



# FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA

## 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Combined Convocation Ceremonies

### *Vice-Chancellor's Address*

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## **1. Protocols**

The Visitor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari *GCFR*, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar

Honourable Minister of Education, Alhaji Adamu Adamu

Members of the Federal Executive Council

Your Excellency, The Executive Governor of Ogun State, Prince Dapo Abiodun

Your Excellencies, Other Executive Governors

Members of State Executive Council

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission

Chairman of Convocation and The Chancellor, His Eminence Edidem Ekpo Okon, Abasi Otu (V), the Obong of Calabar

Your Royal Majesties and Highnesses

Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors from Other Universities

Principal Officers of FUNAAB

Members of Senate, Congregation and Convocation

Members of Staff and Students of FUNAAB

Gentlemen of the Press

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

## **2. Introduction**

I consider it a great privilege to stand before this distinguished audience to present this convocation address for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> combined ceremonies. We had the 27<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony on January 28, 2020. A month after, the world went into a lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is trite to say that our 28<sup>th</sup> Convocation could not hold as due in 2021 because of the roll-over effects of the pandemic and worldwide lockdown. We remain grateful to God that we are seated here to participate in this combined ceremony.

This convocation is significant in two ways. It gives me joy that our

Chancellor was re-appointed by the Federal Government in 2021, for another term, such that we have the privilege again of having him as the Chairman of Convocation as The Chancellor. Once again, I welcome His Eminence Edidem Ekpo Okon, Abasi Otu (V), the Obong of Calabar to our University. Also, this combined ceremony is being conducted in the year I am ending my tenure as the sixth substantive Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB. I am highly grateful to God and all men (women) of goodwill.

As mentioned earlier, there are multidimensional negative consequences of 2020 lockdown, particularly in health challenges and economy downturn. We must, however, admit that unemployment among our youths has been with us far longer than COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, the graduands for this combined convocation ceremony have qualified to earn their degrees and have been released into the labour market to earn their living. Our Convocation Lecture was consciously tailored in this direction with focus on opportunities for youths. Mr. Tunde Lemo, a former Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria, delivered the lecture titled **“Nigerian Youths: Opportunities for Gainful Employment in Spite of Economic Circumstances”** I urge all graduands to read this lecture over and over. Never despair; it shall be well.

This address must necessarily include stock-taking. I crave your indulgence to highlight the achievements of the University administration in the past four years and five months,

### **3. Administration**

There were 64 meetings of Principal Officers up to February 28, 2022. Eighteen Council meetings were held and about 12 meetings were held with each Union, including the Student Union. All these have assisted in moving the University forward with little or no skirmishes. This conforms with my vision of running an inclusive administration.

### **4. Academics**

The October/November 2019 accreditation exercise led to full

accreditation of 27 programmes and one interim accreditation for Mechatronics, making 28 accredited programmes out of 30. The re-accreditation exercise for Mechatronics was conducted in November 2021.

Although the National Universities Commission (NUC) maintains the Federal Government Policy on delisting Management courses in our University, it has, however, recognized the need to sustain a rebranded “Entrepreneurial Studies” by August 17, 2021. This necessitated the change of name from College of Management Sciences (COLMAS) to College of Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDs) in 2021 by the University Senate. Despite this, there are students who are yet to graduate from COLMAS, and their courses were also subjected to accreditation exercise in the last quarter of 2021. These courses were:

- Accounting.
- Banking and Finance
- Business Administration

The following courses also went through accreditation exercises by NUC in the last quarter of 2021:

**College of Engineering (COLENG)**

- Mechatronics (at interim accreditation)

**College of Biosciences (COLBIOS) – new programmes**

- Pure and Applied Botany
- Pure and Applied Zoology

The University received approval to start **GEOLOGY** as a course after resource verification by NUC in 2021. Furthermore, the Veterinary Council of Nigeria, again, gave full accreditation for the teaching and practice of Veterinary Medicine in FUNAAB in 2022.

Efforts were committed to equipping our College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Teaching Hospital between 2019 and 2022 with state-of-the art equipment, field facilities and equipment including a borehole, ambulance and other vehicles. *These efforts have contributed to the accreditation of courses and permission to increase admission of students from 30-60 in 2021. Two retired*

**Professors, namely, Professors Michael T. Adetunji and Funmilayo Ayoka Adebambo were conferred with Emeritus Professorship in recognition of their sterling contributions to academics. Professor Adebambo is the first female Emeritus in FUNAAB**

## **5. Staff Development**

Despite the lockdown in 2020, the University administration responded to a call by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to universities for nomination of candidates for Master's degree programmes under the Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship in Africa (ARIFA) The timely responsiveness of our administration made it possible to obtain approval for 15 candidates, more than the 10 allotted to the University. Thirteen of the candidates are currently in Brazil, having been delayed till 2021 due to the lockdown of 2020. Two candidates did not utilize the fund. The administration did not lock down.

