BUK Convocates 8,087 Graduands in 3 Days
- Set to Hold Grand Finale Saturday

Eight Thousand and Eighty Seven (8,087) graduands were conferred with first Degrees over three days from Tuesday, 19th to Thursday, 21st May, 2015 across all the faculties at the staggered 31st Convocation ceremonies for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic sessions.

Unlike in the past, where the convocation ceremonies were held in one day, the 31st convocation ceremonies were split into five days to allow graduands and their families have more time to celebrate with the lecturers.

In his speech, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, CFR said the Council had endorsed the recommendation of Management and Senate that the ceremonies be staggered as it conforms with global best practices. “You graduands for whom the ceremony is organized are the center of attention. It is a period for you to celebrate and for your parents and friends to celebrate with you,” he added.

The Pro-Chancellor enumerated a number of breakthroughs recorded by the university that made it achieve greatness; one of them is the quality of its leadership. He said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed has established a tradition of openness and inclusiveness by carrying along all members of the university community involving as many people as possible in decision making, policy formulation and programme implementation.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed told the graduands that the university in the last five years has been pursuing the following vision and plans:

- To transform the university from a basically teaching university to one excellent in both teaching and research.
- To transform the university from a predominantly art/humanities to one strong in the sciences as well.
- To make Bayero University an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) driven university.
- To make the university embrace global best practices in various areas.

The Vice Chancellor mentioned a number of transformations in all faculties including the creation of research centers, new academic programmes and staff development.

The Vice Chancellor said “let me at this juncture congratulate the graduands who are being rewarded today for successfully completing their studies in this distinguished university with a proud tradition of excellence. I urge you to be worthy ambassadors of this university and to endeavor to give your all in the development of your community and the Nigeria nation.

The breakdown shows that a total of 8,087 graduands were conferred with first Degrees in the 2012/2013 2013/2014 academic sessions as follows:

Day 1: Tuesday, 19th May, 2015
Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies - 1012
Faculty of Education - 1,989
College of Health Sciences - 385
Total = 3,383
For College of Health Sciences the graduands included those from faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences and Clinical Sciences.

Day 2: Wednesday, 20th May, 2015
Faculty of Agriculture - 204
Faculty of Engineering - 458
Faculty of Social and Management Sciences - 2,116
Total = 2,778

Day 3: Thursday, 21st May, 2015
Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology - 211
Faculty of Law - 469
Faculty of Science - 1,246
Total = 1,926

The activities of the ceremony will continue on Friday, 22nd May, 2015 with the Convocation Lecture to be delivered by Mahmud Yayale Ahmed (Ajiyan Katagum) and Pro-Chancellor of the University, which will be chaired by INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega at the Convocation Arena at 4pm.

The grand finale of the convocation will be held on Saturday, 23rd May, 2015 with the award of higher Degrees and conferment of Professors Emiriti on Professor Sani Zahraddeen, Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir and Professor Ibrahim H. Umar, beginning from 9am at the Convocation Arena.

Prof Isa Abubakar Elected Faculty Chairman, West African College of Physicians

Professor Isa Abubakar of the Department of Community Medicine has been elected into the office of the Faculty Chairman, Community Health, West African College of Physicians, one of the two component Colleges of the West African Postgraduate Medical College.

In a letter signed by Haruna Aliyu on behalf of the Director Establishment Matters, said the Vice Chancellor noted with appreciation the election of Prof. Isa Abubakar.

JIFATU 2014/2015 Indigent Scholarship Interview

The Board of Trustees Jifatu Annual Scholarship calls for applications for Jifatu 2014/2015 indigent scholarship interview from undergraduate students of Bayero University Kano for 2014/2015 academic session.

Fifty (50) Successful Candidates Shall be Awarded N50,000 each.

Applicant must satisfy the following requirements for selection to participate in the interview:

- Applicant must be indigent.
- Applicant must put a formal application to participate in the interview.
- Applicant must provide his/her GSM number and e-mail in the application for quick correspondence.
- Applicant must be a level II, III or IV registered undergraduate student of Bayero university Kano.
- Applicant must not be a beneficiary of this scholarship or a similar one in the past 2 years.
- Applicant must be an indigene from any of the following states: Bauchi; Jigawa; Kaduna; Kano; Katsina; Kebbi; Sokoto; Zamfara.
- Applicant must possess a CGPA of 2.50 and above in 2013/2014 academic session.
- Applicant must attach his/her recent passport photograph, evidence of 2014/2015 registration, photocopy of 2013/2014 statement of result, a letter of confirmation of studentship from HOD/Level Coordinator and a photocopy of certificate of indigeneship the application.
All applications shall be addressed to the Chairman, Board of Trustees Jifatu scholarship and submitted to ASUU-BUK Secretariat on or before 25 May, 2015.

Signed
DR. SAGIR SALEH on behalf of Board of Trustees JIFATU Scholarship

University Library to Donate Free Text Books to Students May 25

The University Library will on Monday, 25th May, 2015 distribute free text books to students, according to a statement signed by the University Librarian, Professor Lukman I. Diso.

The statement noted that students are expected to pick not more than a copy of any publication of their choice and the books would be placed at the entrance of the Library.

