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In the famous words of Alexandre Dumas, nothing succeeds like success. The success of the maiden edition of the Newsline magazine undoubtedly created the need to replicate the feat this year. The management team led by Professor Ajith Kumar deemed it fit for me to lead the team of dedicated and hardworking individuals to ensure that a bigger and better Newsline magazine is published in the 2021/2022 academic session. The team decided to carry out this task with grace by committing long hours to meetings, proofreading and sorting to ensure that the task is fulfilled efficiently and creatively.

I am elated to have with a team of bullish and dedicated individuals who were eager to get the task done from the day we were commissioned to compile a magazine which will reflect the giant strides made by Skyline University Nigeria during the 2021/2022 academic session. The challenge of publication was demanding but it was worth the sweat and efforts dedicated to it in the end. The daunting task of adequately capturing different noteworthy moments and milestones recorded by the institution without mincing words gave the team a lot of sleepless nights. However, the team drew motivation from the constant encouragement of the school management enabled the team to achieve this feat.

The publication team is grateful for the opportunity to serve this citadel of learning and looks forward to future opportunities to serve this academic institution of higher learning.

The articles documented in this edition of the Newsline magazine reflect expository details of the achievements and futuristic plans of Skyline University Nigeria management. It also contains insightful academic and creative articles from the members of the University academic community. I appreciate everyone who contributed their quota to this success story.

Long live Skyline University Nigeria!

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Driven by our core mission to strengthen the quality of higher education globally, Skyline University Nigeria was granted an operational license in 2018 by the National Universities Commission (NUC). Since then, the University has continued to make its mark amongst the foremost Universities in Nigeria. This continuous growth is as a result of the vision that led to the establishment of the University. The university aspires to be an internationally recognized institution of excellence in higher education, by providing a technologically enabled platform for innovative research and education with a focus on creativity and entrepreneurship.

Over the years, the progress enjoyed by Skyline University Nigeria has been described as progressive growth based on serenity and peace, security, and the independence and freedom availed to students to learn independently, innovatively and creatively. While we appreciate the members of the University community who pioneered the establishment of this great institution, we are grateful for everyone who is still together with us on this journey.

As we reflect on the past, we have watched with amazement the tremendous growth of Skyline University Nigeria as an international institution of higher learning. We have seen the contribution of everyone, highlighted by the recent achievement of ranking 16th among the public and private universities in the country as well as being the 8th ranked university among privately owned institutions in Nigeria by the National University Commission.

The impact of Skyline University Nigeria is certainly the result of teamwork and we are optimistic that the future will only get better in teaching, learning, and research, as well as community service for all our stakeholders. We are also imaging the rise of global-rated leaders out of the students on campus. We hope that with our commitment, support, and training, these students will take the world by storm.

As we relentlessly walked with you towards building a better future, we have plans to make your graduation experience even better. Go take your place in the pride of industries, military, governance, academia, entrepreneurship, and other spheres of life and clearly distinguish yourselves in the marketplace.

Long live Skyline University Nigeria (SUN)!
CHANCELLOR’S MESSAGE

Education is the essence of building a bright future for Nigeria, quality education is made available at our doorstep by Skyline University Nigeria (SUN). Our goal of developing skilled manpower and ethical citizens is encompassed in the vision and mission of the SUN.

The efforts to deliver practical knowledge along with theoretical perspectives are the critical game-changer for Nigerian education. I am given to understand that students are being exposed to guest multifaceted learning opportunities both in and out of the classes. It is also heartening to note that this university has a clear focus on value-based education which is essential for all educated people in the country.

SUN has already ensuring women empowerment through their enrolments of almost 50 percent girls, who are being oriented on innovation and entrepreneurship along with the boys. This will ensure trained entrepreneurs emerging from SUN.

I wish them success for their efforts in contributing to the empowerment of Nigerian youth.

“Education is the essence of building a bright future for Nigeria”.
Skyline University Nigeria is an international private university in Kano State, Nigeria. The institution was founded in 2018 with a dream to provide education in all its facets to the students of Nigeria. As the pro-chancellor, it has been my privilege to see this dream come true.

The university offers undergraduate degrees in the School of Arts, Management and Social Sciences, School of Basic Medical Sciences and School of Science and Information Technology. It also has a robust continuing education program that provides training and development opportunities for working professionals.

One unique feature of Skyline University Nigeria is our commitment to research and innovation. Our faculty are engaged in cutting-edge research that is helping to solve some of Africa's most pressing problems. Skyline University Nigeria is making an impact on Africa by providing high-quality education and training programs that meet the needs of today's workforce. I am proud to be associated with this institution, and I look forward to seeing it continue its success for many years to come.
VICE - CHANCELLOR’S MESSAGE

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) was established in 2018 to recognize and address the needs of the Nigerian educational sector and meet business requirements by developing the human capital essential for good performance.

As the Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), I am greatly honored to lead this University and continue with the ambition, vision, and mission that led to its establishment for the benefit of our immediate community and Nigeria as a whole. As one of Nigeria’s fast-ranking universities, Skyline University Nigeria has gained global recognition and linkages that support world-class research and education. Through our vision, we have continued to reaffirm our sustenance of a culture of highly supportive students’ experience.

Skyline University set to empower its students with knowledge, skills, and value-based education. This will create a smart, creative, collaborative, and entrepreneurial focus for graduates with a global mindset through our partnership with organizations and universities alike.

Our teaching pedagogy is based on a new approach of integrating knowledge with professional inputs from the industry. Hence, our Guest Lecture Series is geared to expose students to the latest development in industries and orient them with qualitative theoretical knowledge that enables performance in practical situations.

We encourage faculty, staff, and student of SUN to dream big and aim high until we achieve our vision and goals in sustaining an excellent knowledge, skills and value-based Education.

Thank you for joining Skyline University Nigeria! Together, we can achieve great things.
VISION

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) aspires to be an internationally recognized institution of excellence in higher education, by providing technologically enabled platforms for innovative research and education with a focus on creativity and entrepreneurship.

MISSION

Skyline University Nigeria is poised to be a multidisciplinary teaching & research university whose aim is to provide leading international institution of higher learning driven by technology to build a multicultural environment for all stakeholders with a commitment to nurturing leadership, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.

WHY SKYLINE UNIVERSITY NIGERIA’S EDUCATIONAL BRAND IS SOUGHT AFTER

Skyline University Nigeria boasts of a serene, conducive and secure learning environment which encourages entrepreneurial development & participatory learning pedagogy. Teaching in Skyline University Nigeria is fully aided by Information Communication technology tools. The staff strength in Skyline University is unrivalled because of her good mix of seasoned indigenous and expatriates teaching and non-teaching staff.

Skyline University Nigeria is recognized by the National University Commission as the 16th tertiary institution of learning in Nigeria according to the 2021 University ranking by the NUC. The library unit in Skyline University is well-stocked with indigenous and foreign books which enables students to learn and explore e-resources and journals.

Skyline University Nigeria students enjoyed unlimited Wireless Fidelity (WIFI) connection all through their stay in the university campus. All the academic courses in Skyline University are accredited and approved by the NUC. Skyline University Nigeria fulfils her corporate social responsibilities through continuous community engagements and programs. Skyline University Nigeria students enjoy unlimited access to professional networking through boot camps and guest session programs.
Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) has secured a formal approval of the National Universities Commission (NUC) to run full-time undergraduate degree in B.Sc Tourism and Hospitality Management in the 2021/2022 academic session. This was disclosed on 27th October 2021, following a letter by the NUC to the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajith Kumar V.V. The approval was sequel to the recent visit by members of the NUC on resource verification to the University.

With this approval, the university is expected to commence the admission of candidates seeking to study Tourism and Hospitality Management at the University. The approval according to the Letter by the NUC, followed the recommendation of the panel of experts from the commission which carried out a resource verification visit to assess the human and material resources available for the establishment of the programme. This would be in addition to the 15 programmes on offer at the University.

These programmes include Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Physics with Electronics, Mathematics, Computer Science & Information Systems, Software Engineering and Geology in the School of Science and Information Technology (SSIT) as well as Political Science, International Relations, Journalism and Mass Communication, Accounting, Banking and Finance, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, International Business, Business Administration, Economics in the schools of Arts, Management and Social Sciences (SAMSS).

Prof. Ajith, while reacting to this new development, stated that the report of the resource verification team and the subsequent approval by the NUC was an endorsement of the quality infrastructure and human capital available in the University. He emphasized some of the potentials of the Tourism and Hospitality Industry, and their impact on employment and human resources. He appreciated the NUC for what it stands for in the context of higher education in Nigeria.
Skyline University Nigeria Gets NUC’s Approval to Run B.NSc Nursing Science and Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)

Kano’s first international private university, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), has received approval from the regulatory body of Nigerian Universities, the National Universities Commission (NUC) to run undergraduate programmes in Nursing Science and Physiotherapy, under the University’s School of Basic Medical Science, another feat in the validation of its academic programmes.

The approval granted access to the University to open its doors to accept 2021/2022 applications from suitable candidates seeking to study B.NSc Nursing and Doctor of Physiotherapy at Skyline University Nigeria.

The resource verification visit, allowed the NUC to assess the human and material resources available in the University, a determinant to the basis of the approval for the programmes.

Prof. Ajith while giving a statement on this welcome development, stated that Skyline University Nigeria has what it takes to run the Nursing and Physiotherapy programmes, adding that the university would deploy adequate human and material resources and invest in the programmes with the license of excellence which had become the hallmark of all programmes in the University.

Skyline University Nigeria Ranked in NUC’s 2021 Nigerian University System Ranking

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), has continued to make its mark amongst the foremost Universities in Nigeria as the University, on Monday, December 13th, 2021, emerged as one of the higher-ranked universities in Nigeria on different fronts. According to the computations made by the National Universities Commission (NUC) 2021 Nigerian University System Ranking, Skyline University Nigeria emerged 16th out of 113 Federal, State and Private Universities and 8th position out of the 47 Private Universities in Nigeria.

The NUC’s 2021 Nigerian University System Ranking, was carried out using twelve indicators, based on the total number of full-time students, the number of international students, students and staff ratio, efficiency, google scholar index, and contribution to the knowledge economy.

Other criteria are the percentage of international staff, percentage of programmes with full-time accreditation, all citations per capital, amongst others. The metrics for the rankings indicated an improvement in the University's comparative performance in the twelve indicators, which includes teaching, research, citation, and international outlook. In the ranking by student-teacher ratio - private universities in the Northwest geopolitical zone, SUN ranked no. 1, by the percentage of full professors no. 17, by percentage of international staff no. 1, by percentage of per capita all citations no 34, ranking by google scholar presence no 43, amongst others.

When benchmarked against some of the older Universities in Nigeria, Skyline University Nigeria has occupied a top spot in just few years of her establishment.
Kano’s first International private university, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) in its mission to train new and existing industry professionals in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry, is now the approved teaching centre for the Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality (CTH) programmes. The CTH is a United Kingdom (UK’s) leading professional awarding body for qualifications in the specialist growing commercial sector worldwide, delivering industry-relevant CTH qualifications to thousands of new students each year.

Like any professional teaching centre, the SUN CTH centre is focused on purely Hospitality, Culinary and Tourism, which encouraged efficient teaching methodologies in the most practical way that provides for an effective academic progression route. It as well enables students to develop relevant skills that can be applied in the workplace. Furthermore, to enhance the learning experience of our students, we have a number of packages including CTH Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism.

