

All Nations University College

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On behalf of the Board of Governors of All Nations University College, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you all to this auspicious occasion of the matriculation of new students into our university college. We applaud our parents, guardians and sponsors for choosing this university, and for working with us to develop your children and wards, to shape their destinies. We salute you too for choosing to pursue higher education at ANU. Education is the best investment one can make for himself or herself, for civilization is borne on the wings of education.

All Nations University College was founded in 1996 and opened its doors to its first set of students six years ago in November 2002. In this short time, we have achieved a lot, from the introduction of the first programme in Electronics and Communications Engineering and Biomedical Engineering in the country, to being one of the best sought-after private universities. We applaud you again for being active participants in our journeys as contributors to national development.

The journey of higher education is one of adventure, choices and opportunities and depending on which way a person utilizes his or her time, could be a journey into success or failure.

Therefore seize the moment, make the best use of your time, for this is your finest hour to acquire the skills that would set you apart for your family, town, tribe, region and country.

It is therefore with a sense of responsibility that we welcome our students into All Nations University College, both for ourselves as an institution, and for you as students. As an institution, we are responsible for teaching, guiding and providing leadership and exemplary moulding of character, as we work with you to shape a future and hope not only for yourselves and your families, but for the nations we represent and the world at large. It is with the awareness of this sense of responsibility that All Nations University College has provided a unique paradigm of study-Total Personality Development.

Our TPD programme aims to assist both students and staff to achieve a balanced perspective on life by combining technical knowledge with spiritual, social, ethical and character building, to equip each individual with the tools, skills and resources needed to make a wholesome contribution to society, both as a professional and as a person. We urge you to take full advantage of the benefits this paradigm of value education has to offer.

On the hand, it is your responsibility to work with us to impart the knowledge you have come to seek, and to allow us to guide you into making choices that will be of benefit to yourselves and society. It is your responsibility to choose the right friends and companions, the right places to go, the right activities to participate in. For example, it has been said that you are addressed by the way you dress. All Nations University College is known for its Dress Code-participation in this will earn you respect and admiration both in the local community and in the workplace, as we have proven again and again that our Dress Code has separated our students and graduates from the pack.

All Nations University College strives to maintain leadership in education by the introduction of courses that are driven by national needs. Our focus on national demands and development has helped us to become leaders in new programme development. A case in point is our current work with the national accreditation board to establish a new programme in Oil and Gas Engineering. This programme is aimed at promoting capacity-building at the local level, to minimize dependence on importation of human resources into our exploding oil and Gas arena. We continue to look for new avenues to contribute to our nation in a positive and innovative manner.

Our teaching paradigm follows the same pattern of thought and practice. Innovation is the key to your experience in the classroom. As you delve into the world of All Nations University College we urge you to develop a mind open to exploration, querying the status quo, conducting research, and finding answers. This pattern will follow you to greatness, as you discover solutions to the world's problems and questions.

We wish you the best in your chosen career, and once again, we welcome you to All Nations University College. **God bless you all.**

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