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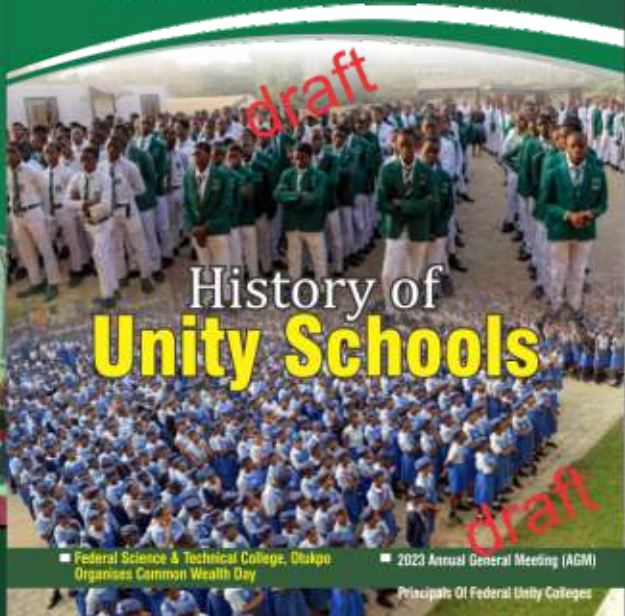


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History of Unity Schools

■ Federal Science & Technical College, Otaoko
Organises Common Wealth Day

■ 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Principals Of Federal Unity Colleges

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The aim of the Spotlight Magazine in essence is to promote academic excellence, engender healthy competition among

the colleges in actualizing the vision and mission of the FUC's

as well as track and document the progress. When the Premier Federal Unity College-Kings College was founded in 1909 by the colonial government, the core objective was to train high quality manpower for government establishment.

The editorial board hopes that the Spotlight Magazine will stir up the drive for excellence and global competitiveness in the sector and take education to enviable heights as the nation looks forward to becoming one of the top twenty economic models in the year 2024.

Foreword



The **Unity Spotlight** Magazine of the Federal Ministry of Education is targeted at acquainting Education, stakeholders and Development Partners with first hand information on the programmes, projects and best practices of the 112 Federal Unity Colleges (FUCs).

Education serves as the bedrock of all other professions that serve the various arms of government in Nigeria while the Federal Ministry of Education, through the FUCs provide universal

and equal access to quality basic and secondary education for self-reliance, preparedness for further education, good citizenship and effective participation in democratic governance.

The mission of the Ministry is to provide the enabling structures and build capacity for efficient and effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Policy on Education (NPE) in the basic

and secondary education sub-sector while

ensuring that all states are provided with the opportunity to be exposed to the same socialising influence enabling them to develop a sense of national unity.

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History/Origin of Federal Unity Colleges

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Queen's College Old Girls FURNISHED THE GARMENT MAKING CLOTHING AND TEXTILE UNIT

The Queen's College Old Girls' Association, Lagos, 2002 set, on 15th July, 2022, helped to furnish the garment-making & textile unit in commemoration of their 20th anniversary since leaving Queen's College. The garment unit was commissioned by Mrs. Omolara Euler-Ajayi, who was the Principal of the college at the time (2001-2004), when the 2002 set passed out of the college.

The then Principal, Mrs. T. F. O Yakubu, stated that Queen's College, Lagos believed in developing the total child, in addition to giving academic training and in helping girls identify and develop their talents, skills and potentials. Students were encouraged to give importance to Trade subjects as the skills learnt could help them to become successful entrepreneurs in future.

The Principal, encouraged the students to develop their skills so that even after leaving secondary school, they could improve on them while still pursuing their academic careers in the tertiary institutions.

She further advised that in the future, as entrepreneurs instead of waiting for employment, they could use their skills to set up profitable businesses and become employers of labour themselves, thus contributing to the growth and

development of the nation. The school recommended the Garment-Making Unit to the Queens College Old Girls' Association (QCOGA), 2002 set as a needed area for intervention and upgrading.