The CTH is for individuals desiring industry-relevant skills and for people looking to develop already existing skills in training programmes and opportunities for Airlines, Cruise lines, Hotel and Resorts, Travel and Tours Companies, Government Tourism, Departments, Hospitality Industry, Event Planning, & Executives, Airport Staff Cargo & Logistics Reservation and Ticketing Agents, Group Staff Basic Load Controlling amongst others.

Other benefits include giving students a platform to revise and expand their skills whilst studying CTH. For our graduates, the member’s site provides a way to look for the latest jobs to increase your career prospects. This will give you access to a worldwide community of professionals in the industry - allowing you to attend meetings and events that provide excellent networking, internship and job opportunities in currency exchange, retail travel, tourist boards and tour operators.
SUN IT Students Implement Expert Systems in Artificial Intelligence

The 300 level students of the Information Technology Department of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) implemented an expert systems program, an area of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that is geared to listen, understand, and respond to various inquiries. The Expert System is a computer application developed to emulate the decision-making ability of a human expert to solve complex problems by reasoning through bodies of knowledge, represented mainly as if-then rules rather than through conventional procedural code. The Expert Systems Programme was presented by the students at the recent project presentation exercise of the IT Department, held on 6th August 2021 at the Computer Laboratory of the university.

The project presentation was especially important to showcase the uniqueness of the students’ projects to the members of the university management as well as others in the field of IT that will be of greater impact to the society. While speaking on the importance of the project, Dr. Zahraddeen Sufyanu, a Lecturer in the IT department of the university stated that, the project is designed to develop the students’ practical skills and involvement in solving societal issues. It also seeks to explore areas of artificial intelligence and encourage students to participate in developing more programs.

SUN Students Reached Top Ten in Wadwani Foundation NextGen Activate Programme

Students of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) qualified to represent the university in the Global Competition Award of the Wadwani Foundation NextGen Activate programme. SUN sealed her qualification ticket as she emerged 8th position Milestone 4 (M4) and 2nd position in the transformative award category for her renewable idea “Alternative Power Nigeria - Changing life With Light”, an entry submitted by a 200 level student of Economics, Mr. Haruna Lawan Baffa and a 100 level student of Software Engineering Ms. Juwaiiyya Ahmad Lamido.

The students were mentored by Ms. Jyoti Rajwar, a Lecturer II in the Department of Microbiology. It was a 10-week online learning programme (29th March – 5th June 2021) that was focused on creating potential real ventures, validation and practice implementation. The competition featured 29 teams from different parts of the world, who demonstrated experiential and immersive digital learning programme under the banner of the cohort of Latin America & West Africa.
Quality of graduates and teaching methodologies are essential factors in judging the quality of an academic institution. The teaching methodology in Skyline University Nigeria does not only play a major role in quality delivery of teaching and learning processes; but it also gives meaning to the content of the knowledge being impacted on the students. In addition, it is also a necessary requirement to effectively impart knowledge, skills, and value-based education in the University.

**Teaching Methodologies**

The question of which teaching methodology is adopted by Skyline University Nigeria is no longer news as it implemented both, traditional and virtual teaching methodologies. Traditional classroom teaching methodologies have well been tested at the university campus. However, the implementation of virtual classrooms was new and high-tech.

Yet they’re also pretty experimental when combined with traditional classroom teaching methodologies, which exposed students to the privilege of accessing course work from anywhere within their comfort zone while increasing their academic knowledge and digital skills.

The University works with the NUC’s Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) which is at par with global trends where universities based on their unique features are driving the development and implementation of the curriculum. Through her team of expert faculty and human resources, SUN is assembled to harmonize and review its teaching methodologies based on its robust contributions which would bring more impetus to Nigeria’s quest for national and international development.
Research Activities
Skyline University Nigeria recognizes research activities and research-led teaching as the main responsibility of her team of faculty and has provided an enabling environment for teaching and research in various fields of academics. These developments are unique and comply with global standards in teaching, learning, and research. The University’s strategic mission reflects the emphasis on the importance of quality research.

In addition, they include activities that result in the creation of new knowledge and the expansion of existing knowledge in a way that it brings value to the community. Thereby, bringing the introduction of new knowledge, methodology, concepts, and understanding in the areas of analysis, medicine, synthesis, etc to the extent that it leads to a new discovery. To support this goal, the University has incorporated the virtual release of the maiden issue of the International Journal of Business Review and Entrepreneurship (IJBRE) in the year 2020. The IJBRE serves as a platform for the university to pride itself to explore new vistas of knowledge that add value to the existing body of knowledge. This forum has enabled researchers to actively participate in analyzing, evaluating, and solving the problems of society through their contributions.

The IJBRE has also gained acceptance and credibility in the International Academic Forums by enlisting in a minimum of five International Indexing organizations (such as GIF, ISI, Copernicus, Directory of Quality Factor & Open Access Journal, Cite factor, Cosmos, EBSCO). This has facilitated the IJBRE’s Journal abstracts listing and increase the citation ratings in Google Scholar and Research Gate.

By: Unique A. Christian (MCD)
The 200 Level Students of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN)'s IT Department in their effort to meet employer/industry requirements, participated in the Web Design & Development Project of the University's programs. The project was organized to enhance the students’ skills as Full Stack developers, both in front end and back end. It will also aid their problem-solving skills through positive improvements in the use of basic technological tools such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, and MYSQL.

The project which was rolled out on 1st February 2022, was coordinated by Dr. Vijay Arputaraj, the Head of the Department of Information and Communication Technology, and facilitated by Mr. Magaji Yusuf, Mr. Bello Augustine, Dr. Zaharadeen Sufyanu and Mr. Saheed Tunde.

The project is part of the students’ course requirement aimed at developing efficient programs for businesses.

Some of the programs developed include house renting systems, Event Centres software, Doctors booking appointment systems, Bus booking system, Hotels and restaurant reservations as well as locating hospital system. This initiative was a delightful part of the ICT Department’s project to raise problem-solving leaders in all spheres of human endeavor.

While responding to the students’ presentations, Dr. Vijay encouraged the students to keep doing their best in developing programs that will help make the world a better place. “We encouraged this competition amongst the Level 200 students of Computer Science/Software Engineering to push the students beyond their comfort zones in JAVA and other essential resources such as HTML, CSS, etc to help shape the students, the perception of a creative mindset.

Overall, the project was described by the participants as a very laudable initiative, especially related to its emphasis on the efficiency of the designed systems.

By: Dr. Vijay Arputaraj
Head of Department - Computer Science
SUN Biochemistry Students Exceed Expectations at Skill and Product Development Programme

Three students of the Biochemistry Department, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) have exceeded all expectations of the Department in the recently held Skill and Product Development Program. The programme, which is part of the curriculum development of students, allowed the students to develop items used on daily basis. This activity is aimed at equipping the students with entrepreneurial attributes e.g. self-reliance, industriousness, the idea of the scope of sales of the product, income/revenue generations, etc. This will contribute to the improvement of the nation’s economy and employment statistics. Students took the challenge in the right spirit and developed three products: garment cleaning detergent, Insecticide, and body perfume.

The students involved in this project are; Ms. Zainab Musa Bello, Ms. Fatima Bashir Kibiya, and Ms. Nihat Mustapha involved in the development of the products, were supervised, by Mr. Miracle Uwa Livinus, a faculty of the Department of Biochemistry.

Mr. Miracle gave positive comments and commendation for the students’ presentations as well as their ability to demonstrate the production processes.

He expressed his appreciation for the fine details of the experiments presented by the students in terms of the outcome of their production. “I’m happy that the students were able to display their skills, explained the chemical composition of the products, its application, procedures as well as result’, he stated.

The quality of the products was preliminarily evaluated by Professor Sanjoy Kumar Pal, who is one of the key members of the University’s Skill, Entrepreneur, and Innovation Council (SEIC) of the University, as well as Dr. Susanta Pahari the HOD - Chemical Science.
Dr. Olumide Abraham Ajayi, a Lecturer I at the School of Art, Management and Social Science and current Head of Department of the General Studies Department of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) has reiterated the importance of effective security culture in combatting crime to the barest minimum in Nigerian Airports. He made this statement recently while presenting his keynote address at the National Aviation Security Week in conformity with the directives of Airport Council International (ACI) on 26th October 2021.

The event with the theme ‘Promotion of Security Culture in Nigerian Airport’ was organized at Mallam Aminu Kano Int’l Airport, Kano to promote security awareness and improve the public perception about the National Aviation Security. Dr. Ajayi who spoke extensively on the topic, “Reinvigorating Effective Security Culture at Mallam Aminu Kano Int’l Airport”, stated that security is an integral part of civil aviation operations and products offered to the public. Hence, the need for effective security culture at the Airport. He stated that this will guard against a series of threats that could cause physical, reputational, or financial damage to people and the entire country.

In his opinion, the greatest threat to Airport security is those who might breach security for personal reasons. He suggested that the Airport Security System conducts proper background checks before recruitment of operatives; employ well-trained, well-motivated professionals; create awareness on the importance of effective security culture, provide security equipment & gadgets in line with the best practice in the Aviation sector; provide a conducive working environment for employees; reward excellent performance and punish erring officials and make security the responsibility of everyone in the organization.

While stating that policy and strategy, duty assignment, assessment, decision, feedback and implementation are some of the variables of security culture review model that will increase patronage at the Airport. He added that it will, in turn, bring about the promotion of foreign direct investment, Peace of mind and genuine trust in the system, amongst others.

He applauded the Airport Council International (ACI) for organizing programmes that will benefit not only the Airport officials but the country as a whole.
Susanta Pahari, a Professor of Biochemistry at Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), stated that the Nigerian Government could take a go-getter initiative in revamping the vaccine production capacity in the Country by taking a cue from the menace of recent global pandemic of COVID-19. He made this suggestion while presenting in his keynote address at the 1st Chemistry International Conference, Workshop, and Exhibition session, organized by the Department of Chemistry, School of Science Education of the Sa’adatu Rimi College of Education, Kumbotso, Kano State, on 28th June 2021.

Prof. Susanta, while speaking on the theme of the conference, “Drug discovery as a panacea to extinguishing the pandemism and epidemic of the infectious diseases”, stated that the efficacy and safety of all genre of Traditional Medicines, needs to be tested and validated through rigorous clinical trial before it is administered to patient. He pointed out the fact that repurposing these traditional medicines as a cure for COVID-19 lacks clinical evidence.

As far as Sub-Saharan Africa, herbal remedies are often co-administered alone or combined with allopathic drugs and many of these plant-based medicines have since been informally repurposed by various users for COVID-19 prevention and symptomatic management as simple home remedies. Two other phytomedical remedies from Cameroon (Elixir COVID and Adsak COVID) have been developed from undisclosed indigenous plants that have been claimed to reverse the effect of COVID-19, clear the virus from patients’ body fluid, etc.

While stating that there are still deficiencies in the clinical research evidence on the integration of traditional medical treatment for Covid-19, mainly embodying a small sample size, absence of a control group, etc. He added that employing a standardized randomized controlled trial (RCT) will produce more convincing scientific evidence to prescribe traditional medicines in the cure for Covid-19.

