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## Glo Festival of Joy promo: Prado, Picanto, other prizes, given out in Abuja

**J**oyful winners in the ongoing Glo Festival of Joy promo received their prizes at a special presentation ceremony held at Globacom's Aminu Kano Crescent office, Abuja, the country's federal capital, on Wednesday. A brand-new Toyota Prado, a brand-new Kia Picanto, a Keke Napep, and numerous other prizes like sewing machines, grinding machines, and power generating sets were carted home by the lucky and loyal Glo subscribers. At the event, Sarah Ilya Madu, a federal civil servant in Abuja, received the keys to her brand-new SUV by Senator Simon Lalong, aided by Senator Yemi Adaramodu, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Youth Development and supported by Globacom celebrity influencers.

After winning the Toyota Prado in the promotion draw last Friday in Abuja, Sarah, a federal civil worker from Borno State,

expressed shock at being called to break the news to her. As she related at the venue of the presentation, such a fate was too good to be true, so she repeatedly hung up the phone from Globacom. "I was prevailed upon by my colleagues to do a video call with the staff who called me. Even when I saw the office environment, I was still doubtful." She added that when she eventually agreed to visit the Glo office, she went with a hefty colleague just to be sure she was not being set up", she disclosed. A 43-year-old businessman residing in the FCT, Ufot Victor, was hoping to win because he had been recharging frequently to meet the minimum requirements for a car. His hard work paid off handsomely when he won a brand-new Kia Picanto. Other lucky winners also went home with tricycles (Keke), power generating sets, sewing machines and grinding machines. "I was so joyful on learning I had won a Keke," said Ireimiya Mallo, a SIM registration agent and Nasarawa

State resident who won a Keke. He said that he will use it for business purposes. Felix Gabriel, the winner of a power generation set, commended Globacom for always honoring Nigerians in its yearly advertisements. Senator Simon Lalong, the special guest, commended the Globacom chairman, Dr Mike Adenuga, for implementing the promotion for Nigerians and noted Dr Adenuga's ardent support of sports. He expressed his hope of winning the Glo promo in the near future. Additionally, Senate spokesman and Senate Committee on Youth Development Chairman Senator Yemi Adaramodu stated that Globacom has always been a brand close to his heart. He added that the network is not only interested in drawing in customers but also demonstrating its value to Nigerians by giving out to

them.

In his remarks at the event, Globacom's Head of Division, North West, Mr. Kazeem Kaka, said that to participate in the Festival of Joy promo, new and existing subscribers should dial \*611# so as to opt into the promo and to keep recharging thereafter to meet the threshold for the various prizes. He added that new subscribers can participate immediately by purchasing a new SIM, registering it and dialing \*611#. Guests at the event included representatives of the National Lottery Regulatory Commission (NLRC), Mariam Imam, Assistant Director, Consumer Affairs at the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC), Moses Iyi; comedians, Tee A, Seyi Law, and Gordons. Others are Nollywood duo of Ebube Nwagbo and Juliet Ibrahim as well as popular content creator, KieKie.







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## Celebration Mode: Faithia Balogun showers accolades on son as he graduates with First Class from UNILAG

**N**ollywood actress Faithia Williams is currently in a celebration mode as the ageless beauty is celebrating her son, Khalid Balogun, who graduates with a first-class degree in Creative Arts from the University of Lagos (UNILAG). Taking to Instagram to share the joyous moment, Faithia posted a photo of Khalid along with a heartfelt message expressing her overwhelming joy and gratitude.

The proud mother praised her son's dedication and perseverance, attributing his academic success to hard work and resilience. She also offered prayers for his continued achievements, wishing him happiness and fulfillment as he embarks on a new chapter in life. In expression her joy,

Faithia wrote: *"Hmm, I'm short of words... Alhamdulillah! Alhamdulillah! My darling son, @khalidgram\_\_, I'm overwhelmed with joy and gratitude as I celebrate your incredible achievement! You've worked tirelessly and persevered through the challenges, and today, you've emerged with a FIRST CLASS DEGREE from the University of Lagos' Creative Department! "Alhamdulillah, my heart is bursting with pride and love for you, my darling son! As you embark on this new journey, I ask that you continue to be guided by faith, courage, and determination."*

Also present at the graduation is the proud father, Nollywood actor, Saidi Balogun.

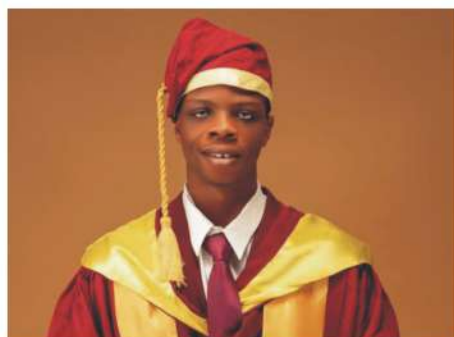


## IFEOLUWA BABAYEMI

### *I Studied Beyond Classrooms To Obtain Perfect Grade*

**I**feoluwa Odunayo Babayemi is a 19-year-old graduate of Industrial Chemistry from Oyo State. He graduated in the 2023/2024 academic sessions at the Anchor University Lagos as the overall Best graduate with a Perfect Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4 out of 4.

Young Babayemi started his primary school education at Sterne Nursery and Primary School in Ikorodu and later enrolled at the Federal Government College, Odogbolu, to complete his secondary school education. Ifeoluwa Babayemi, in 2021, secured a late admission into Anchor University, Lagos, where he studied Industrial Chemistry. His exploit in the sciences is not by accident as his father, Engineer Isiah Babayemi is a successful Electrical and Automation Engineer while his mother, Mrs Mary Babayemi is a Livestock Farmer.



