



Innovation, Growth, Global Relevance Define Wigwe University's 2025/2026 Academic Session



With great excitement, we welcome our students back to campus as the 2025/2026 academic session gets underway. This new academic year promises to be a pivotal one as we once again welcome a fresh cohort of students into our academic community, to nurture them to become fearless agents of change.

In preparation for the arrival of freshmen, the University Management, with the support of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Governing Council, has invested significantly in upgrading various facilities to ensure a conducive

and serene learning environment for all students.

The 2025/2026 academic year is set to be a dynamic and engaging session, designed to challenge students beyond the lecture halls—encouraging innovation and inspiring them to develop solutions to issues aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These efforts aim to further position Wigwe University as a key player on the global stage.

Furthermore, the University Management has tasked members of the faculty to collaborate, pursue research, and secure grants that will enhance the visibility of their departments and colleges while fostering reputable partnerships for the University.

There is no doubt about Management's vision for the current academic year.



What is certain is that a plethora of activities will make our campus vibrant and lively, leaving lasting memories in the hearts and minds of our students for years to come.

Wigwe University Vice-Chancellor Visits Rivers State Ministry of Education

The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, recently paid a courtesy visit to the Rivers State Ministry of Education to discuss collaborative efforts aimed at advancing tertiary education in the state.

Professor Al-Akaidi, who was warmly received by the Permanent Secretary, Dr. (Mrs.) Ndidi Chikanele Utchay, along with other principal officers of the Ministry, stated that the visit was to explore ways of strengthening the exist-



ing partnership between the University and the State Government.

He commended the Executive Governor of Rivers State, His Excellency, Sir Siminalayi Fubara, for his sustained commitment to human capital development through the state's academic scholarship scheme. According to him, the initiative has enabled many

indigenes of Rivers State to benefit from the quality education offered by Wigwe University.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for the leadership of the Ministry to review the academic performance of the scholarship beneficiaries currently studying at Wigwe University.



Wigwe University Unveils State-of-the-Art Hall of Residence for Incoming Freshmen

All is set for the arrival of the freshman class of the 2025/2026 academic session at Wigwe University. The University has completed retrofitting the first phase of its ultra-modern Hall of Residence, designed to accommodate over 250 students.

The A1 Hall of Residence features both standard rooms and ensuite apartments, thoughtfully designed to provide students with an optimal blend of academic comfort and leisure. This development underscores the University's commitment to delivering premium value and dispels the notion that quality education at Wigwe University comes at a prohibi-

tive cost.

Equipped with state-of-the-art sanitary facilities, modern household appliances, and professional laundry services, the Hall of Residence rivals the accommodation standards of the world's most prestigious institutions, including Ivy League universities.

This initiative fulfills the vision of the University's Founder, the late Dr. Herbert Wigwe, to create a world-class learning environment where exceptional Nigerian students can access the same quality of education and campus experience available at top universities abroad—right here at home.

Professor Ukaga Speaks on Role of Public Health, Technology, Community Engagement

The Director of the Academic Planning Unit at Wigwe University, Professor Chinyere Ukaga, recently participated in a series of community events that culminated in a public lecture in Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States of America, on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Professor Ukaga delivered a presentation titled 'Empowering Communities through Public Health Education: The Role of Technology and Local Engagement.'

The Convener, Dr Emma Asonye of



Omenka App LLC, stated that the program was designed to blend academic discussion with cultural exchange and community engagement, pairing Ukaga's public health presentation with music, dance, arts and crafts, food, and networking.

The series was produced in partnership with the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs, Omenka App LLC, New Mexico State University, and other local partners, including UNM African American Student Services and Indigenous Hands and Voices.


Dr Asonye said Omenka App LLC was enthused to have a leading Nigerian scholar in public health and parasitology visit New Mexico for the week-long public events that will culminate in the public lecture in Albuquerque, all with the intent of bringing public-health dialogue, cultural programming and community engagement to Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

"We are proud to bring Professor Ukaga to New Mexico as part of our efforts to highlight global perspectives on health equity," Dr Asonye said.

Dr Onyeagbako Champions Women's Empowerment, Community Service, Civic Development in Imo State

In a display of the values of the late Dr Herbert Wigwe, founder of Wigwe University, of leading through service and remaining engaged, a faculty member of the General Studies Division of the University, Dr Stella O. Onyeagbako, has rallied the women of Okwu Uratta in Owerri North Local Government of Imo State to erect a Community Hall to serve as a civic centre for the people.