Whilst speaking on the role of the government played, he applauded the Nigerian government through the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for subjecting not less than 21 herbal formulations for clinical trial and observing the outcome.
Aisha Zannah, a student in the Department of Mass Communication, Skyline University Nigeria, has wowed the audience with her creative talent at the recently held 3rd Annual Knowledge for Prevention Symposium (K4P), where she was one of the speakers for Youth Advocate. The symposium which took place on 16th November 2021, at the Marriott Kigali Hotel in Rwanda, was designed to address ongoing research and policy gaps around children’s recruitment and use in armed violence.

The symposium with the theme, ‘Intersecting Violations – Preventing Forced Child Labour and the recruitment and use as soldiers’, seeks to better understand the indicators that precede children’s recruitment and use as part of both state and non-state armed groups. Despite being a phenomenon that continues to occur in conflicts around the globe, reliable and timely information to advance prevention efforts is still lacking, whereas, new methodologies are required to enhance existing knowledge and gain a better understanding of this global issue.

While making her presentation on the theme of the event, Ms. Aisha reiterated the importance of effective security culture in combatting crime, particularly to assist youth in Northeast Nigeria who are vulnerable to the dual challenges of being targets for recruitment and stigmatized by their community for suspected affiliation with armed group. “Armed groups use and recruitment of children to act as a twofold weapon, exacting violence on the youth themselves and on the community, ethos by threatening family and community stability”, she stated.

She highlighted that the issue of children being used in armed conflict is of great concern that requires the intervention of International Corporations.

In her words, “The future is the children and coming from Nigeria, where the insurgency is affecting the future of the whole world, there is the need for countries like Nigeria, Mozambique and other countries to learn from insecurity, broaden their horizon and provide lasting solutions that will help not only Africa but the rest of the world.

It is worth noting that Aisha Zannah was the only advocate from Nigeria amongst other important dignitaries. These dignitaries include Simon Hills, Technical Specialist, International Labour Organization & Co-Chair of the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action as well as Dr. Musavengana Chibwana, Senior Child Protection Officer, African Union.
Skyline University Nigeria’s Library (SUNL) Holds International Librarian Webinar

Part of the mandate to improve digital library opportunities and awareness in the global platform, to increase consumer education around information and resources as well as to develop community partnerships, the libraries of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Skyline University College (SUC), Sharjah in Collaboration with African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AFLIA), and National Digital Library of India (NDLI) organized an International Librarians’ Webinar with the theme ‘Digital Resources Management in the 21st Century’.

The Webinar which took place on 6th July 2021 was organized to serve as a platform for Library and Information Service Professionals to learn and share insights about the industry and to contribute to the overall improvement of the usage and impact of the library system. Keynote speakers includes; Former Director of Computer Science Engineering - IIT Kharagpur, Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, the Joint Principal Investigator – NDLI, Prof. Partha Pratim Das, the Chief Strategic & Outreach Officer - NDLI, Dr. Vignesh Sornamohan and the Director of Human Capacity Development & Training; African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AFLIA), Dr. Nkem E. Osuigwe.

According to the first Keynote speakers and Principal Investigator of the NDLI, Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, who spoke on ‘Access to Knowledge Resources in the 21st Century: Vision of a Digital Library’, “the live webinar would give direct access to information resources, both digital and non-digital, in a structured and authoritative manner and thus link information technology, education and culture in contemporary library service”.

Contribution from other speakers includes Prof. Das who shared important details on the overview of NDLI and its relevance for Africa. In the same vein, Dr. Vignesh discussed how to access the resources of NDLI while Dr. Nkem redefined librarianship in Africa in line with 21st Century information sector realities, and other participants from across the globe.

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A senior year student of Mass Communication, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Ms. Aisha Zannah was nominated to participate as one of the Panel Speakers at the 25th Anniversary of the Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) Mandate. The invitation was contained in a mail signed on 4th January 2022, by Virginia Gamba, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. The mail read in part, "I would be honored if you could join us on this important occasion as a panel speaker and share your experience and work as an activist for the protection of children affected by conflict and for the promotion of girls’ education”.

Buoyed by the tradition of success in the Skyline University Nigeria, Miss Aisha has distinguished herself and featured significantly in high-level events that have continued to make the University proud. It will be recalled that she was amongst the participants honoured during the award presentation at the First Fire Summit in Kano State, in November 2020. She also participated as a speaker at the International Forum 2020, in Montréal, at Centre Mont-Royal as well as the 3rd Annual Knowledge for Prevention Symposium K4P Symposium, Rwanda in November 2021; amongst others.

The 25th Anniversary of the CAAC mandate is an opportunity to look back at the progress for children, including the more than 170,000 children released from armed forces and groups, and highlights the added value of the mandate as part of the human rights, development, and peace-building agendas. It is also an opportunity to look forward and explore ways in which the CAAC mandate could further evolve and generate more progress for the protection of boys and girls in the coming years.
Skyline University Nigeria’s Library (SUNL) Holds International Librarian Webinar

Part of the mandate to improve digital library opportunities and awareness in the global platform, to increase consumer education around information and resources as well as to develop community partnerships, the libraries of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Skyline University College (SUC), Sharjah in Collaboration with African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AFLIA), and National Digital Library of India (NDLI) organized an International Librarians’ Webinar with the theme ‘Digital Resources Management in the 21st Century’.

The Webinar which took place on 6th July 2021 was organized to serve as a platform for Library and Information Service Professionals to learn and share insights about the industry and to contribute to the overall improvement of the usage and impact of the library system. Keynote speakers includes; Former Director of Computer Science Engineering - IIT Khargpur, Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, the Joint Principal Investigator – NDLI, Prof. Partha Pratim Das, the Chief Strategic & Outreach Officer- NDLI, Dr. Vignesh Sornamohan and the Director of Human Capacity Development & Training; African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AFLIA), Dr. Nkem E. Osuigwe.

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Sun Students Showcase Academic And Research Prowess In Media Publication

Students of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) have once again come to the fore, with their latest publication in print/online media by Dailytrust and News diary. Indeed, the students like: Kamal Danladi, Maryam Mohammed Bawa, Hauwa Abba Abdullah and Nusaiba made tremendous progress in this endeavour because of the impetus given to students’ newspaper publication. This aligned with the core values of the University community of providing opportunities for students to continue bridge the gap between knowledge and skills.

This is also a showcase of the students’ prowess in the areas of writing in both newspaper and journal publications. It would be recalled that students from the Department of Information and Communication Technology, albeit for the first time, have in December 2020, published their first research journal in the Journal of Applied Sciences and Environmental Sustainability (JASES).

This development set the stage for students’ contributions in academic and research publication.

Making contributions as an author in Print/online media is, of course, a major achievement for any writer. It is especially more exciting for undergraduate students of Mass Communications to make such a giant stride. During a discussion with Mr. Aondover, Eric Msughter, a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, he stated that most of the work will be added to the students’ portfolio of works and this will be a springboard for them to build the ability to solve challenges. He added that SUN has ensured an enabling environment that has enhanced the contribution of students to article publications.
Skyline University Nigeria Urged New Students to Take Responsibility during the Fall 2021/2022 Orientation program

The Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) urged the newly admitted students of the Fall 2021/2022 academic session to take responsibility, obey the rules and regulations of the University and work on developing those skills and values that are required in the marketplace. As he puts it, “Your education has no use if you don’t have the basic knowledge and skills required to excel in society”.

He made this clear to the students that the next four to six years are in their hands and how they respond to learning and other academic-related programmes in the University, will ultimately enlist them amongst the high-fliers. “Your career progression is a function of how dedicated you are to your studies, take responsibility for your life and education”, the Vice-Chancellor stated. He ensures the students of the University’s support towards their overall welfare.

Prof. Ajith advised the new students to take SUN as their University, enjoy their life on campus and think twice before making a decision. As he puts it, every decision made must be one that will make your parents proud. “Skyline University Nigeria is an International University; be part of those that will contribute to nation-building and make this University proud”, the VC said.

Earlier, while appreciating the students for choosing Skyline University Nigeria as their choice destination, he encouraged them to not think of themselves less, stating that, if they put in their effort, the sky will be their starting point. He urged them not to bring shame to the University and their parents, rather keep on carrying the flag of the University high.

Overall, the orientation exercise gave an opportunity to the university’s staff to acquaint new students with the vision and mission of the University as well as other issues of importance that may affect their studentship in the University. The new students were engaged in the culture, expectations, and resources that Skyline University Nigeria has to offer. The orientation provided an opportunity for students to learn about what being a Skyliner is all about and gave them focus beyond the academic department or programme they are joining.
Writing Winning CVs, Launchpad to Rewarding Career – Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Professor Ajith Kumar VV, made his presentation at the Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) of the university, organized for 300 level students seeking to join the labour market has enlightened students that writing winning Curriculum Vitae (CVs), is launchpad to a rewarding career.

While making his presentation, “CV writing and interview skills”, the Vice-Chancellor stated that “As a graduate who is set to enter the job market, you don’t have to let the lack of work experience put you off in applying for a role where otherwise you meet most of their requirements. You rather have to make the most of your other qualities such as your skills, attitude, enthusiasm, and potential”. He advised the students to take advantage of their SIWES experience, voluntary or community involvement, or work placements, to highlight their suitability.

He charged the students to show resourcefulness and determination such as the ability to work in a team, having organizational or communications skills.

The Vice-Chancellor who highlighted the common interview skills, such as background research, politeness, body language, review of CV before an interview, preparation for standard questions, prepare for questions, punctuality etc. He encouraged the students to imagine the endless opportunities on offer in the workplace. He advised them to study hard and strive to emerge the best they could be in any workplace they find themselves in.

He stated that in today’s world, one couldn’t have a rewarding career without first writing a winning CV that is convincing to convene desirable personality traits. “Just writing that you are enthusiastic or motivated without given supportive details is not enough”.

Skyline University Nigeria PSDP Week For Students’ Sustainable Development

Skyline University Nigeria has organized a 5-day Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP) for students of the University. The training programme, was organized by the Students Service Department to present the next level of training for students, and keep them abreast of the latest trends of industry development, providing industry news and secrets, as well as promoting and appreciating soft skills.

The week-long training featured important contributions from facilitators of diverse fields, including Dr. Ajayi Olumide Abraham – the Head of General Studies Department, Dr. Sudha Mavuri – Dean of School of Arts & Management Studies, Ms. Sarada Maganti – Director of Academic Support Service and Mr. Adelokun Adetunji Oluwapelumi – English Communication lecturer.

The training is a mandatory bi-semester event for SUN students across all levels in order to boost their learning capacity, increase their access to information and enhance their productivity.

This will also boost their employability skills as well as their ability to be relevant and instrumental agents of change in their immediate society.
Skyline University Nigeria Highlights Academic Initiatives for 2021/2022 Session

The years so far have been a time of highlighted academic initiatives for Skyline University Nigeria. From the stage of acquiring the National Universities Commission (NUC's) provisional license in 2018 to the commencement of academic sessions and the conduct of maiden matriculation ceremony to the successful completion of the verification exercise and approval of three additional courses by the NUC. SUN entered its fourth year of academic excellence and has continued to prepare students for student-based intellectual activities and career training, which are some of the visions of the University.

