

Entrepreneurship Day: Mentors, Panelists Laud CU on Entrepreneurship Development

Covenant University has received plaudits for its pacesetter role and innovative strategies in the development of the entrepreneurial capacity of its students and people in the society at large.

Some of the mentors and panelists for the 2017 edition of the Entrepreneurship Day of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Development Studies (CEDS) of the University were hearty in their approbation on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, when they paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero.



A cross section of the EDS Day parley session

The mentors included the CEO, African Hub, Mrs. Oluwole Oluneye and the CEO, Happytalks Academy, Dr. Shogo Oyeniyi, while the panelists were a Deputy Managing Director at Kola Akomolede and Company, Mrs. Tolu Dima-Okojie and Founder, Spazio Ideale, Mrs. Tomi Bamgbelu, with the latter duo being alumni of Covenant University.

Mrs. Oluneye, who described what Covenant University was doing as a fantastic job, said that each time she is on the University campus the feeling is inspiring and amazing. What Covenant University is doing inside the campus filters outside the campus; it is innovation all the time, she added.

She stated that part of the University's contribution to entrepreneurship in Nigeria is a renaissance and that is why established entrepreneurs have decided to support the University.

"Covenant University is still the number one in Nigeria for entrepreneurship. There is a growing community of emerging entrepreneurs from CU and government should listen to you because you are changing the economy of Nigeria," said the African Hub chief executive.

According to the Managing Director, Kola Akomolede and Company, Mrs. Tolu Dima-Okojie, Covenant University contributed to her development with the Entrepreneurial Development Studies (EDS) programme. The CU alumnus suggested that the University should endeavour to follow up what its graduates are doing in the area of entrepreneurship so that it can make meaningful contribution.

The CEO, Happytalks Academy, Dr. Shogo Oyeniyi, likened Covenant University to Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, explaining that Dubai is a city you leave and six months after, you see new things and just like Dubai, CU keeps growing.

"I've done some things in more than 20 universities, but I discovered that when I speak with CU students, I have to be on top of my game, which shows that CU students have high intellectual capacity," he said.

Another alumnus of the University, Mrs. Tomi Bamgbelu, who is the Founder, Spazio Ideale, said that she didn't start out wanting to be an entrepreneur, but the teachings in Covenant University made her realize that she can do it.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that it was enriching to know that all the labour by the University has not been in vain, adding that the institution invests a lot in students when it comes to entrepreneurship.

The idea of making Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi the Director, CEDS, said the Vice-Chancellor, has proven to be a well thought out decision, because there has been lots of innovativeness since his appointment.

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