Dr Onyeagbako, who served as the President-General of the women's wing Okwu



Uratta Development Union (OUDU) in her hometown, said she was intentional about creating a place where the people can converge to discuss issues that bother on the development of the town, which necessitated her championing the construction of the hall.

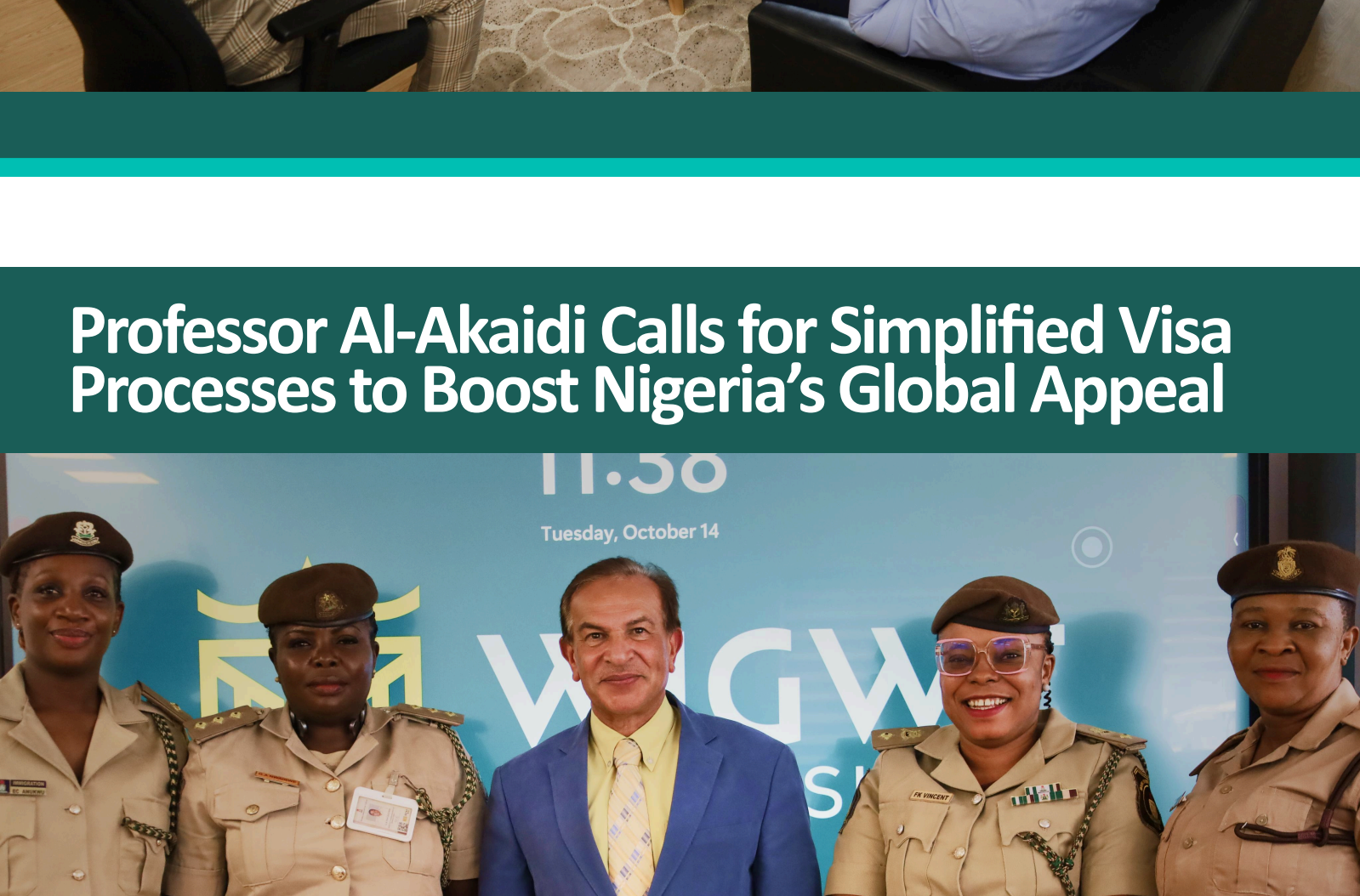
Drawing from the values of the institution to which she belongs, Dr Onyeagbako's tenure witnessed the empowerment of 91 women traders with nonrefundable loans to make them productive members of society. "My goal is to ensure that at least 100 women are empowered to become self-reliant during my leadership," she

