

Wigwe University, TETFUND Explore Strategic Collaboration

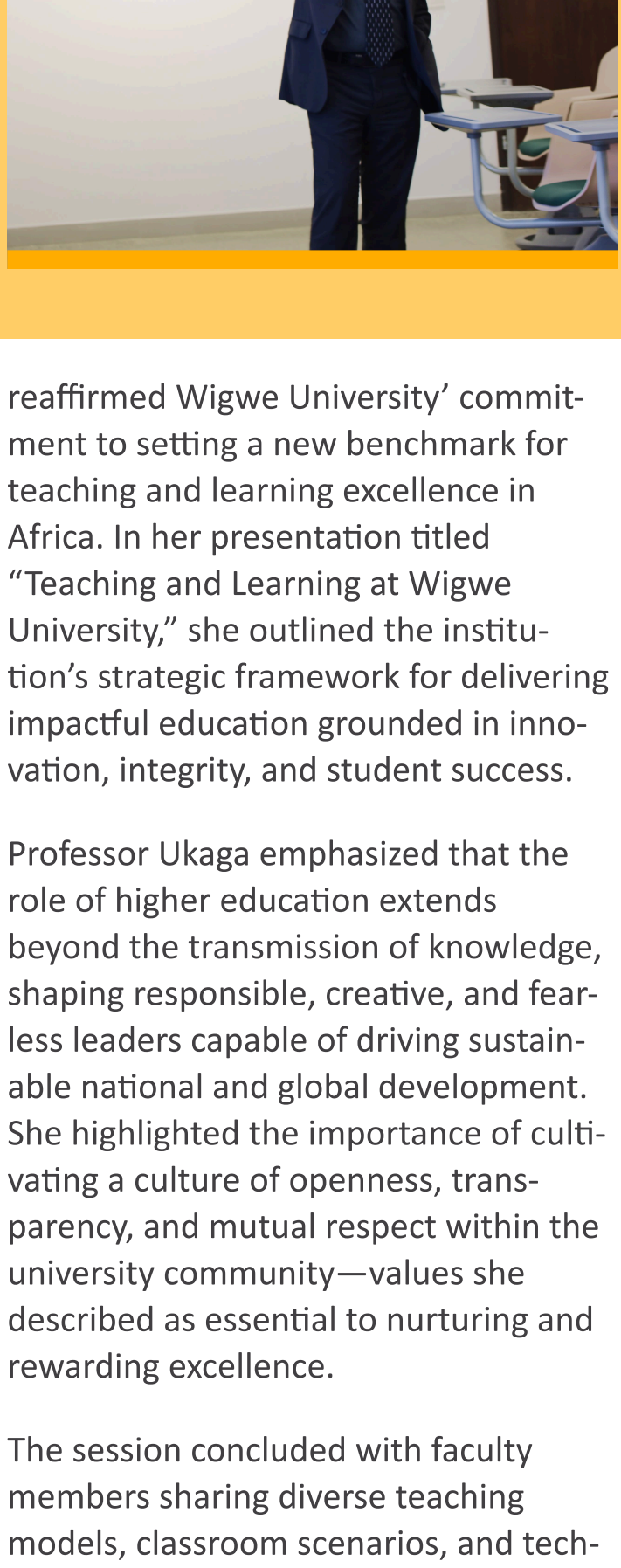


The Vice-Chancellor of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, recently met with representatives of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to discuss possible areas of collaboration aimed at advancing research, innovation, and academic development.

The engagement with the Executive Secretary of TETFUND, Arc. Sonny Echono offered both institutions a platform to explore mutually beneficial initiatives that align with national education priorities and Wigwe University's commitment to excellence.

During the meeting, Professor Al-Akaidi expressed appreciation to the TETFUND leadership for the opportunity to engage and highlighted key areas for partnership, including the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize the collaboration.

In his remarks, the TETFUND Executive Secretary commended Wigwe University's vision and innovative approach to higher education, noting that such partnerships are vital for strengthening national capacity and enhancing global competitiveness. Both parties agreed to take concrete steps toward implementing the proposed initiatives, beginning with formal documentation and follow-up engagements in the coming weeks.



