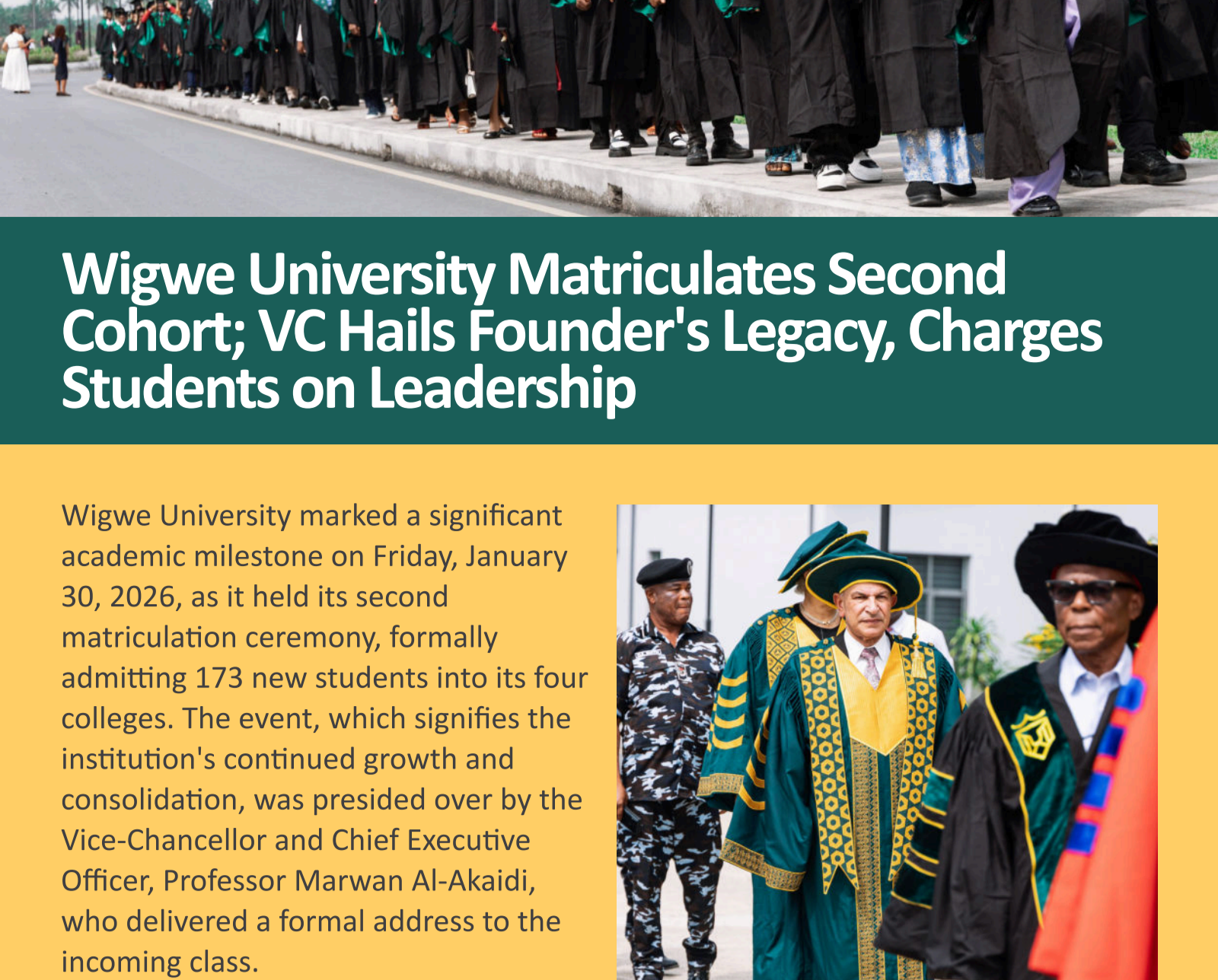




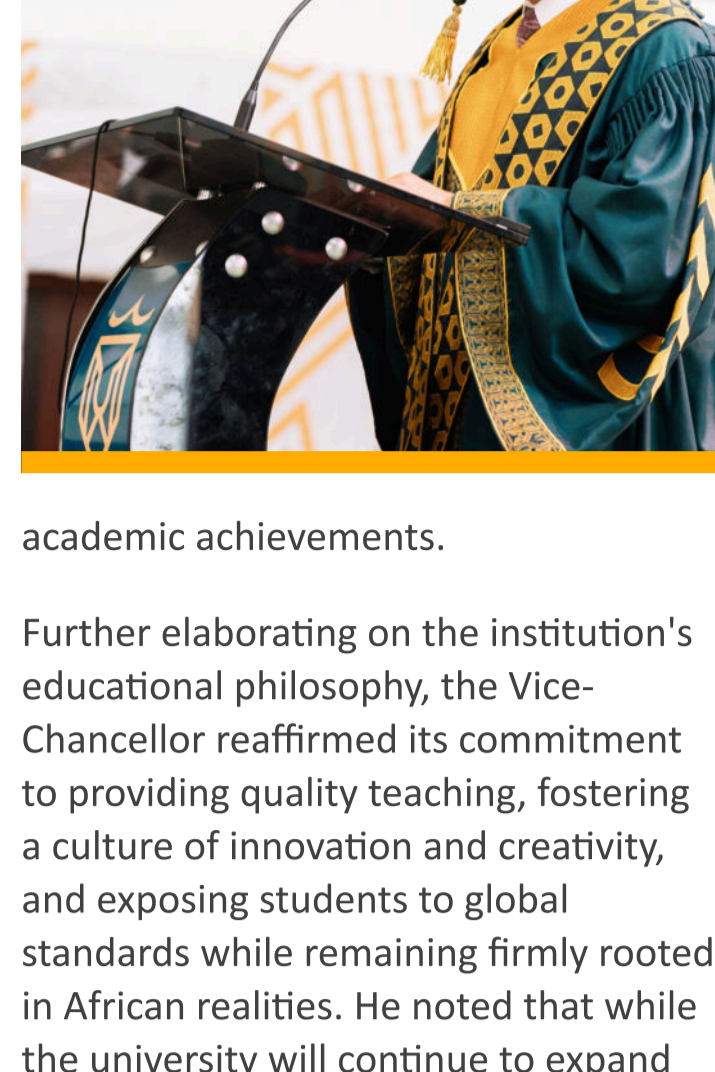
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Wigwe University Matriculates Second Cohort; VC Hails Founder's Legacy, Charges Students on Leadership

Wigwe University marked a significant academic milestone on Friday, January 30, 2026, as it held its second matriculation ceremony, formally admitting 173 new students into its four colleges. The event, which signifies the institution's continued growth and consolidation, was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Professor Marwan Al-Akaidi, who delivered a formal address to the incoming class.

In his speech, Professor Al-Akaidi described the occasion as a proud and historic moment for the burgeoning institution. He highlighted that this second ceremony is a clear indicator of the university's steady evolution from its inaugural matriculation into a thriving and expanding academic community. According to the Vice-Chancellor, this growth is a direct result of the university's unwavering commitment to its founding principles of academic excellence and holistic leadership development.



Professor Al-Akaidi asserted that the institution stands as the living fulfillment of Dr. Wigwe's profound aspiration to create an academic citadel that not only meets but exceeds Africa's educational needs. He emphasized that the founder's enduring legacy continues to shape the university's core mission: to nurture the future leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, and highly skilled graduates who will drive continental progress.