enthused

The commissioning of the community civic centre attracted the Deputy Governor of Imo State, Her Excellency, Lady Chinyere Ekomaru, and the President, Customary Court of Appeal, Imo State, Hon. Justice Victor Uchenna Okorie, amongst many other dignitaries.

This beautiful gesture earned Dr Onyeagbako the University management's commendation for not restricting herself to teaching and research only, but also engaging in community development projects.

Professor Al-Akaidi Welcomes New Faculty, Reaffirms Commitment to Student-Centred Excellence



Ahead of the commencement of the 2025/2026 academic session, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, Vice-Chancellor and CEO of Wigwe University, did welcome newly recruited faculty members into the University community, charging them to work with a mindset of contributing to the development of changemakers among the students.

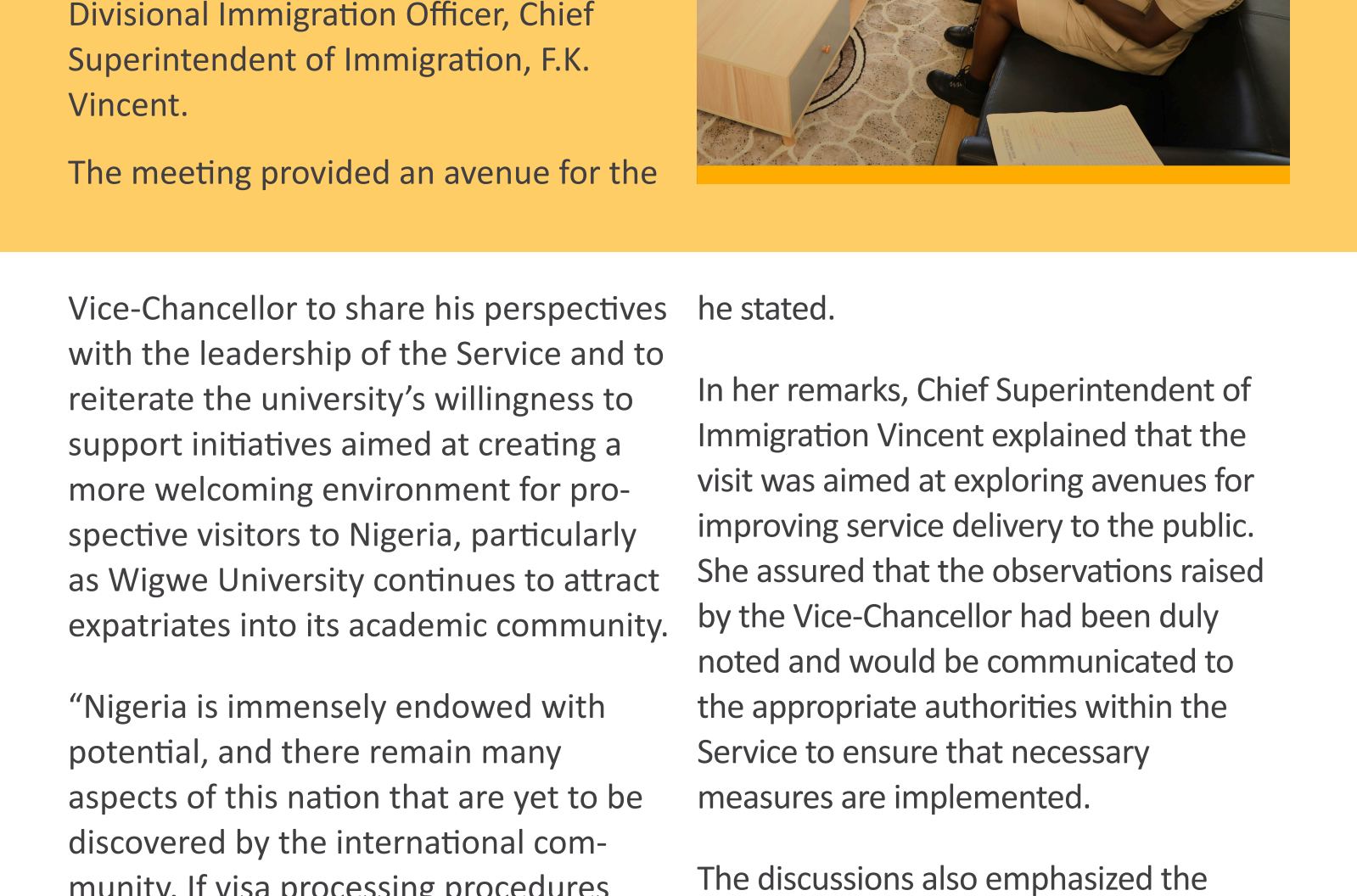
Professor Al-Akaid met with Professor Paul Nosike, Department of Electrical