Wigwe University Reaffirms Commitment to Transformative Teaching, Learning Culture

The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, set the tone for the session by reiterating the critical role of faculty in advancing Wigwe University's vision for teaching and learning excellence.

Professor Al-Akaidi urged faculty members to embrace new learning technologies, active pedagogies, and mentorship-driven approaches that would enable students to compete favorably with peers worldwide.



Addressing participants at the weekly faculty training, he emphasized the importance of adopting innovative teaching models that bring out the best in every Wigwe University student. According to him, the institution's mission to ignite Africa's potential is anchored on an academic culture that prioritizes curiosity, innovation, and continuous improvement.

He applauded the leadership of the College of Management and Social Sciences for organizing the inaugural entrepreneurship challenge, as well as the performance of the Wigwe University Creative Art Club (WUCAC), describing both as a practical demonstration of the University's commitment to experiential learning. The Vice-Chancellor further encouraged deans of other colleges to design similar competitions and innovation-driven programmes that would provide hands-on experiences, deepen problem-solving skills, and inspire entrepreneurial thinking among students.

In her presentation, the Director of Academic Planning and Quality Assurance, Professor Chinyere Ukaga,

reaffirmed Wigwe University's commitment to setting a new benchmark for teaching and learning excellence in Africa. In her presentation titled "Teaching and Learning at Wigwe University," she outlined the institution's strategic framework for delivering impactful education grounded in innovation, integrity, and student success.

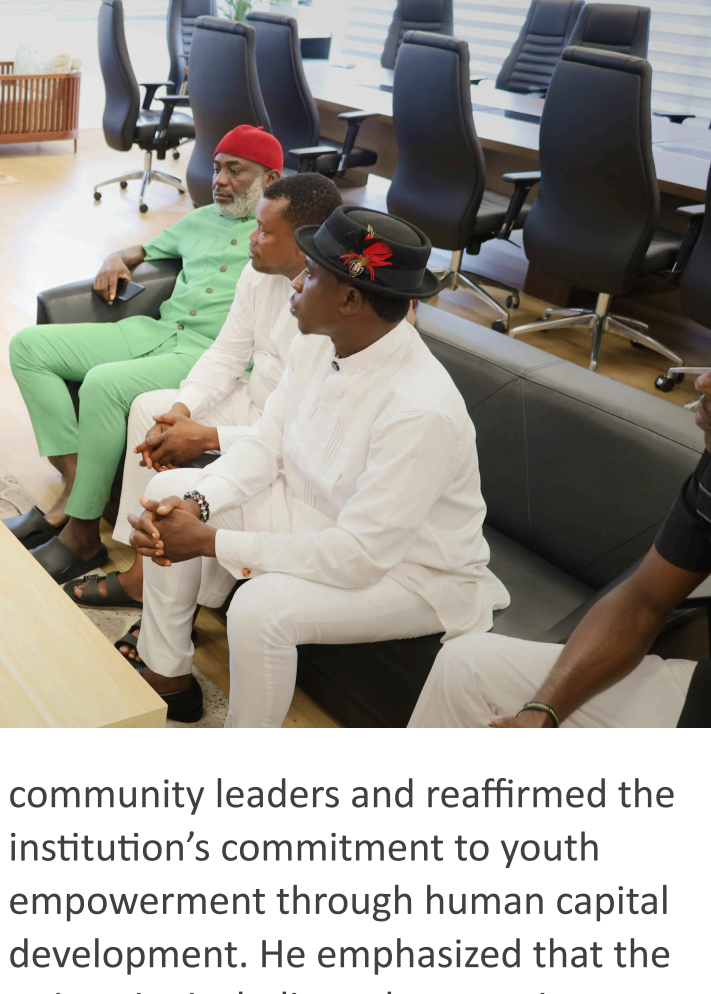
Professor Ukaga emphasized that the role of higher education extends beyond the transmission of knowledge, shaping responsible, creative, and fearless leaders capable of driving sustainable national and global development. She highlighted the importance of cultivating a culture of openness, transparency, and mutual respect within the university community—values she described as essential to nurturing and rewarding excellence.