In an interview with Daily Independent, Babayemi said, "I acknowledged God in my life. I was always willing to go the extra mile. I studied beyond the classroom. I had healthy relationships with my lecturers and colleagues and found a sustainable balance in every aspect of my life spiritually, academically, morally, and financially." The valedictorian in his address expressed

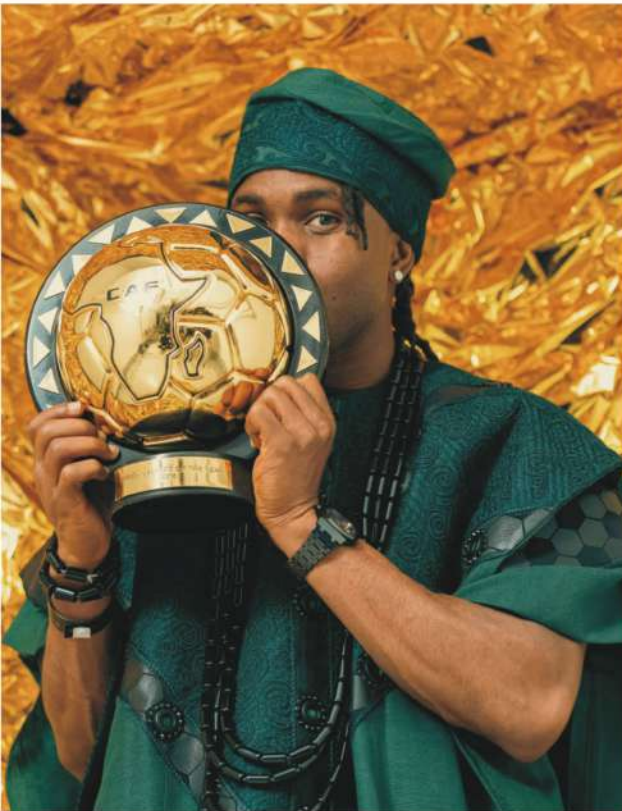
appreciation to the Chancellor, Pastor (Dr.) William Kumuyi, the Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees, the Pro-Chancellor and members of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and members of the Management, Deans, Heads of Department, and staff for providing the right atmosphere for him to study and excel.

To his parents he said, "My profound gratitude goes to my parents, Engr and Mrs Babayemi for their financial, spiritual, moral, and academic support. I am equally grateful to my siblings, Oluwanifemi and Oluwafemi.

Their belief in me has been a great source of inspiration."

He added, "My academic journey was not always stellar. I was not among the top students in my secondary school, and I wasn't even serious about my academics. My only goal was to perform above the class average. I remember the joy of scoring higher than the class average. Upon stepping foot on the vibrant campus of Anchor University, I found myself face-to-face with HIM (God) a presence so captivating that it altered the very course of my life. It sparked a change within me, igniting a journey of self-discovery."





CAF's technical committee, African media professionals, players and coaches vote for the overall winners.

Speaking on his win, Lookman stated that: **'The difficult moments have given me that extra strength'**

Ademola Lookman became the seventh Nigerian to win the CAF Men's Player of the Year when he took home the prize for 2024, a deserved reward for some stunning form for club and country over the past 12 months.

Atalanta forward Lookman received the trophy at a glittering 2024 CAF Awards in Marrakech, Morocco on Monday night, when the Palais des Congrès hosted a remarkable gathering of African football talent.

The 27-year-old follows in the footsteps of compatriot Victor Osimhen, who claimed the award in 2023 as they became the first back-to-back Nigerian winners since Nwankwo Kanu (1996) and

Lookman has been in the form of his life in 2024, helping turn his Italian Serie A side Atalanta into title contenders and taking them to a UEFA Europa League trophy win, a first major piece of silverware for the club in 61 years.

He scored a hat-trick in the decider as Atalanta became the only team in the 2023-24 campaign to inflict a defeat on German Bundesliga outfit Bayer Leverkusen as the forward provided one of the great final displays in European football history.

Lookman also helped Nigeria to the final of the TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations Cote d'Ivoire 2023, where they lost to the hosts. His displays, and three goals, did not go unnoticed as he was named in the Team of the Tournament.

### His Rise To Fame

The sensational forward Lookman's journey in football has been truly inspiring.

Discovered by the Charlton academy from Sunday league football at the age of 16, he quickly rose through the ranks, soon joining Everton and representing England at the U-19 level.

Born on October 20, 1997, in Wandsworth, Greater London, to Nigerian parents. He attended St Thomas the Apostle College in Peckham, excelling academically.

His football career took him to Germany and through several loan spells before he found his stride at Atalanta, becoming one of the most exciting players in Europe.

After stints at Everton, RB Leipzig, Fulham, and Leicester, Lookman found his footing at Atalanta, scoring 30 goals and providing 16 assists over two seasons.

Growing up in the Wandsworth area of London, Lookman faced numerous challenges. His upbringing was far from ideal, with his family struggling financially. "When I would come home from football, I knew there was no food on the table, so I would eat at a friend's house," Lookman recalled in the BBC documentary "South of the River".

Despite these hardships, his passion for football and his determination to succeed never waned. Lookman credits his strong work ethic and resilience to his upbringing.

# LOOKMAN

## Ademola

## 2024 African Footballer of the Year

**N**igeria and Atalanta striker Ademola Lookman was crowned the 2024 African Footballer of the Year at the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Awards in Marrakesh on Monday evening.

Lookman beat Ivorian Simon Adingra, Guinea's Serhou Guirassy, Achraf Hakimi of Morocco and South Africa's Ronwen Williams to be named footballer of the year for 2024.

Fellow Nigerian Victor Osimhen claimed the award last year Orlando Pride and Zambia striker Barbra Banda won the women's prize, finishing ahead of Moroccan Sanaa Mssoudy and Nigeria's Chiamaka Nnadozie. Making history as the first Zambian to win the title.

A panel of experts including members of

Victor Ikpeba (1997).

"It is an incredible achievement and an incredible moment," Lookman said. "It is special to join a list of many great players who have achieved a lot in the game. They are legends.

"There are a lot of special moments that happened this year, I can speak about a lot of good moments. But also the bad moments, when you don't want to do gym, but you end up doing that session and that gives you more strength. The difficult moments have given me that extra strength.