Staff Development has been supported mainly by TETFund over the years, particularly for higher degrees and post-doctoral training. Eighteen of such were approved between 2021 and 2022. The role of the University administration in ensuring smooth operation is significant

Of note, is the capacity building workshop/retreat with the theme “**University Ethics, Culture and Service Delivery**” held in June (academic staff) and July (non-teaching) 2021. This workshop/retreat was for all staff irrespective of category or cadre.

The University also supported non-teaching staff to attend professional conferences despite its lean resources. All qualified non-teaching staff who desired to improve their academic qualifications were given approval to do so on part-time basis. The Advanced Digital Awareness Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI) trainings were held in 2020 and 2021 for selected staff, both academic and non-teaching.

In October 2021, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat of Association of Registrars of Nigerian University (ARNU) was hosted by our University. This had the collateral impact on capacity development of our registry staff.

## **6. Infrastructural Development and Provision of Teaching and Research Facilities**

The University received support from the Federal Government of Nigeria, particularly through annual Capital Funds, TETFund and NEEDS Assessment Intervention/Revitalization Funds for construction, purchase of equipment and rehabilitation of old facilities. We planned construction of buildings along with equipment that would make them functional, e.g., furniture, laboratory equipment and teaching facilities. In this respect, out of 27 new buildings, only one was not so planned due to fund limitation.

We completed two uncompleted buildings inherited from the immediate past administration (the Academic Complex and COLPLANT Phase 2 Buildings)/ Work has started on the remaining one (uncompleted postgraduate hostel), this March 2022. Among the buildings completed by the current administration are:

- 1 College of Engineering Phase II Building, named after Chief (Dr.) Olusegun Obasanjo as **Chief Dr. Olusegun Aremu Obasanjo Engineering Building**
- 2 Extension of University Library, now named, **Wole Soyinka Library**
- 3 A twin 250-seater (i.e., total of 500 seats) capacity lecture Theatre named after Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, the outgoing Executive Secretary of TETFund as **Suleiman Elias Bogoro Twin Lecture Theatre**
- 4 Agricultural Farm Laboratory Complex, named after a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, retired Prof. T. O. Tayo as **Prof. T.O. Tayo Laboratory**
- 5 A 250-seater capacity lecture theater named after **Emeritus Professor Israel F. Adu Lecture Theatre**, posthumously.

The College of Physical Sciences (COLPHYS) has its building under construction with about 75% completion. The Senate Building is also being extended to accommodate increasing number of Senate members.

Colleges of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM),

Engineering (COLENG), Environmental Resources Management (COLERM), Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC) and Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR) were renovated in 2020 and 2021. The Seed Processing Building was renovated and equipped with technical equipment and air conditioners. Also, the Fishery Unit was rehabilitated with the functionality of indoor and outdoor tanks restored.

**In 2021, our Ceremonial Building was named after Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun whereas Marble hostel was named after the pioneer Registrar of the University, Princess Bisi Soboyejo in May 2021. This would be the first time a retired and an accomplished non-teaching staff was honored by the University.**

Apart from the Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE) which has state-of-the-art equipment and which we refer to as our Central Laboratory in line with the vision of the current administration, Colleges of Engineering (COLENG), Veterinary Medicine (COLVET) and Food Science and Human Ecology (COLFHEC) had their laboratories equipped between 2019 and now. Such equipment include the following:

- 1 X- Diffractometer (XRD)
- 2 Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GCMS)
- 3 High Performing Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
- 4 UV Spectrophotometer
- 5 Ultrasound Machine for Surgery
- 6 Distal X-ray Machine
- 7 Automatic X-ray machine
- 8 Proximate Analysis Equipment
- 9 DLFA-321 PLC Designer Training Systems
- 10 Steam Generator and service module Vdas-s 20/230
- 11 SM 1000 Extensiometer
- 12 SM 1001A Tortion Testing Machine
- 13 SM 1001A Tensiometer
- 14 M10-3500 Series Three Phase Variac
- 15 GDS 122 Handheld Digital Storage Oscilloscope and

Multimeter (Dual Beam)  
16 GDS 396 Digital Multimeter

Three of the equipment in Engineering are specialized equipment for conducting research on control, instrumentation, telecommunication and power system in COLENG. The University Health Services has now been equipped with a state-of-the art X-ray Machine purchased in 2021 and a Maternity Home equipped with beds in 2022.