The session concluded with faculty members sharing diverse teaching models, classroom scenarios, and techniques for making learning more engaging and interactive across the University.

Wigwe University Strengthens Ties with Ikwere LGA, Pledges Commitment to Founder's Vision

The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, on recently led the university's management team on a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman of Ikwere Local Government Area, Honourable Charles Wobodo. The engagement is part of ongoing efforts to deepen collaboration between the University, government, and host communities.

In his remarks, Professor Al-Akaidi emphasized that the vision of the University's host community, the late Dr. Herbert Wigwe, can only be fully realized through strong and continuous partnerships. He noted that Wigwe University remains committed to advancing shared development goals through active engagement with critical stakeholders.



"The dream of our founder will not come to fruition unless there is a partnership between the University, government, and the people," he said. "We are all committed to Herbert Wigwe's

vision, and we are here to do the work that will bring it to reality. I assure you that we can make meaningful progress for the people of this community if we work together."

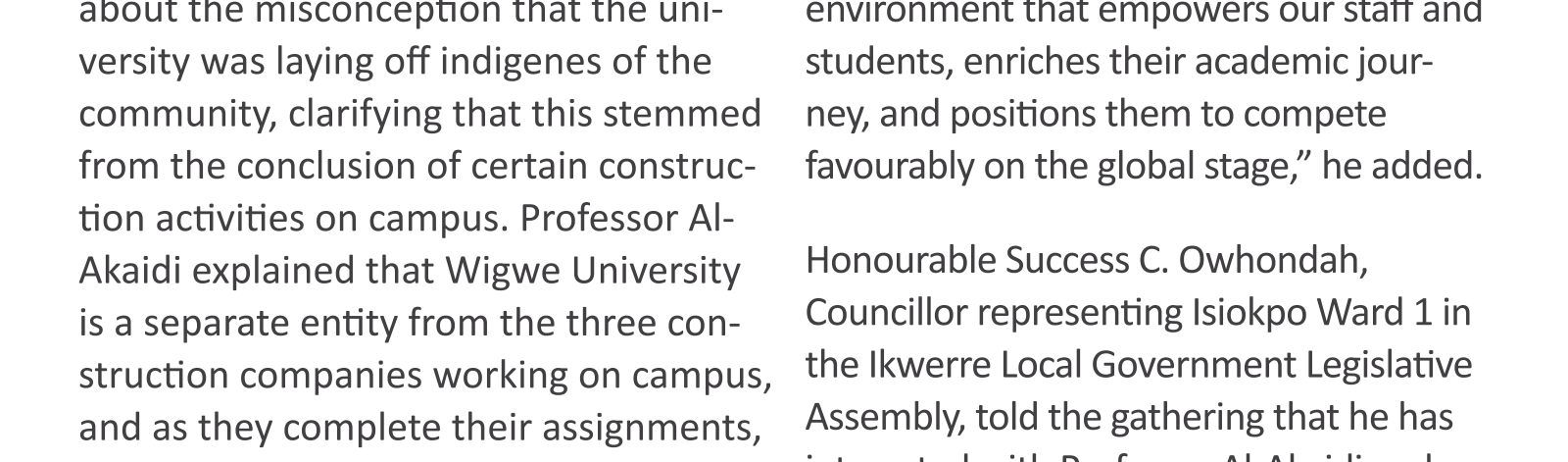
Honourable Wobodo, in his response, expressed deep appreciation for the visit and reiterated the Local Government's commitment to supporting Wigwe University. He described the institution as "a project close to his heart," recalling his engagements with the late Dr. Herbert Wigwe during the construction phase of the University.