"For us to be able to give inspiration to the young kids who want to be like us is the most important thing. If we can set a good example, they have good footsteps to follow."

Lookman had a special message for the fans, who he thanked for their support.

"I am very appreciative of your love and care, and kind words in the bad moments also, not just the good moments. The people who show you love in the difficult moments are the people who you are most grateful too."







# Colours! Culture!! Carnival Vibes!!! Echoes of MTN Sponsored 2024 Calabar carnival

Living up to its promise of celebrating Nigeria's rich culture and heritage, the telecom giant, **MTN** proudly sponsored the 2024 **Calabar carnival** which was a big blast. The streets of the beautiful city of Calabar was alive with vibrant colours, dazzling costumes, electrifying performances and unmissable energy. Here are some exciting pictures from the event.







## The Grand Press Launch of #GoMADwithMTNData



Nigeria's telecom giant, MTN recently hosted an exclusive unveiling of the #GoMADwithMTNData campaign in grand style!

To kick off the inspiring journey, the telco brought back that iconic Times Square moment, where chess grandmaster, **Tunde Onakoya** played chess with 15 opponents simultaneously including the company's CEO, **Karl Toriola** proving yet again his mastery of the board game.

Here are some exciting pictures from the event.





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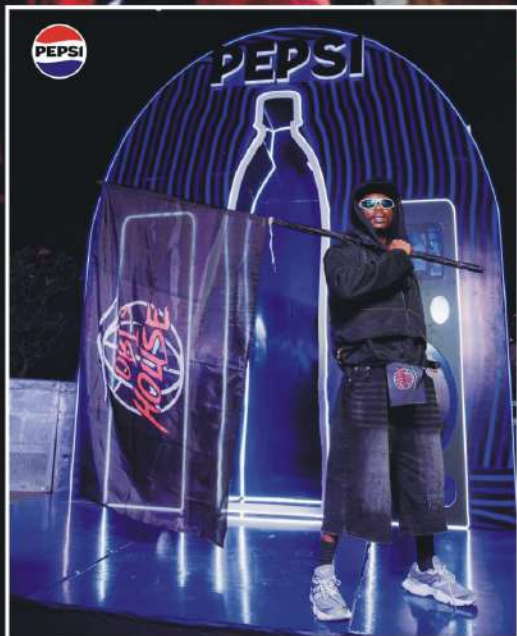
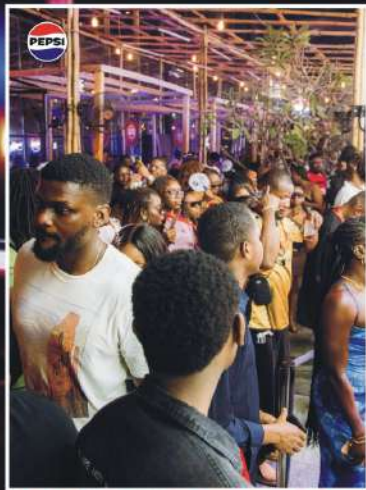
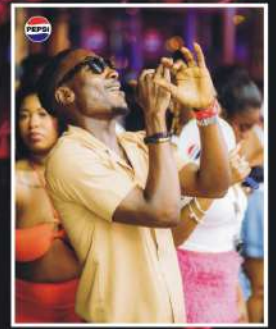






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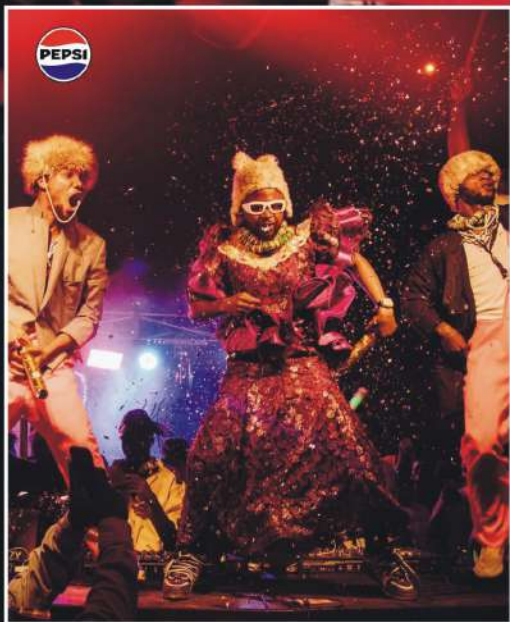
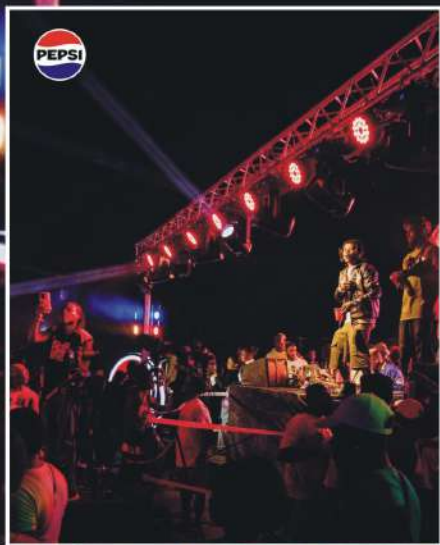
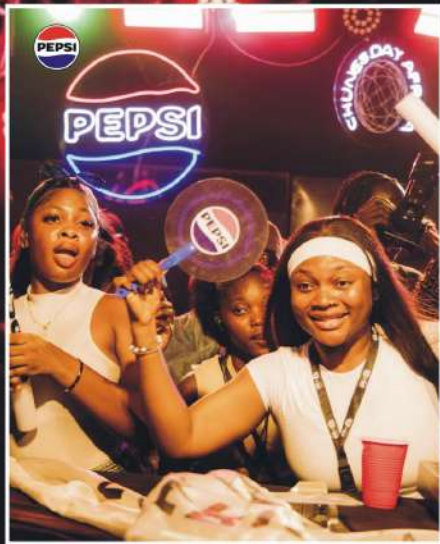






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# Free Online Platforms For Learning Software Development

Aspiring developers can learn software development through numerous free online platforms, from foundational courses to interactive experiences, JUSTICE OKAMGBA writes.