Some new classrooms have digital equipment now for lecture delivery. We pay constant attention to upgrading of internet facilities in view of our adoption of virtual learning which became necessary with the need to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic. From 2021 to date the University has been delivering lectures using both virtual and on-site delivery approaches. Various textbooks on all disciplines have been acquired by the Library between 2019 and 2022.

Three hundred desktop computers were distributed to different units, including the Library, courtesy of TETFund. Three new generators (Perkins 800, 650 and 500 kVa) were purchased to tackle the challenges posed by poor electricity supply. Also, 135 solar-powered streetlight panels were installed through the length and breadth of the University, up to Institute of Human Resources Development (INHURD), Mawuko.

Different field equipment (e.g., tractors, ridgers, combine harvester, sprayers, seed-sowing machines, seed processing machines, cold 'rooms' etc.) were purchased annually for the Directorate of University Farms (DUFARMS), Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS) and Environmental Management Unit (EMU). The Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS) was also equipped with equipment for skill developments: Such equipment include those meant for:

- Fashion Design, Shoe Making, Hair Dressing, Textile Production
- Micro- Integrated Agro- Industrial Park
- Catering and Hotel Management.

All equipment in different units of the University are complementary for teaching, food and industrial production, and research. They can



be accessed with appropriate authorization for these activities

We must acknowledge the role of individual lecturers and researchers who attract research grants to the University. Such research grants came from TETFund and international agencies. These have contributed significantly to knowledge development, teaching and acquisition of research equipment. The University administration appreciates staff in this category.

Just in February 2022, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) came to our campus to train one hundred (100) Farm Practical Year (FPY; 400 level) students under a programme called “**National Adopted Village for Smart Agriculture**”. The students were supported financially and with electronic tablets to run technology-driven crop and livestock farms. This support was facilitated by Professor A. S. Sodiya of Computer Science Department and Professor Sunday Adigbo, Director of Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS).

## **7. The University Dam**

Construction started on the University Dam in 2018 at Mawuko and it is now about 90% completed. The old water treatment plant and reservoir have been upgraded with modern equipment. **As part of the dam project, an irrigation facility has been constructed for irrigation farming at the Mawuko end of the campus.** The dam is, therefore expected to support agriculture and availability of potable water on campus.

## **9. Staff Promotion and Welfare**

Despite the challenges faced, particularly in 2020, promotion exercise for all staff was conducted. The 2021 promotion exercise has also been conducted. There was conversion of staff from one category to another to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Based on merit of requests or desirability of support, some staff have been financially assisted, on compassionate grounds. In December 2021, harvested cassava from CEADESE Demonstration Farm was processed to garri and fufu and given to some staff in the junior category. CEADESE established the cassava farm in 2020, proactively to mitigate against impending food scarcity as the negative

aftermath of the COVID-19 lockdown. Staff also were encouraged to own farms with support given for land preparation by the University. Staff Unity Games were also supported by the University Administration in October 2021. This has further developed the consciousness of staff in having regular exercises as initiated and coordinated monthly by the FUNAAB Senior Staff Union of Nigerian University (SSANU)

### **10. Student Welfare**

Students issues were addressed promptly whenever they were faced with difficulties or challenges if such were brought to the attention of the University Management. In this respect, the Student Affairs Division under Professor Adebukunola M. Omemu as the first female Dean of Student Affairs and her Deputy, Professor O. A. Fafiolu, must be credited for being open enough to address student needs on time and creditably well. The University Security Unit under Mr. Bolarinwa Peter has always been responsive on student matters. We strive to ensure that our students get the best of our services within our limited resources. Students were also supported financially based on merit of request, particularly those related to health issues.