He noted that the community considers the institution its own and pledged continued collaboration with the University's leadership. The Chairman also spoke emotionally about the founder's commitment to completing

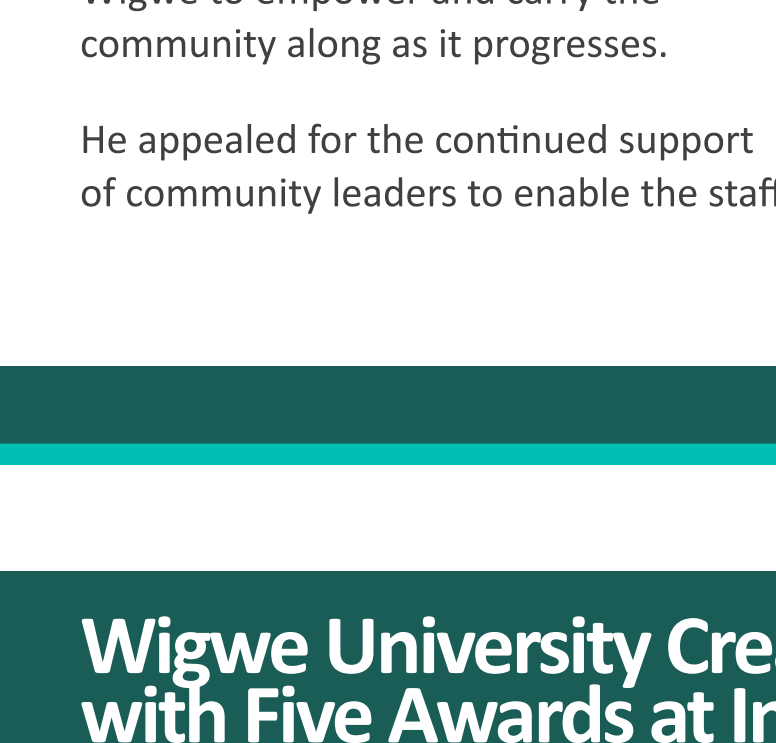
the electrification project for the community, adding that he has personally taken the initiative as a priority. "His demise saddens me, but I am committed to seeing the electrification project completed, even if that will be the Local Government's contribution to the University," Wobodo stated.

He further appealed for scholarship opportunities for indigent but academically gifted students within the Local Government and assured the University of full support through the LGA's Ministry of Education.

The visit highlights Wigwe University's commitment to collaborating with the host community in advancing the transformational vision of its founder through purposeful partnerships and shared development initiatives.

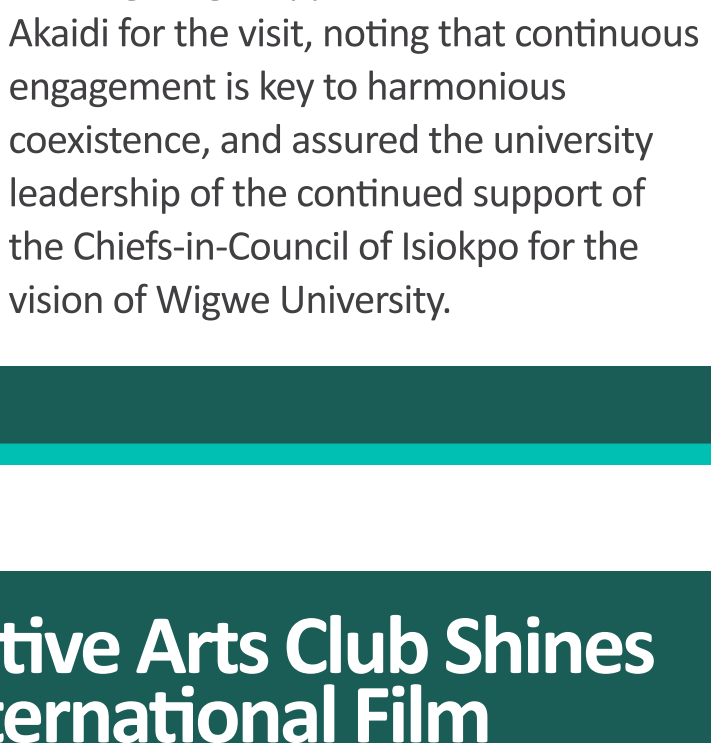


Wigwe University Receives Host Community Delegation, Reaffirms Commitment to Youth Development



The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, on Thursday, November 06, 2025, received a delegation from the university's host community, led by Honourable Success C. Owchondah, Councillor representing Isioikpo Ward 1 in the Ikwere Local Government Legislative Assembly.