Software development is one of the most sought-after skills globally, driven by rapid technological advancements and the expansion of software-driven businesses. The need for skilled developers is projected to remain strong, with approximately 83 per cent of organisations expecting steady or increasing demand for these skills over the next year. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, software developer jobs are anticipated to grow by 25 per cent between 2022 and 2032, resulting in about 451,200 new positions. In particular, several key areas within software development are experiencing high demand. Skills in full-stack development, mobile app development, and DevOps are sought after, reflecting the evolving needs of the tech industry. These areas highlight the versatility and specialisation required for today's software development roles. Numerous free online platforms now offer extensive resources for aspiring developers. From foundational courses to interactive learning experiences, these platforms provide valuable tools for mastering software development. Here are some top recommendations from industry experts and educators to guide your learning journey.

## YouTube channels

An avid learner in the field of artificial intelligence, Farhan Muhammad, shared his insights on effective online resources. "For anyone starting in AI, it is crucial to find platforms that break down complex concepts into understandable segments," Muhammed advised on Quora. "Three Blue One Brown," a YouTube channel known for its visual explanations of mathematical concepts fundamental to machine learning. "Their playlist on neural networks is an excellent introduction," he noted. Muhammed also recommended Andrej Karpathy's YouTube channel. "Karpathy's tutorials provide industry-level insights into neural networks and AI," he explained. As a former Director of AI at



Tesla, Karpathy's content offers both theoretical and practical knowledge, making it a valuable resource for learners aiming to understand advanced AI concepts.

## Udemy

Udemy stands out as a leading platform for software development education, providing an extensive array of courses catering to diverse skill levels. Students can delve into comprehensive topics, including software development lifecycle, object-oriented programming, Agile methodologies, and web development fundamentals. A standout course, Software Development from A to Z, is specifically designed for beginners. This comprehensive programme covers essential concepts, such as programming with Python, web development using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, and key methodologies like Scrum and Kanban.

## Structured learning with Coursera

Adding to the discussion, Computer Scientist Anupam Brook pointed to several platforms offering structured learning and career support. "For 2024, 'DataCamp' is highly regarded for its interactive courses in Python, SQL, and machine learning," Brook asserted. DataCamp's hands-on projects and mobile access make it a versatile choice for learners. Additionally, DataCamp's job assistance programs can be a significant boost for those seeking to enter the data science field.

He also praised Coursera, which partners with top universities and industry leaders to offer comprehensive courses. Courses

like "AI for Everyone" and "Machine Learning by Stanford University" provide a robust curriculum and certification that can enhance employability," he said. Coursera's job placement support further adds value to its offerings.

## Interactive Learning with DataCamp

For learners who prefer a project-based approach, Brook suggested Dataquest. "Dataquest's structured paths and real-world projects make it an excellent choice for practical learning," he remarked. The platform's focus on coding in Python and its community-driven learning model offers a comprehensive learning experience.

## Specialised nano degrees with Udacity

Another notable platform is Udacity, which offers specialised Nanodegrees in data science and AI. Designed in collaboration with industry experts, these programs provide an in-depth look at specific areas of software development. Udacity's Nanodegrees often include real-world projects and mentorship, providing valuable feedback and guidance," Brook explained. While not free, Udacity frequently offers scholarships and financial aid options, making these programs more accessible.

## Other tips

An experienced educator, Mahadevan Iyer, emphasised the importance of understanding the

basics of machine learning. "Before diving into coding, it's essential to grasp the fundamentals," Iyer wrote on Quora. He compared the challenge of machine learning to embedded software development, noting that it requires a deep understanding of mathematical and quantitative reasoning. "Being a good ML engineer involves more than just coding it's about making informed decisions on what to code and understanding the complexities of algorithms," Iyer explained. His perspective underscores the need for strong foundational knowledge to navigate the intricacies of machine learning effectively.

## Maximising free resources

Finally, while exploring free resources online, it's vital to approach learning strategically. Start with foundational knowledge through introductory courses and YouTube channels, then progress to interactive and project-based platforms for hands-on experience. The combination of these resources ensures a well-rounded education in software development.

In conclusion, the wealth of free online platforms available today provides a golden opportunity for those eager to learn software development.

Whether through engaging YouTube channels like "Three Blue One Brown" and "Andrej Karpathy," structured courses on Coursera, interactive exercises on DataCamp and Dataquest, or specialised Nanodegrees from Udacity, aspiring developers have access to a diverse range of tools.

Embracing these resources and building a solid foundation can pave the way for success in the ever-evolving field of software development.

As Farhan Muhammed aptly puts it, "The key is not just in coding but in understanding the underlying principles that drive the technology."

With the right resources and a strategic approach, anyone can embark on a rewarding journey in software development.