During the past months, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) has witnessed many new and innovative developments. Some of these developments include the recent National Universities Commission (NUC’s) Approval to Run B.NSc Nursing Science, Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT), and B.Sc Tourism and Hospitality Management. The NUC also commenced her resource assessment of Programmes in Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS) proposed to be part of the courses run by the University.

Apart from these developments, the University has highlighted its academic initiatives into 2022. They include teaching methodologies, accreditation, research activities, Ceo/Guest lecture series, technical visits, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other universities, amongst others.

Accreditation
Skyline University Nigeria recently received members of the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the accreditation exercise of eleven academic programmes.

These programmes, including Accounting, Business Administration, Entrepreneurship Studies and Innovation, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Microbiology, Software Engineering, Economics, International Relations, and Mass Communications, are part of the courses run by the University.

Industry/Technical visits
Skyline University Nigeria understands the value of practical acquisition of knowledge. Theoretical knowledge of skill-based subjects needs to be supported by practical, the University believes that allowing students to go out on industry/technical visits will provide real-world experience and exposure to students. This is helping to explore them the additional skills that help students prepare for the challenges in the workplace. This is in a bid to develop interpersonal skills and improve students’ sense of innovation and much more and ultimately help them come up with more exciting ideas that will benefit them in the workplace environment and ultimately transform society.

MoUs with Other Universities
To encourage closer academic ties, Skyline University Nigeria has entered into an agreement of cooperation with like-minded institutions to establish programs of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit for the different institutions. This was done through the ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will serve as a general framework for cooperation and hence, facilitate discussions of more specific programs of collaboration.

By: Corporate Affairs Executive
CHANGING GEAR ACTIVITIES

A cross-section of Nigerian Tulip International College Kano posing for a group photograph after a changing-gear seminar experience.

A student speaker from Nigerian Tulip International College Kano during the changing gear workshop.

A cross-section of students of Evangel International College, Kano posing for a group photograph after a changing-gear seminar experience.

A cross-section of participants at the changing-gear workshop.

A cross-section of attendees at the Gear-changing seminar organized for the students of Zayad Academy, Kano.

The Changing-gear seminar facilitator, Mr Adetunji Adelokun making a presentation on Effective Communication Skills.
CHANGING GEAR ACTIVITIES

Group photograph featuring staff of SUN and students of French & Lebanon Schools, Kano

The Dean of the School of Arts, Management & Social Sciences delivering her keynote address

A photo session featuring NTIC students and the guest speaker

A student leading the interactive session

Students paying rapt attention to the lecture

The Director of Academic Support Services of SUN looking on
WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

One of the facilitators, Dr Isa Usman Lawal, delivering his lecture at the women empowerment program

One of the facilitators, Mr Aliyu Mohammed presenting a practical session at the women empowerment program

One of the facilitators, Mr Trimisiyu Lawal delivering his lecture at the women empowerment program

The Vice Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria, delivering his welcome speech at the women empowerment program

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) Holds Leadership Seminar for Private Pre-Varsity Schools

Group picture of attendees at the Women empowerment workshop organized by Skyline University Nigeria
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A cross-section of the organizers and attendees of the World AIDS day sensitization program

The Vice-chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria, Professor Ajith Kumar getting tested during the World AIDS day

Health and Hygiene Awareness organized by Department of Biochemistry and Geology

Staff & Students of Biochemistry & Geology Departments in a group picture with the beneficiaries of the awareness program

Staff & Students of Biochemistry & Geology Departments Led CSR Initiative to Combat Malaria Parasites

From left; The Head of the Department of Chemical Sciences, Skyline University Nigeria, Dr Susanta Pahari flanked by a beneficiary and a resource person at the malaria parasite awareness program
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Dean of the School of Arts, Management & Social Sciences, Dr. Sudha Mavuri commissioning the tree planting during the International Day of the Forest

A cross-section of Skyline University Nigeria Computer Science students during the computer science week

A cross section of participants at the Coding Challenge for pre-varsity Schools

A cross section of Biochemistry students of Skyline University Nigeria conducting free and voluntary HIV tests to commemorate the World AIDS day

The presentation of certificate of excellence to the students during the computer science week

A cross section of jubilant students at the Coding Challenge for Pre-Varsity Schools organized by Skyline University Nigeria
A student of Skyline University Nigeria handing over gifts to beneficiaries of the Ramadan food distribution program

A cross section of female final year students and the vice chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria at the dinner party

A cross section of male final year students and the vice chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria at the dinner party

A cross section of the participants at the World Cancer day awareness program

A staff of Skyline University Nigeria handing over gifts to beneficiaries of the Ramadan food distribution program

A group photograph of the facilitators at the google digital skills training
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Ahmed Mohammed, CEO/Founder of You VS You LTD in a group photograph with staff of SUN after a guest lecture presentation

Mr. Abhishek Sharma, a cybersecurity expert delivering a lecture on Internet fraud

Skyline University Nigeria organized a friendly game for students of the Music & Theatre Club, against the Arts & Photography Club

One of the facilitators at the Google digital skills training delivering his remarks

Students and staff of the School of biological sciences, Skyline University Nigeria during the World Cancer day awareness

The tug of war game between the students of the Music & Theatre Club, against the Arts & Photography Club
“Dreams Don’t Work Unless You Do” is a simple yet powerful quote by John C. Maxwell. Everyone dreams about something big, something huge, something they want to achieve in life. But have you ever asked yourself, are people achieving their dreams? Let me answer this question, only a few do achieve their dreams, while most don’t!

Most people do not achieve their dreams because they never work towards achieving them. Most people believe that thinking about a dream is enough. No!!! It’s not enough and it will never be. While some lack confidence, discipline and are not willing to learn from past mistakes. You have to take action, for it will only take you closer to your dreams. Cause the sky is your limit. Just as Dale Carnegie said, “Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy”. It’s never too late to focus on your dreams. Dream it, then make it happen and let your dream be your wings. As Walt Disney said “all our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue it”. Wake up and make your dreams come true!!!

For example, you want to become the best programmer. You cannot become the best programmer by just dreaming about it. Never!!! You have to work on that dream by learning programming languages, practising and getting experience. You have to learn lots and lots of code. Learn some techniques. Always ready to face failures because failures are steps to success. Bram Stoker said “we learn from failures not mistakes”.

Always be ready to take risk, the biggest risk is never taking any. Connect with other programmers and learn. Exercise patience and keep learning from your mistakes.

That’s your journey to you dreams, you are moving forward by taking baby-steps, and you will surely get there.

If you dream about becoming the best programmer, without making any efforts. Your dream will always be an unachievable dream because you did not work on it. Here are few tips on how to work towards achieving your dreams. First and foremost, you have to dream it, and this starts in the heart and mind. Then, believe you can achieve it. Furthermore, tell people about it, when you let people know about your dreams, it’s like you are assuring yourself you will get there. And also, plan how you want your achievement to be. Most important is to work on it and enjoy it to the fullest.

For people that do achieve their dreams, they always keep working towards it, day and night, through each and every passing seconds. The bridge between you and your dream is perseverence, dedication and patience. The journey to success has no end point.

For success is a journey not a destination.

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Thriving as a Higher Education Leader

The difficulties with higher education have infrequently been so pronounced. Institutional leadership is being tried in manners many won't ever imagine. The actual thought of who is a leader is a basic question when the administration is needed at each level and on each side of the campus. A leader might be chosen or picked for the role or may arise spontaneously during a difficult situation. Regardless, the leader focuses on purpose, pays attention to thoughts without passing judgment on their source, and shapes the plan without forcing it. The attributes of leadership incorporate integrity, consistency, clarity, boldness, and empathy.

Who is a Leader?

At the point when we consider leaders, we regularly think about those in the military, the central or state government, and business and industry. For our situation, we are focusing on Leadership in higher education. There are some significant contrasts. Leaders in the military have military objectives and devices. Their overall objective is to win or to essentially balance out a situation. Government leaders are those with a reason to exploit public opinion and uphold standards and approaches to advance a plan during their recommended term in office. Business leaders have quantifiable objectives to accomplish, frequently monetary and regularly present moment. Leaders in advanced education, then again, are liable for mission-oriented organisations whose skyline is the long haul; they are sanctioned to teach students and serve the public good. This applies to deans and department heads as well as students' presidents and vice presidents. Each leader, regardless of whether continuous in the position or picked on the spot, draw from their experiences while thinking about situations and requirements.

All experiences can be pertinent, regardless of whether from past executive activities or OBT camp, Elective clubs, or sports. These experiences become part of our "well," our memory bank, the experiences whereupon we might draw lessons as new difficulties confront us. The initial steps in practising leadership are to reflect the conditions of the circumstance and the issue to be addressed or the questions to be answered. Then, we should ask others for their understanding of the specific situation and measurements of the difficulty or question. Then, at that point, the leader should impart completely and sincerely with others about assumptions and alternative courses of action. A leader is a narrator: not a mythmaker, but a sort of singer who relates the past to the present and the present to the future, considering memory, second, and development. To do such, the leader should know the unique circumstance, the condition, and the reasonable outcomes of activities, including potentially negative results. Assumptions must be explained. Solutions are sound just to the extent that the issue or challenge is understood.
The leader additionally should have a storyteller whom individuals can come together for, execute well through a team, and, on a college campus, assist with making the environment for teaching and learning better than it has been. To do this effectively, the leader should know who they are as a teacher. The leader should tune in however be mindful so as not to believe everything; to be distrustful without being negative. No institution can be everything to all individuals. A decent way of thinking is that we can't teach everything, but we can assist students to develop the knowledge, skills, abilities, capacities, and values important to learning almost anything.

Leadership requires not only planning but also execution, with a need for effectiveness. The leader should aim for top quality corresponding to institutional mission and goals at each step. Choosing and sustaining individuals are the main elements of a leader. Realize what makes every individual "human," and something beyond a title, to cultivate cooperation and the advancement of new skills.

An essential guideline for a leader is, no surprise. This applies to one's colleagues, the personnel discussion, students' leadership, and the leading group of 'the management trustees: "no surprise." With straightforwardness, i.e., no surprise, the leader can cause the trust essential for the effective satisfaction of plans in support of the mission.

Leaders should remember that essential planning should accept each constituency on campus. It isn't finished with a small group or every other year. Strategic plans are about standards for dynamic, with an emphasis on adaptability, and needs for activity, with an emphasis on flexibility. The plan should be informed by the individuals who are on the front lines of administration to students and visitors just as by academic authorities. In committee meetings, the Leader attempted never to permit anybody to stay quiet. A leader would request remarks.
This applies to trustees just as to dignitaries or others, a leader never needed anybody to leave. This is particularly significant during telephone calls and google meetings when a couple of members can tend to dominate the discussion. Always remember the others; request their remarks. This applies to the leader also. In case experts are using language, ask what they mean, and ensure that every one of the experts have a similar meaning.

Some leaders think that it is helpful to question singular events or crises, like students’ protests, an outrage, or controversial staff votes. Some leaders would ask the senior staff and others, as suitable, "What would we be able to gain from this?" A typical question is; why do leaders fail? Leaders think the explanations behind official disappointments are identified with inhumanity toward different constituents and failing to remember that it takes a group to lead. Societies are undeniably challenging to change. In leadership view, culture and custom are the building blocks for future directions, which may indeed incorporate change. Be that as it may, change itself should never be the essential goal.

