

ALUMNI

VISION



The Alumni Association is a dynamic, member-focused organization, driven by ethical values and directed towards supporting the social and intellectual needs of all present and future alumni of the Federal Polytechnic, Ede

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MISSION



The Alumni Association will achieve its vision through its mission of

- Promoting a strong relationship between Alumni and the Polytechnic;
- Advancing the unique needs of alumni, while supporting the Polytechnic goals
- Developing and awareness of The Federal Polytechnic history, core values, accomplishments, programs, and offerings
- Promoting a sense of the Polytechnic pride among all graduates

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OBJECTIVES



Our objective is to protect and defend the good name of our Alma Mater while encouraging all Alumni retain their interest and loyalty towards the overall growth and development of the Polytechnic.

CORE

VALUES



The Federal Polytechnic, Ede Alumni Association Core Values are:

- Lifelong relationship
- Inclusive and diversity
- Global citizenship
- Advocacy
- Worthy Ambassadorship
- Integrity

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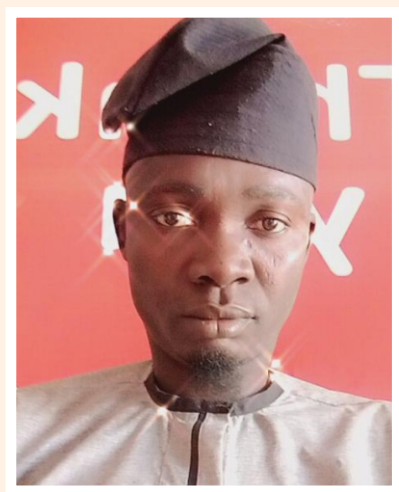
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FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK SHITTU, BASHIR OLALEYE

It gives me great excitement and honour to felicitate with our worthy and great association for this accomplishment.

Today, we receive encomiums from well-meaning alumni for setting extraordinary records. Every of our accomplishment is geared towards the fulfillment of our desire and promise to involve all interested members in the affairs of the association.

As the only human whom the Almighty has granted the favour to serve the organization for two consecutive terms in office, for now, it is necessary that an average reader of this piece be eager to know what and what have been done.

ANNUAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SEMINAR

The administration has identified among other needs assessment, the establishment of Annual Entrepreneurial Seminar which is targeted at the final year/graduating students. On the 16th of August 2017, we organized the maiden

entrepreneurial seminar - a day free training/workshop programme tagged "PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET AND ENHANCING CAREER CHOICE AND DEVELOPMENT." The seminar was targeted at the final year students of the polytechnic to acquire entrepreneurial and career advancement knowledge. In the same, the 2022 Annual Entrepreneurial Seminar will showcase some of the products of the polytechnic who have excelled in their chosen careers

COMMISSIONING OF 200 UNITS OF CEILING FANS

On October 6, 2017, out of our desire to make learning conducive to both lecturers and students, we donated and commissioned 200 units of ceiling fans to the school management. It is important to note that this was the quick-win short-term project that was delivered to the polytechnic lecture-rooms

DONATION OF STANDARD AND FIT FOR PURPOSE SNOOKER AND TABLE

TENNIS TO THE STUDENTS UNION GOVERNMENT (SUG)

The association under our watch also donated standard and fit for purpose Snooker and Table tennis boards to the Students' Union Government (SUG), for the use of all.

RENOVATION OF THE MORIBUND ALUMNI 8- ROOMS TOILET

In a bid to promote physical and social hygiene; and to prevent diseases and illness, the association under our watch embarked upon the renovation of the moribund alumni 8-rooms toilet that was built by the first executive of Alumni Association over a decade ago.

It became necessary that we renovate the dilapidated toilet facility, and we did. We did not just only renovated the toilet facility but also modernized the outdated facility with enormous works from installation of electricity, doors, tiles and sewage facilities like water closet, washing hand basin as well as painting of the building and connecting the toilet to the main

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FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF



The Alumni association of the Federal Polytechnic Ede has finally scored another first with an anthology of events and history it can finger as its own. The magazine you are holding, comes into light on the back of a bold-faced and resilient resolve of the editorial board to work round the clock in ensuring that the first Alumni magazine in the history of our great alma mata is successfully midwived. This was not without some mines on the tangential road of success. It will be immodest to say that the magazine is the best you can find around but call it a decent handbook with invaluable reminiscences and

you will not be wrong. It is simply good enough to compensate for the time expended on it.

I will like to congratulate the Alumni National President, Mr Olaleye Shittu for being such an energetic president who never takes 'no' for an answer. The Federal Polytechnic Ede turns thirty in style this year, hence the choice of the editorial board to make it our cover story. Of course, you can count on pacesetting and visionary prowess of National Executive Council of FPE Alumni, who just when we thought we have seen it all, came up with the 'Alumni Hall of Fame'. This in itself is a record other institutions will

strive to match in many years to come. For those who know next to nothing about the history of the ivory tower, a copy of this magazine is more than enough to educate and inform them on all they need to know.

Once again, I congratulate the editorial board and piece contributors for a job well done.

Enjoy yourselves.

**ABAYOMI OLUSOLA
BABALOLA (FADON)**

EDITOR IN CHIEF

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2019 POLY
AMENDMENT ACTS:

“I WON'T QUIT AS RECTOR NOW” — ADEKOLAWOLE



The rector of the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Osun State, Dr John Taiwo Adekolawole in this 'hold no barred' interview with FPE Alumni Press Crew, says he can continue as rector of the institution beyond his single five-year term, due to lapse in November, 2022. He goes on to make a startling revelation on the possible elongation of his term. Here is the excerpt:

FPE ALUMNI PRESS: Sir, the Federal Polytechnic Ede, of which you are rector will turn thirty next year. what are your impressions?

Dr Johh Taiwo Adekolawole: Thank you very much, I am very elated and happy not just as the fifth rector but also as a pioneer Staff of the Polytechnic. We started in 1993 with less than five hundred students and less than fifty lecturers. Glory be to God, a lot has changed since the last thirty years. From 500 students, we are now in tens of thousands. The Staff strength has also increased tremendously. From four schools, we have now soared to eight schools.

There has also been a great transition in the terms of physical development. Generally speaking I can say we have indeed come of age in these thirty years. It could have been better though, we thank God for the much we have been able to achieve.

FPE ALUMNI PRESS: Can you enumerate some of the challenges your predecessors and yourself have encountered in office as rector?

