



# Report: Inaugural Alumni Week 2019

by Opeyemi Ibukun

## 1 Introduction

How did Crawford University (CRU) Alumni UK start? The Vice Chancellor (VC) of Crawford University, Professor Rotimi Ajayi met with the following alumni – Moses Akazue, Olusegun Elusogbon, Damilola Elusogbon, Joba Mogaji, Segun Aroba in November 2016. During this meeting, the CRU Alumni UK Chapter was inaugurated with Dr Moses Akazue as its leader.

In September 2017, we had an alumni reunion dinner in Manchester that was well attended by Alumni that we know are based in the UK. At this dinner, a caretaker committee was formed and tasked to manage the association and to deliver an alumni week at Crawford University. The caretaker committee consists of Dr Moses Akazue, Olusegun Elusogbon, Joba Mogaji, Segun Aroba, Dr Chido Mgbemena, Tewogbade Awolesi, Daniel Asaya and Opeyemi Ibukun. Daniel Asaya voluntarily resigned, and Ms Awolesi has not been attending meetings.

Each member of the committee has been chairing the meetings of the caretaker committee, with Opeyemi Ibukun chairing most of meetings. We have been planning towards the Alumni week and each member was tasked with saving at least £10 each month since the beginning of 2018. We had planned to hold the week in 2018 but we had no committee member who was going to attend it. Also, Dr Moses Akazue was getting married.

## 2 Alumni week

The Alumni week held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December to 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. I arrived in the University campus on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to meet with the VC, Professor Rotimi Ajayi, I had earlier met with him about the event in October 2019.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, I met with the Chairman of the convocation committee and Dean of Business and Social Sciences, Prof Amos Abisoye, to ensure the week goes well with any hitch. We designed the detailed programme, and he asked for all what we needed for the event, which I provided. The University was very supportive. All the member of staff I came in contact with were very helpful. A banner was printed by the University PRO, Mr Layi Olajumoke on Saturday and hung at the University Multipurpose Hall. Earlier in the day, there was a football match between students and staff of the university. The staff of the university won the match. The man of the match was an Economics Lecturer who was the goalkeeper. The VC was the referee. I had the privilege of presenting some of the awards at the end of the match.

On Sunday, I received Mr Segun Aroba and Mr Abioye Oke at the University's Cafeteria. Mrs Bola Odulaja was a gracious host as she asked the University Cafeteria to serve Messrs Aroba and Oke. After the lunch, we attended the Christmas Concert organised by Apostolic Faith Church, Igbesa. Impressed by the performance, Mr Oke asked, wow, is this is how they sing? We informed Mr Oke that this performance is small compared to that of the Church headquarters in Anthony. After the concert, we greeted some people we know and headed to the University's guest house where we were accommodated.

Mr Abioye Oke is a Business Consultant & Trainer with core competence in new business development and sectorial research. He had previously served at the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) as a Training Administrator; and he was one of the founding staff of Learning Impact NG where he served as the Head of the Business Development Unit (2010 - 2012). He is the founder and CEO of Lifestyle Asset Hub Limited, a Knowledge and Wealth Creation Company set to create a major disruption in the Global Real Estate sector ([www.lifestyleassethub.com](http://www.lifestyleassethub.com)).

### 2.1 Monday Programme – Morning and evening

Monday morning was bright and sunny. Messrs Oke, Aroba and I went for breakfast as we awaited the arrival of the third keynote speaker – Pastor Nathaniel Sadela. Pastor Nathaniel Sadela is an Executive Director of JBN Investment Ltd, Pastor at Gospel Apostolic Church, Ikeja Parish and Lead Faculty, Gospel Apostolic Church, Leadership Development Centre. He arrived on time and was able to meet us just after we finished



having our breakfast. We asked for breakfast to be served to him and explained that we had to leave to ensure the hall, its decoration and meal (snacks and drinks) for the students are ready.

Mr S. was instrumental in decorating the hall and was also in charge of audio-visuals. Mr Aroba had to pay to get the banner hung as a backdrop for the event. The snacks, which consisted of mini-meatpies, sausage rolls and doughnuts, were made by Ms Funke Pidan. These snacks were tasty. Apart from the snacks being tasty, she was very professional as she delivered them on time. I do recommend her services.

