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"WORKING IN JAMB IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE" -MRS. AISHA DAHIRU ...Says JAMB Is Always Ahead Of Examination Fraudsters



■Mrs. Aisha Dahiru, retired Director of JAMB.

Mrs. Aisha Dahiru is a retired Director of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board(JAMB). Until her retirement, she was the Director of the Corporate Support Services Department. She had served the Board in different capacities. She was a Director of Admissions and a one time Deputy Director in charge of Test Production in the Test Development Department, among other responsibilities

which space may not allow us to mention. The pragmatic and forthright amazon, in this interview with JAMBulletin, disclosed that she had turned down many mouth-watering job offers so as to join JAMB. She told JAMBulletin that working in JAMB was one of the greatest things to have ever happened to her. The Adamawa State-born Jewel of

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PROVOST, SSCOE, COMMENDS JAMB, MATRICULATES 240



■Dr. Muhammad Wadata Hakimi, Provost, Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto.

The Provost of Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto, Dr. Muhammad Wadata Hakimi, has commended the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board(JAMB), for the automation of the admission process into tertiary institutions in Nigeria through a user-friendly platform known as the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS). The Provost made this commendation at the matriculation ceremony of about 240 fresh intakes for the 2020/2021 Academic Session held on 4th November, 2020.

Dr. Hakimi, in his speech, pointed out

that, "the conduct of admissions which was hitherto fraught with chaos and laissez-faire attitude has been excellently improved by JAMB under the able leadership of Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede." He further stated that the efforts made by the Board is worthy of commendation as it had ensured that all admissions are transparently conducted through CAPS. He restated the commitment of the College to adhere to all the rules guiding the conduct of admissions. The SSCOE degree programme is being run in affiliation with the Usmanu Dan Fodio University, Sokoto.

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...“Working In JAMB Is A Great Experience”- Mrs. Aisha Dahiru

inestimable value showered encomiums on Prof. Is-haq Oloyede along with his Management team describing him as an asset to the nation in view of the uncommon transformations and innovations that had been birthed in the Board under his watch and which have collectively made the Board the toast of all. In her words, “The Board was always ahead of candidates and fraudulent elements attempting to circumvent the examination process among other pertinent issues.”

She said life after retirement had been a wonderful experience as it afforded her the opportunity to reconnect with her family particularly her grandchildren.

She said, “I will say Alhamdulillah, I am enjoying every bit of my time in retirement. I have the opportunity to rest and reconnect with my grandchildren who are very inquisitive. They are always around me especially on Sundays when we have family get-together. Every Sunday is party day for us.”

“Working in JAMB was one of the greatest things that happened to me. Remember I joined JAMB in 1993 after working in the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) since 1980. My exposure in the FME where I met people from various backgrounds, tribes and religions made me to be accommodating to all. JAMB, like FME, has staff from diverse backgrounds. I blended very easily and enjoyed every bit of my stay. The staff were cooperative and diligent.”

The educator gave reasons as to why she preferred JAMB to all the high-paying agencies in Nigeria and other mouth-watering offers that were made to her.

She said, “First and foremost, I am a trained teacher. My passion is in teaching and education. I remember, the first job I got after my NYSC was in NNPC, but I rejected it because my primary concern was my family. I had one child at that time and was expecting my second. To be employed by NNPC meant I had only my annual leave to enjoy. In Queens’ College where I first taught, I had holidays at the end of every term to spend with the family. Mark you, money is not everything. I also enjoyed teaching and being among my students.”

Describing some of her memorable events while in Test Production, Mrs. Dahiru said, “My experience in Test Production, which was one of the Units under the Test Development Department of the Board,

was one that I will never forget. This is because all staff of the Unit were made “prisoners” for one month at the printing complex where production of test items was ongoing. There was no communication with the outside world and you never knew what your family was going through. All this in the service of your fatherland! My fear during the production exercise then was for the papers not to leak to the public. I am happy to say that during the period I was Head of Production, I did not witness a single incident of item leakage, Alhamdulillah.”

On innovations as Director of Admissions, she said, “While I was Director of Admissions, one of the innovations introduced by the Board was that all Admissions Panel Secretaries must come from the Admissions Department. Hitherto, any staff of the Board could be a Panel Secretary. This innovation made monitoring of the admission process easy as all panel secretaries were all concentrated in the same Department.”

