



# SUMAS DIGEST

OFFICE OF THE VICE - CHANCELLOR  
NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND THE CAMPUS

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## SENSITIZATION! SENSITIZATION!! SENSITIZATION!!!

The Committee on Environment will hold a one-week sensitization programme for staff and students from 10 -14 June, 2024.

The sensitization programme is on the dangers of unhealthy environment and waste management and disposal system in the university.

Emphasis and demonstrations will be made on the waste disposal model of the university.

Join us as we create awareness and march towards a healthy and clean environment in our beloved university. We are passionate about our environment:

- Take responsibility!

- Keep SUMAS clean for the health of all of us!

- Join the one-man-one-tree planting campaign!

Let's make SUMAS a healthy and beautiful place for everyone!

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**STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES**  
Igbo Eno, Enugu State.

**VISION**  
To be a leading University of excellence in medical and applied sciences

**MISSION**  
To provide a learning environment in which staff and students can discover, examine critically, preserve, and transmit the knowledge, wisdom, and values that will help to ensure the survival of generations and improve the quality of life for all.

**OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**  
To be firmly committed to offering students a sound education with skills and mindsets that enable them to effectively contribute to solving societal problems and prepare them for the future.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**  
The University is fully committed to efficient time management skills which are critical for students and lecturers alike in teaching and learning process.



## REFLECTING ON OUR SHARED LEGACY AS SUMAS CELEBRATES HER FIRST FOUNDERS DAY



The State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno on the 16th of February, 2024, celebrated her 1st founder's day.

The 1st founders day of SUMAS, provided an opportunity for us to reflect on the conception, gestation, birth and growth trajectory of the university and to express appreciation to all those who have played important roles to the institution's establishment.

In his address at the founder's day celebration, the Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS, Prof. James Ogbonna, stated that the new university was established "with the aim of bridging the gaps between the demand and supply of medical and allied health sciences personnel on one side and the number of candidates seeking admission and the available spaces in our tertiary institutions and the other side."

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to the founder and former Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency, Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, for his vision in conceiving the establishment of the university.

The Vice-Chancellor, stated that they are indebted to the founder and all those who worked with him for the vision that led to the establishment of the institution.

Speaking further, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the University has witnessed rapid growth and currently has a total student population of 1,474, being trained by qualified and dedicated lecturers, with modern internet-enabled facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor equally extended his gratitude to the Pro-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Obiora Ike, and to the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr Christ Maiyaki, for their support and contributions to the new university.

The Vice-Chancellor promised to carry out the intentions of the university's founders of providing quality education to the students as well as providing quality healthcare services to the people of Enugu State and beyond.

"This culture of service will continue to guide us as we work towards becoming a beacon of excellence in knowledge creation, knowledge transfer and service to the community," he said.

The Chairperson of South-East Council of Traditional Rulers, HRM Igwe Ambassadors Lawrence Agubuzu, speaking at the occasion of SUMAS maiden founder's day, commended the former governor of Enugu State, Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, for establishing the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, before exiting office as governor of the state.

Speaking further, Igwe Agubuzu said the maiden celebration was designed to remember and honour Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, for establishing the institution.



## SUMAS RECORDS MASSIVE TURN UP ON OPEN DAY AS OVER 500 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOWED UP FOR THE EVENT



Principal officers of the University , some staff of SUMAS and invited guests during the Open Day

The Management of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) Igbo-Eno, Enugu State Nigeria held her 1st Open day Ceremony on 18th January 2024, at the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences Auditorium of the university.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor James Ogbonna, in his opening remark said that the Open Day was initiated by the University Management to allow prospective students and the general public to know what the institution has to offer. This University was founded with the aim of providing the youths in the state and beyond easy access to quality Allied Health Sciences and medical university education, accessible, quality and affordable health care services delivery, among other things.

“The Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for prospective secondary school students, especially science students in the state and the general public to visit and get acquainted with the programmes/courses and services we offer in the University. Speaking further the Vice-Chancellor stated that ‘ the University which was established by the Enugu State Government as a second Enugu State owned University on the 12th day of April 2022, is running 23 programmes approved by the National Universities Commission,( NUC).“

The 23 programmes are spread into six faculties, namely; Faculty of Clinical Medicine and Dentistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty Of Engineering and the Built Environment, and Faculty Of Natural and Applied Sciences.

The University has 19 state-of-the-art laboratories, a digital library, well-equipped engineering workshops, 24-hour solar-powered light, internet facilities, 10 industrial size water boreholes, well furnished hostels, among others that make the University habitable as well as enhance teaching and learning”.

On the institution’s medical services, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the out-patient department of the teaching hospital with seven departments has

almost been completed while the construction of the In-patient department has started.

