

Biology Students Advised to be Visionary

In order to stand out and be successful in spite of the current economic recession in the country, the students of Biological Sciences in Covenant University have been advised to have vision as they could only build on what they could see.

An entrepreneur, Mr. Jeffery Kayode of Oneplus Resources, Lagos, gave the advice on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in a Town and Gown Interactive session at the Department of Biological Sciences of the University.

Kayode, who spoke on "Nigeria in Recession: Any Hope for the Biology Graduates"?, noted that the empires of the future are the empires of the mind adding that it was high time the students got rid of their parents vision for them.

"It is high time we get rid of our parents' vision for us. Are you really happy studying this course or you are in it because your parents want you to study it in preparation towards studying Medicine? If you want to build a career path or be an entrepreneur, work towards it. Don't do trial and error. Know what you want to do and work towards it," Kayode advised.

Kayode, a graduate of Fisheries at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), also advised that their vision must be 'SMART', that is, specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time based. "Define the goal as much as possible with clear language, ensure you can track the progress and measure the outcome. Your goal must be reasonable enough to be accomplished, it must be worthwhile and meet your needs as well as time bound," he explained.

Vision, according to him, inspires and aids the progress of the visionary, it helps to create a balanced life as well as energize the visionary.

The Guest Speaker also charged the students to build solid network, insisting that their network is their net worth. He also gave tips on how to network with others which include making themselves available, focusing on the right people, creating a win/win situation and using the social network sites for the right reasons among others.

He enjoined them to have career mentor who would guide them. "Understand your negatives and work on it, grow your positives, be responsible for your decisions and always run an assessment test on your progress," he added.

The Head of Department, Biological Sciences, Professor Adesola Ajayi, in her remarks assured that there is still hope for the graduate of Biology despite the recession. The Town and Gown interaction, according to her, was to enlighten the students on what obtains in the industry.



Guest Speaker with Faculty, Staff and Students of Biological Sciences