Our students participated effectively in sports in 2021 and 2022. *One of our students, Olayinka Olajide represented Nigeria at the World Junior Athletics Championship in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2021.*

Our University qualified for participation in seven out of ten (10) sports it competed for at pre- Nigerian University Games (NUGA) in March 2022. During the main NUGA taking place in University of Lagos during this convocation week, FUNAAB shall compete in athletics, squash, tennis, badminton, chess, taekwondo, and table tennis. *Obe Kamal won silver during the squash racket competition to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo on March 5, 2022. Besides, he won all his matches at the pre-NUGA games for us to qualify for the main event.*

### **11. Community Relationship**

In 2020, palliatives comprising FUNAAB agricultural and industrial products were given to COBFAS communities and others during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. The communities included Ode-Lemo, Odogbolu, Isaga Orile, Ake community, Imeko and Iwoye

Ketu. The University was also the first to provide palliatives to the Nigerian Police at Eleweeran and FUNAAB Harmony Police Station. The campus buildings were fumigated regularly up to eight (8) times in 2020, as advised in the protocol for COVID-19 while sanitizers were produced by the Biotechnology Centre of the University. As mentioned earlier, our farms were functional for food production throughout the lockdown period. There has been improved agricultural production since 2018 when mechanized equipment were annually procured for the various farms under DUFARMS, COBFAS and CEADESE.

Boreholes were dug for residents of Mawuko, Opeji and Olorunsogo Communities. They were commissioned in January 2021. Our water factory has also improved in terms of production and supply.

We remain grateful to our host communities who have supported our administration for peaceful co-existence. The Alake of Egbaland, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo III and Agura of Gbagura, Oba Saburi Babajide Bakre have played incredibly significant roles in this respect. The same credit must go to all security agencies particularly the Police and the Department of State Services (DSS), Ogun State Commands.

## 12. The Graduands

In 2018/2019 academic session. The University produced 3202 graduands: **106 in first class**, 1316 in second class upper division, 1429 in second class, lower division 310 with third class and 11 pass degree (Table 1). Thirty of the total graduands qualified as Veterinary Doctors. **Among the First-Class graduands were 60 male and 46 female. There were 22 male doctors and 18 females,**

For 2019/2020, the University graduated a total of 2696; **95 in first class**; 1096 in second class upper; 1303 second class lower; 172 third class and 3 pass (Table 2). The College of Veterinary Medicine graduated 28 veterinary doctors: 21 males and 9 females. **There were 52 males in First Class and 43 females in 2019/2020.**

Postgraduate degrees awarded in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 included Ph.D., Master (academic), Master (Professional) Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) and MBA Tables 3 and 4). There were 450 postgraduate awards in 2018/2019 and 272 in 2019/2020. **In the**

respective sessions, there were 123 and 75 PhD degrees awarded.

**TABLE 1: STATISTICS OF FIRST-DEGREE GRADUANDS FOR 2018/2019 ACADEMIC SESSION**

	CLASS OF DEGREE						TOTAL
	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Degree	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Upper Division) Degree	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Lower Division) Degree	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Degree	Pass Degree	Unclassified Degree	
<b>COLAMRUD</b>							
Agricultural Administration	-	33	35	12	-	-	80
Agric. Econs. And Farm Mgt.	3	70	31	6	-	-	110
Agric. Ext. and Rural Dev.	6	58	29	10	-	-	103
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>293</b>
<b>COLANIM</b>							
Animal Breeding and Genetics	-	40	52	10	-	-	102
Animal Nutrition	1	42	39	4	-	-	86
Animal Physiology	1	33	40	6	1	-	81
Animal Production and Health	9	46	48	5	-	-	108
Pasture and Range Mgt.	3	32	33	10	-	-	78
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>COLBIOS</b>							
Biochemistry	5	41	37	8	-	-	91
Microbiology	2	42	40	4	-	-	88
Pure and Applied Botany	-	25	19	5	1	-	50
Pure and Applied Zoology	-	16	30	1	-	-	47
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>COLENG</b>							
Agric. & Bio-Resources Engineering	1	19	14	2	-	-	36
Civil Engineering	3	20	11	6	-	-	40
Elect/Electronics Engineering	3	24	13	3	-	-	43
Mechanical Engineering	2	18	11	10	-	-	41
Mechtronics Engineering	2	8	10	-	-	-	20
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>180</b>