Continuing, she said, “A lot of challenges were faced while conducting admissions, the most challenging one was that Institutions were not complying with the guidelines issued to them by the Board. Some of them skip high-scoring candidates to pick low-scoring ones. The Board had to put down its feet to ensure compliance and accountability.

Also, Institutions were used to submitting their lists of admitted candidates piecemeal which made the process cumbersome. However, thanks to the ground-breaking innovations by the present leadership of the Board, for its development of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) which has addressed all the challenges.”

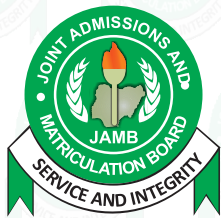
Commenting on the development of education in Nigeria, she said, “As a critical stakeholder in the education sector, I will advise the Government to put more emphasis on education as it is the bedrock of economic development. Emphasis must be on training and retraining of teachers and provision of working tools such as books, laboratories, among others, in our schools. Sadly enough, these areas are, at the moment, not being given adequate attention to improve education in the country. For

instance, most libraries in the country are stocked with obsolete books coupled with the fact that the reading culture in students is completely absent. So, our students must be encouraged to cultivate the habit of reading.”

On her experience with past Registrars, she said, “The experience was great. I actually come from a family where my father (may Allah grant him Aljannatul Firdaus) never discriminated among his children male or female. We were treated equally and given equal opportunities in whatever we desire. This gave me the impetus to strive to be the best in whatever I do. Yes, I worked in a male dominated field, but it never bothered me. My male colleagues always gave me the necessary support to discharge my duties to the best of my abilities. Those Registrars that I had worked with gave me exemplary guidance and direction and I enjoyed working with all of them.”

In her assessment of the current leadership of Board under Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the highly-elated education administrator said, “JAMB as an organisation is very lucky to have Prof Is-haq Oloyede as its Registrar. I remember when the Board was to introduce e-examination, the University of Ilorin with Prof. Oloyede as Vice-Chancellor was already conducting its Post-UTME in the CBT mode. The Board had visited the university to understudy its CBT examination mode. At any rate, his coming to JAMB means he is at home and has continued to demonstrate competence. He is usually a step ahead of the candidates who engage in malpractice by blocking all perceived antics of the fraudulent elements. Similarly, he has introduced a lot of innovations which have made the UTME seamless. May the Almighty Allah continue to guide and direct him to come up with more innovations so that JAMB could sustain its position of a world-class examination body.

“My humble advice to him and my JAMB family is for them to keep up the good work they are doing. The sky is just a starting point”.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6, 2020

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	43,677,606.25
2	CBT Centre Service Charge	500,459.69
3	Consultancy	38,088,746.55
	TOTAL	82,266,812.49

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	9,966,598.38
2	Outsourced Services	Agency Service	6,130,000.00
3	Supervision of Examination	Third Party Examination	792,738.00
4	Outsourced Services	Cleaning Service	4,191,062.50
5	Ekadmas Nigeria Limited	Publicity and Advertisement	1,747,441.85
6	Nigerian Postal Services	Postages and Courier Services	62,700.00
7	Danny Motors Nig. Ltd.	Maintenance of Motor Vehicle	132,434.25
8	Cummins West Africa Ltd	Maintanance of Generator	1,078,122.35
9	Remita	Financial Charges	48,321.25
	TOTAL		24,149,418.58

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN NOVEMBER 9TH 2020 – NOVEMBER 15TH 2020

9TH NOVEMBER

Anthonia O. Ndidi Eneremadu
 Rebecca Ojoma Edegbo
 Ibrahim Umar Mungadi
 Abdulrahman Olawale Solagberu
 Mubarakat Olagunju
 Abanikannda

10TH NOVEMBER

Usman Haruna
 Idris Sunday Ogunleye
 Maji Jesse
 Adenike Olatunde Adegbenro
 Patience Leo Kambai
 Kafilat Bukola Jatto
 Terhemem Bishop Igyuve
 Zubaida Abubakar
 Olayinka Titilayo Akindele
 Omodame Faith Ayoson

11TH NOVEMBER

Barakat Abiola Suleiman
 Nasiru Sudawa Gwadabe
 Hadiza Jodah Hassan
 Hannatu Gimba
 Badiat Al-Kassim Umar
 Hassan Umar
 Vincent Shekwolo Yusuf
 Elizabeth Odunola Ajeigbe
 Abubakar Musa Haruna
 Joseph Wilfred Idogen