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The 2002 set provided the school with the following items:

- (i) Thirty sewing machines
- (ii) Thirty Cutting tables with stools
- (iii) Thirty Mannequins among other things.

Twenty alumnae among the 2002 set were in attendance for the presentation which served as an inspiration and source of motivation for the current students to achieve great things with Queens College as their stepping stone to greatness.

The Principal, staff and students of Queen's College expressed their gratitude to QCOGA 2002 set for the gifts presented to their alma mater and prayed for God's blessings and prosperity on them.

They also called on other QCOGA sets to think of giving back to their alma mater, hoping that so many fashion designers of national and international repute will be groomed in the Queen's College Garment Making Unit Lagos.



The Principal Mrs T.F.O Yakubu supervising the furnished garment studio



A group photograph with a former principal



Queen's College furnished garment studio



The present and the past Principal Mrs. Omolara Euler-Ajayi & Mrs Yakubu with an old Girl and a student of the college

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE PORT HARCOURT Common Wealth Day Celebration

The Commonwealth Day, previously named Empire Day was first celebrated in 1902, in memory of Queen Victoria who died on 22nd January 1901. The annual celebration takes place on the second Monday in March of every year.

The theme of 2022 celebration **"Delivering a Common Future"** highlighted the innovation, connection and transformation of the 54 nations in the Commonwealth family in a bid to achieve their goals, promote good governance, boost trade, develop societies in gender education, health, sports and support to one another in economic matters and safeguard the environment.

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Dignitaries in attendance were Mrs. I. A. Ukpe Principal and her top management team, Mr. O. Ofurum, Patron Commonwealth Club, members of staff, students and other guests. The Patron of the Commonwealth Club in his welcome speech stated the areas through which the Commonwealth family could innovate, connect, and transform their member states. The principal of the school, in her speech also expressed the need for the College to always join the rest of the world every second Monday of March to celebrate the undisrupted unity that has existed among the member states of the Commonwealth. Major activities displayed were:

- **Decoration of the Commonwealth Queen**
- **Flag Parade**
- **Cultural Display and**
- **Students representative of the 54 member states of the Commonwealth.**

In conclusion, the school management ensured that students and members of staff participated fully in the global program.



Rivers Cultural Group



Decoration of the Commonwealth Queen by The Vice Principal Academic Cluster School, Dr. Mrs. ANNNXXX



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE PORT HARCOURT ORGANIZES Sports Fiesta

The 2022 Annual Inter-House Sports Competition of Federal Government College, Port Harcourt took place on the College sports ground on 23rd February, 2022.

In attendance were, the traditional rulers, SBMC, PTA Chairman, host community, members of staff and

students.

The Principal of the college, Mrs. I.A. Ukeke in her opening remarks, advised all athletes, housemasters and housemistresses to accept a victory or loss in the spirit of sportsmanship. She wished everyone a hitch free competition, while she and her staff took salute from the

school cadet members who participated in the march past.

The winners of the sports fiesta were:

- **Unity House -1st Position**
- **Glory House-2nd Position**
- **Honour House -3rd Position**

The sports fiesta ended with presentation of prizes and trophies to the houses according to the degree of excellence while other houses were recognized with souvenirs.



The Principal FGC Port Harcourt Mrs. I.A. Ukeke presenting her welcome address



A Cross-Section of members of Staff at the march past



Display of trophies for inter-house sports competitions



Principal leading the management staff march past

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, OHAFIA HOLDS DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

The academic community of FGC, Ohafia was agog on 16th June 2022 when the College held the day of African which is an annual event. The theme of the event was **"Eliminating Harmful Practices Affecting Children's Progression Policy and Practice since 2013."**

The purpose of the celebration was to commemorate the deaths of South African Students in the township of Soweto who took to the streets demanding to be taught in their native language and hundreds of the protesters who were murdered by police officers.