We aimed to start at 11:00 a.m. but had to wait for students to fill the hall. The programme started 11:33 a.m. The student liaison officer, Dr Samuel Eleboda, was the master of ceremony (MC). The Vice Chairman of the Convocation committee, Mrs Sola Aina declared the event open. The VC and senior officials had to meet for an emergency. Also, the university also received officials from Nigeria University Commission (NUC) that came to accredit new programmes.

Mr Abioye Oke was the first keynote speaker. As a seasoned public speaker, he carried the audience along, and the student enjoyed his presentation. He spoke on 'achieving financial productivity through innovation and creativity'. Pastor Nathaniel Sadela was the next speaker. He spoke on the importance of 'knowledge management and data analytics' in career development. Mr Opeyemi Ibukun, the final speaker, spoke on 'Entrepreneurship and skills for the future'. All presentations were well received with claps of appreciation from the students. We experienced glitches with the presentation slides as they did not project for most times. However, the speakers managed the situation to deliver engaging presentation.

While the final speaker was presenting, the VC and senior officials of the University arrived in the hall. The presentation had to be paused to welcome them. Once the welcome was completed, the third speaker finished his presentation. After the presentation, the VC gave an impassioned speech, praying for the students that they will all succeed in Jesus name Amen. He charged them to work hard and make use of the current opportunities they have. Also, he said that he would like to see them come back as alumni of the university to speak to future students. He praised and thanked the organisers of the event, CRU Alumni UK. The VC listed a few notable alumni of the university and enjoined the students to prayerfully work hard to exceed their successes.

Presentation of souvenir and gifts were performed after the VC's speech. CRU Alumni UK made pin badges that was presented to the keynote speakers and senior officials of the University. An award plaque was presented by the VC on behalf of CRU Alumni UK to each keynote speaker. Opeyemi Ibukun, presented on behalf of CRU Alumni UK, an appreciation plaque to the vice chancellor for his support in making the event a reality. Once this was done, the VC excused himself and other senior officials from the event.

The next step was a question and answer session. This was moderated by Mr Segun Aroba. Several students asked questions. It was during this session that refreshments were served. A female student from Geology department won a book from Mr Abioye Oke for answering correctly his question. Some of the important questions that the alumni could work on are:

1. Is it possible to lobby the university to create an innovation lab where the ideas can be shared and developed, and fundamentals of business can be taught to create viable businesses?
2. Geology department needs a workstation, can we help?
3. Internship opportunities – How can we inform current students of internship opportunities at places we are currently working?

We were expected the representatives of Crawford University Alumni Association to attend, but no one attended the event. Mr Abioye Oke left for Lagos Monday evening.

## 2.2 Monday evening

Due to success of the morning and afternoon session, we could not do the evening with reality as designed. Mr Aroba and I met with some students, who were still keen to discuss with us at the cafeteria. I was not happy that Mr Aroba was using this opportunity to sell to the students his services. As a representative of the CRU Alumni UK caretaker committee, I had to put a disclaimer to the students that any business transaction they initiate with Mr Aroba is at their own risk.



## 2.3 Tuesday Morning

We had to rest. Mr Aroba and I held that the University commissioned an office for Alumni activities. Mr Adasaka was in attendance.

## 2.4 Tuesday Evening – Alumni Dinner

Mr Aroba and I had the privilege of supporting the graduating students for their dinner night. We were invited to the high table, that had the VC, his wife, the registrar, and a representative of the Parent-Teacher Association. It was a colourful event, chaperoned by an Alumni of the University (Mr Brown). We gave a short speech of our time in Crawford University and what had changed. At the end of the dinner, we interacted with the graduating students, Mr Adasaka and his fellow executives of Alumni Association.

## 2.5 Wednesday – convocation

Mr Aroba left early in the morning for Lagos. I was the only representative of CRU Alumni UK. The pin badges, the souvenir, was given to the Chairman of the convocation committee to ensure it is given to each graduand (a person who is about to receive an academic degree). I was asked to join the academic procession. Mr Adasaka and I represented Alumni in the procession. A convocation lecture was delivered by Mr Nosa Omorodion, a Director at Schlumberger Nigeria. The lecture was on 'We are all Explorationists: When all you need to discover is you'. Mr Adasaka administered the alumni oath on the new graduates. Mr Adasaka was kind to give me a lift to Ikeja. We had to leave early, choosing not to eat, to ensure we are not held in traffic. I offered to buy lunch for everyone.