In addition, the University has an ultra-modern 120-bedded Medical Centre operating on 24-hour services, now being used as a temporary site for the Teaching Hospital. Also, the Chairman of the Open Day Local Organizing Committee, (LOC), Professor Cletus Uchenna Eze, in his remarks, explained that the Open Day became necessary in order to let prospective students of SUMAS to know what the University is all about and the career opportunities therein for them.

He further explained that the Institution wants secondary school students from the immediate communities and beyond to be enlightened about the University in order for them to benefit maximally from all the intentions of the State Government for establishing the University.

The event was graced by the presence of the Enugu State Commissioner for Education, Professor Ndubueze Mbah, ably represented by Mrs. Ugwu Juliana, who said that the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, SUMAS, Igbo Eno, Enugu State, would be pivotal for the realization of Governor Peter Mbah’s administration’s drive for economic growth and research excellence.

The Commissioner said that SUMAS, being a first class medical and applied sciences Institution in the state would be used to champion the state’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), growth from its present \$4.4 billion to \$30 billion, as disclosed by Mrs. Ugwu, during the University’s Open Day session at Igbo Eno, adding that no nation can guarantee sustainable human and economic growth without the education sector.

Over 500 Secondary school science students from different schools in Enugu State attended the Open Day and were guided and taken round the University facilities.

The monarch described Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, as “an inimitable and inscrutable politician who deserves to be acknowledged and honoured not just for founding this university but for the speed with which he did so in the twilight of his second tenure as Governor of Enugu State.”

The monarch said he was among many “who felt that he, Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, has done a lot to favour his immediate constituency in employment and location of amenities, including this university, to mention but a few.”

He also applauded the Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, for his “critical intervention towards the progress and survival” of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences.

“At the same time, one recognises that this baby university needed intensive care to survive.

That critical intervention came from the current Governor of Enugu State, Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, whose commendable, prompt and unfailing support to the new university in all ramifications ensured its survival and growth,” he said.

Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Chidiebere Onyia, stated that the new university “is one of those projects that we feel will continue to add value to the growth of Enugu State.”

In his address, he reiterated Mba’s administrations’ support to the institution “in the ways we think is innovative and efficient” to ensure that the students become graduates who can stand and compete anywhere globally.

He expressed his administration’s commitment to education and stressed that it was in keeping with the determination that the state government mapped out 30 per cent of the 2024 budget for the education sector to be able to construct a model smart school in each of the 260 wards of the state, among others.

Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, who was represented at the event by his former Deputy Chief of Staff, Prof. Malachy Okwueze, expressed joy that idea he conceived while he was serving as Governor was yielding great results.

On his part, Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi said that the celebration was an opportunity for self-evaluation along the lines of the university’s vision and mission.

Rt. Hon (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi thanked Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, for providing the support needed to sustain the budding university, especially in the area of funding. The former Governor further appreciated the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Chris Maiyaki, for the support of the commission since its inception to date, pointing out that his

physical presence and acceptance to be the guest lecturer at the maiden Founder’s Day celebration indicates his support for the institution.

He told students of the new university to count themselves blessed for gaining admission into the institution.

Delivering the first Founder’s Day Lecture of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, titled: “The Role of an Administrator in a Changing University Environment.”

The founder’s day guest lecturer, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, the acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), speaking at the occasion, called for more synergy between the commission and universities’ management in the country to create a future where excellence and global competitiveness define higher education landscape.

He stated that the achievements recorded by NUC were because of the good working relationship between the NUC and the Nigerian universities and called for more synergy to achieve more.

“I urge SUMAS here in Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, and indeed, all Nigerian universities, specialized or conventional, to continue to work closely with the NUC for more achievements.

“This collaborative journey hinges on recognizing the unsung architects who guide and shape the future of higher education, ensuring that knowledge remains accessible and impactful for generations to come,” he said.

The NUC Boss stated further that the role of administrators in navigating the ever-changing university landscape was multifaceted and demanding.

“As we celebrate our achievements and confront the challenges in the higher education sector, the way forward lies in a collaborative, united, and strategic effort to: foster innovation, increase access, address brain drain, and monitor the implementation of key initiatives”.

“We can create a future where our higher education system not only meets global standards but also stands as a beacon of excellence and inclusivity”.

“The NUC, in collaboration with universities, will continue to adapt and innovate curricula, ensuring they align with global standards,” he said.

He expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS, Prof James Ogbonna, and the University Management for finding him worthy to deliver the institution’s first Founder’s Day lecture.

It was indeed a colorful and interesting occasion as dignitaries from all walks of life graced SUMAS first founder’s day celebration.



## Enugu State on the Occasion of the 1st Founder's Day Event

## Protocol

On behalf of our Pro-Chancellor, management, staff and students of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, I welcome all of you to this first Founders Day Celebration of our Dear University.

Traditionally, Founders' Day is a very important day in the University calendar when members of the University community meet to express gratitude to those who founded the University as well as to those who have contributed in various ways to the development of the University.