A situation in higher education concerns the meaning of efficiency. Many answer that efficiency is unimaginable: you can’t make the orchestra play quicker. However, that isn’t the end of the story. Maybe we can consider institutional efficiency identified with results, for example, graduation rates comparative with the alignment of mission, goals, resources, and results. As far as a leader can tell, there is frequently an absence of alignment among mission and goals from one viewpoint and the utilization of resources, including rewards and results.

Trustees, alumni, neighbours, administrators, investors and auditors, certifying organizations like NUC, AASCB and quality rating services, and establishments, need to know the nature of leadership practiced by the Institution. Effective Leadership moves confidence and confidence can move support.

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Lifestyle Impact On Human Health.

Movement and physical activity are the basic functions for which the human body was created. Advances in modern technology have all but eliminated the need for physical activity in daily life. Physical activity is no longer a natural part of our existence. This epidemic of physical inactivity is second greatest threat to public health and in other countries termed as sedentary death syndrome. Today we live in an automated society. Most of our activities that used to require strenuous physical exertion can be accomplished by machines with the simple pull of a handle or push of a button. If people go to a store that is only a couple of few meters away, most drive their automobiles and then spend some minutes driving around the parking lot to find a spot closer to the store entrance. The groceries do not even have to be carried out any more. The store staff will take them out into the vehicle’s trunk. During visits to advanced institution like skyline University Nigeria and multi-purpose shopping malls, nearly everyone chooses to use the escalator instead of using the stairs. Automobiles, elevators, escalators, telephone, intercoms and remote controls minimize the amount of movement and effort required of the human body.

Such lifestyle increase significant effect of chronic diseases related to lack of exercises or physical activities. These diseases include hypertension, heart disease, chronic back pain and obesity among others. The deaths recorded in developed countries are caused by cardiovascular diseases and cancer. Majority of these diseases could be prevented by adhering to a healthy lifestyle. To enjoy contemporary commodities and still expect to live life to the fullest, a personal lifetime exercise program must become a part of our daily living.

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Does staring at a computer screen harm your eyes?

Nowadays, human beings spend most of the time focusing on the computer screen because of the nature of our work or because we want to unwind. Too much of everything is terrible. But how harmful is too much screen time for our eyes? When you stare at the blue light from a computer screen, you tend to blink less, and the motion of the screen makes the eyes work harder to focus. This comes with severe consequences. Due to prolonged use, the eyes can become weary, resulting in headaches, double vision, and difficulty concentrating. When you stare at a screen, you tend to blink less, and your eyes can feel dry and irritated. This can cause loss of focus and flexibility. Excessive screen use can impair our ability to see distant objects. Screen time can help you relax, but while enjoying that exciting movie, it could be detrimental to your eye health in the long run. Blue light emitted by computers can enter the inner lining of the back of your eyes.

In addition, studies have shown blue light to harm light-sensitive cells in the retina. Excessive blue light has been shown in studies to disrupt the brain’s sleep patterns when utilized close to bedtime. This is because the brain interprets the screen light as daylight, which might cause the body’s sleep rhythm to change. There are simple things you can do to lessen your risk of damage or eye strain. The brightness of computer screens can be adjusted. If your screen is brighter than the ambient light, your eyes will have to work much harder to see. To alleviate eye strain, adjust your room lighting or screen illumination and raise the contrast on your screen. The American Ophthalmological Society suggests following the 20-20-20 rule to prevent eye strain. Every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break by staring at an item 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
This provides a pause for your eyes and helps them to refocus.

When your eyes feel dry, try using artificial tears to moisten them. Not only does screen time dry up your eyes, but so can the air conditioners in your office or home. Also, keep your screen about an arm’s length or 25 inches away from your eyes. When the screen is close to your face, your eyes have to work harder. In addition, the screen's angle should have you gazing slightly downward. Moreover, you must position the screen to avoid glare, internal light, or sunlight. A ray might aggravate the eye even more. Also, a blue light filter can help to reduce the quantity of blue light on your screen. Your eyes will feel less weary at the end of the day if you reduce the amount of light in your environment.

Computer use can significantly impact eye vision and health when wearing specially designed eyewear. Because your focus's target is a different distance away, your computer goggles may have other specifications from reading glasses. To prevent glare, anti-reflective coating and even tint lenses can be added to computer glasses. Also, get an annual eye check-up so your doctor can examine your eyes and see if any severe eye diseases are forming.

The negative consequences of excessive screen time on your eyes can be easily prevented if you take actions to alleviate your eye discomfort. Unfortunately, if you detect symptoms emerging, you are most likely not taking the necessary safeguards. Help your eyes so that they will serve you better.

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The Threat Posed by the Emerging and Re-emerging Microbial Infections in Health Care Delivery System

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), emerging infectious disease are previously identified diseases along with the newly discovered and unknown infectious agents that cause public health problems. Re-emerging infectious disease are diseases that have been known for some time but had fallen to such low levels that they were no longer considered public health problems but are now showing upward trends in incidence or prevalence worldwide. They can also be diseases that appear in areas where they were not previously found. Since early 1900, the world has been faced with a series of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. The WHO warned that infectious diseases are emerging at a rate that has not been seen before. To date, more than 40 infectious diseases have been discovered both belonging to bacteria and viruses.

These agents are now considered as the main microbiological public health threat to an effective health care delivery system. With newer technologies and people traveling more and far frequently than in the past; the danger for emerging infectious diseases to spread rapidly and because global epidemics is a major concern. The rapid spread of infectious diseases and their unpredictable consequences, in terms of human lives and economic losses, will require a change in our strategy, both at the clinical and the research level. Ultimately, the world need be ready to fight against infectious diseases affecting a huge number of people in different parts of the world. This new scenario will require rapid, inexpensive diagnostic systems, applicable anywhere in the world and preferably, without the need for specialized personnel.
In human history, numerous infectious diseases have emerged and re-emerged, causing a continuous threat to our public health systems due to limited experience in case management and lack of appropriate resources. Many of these agents are zoonotic in origin and transmitted from animals to man either directly or via vectors. The reservoirs are often infected sub-clinically or asymptptomatically. The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) that emerged in China in the year 2003, SARS-CoV-2 is considered a zoonotic, with bats suspected as the primary host species.

Control strategies include improved detection of pathogens in reservoirs, early outbreak detection, community sensitization, broad-based research to identify factors that favour re-emergence, and effective control (i.e., quarantine and improved hygiene). Food can provide a vehicle for spread of pathogens from animals to humans.

Contact with animals during farming, hunting, or by animal bites can increase transmission of diseases. Changing patterns of farming, life style, and transportation influence the dynamics of pathogen change in pathogenicity. Pathogens are subjected to changes by many intrinsic and extrinsic factors. Recent advances in molecular Microbiology techniques and Bioinformatics, have not only improved infectious disease diagnosis; but have also provided relevant data about pathogenesis and epidemiology.

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Skyline University Nigeria
Development and Validation of Contemporary Pedagogical Methods in Academia

Teaching is a psycho-social business that goes several steps beyond paper qualification and made incursions into the personal psychological dispositions in terms of behavioral antecedents and projections of the teacher. With the turn of events over the years, the trend of globalization, digital technology, and the mass quest for formal education and certification; conservative teaching, or learning process is gradually metamorphosing to modern means. The philosophy, goals, and methods of education now have to face the incredible ways through which societies, cultures, and civilizations are swooped by disruptive technology. This portends that in a few years to come, the new technology will take over the world in every aspect of human interaction.

Arguably, one of the biggest innovations of the 21st century is the dynamism of human societies. They evolve to the level of having an overbearing influence on intelligence and the success of human endeavors. The disappearance of the conventional approaches to learning is becoming impotent with the advent of knowledge explosion, artificial intelligence, technology, and other methods of scientific inquiry that are geared towards human ability.

The world has adopted new forms of creativity that often constitute the hallmark in the success of academic learning and knowledge transfer. The advancement in technology has facilitated new approaches to teaching and learning. Technology has over time improved self-reliance, socio-economic prosperity, and academic prowess that normally change educational policies worldwide.

The qualitative approach to new methods of teaching and learning have created a knowledge-based system of education with result impendent in technological driven institutions like Skyline University Nigeria. All over the world, the arguments on the cognitive, and most importantly effective and psychomotor domains are gradually taking new shape in defining epistemology (Knowledge) about the modernization approaches of teaching and learning process. Interestingly, Skyline University Nigeria is spotlighting new ways of pedagogical roadmaps in terms of teaching and learning processes like cooperative learning and scaffolding. This method is the highest level of instruction, the steps in this process are relative to interactive support for students who are already in the process to learn and participate meaningfully to gain skills and learn more beyond the initial level of scaffolding, with the leverages to their unassisted abilities.
The modeling method facilitates the application of relevant methods of modeling for adequate skills and proper adaptation of new methods of inquiry and other behavior of a skilled model that are used to imitate observational ways of learning. This idea originated from observations and learning that is based on values and social-cognition.

The inquiry or discovery method is another method of teaching and learning whereby students are allowed to discover and find out things themselves without major interference from the instructor. Here, students’ ability and curiosity to learn and acquire new things lend them such innovations. This method provides meaningful learning skills to students compared to other methods of teaching and learning. This method is deeply rooted in the heuristic way of teaching activity and problem-solving with some major ingredients of modern scientific methods.

Similarly, in the situation-based method, thinking ability and decision-making are required by students. Here, teaching is handled as a social process, through which knowledge is rooted deeply into a student by a teacher. Knowledge must be contextual and can be applied to situations that warrants the learner to learn from a particular social environment. By applying situation-based learning techniques, the teacher makes use of some of the best strategies that facilitate an effective learning process.

Similarly, the problem-based learning method is another modern approach of learning that relies on identifying a particular problem that can be called pseudo-problems (after all each difficulty is a problem) nor the tasks that do not require a creative method of asking questions or answers to such issues which can be found in a course-book by formulated questions.

In this method, the teacher seems to be the only one in the class to solve a particular problem, while students are accustomed to participation in the lesson.

Furthermore, the computer assisted instruction method is a based-learning process whereby a computer is used to present the instructional material and at the same time monitor the learning that takes place. It is also known as Computer Assisted Learning (CAL), Computer Based Education (CBE), and Computer Based Training (CBT). CBT allows students to involve directly in the process of acquiring new skills and methods of learning. In the CAI learning procedure, a combination of text, graphics, sound, and video is normally encouraged in the learning process. In the case of distance learning situations, it also closes the gap for proper knowledge delivery.

“Skyline University Nigeria is spotlighting new ways of pedagogical roadmaps in terms of teaching and learning processes”
Another important method is the Provocative Operation (PO), which is the conventional method that provides an avenue for brainstorming that can absurd the non-nonsensical solution to a problem that is under consideration through a critical thinking. The provocation process is a unique way of disrupting established patterns of thinking and giving students new places to start generating new ideas on a subject matter. The brainstorming process is at the point where relevant ideas are produced. The level at which such ideas are produced must gear towards problem-solving with the hope that it might hit the target students that are within this category of the brainstorming process. The main aim is not just to brainstorm only but to literally be around the subject that may come to mind through the listing and later screening of the ideas. To this end, the preceding teaching methods examined are found to be scientifically proven by a growing body of literature.