Overall the convocation programme was a success

## 3 Attendance

We had the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans of Business & Social Sciences, Natural & Applied Sciences and Student Affairs, Deputy Chairman, Convocation Committee, Mrs Sola Aina, the Alumni Liaison officer, Mrs Bola Odulaja, Mrs Titi Olukoya

All the students in the university campus were in attendance at the Monday programme.

## 4 Support and acknowledgement

We appreciate the efforts and support of the following people who made this event a reality:

1. Professor Rotimi Ajayi, Vice Chancellor
2. Professor, Deputy Vice Chancellor,
3. Mr. Emmanuel Agboola Atoe, Registrar,
4. Professor Amos Abisoye, Dean of Business and Social Sciences and Chairman, Convocation Committee
5. Dr. Adeola A. John, Dean of Natural & Applied Sciences
6. Dr. Justice C. Ngwama, Dean of Student Affairs,
7. Mrs Sola Aina, Deputy Chairman, Convocation Committee,
8. Mr Layi Olajumoke, Public Relation Officer (PRO)
9. Dr Samuel Eleboda, Alumni Liaison officer
10. The keynote speaker – Mr Abioye Oke
11. The keynote speaker – Pastor Nathaniel Sadela
12. The keynote speaker – Opeyemi Ibukun
13. Mrs Bola Odulaja,
14. Mrs Titi Olukoya
15. Crawford University students
16. All member of the University Cafeteria



## 5 Meeting with VC and Mr Soji Adasaka

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, Mr Adasaka, a member of the Crawford University Alumni Association (CRUAA) caretaker committee called the VC of Crawford University. He stated that he was elected as President of the CRUAA, which the VC said the CRU Alumni UK disputes.

The VC charged Mr Adasaka to work an official inauguration where he will be the chairman. This inauguration should be publicised in the national newspapers inviting all graduates (i.e. alumni) from Crawford University to attend. In the newspaper advert, a call to nomination of the association executives should be made. The inauguration will be sponsored by the University. It can take place on the University Campus. At this inauguration, the following objectives will be achieved:

1. The Crawford University Alumni Association constitution will be approved and formally adopted.
2. Institution of chapters and adoption of the Alumni UK body as a chapter of the Association.
3. An election will be held for the executives of the association
4. Inauguration of the executives of the national body and chapters.

Also, a member of CRUAA caretaker committee, Ms Oyedele Ruth Tolulope, also stated that there was no election as Mr Adasaka and other purported executives had been selected before she and others joined as volunteers.



## 6 Expenses (All receipts provided below)

Money received	Cost (N)	Details of expenses	Cost (N)
		Pin Badges	£378 (N179550)
<b>Expenses in Nigeria</b>			
Moses Contribution 25/11/2019	30000	Snacks	80105*
Joba from General purse 28/11/2019	145000	Plaque	31800
Elusogbon 06/12/2019	20000	Back drop	21407
Transfer from Moses 07/12/2019	10000	Drinks	67052.50*
Transfer from Joba from General Alumni purse 06/12/2019	6000	Gift to Mrs Titi Olukoya	10000
Transfer from Joba for Uber fee - Mr Oke 04/12/2019	25060	Gift to Mrs Bola Odulaja	10000
Transfer from Segun Aroba 09/12/2019	10000	Transfer to Segun Aroba + 50 transfer fee	25052.50*
		Taxi to get printed backdrop	400
		Taxi to get printed backdrop	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>N246060</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>N246817</b>
* Bank fees for transfer to accounts in other banks			
<b>Estimated Personal expenses.</b>			
		Taxi from Magodo GRA to Igbesa to sit down with VC to present Alumni week	11000
		Taxi from Igbesa to Lekki Phase 1	13000
		Taxi to Igbesa for Alumni week	13000
		Taxi from Ikeja City Mall to Home	4900
		Monetary gifts	2000
		Food (Conservative estimate)	1500
		Taxi for backdrop (Conservative estimate)	2000
		Photography	6000
<b>Total</b>	<b>NO</b>		<b>N53500</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>N479867 (~£1010)</b>	