**Table 1 (continued)**

<b>COLERM</b>							
Aquaculture and Fisheries Mgt.	7	47	28	6	1	-	89
Env. Mgt. and Toxicology	3	42	32	3	-	-	80
Forestry and Wildlife Mgt.	5	34	19	8	1	-	67
Water Res. Mgt. and Agro.	1	33	31	8	-	-	73
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>COLFHEC</b>							
Food Science and Technology	10	40	20	11	-	-	81
Hospitality and Tourism	5	34	26	3	1	-	69
Home Science and Management	1	31	25	6	-	-	63
Nutrition and Dietetics	4	43	38	1	-	-	86
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>COLMAS</b>							
Accounting	4	54	87	6	-	-	151
Banking and Finance	2	26	68	20	-	-	116
Business Administration	1	27	75	30	2	-	135
Economics	7	56	63	6	-	-	132
Entrepreneurial Studies	2	37	89	20	1	-	149
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>683</b>
<b>COLPHYS</b>							
Chemistry	-	25	55	5	-	-	85
Computer Science	-	27	38	9	1	-	75
Mathematics	1	11	36	7	1	-	56
Physics	-	32	38	5	1	-	76
Statistics	-	19	34	5	-	-	58
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>COLPLANT</b>							
Crop Protection	1	28	26	9	-	-	64
Horticulture	1	21	20	9	-	-	51
Plant Breeding and Seed Tech.	4	28	27	9	-	-	68
Plant Physiology and Crop Prod.	2	29	24	8	-	-	63
Soil Science and Land Mgt.	4	25	38	14	-	-	81
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>327</b>
<b>COLVET</b>	-	-	-	-	-	30	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1316</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3202</b>

**TABLE 2: STATISTICS OF FIRST-DEGREE GRADUANDS FOR 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION**

	CLASS OF DEGREE						TOTAL
	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Degree	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Upper Division) Degree	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Lower Division) Degree	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Degree	Pass Degree	Unclassified Degree	
<b>COLAMRUD</b>							
Agricultural Administration	1	38	31	4	-		74
Agric. Econs. And Farm Mgt.	5	46	43	1	-		95
Agric. Ext. and Rural Dev.	-	43	42	3	-		88
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>257</b>
<b>COLANIM</b>							
Animal Breeding and Genetics	1	24	33	9	-		67
Animal Nutrition	3	44	38	4	-		89
Animal Physiology	1	19	37	5	-		62
Animal Production and Health	3	43	35	-	-		81
Pasture and Range Mgt.	-	19	49	5	-		73
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>372</b>
<b>COLBIOS</b>							
Biochemistry	6	32	40	2	-		80
Microbiology	3	33	25	2	-		63
Pure and Applied Botany	-	17	22	2	-		41
Pure and Applied Zoology	3	13	23	1	-		40
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>224</b>
<b>COLENG</b>							
Agric. & Bio-Resources Engineering	2	12	18	3	-		35
Civil Engineering	4	17	12	2	1		36
Elect/Electronics Engineering	2	22	13	3	-		40
Mechanical Engineering	3	21	10	-	-		34
Mechtronics Engineering	-	22	16	2	-		40
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>185</b>

**Table 2: (Continued)**

<b>COLERM</b>							
Aquaculture and Fisheries Mgt.	1	43	39	1	-		84
Env. Mgt. and Toxicology	6	21	29	2	-		58
Forestry and Wildlife Mgt.	1	28	28	2	-		59
Water Res. Mgt. and Agro.	1	19	31	2	1		54
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>255</b>
<b>COLFHEC</b>							
Food Science and Technology	3	39	31	1	-		74
Hospitality and Tourism	5	32	23	2	-		62
Home Science and Management	-	36	27	-	-		63
Nutrition and Dietetics	6	37	29	-	-		72
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>271</b>
<b>COLMAS</b>							
Accounting	7	31	38	12	-		88
Banking and Finance	1	24	61	16	-		102
Business Administration	-	22	67	21	-		110
Economics	8	26	25	10	-		69
Entrepreneurial Studies	2	32	49	11	-		94
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>463</b>
<b>COLPHYS</b>							
Chemistry	4	24	28	1	-		57
Computer Science	2	22	46	8	1		79
Mathematics	2	16	30	7	-		55
Physics	1	20	26	5	-		52
Statistics	2	15	31	10	-		58
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>301</b>
<b>COLPLANT</b>							
Crop Protection	2	33	28	-	-		63
Horticulture	-	21	33	5	-		59
Plant Breeding and Seed Tech.	1	34	35	5	-		75
Plant Physiology and Crop Prod.	-	30	33	3	-		66
Soil Science and Land Mgt.	2	26	49	-	-		77
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>340</b>
<b>COLVET</b>	-	-	-	-	-	28	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>1303</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2696</b>