The identified teaching methods in this context are apt for the strengthening of methodological and theoretical approaches in the pedagogical styles of knowledge inquiry. As such, there is nothing more alluring in the teaching-learning process than teacher personality and the adaptability of different teaching methods. Thus, for any teaching method to be effective, the teacher should be able to maintain a strong interpersonal relationship with the learners.

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Integration of management information system in Educational system in Nigeria

A management information system (MIS) is a data framework, utilized for independent direction, and for the coordination, control, investigation, and perception of data in an association and showcasing. The investigation of the administration data frameworks affects individuals, cycles and innovation in a hierarchical setting. MIS assist educational institutions in tracking all the students in a school. This system depends on information like the location, date of birth, contact subtleties and other basic information that a school should have.

MIS gives very valuable data and information for schools. Consider the potential outcomes presented by programming that could end up being useful to the school. The following are essential aspects of the MIS:

Integration - MIS unites assessments as a whole. Attendance, conduct, understudies, and staff into one framework. It's gives a strong set-up of instinctive devices that will empower individuals to effectively oversee and examine it to recognize patterns that will illuminate school methodologies for change and improvement.

Finance – It is a cloud-based, simple to use monetary administration framework for controlling school funds and planning. Finance is great for school business chiefs, senior pioneers, lead representatives, school finance officials and executives who require a strong yet simple to-utilize monetary administration framework.

Accounts – This is a double-entry finance framework intended for foundations and complex schools. It permits you to effortlessly assemble significant statistical data points, and disseminate them to lead representatives and legal administrators in adaptable and easy to understand designs.
Driving School Improvement - Dynamic detailing, graphing and following apparatuses found inside our school the board arrangements provide school managements with an ongoing perspective on all that is going on in the school. They can rapidly investigate the advancement of individual understudies, gatherings, classes or year gatherings to assist them with reinforcing the methodologies for change and improvement. It will also empower them to distinguish and recognize extraordinary instructional methods so that best practice can be shared across the school. Improving Parental Engagement - Guardians must feel that they are essential to the school and the educational development of their wards. This system will enable schools to convey information speedily and successfully to guardians in order to keep them abreast of the educational development of their wards.

Teaching and Learning - By having every one of your information in one spot, schools’ executive data frameworks empower individuals to rapidly see the relevant information about every student. Thus permitting them, to get a comprehensive perspective on how every student. MIS is considered to be a coordinated client machine framework that gives data to help integrated activities to attain the organisational strategic goal and objectives. The ease of follow up and analyses of resource distribution and uses is one of the reasons for any top-level administration of MIS in educational institutions.

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Get Off Your Butt: The Surprising Health Benefits of Walking

Many people are spending more time than ever sitting down, whether it is in their cars, at their desks, or on the couch watching TV. If you want to improve your health and lifespan, spending less time sitting and more time walking can go a long way towards helping you do so. Here are seven surprising benefits of walking that will help motivate you to get off your butt and into the world around you!

Walking is a form of cardiovascular exercise, which increases blood flow and oxygen circulation to all parts of your body. Research shows that walking has positive effects on brain function in seniors and also improves memory, reasoning skills and information processing. Moderate aerobic activity such as walking can also help you manage your weight by burning more calories than you consume! All that said, it is worth noting that studies are often skewed because people who walk tend to be healthier overall; so it is hard to distinguish how much walking is contributing to longer life spans and how much better-than-average health people who walk are likely to enjoy regardless.

It's not uncommon to go for days, weeks or even months without taking a single step. When you're tired, grumpy and stressed out, hitting the road is one of those things that just doesn't seem possible (much less fun). But by getting off your butt and going for a walk—even when you don't want to—you can increase your lifespan significantly. In fact, people who were physically active every day had a 30 percent lower risk of premature death compared with those who were only active once in a while or not at all. That number jumps to 50 percent for people over 65 years old. So find yourself some comfortable shoes and get moving today!

There are many ways to walk around and get exercise. You can walk to school, from home to your job, or just around your neighborhood. Another option is to go on a walking tour of your town. This will give you an opportunity to see things you may have never seen before, while also exercising at the same time. Many tourist offices offer guided walking tours which allow you and other tourists to explore new places while getting a little bit of exercise in as well. If you're more adventurous you could always look into hiking trails that are located near where you live and create excursions there on weekends. In addition to scenic walks, hiking can be quite strenuous so it might be better for those who already have some experience with exercising regularly.

To start walking, all you need is a pair of comfortable shoes and something to keep your keys and phone secure. When choosing shoes, think about what kind of terrain you'll be on, your foot shape and size, whether or not you plan to walk often (if so, you may want a shoe that provides more support), and how long you plan to walk for.
If your route will be mostly level and/or on streets with sidewalks but no bike lanes, any basic sneaker should do. But if it includes uneven ground like grass or gravel paths or extends into areas with heavy traffic—like bike trails—choose a more supportive shoe.

If you want to get fit, walk. That’s it. You are not going to be able to start an intense running program or even a CrossFit routine unless you build up your endurance and strength, so why not just walk? Set aside time every day and just go for a stroll around your neighborhood or along a path in a nearby park. Even walking at slow speeds can help you shed pounds—if you do it every day. If you really want to take weight loss up a notch, walk through pain during obstacle courses with exercises like jumping over cones and crawling under ropes, which also help strengthen your body for future physical challenges.

Stretching yourself is sometimes referred to as deliberate practice, and it’s a strategy that can help anyone, at any skill level, make rapid progress in their chosen field. How do you do it? Take on a challenge that’s well beyond your current abilities, focus intensely, and regularly measure how you’re doing. Once you’re comfortable, set another goal that stretches you even further.

As soon as you meet one challenge -- I’ll run faster! I’ll learn guitar! -- set another one. There are no limits to what we can accomplish if we only try hard enough; stretching yourself will take your performance to new heights and help keep your skills sharp for years to come.

Statistics show that Americans spend a little over 2 hours sitting in front of a screen, be it a TV or a computer, every day. That’s 14 hours per week for most people—almost half their waking hours! Our bodies weren’t designed to sit for long periods and there are plenty of negative side effects as a result (including increased body fat and an increased risk for heart disease). As much as possible, it’s important to counter these effects by getting up and walking around regularly. Walking is excellent exercise and provides multiple health benefits.

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“Life is temporary. If things are going well enjoy them, It won’t last forever. If things are going wrong do not bother. Because it won’t last forever either. Friendship is like a book. It takes years to write them, But it takes few seconds to burn it. Old friends are gold, new friends are diamonds. Don’t forget the gold to hold a diamond, You will always need a base of gold. Often we lose hope and think this is the end, The Almighty smiles from above and says, Relax; it’s just a bend not the end.”

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When I was younger, I used to think that feeling lost was something to be ashamed for. But now I realized it is a normal course of life, because life is not a straight line that goes from A to B, but circles, zig-zag and waves, highs and lows, ups and downs. It is a journey of creation. We paint it with a set of colors and then re-stroke it with another.

So, in life feeling lost is normal and no matter how good the feeling you have and the kind of people we have around us, one realizes that we are all just figuring it out as we go. In the business world, business owners are constantly trying to figure out their customer. Couples are also trying everything possible in their relationships to ensure that they have a great happy-ever-after. New parents are also constantly trying to figure out how to maneuver their way through parenthood.

I think we ought not to make people feel guilty when they go through difficult times. Because nothing good comes on a platter and there is no life without suffering. Truth is that you don’t have to wait till everything is okay before you live a good life. Life is about experiences and what we make out of them. Feeling lost can also be a sign of growth. It means that things you once valued are no longer the things that matter to you today.

Life is a panorama of experiences. Sometimes you get what you don’t deserve and more often than not you don’t deserve what you get. The past and the present can be tense but the future is always perfect.

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Skyline University Nigeria Suggests Investment in Education through ACCA and CTH short courses

The Director of Academic Support Service in Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Ms. Sarada Maganti, speaking during the university’s maiden orientation for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) courses, suggested that Government and Private sector in Nigeria and Africa should invest in education as a solution to the problems of high unprofessionalism and unproductivity in the workplace environment. She made this suggestion on Friday, 28th May 2021. The ACCA programme in Skyline University Nigeria is under the purview of the Centre for Continuous Learning (CCL), geared at providing short professional courses to the people of Kano and Nigeria in general.

The maiden orientation for the ACCA Courses was organized to help participants discover a world of opportunities when they study with ACCA in the university. “When you take ACCA in SUN, you open the door to the best and most interesting roles all over the world as well as become one of the sought-after finance professionals”, Ms. Maganti added.

In the same vein, Skyline University Nigeria also organized an orientation for the launch of the Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality (CTH) as a Short Course to be taught in the University’s Centre for Continuing Learning Department. This is in line with its mission to train new and existing industry professionals in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry. The CTH is a United Kingdom leading professional certificate awarding body for CTH qualifications.

The SUN CTH centre is focused on Hospitality, Culinary and Tourism. It will encourage efficient teaching methodologies that provide an effective academic progression route. It will also enable participants to develop relevant skills applicable in the workplace. Furthermore, to enhance the learning experience of the cohorts, there are other packages like; the CTH Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism.

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CCL Executive
Students of Skyline University Nigeria wowed the audience with their creative performance at the ‘Humorous and Table topic Speech Contest’ of the SUN Toastmasters Club. Each year, as the tradition of the Toastmasters International, thousands of Toastmasters compete in the Humorous, Evaluation, Tall Tales, Table Topics, and International speech contests. The ‘Humorous and Table topic Speech Contest’ was held virtually on 14th September 2021 as part of the toastmaster’s tradition to expose the talents already within the students.

The contestants include Toastmaster (TM) Mahmoud El-Yakub, TM Aisha Habib, TM Fatima Yusuf, TM Mohammad Ahmed, TM Nihat Mustapha, TM Maryam Bawa and TM Aisha Zannah. The students were evaluated by other members of division E, district 94 Toastmasters International, who acted in the capacity of judges. The panel of judges comprised the Area 14 Director (Chief Judge), Mr. Bazallahi Muhammed, and the President, Emerald Toastmasters Club (Contest Chair), Mr. Alhassan Mohammad, who challenged the students on the depth of their capacity. The competing students worked hard to make presentations geared towards improving human lives through innovative and creative ideas. The criticism by the judges and the support from peers motivated the students to bring their best to the table.

For the Humorous speech contest, Mahmud El-Yakub took 1st place, Nihat Mustapha with 2nd Place and Muhammad Ahmad with 3rd place. For the Table topics-speech Contest Fatima Zannah Mustapha took 1st Place, while Fatima Yusuf Muhammad took 2nd.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Mr. Abdussamad Gobir, the President of the Gemstone Toastmaster club (Kaduna) welcomed and appreciated the students and judges for making themselves available for the event and commended their commitment to the event’s success. He congratulated all the participating students and advised them to put their best foot forward and focus on their ideas as this would enable them to go beyond their presentations. Also present at the event were other members of the SUN Toastmasters Club, members of faculty and staff of the university.
Vice-Chancellor Calls For Greater Participation of Students in SUN Toastmasters Club

The Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), Professor Ajith Kumar has called for greater participation of students in the activities of the university’s Toast Masters Club, as this would allow students to build skills they need to become more confident public speakers and better leaders in every spare of life. He made this call on during a courtesy call by the executives of the Toast Masters Club. The executives were led by the Divisional Director, Ms. Omei Bongos - Ikwue.