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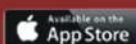
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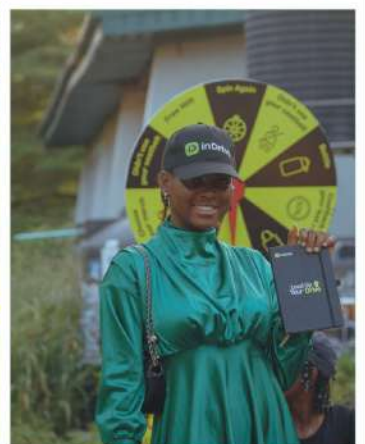
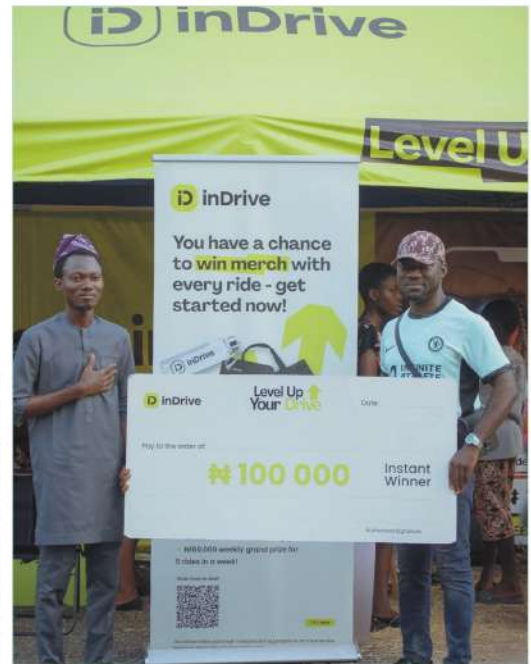
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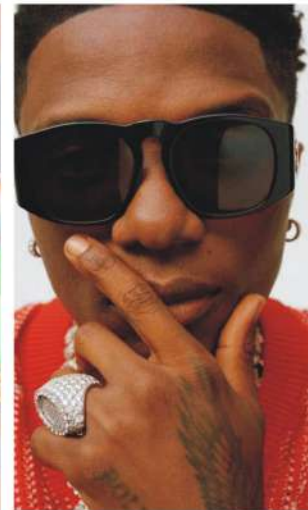
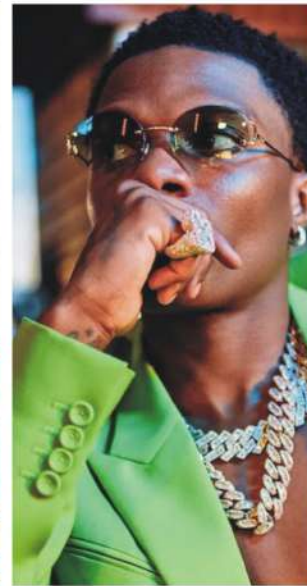
# inDrive

## Excites University of Ibadan Students

**inDrive**, the global platform for mobility and urban solutions was at the **University of Ibadan** to sensitise the students about the top-notch services that the company is rendering and to engage them in the company's **#LevelUpYourDrive** promotional event. The excited students had loads of fun and some lucky ones walked away with a whopping cash gifts of **N10,000** amidst many other exotic gift items.







# WIZKID

## Breaks Record With New Album 'Morayo'

**W**izkid's highly anticipated sixth LP 'Morayo' has set multiple streaming records after enjoying an impressive opening-day success.

On November 22, 2024, Wizkid released his sixth LP titled '**Morayo**' after months of anticipation.

The sixth LP and his eight projects which packed 16 tracks and 5 guest appearances. Following in the footsteps of the pre-release singles, the album has set multiple streaming records.

Ahead of 'Morayo', Wizkid released the singles 'Peace of My Heart' featuring **Brent Faiyaz** and '**Kese (Dance)**' both of which set new records for the biggest opening day streams on Spotify Nigeria. Wizkid's latest album has followed a

similar pattern by setting streaming records which re-emphasises his status as a global superstar.

**Here is a list of records set to Wizkid's 'Morayo'**

1. Wizkid's 'Morayo' earned 12.12 million streams in its first full day of release on Spotify Nigeria which is the biggest in the history of the streaming platform. The album doubled the previous record of 5.88 million streams held by Asake's 'Lungu Boy'.
2. Wizkid's 'Morayo' earned 16.27 million streams in its first full day of release on Spotify making it the biggest for an African artist.
3. Wizkid now holds the top 14 biggest streaming peaks in Spotify

Nigeria's history.

4. All the tracks on 'Morayo' recorded at least 500,000 streams on Spotify Nigeria on its opening day thus becoming the first album in history to achieve this feat.

Wizkid is set to break the record for the biggest opening week streams on Spotify Nigeria haven already edged close to the 18 million streams record held by Asake's 'Lungu Boy'.

it was stated that Wizzy had become the first African artist to chart all the songs on his album on the Billboard US Afrobeats Chart Top 20.

Morayo, which has 16 tracks with guest features from Asake, Brent Faiyaz, Tiakola, and Jazmine Sullivan, to mention a few, was also recently listed as the favourite music on Billboard.

A few hours after its release, the album dominated all 17 top spots on the Apple Music chart.







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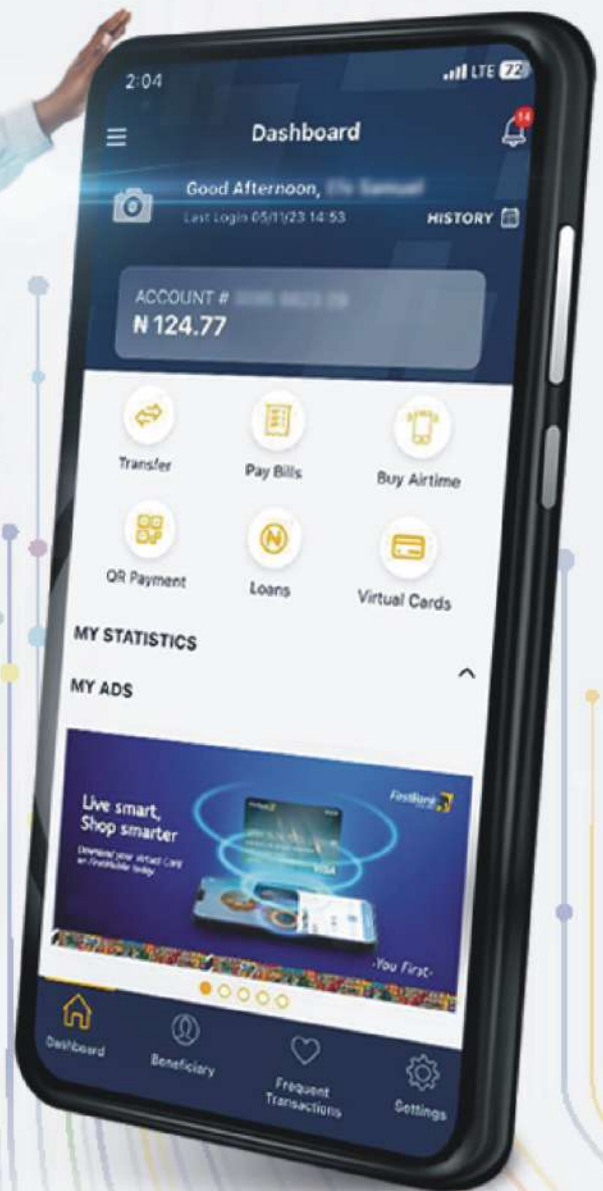