Dr John Taiwo Adekolawole: The challenges include restiveness on the part of staff and students. You know some of these young staff who want their voices to be heard and all that. But thank God, that is in the past now. We have overcome the restiveness from students and staff.

There is also security challenge because of the lack of perimeter fence wire on the north campus, which makes it very porous. We have not been able to accommodate students in the hostels at the north campus. We are making frantic effort to get fund from TETFUND to fix the perimeter fence wire around the campus.

The greatest of the challenges is paucity of fund. You know that Polytechnics are always marginalized when it comes to funding. A case in point is that of the contractor working on the road network, he is not

making appreciable progress on the project just because fund is not promptly and adequately disbursed to him.

FPE ALUMNI PRESS: What would you have done differently if you had the privilege of starting all over again.

Dr John Taiwo Adekolawole: Well, if God and Mr. President say I am appointed again next year I will work more in the aspect of staff welfare because it is only a happy workforce that can give you the best in terms of productivity. I am very proud of what we have achieved through the TETFUND in terms of Staff development. We now have between sixty five and seventy PHD holders.

FPE ALUMNI PRESS: Would you say the Federal Government has been fair in terms of the retirement age for a lecturer that is 70 years for university and 65 years for Polytechnic?.

Dr John Taiwo Adekolawole: Very well, the federal government has been benevolent because somebody like me would not have been rector if the retirement age had remained sixty years for Polytechnic because I am 63 now. So I have every reason to be grateful to God and the Federal Government

FPE ALUMNI PRESS: Where do you see Ede Poly in the next decade?

Dr John Taiwo Adekolawole: I see Ede poly going places. We have been empowered to develop through the high impact project. Also through the 2019 Polytechnics Acts, we have been given the green light to award degrees. So in the next decade, our students will be all over the world, making us proud and doing well for themselves.

EDE POLY 30 IS REJUVENATED FOR GREATER SUCCESS AT

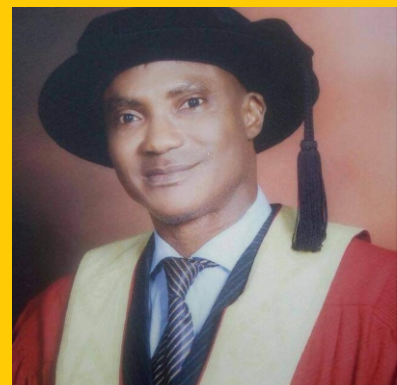
-PETIRIN

The Deputy rector, academics of the Federal Polytechnics Ede, Mr. Petirin has lauded the achievement of the institution in the last thirty years, saying the institution is even primed to achieving greater success under the leadership of the new governing council chairman, Air commodore Emmanuel Jekada (retired.)

Petirin says with the high impact project and TETFUND, the school cannot retrogress, given that it attained this height in thirty

years with next to nothing in terms of support.

He cited the progress achieved in terms of number of lecturers with PHD degrees and the imminent commencement of awarding of B.tech degrees as good step in the right direction for the institution.





SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF EDEPOLY @ 30

- Titus Abimbola

Thirty means different things to different people. It is a milestone age where a man has outgrown the apron string of his parents to face the hurdles of life's marathon.

You are not likely to find a thirty year old flailing out his legs from the swathing cover of his mother's ageing back. At about age 30 (according to Luke 3:23), Jesus of Nazareth was baptized by John, the Baptist, signaling the beginning of his public ministry of teaching and healing.

It was also the age when David became King (2 Samuel 5:4) and Ezekiel and John the Baptist's began their own ministries, (based on Ezekiel 1:1 and John the Baptist's age in comparison to Jesus)..In a nutshell, thirty is not just another number but it is special and symbolic in every ramification.

May I quickly say that thirty is also regarded as the Pearl anniversary and it doesn't get

bigger for an institution that has seen the thick and thin like our own Federal Polytechnic Ede.

The institution takes a bow on the rostrum with all the trappings of celebration as it marks an irrepressible pearl anniversary. The institution will look back to relive its accomplishments in a space of three decades of its establishment. History was made on 1st June, 1992 when the institution was floated in the ancient city of Ede in Osun State in what, at the time, for many, was a 'castle in Spain' which in anyone's imagination cannot stand the test of time because of the little space at the Baptist High School, on which it was sited.

It was also said that it was a well-timed political 'pizza' for the wife of one of the powers that be at the time, who is an illustrious native of Ede, Mrs Rammat Adisa. Ede had just lost the capital city status, in the wake of the newly created Osun State to Osogbo in a fierce running battle at the time.

Special kudos must go to the legendary pioneer

rector of the Polytechnic, the late Dr Jimi Sylvester Bamgbose who gave his all to steady the ship of the ivory tower in as many times as he was at the helms of the institution. One of the early selling points for the Polytechnic was that students' unrest leading to wanton destruction of properties and frequent closure of institutions of higher learning, was under lock and key and Jimi perfectly discharged the janitorial duty to that key.

Many will argue that the rector was able to sustain the peace because of the size of the students' population in Ede and that he may not achieve the same feat in institutions were the school densely populated. Interestingly, the Federal Polytechnic Ede shares birth anniversary with some other Polytechnics. The former is head and shoulder ahead of the rest without fear of contradiction.

There has been an all-round growth in these thirty years of the institution's existence. The legacy that the late Jimi Bamgbose left off somehow nosedived under his immediate successor, Professor Olajide Olowookere. He had an imposing profile coming into the

polytechnic but the polytechnic terrain proved too complicated for the Biochemistry Professor as he saw out just a solitary term, marred with crisis.

Olowookere's greatest undoing was his incurable zest for

population increase. The rest is history as the upsurge in population led to upsurge in problems.

Dr J.S Oke got the nod to become rector after Olowookere's debacle. Expectedly, Oke settled in with relative ease. Of course, the reason

for this is not farfetched. He was part and parcel of the Jimi Bamgbose's agenda. Apart from being a part of the imports from Kaduna Polytechnic. the sobriquet, Mr Ede Poly' fits no better person than Oke because he so perfectly deserves it having risen through the ranks as two-term deputy rector, Director of physical planning and acting rector. Who else did the cap fit at the time than a soft-spoken, highly cerebral and an irrepressible J.S Oke who knew the Federal Polytechnic Ede like the palm of his hand?.