Having in mind, the many benefits that the Toast Masters Club brings, Prof. Ajith stated that a club is a place where students go to become part of something bigger. He added that though the university’s toastmasters club is just starting, a lot of changes are already being noticed amongst the students who are members of the club. “We are beginning to notice a higher level of skill and self-confidence as well as a spark of new learning and leadership opportunities available through the club”.

Ms. Omei Bongos – Ikwue who led other executives of the Toastmasters Club to the university, was pleased with the reception received from the university management. While making a speech, she stated mentioned other prospects availed for members after joining the club. She extended heartfelt gratitude to the university management for being open and recognizing the benefits of the Toastmasters Clubs in Skyline University Nigeria, whose benefits she stated, extends beyond club activities to become champions in public speaking.

The SUN Toastmasters Club was launched along with other clubs in the university, such as Music & Theatre, Arts & Photography as the latest additions to SUN Students’ Clubs. The SUN students’ club is managed by the Students’ Service Department (SSD). All clubs in SUN are listed in the SSD department, which maintains a directory of clubs officially sponsored by the University. Students are welcomed regardless of their major, gender, sexuality, race or religion.

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SUN Music & Dance Club Awards Finalist of the 2021 Students Talent Hunt Competition

Organizers of the '2021 Talent Hunt Competition' have reportedly awarded students' creativity and performance in poetry, music and dance, where five Finalists have emerged victorious. The competition which was organized by the University's Student Service Department, in collaboration with the Music & Dance Club of the University, explored other aspects of creativity of the students who participated.

Students competitions are increasingly used to measure quality and social interactions amongst students in Skyline University Nigeria. The talent hunt competition which was held at the University's campus promoted creativity amongst the students as well as provided the opportunity for them to cool off after a strict class schedule. It as well gave room for the students to socialize with friends in the events that interest them in the university.

Nihat Mustapha emerged first place in poetry, while Aisha Kabir came second. Falmata Moussa Waziri emerged first place in Singing, while Ramlat Umar Aba emerged second place. In the areas of dancing, Mohammad Ahmed Abubakar emerged first place while Marwan Aliyu came second. The finalists were assessed based on creativity, originality, composition, and excellence, and how well they were able to touch base with their audience.

Earlier, while commenting on the talent hunt competition, Dr. Olumide Ajayi, the Head of General Studies Department and Convener of the Music & Dance Club, stated that the objectives of the event were to produce the best students and to encourage other students to socialize better. "SUN is not concerned only with your academics. We are concerned about your extracurricular activities as well."

The award for the 2021 students talent hunt competition was presented by the University’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajith Kumar V.V, who appreciated the students' participation as they turn up in large numbers. He stated that the University will be having many more such activities. He encouraged the students to be happy and enjoy their life and studies.
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Igbo Culture

Fulani Culture

Arabian Culture

Yoruba Culture
MOU SIGNINGS

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) Signs MOU with Audu Bako College of Agriculture, Danbatta

The Management Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) and Audu Bako College of Agriculture, Danbatta (ABCOAD), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU signing which took effect on 24th August 2021, will enhance Academic Collaborations in research and teaching services between educators and students of both institutions.

Cooperation between SUN and ABCOAD will be in the areas of the undergraduate School of Arts, Management and Social Sciences (SAMSS) and the Undergraduate School of Science & Information Technology (SSIT), Student Exchange Program from the First semester to 2 years on transfer of credit option.

Mal. Rabi'U Ado Musa, acting on behalf of the College Provost, Prof. M.A Wailare at the MoU signing, expressed his joy over all the areas covered in the MoU “We are ready to put into action the agreement as stated in the official document of this MoU, particularly in research collaboration”, he stated. Dr. Rabi'U thanked the management of SUN for the books donated to ABCOAD in the past.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria, Prof. Ajith Kumar V.V stated that the MoU will mutually benefit both institutions. Skyline University Nigeria, he added, had played a credible role in students' development through MoUs with Institutions and professional bodies alike.

Thus, positioning them to operate at a higher level of professionalism that will seamlessly prepare the students of the University for the labour market.

The MoU signing was witnessed by other members of Management of both institutions. The Management of ABCOAD present includes the Registrar, Barr. A. A. Hassan, the Chairman ASUP ABCOAD, Dr. Auwalu Abdullahi, the Director of Affiliation and Linkages, Mustapha Muktar, the College Librarian, Musa Mohammed, the General Secretary ASUP, Musa Garba, the Vice-Chairman ASUP, Shamsudeen Murtala Faruq, the Treasurer ASUP, Umar Mohammad Rabiu. Members of SUN present include the Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, the Head of Corporate Affairs Department, Engr. Bashir Garba and the University’s Assistant Librarian, Musa Mohammad.
Skyline University Nigeria Signs MoU with Chandigarh University, India.

To encourage closer academic ties, Skyline University Nigeria and Chandigarh University entered into an agreement of cooperation to establish programs of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions. This agreement was ratified in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the two universities and facilitate discussions of more specific programs of collaboration.

According to the MoU, the two universities agree: To explore opportunities for students such as Short term/Long term mobility such as summer schools, semester abroad, articulation and exchange; Progression for students into Master’s or Doctorate Programs; To identify opportunities for exchange of faculty, research staff and administration staff; Joint Workshops, Conference and Co-publishing; Cultural Exchange; To identify other areas of possible interest and collaboration, amongst others.

The MoU signing was held virtually and coordinated by the Corporate Affairs Department of the University. In correspondence with the Head of Corporate Affairs, Engr. Bashir Garba, “It is a central part of the MoU to benefit the many mutual stakeholders of Chandigarh University, India and Skyline University Nigeria”. Engr. Bashir stated.

Skyline University Nigeria is the first international private tertiary institution in Kano, the largest and most industrialized state in northern Nigeria, anchored on a tripod — knowledge, skills and value-based education. SUN is indeed a multi-cultural environment where staff and students from different parts of the world come together for a common goal of making it a multi-disciplinary teaching and research institution.

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Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) and Kano University of Science and Technology (KUST) Wudil, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Research, Library corporation and Sports. The MOU signing which was conducted virtually on 7th June 2021 would improve academic corporation between both institutions of higher learning and establish friendship amongst stakeholders of both parties.

Speaking during the MoU signing, the Vice-Chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria, Professor Ajith Kumar V.V, expressed his joy over all the areas covered in the MoU. In his words, “This is the first step of a long term friendship with KUST to join forces for a greater academic experience, greater research projects, and an open opportunity for both universities to explore education”. He added that SUN has already put in place plans to commence courses in Engineering in which the university would require greater support from KUST.

In his remarks, the KUST Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) Academics, Prof. Aminu Umar Fagge, speaking on behalf of the KUST Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shehu Alhaji Musa, stated that the areas of collaborations are important issues to be considered in Mou’s.

He appreciated the management of SUN for bringing the MoU to the doorstep of KUST and following through to see that the MoU signing comes to reality. On behalf of the KUST Management, he promised to pay a visit to the SUN campus in due time.

Management of Skyline University Nigeria who joined virtually were the University Registrar, Mr. Haruna Aliyu, the Head Librarian, Mr. Kabiru Danladi Garba, the Head of Corporate Affairs Department, Engr. Bashir Garba, the Head of Sports, Mr. Musa Mohammad amongst others.

Other Management of KUST present include the University Bursar, Hajia Balkaraba Tijjani University Librarian, Dr. Abdulrahimi Dawakin Kudu, Director of Sports, Dr. M.M Lawan, Director of Management Information System (MIS), Dr. Alhassan and the Director of Linkages and Affiliations, Associate Professor Engr. Dr. Salisu Mohammed Lawan.

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Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International University and Colleges (NICC), Malaysia. The MoU will bring wider opportunities to students and staff of both institutions and exemplifies SUN’s commitment to academic collaboration not only within Nigeria but globally. The MoU signing was organized virtually on the 10th day of October 2021.

MoUs are part of Skyline University Nigeria’s drive at ensuring that teaching and research outcomes from the University become one of the many focused areas for transferring the necessary skills to the students of the university community. Over the years, SUN has embarked on many MoU signing with other universities and institutions of higher learning within the country and in the global village, the latest being INTI.

The vice-chancellor of Skyline University Nigeria, Professor Ajith Kumar V.V. was represented by the Head of Corporate Affairs, Engr. Bashir Garba at the signing ceremony. While speaking at the signing ceremony, Engr. Bashir stated that having been in the education industry for some time, he has seen how academic collaborations can transform positively the lives of the students who make up the university.

He expressed his delight about the MoU signing and how its impact would go a long way to positively influence the students of the university.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of INTI, Dr. Joseph Lee, who was also represented by Ms. Junkai Ma, commended the leadership of Skyline University Nigeria for delivering on its mandate to drive research output in the University through collaborations. He expressed his pleasure on the MoU signing. She charged the team to work at ensuring that the MoU was productive to the full extent possible.

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INDUSTRY VISITS

‘Wakilin Mutanen China’, Mr. Mike Zhang of Kano State, accompanied by the Adviser to the Ambassador of the Chinese Embassy, paid a courtesy visit to SUN

100 level students of International Relations and Mass Communication on an industrial visit to the Gidan Makama Museum, Kano State

Executives of the Art and photography club during the club’s visit to Kano museum

Management of SUN, led by the University’s Vice-Chancellor, has paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Airforce 403 Flying Training School, Kano.

Members of the National Universities Commission paid a resource verification visit to Skyline University Nigeria

Skyline University Nigeria Vice chancellor and his team on a courtesy visit to the Bank of Agriculture for SIWES inspection
INDUSTRY VISITS

Skyline University Nigeria (SUN), students of the Microbiology Department paid a technical visit to UMC Zhamir Hospital

Skyline University Nigeria hosted key officers of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Kano Area Office

Skyline University Nigeria Pro-chancellor in a robust discussion with the Ambassador of UAE to Nigeria

Skyline University Nigeria Pro-chancellor visits the Ambassador of UAE to Nigeria

Skyline University Nigeria vice chancellor interacting with one of the SIWES students in the Bank of Agriculture

Skyline University Nigeria Students visit Fortune Rice Mills, Kano
INDUSTRY VISITS

Students of Accounting & Management Department of Skyline University Nigeria paid a technical visit to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Kano

Team of supervisors from SUN paid a supervisory visit to students currently undergoing internship training in Northern Nigerian Flour Mill

The Management of Kano Electrical Distribution Company, during a courtesy visit to Skyline University Nigeria

Students of Accounting, Business Administration and Entrepreneurship Department of SUN paid a technical visit to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Kano office

The vice chancellor flanked by two of the SUN SIWES students in the Bank of Agriculture

The management team of SUN led by the Vice-Chancellor, paid a familiarization visit to the management of Bayero University Kano (BUK)
Apart from skills and experiences, students' academic performance is one of the factors considered by employers in hiring staff for their respective organizations. The staff will be responsible for the organization's development and overall growth. Students have to put in much effort in their studies to obtain good grades and prepare themselves for future opportunities in the workplace environment. But there are certain common problems affecting students' academic performance. Five of these problems includes:

- Feeling overwhelmed
- Having Poor Sleep Habits
- Skipping Classes
- Unable to balance social and academic life
- Procrastination

University can make you feel overwhelmed with the requirements of life (Friends, daily pressure of campus life, texting and talking as well as socializing). You should not let this go for long. Consider talking to someone, seeking advice from a professional to help you organize, prioritize and manage the pressure being placed on you.