## 7.2 Gift to Mummy Titi and Odulaja

Transaction Location	: E- CHANNELS
Description	: CASH WDL FROM OTHER ATM
Amount	: 20,000.00
Value Date	: 09-Dec-2019
Remarks	: -677329- -330524-ACCESS BANK000000000000 OGUN STATE, N NG
Time of Transaction	: 17:12
Document Number	: 9999677329

## 7.3 Transfer to Segun Aroba + 50 transfer fee

**GTBank**  
GTBank ONLINE TRANSFER ADVICE

Guaranty Trust Bank plc

Transaction Date: 08-Dec-2019

Beneficiary: AROBA OLUWASEGUN JULIUS      Transaction Type: TRANSFER BETWEEN CUSTOMERS

Beneficiary Bank: GTBank      Sender: IBUKUN, OPEYEMI BOLANLE

Transaction Amount: 25,000.00      Amount In Words: Twenty-Five Thousand Naira

Remarks: via Internet Banking from IBUKUN, OPEYEMI BOLANLE to AROBA OLUWASEGUN JULIUS      Transaction Time: 00:40

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## 7.4 Snacks – Ms Funke Pidán

**GTBank**  
GTBank ONLINE TRANSFER ADVICE

Guaranty Trust Bank plc

Transaction Date: 06-Dec-2019

Beneficiary: OLUWAFUNMIKE A PIDAN /./      Transaction Type: NIBSS Instant Payment Outward

Beneficiary Bank: ZBN      Sender: IBUKUN, OPEYEMI BOLANLE

Transaction Amount: 60,000.00      Amount In Words: Sixty Thousand Naira

Remarks: Alumni UK mini pastries TO ZBN/OLUWAFUNMIKE A PIDAN /./      Transaction Time: 22:42

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**GTBank**  
GTBank ONLINE TRANSFER ADVICE

Guaranty Trust Bank plc

Transaction Date: 09-Dec-2019

Reference Number: 263/13387868/10Dec2019\_0912      Transaction Type: NIP Transfer

Sender: IBUKUN, OPEYEMI BOLANLE      Receiver: OLUWAFUNMIKE A PIDAN

Account Number: 0252293219      Account Number: 2009776625

Transaction Amount: NGN 20,000.00      Receiving Bank: ZENITH BANK PLC

Amount In words: Twenty Thousand Naira Only.

NIBSS Instant Payment Outward 000013191209221043000007420569 TO

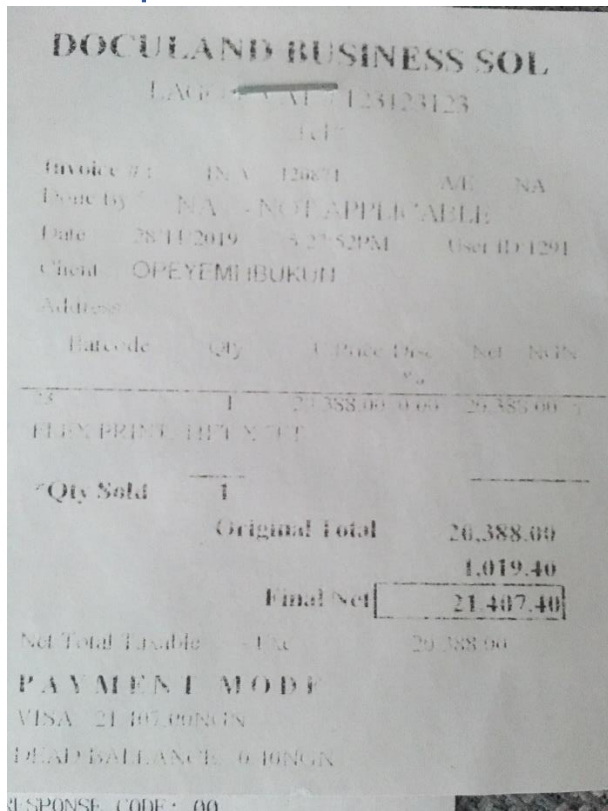
Remarks: ZBN/OLUWAFUNMIKE A PIDAN      Transaction Time: 22:42