Oke would go on to deliver a commanding eight years as rector and like Jimi, he came, he saw and he conquered.

Dr Patrick Hussain was next on the duty roster as rector albeit he didn't stay long enough in office to imprint a personality in the mould of Jimi and Oke. That is not to say he did badly as rector. He held his own as a decent rector overall.

And then to the tenure of the incumbent rector, Dr John Taiwo Adeleke Adekolawole.



ADEKOLAWOLE



DR. J. S. OKE

polytechnic reservoir to ensure constant water supply.

This effort by ever-supportive Alumni Association put a rest to the constant cry for a lavatory that will serve both the students and visitors to the Federal Polytechnic, Ede community. By so doing, we believed to have met basic needs of the students by ensuring that every student has easy access to good and functional toilet facilities.

COMMISSIONING OF FENCE CONSTRUCTION ROUND THE FEMALE HALL OF RESIDENCE AT SOUTH CAMPUS

December 18, 2018 witnessed the commissioning of fence construction round the female hall of residence at south campus. The alumni association under our watch took it upon herself to commission the historic erection of fence around the female hall of residence at the permanent site of the school.

While security reports from many other higher institutions of learning have told us how harmful or dangerous a fenceless hall of residence can be, we have seen reasons to invest in that remarkable project and save our students from evils of been attacked by agents of violence and brutality.

COMPOSITION OF STATE BRANCHES OF OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In our quest to globalize the alumni association, we have encouraged the composition of state branches of our alumni association; and ever since

their respective inaugurations, they have been active and steadfast towards the alumni affairs.

SWIFT RESPONSE TO MEMBERS' WELFARE RELATED ISSUES

The alumni association under our watch has always made itself available whenever and wherever members' welfare or wellbeing is under threat. In cases of emergency, we have rallied round affected members to ensure that they regain their physical and emotional health.

DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION IN MANAGEMENT/ STAFF/ STUDENTS CRISES

We have on many occasions intervened in internal crises that involve the school management, staff unions or students union. This is done to enable peace, order and sanity in the polytechnic system, as the absence of these key elements will drag the institution backward or paint it black to the people out there.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING COUNCIL

Consequent upon the amendment of the new Polytechnic Act, which has recognized an Alumnus to be part of the membership of Governing Council of the school, the National President of Alumni, Mr. Bashir Shittu Olaleye was appointed as a Member of the school's Governing Council.

Governing Council is the highest decision making organ of the

Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Osun State and responsible for the legislation of policies that – give direction and control to the Executive Management on the day-to-day running of the institution.

Ever since my appointment as a member, I have been of good representation of the alumni in the Council, and I have always represented and stood for sustainable development of our dear alma mata.

My upliftment to the Governing Council membership status; and my involvement in Board of Advancement Linkages as well as other important Council committees have earned me the golden opportunity to aspire and push for greater alma mata of ours.

BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Towards the end of our first term in office, persuasions to recontest have begun to surface from members, and admirers of our administrative style. And we chose to tag the second term administration the consolidation era. An era to consolidate on the achievements of the previous administration. And the best way we discovered this could be achieved was to bring the alumni association closer to the people and the people closer to the alumni association.

At the time of production of this message, we can boldly say that we have registered the alumni

association in the minds of many both locally and internationally. However we shall continue to persuade several other alumni out there for more commitment and input.

FPE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Our first term in office witnessed the birth of FPE Alumni Hall of Fame; a project targeted at building a secretariat for our dear association, auditorium, laboratories and many more for the school. It did come with huge challenges, but we had remained steadfast and committed; and towards the end of 2021, November precisely, we converged at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja for the official fundraising towards the proposed Alumni Hall of Fame.

The cooperation and mutual understanding of the school management and the Governing Council cannot be overlooked. The school management's donation of landed properties to the alumni association for the Hall of Fame project cannot be left unappreciated and unmentioned. The cooperation and mutual understanding of well-meaning alumni towards its progress cannot be underestimated.

With these gestures of ours, we believe we must have set a great legacy for the coming administration and the coming generation of our dear alumni association.

ALUMNI ANNUAL DUES

As part of the challenges confronted by Alumni Association is the low response of payment of Alumni Annual dues. This message would remain incomplete if issue of annual

dues is not mentioned here. It is not even fallacious to state that financial dues cannot be deemphasized in the running of the affairs of a great association as this. We shall continue to beseech and persuade all well-meaning alumni to continue to pay their annual dues of N5, 000. This alone qualifies one as a financial member of the association. And it cannot be gainsaid that financial member status is one of the most significant and reputable status one can attain in the alumni, and benefits attached cannot be underrated as well.

ENHANCEMENT ON THE STRUCTURE AND BRANDING OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni National Executives through her concerted effort of standardization of FPE Alumni Association structure, has restructured the administrative organs - the Board of Trustees (BoT), Central Executive Council (CEC), National Executive Council, Branch Offices and Chapter offices for the smooth administration and governance of the Alumni Association. In the same vein, the Alumni Association has been rebranded, having projected her global outlook – currently Alumni Association has a functional website (www.fpealumni.org), slogan, core values, vision and mission, etc

ASSETS ACQUISITION FOR FPE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

With no single asset inherited as the 2016 when the current administration took-off, several assets have been acquired – a befitting/well-furnished two-wing spacious offices as Secretariat, full

upholstery sets of sofa, computer desktop, HP three-in-one printer, plasma TV screen, standard 2.5KVA generator, UPS, Wall Fans, telephone, medium fridge, file cabinet, etc.

THE NEED FOR SELFLESS AND PROACTIVE SUCCESSION

At this point in our alumni association, where the name and self-esteem of our great association has been rebranded; and where we have conquered our big fear and uncertainties, it becomes very imperative that only men and women of proven integrity, with a track record of excellence in service are appointed into key offices to salvage what is left of the Association. The association needs only those who will discharge their constitutional and moral duties with veracity and the fear of God.

THE NEED FOR WELL MEANING ALUMNI TO REMAIN COMMITTED

It is however necessary for us to implore all well-meaning alumni to identify with and support our alma mater. This is because the number of our financial members falls awfully short compared to the number of graduates of FPE out there. Having included this in my piece of writing today, I'm confident that the trend will be reversed.

Once again, we congratulate you all on this great honour and wish you success in your endeavors.