Founders' day ceremonies also enable a university to re-emphasize to her students and stakeholders, the ideals for which a university is founded; those ideal which they are expected to represent as students and subsequently as graduates and alumni / alumnae and ambassadors of the university.

It can also be likened to the birth day of the University and this first Founder's Day of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the conception, gestation, birth and growth trajectory of the University, and to express our appreciation to all those who have, and are playing important roles in this process. It is a unique opportunity for us to remind ourselves and the world that SUMAS is here to make that difference for good that we all desire in a global learning centre.

## Conception

I want to sincerely appreciate the great vision of those who conceived the idea of establishing this institution. There is acute shortage of medical, health, and technology personnels in Nigeria, and indeed the world over. Unfortunately, even the few we have in Nigeria are migrating to the developed nations in search of better conditions of service.

This situation is adversely affecting health care delivery in Nigeria, stymieing our national effort at health outcomes, life expectancy and Human Development Index.

In other spheres of technology, highly trained personnel with capacity to innovate are also leaving in droves. At the same time, there are teaming population of well qualified young men and women, wanting to study medicine, allied health sciences and technology but are unable to get admission due to very limited spaces.



Prof. James C. Ogbonna, FAS  
Vice-Chancellor SUMAS

On average, less than 10% of qualified students in Enugu State get admission into these medical and health science programmes.

We therefore appreciate His Excellency, Rt Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, the former Governor of Enugu State, for his vision in conceiving the establishment of this university with the aim of bridging the gaps between the demand and supply of medical and allied health sciences personnels on one side and between the number of candidates seeking admission and the available spaces in our tertiary institutions. We are indebted to the Founder and all those who worked with him for their vision that led to the establishment of SUMAS. Of particular note, the university, coming with her own teaching hospital means that north of Enugu capital city, south of the Benue and East of the Niger to the North, for the first time, a tertiary health care service provider is established. This will make a monumental difference in the lives of all the people who populate this Niger-Benue trough Nigeria.

## The gestation

During the gestation (from conception to the birth) SUMAS went through many metamorphosis, starting from the concept of a specialized hospital to a college of medicine, and finally to a full-fledged State University of Medical and Applied Sciences.

This stage was understandably very challenging. From enacting the law by the Enugu State Government to obtaining the certificate of recognition by the National Universities Commission; from acquiring the land to massive infrastructural development; from drawing up the programmes to resource verification and finally admitting students into the various programmes. These were accomplished only because of the determination and commitment to the project by Enugu State Government.

I therefore want to thank His Excellency, the Founder of this university and his team for all the sacrifices they made. I thank the Igbo-Eno host community comprising of Iheaka, Imilike, Orba and Ovoka for donating their land. We also thank many Professors from the University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State University of Science and Technology, and other Universities who helped in preparing the various documents for the registration as well as for the resource verification.

## The birth of the University.

The Law establishing the University was enacted by the Enugu State House of Assembly on 12th day of April, 2022 and assented to, on the 13th day of April, 2022. The University was issued with a letter of recognition on 16th June, 2022 by the National Universities Commission (NUC). The Vice Chancellor was appointed on the 2nd of September, 2022 while other principal officers (the Registrar, the Bursar and the University Librarian) were appointed on the 7th of September 2022. This was followed by constitution of a Project Implementation Committee (PIC).

The Resource Verification exercise was conducted on the 10th of November, 2022 and all the twenty-three programmes presented were approved by the National Universities Commission. This was possible because Enugu State Government provided all the funding needed for provision of the things necessary to meet the BMAS of the NUC. At this stage, we already had six (6) Faculty buildings each with 8 to 12 huge classrooms, laboratories and some 24 to 36 offices.

There were already two completed hostels each with 450 bed spaces (one for male and one for female students), and a Medical Centre that is well equipped to even provide tertiary medical services, while the teaching hospital was nearing completion. The present administrative building had already been completed while construction of the ICT building was ongoing. The very extensive road networks were all lined up with solar-powered street lights while the entire university was provided with ten (10) industrial scale bore holes for efficient supply of water.

## Enugu State on the Occasion of the 1st Founder's Day Event

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SUMAS got registered in the JAMB admission portal by November 29th, 2022 and admitted a total of eight hundred and nineteen students for the 2022/2023 academic session out of which 661 registered. Subsequently, full academic activities started with the official unveiling of the University on the 16th of February, 2023 by the Founder, Rt. Hon. (Dr) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi. The February 16th 2023 is therefore the birthday of State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno which we are celebrating today. It is heartening to note that on that epochal occasion the Present Governor, His Excellency Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mba was present.