12TH NOVEMBER

Wakili Adagbashi Baba
 Ramson Tentiyo Giwa
 Hassan Lawal
 Utibe Joe Ekaette
 Chikwue Victoria Umeugoji

13TH NOVEMBER

Tolulope Adekola Adedeji
 Murtala Saad Habib
 Azibayaman Obiri

14TH NOVEMBER

Lucy Rose Ogunleye
 Omonafe Edith Ojeji
 Rahab Moni Babre
 Nkiru Leslie Nwokedi
 Ijeoma Florence Obini

15TH NOVEMBER

Babatunde Jacob
 Blessing Ken Anyanwu
 Alice Titus Baba
 Adakole Josiah Adah

Happy Birthday



EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–WAEC Withholds 215, 149 Candidates' Results, Records 65.24% Pass: The West African Examinations Council has said 65.24 per cent of candidates who took the 2020 West African Senior School Certificate Examination obtained credits and above in a minimum of five subjects, including English Language and Mathematics. It also said the results of 215, 149 candidates were withheld.

It added that 86.99 per cent of candidates who sat the examination obtained credit and above in a minimum of five subjects, not necessarily including English Language and Mathematics. Head of the National Office, Patrick Areghan, said 1, 538, 445 candidates sat for the examination. **Also in THISDAY, Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–NECO Resumes 2020 SSCE Exams Monday: The National Examinations Council (NECO) has announced the resumption of its 2020 Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) in all states and the FCT from Monday, Nov 9. According to the Council and following the return of normalcy in the states and FCT, the examinations will now continue with a new Time-Table from Monday 9th November 2020 to Saturday 28th November 2020.

This new Time-Table will be made available to the general public, schools and candidates from Wednesday 4th November 2020. The Time-Table can also be seamlessly downloaded from the NECO official website: www.neco.gov.ng. **Also in THISDAY, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Daily Trust, Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–Poly Begins Sale of Local Rice: The Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Osun State, has commenced the sale of rice produced by the institution. The polytechnic also announced the acquisition of equipment for the preservation of food items, saying the project team had in the market rice in 5kg, 10kg and 25kg sizes.

The Rector of the polytechnic, Dr John Edaoogbogun, said the initiative would create a new source of internally

generated revenue for the school as well as support the government and private individuals to produce food for the populace.

PUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–Umahi Slashes EBSU Tuition Fees: The Ebonyi State Governor, David Umahi, has slashed tuition fees of indigenes and non-indigenes students of Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, by N20, 000 and N10, 000 respectively, for the 2020/2021 academic session. Umahi said the move would cushion the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and their parents.

DAILY TRUST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–UNILAG to Get N5billion for Critical Infrastructure- TETFUND: The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) has disclosed that the University of Lagos (UNILAG) would get N5billion special intervention fund in 2021 to build critical infrastructure. According to the Chairman, TETFund Board of Trustees, Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam, "UNILAG is our priority as it is one of the 12 centres of excellence spread across the country as each of these centres will focus on different research areas. For Lagos, it is biodiversity, conservation and ecosystem management. Our target in 2021 will be UNILAG as it will benefit from special interventions. TETFund is committing the sum of N1bn this year. Going forward, the University will get N5billion for critical infrastructure.

DAILY TRUST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

–ATBU Bauchi Gets ICT Laboratory: Huawei Technologies Company Nigeria Limited, in collaboration with Galaxy Backbone Limited, has established an Information, Communications Technology (ICT) Academy Laboratory in Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU). This followed the donation of a world-class ICT laboratory equipment to the ICT academy in ATBU, which would focus on helping students grow in their understanding and practice of Datacom, WLAN, Security, Cloud Computing,

Storage, Intelligent Computing, etc.

The Managing Director of Galaxy Backbone Limited, Professor Muhammad Abubakar, who contributed significantly to the partnership between both companies, said, "This year, Huawei took a step further and donated lab equipment to some universities that have been actively involved in ICT talents development and ATBU, Bauchi was selected as one of them. The equipment would avail the students of ATBU, Bauchi the opportunity to practice with live equipment and get a better understanding of the technology according to the industry standard.

DAILY TRUST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

–Insecurity: Don't Leave Calabar, Ayade Begg WAEC: Governor Ben Ayade of Cross River State has appealed to the West Africa examinations Council (WAEC) not to relocate from Calabar to nearby Akwa Ibom State for alleged insecurity in the state.