SHITTU BASHIR OLALEYE

“EDEPOLY CAN BE OUR OWN HAVARD, OXFORD VARSITIES”

ADEKOLAWOLE

The rector of the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Dr. John Taiwo Adekolawole has disclosed that one of his visions as rector is to engender a localized culture which will culminate in the students of the institution adapting a homogeneous and peculiar speech pattern just as it obtains in Harvard and Oxford Universities and coming home in Nigeria. Obafemi Awolowo University.(OAU)

According to Adekolawole, this is possible through grooming of the students within the close confine of their hostels. "If eighty to ninety percent of the students populace are resident on campus, it becomes easier to develop a unique behavior pattern and this includes speech"; he reiterated .

The rector identified management's desire to install perimeter fence wire around the north campus as part of effort to realize this dream.



“NIGERIAN GRADUATES MUST RACK THEIR BRAINS TO SURVIVE”

- AGBOOLA

The registrar of the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Alhaji I.T Agboola has called on Nigerian graduates to look beyond what they studied in school if they must defeat unemployment and make wealth for themselves in life.

Agboola made this call in an interview with FPE Alumni Press while baring his thoughts on solution to unemployment perennially plaguing the Nigerian graduates.

He cited a case of his niece who studied Law and has never practised law within the four walls of the court but who is now an award-winning business woman through packaging and sale of a corn meal popular in Ghana. "All my niece did was to localize the meal in commercial quantity and sell to local consumers"; he quipped.

On the brazenness which has assumed an upward tide among students of nowadays, compared to what it used to be in yester years, the off a - b o r n administrator says the situation is as a result of combination of so many things from parental and societal to pathological and physiological factors.



When pressed to comment on the imminent milestone thirtieth anniversary of the Federal Polytechnics Ede, he says it has been so far, so good and although it can be better, Ede Poly has seen a plethora of development in the space of thirty years.



Photo Splash



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The scale of milestone achievement under him has vacillated between lows and highs. Anyone who gets his initial challenges behind himself and goes on to mend fences and steady the ship like Adekolawole did deserves a pat on the back for his courage and resilience. The downfall of a man is not the end of his life after all.

He is the fifth rector of the institution and the pearl anniversary of the institution will be marked come June this year with him at the helms.

He also takes credit for the catalogue of physical developments going on at the north campus. It is refreshing to see Ede Polytechnic churn a face lift on the North and South campuses within such a short period of time.

Under the watch of Adekolawole, the ivory tower

has transitioned from four schools to eight and the number of lecturing personnel with PHD has risen to between sixty five(65) and seventy(70). What a watershed of achievement.

With the Polytechnic amendment act of 2019, existing students and old ones alike now have cause to smile as the school can award B.tech and other degrees in no distant future, the aforementioned achievements under the rector cannot be an accident of history but only points to one and only thing, that is the fact that Dr. John Taiwo Adekolawole is a journey man. It is pertinent to say also that you need more than luck to offer the chronicle of achievements we have in here.

Congratulations to everyone

TECHNOLOGY HAS RID THE CAMPUS OF LIFE SOCIALLY

-ADELABU



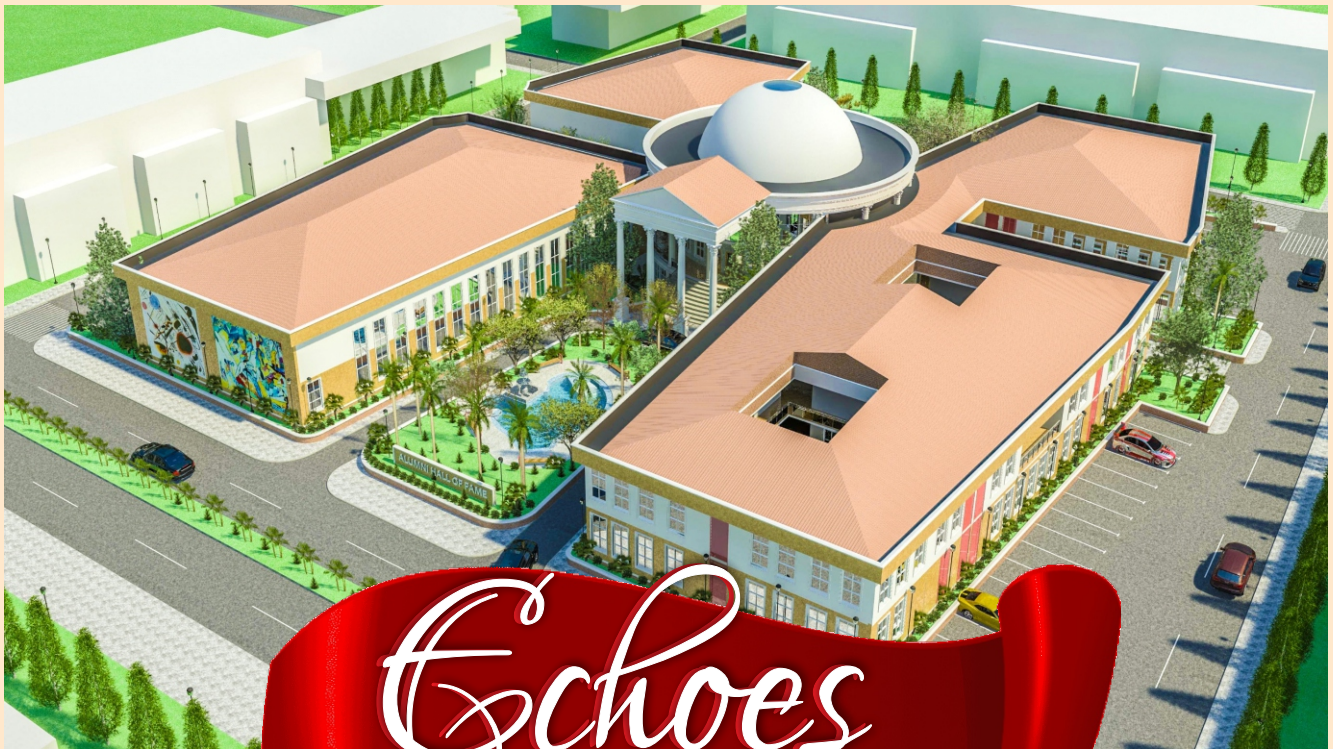
The Deputy Rector, Administration of the Federal Polytechnics Ede, Alhaji, I.T Adelabu has identified advancement in technology as one factor that has eclipsed the buzz of social life on campus in modern times.