Addressing the matriculants, Professor Al-Akaidi framed their admission as both a singular privilege and a solemn responsibility. He outlined the university's core values of excellence, character, and leadership, stressing that students are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, discipline, and hard work. "You are being prepared not just for jobs, but for life, leadership, and service to Africa," he stated, adding that the reputation and future trajectory of Wigwe University now rest significantly on their conduct and

academic achievements. Further elaborating on the institution's educational philosophy, the Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed its commitment to providing quality teaching, fostering a culture of innovation and creativity, and exposing students to global standards while remaining firmly rooted in African realities. He noted that while the university will continue to expand its programs, partnerships, and research footprint, it is the people—most especially the students—who form the indispensable heart of Wigwe University.

The ceremony culminated with the students taking their matriculation oaths, thereby formally embarking on a journey designed to equip them as the next generation of transformative leaders.

'Refuse to Bow': Matriculants Called to Be Courageous Architects of the Nation's Future

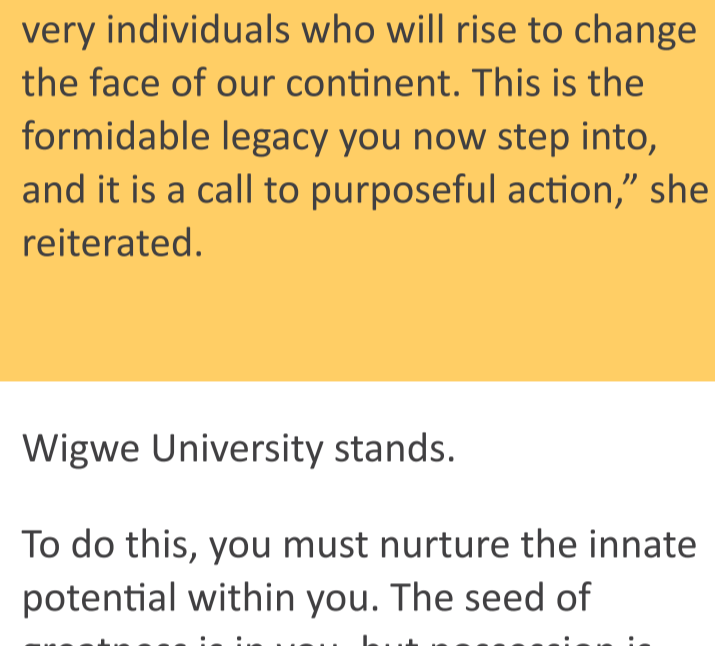
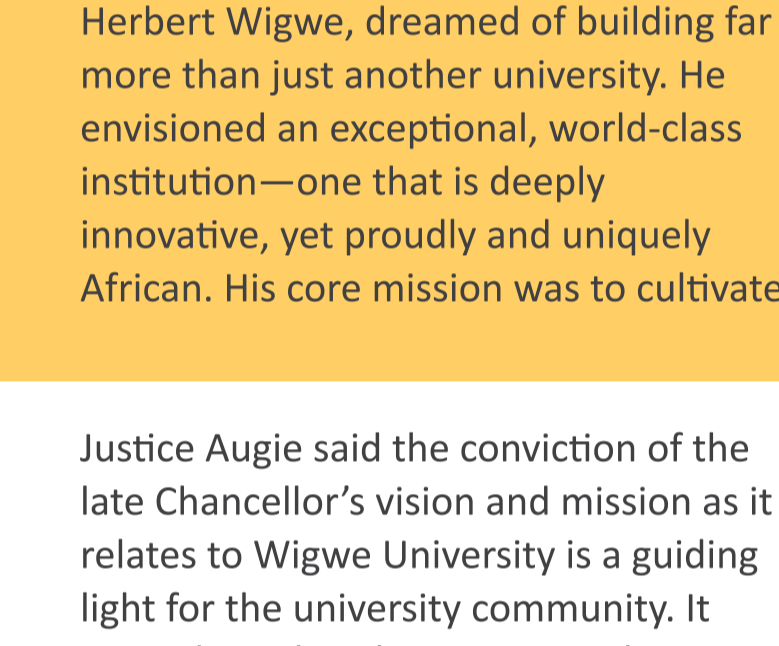
Dr. (Mrs.) Ajoritsedere Awosika, a member of the Board of Trustees, Wigwe University, has described the second matriculation of the University as far more than a routine ceremony. Addressing the matriculation assembly, she described it as a profound "reaffirmation of hope" and a living tribute to the visionary legacy of the university's late founder, Dr. Herbert Wigwe.