**The growth of the University**

The University has witnessed rapid growth over this one year. The maiden matriculation ceremony was held on the 22nd of April, 2023 with 661 registered students. The first academic session has been successfully completed while 813 students were admitted for the 2023/2024 academic year. We are now in the first semester of the second year with a total student population of 1,474.

The staff population has also grown, the ICT-building has been completed, the perimeter fencing of the entire University is almost completed, work has resumed to complete the teaching hospital, while the Bill establishing the Teaching Hospital has passed through the second reading and a date for the public hearing has been fixed. There has been steady improvement in terms of procurement of teaching, research and hospital equipment, solar light has been installed in our hostels, administrative building, the Medical Center, the Library and the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences to ensure constant power supply and guarantee uninterrupted use of our interactive boards during lectures.

The construction of 33 kvA dedicated high voltage powerline from Nru junction is almost completed. All our facilities are linked with a fibre ring backbone and we are completely internet enabled. We intend to deploy ICT in all we do at SUMAS, ranging from teaching, research, administration to general student life-cycle management and more

Thus, all the offices are hard-wired while the classrooms and common areas are covered by high-capacity radios for fast internet connectivity. Our Data Centre is very robust to ensure strong internet access to both students and staff.

Our bursary unit has been digitalized while hospital management system is now being installed in our Medical Center. Today, we have every reason to thank His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Enugu State Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mba for his continued interest and support for the growth of the University.

As stated earlier, when this history was given birth, Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency, Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mba was there. He has continued to give solid expression to his commitment and intention to develop SUMAS to provide excellent education for our people. Globally he is also changing the narrative in the education sector in the state by allocating over 30% of the state budget to education. His unwavering commitment to education is evident in his support and encouragement of our university's growth.

We are truly grateful for his continuous guidance and vision, which have served as a solid beacon for the development of our institution. Our tomorrow is already here.

I want to specially thank our amiable Pro-chancellor, Msgr Professor Obiora Ike. He is an institution of knowledge in University administration. Thank you for your unalloyed commitment, guidance and care.

With you, SUMAS will surely attain the greatest heights possible. We are privileged to have the man at the helm of affairs of all Universities in Nigeria in the person of Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki give the first Founder's Day lecture. You have been involved from the early stage of establishing this University, offering us critical advice at the various stages and it is only apt that you give the first Founder's Day lecture. Thank you for accepting to come in spite of your very busy schedule. We are grateful to

Igwe Ambassador Agubuzu for agreeing to chair this historical event. Before today, you have also been part of our history and we appreciate. We are equally grateful to all other guests who have come to grace this occasion. This shows the love you have for this Institution. Thank you for believing in SUMAS.

It is important to acknowledge the collective efforts of our dedicated faculty, staff, and students, who are working tirelessly to make this university the best in the country. Their hard work and commitment to excellence have paved the way for various academic achievements, and community outreach programs.

Your team is highly commendable. We have been working as a family, each person putting in all the best to ensure that SUMAS grows to be the best it can be. Let us continue to celebrate our oneness as a family as it is said that "the whole is stronger than the sum of its parts". We must continue to take visible, and obvious pride in SUMAS. We pledge to carry out the intentions of our Founders, namely to provide quality education to our students as well as provide quality healthcare services to the people of Enugu State and beyond.

This culture of service will continue to guide us as we work towards becoming a beacon of excellence in knowledge creation, knowledge transfer and service to community.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a role in the development of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno Enugu State. This Founder's Day celebration is a testament to our collective achievements and reaffirms our commitment to academic excellence and societal impact.

Thank you, and I wish you all a memorable and fulfilling 1st Founder's Day celebration.

signed

Prof. James Chukwuma Ogbonna, FAS  
Vice Chancellor

**BILL TO MAKE SUMAS A TEACHING HOSPITAL SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR MBAH**

The saying that a 'journey of a thousand miles starts with one' is what the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno has witnessed in the past few weeks.

The joint Committee on Education, Science and Technology, Health and Judiciary, Public Petitions, Ethics And Privileges, Enugu State House of Assembly on Tuesday 20th February, 2024, had a public hearing on "A bill for a law to establish the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Teaching Hospital Igbo-Eno".

Today, 26th March, 2024, the governor of Enugu State, Barr Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, signed into law the bill establishing the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Teaching Hospital. He promised to accelerate action to actualize the teaching hospital immediately to provide quality training and healthcare services in the state and beyond.

The Governor, stated that signing into law the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Teaching Hospital Bill is that we now have in place, a legal framework to immediately begin to put in place all that is required to upgrade SUMAS to a teaching hospital as part of his campaign promises as it has been done.

He further stated that the importance of siting a teaching hospital in Enugu North zone can never be lost on us. That they are not going to spend any time in making sure that everything that is necessary and needed to upgrade the teaching hospital to make it operational is put in place, promising to intensify his commitment and efforts to achieve that.