Hustles and bustles which hallmarks campus life in the last thirty, twenty years have suddenly been extinguished with students now putting on long faces and minding their businesses.

In those days, Rocket magazine was always on

hand to provide a side attraction and make the students not to mind their own businesses but Adelabu quickly pointed out the difference between the two dispensations, saying that technology has made news and reports to be online and real-time.

'Campus Magazine is no longer fashionable for the obvious reason of accessibility to internet which was not the case in years past', he concluded.



Echoes

FROM FPE

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

When sometime in 2017, the outcome of a need assessment committee submitted that amongst the major needs of The Federal Polytechnic, Ede are physical infrastructure, the question of how can the deficits be reversed came up. The grants from the government and the school's IGR are still being managed to take care of pressing needs of the school thus source of funding new structures has to be from elsewhere. The SHITTU Olaleye led Alumni Association still went ahead to kick start the process of getting these structures in place. An architectural competition was organized for the then architectural design students to come up with design for the *Alumni Hall of Fame.* The outcome of that challenge is the masterpiece of a design as chosen by professionals.

Having gotten an architectural design in place how then do we fund the project? The National Executive Council therefore set up a Fundraising committee to be chaired by the National Vice President (Female) of the Alumni Association Mrs Balogun Adedoyin. The committee was charged with the primary responsibility of selling and projecting the idea of this HALL OF FAME and raise funds for its execution. The committee took up the mantle and after months of sacrifices, planning, meetings, travelling, etc November 20th 2021 came to reality.

Before the D day, the committee visited and solicited for support from them. These dignitaries include The Oonirisa, H.I.M Dr. Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, The Timi of Edeland H.R.M. Dr.



THE SECURITY OF FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC EDE AND ITS COMMUNITY

By Rasak Ayanlakin (DEMOCRAT)

Human security is primary. Nothing can be compared with the safety of man. Whatever one chooses to become in life starts from his will to live freely, in the first place. No meaningful live is achievable anywhere in the world in the absence of peace.

For sometime now, one misunderstanding or the other has continued to rock the polytechnic system. Today, it is the staff union. Tomorrow, the management of the institution. The day after tomorrow, the students. And these go on and on. This has been a riot against the emotions and psyche of many well-meaning alumni. For everyone who has got the school's certificate has got an eternal connection to the institution, its existence, its credibility and its failure afterwards.

No sane person would love to urinate on his own bed. And I do not agree anyone would allow a visitor treat his bed with such an unimaginable disgust. This could be the reason many alumni of the school have seen it as duty to register their displeasure at any behavior attempting to reduce the image of the school to an object of ridicule.

The continued fracas between the management of the school and the staff union has become a clog in the wheel of progress of the school. Many students are left to spending more than the years they

budgeted for. And a lot of them lose the chance of getting mobilized for National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) for overstaying on campus. The students pay hugely for offence that is not theirs.

I have the opinion that an academic enterprise should have solutions to many life problems. But, it is pathetic that this academic institution called FPE has failed to solve its own challenges, not to talk of coming out to make researches that would oil our national development.

The management and the aggrieved staff union need to always put students' feelings into consideration. Keeping innocent students out of school, without moral justification, is not kind enough.

No sane academic institution will idle thousands of students as FPE does. The school management is expected to meet significant demands of staff union's demands, if not all at a time. When will the school management acknowledge that the ceaseless fracas only proves every time that the management has lacked the capacity to effectively and efficiently manage?

The state of academic security of the school is in a very sympathetic condition and the paradigm shift is long overdue. The staff union too must start negotiating her demands with open, sincere and

selfless mindset - a mindset that strives for better polytechnic system and one that considers the feelings of innocent students.

There's no perfect negotiation anywhere. We disagree to finally agree, at a point. Our acceptance to shift ground, as staff union is not a sign of cowardice; but to safeguard one, the future and destiny of thousands of students and two, the credibility of our work place before the public.

The annoying threat of insecurity has continued to spread everywhere just like kerosene fire. Hardly will one migrate somewhere and the news about this menace won't penetrate one's hearing.

Our polytechnic community just like any other place in the federation is not safe. Enough should be these management-staff crises if at all the lives of these innocent students mean anything to us, as fathers and mothers. Enough is enough.

EDE: The GIANTS' Breeding Ground

Sunday Odeleke

It's amazing that 30 years have gone by when the first set of students in trickles gathered at the ambiance of the historical town called Ede to start a journey of the unknown. The Federal Polytechnic Ede, which came into being by the influence of Mrs. Adisa, an indigence of Ede, whose husband was a sate military administrator under the dictatorial Sanni Abacha regime.

Nigeria was actually boiling around the time the school took off due to the annulment of the June 12, 1993 presidential election. While most tertiary institutions were closed at the time, the creative school management under Late (Dr) Jimi Bamgbose, the pioneer rector and Joseph Oke, his deputy was stylishly molding a flourishing future for a set of adult youths who were ready to learn and graduate fast to face the challenges in the outer world.

The term 'adult youth' is deliberately used to define the set of students that the school started with. About 70% was not the fresh high school

graduates that peopled most universities and polytechnics at the time; rather, they had left post primary education many years behind and were already working before fate gathered them at Ede for a future that is today celebrated.

The traditional students of the neighboring OAU Ife and the distant Ibadan Poly derisively called FPE a glorified secondary school which could not be farther from the truth. The management pampered them like babies. For example, when the country especially the southwest was in turmoil, the semester ended and the students were to go on 2 weeks' vacation, every student was dead broke; Late Dr. Jimi Bamgbose ordered the then bursar to open the school treasury and provide soft loans for all the students to enable them travel home. How dare you question the glorified secondary school derision?

The maturity displayed by the first set was unusual, students agitations were kept to the barest minimum. The students bonded like families and the lecturer adopted several, reason they had 'Uncle Sunkanmi', 'Aunty Nike' or Aunty Eunice', or 'Uncle Akin Ayilara' among the lecturers. It was fun schooling at the time, but with loads of hardwork. Quietly, the school molded a generation of achievers.