Dr. Awosika placed emphasis on the unique responsibility to be borne by these foundational cohorts of students.

She noted that they are not merely attendees but active architects, vital to defining the trajectory of this young institution. The culture they build, the standards they set, and the traditions they establish will echo through the university's history, shaping its identity for generations to come. According to her, their journey, therefore, is intrinsically linked to the legacy of the founder, thus the need for them to translate the vision into a tangible and enduring academic model.

To guide them in this weighty task, Dr. Awosika turned to the university's anthem, urging both students and staff to internalize its lyrics as a personal and collective creed. She specifically called on them to "show courage and refuse to bow to obstacles," framing the academic journey ahead as one that will require tenacity and an unwavering spirit. The anthem, in her exhortation, is not just a song but a manifesto for action, a direct channel through which the founder's intent continues to speak.



"History Will Favour the Fearless": Pro-Chancellor Invokes Founder's Creed at Second Matriculation

The Pro-Chancellor and Chair, Governing Council, Wigwe University, Hon. Justice Amina Augie JSC (Rtd.), has charged the matriculating students of the university to bear true allegiance to the founding vision of the University.

Justice Augie, addressing the second matriculation ceremony of the university, reminded the matriculating students of the need to be part of those who would bear the torch of the transformative vision that Wigwe University represents.



According to her, "Our late founder, Dr. Herbert Wigwe, dreamed of building far more than just another university. He envisioned an exceptional, world-class institution—one that is deeply innovative, yet proudly and uniquely African. His core mission was to cultivate

Nigeria's next generation of leaders, the very individuals who will rise to change the face of our continent. This is the formidable augury you now step into, and it is a call to purposeful action," she reiterated.

Justice Augie said the conviction of the late Chancellor's vision and mission as it relates to Wigwe University is a guiding light for the university community. It reminds us that there is so much to conquer, so many more lives to impact, and generations waiting to be uplifted to achieve their full potential.