The Honourable Speaker of Enugu State House of Assembly, Hon. Uchenna Ugwu, stated during the signing of the Bill, that the House of Assembly will be ever ready to fast track every executive Bill that would impact positively on the state and its people.

The Bill signing was witnessed by SUMAS Pro-Chancellor, Msgr. Prof. Obiora Ike, SUMAS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Ogbonna, the Registrar, Mr. Anselm Onah, the Librarian, Dr. Mrs. Monica Eze, the Bursar, Dr. Elvis Ozoadibe.

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*Cross section of SUMAS students during their orientation.*

In line with the academic culture and a bid to officially welcome, introduce and inculcate into the newly admitted students the ethics guiding their stay at SUMAS, the Management of SUMAS, held a two day orientation program for the 2023/2024 academic session.

The orientation programme which started on the 31st of November through 1st of December 2023, witnessed the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers, Dean Student Affairs, Academic and Non- Academic staff of the University and the new students.

The orientation program was organized to welcome the new students and get them familiar with the university values, academic activities, facilities available and learning procedure.

Welcoming students to the programme, the Dean Student Affairs Prof. Cletus Uche Eze, in his opening remarks, congratulated the newly admitted students of SUMAS, urging them to always obey rules and regulation guiding the university.

Prof. Eze further stated that the purpose of the orientation was to enable the freshers stand strong and face the realities of wider society. He urged them to be of good behavior, mind their dressing, the friends they keep and always pray to be able to excel in their daily academic activities. Dr. Emeka Ubanwa while delivering a presentation titled 'Understanding the University System, urged the new students to always look before they reap, that a University is not a bed of roses but they should strive for the best at all time to achieve their set out goals in life .

Dr Ifeanyi Chielo also spoke to the students on the use of the university online registration portal giving them tips on the registration processes. He stated that if in any way they encounter problems, that the ICT department is always there to guide them.

MS.L.C Okwueze also highlighted on 'Guidelines on Hostel Accommodation'

Day two of the orientation programme witnessed the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof James Ogbonna, the Registrar, Mr Anselem Onah and the University Librarian Dr Mrs Monica Eze.

Speaking during the programme, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new students and also dished out guidelines to them on attaining academic excellence,

He further promised the new students that their stay at SUMAS will be a fruitful one, they should tread with caution and abide by the guidelines he gave to them. He warned them to desist from every activity that will mar their career. He urged them to live a responsible life and avoid risky behaviors. He also warned them to desist from any act capable of denting their image and that of the university, adding that the university has zero tolerance to cultism and other forms of social vices.

The Registrar spoke on the history of SUMAS and administrative structure of SUMAS.

The DNA Learning Centre has proposed to collaborate with SUMAS in the promotion of STEM education and research development in Enugu State. The management team of NDA Learning Centre Nigeria, led by the Director, Prof George Ude during a courtesy visit to SUMAS on the 10th of January, 2024, made this proposal at the Vice-Chancellor's office.

The team was well received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James C. Ogbonna, and his other principal officers. While welcoming the team, the VC stated that the visit by the NDALC shows their commitment to contributing to the growth of STEM education in Enugu State and in Nigeria as a whole. He further commended Prof. Ude for his significant milestones and contributions to human capacity development despite his international standing. He promised the team that SUMAS is ready to encourage any serious venture that is making significant contributions to human capacity and development in Nigeria.

Speaking further, the VC expressed willingness to collaborate with DNALC Nigeria, acknowledging potential economic challenges and proposing joint efforts to secure sponsorships for research opportunities.

In an optimistic mood, Prof. Ude congratulated SUMAS on its development plan and initiatives and emphasized remarkable chances of championing groundbreaking projects. Prof. Ude highlighted the significance of DNALC and as the only specialized DNA center in Africa, will contribute significantly in providing training for biologists and undergraduate students.

He stated further "this collaboration will ensure students gain practical skills, including hands-on experiences in human genetics, DNA fingerprinting, disease control and microbiome, aligning with goals of bridging the knowledge gap between locally and internationally trained scholars.

The Assistant Director DNALC, Mr. Michael Okoro, who is a product of hands-on learning while contributing during the visit, encouraged SUMAS to utilize the opportunity for students to gain firsthand experience with global standard.

Highlights of the visit include the presentation of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions, presentation of gift to the Vice-Chancellor SUMAS and tour round SUMAS facilities.



SUMAS STUDENTS POSING FOR PHOTOGRAPH DURING THEIR MATRICULATION

In a striking display of academic celebration, State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, on the 23rd of March, 2024, during its 2nd matriculation ceremony, formally admitted over 700 students into the various faculties of the university.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James C. Ogbonna, declaring the matriculation open, urged newly admitted students of the institution to count themselves special as there has been a significant increase in the number of applicants into most of the programmes in SUMAS. He noted that since most of the programmes are regulated by various professional bodies, only about 10% of the applicants were admitted.