Yes, achievers, talk of any field anywhere in the world today, you will find footprints of Ede

products there. Many are shining in academics like Akintunde Ajagbe and Abiodun Ulabor. The banking sector paraded stars like Victor Nwuzor, Eniola Oyeyode, Kanayo Mordi, Festus Olaifa, Akingbade Akingbulu, Segun Olatoyan, Yinka Popoola, Doris Onuoha (Nee Nnamadim), Doyin Adedigba and hundreds others of them. There are many who chose to be entrepreneurs like James Ademiju, and Lolade Akosile-Ogungbe. The telecom and redistribution sectors parade accomplished stars like this writer, Bashir Shittu, the current Alumni Association President; or in the civil service like Tajudeen Olayiwola, Fatai Olatunji and . The products of that set was the toast of the labor market.

The space wont permit here to list names of achievers that have passed through this citadel. As at today, most of the relationships formed then still stand strong. When you see YemisiKajebora-Adelusimo, Mopelola Ahmed and YemiOdediran-Esan at different extremes of the planet bonding like next door neighbors, it is the result of the enduring relationships built while at Ede. When Lawi, Basirat, Aguda, Moji and a lot others in the UK fraternize like siblings, it is the result of the

enduring bonding.

The world is changing and so must the people; this inferiority stigma attached to polytechnic education must give today's students concerns. The only way to address this is to graduate as an entrepreneur, the pioneer sets missed this threshold. The polytechnic curricula are designed to make its graduates employers of labor, this opportunity must be seized and seized to a point that uni graduates will come for interviews at their enterprises.

30 years after also provides solemn opportunity to remember some of the stars who are no more with us like Tunji Dada, TJ Corporate, Ben Edomi, Femi Akinade, YemisiEkundayo, Laweeanother star called Dagogo Jack and others that can't be instantly recalled. To their immortal honor is the touch of excellence being carried.

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EFFECTIVE CV TIPS

For the Maiden Edition of Federal Polytechnic Ede Alumni Journal

What is a CV?

Curriculum Vitæ (CV) is a brief account of a person's education, qualifications, and previous occupations, typically sent with a job application. Curriculum Vitæ means "course of life" in Latin i.e. your story. It is what a potential employer sees regarding the job seeker and is typically used to screen applicants, often followed by an interview.

The Origin of CVs

Leonardo da Vinci created the first recorded resume in 1482. He wrote a letter to the Duke of Milan in an attempt to gain his patronage and support. Da Vinci's letter listed his skills, experience and capabilities to his potential patron – that is the same thing we all do in the modern world to our potential employers.

Importance of CVs

Your CV possess the one and only chance to capture a potential employer's attention. It gives you an audience/opportunity with the recruiter e.g. opens the door for an interview session where you can further sell yourself.



BY KOREDE
ADELEYE

CVs vs Resume

Major differences are length, purpose and layout. A resume is a summary of your skills and experience over one or two pages while a CV is more detailed account and can stretch well beyond two pages. Location in the world also determines which one to use – US (Résumé), UK (CV), Australia (Combination)

CV Tips

- **Personal contacts**– it must not be missing on your CV – telephone number, email must be professional, not something like yahoooboy@gmail.com or sexylady@yahoo.com, include your address or just location e.g. Ikeja, Lagos
- **Personal Message** – it must describe who you really are and be unique to you, not copy and paste from the internet or your friend's CV
- **In-CV Profile** – If using, it must be short and straight forward, use as cover letter if too long
- **Pictures** -Do not include picture unless it is required on the vacancy advert i.e. cabin crew job
- **Work Experiences:** Clearly state designation, company, responsibilities, period and achievements. A lot of people do not know that achievements is what recruiters are more interested in than your responsibilities. There is always a feeling of "if you have done it before somewhere else, you can do it again with us".
- **Money Talks:** Use monetary values for CVs – e.g. "I saved my organization N3.5m by introducing a product counting device which helped to monitor and decrease pilferages", "As a marketer, I got a business of N23m for my organization in 2017", As an intern, I introduced an Excel template which improved my team member's productivity, hence the organization's performance moved from 67% to 83% between 2015 and 2016"
- **Soft skills** – Never forget to include them as they are very important in the workplace – time management, problem solving, critical thinking etc.
- **Length of CV** – not too short/long, just appropriate for purpose
- **CV file name** – in saving your CV ensure you use something like – CV – Korede Adeleye – Lawyer, this way, it is easier for recruiters who have to deal with thousands and sometimes millions of CVs to find your CV
- **Name as footer and header** – this might come in handy in a situation where your CV pages gets separated in the process of handling
- **Chronological arrangement** – this is key, most recent on top for educational and work experience
- **Avoid gaps and overlaps** – you should explain what you did while in-between jobs e.g. social media training, apprenticeship, internship etc.
- **Consistent formatting/look and feel** – avoid unnecessary design, frame, background etc. It does not add any value to your CV except the job is that of a graphic designer then you will be showcasing what you are capable of doing
- **Referees** – Not more than 3, include their email addresses, choose them wisely and inform them. It will look negative if they are called to ask about you and they had no idea you had their names on your CV.

- Graduation date – Do not use future graduation date, instead of putting B.Sc Economics 2015-2019, it's better to put "in view"
- Separate graduate education i.e. B.Sc, HND, from certifications and trainings
- Grammatical errors on CV is a NO NO. Ask another person to proofread your CV before you start sending it out there
- Tailor your CV to the particular application at all times. DO NOT LIE, just highlight the experiences that you have that are relevant to the vacancy.
- Include everything you have been involved in including volunteering roles

Statistics on CVs

- The average employer spends 5-7 minutes to look at a CV
- Robots eliminated 75% of CVs they were used for as at 2014
- 88% of candidates were rejected because they included their pictures on their CVs
- 76% of resumes trashed for unprofessional email address
- Over 90% of resumes are now posted online or sent via email. Check your emails regularly.
- 68% of employers will find you on Facebook where 15m organizations are present
- Jobs found on social media – 18.4m on Facebook, 10.2m on LinkedIn and 8m on Twitter
- 93% of recruiters are likely to look at your social media profile

Consider Video CV

- Social media = Changed life and changed EVERYTHING!
- Video CV is a short video recording where you showcase your skills, experiences, achievements on the job to a potential recruiter. It enhances your job applications and enables employers to have even a better feel of your personality.
- More employers are requesting for Video CVs. Go to a studio to get a professional to record one of you so that you have it handy when required. It costs as small as N5,000.

Your CV is a tool

- Your CV is typically used to do initial applicants' screening. It is an essential tool in your job search and career. Are you using this tool well to open doors of opportunities? Is it helping to screen you for a follow-on interview or screening you to the trash?