Engineering; Dr Olorunfemi Bayode, Dr Enesi Yekini Salawu and Dr Chibuzor Victor Ikwuagu, all from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

He said the University Management was intentional in the recruitment exercise, noting that their wealth of experience must be brought to bear on the academic outlook of the students, and contribute to driving collaboration in their respective fields of endeavour.



Professor Al-Akaidi Calls for Simplified Visa Processes to Boost Nigeria's Global Appeal



The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Wigwe University, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, has called for a simplified visa process to enhance Nigeria's global appeal

Professor Marwan made this appeal during a parley with a delegation from the Nigerian Immigration Service, led by the Divisional Immigration Officer, Chief Superintendent of Immigration, F.K. Vincent.

The meeting provided an avenue for the

Vice-Chancellor to share his perspectives with the leadership of the Service and to reiterate the university's willingness to support initiatives aimed at creating a more welcoming environment for prospective visitors to Nigeria, particularly as Wigwe University continues to attract expatriates into its academic community.

"Nigeria is immensely endowed with potential, and there remain many aspects of this nation that are yet to be discovered by the international community. If visa processing procedures were streamlined and made more affordable, it would undoubtedly lead to a significant increase in the number of visitors, thereby contributing to the growth of the national economy,"

he stated.

In her remarks, Chief Superintendent of Immigration Vincent explained that the visit was aimed at exploring avenues for improving service delivery to the public. She assured that the observations raised by the Vice-Chancellor had been duly noted and would be communicated to the appropriate authorities within the Service to ensure that necessary measures are implemented.

The discussions also emphasized the importance of collaboration between the university and the Immigration Service to ensure compliance with national laws governing the employment of expatriates in Nigeria.

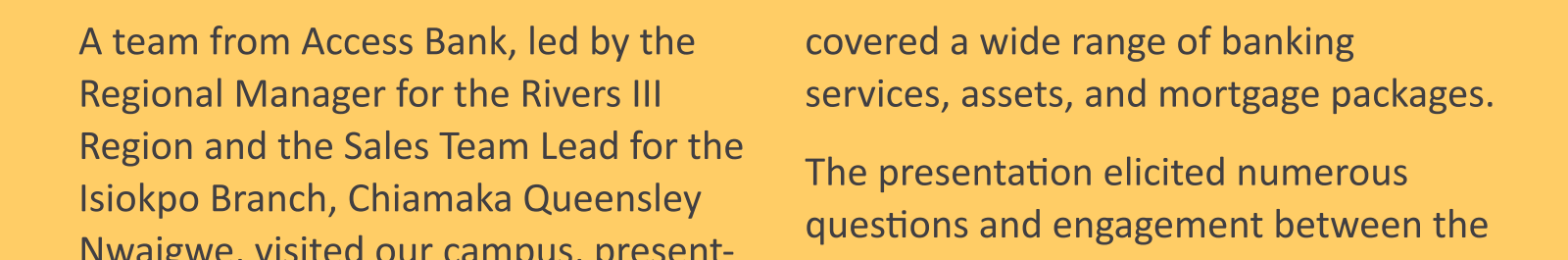
Access Bank Showcases Tailored Financial Solution to Wigwe University Staff