He congratulated the privileged 776 students that matriculated, advising them not to abuse “the new found freedom” in the university. In his words: “Freedom without discipline and responsibility can only lead you to doom. You must always think of the consequences of your actions and inactions. The consequences of not doing well in your examinations can be devastating and usually very difficult to remedy.” The Vice-Chancellor appealed to the students to study hard, be of good behaviour, and avoid bad companies or groups.

Speaking further, he stated that the university has zero tolerance for cultism and other social vices, and that if any student gets him/her self involved in any cult activity, he/she will be dismissed from SUMAS outrightly.

The Vice-Chancellor, reassured parents that SUMAS management will do her best to give good education to their wards by providing conducive environment for learning and in particular, in offering excellent quality and global competitive instruction and tuition

Sharing the remarkable progress the institution achieved over the past one year, the Vice-Chancellor said, “SUMAS has continued to witness a lot of transformations, the ICT building has been completed; the perimeter fencing is almost completed; work to complete the building of the Teaching Hospital has resumed and it will be completed before the end of May this year while the Mother and Child Hospital will also be completed in May this year. Construction of an additional office block is on-going and work on completion of the road network will soon commence”.

“Another landmark achievement is the passing of the Teaching Hospital Bill by the State House of Assembly. The Bill has been signed into Law, and thus the Teaching Hospital will be fully operational by the third quarter of this year.

The Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria paid advisory visit to our Faculty of Pharmacy and was so happy with the facilities on ground that they increased our admission quota. The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria as well as the Radiographers Registration Board have also been scheduled to come for evaluation of our facilities”.

The Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency Barr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, ably represented by the Deputy Governor, Barr. Ifeanyi Ossai, speaking during the matriculation ceremony, stated that it was a very special occasion in the sense that SUMAS is continually increasing her reservoir of success, but not surprised because the leadership of SUMAS vested on Prof. Ogbonna as a successful academia, internationally recognized and well respected beyond the shores of this country, can even do more than expected of him.

He further advised the matriculants that SUMAS is a citadel of learning and not a place to exercise muscular vanity in the name of secret cult. “We want a SUMAS that will have recognition across the globe, graduates from SUMAS that will be able to compete with their peers all over the world”.

Speaking further, he said that the administration of Governor Mbah will do whatever they can do to make life, teaching and learning better for students and teachers at SUMAS. As a government, we keep working with SUMAS to expand her capacity, he stated.

The event witnessed the presence of many dignitaries including the Deputy Governor of Enugu State, Barr. Ifeanyi Ossai and the Honorable Speaker, Enugu State House of Assembly, Hon. Uchenna Ugwu. In fact, people from all walks of life graced the matriculation ceremony, including parents and guardians of matriculating students, friends and well-wishers of the university, invited guests and the general public.

Highlights of the event include; Academic procession to the matriculation arena, administering of matriculation oath by the Registrar of the University, Mr. Anselem Onah, to the matriculants. It was indeed a wonderful experience as the newly admitted students took their oath and were officially presented as members of SUMAS.



# ONE MAN ONE TREE CAMPAIGN



*The SUMAS Committee on Environment is making a passionate appeal to all staff of this great university to key into the tree-planting campaign of the committee by donating fruit and non-fruit bearing trees and ornamental flowers to beautify our university environment. immortalize your adventure in this great institution by planting a tree today. The enormous advantages of this program to our environment and health need not be overemphasized. We will welcome as many trees and flowers as you can donate to us, including seeds.*



*A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in //Richard Smith*

# Address Presented by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. James Chukwuma Ogbonna on the Occasion of the Second Matriculation Ceremony of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno, Enugu State on the 23rd of March, 2024.

## Introduction

I am delighted to welcome all of you to the second matriculation ceremony of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) Igbo-Eno, Enugu State. This is an occasion when we welcome and formally admit eligible candidates that have been selected, based on merits, to study various courses in this University.

Over the past one year, SUMAS has continued to witness a lot of transformations, thanks to the unwavering commitment of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Enugu State Barr. (Dr.) Peter Ndubuisi Mba to position SUMAS as a Centre of Excellence in Medical and Applied Science Education. With his support, the ICT building has been completed; the perimeter fencing is almost completed; work to complete the building of the Teaching Hospital has resumed and it will be completed before the end of May this year while the Mother and Child Hospital will also be completed in May this year.

Construction of an additional office block is on-going and work on completion of the road network will soon commence. Another landmark achievement is the passing of the Teaching Hospital Bill by the State House of Assembly. The Bill will soon be signed into Law, and thus the Teaching Hospital will be fully operational by the third quarter of this year. The Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria paid advisory visit to our Faculty of Pharmacy and was so happy with the facilities on ground that they increased our admission quota.