Questions to Consider

- Which one of you will buy an item whose value you are not sure of and which does not look good from afar? Such is the case of some candidates' CVs, they are asking employers to put money on goods whose value cannot be fully determined yet and which does not look good from afar. Who does that?

This is what your CV should do for you – GET YOU NOTICED AMONG MILLIONS!

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Munirudeen Lawal, Osun State Governor. ALH Isiaka Oyetola, many state Functionaries, some Royal Fathers both within Osun state and from other States, Technocrats and philanthropists, Alumni members in Nigeria and in diaspora and many other corporate bodies.

In the build up to the event, the National Executive Council and members of the Fundraising Committee battled many challenges and had to take critical decisions even in critical situations. Emotions ran high, sentimental situations arose, commitment of members were questioned, friends almost became foes but we were able to overcome all these things and we focused on our goal. The D. day arrived and everyone converged at the Banquest Hall of Sheraton Hotels & Towers, Ikeja.

The day started with the red carpet and arrivals by 5pm when we officially kicked off, many of our guests were already seated.

The Special guest of Honour, Governor Oyetola, Grand Royal Father of the day, Ooni Adeyeye Ogunwusi, the Host Royal Father of the day, HRM Oba MUNIRUDEEN Lawal (Timi of Edeland) were all unavoidably absent as a result of something critical that had to be attended to in the state. However, we had two (2) traditional Rulers who came to represent the Ooni. They are Oba Adewole Adedire The Onifegunwa of Ifegunwa and Oba Adeyemi the Olodesan of Odesan Ife-Ile. Also, we had the representatives of the schools governing Council Chairman Air Cmdre. (Dr.) Emmanuel Jekada (Rtd) in attendance as well as the schools management Team. Delegations from Alhaja Ramat Abdul kareem Adisa were there, the members of BOT and delegation from our diaspora branch were there. The event had as the MC one of Nigeria's biggest and brightest standup comedians as the MC in person of Mr. Gbenga Adeyinka the first, who anchored the event perfectly and at almost every other minute was spicing up the event with rib cracking jokes. Good music was supplied by the members of the Nigeria Police Band and members were treated to sumptuous meal from Sheraton. Getting to the fundraising proper, guest and representatives took turns to make their donations both instantly and in promissory notes and I must

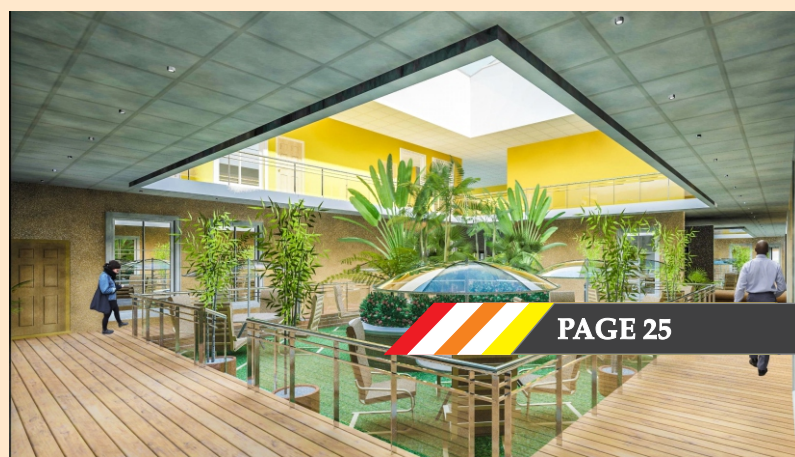
say that everyone was impressed with the preparation, organization, conduct and the mood of the event.

After the fundraising, awards were given to some people at the event. Some of the Awardees include Alhaja Ramat Abdulkareem – Adisa, Alhaji Oladosu Sikiru Babson (Distinguished Alumnus for Service & Enterprising Personality), Mr. Olugbenga Oyawa (Brand Ambassador and Distinguished Alumnus), Mr. Joel Oyeyinka Popoola (Distinguished Alumnus for Service & Professional Achievement), Mr. Kola Bakare (Brand Ambassador and Distinguished Alumnus), Alhaji Ademola Lawal FCA (Brand Ambassador and Distinguished Alumnus), Mr. Hafeez Taiwo Ewedairo FCA (Distinguished Alumnus for Service and Professional Achievement), Mrs. Maizat Abiodun Emmanuel FCA (Most Dedicated Alumnus for Service and Professional Achievement) and many others. The event afforded attendees especially Alumni members the opportunity to reconnect after so many years away from the school and from one another. The atmosphere and results of the day renew our resolve to strive to do more for our ALMA MATA and generally give back to the society.

Special mention has to be given to the BOT members present, the NEC members, the Fundraising Committee which cuts across all branches, the host branch i.e. Lagos/Ogun branch whose executives were there and mobilized members of the branch to attend the event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC EDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FPEAA....a legacy of determination, courage and inspiration



GRADUATES AND UNEMPLOYMENT

by Gbenga Adejayan (G-Song)

The choice of this title is not only meant to deal with the concept of graduates rather aimed to motivate Federal polytechnic Ede graduate for the labour market challenges ahead as our graduates are charging forth into the world of unending competition.

It is observed that the rate of unemployment in Nigeria is alarming and intolerable, the issue of graduates unemployment in Nigeria has become a national concern, Looking at the unemployment problem in greater perspective, numerous studies found that it is most serious amongst the youth who are graduates, the results of the empirical analysis showed that graduate unemployment persists, having been a graduate the phobia of gaining employable job in Nigeria now lingers, as the unemployed graduates tend to be more anxious ,depressed with their attendant sleeplessness than those with jobs.

This unemployment saga has not only posed a great challenge to the economy but also retarded the growth of the economy, this menace has been categorized as one of the strong impediment to social progress. The conundrum is when will the rate of unemployment in Nigeria subdue and give way to a comfortable and gainful employment to the turnout of Nigeria graduate? Definitely no answer to this yet because the problem of graduate - unemployment looms around lack of political will of people in governance to secure enabling atmosphere through provision of basic infrastructure and construction of project that will create job opportunities for the graduate.