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# Asake, Ayra Starr

EMERGE MOST STREAMED ARTISTS IN 2024 Spotify

**N**igerian music stars Asake and Ayra Starr have emerged as the most streamed artists in Nigeria on

Spotify in 2024.

**Phiona Okumu, Spotify's Head of Music, Sub-Saharan Africa**, who disclosed this in a statement, said this is according to

**"Spotify Wrapped 2024"**.

Okumu said that the ten most streamed male artistes in Nigeria for the year included: **Asake, Seyi Vibe, Burna Boy, Wizkid, Rema, Bnxn, ODUMODUBLVCK, Shallipopi, Davido and Young Jonn.**

According to her, the ten most streamed female artistes in Nigeria were: **Ayra Starr, Tems, Qing Madi, Billie Eilish, SZA, Tiwa Savage, Bloody Civilian, Rihanna, Simi and Fave.**

She listed the ten most streamed tracks in Nigeria as: *Dealer* by

Ayo Maff and Fireboy; *Different Pattern* by Seyi Vibe; *Higher* by Burna Boy; *Woto Woto Seasoning* by ODUMODUBLVCK and Black Sherif and *Aquafina* by Young Jonn.

She said others were: *Stronger* by Young Jonn, *Egwu* by Chike and Mohbad; *Instagram* by Muyeze and Seyi Vibe; *Cast* by Shallipopi and ODUMODUBLVCK and *POE* by Ruger and Bnxn.

*"For the fourth year running, Nigerian artistes have dominated*

*the top 10 most-streamed list, proving the nation's unwavering love for its homegrown talent.*

*"Asake takes the crown as the most-streamed artiste in Sub-Saharan Africa, specifically in Nigeria, Gambia, and Benin.*

*"And it wasn't just the Gen Z crowd who were hooked, Asake, alongside Burna Boy, Shallipopi, and Seyi Vibe, captivated listeners from 13 to 55+ years old, landing on the top 10 artists list for these age groups.*

*"Rising stars, Ayo Maff and Muyeze, stormed the most-streamed tracks list with tracks "Dealer" and "Instagram," proving the industry's bright future.*

*"Young Jonn's hits, "Aquafina" and "Stronger", showcased his staying power, while Burna Boy held his own with "Higher". It's a dynamic blend of old and new, driving the industry forward."*

Okumu described Nigeria's vibrant music scene as a global force to be reckoned with.

*"Spotify is always honoured to showcase the depth of Nigerian music and its incredible talents through 'Wrapped' each year.*

*"The seamless blend of generations and genres showcases the unique power of Nigerian music to resonate both locally and globally.*

*"It's inspiring to see how our artistes are not just shaping culture at home but also making waves internationally," she said.*





# 16-year-old Tehilah Isimah Emerges Winner of the 14th UBA Foundation National Essay Competition

The UBA Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) Group, has announced the winners of the 14th edition of its annual National Essay Competition (NEC), showcasing the brightest minds among senior secondary school students across Nigeria.

At the Grand Finale which was held in UBA House on Tuesday, Tehilah Oluchukwu Isimah of Everest Heights Int'l Academy, Gwagwlada, Abuja, emerged as the overall winner of this year's competition, she clinched the highly coveted prize of a N7.5 million educational grant, which will support her university education at any African institution of her choice.

While receiving her winning grant, trophy, certificate, plaque and other gifts, Isimah, who couldn't contain her joy, said, "I am so happy, I prayed and worked so hard for this, even though I am a science student, I have always loved writing. I am very glad this dream of mine came true. UBA Foundation, this is answered prayers for me, I will forever be grateful.

Isimah's mother who was also at the event said, "I can't believe this, this is really happening, thank you UBA Foundation, this is indeed a dream come true for us, I am so happy."

Obinna-Chukwu Chikamara Christabel of Regina Pacis College, Abuja, came second, earning a N5 million grant, while Essien Greatness Emediong of the Nigerian Christian Institute, Uyo, Akwa Ibom, clinched the third position with a N3.5 million grant.

Notably, the trend of female students dominating the top spots continued this year, with Tehilah and Chikamara taking the first

and second positions, respectively. Essien's success as the second runner-up marks a significant achievement, being the first male finalist to secure a top position in the past three years.

UBA's Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Oliver Alawuba, who congratulated all the winners, emphasised the bank's goal to promote education across the African continent, inspiring and empowering young people for the future, through the UBA Foundation.

"At the UBA Foundation, education has always been our cornerstone. We believe that knowledge is the most powerful catalyst for transformative change. By investing in education, we are not just teaching – we are empowering individuals to become architects of their own futures and catalysts for broader societal progress," the GMD stated.

The 20 finalists who emerged winners from the regional tests all won brand new laptops, and other beautiful collaterals to help them with their research and study towards their tertiary education.

This year's NEC recorded over 10,000 entries, marking an unprecedented milestone in the history of the competition. With the essay topic "The Impact of Carbon Emission on Climate Change in Nigeria: Challenges and Solutions,"

participants were challenged to demonstrate critical thinking and propose innovative solutions to one of today's most pressing global issues.