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria as well as the Radiographers Registration Board have also been scheduled to come for evaluation of our facilities.

## To our matriculants

There has been a significant increase in the number of applicants to SUMAS but since admission into most of our programmes are regulated by various professional bodies, we could admit only about 10% of the applicants in some programmes. We congratulate the privileged 776 students that are matriculating today.

First year in the University is always challenging as most of you are leaving the comfort of your homes for the first time. You must therefore struggle to adjust and adapt to the social and academic life in the University. You should not shy away from asking the second-year students, your academic advisers and other staff whenever you are in doubt of anything.

You are now considered adults, old enough to know what is good for yourself when to wake up, and when to sleep, when to read and when to play, whether to go for lectures or not, whether to do assignments or not, etc. Your parents are not around to monitor and control you while your lecturers can only advise you but do not punish you except if you break school regulations. However, you are strongly advised not to abuse "the new found freedom" in the University.

Freedom without discipline and responsibility can only lead you to doom. You must always think of the consequences of your actions and inactions. The consequences of not doing well in your examinations can be devastating and usually very difficult to remedy.

The greatest thing you can do for your parents and guardians for sacrificing so much to train you is to do well in your academic work. We therefore appeal to all of you to study hard, be of good behavior, and avoid bad companies or groups. We have zero tolerance for cultism and if you get yourself involved in any cult activity, you will be dismissed from SUMAS outright.

## To the parents and guardians

On behalf of the management of SUMAS, I congratulate and thank you for the great sacrifices you are making for the education of your children and wards. I assure you that you have not made a bad choice and that SUMAS will definitely surpass your expectations. We assure you that we will do all we can to give good education to your children by providing conducive environment for learning and in particular in offering excellent quality and globally competitive instruction and tuition.



*As you can see, our perimeter fencing is ongoing for increased security, their hostels have dedicated boreholes and solar power to ensure steady supply of water and light. All our buildings, including the hostels have internet. The classrooms are cabled for internet access and equipped with electronic interactive boards for quality lecture delivery. Our laboratories are of very high quality and well equipped. We are determined to give them the best.*

*I however, urge you to monitor the progress of your children and ensure that they do not misunderstand and misuse the freedom they enjoy on campus. This is especially important for those students who are living outside the campus. Your Excellency Sir, Enugu State Government has invested a lot in SUMAS and there is no reason why SUMAS will not stand out as a Centre of Excellence in Medical and Applied Science Education.*

*We have enjoyed tremendous support from you and the State Government, and I am sure that with the continued support, we will achieve it. Your support to Education is not limited to SUMAS as evidenced by allocating over 30% of the state budget to education. The smart school project has commenced in all the wards in Enugu State. The transformative effects of this project on education sector of Enugu State can better be imagined. We thank you and look forward to your continuous guidance as we work to lay a solid foundation for SUMAS.*

*I cannot end this address without expressing my heartfelt gratitude to our Founder, Rt, Hon, (Dr.) Ifeanyi Lawrence Ugwuanyi for his vision and passion for human resource development that led to the establishment of this Institution. We also thank His Excellency the Deputy Governor of Enugu State, Barr. Ifeanyi Ossai for the pioneering roles he played in establishing this University and for the great support he has continued to give us. Sir, with your continued support, the sky is our limit.*

*Finally, I thank the Speaker and all the members of the State House of Assembly for the speedy hearing and passing the SUMAS Teaching Hospital Bill and also the State Executive Council for their support in various ways. I also thank our Pro-Chancellor, Msgr. Prof. Obiora Ike for always being there for us. His commitment to SUMAS is unalloyed and only God can reward him enough.*

*So many other people, too many to mention here, have played, and are still playing great roles in building up SUMAS and we are very grateful to them all. We also thank the host communities for the cordial relationship and plead that we continue to work together for the progress of SUMAS.*

*I thank all of you for coming and wish you all journey mercies as you return to your various destinations.*

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*Prof James Chukwuma Ogbonna, FAS  
Vice Chancellor*



# APPOINTMENTS OF DEANS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

**Prof T O Ujam**

Dean School of General Studies.

**Prof. E I Ugwuja**

HOD, Physical Sciences.