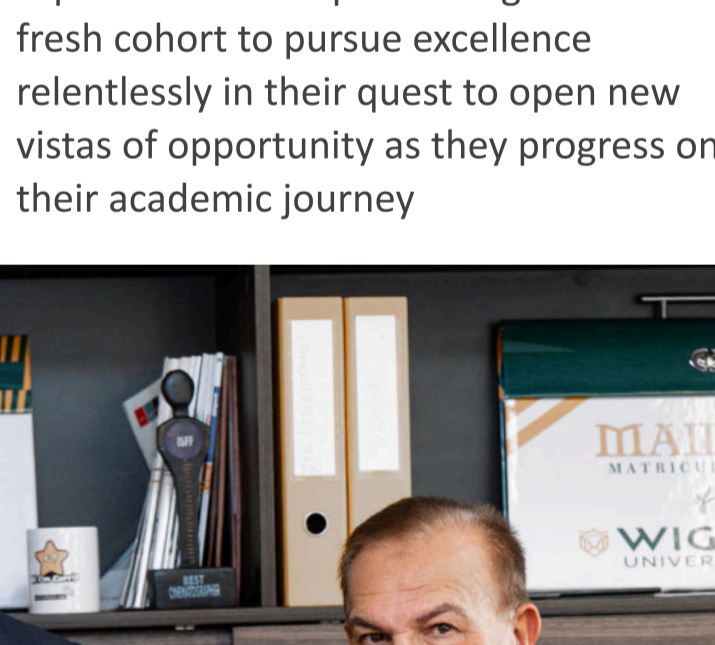
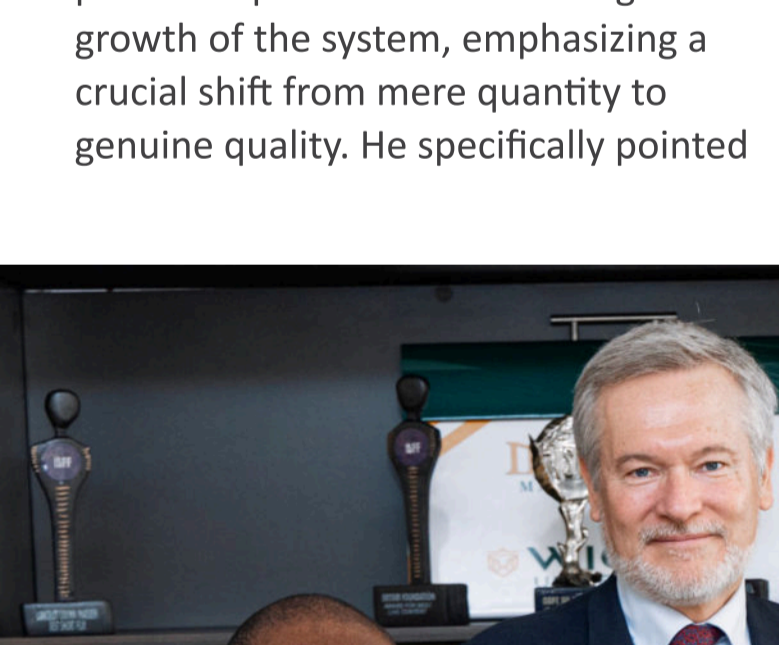
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She noted that the that history does not merely record events; it faves the brave—those who recognize limitations only as barriers to be defiantly overcome. Ultimately, "the fearless will favour the fearless." This is the philosophical bedrock upon which

To do this, you must nurture the innate potential within you. The seed of greatness is in you, but possession is not enough. You must plant that seed, water it, and nurture it to grow, even if you would not eat from that tree," she moved.

In conclusion, she reiterated that Wigwe University requires discipline, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to one's own growth, and the university's leadership is committed to making good on their expectation

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EU Ambassador Lauds Wigwe University as Model for Quality Education in Nigeria

The European Union Ambassador to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Ambassador Gautier Mignot, has applauded the leadership of Wigwe University, for creating a model academic community in Nigeria.



Ambassador Mignot said this much during the historic 2nd matriculation ceremony of Wigwe University, where he delivered a goodwill message to underscore the EU's strong support for the advancement of Nigeria's education sector. Ambassador Mignot stated that his presence signified the Union's particular pleasure in witnessing the growth of the system, emphasizing a crucial shift from mere quantity to genuine quality. He specifically pointed