WAEC had earlier announced that it would temporarily relocate its office in Calabar to Uyo, Akwa Ibom State due to attacks on its facilities.

Ayade, who visited the WAEC office in Calabar to assess the vandalised properties, promised to immediately provide an alternative office and two Hilux operational vehicles. He pleaded with the management of WAEC to shelve plans to relocate from the state.

DAILY TRUST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

–TETFUND to Spend N277bn on 226 Institutions in 2021: The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has disclosed that it would spend about N277billion next year to provide critical infrastructure for 226 tertiary institutions across the country.

Chairman, Board of Trustees of TETFund, Alhaji Kashim Ibrahim-Imam stated that though the total budget for 2020 is N250 billion, they are hopeful to achieve the desired results around that sum by 2021 despite the COVID-19 outbreak. He stressed that the agency prioritised research activities in agriculture,

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Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and entrepreneurial skills.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 –Running Three Varsities Draining Our Resources- Akeredolu: The Ondo State Governor, Mr Rotimi Akeredolu, has said it was taxing for the state government to run three universities. The three-state government-owned universities include the Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko; the Olusegun Agagu Universities of Science and Technology, Okitipupa; and the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo town, adding that the state was facing financial challenges.

He, however, declared that despite the challenges, his administration would continue to sustain and develop the three-state owned-universities.

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 –Convocation: Edo Varsity to Award N5m to Students with Best Business Ideas: The management of Edo University Iyambo has disclosed that its graduating students who have the best entrepreneurial business ideas would be awarded N5million. The Vice-Chancellor, Emmanuel Aluyor, said the money would enable the winning students to actualise their business ideas. According to him, the goal set for Edo University, Iyambo is for the students to graduate with entrepreneurial skills that will make them not only entrepreneurs (self-employed) but also employers of labour.

THE NATION, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020 –ADVERTORIAL: ETHICS COMPLIANCE AND INTEGRITY SCORECARD 2020 (ECIS): The Joint

Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has been rated top among Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) assessed with a total of 69.85% on the ECIS of MDAs with integrity.

The ECIS, which is the brainchild of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC), is annually deployed in selected government MDAs. It measures how MDAs comply with ethical, integrity, statutory, regulatory and policy standards and requirements to diminish corruption risk, improve ethics and integrity benchmark and improve service delivery.

220 MDAs out of 352 responded and the assessed public institutions were also scored and rated according to their compliance level.

■ EXAMINOTRICKS ■



■ **DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020** –Why Nigeria Still Records Exam Malpractice: In this feature story, the author takes a look at the continued effect of examination malpractice on the quality of education in Nigeria. He pointed out that wrong value system, the quest for certification instead of knowledge and skills and poor school facilities among factors are responsible for examination malpractice in the country. He added that the introduction of technology as brought about by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), would help eradicate malpractices and as such, examination bodies should invest in technology as JAMB has done to adopt a zero exam malpractice approach.

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JAMB SETS DATE FOR 2021 PROMOTION EXAMINATION

To ensure that its staff are not deprived of their promotion increment effective 1st January in any promotion year, the Management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has put in place adequate arrangements for the smooth conduct of 2021 promotion examination and other measures aimed at ensuring that all processes are concluded by mid-December so that necessary adjustments would have been effected on the personnel cost. In line with this philosophy, the Board has, therefore, fixed, Tuesday, 17th November, 2020, as the date for the conduct of the

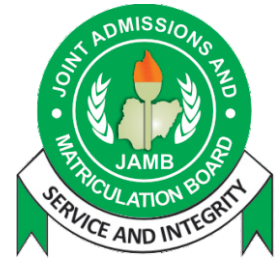
2021 Staff Promotion Exercise. Promotion in the Board is seen as a component of welfare as it is on the must-do list of the of the Board with all members of Management involved to ensure that no staff misses his/her opportunity for elevation. As an examination body, the Board's Staff Promotion Examination provides it with a veritable opportunity to practise what it has been preaching in terms of adhering to all the rules governing the conduct of an examination. This is because this examination is taken under the strictest of conditions in line with global best

practices in testing. As such, it is considered serious misconduct, which could lead to dismissal, for any staff sitting the promotion examination to be seen talking with a fellow examinee as CCTV cameras are viewed before final results are released. It is, therefore, to be noted that the strictness with which staff of the Board supervises examinations conducted by the Board is not unconnected with the rigours they also undergo in the course of attaining progression in the service.





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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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