Speaking at the event, the MD/CEO of UBA Foundation, Bola Atta, expressed her excitement at the growing interest in the competition, particularly the increased participation from northern regions. "We are thrilled to see young minds rise to the challenge of addressing key issues facing our society. This year's entries were not only numerous but also of exceptional quality, reflecting the brilliance and creativity of Africa's next generation," she stated.

The UBA Foundation National Essay Competition continues to be a significant platform for promoting literacy, critical thinking, and academic excellence among African youth. Since its inception, the competition has empowered countless students, providing them with opportunities to further their education and achieve their aspirations.







## MOST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

As Nigeria faces rising inflation, the effects are being felt across many sectors, including higher education.

Private universities, known for their quality education and top-notch facilities, have had to raise their tuition fees to keep up with the increasing costs of running their institutions.

For students and parents, it's important to understand the financial commitment required to attend these schools, especially since tuition fees for some programs now exceed N5 million annually.

The country's inflation has driven up the cost of everyday goods and services, putting pressure on families and businesses alike.

This economic strain has extended to the education sector, particularly at private universities, where tuition fees are rising to reflect the increased operational costs.

Universities offering specialized programs in fields like Medicine, Law, and Engineering are seeing some of the largest fee hikes.

As a result, many families are feeling the financial burden of sending a child to a private university, as schools adjust their fees to cope with challenges such as higher energy costs, the devaluation of the Naira, and inflation.

Despite these rising costs, Nigeria's private universities continue to attract students with promises of a consistent delivery of education and modern facilities.

However, the growing tuition fees at some of the country's top institutions are making them among the most expensive in the region.

This article will explore the most expensive private universities in Nigeria for the 2024/2025 academic year, looking at tuition fees for various programs and highlighting the financial considerations prospective students and their families must keep in mind.

### 7 COVENANT UNIVERSITY

Covenant University, situated in Ota, Ogun State, is one of Nigeria's leading private Christian universities.

Known for its emphasis on academic excellence, the university's tuition fees are relatively high, especially when considering the comprehensive nature of its fee structure, which includes accommodation and other services.

**Tuition Fee:**

The tuition fees for most undergraduate programs range from N937,500 to N1,002,500 per session. This fee covers not only tuition but also accommodation, meals, health insurance, and other student services, making it one of the more all-inclusive (and costly) private universities in Nigeria.

### 6 BABCOCK UNIVERSITY

Babcock University in Ilesha-Remo, Ogun State, is known for its affiliation with the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and its high academic standards.

The university offers a broad range of programs, including

Medicine, Law, and Business, with fees that reflect the quality of education and facilities provided.

**Tuition Fee:**

For the Medicine & Surgery program, students pay N4,600,000 per year. Law students pay N2,214,677.50 annually, while other programs such as Accounting have lower fees, starting at N1,286,283.70 for the first year and reducing to N1,022,866.35 for subsequent years.

### 5 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

The American University of Nigeria, located in Yola, Adamawa State, is known for offering an American-style liberal arts education. As one of the most expensive private universities in the country, AUN's tuition fees are aligned with its international standards of education.

**Tuition Fee:**

AUN's standard tuition for a 15-credit course load is N1,221,000 per semester, totalling N2,442,000 annually. For specialized programs such as Law, Engineering, Nursing, and

Public Health, the fees increase to N1,755,600 per semester.

### 4 BOWEN UNIVERSITY

Bowen University, located in Iwo, Osun State, offers a range of undergraduate programs in various disciplines. While some programs are more affordable, its medical and law programs are among the most expensive in the country.

**Tuition Fee:**

The annual tuition for Medicine & Surgery is N4,600,000, while Law students pay N2,214,677.50 per session. Other programs, such as Accounting, Biochemistry, and Chemistry, have lower tuition fees, ranging from N880,900 to N1,326,486.50 per year.

### 3 LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY

Located in Ibadan, Oyo State, Lead City University offers several high-cost programs in fields like Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Nursing. These programs, along with the university's modern facilities, contribute to its high tuition fees.

**Tuition Fee:**

The tuition fees for Lead City University's medical and health science programs are among the highest in the country. For Medicine, the annual tuition is N5,525,000. Pharmacy and Nursing students pay N3,025,000 per year, while Dentistry costs N2,525,000 annually.

### 2 AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY

Afe Babalola University, located in Ado-Ekiti, is one of the most expensive private universities in Nigeria, especially for its medical and health-related programs.

The institution's fees reflect the quality and scope of education

provided, particularly in the fields of Medicine and Dentistry.

**Tuition Fee:**

The tuition for Medicine and Surgery at Afe Babalola University starts at N4,670,000 for the first year, with subsequent years costing N5,555,000 per session.

For other programs like Dentistry, the fees range from N3,318,000 to N4,170,000 annually, depending on the level of study.

### 1 NILE UNIVERSITY

Nile University, located in Abuja, is renowned for its diverse programs and high tuition fees. The institution offers programs across several fields, including Medicine, Engineering, Law, and more.

The high cost of education at Nile University reflects the quality of its facilities, faculty, and resources available to students.

**Tuition Fee:**

The tuition fees at Nile University vary based on the program, with Medicine being the most expensive. For Medicine & Surgery, students pay N5,950,000 per session (N2,975,000 per semester).

For other programs, such as Law and Engineering, the tuition fees range from N2,900,000 to N3,000,000 annually, depending on the specific course of study.

The 2024/2025 academic year has seen a noticeable increase in the tuition fees at private universities across Nigeria, particularly for programs in Medicine, Engineering, and Law. Institutions like Nile University, Afe Babalola University, and Babcock University lead the pack with tuition fees that can exceed N5 million annually, especially for medical courses.

While these universities offer world-class education and advanced facilities, they come at a steep cost.

Students seeking a premium education will find these institutions to be top-tier, but for those on a budget, more affordable options may be worth considering at other private universities across the country.