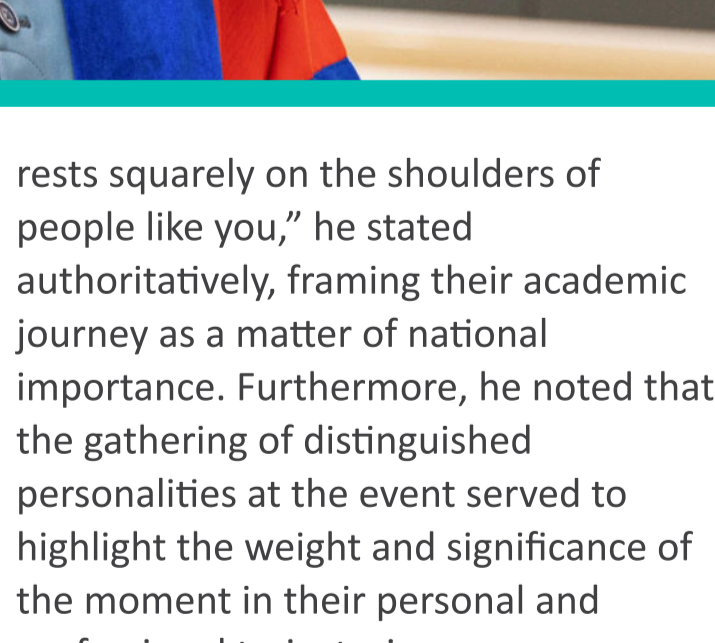
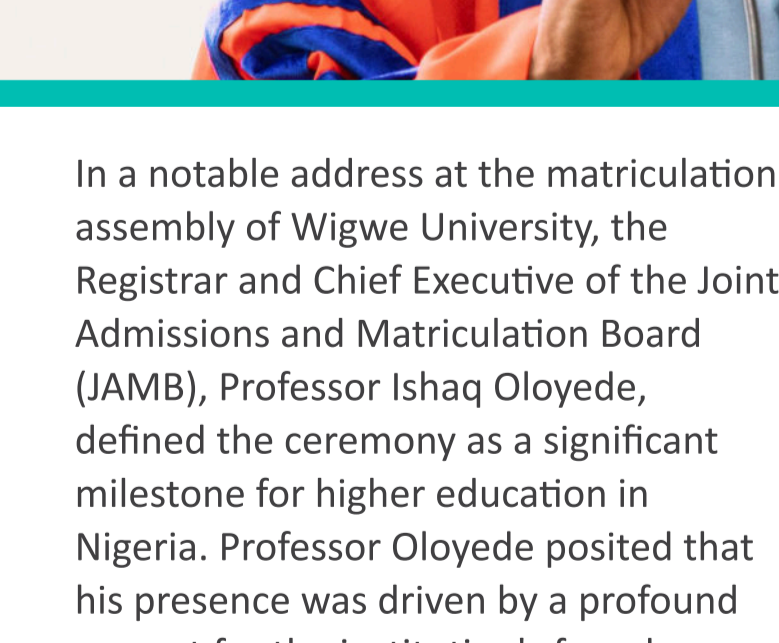
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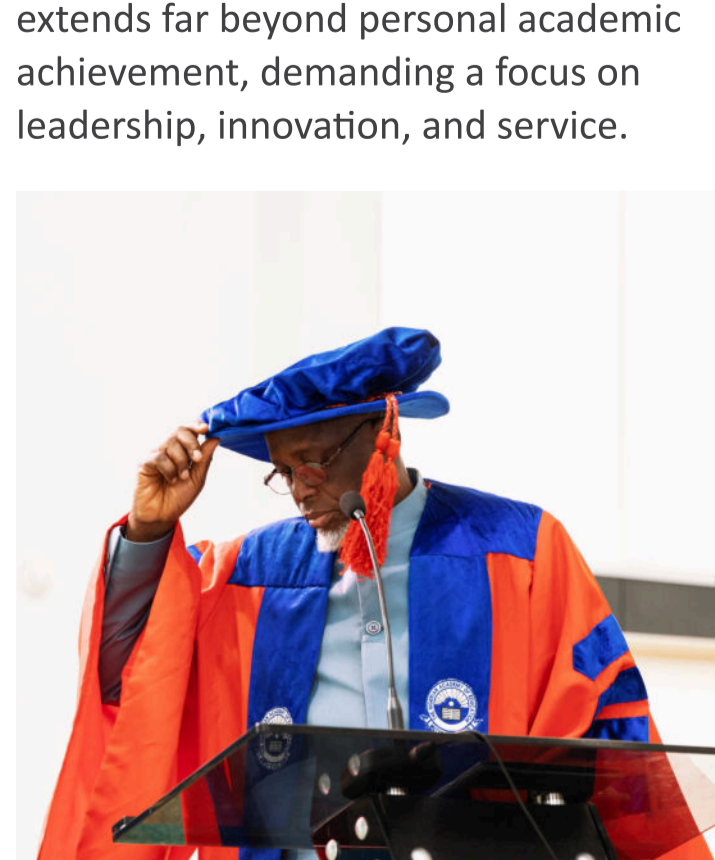
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JAMB Registrar Applauds Founder's Vision at Wigwe University Matriculation, Charges Students on National Destiny