However, the solution to this menace is not farfetched: Entrepreneurial approach, the unemployment challenges gave a rising focus on self-employment instead of the salaried employment – seen most obviously in Nigeria. Entrepreneurship can ameliorate this situation, the dexterity with which unemployment and poverty have shattered lives and future ambition of



graduates, has led to scholars prescribing entrepreneurship as a lasting remedy to the extreme unemployment challenges, self-employment is a powerful tool to create work and to boost the economy. Entrepreneurial development will infuse and expose graduates potentials into entrepreneurial values skills, which include aspects of leadership, innovation, creativity, competitiveness, independence and ability to identify and create opportunities and income instead of searching for a white collar job that lingers.

In this view, the FPE alumni Association has witnessed some tremendous achievements in creating a mindset and impartation of entrepreneurial skills amidst the finalists of Federal polytechnic Ede, posits that entrepreneurship is the veritable roadmap to reducing unemployment among Nigerian graduates/interns after organizing an Entrepreneurial seminar/workshop tagged "**PROMOTING ENTREPRENUERIAL MINDSET AND ENHANCING CAREER CHOICE AND DEVELOPMENT**" for the finalists of Federal polytechnic Ede.

Conclusively, if graduates in our tertiary institutions are equipped with entrepreneurial mindset at the outset of their careers and after the shore of campus, they will be more engaged and take ownership of their own business instead of wandering for a salary - paid job that is nowhere and our graduate in institutions like Federal polytechnic Ede will be able to perceive opportunities for financial gain to enable them take control of their circumstances and improve self - confidence because it is of worthy note that SME accounts for half of the private workforce today

THE TRAIL OF PATHFINDER

-Bldr (Dr) Buari, T. Abiodun

Since its inception, Federal polytechnic Ede had had the privilege of being ranked among the best polytechnic in Nigeria, the great polytechnic Ede has trained and produced some of Nigeria's finest and most prominent personalities, the citadel is now boast to have produced Millions of Alumni who have achieved professional career success globally in Academics, Agriculture, Business & Entrepreneurship, Finance, Oil & Industrial fields, Politics, Technology etc. Indubitably, the institution has produced several professionals, who are doing very well in different fields.

The FPE ALUMNI Association is vibrant and strives to connect alumni in various parts of the globe to one another (networking), and engage them with Federal polytechnic Ede, for increased participation in the development of our beloved alma mater, creating a need for an alumni body, in this view, a worldwide network of federal Polytechnic Ede alumni was structured, with the aim of connecting, engaging and getting inspired, today, FPE alumni association involve graduates of all age groups and demographics.

The idea of the FPE Alumni Association was conceived when it was considered necessary to create an organization that would embrace different generations of the polytechnic. The body was expected to play a dominant role in the life of the polytechnic by reflecting the views of its graduates and been very active in forging strong ties with the polytechnic and amongst its membership.

The association exists, wholly and solely, to help our Alumni and, by extension, the polytechnic itself succeed, FPE Alumni Associations exist to support the alumni and to strengthen the ties between Alumni, the School Management and the Community, at FPE Alumni association we serve as the official link between the polytechnic and its alumni and this distinguished body (FPEAA) offers students of the school a number of excellent ways to connect with Ede Polytechnic alumni.

We are always delighted to hear of the successes and achievements of our graduates and we are hoping that graduates of Federal Polytechnic Ede keep in touch when they complete their programmes.

The aims and objectives of the Association:

- To serve as the official link between the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Council and its management (hereinafter called “the Polytechnic and its information regarding the institution may be passed from it to the Association and vice-versa).
- To encourage all Alumni to retain their interest in and loyalty to the Polytechnic at all times.
- To initiate and execute programmes and/or activities aimed at accelerating the overall growth and development of the Polytechnic.
- To initiate and execute measures aimed at preserving, protecting and defending the good name of the Polytechnic.

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- To provide necessary encouragement including financial assistance to and effective leadership for the student of the Polytechnic.
- To forge useful link between students, parents, teachers and other friends of the Polytechnic on the one hand and the Polytechnic Community on the other.
- To inaugurate and/or revive branches of the Association in all parts of Nigeria and beyond.
- To deal in any or personal property and acquire rights and privileges in any part of Nigeria or beyond which the Association may consider necessary or convenient of for the promotion of aims and objectives of the Polytechnic.
- To undertake any other activities which are consistent, with or which the Association considers will promotes it interests, aims and objectives. **SCORECARD AT GLANCE**

INAUGURATION OF FPE GOVERNING COUNCIL: ALUMNI PRESIDENT, MR. BASHIR SHITTU OLALEYE MAKES THE LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The recent formation of the Governing Council of the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Osun State seems memorable.

Consequent upon the recent formation of the school's governing council, the National President of Alumni, Mr. Bashir Shittu Olaleye has been appointed as a Member of the highest decision making organ of the Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Osun State and the Council has since resumed her responsibilities.

Governing Council of any institution is responsible for the legislation of policies that – give direction and control to the Executive Management on the day-to-day



running of the institution.

Mr. Bashir Shittu Olaleye who has ever since the genesis of his administration, pledged delightful loyalty to the alumni, has not relaxed his desire to bring the school's alumni body to greater heights of excellence.

The President also calls on all members of the alumni association to assist him with developmental ideas, opinions and strategies that can rejig the status quo, and render the representation of the alumni in the Council more worthwhile than before.



NAMES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS



Air. Cdre. EK Jekada (Rtd)
Chairman

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- Alhaji Adamu Mohammed Sani
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- Mr. Pak Alade William
- Alhaji S. A. Rafiu
- Barrister S. S. Oni
- Alhaji S. A. Adiat



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THE CITADEL OF LEARNING WHERE GREAT
LEADERS ARE MADE, FEDPOLY EDE
WE ARE THE FIRST AMONG EQUALS,
RAISING GREAT SCHOLARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD,
LEADING THE WAY TO ALL ROUND SUCCESS
ON KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CHARACTER
WE STAND, FEDPOLY EDE

CHORUS:

SO DEAR TO MY HEART ARE YOU, ARISE
AND TAKE YOUR PLACE,
YOU ARE BEST (2x)
FEDPOLY EDE

STANZA 2

VOCATIONAL SKILL IS OUR WATCHWORD,
PROFICIENCY IN TECHNICAL TRAINING
FEDPOLY EDE
GIVING THE BEST ON TECHNICAL
EDUCATION, PAVING WAYS FOR DISCOVERY
OF TALENTS DIVERSE TRAINING ON
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
STAND ON YOUR FEET AND RISE TO THE
SKIES, FEDPOLY EDE

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