The principal Mrs. Ogochonu addressing students



The principal and some students

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE ENUGU MARKS COMMONWEALTH DAY

The Federal Government College Enugu celebrated the Commonwealth in a grand style at the College multipurpose hall.

The Vice Principal Administration who stood in for the principal declared the event open. In mere staff and students.

Among the activities that featured on that day were:

- Intellectual talk by the College head boy and girl titled **"Nigeria, her Role in Delivering a Common Future"**
- Debate titled "Could Commonwealth Deliver a

Common Future by Connecting: innovating and Transforming"

- Songs by students
- Dance by the college troupe
- Flag parade of the Commonwealth representing the fifty four (54) Commonwealth of nations.
- Pageantry display by some teachers and students.

Nwando Akochukwu N. of SSIK and Unje Nelson of SSIK emerged winners of the display, Miss and Master 2022 Commonwealth, FGC.

FEDERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE OTUKPO ORGANISES COMMONWEALTH DAY

The Federal Science and Technical College Otukpo 2022 Commonwealth Day was observed on 14th March, 2022. The Principal, Dr. Bassey Ukpoho, welcomed guests and gave a brief introduction

Commonwealth. He summarised the historical background of the Commonwealth of Nations, and concluded that a common future founded on innovation and transformation will serve as



Principal of the college Dr. Bassey Ukpoho reading the welcome address



A cross-section of the Dignitaries



on the need for the Day after which he declared the event open.

The theme of the 2022 Commonwealth Day was "Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating and Transformation". The guest speaker, Mr. Enyah Lawrence, highlighted the uniqueness of the theme which coincided with platinum jubilee of the Queen of England (late) who doubled as the lead of the

the connecting rod between member nations and the world at large where equity, justice and fairness would be assured.

Finally, the flag parade of the Commonwealth nations of fifty four countries were colourfully displayed with each flag representing a member state and its status.

Other activities were:

- College Cultural display

- Choreography
- Afro Dancers and
- Miss Commonwealth competition

Miss. Habibul Isah won the Miss-Commonwealth contest and this brought the programme to its climax. Mrs. Adeka, Patience who is the coordinator expressed her gratitude to God and to the principal for their support.

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WPs' race



Director/Principal & WPs



Director/Principal & PSA Chairman



Director/Principal in action



Winning House, Jasmine



WPs' Admin



WPs' Acad 1



WPs' Student Affairs



WPs' Acad 2



WPs' 3



WPs' 4



Director/PSA Chair



PSA Chairman



Sports Director

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) PRINCIPALS OF FEDERAL UNITY COLLEGES

Theme: Envisioning effective secondary school administration in Nigeria: Changing the narrative.



THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2022 CHILDREN'S DAY AT FEDERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UYO.

The Federal Science and Technical College, Uyo celebrated the 2022 Children's Day on Friday, 27th May with the display of several

to win prizes. The Principal, Ms D. I. Gogo was ably represented by the Vice Principal (Students' Affairs), Dr (Mrs) B.E Igherighe, who

there was a 4x100m Relay Race by the junior and senior students which was necessitated by students urge to participate in the



SAVING ONE OF THE STUDENT LEADERS AT THE MARCH PAST



activities among which were a march past parade of all the JSS1, JSS2, SS/TECH.1 and SS/TECH.2 students. The other classes of JSS3 and SS/TECH.3 students were taking their Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and West African Senior School certificate Examinations (WASSC) although they joined in, after their various examinations.

The march past was very colourful and entertaining as every class had something new to showcase in their bid

from the highly excited students.

Furthermore, there was Presentation of cultural dances by the college cultural troupe. Their display of energy and ease of movement added more color to the ceremony. The Principal's representative and the Vice Principal (Academic I), Mr Aniagolu joined the dancers to also display their beautiful dance steps and moves on the dance floor to the applause of all present. Thereafter,

stood in to receive salutes and handshake

sporting events due to the previous ban on social gatherings occasioned by COVID 19 Pandemic. It was quite invigorating and the students and staff cheered the athletes to victory.