In a notable address at the matriculation assembly of Wigwe University, the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Ishaq Oloyede, defined the ceremony as a significant milestone for higher education in Nigeria. Professor Oloyede posited that his presence was driven by a profound respect for the institution's founder, whose personal sacrifices and visionary investment have laid the essential groundwork for both community development and the cultivation of the human capital critical to national progress. He positioned the university itself as a testament to transformative private commitment to the educational sector.

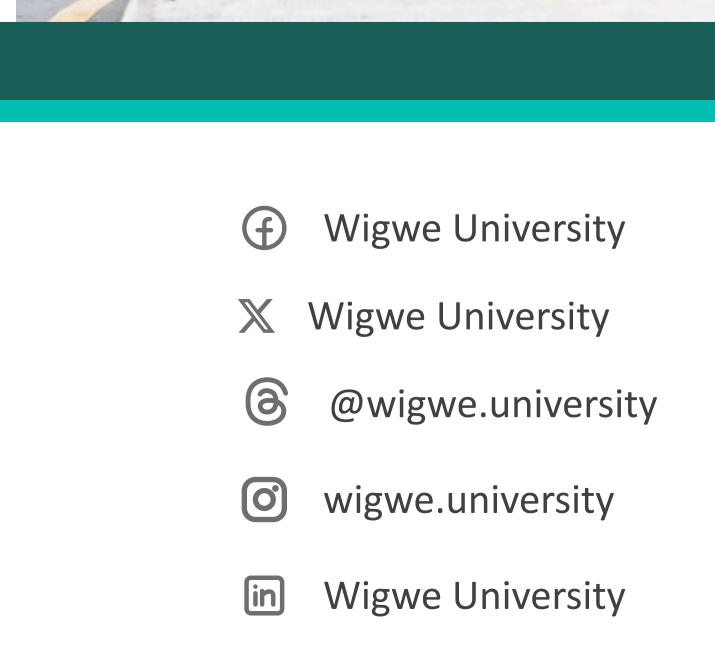
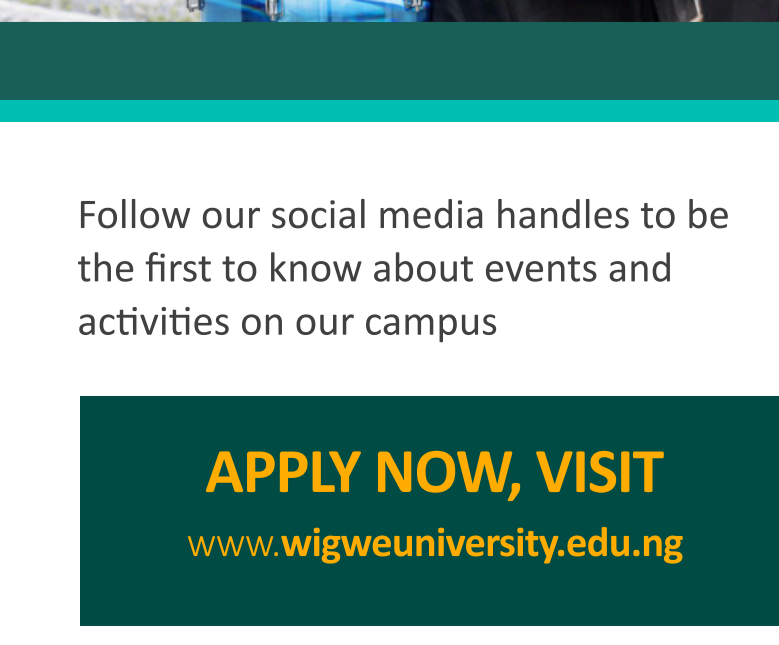


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