**Table 3: Postgraduate output for 2018/2019 Academic Session**

College/ Dept	Ph	Master	Master	PGD	PGD Professional	MBA	Grand
<b>COLAMRUD</b>							
AEFM	1	12	0	0	0	0	13
AERD	4	11	0	0	0	0	15
AGAD	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
CGNS	4	30	0	0	0	0	34
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>COLANIM</b>							
ABG	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
ANN	4	12	0	0	0	0	16
ANP	1	5	0	0	0	0	6
APH	4	14	0	0	0	0	18
PRM	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>COLBIOS</b>							
BCH	7	18	0	0	0	0	25
MCB	4	20	0	0	0	0	24
PAB	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
PAZ	4	10	0	0	0	0	14
	18	50	0	0	0	0	68
<b>COLENG</b>							
ABE	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
CVE	1	4	0	0	0	0	5
ELE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCE	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>COLERM</b>							
AOFM	7	8	0	0	0	0	15
EMT	5	5	9	0	0	0	19
FWM	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
WRM	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>COLFHEC</b>							
EST	7	14	0	0	0	0	21
HSM	3	8	0	0	0	0	11
NTD	3	6	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>COLPHYS</b>							
CHM	7	8	0	0	0	0	15
CSC	4	8	0	0	0	0	12
MTS	5	4	0	0	0	0	9
PHS	4	8	0	0	0	0	12
STS	1	16	0	0	0	0	17
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>

**Table 3 (continued)**

<b>COLPLANT</b>							
CPT	5	11	0	0	0	0	16
HORT	1	5	0	0	0	0	6
PBST	3	16	0	0	0	0	19
PPCP	7	7	0	0	0	0	14
SSLM	4	9	0	0	0	0	13
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>COLVET</b>							
VET	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
<b>CEADESE</b>							
CEADESE	11	19	0	0	0	0	30
	<b>123</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450</b>

**Table 4: Postgraduate Student Output for 2019/2020 Academic Session**

College/ Dept Code	PhD	Master Academic	Master Professional	PGD	PGD Professional	MBA	Grand Total
<b>COLAMRUD</b>							
AEFM	3	0	0	0	0	8	11
AERD	3	13	0	7	0	0	23
AGAD	0	7	0	10	0	0	17
CGNS	4	8	0	5	0	0	17
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>COLANIM</b>							
ABG	1	12	0	0	0	0	13
ANN	3	7	0	0	0	0	10
ANP	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
APH	3	6	0	0	0	0	9
PRM	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>COLBIOS</b>							
BCH	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
MCB	1	7	0	0	0	0	8
PAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAZ	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>COLENG</b>							
AGE	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
CVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
MCE	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>COLERM</b>							
AOFM	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
EMT	5	8	9	0	0	0	22
FWM	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
WRM	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>COLFHEC</b>							
FST	3	3	0	0	0	0	6
HSM	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NTD	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>COLPHYS</b>							
CHM	3	8	0	0	0	0	11
CSC	0	4	5	20	0	0	29
MTS	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
PHS	9	7	0	0	0	0	16
STS	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>

**Table 4: (continued)**

<b>COLPLANT</b>							
CPT	6	3	0	0	0	0	9
HORT	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
PBST	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
PPCP	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SSLM	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>COLVET</b>							
VET	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>CEADESE</b>							<b>0</b>
<b>CEADESE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>75</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>272</b>

### 13. Concluding Remarks

The achievements under our administration have been possible with the Grace, Mercy and Favour of God. We cannot also ignore the contributions from people of goodwill, including our staff, students, community leaders and security agents. As stated earlier, we received substantial funds from the Federal Government and donors to develop our infrastructure to effectively discharge our mandate of teaching, research and community development. We thank them all for the support.

Who is a FUNAAB stakeholder? All of us seated here and many others who are not here. These include our family members, and everyone connected to FUNAAB in terms of study, business, endowment, spiritual linkage and communal relationship. I must, however, state that the Alumni, more than any other, must guide the integrity of FUNAAB jealously. I enjoin you as graduands to always look back to participated in the project of the University that has considered you worthy of her degree today. You have been found worthy in learning and character. Sieve through the narrow opportunities that exist and survive despite the apparent scarcity.

At this time that I am giving this address in the last year of my 5-year tenure, may I commit you to the words of wisdom in **“Desiderata”** by Max Max Ehrmann (1927) as I have committed myself since 1994:

**“GO PLACIDLY** amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the



changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.”

By Max Ehrmann © 1927

**God bless Nigeria**

**God bless Ogun State**

**God bless FUNAAB**

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