During the courtesy visit, Professor Al-Akaidi expressed appreciation to the



community leaders and reaffirmed the university's commitment to youth empowerment through human capital development. He emphasized that the university is dedicated to creating an enabling environment that equips young people in the community with information and communication technology (ICT) knowledge and skills.

The Vice-Chancellor reassured the political and community leaders of the

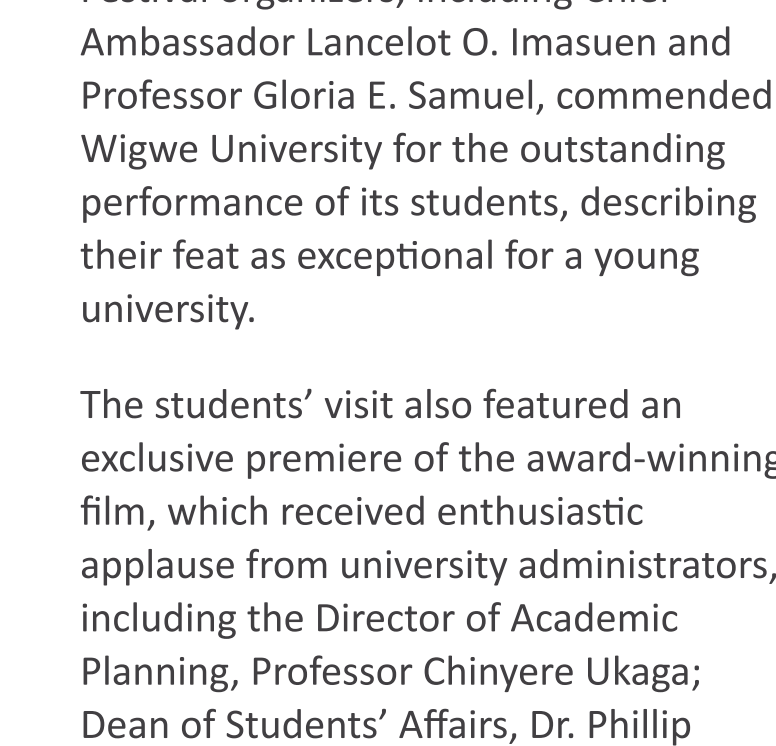
university management's unwavering dedication to community service. He reiterated the vision of the late founder, Dr. Herbert Wigwe, to ensure that the university makes a positive and lasting impact on the indigenes of Ikwere Local Government Area and Isioikpo town.

In his response, Honourable Owchondah commended the Vice-Chancellor and the university leadership for their receptiveness, noting that sustained engagement with the host community is essential for peaceful coexistence between "town

and gown." He stated that the youths of the community are fully aware of what Wigwe University represents and, in honour of the pledge made to the late Dr. Wigwe, remain committed to ensuring the security of the university's environment.

The delegation thanked the university leadership for being a valuable partner in driving community development and pledged continued collaboration with the management team to sustain the legacy of the late Dr. Herbert Wigwe.

Wigwe VC Addresses Community Concerns in Isioikpo Engagement



In an attempt to conducive community relations with the people of Isioikpo, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, recently met with community and political leaders in the university's host community.

The meeting, which was held at the palace of His Royal Majesty King Blessing Wagor, Wagidi 40th, Nyewe-Ali of Isioikpo Ancient Kingdom, saw Professor Al-Akaidi thank the community and



political leaders for their support over the past year, particularly for helping to apprehend miscreants involved in acts of vandalism.

He addressed the gathering's concerns about the misconception that the university was laying off indigenes of the community, clarifying that this stemmed from the conclusion of certain construction activities on campus. Professor Al-Akaidi explained that Wigwe University is a separate entity from the three construction companies working on campus, and as they complete their assignments, they reserve the right to reduce the number of artisans and casual workers they require at any given time. The erroneous assumption, he noted, was that the university was terminating their appointments.

He assured His Royal Majesty that the university remains committed to the founding vision of the late Dr. Herbert Wigwe to empower and carry the community along as it progresses.

He appealed for the continued support of community leaders to enable the staff

and student of the university to regard Isioikpo as their own home, noting that the community has been very welcoming to them.

"Together, we can create and sustain an environment that empowers our staff and students, enriches their academic journey, and positions them to compete favourably on the global stage," he added.