You can become ineffective in your work in school as an undergraduate student because of poor sleeping habits. The effect of sleep deprivation on your health can challenge your current study as well as your physical and mental health.

The temptation to skip classes may be high at times, but when you do this, you will likely spend your money gathering information given during class times and you will not receive the benefit of the instruction as well as information regarding grading, future assignments, and opportunities outside the classroom. you may also be failing to spend time with professors and classmates who may, upon graduation, become part of a valuable network.

While college promotes both social as well as academic experience, these must be balanced to maximize success in both areas. Procrastinating may have been an acceptable exercise in Secondary/High school but will likely become a challenge in the university.

When we do not get to know and spend time with classmates, professors, and other academic advisors, we lack support and a place to go for ideas and answers when a problem does arise.
Breaking Free of the Comfort Zone Experience

The comfort zone experience indeed puts us in that comfortable position in which our ability and determination are not being tested. The more we feed our comfort zone, the more we starve ourselves of creativity, innovation, and progress. But, we can break free, and start to make changes to our daily routine, learn something new, face our fears, and up our game.

If you look back into the past years and all you see are things you could have done differently, like having that bachelor in IT/Communications or learning new skills in Content Marketing, Graphic Design, Entrepreneurship, etc. that could have moved your life ahead or required for that promotion, then you are in a place where your ability or determination is not being tested. That is a comfort zone experience.

While most people don’t realize that they are in their comfort zone, they sit down and sleepover those ideas they never achieved or are afraid of making a move for. In the university, for example, students make excuses about poor grades in their semester’s exams or failure in university’s courses, while other people are moving around making first class and second class grades.

While most people are comfortable with what they already know, they rob themselves of the opportunity to meet new people, people that could take them to a new level in their different courses, career, or that could connect them to new opportunities. The comfort zone, therefore, can cost you new skills and knowledge; rob you of your purpose and passion, and finally of your growth.

What you need to break free of the comfort zone experience:
• First, you may need to recognize your position. What have you been doing lately to better your position in the university’s courses, job, career, or that person you want to become. It’s time to pick be focused, show some determination, and delegate some time a day doing something about it.
• Second, try new things and be consistent with them. For example, you want to be a Graphics Designer; what kind of designs do you want to specialize in? What do you need to start doing now? Any IT subjects in particular? If you had started before, why did you give up? Did you ask for help from a professional? Unless we answer these questions, we will be jumping from one thing to another.
• Third, you must not accept excuses. People who make excuses are those who allow fear to drown their capability. That you are not there yet doesn’t mean you’ll never get there. Fail, but try again and keep working harder.
• Finally, have a personal goal and development plan and stay committed to it. No procrastination on that big idea, just DO it!

By: Nazim Islam
Busting the Myths About Students Entrepreneurship

Most students are often made to believe that entrepreneurs are born and not made, or that universities drop out make better entrepreneurs. This is widely because the term entrepreneurship has been associated with tech giants like Bill Gates, Oprah Winfrey, Elon Musk, amongst other successful business people who have been listed as college dropouts.

Such beliefs have continued to work against many University students and graduates in Africa who could have managed to work out their own start-ups instead of looking for jobs, people who could be taking on financial risks in the hope to make a profit. People who could identify a problem and solve the problem with a business idea, test the idea and reach financial stability.

In universities, entrepreneurship is thought of as the activity involved in setting up a business, while taking on financial risks in the hope to make a profit. As a students entrepreneur, in addition to developing a mindset of innovation and financial risk-taking initiatives, students are advised to look out for qualified lecturers and trainers who are motivated to work with them on projects that are likely to transform their ideas into start-ups.

In order to succeed as a students entrepreneur, there is a need to join a university that transcends quality teaching and awarding of degrees and certificates not only in academics but in creativity, ideas building, and initiative development. For students entrepreneurs to flourish, therefore, universities should be ready to support students turn their ideas into physical products and services.

By: SSD Executive
Career Building Tools for Graduate Success

It's a common trait that when you hang out with people long enough, you tend to become like them. Therefore, if you continue to hang out with smart people, who make important decisions, it will ultimately affect your decisions and eventually, you'll start acting smart too. On the university campus, it is important to interact with other students and staff to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts. Here are three tips to guide you.

Use Your Campus Routine to Build Connection
One of the most valuable assets when it comes to building professional contact and connections is in the level of students' engagement with professors and classmates. Professors, for example, may offer valuable industry insight and advice to students who may land a good job tomorrow. Such students who in turn may share professors with links of job openings for promising students who could take up the role. By engaging with your professors and students alike, it keeps your name in the back of their minds when these questions arise.

Be Involved in Campus Activities
People usually ignore the importance of getting involved with on-campus activities, particularly how it relates to making valuable contact. Getting involved in campus activities such as students clubs, signing up for a campus blog/newsletter, or even volunteering in library services is a sure way to make new friends and perhaps beef up your network. It also helps you to connect with other students, Guest speakers, mentors and advisers.

Your Campus has a Students' Centre, Take Advantage of it
Universities career centers can become an interesting place to connect with fellow students. Typically you will find open internships opportunity, learn about upcoming volunteer jobs, get free career advice, get a tip on how to build an online presence/network etc. Company representatives usually have a relationship with the career center officer, in some cases, through the Corporate Affairs office or students services. You can get to know them, have conversations, share your career visions and receive free consulting about what is trending in the industry.

Finally, it's imperative to note that making connections with students and professors alike will need to be maintained. When you meet some people for the first time, it's important to develop that connection. A simple email will indicate that you value the time spent talking with them. This will show that you value the conversations.

By: Unique Abade Christian
Essential Skills and Competencies for Workplace, a Must-Have for Students of Skyline University Nigeria

Since its inception in 2018, Skyline University Nigeria (SUN) has continued its impressive run for academic excellence, providing a technologically enabled platform for students to excel in knowledge, skills, and entrepreneurship. As one of the reputable private universities in Nigeria, the University’s continued upward trajectory in the overall development of the student is well encouraged by the students’ compliance to international best practices and performance in both academics and skills development.

It is no news that the world outside school presents a different ballgame than within the four walls of the university system. Hence, the need for the right kind of skills that shows what an outstanding return on investment the university provides for the students, to help them succeed. Here are some essential on-campus opportunities that would boost skills and competencies for the workplace, a must-have for students of the university. Think of them as your passport to career success.

Students Organization
On-campus students’ organization is a great platform that allows students to take on responsibilities and solve challenges, to make a difference in the university community as well as provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be a good leader. You can join a campus club where you can have fun and develop leadership and teamwork experience along the way. Students organizations bring together students with a common interest in anything from sustainability to investment banking.

Internship Opportunities
There are tons of internship activities that work with students’ schedules to get some on-the-job training. Internships allow you to work within the university campus for a limited amount of time, from a week to a semester. These can be paid or unpaid and allow interns to learn more about a field of interest while completing tasks or projects alongside full-time employees.

Leadership training
You can also take leadership training through leadership workshops occasionally held within the university and gain crucial skills like communication and teamwork. Leadership training can happen informally through your involvement with campus organizations, and many colleges have dedicated leadership centres to train and mentor students. Undergraduates at SUN can work with the Students Service or the Corporate Affairs Department to seek opportunities on campus and beyond.

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BOOTCAMP TO DUBAI

Skyline University Nigeria arrive Dubai with optimism and aspirations to learn about the cultural diversity in the United Arab Emirates

Skyline University Nigeria students pose for a group photograph with the hosts of the bootcamp

The Director of Academic Support Services of Skyline University Nigeria, Mrs Sarada Maganti being welcomed and presented a welcome bouquet

Skyline University Nigeria contingents posing for a group photograph after a great experience in Dubai

Skyline University Nigeria contingents listening attentively during one of the seminars at the bootcamp

A group photograph featuring the Director of Academic Support Services, Skyline University Nigeria, Staff of Skyline University College and students of Skyline University Nigeria
Skyline believes in reinforcing student’s knowledge, skills and competencies with professional certification programs that help students to add value to their degree certificates to reach out to organizations and enterprises with confidence to emerge as thinkers, performers and contributors at every stage of organizational and national growth.
I have been in skyline since 2019 to 2023. During my stay in the university I learned so many things, like discipline, time management, patience, and how to interact with people. The teachers have been amazing people to work with all these years. They all are calm, dignified, and collected individuals with remarkable sense of work ethics as well as strong sense of professionalism.

Zara Tijani Adam
Senior Year Philosophy Student

Skyline University is a great school with amazing lecturers, conducive learning environment and learning materials with the main aim of bringing out the best in every student. I enjoyed my stay in this great citadel of higher learning.

Usman Yussuf Sabo
Senior Year Computer Science Student

I have had a great academic experience in this university. The professors are very knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects, and the curriculum is well designed. Additionally, the campus is beautiful and there are many opportunities for extracurricular involvement. I would highly recommend this university to anyone looking for a top-notch education.

Aisha Tijani Garo
Senior Year Political Science Student

If you were to ask me when I was younger if I could see myself talking at my graduation, I'd say no. This school has done many great things for me, even if I didn't think so at the time, because at the end of the day it was their help and my acceptance of that help which truly made it possible for me to be here today receiving my diploma.

Aisha Zainab Mustapha
Senior Year Computer Science Student

As a student in Skyline University Nigeria, I have experienced many things. One of the most important things that I have learned is how to manage my time. Managing my time has been essential because there are always so many things to do and not enough time to do them. Another thing that I have learned is how to be independent.

Aisha Mustapha Nasidi
Senior Year Business Administration Student

As a student at Skyline University Nigeria, I have had many different experiences. I have learned about new subjects, made new friends, and developed my skills. One of the most important things that I have learned is how to manage my time. This has been critical in allowing me to balance schoolwork with other activities.

Nnenna Abba Sabo
Senior Year Microbiology Student
One of the best things about attending Skyline University Nigeria is being able to learn about new subjects. The variety of courses allowed me to explore many different areas of interest. In addition, by taking classes from professors who are experts in their fields, I was able to learn more than I ever thought possible.

Hanaa Abhe Abhe
Senior Vice President Engineering Student

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Narit Sefyan Salami
Senior Vice President Student Leader

The professors at Skyline University Nigeria are highly educated and passionate about their subject matter. They push you to think critically and to always ask questions. This level of engagement has led to some truly memorable moments in the classroom. My classmates come from all walks of life, which has enriched my learning experience exponentially.

Usman Muntaka Tijani Usmac
Senior Vice President Student Leader

My classmates come from all walks of life, which has enriched my learning experience exponentially in Skyline University Nigeria. We share different perspectives and experiences which help us better understand complex topics. Outside of the classroom, there are endless opportunities to get involved on campus.

Muntaka Abduumanana
Senior Vice President Student Leader

I have been a student at Skyline University Nigeria for four years now and it has been an amazing experience. I have learned so much and met so many great people. The professors are extremely knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects, which makes learning really interesting.

Abubakar Umar Salisu
Senior Vice President Engineer Student

Attending Skyline University Nigeria has been an enlightening experience. I have learned so much in such a short amount of time. The professors are knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects, which makes for great learning opportunities.

Abubakar Umar Salisu
Senior Vice President Accounting Student