GTBank /52.5/REF-000013191209221043000007420569

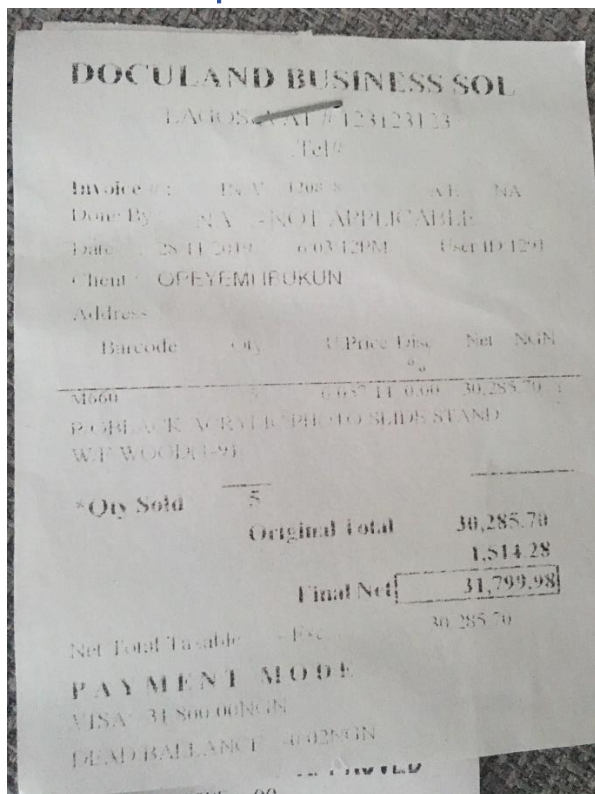
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## 7.5 Plaque



## 7.6 Back drop







## 7.7 Drinks – Asked Mrs Odulaja to assist with it

**GTBank ONLINE TRANSFER ADVICE**

Guaranty Trust Bank plc

Transaction Date: 07-Dec-2019

Reference Number: 263/14925315/07Dec2019\_0712      Transaction Type: NIP Transfer

Sender: IBUKUN, OPEYEMI BOLANLE      Receiver: ODULAJA OYEBODE ADEOYE AND

Account Number: 0252293219      Account Number: 4051001136

Transaction Amount: NGN 67,000.00      Receiving Bank: ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC

Amount in words: Sixty Seven Thousand Naira Only.

Remarks: NIBSS Instant Payment Outward 000013191207180318000005911007 TO ECO/ODULAJA OYEBODE ADEOYE AND BOLANLE OLUYEMI

GTBank /52.5/REF:000013191207180318000005911007

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## 7.8 Taxi to get printed backdrop



Invoice no. 15753064996373

Date: 2019-12-02

Recipient:  
Opeyemi

Omosule Kehinde Oluwasesan  
No 28, Church avenue, Kosofe mile12 Lagos

Start: Ajose Adeogun Street 8 (2019-12-02 16:58)

Title	Sum (NGN)	VAT 0%	Total Sum (NGN)
Trip fee	1 300.00	0.00	1 300.00

Total (NGN): 1 300.00

VAT: 0.00

Total including VAT (NGN): 1 300.00

Prepaid by NGSWPPH4PCC8B64-1: 300.00

Charged \*\*\*\* 0401: 1 000.00

## 7.9 Taxi to get printed backdrop



Invoice no. 15752995360808

Date: 2019-12-02

Recipient:  
Opeyemi

Muritala tajudeen olorunwa  
22 akity st Okota Isolo Lagos

Start: Abagbon Close Plot 1064a (2019-12-02 15:59)

Title	Sum (NGN)	VAT 0%	Total Sum (NGN)
Trip fee	500.00	0.00	500.00

Total (NGN): 500.00

VAT: 0.00

Total including VAT (NGN): 500.00

Prepaid by NGSWPPH4PCC8B64-1: 100.00

Charged \*\*\*\* 0401: 400.00