

ADDRESS BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARIAN AND HEAD OF THE SUPERVISORY AGENCY PROF. CHINWE VERONICA ANUNOBI ON THE OCCASION OF THE MAIDEN MATRICULATION CEREMONY OF CENTRE FOR ADVANCED LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (CALIM) ON FRIDAY 18TH MAY, 2023.

PROTOCOLS

It is with great appreciation to God that I welcome everyone to the Maiden Matriculation ceremony of the Centre for Advanced Library and Information Management, National Diploma Programme, Enugu. Today's event is important because it marks the end of official enrolment of students into the monotechnic academic programme. I welcome all of our pioneer students to the Centre. It is my belief that God will use this school to nurture your growth and development in all facets of life. I congratulate your parents and your organizations for the central roles they have played in your lives and the privilege to be here. I want to inform you of the importance of education. Education is not only about acquiring knowledge and skills, but it also prepares us for life. The lessons you learn in the classroom will serve you well in the future, whether you go on to acquire additional qualifications, or remain within the workforce of your organization's library.

As you begin this new phase in your academic life, I encourage you to approach your studies with seriousness and determination. This means that you believe that your abilities can be developed through hard work and perseverance. In order to support your academic success, we have a willing faculty who are dedicated to providing you with the best education possible. They will work with you to help you reach your full potential and achieve your goals.

We have a strong focus on academic excellence, and we are going to strive to create a safe and inspiring learning environment for all. We believe that every student is capable of reaching their full potential and we will do our best to support and motivate you to do so. In addition to academic success, we also place a strong emphasis on building character.

We have high expectations of our students and we will provide you with the necessary resources and guidance to help you achieve your best. We believe that our students and products would ultimately be our selling point in order to market CALIM to those who are still sitting on the fence. We are committed to helping each student develop into a responsible, educated, and well-rounded individual. Once again, we make bold to say, CALIM is committed

to providing an excellent education to all of our students, and we are excited to have you join us. CALIM would be a place where all members of the school community are respected and valued.

I also wish to inform the stakeholders that CALIM is expected to be an autonomous institution, but in the interim, at this stage, it will be temporarily be financed by the National Library of Nigeria, pending when it can stand on its own. The National Library of Nigeria will continue to provide all that will be required for CALIM to succeed. It behoves that the Provost and other principal officers of CALIM will soon take over the management and financing of the institution with minimal or no interference from the supervisory agency.

I therefore, urge the principal officers to begin to think outside the box to strategize on how to stabilize CALIM to become autonomous.

We look forward to the commencement of lectures and we are confident that it will be a fruitful one. At this juncture, I will like you to take note of the following requirements.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is the first step of actualizing your admission in the Centre for Advanced Library and Information Management, Enugu. By now most of you are supposed to have completed your registration exercise. It is hoped that you will all conclude all necessary documentation here in Enugu. You become a student only when you have fully registered and there is time limit for the registration exercise and school fees payment. Once you are fully registered, you become a bona fide student of the college.

Any fresh student, who encounters any challenge in the course of the registration, should not hesitate to seek for assistance from the Registration Officer.

APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

For the benefit of those who are not quite conversant with the school's programme, we presently offer only one course which is: Diploma in **Library and Information Science (DLIS)**. The programme is for four semesters.

It is pertinent to add that our ND programme is fully accredited by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE).

LECTURES/CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT/EXAMINATIONS

Students are encouraged to attend lectures and promptly too. A minimum attendance of 75% is required for you to be allowed into examination halls. Continuous Assessment and attendance to classes forms the basis of your examination. It must be taken with all seriousness as it constitutes 40% of your examination. Students are advised never to fail in doing their continuous assessment or you will fail your examinations. We will be engaged class through blended forms of synchronic virtual and inperson activities. However all practical sessions must be inperson utilising all practical tools in the Centre. Students are expected to be in class both physical and virtual 5minutes before the beginning of lectures. Every other information relating to your programme including credit hours lectures, assignments, grading is contained in the students handbook as given to you.

DRESS CODE:

The School encourages all students to dress according to acceptable standards. Undue exposure of body parts that have the potential to infuriate the sensibilities of others will be severely sanctioned. Students must dress decently while attending virtual call as such will form part of their attendance approval. Lecturers reserve the right to shut any student not properly dressed out of the classroom. The security personnel in the school have been authorised to report offenders for necessary sanction. In addition, members of staff have been advised to prevent improperly dressed students from entering their offices and attending lectures.

DISCIPLINE:

The importance of discipline cannot be overstressed. Discipline and dedication are key to your success in this programme. You are therefore expected to exhibit high sense of discipline while in school. The school will not award its certificate to students who are found wanting in character and in learning. You are forewarned that to earn the certificate of the College, you must be disciplined in addition to studying hard.

SECURITY:

The Centre will continue to work round the clock to ensure the security of lives and property. However, you are expected to be security conscious throughout your stay in Enugu.

CONCLUSION:

I wish to state that your choice of the school is a wise one and we are committed to providing you all the necessary administrative, academic, psychological and social platforms to for a successful and timely graduation. We want assure you that your success is our pride so we expect maximum cooperation from you for realizing this vision of knowledge, skill and attitude transformation among among paraprofessionals and indeed professional librarians in Nigeria.

Please, count yourselves blessed to be among the pioneer students of this great Centre as your name is already written in gold. You will agree with me that great things startst small so the number of enrollment not withstanding a new vista is open for large number students that will que behind you during subsequent sessions. be discouraged by the number of students admitted for this academic session. .

Congratulations as we formally welcome you into the Centre for Advanced Library and Information Management, (CALIM), Enugu State.

I heartily appreciate all our invited guests for making out time to be present at this occasion.

God Bless .

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