University of Uyo, presented a piece of drama piece which message and lesson passed across were really thought-provoking and full of morals.

Panel of judges proclaimed the winners of the march past and the 4x100m Relay Race who presented with gifts.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BOYS COLLEGE ABUJA CELEBRATES 4TH GRADUATION AND PRIZE - GIVING DAY

The Federal Government Boys' College Apo-Abuja played host to various important personalities on 15th October on the 2022 on



lative, The royal Father of the day was Sa' peyi Garki, HRH Alt. [Dr.] Usman Nga Kupi.

The Director, Senior Secondary Education, Hajja Binta Abdulkadir congratulated the graduating students and urged them to be good ambassadors of the College as they must serve as models and pacesetters anywhere



the occasion of its 4th Graduation and Prize -Giving Day and launch of the College magazine, titled "ASO VOICE".

Dignitaries at the event included the Chairman of the occasion who is also the PTA Chairman

, Mr. Okey Udemba; Director Human Resource Management, Mr. David Gende; Director Basic Education, Hajja Binta Abdulkadir; Director Technology and Science Education who was the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Grace Jikko; the Principal FGGC Bwari, Hajja J. B. Sodang; Principal of the school, Mr. Z. C. Magaji; Chairman of the School Based Management Committee (SBMC); Chief Sylvester Onoja (OON); while and the Chief Launcher of the Magazine, AMAC Chairman Mr. Christopher Zakka Mai Kalangu sent in a represen-

they find themselves.

She admonished parents to train their children to be of good behavior and also to collaborate with the College management to ensure maintenance discipline of all times.

She congratulated the College authorities for their contribution to the education sector and sustaining their existence of academic excellence. She encouraged all stakeholders in the education sector to join hands and put all the available resources to place Nigeria among the 20 largest economies in the world.

The guest speaker, Mrs. G. Jikko addressed the students, parents, and guests on the topic "Exploring the Creative Mind". The paper focused on the need to develop the creative nature of being grateful.

She defined creativity as the state involving the use of your imagination to make something new or to improve on something that is existing" and went on to encourage the students to be creative by contributing their quota in making the world a better place to live.

The principal while giving a short history of the school, stated that the College was established 22 years ago (May 1999) and has graduated 18 sets of students.

The principal commended the contribution of the immediate past Principal of the college, Alt. Hussaini Aiyu Abdulkadi, who worked very hard to bring the college to its present standard, consummated the proposed movement of the Junior component of the College to its permanent site and several other transformations.

In the area of academics, Mr. Magaji informed guests that the college was noted for academic excellence in both internal and external examinations and this endeared it to many parents.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the former principal of Kings College, Lagos, Chief Sylvester Onoja (OON) and Sa' peyi Garki, HRH Alt. [Dr.] Usman Ngakupi.

Various prizes and gifts including cash and certificates were presented to students who excelled in the different disciplines and staff who distinguished themselves in their duties.

RETIREMENT OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MALLAM ADAMU ADAMU



RETIREMENT OF BARR. GRACE EKANEM, DIRECTOR LEGAL



Robotics

A project "Kiki Saggy" presentation by the students of Federal Government Girls College Shogamu.

The project is a design of robot with the following features:

- moving different parts like the arms.
- face recognition
- text speech translation.

A humanoid robot that can move some distance, stretches hand, shakes hands, and interact with people. The aim of the projects are:

- a. To serve as knowledge base for academic
- b. To identify objects and voices
- c. For entertainment purpose

- d. To introduce students to AI, Coding, machine learning and Robotics world and motivate them to make a choice of career in any of the aforementioned related courses.



Federal Education Sector Games (FEDUGAM) Keffi 2022/2023

FEDUGAM comprises representative of the Ministry and the Agencies.

The Honorable Minister of Education was the main Organizer for the game.

FEDUGAM aim was to inculcate the culture of fitness exercise, improved mental alertness of officers for greater productivity, exchange of ideas and building friendship in a very relaxed and informal atmosphere.

