 candidates that sat the 2020 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) in Nigeria due to cases of examination malpractice. The editorial said this has once more brought to the fore the spectre of terrible cancer which appears to be eating deep into the country's educational system.

According to him, it is also widely believed that sometimes school administrators and some of the staff members collaborate in the perpetration of some of these malpractices. Some private school owners, for instance, wishing to enhance the rating of their schools to attract more intakes, allegedly organise some illicit help for their students during external examinations like WAEC. The institutions involved in this are derogatorily described as "special centres."

He stated that Nigeria's educational authorities, and indeed, the country's leadership, should be worried that the people whose results were withheld due to

the alleged malpractices represent 13.19% of the total number of the candidates that sat the examination. This revelation, he noted, is shocking and scandalous. Such a situation should not be tolerated in a serious and development-minded country.

**PUNCH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 –17, 602 Teachers Take Exam:** The Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria has announced that over 17, 602 teachers from across 34 states and the Federal Capital Territory would take its Professional Qualifying Examination scheduled for this weekend.

The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer, TRCN, Prof. Olusegun Ajiboye, announced that Osun State has the highest candidates with 1, 727 teachers followed by Adamawa with 1, 623 candidates, closely followed by Lagos with 934 candidates.

**GUARDIAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 –UNILORIN Holds 2020 Volleyball Super Cup from Nov. 19:** The Nigeria Volleyball Federation (NVBF) has picked

UNILORIN as a venue for this year's Super Cup billed to hold from November 19 to 29, 2020. The NVBF League Management Committee (LMC) said the top four men and women teams in the elite class and division one would compete for the Super Cup.

LMC chairman, Professor Olatunde Morakinyo, noted the NVBF's decision to hold the Super Cup this year is to ensure players participate in a competitive tournament to keep them in top form ahead of future competitions.

**PUNCH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 –17 Inmates Sat for WASSCE, NECO in Kano:** No fewer than 17 inmates of the Nigeria Correctional Service in Kano State have sat the West Africa Senior Secondary School Examination and National Examination Council external examinations. The State Controller, NCS, Suleiman Suleiman, stated that two of the inmates sat for the external exams this year (2020) while 15 others sat for the exams in 2019.

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## ...JAMB And The Imperative Of The Change Agenda

National Hajj Commission in 2019. Leading the pack, in this regard, are the banks, which are demanding the top 100 UTME candidates and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, among others.

Never has this been experienced in the Board and it is a demonstration of the acceptability and confidence in the Board's end products. This is a stamp of approval on its operational process and its renewed efforts at repositioning the conduct of public examination in Nigeria.

The fight against corruption should be fought on all fronts and as such, the position taken by the Board to fight corruption at the foundation level is pivotal. This is because of the Board's candid belief that the first manifestation of corruption tendencies is cheating in examination and if addressed at this stage, the nation would have strengthened its national values and eliminated one of the monsters that has been militating against all efforts by government to improve the lots of the people.

One of the pillars of the change agenda of the Federal Government is the fight against corruption. This mantra has been fully embraced by the Board and it manifests in all its processes and even its internal cleansing measures. As such, it is heartwarming to note that the

determination of the Board to occupy a prominent position among leading examination bodies is continually being boosted by the increased patronage by these well-meaning organisations and individuals. These calls could only spur the resolve of the Board to do more in subsequent exercises so as to justify this renewed confidence in the Board and its operations.

One of the evidence of linkage and synergy in governance is the ability of a government to replicate, propagate and manifest its core values and mantra in and through its various structures and agencies. It is in this light that the collective efforts of Management and members of staff of the Board should be commended.

On a lighter note, one often hears Nigerians say, "Don't ask me 'JAMB question'", meaning "do not ask me such a difficult and standard question over this simple matter." This is unconsciously confirming the unblemished record of the Board in generating standard questions for its examinations.

The take-home on all these is that the message of change is gaining traction in the national consciousness. This movement should be sustained so that the task of national rebirth would be

attained sooner than expected.

The Board acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to individuals and organisations that have made the various requests. This, more than anything, is an affirmation of its integrity and credibility. However, the Board would like to call on such public-spirited individuals and organisations to vary their stipulated conditions otherwise the same top 10 candidates would benefit from multiple offers thus depriving other equally-qualified candidates the fruits of sponsorship. In this regard, a proviso that the Board should provide top scorers who must not have benefited from any scholarship programme would address the challenge and spread the benefits to other deserving candidates.

On a final note, these individuals and organisations, including the candidates, are to note that scoring high in JAMB alone is not a guarantee for admission as other factors too bordering on O'level results, post-UTME, etc., would have to be incorporated to give a picture of what can be regarded as a holistic cut-off score. Many of the high scoring candidates may not have the required O'level results which will make it impossible to secure tertiary institution admission thereby rendering the scholarship worthless.





# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## OBITUARY

THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD (JAMB)  
ANNOUNCES WITH REGRET THE DEATH OF ITS 8<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNING CHAIRMAN (2009-2011),



Who died on 5th July, 2020 at the age of 88.  
He, among other positions was

- 1973-1974:** Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Nigeria.
- 1978-1980:** Head, Department of History, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
- 1980:** Sole Administrator, Anambra State Education Commission.
- 1980-1985:** Provost Administration, Anambra State University of Science And Technology .
- 1985-1992:** Provost, Nigeria Defence Academy.
- 1993-1994:** Secretary to the Enugu State Government (SSG).
- 1994-1995:** Member of National Constitutional Conference.
- 1995-1999:** Chairman, Enugu State Local Government Service Commission.
- 1992-1994:** Head, Enugu State Government Review Panel on Restructuring of Enugu State Civil Service.
- 2009- 2011:** Chairman of the eighth (8th) Governing Board of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Prof. Samson Ukpabi also belonged to several professional associations and had many publications.

## LATE IGWE PROF. SIR SAMSON CHUKWUMA UKPABI, OFR

### Obsequies:

**Day One**-Monday, 23rd November, 2020  
*Commendation Service*

**Venue**-Wesley Cathedral, Methodist Archdiocese,  
51/55 Robinson Street, Uwani, Enugu.  
**Time**-10:00am

**Day Two**-Thursday, 26th November, 2020  
*Christian Wake*

**Venue**- His residence, Igwe's Palace, Ekoli Kingdom,  
Ekoli, Aninri LGA, Enugu State.  
**Time**-6:00pm

**Day Three**-Friday, 27th November, 2020  
*Body Leaves Eastern Nigeria Medical Centre*  
**Time**-8:00am

**Funeral Service** **Interment**  
**Time**-10:00am **Time**-12:00pm

**Venue**- His residence, Igwe's Palace, Ekoli  
Kingdom, Ekoli, Aninri LGA, Enugu State.

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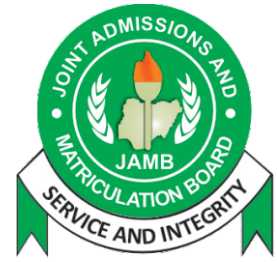
**DR. EMMANUEL AGUZIE NDUKWE**  
**CHAIRMAN**







# JAMB



## ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Kwara, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Kaduna	Kebbi, Sokoto, Kaduna and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Lagos	Lagos and Ogun
10.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
11.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns in which they are located.



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