**Emmanuel C. Eze**

HOD, Biological Sciences

**Dr Simeon O. Ogbonna**

HOD, Mechanical Engineering

**Dr Donatus C. Ezema**

HOD, Electrical/Electronic  
Engineering

**Engr Malachy O. Ugwuoke**

HOD, Chemical Engineering

**Arch John O. Ezugwu**

HOD, Architecture

**Dr Mrs R N Attaugwu**

HOD, Nutrition and Dietetics

**Mr Felix O Ogbo**

HOD, Human Anatomy

**Mr Casmir C Uzoefuna**

HOD, Medical Biochemistry

**Dr Celestine O Ani**

HOD, Human Physiology

**Engr Boniface C. Ezea**

HOD, Civil Engineering

**Prof Charles E Okolie**

HOD. Medical Laboratory Science

**Mr Adolphus N Nnaji**

HOD, Nursing Sciences

**Dr Mrs U A Ezugwu**

HOD, Physiotherapy

**Dr Mrs M C Ugwuja**

HOD, Radiography and Radiation  
Sciences

## SUMAS VC EMPHASIZES TEAM BUILDING AS HE TOURS FACULTIES



Cross-section of SUMAS staff during the faculty visit

On 21st and 22nd March, 2024, in a remarkable demonstration of his commitment to enhance the educational experience at SUMAS, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. James C. Ogbonna, embarked on a tour to the different faculties in the university.

The primary objective of the visit was to discuss how to take SUMAS to the next level and the impending accreditation team's arrival at the university.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted key areas for attention before the visit, underscoring the importance of being ready for the said accreditation exercise.

- He emphasized on the academic curriculum ( BMAS&CCMAS)
- Stressed the importance of ensuring students files are organized and complete.
- Highlighted on the importance of comprehensive staff files, including employment letters, updated CV, Staff credentials, and promotion letters etc
- Addressed staff needs and challenges.
- Emphasized the importance of identifying office spaces and furniture allocation, as well as efficient management practices.
- Reviewed necessary equipment for laboratory facilities, conducting an inventory to identify any deficiencies.

- Importance of environmental safety measures, including the placement of fire extinguishers in designated areas.
- Advocated for the establishment of faculty libraries to facilitate student research and study.
- Preparedness for the faculty accreditation team's assessment was emphasized as a critical priority.

During the interactive session, there were ventilation of ideas, presentation of requests, clarification of issues and harvest of suggestions geared towards actualizing the overarching vision of the university.

The Vice-Chancellor responded to the questions asked by members of staff from different faculty and reiterated his uncompromising position in building SUMAS on a solid foundation.

Each faculty was given the opportunity to document the challenges encountered within their respective units, with the intention of forwarding these concerns to the Vice-Chancellor in other to see what can be done according to its priority.

This visit reflected the Vice-Chancellor's dedication to building team spirit and gaining firsthand information on the needs and challenges of the faculties and opportunities for improvement.



REVISED TIME-TABLE OF EVENTS FOR SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024,  
ACADEMIC SESSION

MAY, 2024

Monday 20th SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS  
Tuesday 21st Registration and Lectures Begin

JUNE, 2024

Lectures continue  
Tuesday 4th- Second Semester Registration Ends

JULY, 2024

Lectures continue with Continuous Assessments

AUGUST, 2024

Thursday 1st – Saturday 17th - Continuous Assessments and Revisions  
Monday 19th – Second Semester Examinations Begin

SEPTEMBER, 2024

Thursday 5th – Second Semester Examinations End  
Friday 6th – END OF 2023/2024 SESSION  
Students Vacate Campus

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Registrar



# PHOTO NEWS

## SUMAS FIRST FOUNDER'S DAY IN PIX



Cross-section of guests of honor during SUMAS first Founder's Day.



The Founder's Day guest lecturer, Mr. Chris Maiyaki delivering the lecture .



SUMAS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James Ogbonna, exchanging pleasantries with the SUMAS Pro-Chancellor, Msgr. Prof. Obiora Ike



The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS welcoming Prof. Chidiebere Onyia (SSG Enugu State) on arrival for the Founder's Day.



The University PRO, Mrs. Asogwa Oluchi V taking the citation of the guest lecturer



Cross-section of SUMAS students during the Founders Day.



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## SUMAS Open Day Programme



Cross-section of students and Management Team during SUMAS Open Day.



Cross-section of Students from Command Secondary School Orba.



Cross-section of SUMAS Principal Officers and students from Community Sec. Sch. Isieniu



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## Faculty Tour by SUMAS Vice-Chancellor



Group photo of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences during the tour.



Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences



Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment



The Vice-Chancellor taking a look at some of the facilities at the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment



Group picture of the Vice-Chancellor with staff of Faculty of Pharmacy



Cross-section of staff during the Vice-Chancellor's Faculty visit.



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## Awards of Recognition from the Student Affairs Department



Cross-Section of staff of the student affairs department during their orientation programme



Mr. Asogwa Ifeanyichukwu Francis ( middle) receiving an award as the Most Efficient Porter in the male hostel.



Eze Sabina Ginika (middle) receiving an award as the the Most Efficient Cleaner in the female hostel



Ugwuanyi Chioma Maureen (middle) receiving an award as the Most Efficient Cleaner in the male hostel



Nnadi Linda Chioma (middle) receiving an award as the Most Efficient Porter in the female hostel



Prof. Cletus Uche Eze, addressing staff of student affairs during the orientation programme.