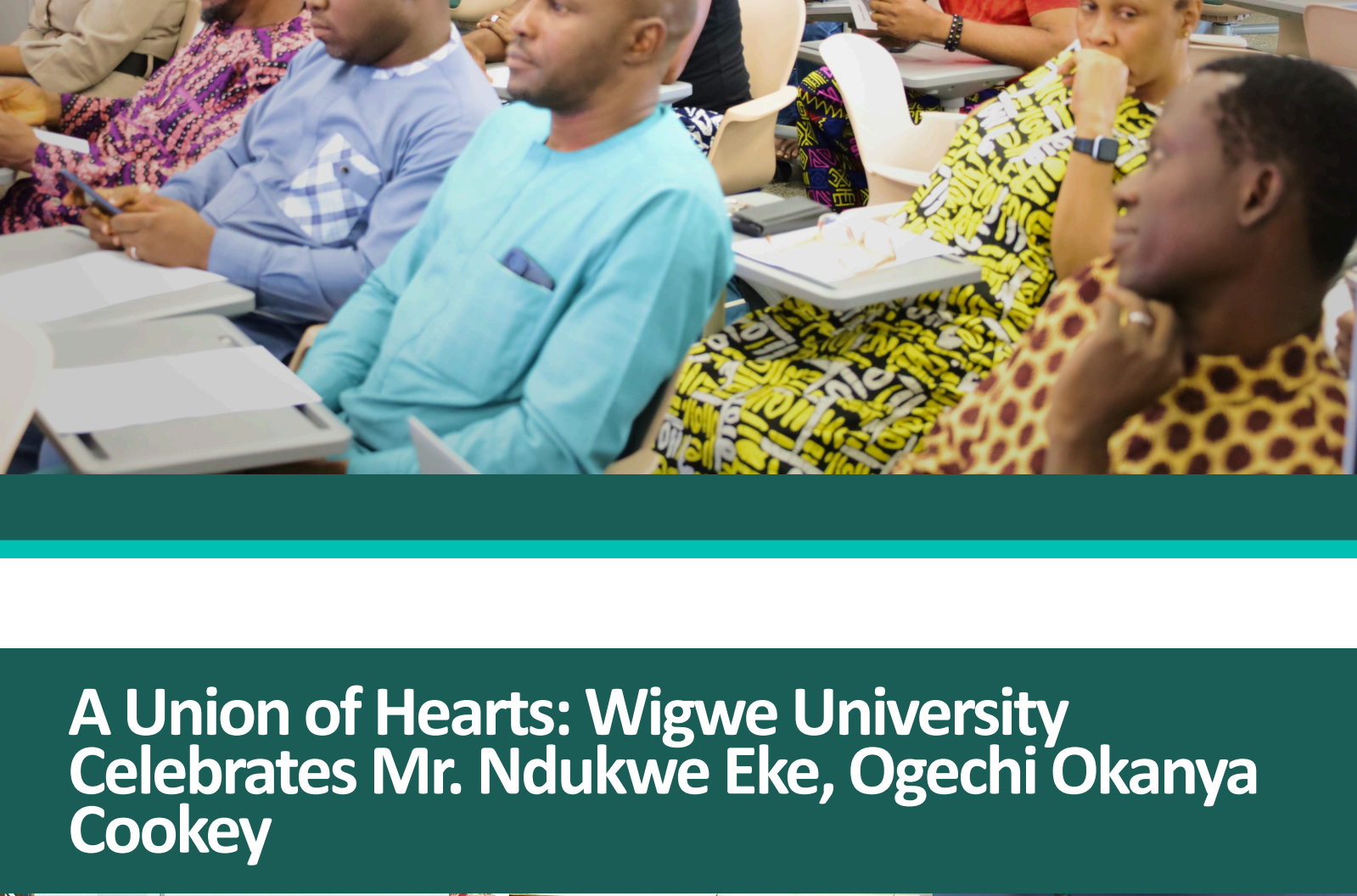
A team from Access Bank, led by the Regional Manager for the Rivers III Region and the Sales Team Lead for the Isioikpo Branch, Chiamaka Queensley Nwaigwe, visited our campus, presenting their various banking offerings to the staff of Wigwe University. The offerings

covered a wide range of banking services, assets, and mortgage packages.

The presentation elicited numerous questions and engagement between the staff of Access Bank and the staff of Wigwe University.