Honourable Success C. Owchondah, Councillor representing Isioikpo Ward 1 in the Ikwere Local Government Legislative Assembly, told the gathering that he has interacted with Professor Al-Akaidi and the university's Community Liaison Officer, Mr. Daniel Obisike, on issues of mutual interest to both the university and the Isioikpo community. According to him, with continued engagement like this, the university will enjoy the unending support of the Local Government Council.

In his remarks, His Royal Majesty Blessing Wagor appreciated Professor Al-Akaidi for the visit, noting that continuous coexistence is key to harmonious coexistence, and assured the university leadership of the continued support of the Chiefs-in-Council of Isioikpo for the vision of Wigwe University.

Wigwe University Creative Arts Club Shines with Five Awards at International Film Festival

Wigwe University has continued to solidify its position as a rising force in global creative arts as its Creative Arts Club (WUCAC) recorded remarkable achievements at the 2025 International Student Film Festival (ISFF). The club's short film, *The Letter*, which had earlier secured ten nominations, emerged as a multiple award-winning entry at the event held in Owerri, Imo State. The film—dedicated to the memory of the university's founder, Dr. Herbert O. Wigwe—stood out among submissions from institutions across the world, signaling the university's growing artistic influence.

During a reception in the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi and members of the university management team received the award-winning students, celebrating their creativity and commitment. He applauded the team for bringing honour to the university and encouraged them to continue pushing boundaries in their creative pursuits. The Vice-Chancellor assured the students of the institution's continuous support, emphasizing the importance of balancing excellence in extracurricular activities with academic responsibilities.

At the festival, themed Legacy, *The Letter* clinched five major awards: Best Short Film 2025, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Life Content (using a phone, tripod, and ring light), and the prestigious Best Overall Film award. Festival organizers, including Chief Ambassador Lancelot O. Imasuen and Professor Gloria E. Samuel, commended Wigwe University for the outstanding performance of its students, describing their feat as exceptional for a young university.

The students' visit also featured an exclusive premiere of the award-winning film, which received enthusiastic applause from university administrators, including the Director of Academic Planning, Professor Chinyere Ukaga; Dean of Students' Affairs, Dr. Phillip Adewuyi; and Faculty Adviser, Mr.

Victor Coker. Dr. Tertsea Joseph Ikyoive, Acting Head of the Department of Communication and Digital Media Studies, expressed appreciation to the university leadership for creating an enabling environment that fosters creativity and supports student-led innovation.

Reflecting on the club's achievement, WUCAC Staff Adviser Mr. Victor Coker highlighted the blend of hard work, ingenuity, and professionalism that distinguished the team's performance. He noted that their success aligns with Wigwe University's vision of nurturing well-rounded graduates capable of excelling in creative and industry-driven fields. With strengthened institutional support and an unwavering commitment to excellence, the Creative Arts Club continues to position Wigwe University as a hub for emerging global talent.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

- Emem Isong Misodi Award for Best Screenplay
- Cleopatra Award for Best Make-up
- Best Costume
- Best Actor (Male)
- Best Cinematography
- Best Editor
- Signis Africa Award for Best Humanitarian Film- Chico Ejiro Award for Best Director
- Best Short Film
- Captain Houssa Okunbor Award for Best Overall Film

THE LETTER
Directed by: Wilson M. Richard
Starring: Mission Samwel, Wilson Richard, Al-Raoud Studios

WIGWE DID IT

5 MAJOR WINS at ISF2025

Welcome to the Fearless Community

The leadership of Wigwe University is pleased to welcome a new face to our vibrant community.

Dr Stephanie Akaji
Medical Doctor

Follow our social media handles to be the first to know about events and activities on our campus

- Wigwe University
- Wigwe University
- @wigwe.university
- wigwe.university
- Wigwe University

APPLY NOW, VISIT

www.wigweuniversity.edu.ng

Editor-in-Chief: Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi
Editor: Emmanuel Attat

Wigwe University,
Port Harcourt—Owerri Road, Isioikpo,
Rivers State, Nigeria

www.wigweuniversity.edu.ng
+234 (0) 700 123 4567