Sa’adatu Rimi College to Play BUK Staff in Novelty Match

The staff of the Sa’adatu Rimi College of Education will play a novelty football match against the staff of Bayero University, Kano.

In a letter of request sent to the Sports Directorate and signed by Bashir Sani, Secretary of Colleges of Education Staff Sports Association of Nigeria (CESSAN) SRCOE, Kumbotso Chapter, the football match is expected to be played on Thursday, 4th June, 2015 at Sa’adatu Rimi College of Education, Kumbotso Playing Ground at 4:00 pm.

By this letter, the Deputy Director in charge of games, Dr. M. Y. Waziri called on all staff football players to avail themselves in training at Old Campus Football Field from Monday, 25th May, 2015.

Bayero Journal of Political Science (BJPS) Call for papers

The Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano calls for articles to be published in Bayero Journal of Political Science, (BJPS). BJPS is an official publication of the Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano and its objective is to promote scholarship in the Political Science discipline through theoretical and applied research. Consequently, BJPS provides a platform for Political Scientists, Social Scientists, researchers and other academics to disseminate knowledge about the discipline. The Journal is published annually.

Articles for publication in the BJPS should be on the following areas but not strictly limited to them: Political Theory, Political Economy, Political Inquiry, Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Public Administration. However, the Editorial Board reserves the right to reject or return for revision any material submitted on the grounds of inappropriate subject matter, quality, or length, or because of non-conformity with the submission guidelines.

Article Submission Guidelines
Articles to be considered for publication in BJPS must conform to these guidelines: The manuscript must be typed, double-spaced and should not exceed 20 pages including references. All references in the manuscript must agree with the recent APA style. An abstract of not more than 200 words, should accompany all submissions. The title of the article (but not the author’s name) should be repeated just before the abstract. Author’s brief profile of not more than 50 words including name, position/rank, institutional affiliation, areas of research/expertise should accompany the manuscript. Margins throughout the manuscript (top, bottom, and both sides) must be at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) and the Times New Roman font is to be used throughout the manuscript. The font size must be 12. All pages of the manuscript should be numbered consecutively.

Articles submitted to BJPS must not simultaneously be under consideration for publication by any other publishing outfit and may not have already been published elsewhere. A copy of the manuscript must be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief of BJPS electronically in form of Microsoft Word attachments through the e-mail address below; in addition to a hard copy. The submission should be accompanied with a non-refundable assessment fee of ₦10,000.00 only to be paid to Account Name:
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**Dr. A. M. Wudil Reappointed HOD**

**Biochemistry**

The Vice Chancellor Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, has approved the reappointment of Dr. A. M. Wudil as Head of Department of Biochemistry for another two years effective from 6th May, 2015.

**Proper Nomenclature: Plant Biology not Plant Science**

The Department of Plant Biology wishes to the University community to note that the Department is still being referred to as Department of Plant Science by many units/organs of the University, in error.

According to the HOD, Dr. I. L. Abdullahi, “We have tried at various times to correct the nomenclature, but without much success. The correct name approved by the Senate is Department of Plant Biology and it should be addressed as such.” He said the use of Plant Science poses some problems to the department in the course of communication.

**Departmental Seminar:**

This is to inform the university community that the following departments will hold seminars as follows:

**Department of Civil Engineering:**

**Presenter:** Engineer Nura Bala  
**Title:** Road Safety Audit of Kano-Zaria Highway.  
**Chairman:** Dr. H. M. Alhassan  
**Date:** 3rd June, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Venue:** Civil Engineering Resource Room

**Department of Physics:**  
**MSc Seminar Presentation**  
**Presenter:** Musa Bawa (SPS/12/MPY/00047)  
**Topic:** Study of Surface Readio Refractivity Variation Across Some Selected Cities in Nigeria.  
**Chairman:** Dr. I. D. Adamu  
**Date:** Thursday, 21st May, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

**Appreciation from Prof. Garba I. Sheka**

Professor Garba Ibrahim Sheka of the Department of Economics wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the members of the university community for their condolence and prayers over the death of his father, Alhaji Ibrahim Tanimu, who died on the night of Monday, 12th May, 2015. His special appreciation goes to Professors Isiaka Pedro, Badayi M. Sani, Shehu Rano (Director IIIBF), Mustapha Isa (Director Academic Planning and new VC, Northwest University, Kano), Bashir Tijjani (Dean, SMS), Auwal Abubakar (Imam New Site Mosque) and Mohammed Ibrahim Yakasai. Others are: Professors Dalhatu M. Galadanci (Rector, Kano Poly), Auwal H. Arzai (Director, G.S.U) and Habu Mohammed Fagge as well as Dr. Mamoud Lawal (ASUU Chairman), Dr. Muhammad Baba (H.O.D Animal Science), Dr. Balarabe Maikaba (H.O.D Mass Comm.) and Ahmad Shehu, the Director Public Affairs.  
May Allah reward all abundantly.

**Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi-Raji’un**

With heavy heart and total submission to Almighty Allah, the Health Services Department announces the passing away of Malam Aminu Haladu, a Senior X-Ray Technician attached to Radiology Unit.

He died on Wednesday 13th May, 2015 after a protracted illness. He was buried according to Islamic rites in Kano on the same date.

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