A Union of Hearts: Wigwe University Celebrates Mr. Ndukwue Eke, Ogechi Okanya Cookey

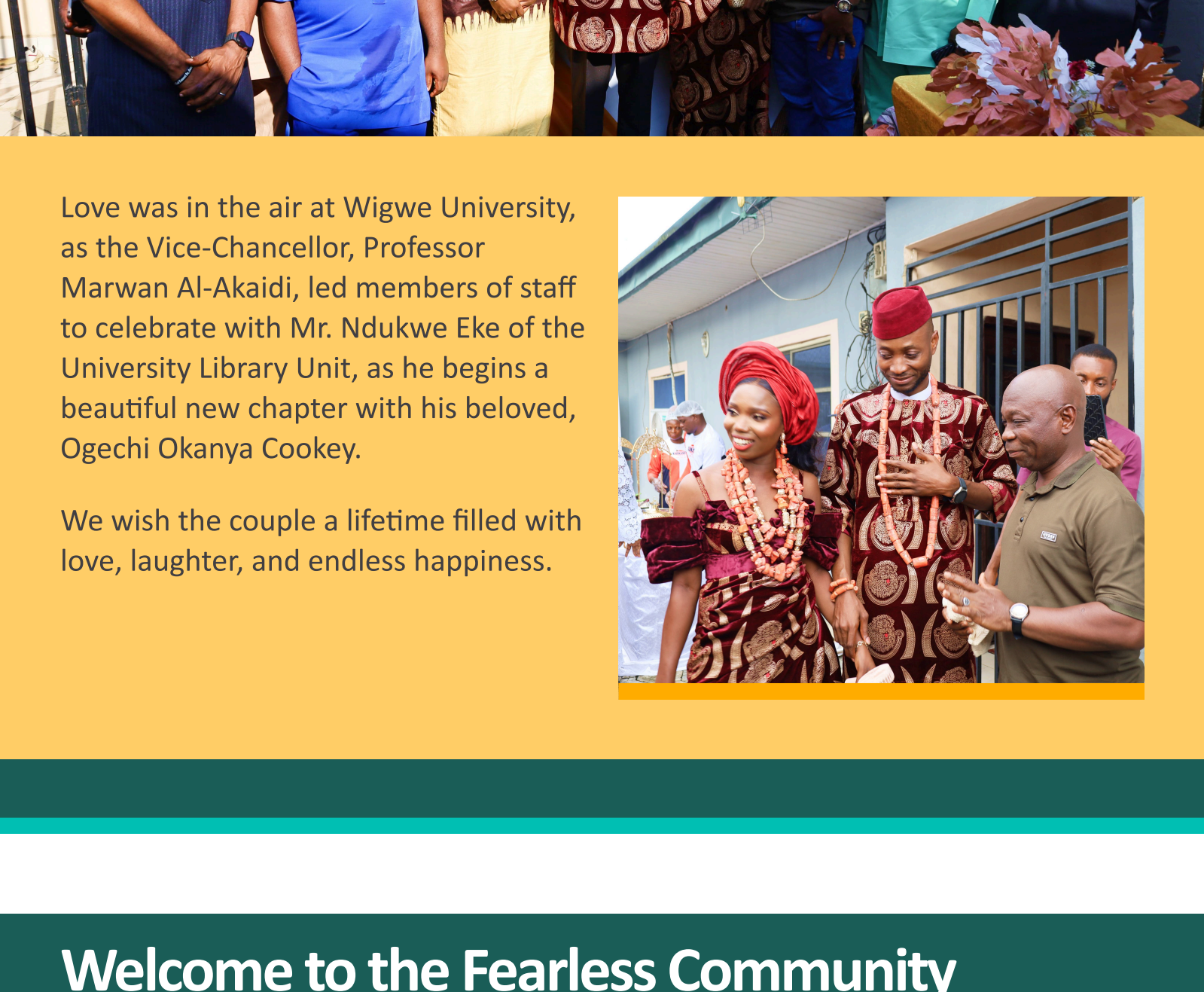


Love was in the air at Wigwe University, as the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, led members of staff to celebrate with Mr. Ndukwue Eke of the University Library Unit, as he begins a beautiful new chapter with his beloved, Ogechi Okanya Cookey.

We wish the couple a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and endless happiness.



Welcome to the Fearless Community



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