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# More Than Half A Million Students Study Degrees By UK Universities Without Setting Foot In Britain - Report

A new report reveals that almost 600,000 students are earning UK degrees without ever setting foot in the country. The number of students enrolled in British universities overseas has increased significantly in recent years, according to the Higher Education Policy Institute (Hepi).



The Telegraph reported that in 2023, 576,705 students were enrolled "offshore" in UK degrees, up from 432,500 in 2019-20. This means that around 16% of all UK higher education students are now studying abroad.

## Growth of offshore UK degrees

The trend of UK degrees being obtained overseas has grown by a third over the past three years. A notable portion of these students, about a quarter, were categorized as "distance learners," meaning they were officially enrolled at British universities but were studying from abroad.

□ An additional 7% were attending British universities' foreign branch campuses.

□ Many UK universities have expanded internationally by opening campuses overseas. Approximately 30 British institutions now operate degree programs through their foreign branches.

## Transnational education: a growing trend

The increase in offshore students is linked to the expansion of "transnational education," which involves UK universities offering degrees through their overseas branches or partnerships with foreign institutions.

□ These partnerships often allow local institutions to deliver British-accredited degrees, providing students in other countries with more accessible routes to a UK qualification.

□ According to The Telegraph, experts suggest that transnational education will continue to grow as UK universities face challenges related to a decline in international students enrolling in the UK.

□ These degrees are often cheaper than those earned in the UK, yet they still contribute significantly to the UK economy. In 2021, the sector generated around £2.4 billion, according to government estimates.

## Concerns over data and degree quality

While the increase in offshore UK students is seen as beneficial in terms of broadening access to British education, Hepi raised concerns about the quality of these degrees.

□ The think tank noted a lack of comprehensive data on the subjects studied by transnational students, their graduation rates, and their post-graduation career outcomes.

□ Reports reveal that Hepi called on the Office for Students (OfS), the UK's higher education regulator, to gather more detailed information to better understand the success and challenges of transnational education.

□ The OfS has acknowledged these concerns and plans to improve the data collection process in order to ensure better regulation and protection for both students and institutions.

## Improving oversight and regulation

Director of strategy and delivery at the OfS, Josh Fleming, expressed support for transnational education, highlighting the global benefits of UK higher education.

□ He emphasized the importance of ensuring that all students, whether studying in the UK or abroad, have access to a high-quality educational experience.

□ Fleming confirmed that the OfS is working to collect better data on transnational students to ensure effective regulation that protects students and reduces administrative burdens on institutions.

□ The future of transnational education looks set to grow, with more opportunities for students to earn UK degrees without leaving their home countries. However, the need for better data and oversight remains a priority to ensure these programs maintain quality and integrity.

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# Oyakhire Halima Emerges Covenant University Best Graduating Student, Dept of Petroleum Engineering



Oyakhire Halima Sadia, a student in the Department of Petroleum Engineering, College of Engineering of Covenant University, has emerged as the best-graduating student in the department with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4.91 in the 2023/2024 academic session. Halima obtained a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering with an outstanding first-class at Covenant University, Nigeria. Her achievement earned her two awards and a cash prize of one hundred and fifty thousand naira (N150,000), from the university alumni investiture. She celebrated her achievement of earning the degree, stating that despite facing challenges by

balancing leadership positions and extracurricular activities with school work, she is glad it was worth it. Having been impressed with her outstanding result and coming out with flying colours as the best student of her department, Halima aspires to become a leader in the energy sector specifically the oil and gas industry, and standing for innovation and sustainability growth to move the sector forward. She expressed her love for the fashion industry: "I'm also very interested in the fashion industry and bringing my own ideas into the fashion world." Going forward after this great feat, Halima is focusing on "advancing her education in the energy sector,

holding strong leadership positions in companies that prioritize sustainability in the oil and gas sector, gaining experience in business development and management, and having her own fashion line and company in the oil and gas industry". Advising other students, Halima encourages them to "pursue their dreams boldly without fear of failure because the satisfaction of achieving them on some days will overshadow the fear of failing on other days". The university management congratulates Halima on achieving this great feat and wishes her the very best in her career and future endeavours.

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## Nekede Fed Poly Pioneers AI-Driven Smart Agric Training, Women Empowerment

The Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri, in Imo State, has flagged off a three-day training programme, themed 'Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things for Smart Agriculture' with a view to promote technology, ensure food security and provide environmental sustainability in Nigeria. Aimed at ensuring easier, more productive and sustainable food security through science (computer) by proper usage of apps, the training programme, which was the first of its kind, with its maiden edition at the University of Port Harcourt, was convened by Dr. Nwamaka Okafor (Principal Investigator) and Prof. Leticia Onyejebu (Co-investigator) with support from AlumNode-Heidelberg Laureate Forum. The event was flagged off by the polytechnic's Deputy Rector, Dr. Friday Ibeaja. Speaking through Prof Onyejebu, Dr Okafor said that the participants would be equipped with the relevant skills to leverage innovative technologies to drive agricultural advancements. She said that the essence of involving mostly girls from the Agricultural Management and Computer Science departments was to quickly advance the technology and its benefits to the

country. She said, "By focusing on young female students, this initiative is not only fostering technical skills but also addressing the gender disparity in STEM fields, empowering these students to become innovators and leaders in the field, driving progress within their communities and beyond." She also said that the training was designed to equip participants with essential skills for developing end-to-end IoT applications, adding that it covered the use of IoT sensors, and Raspberry Pi devices alongside their integration with wireless sensor networks to facilitate the collection, curation and effective data use in smart agriculture. She said, "Through this programme, over 100 students will receive practical hands-on training in building and deploying innovative AI-enabled IoT solutions for smart agriculture." Describing smart agriculture as successful agriculture, Okafor stated that women were primarily called for the programme owing to their productive nature. Flaggng it off, the Rector, Dr. Basilia Igbokwe, through Dr. Ibeaja thanked the conveners of the programme and advised the participating students to avail themselves of the opportunities

and judiciously make use of what they would acquire from the three-day academic exercise. Fielding questions from South-East PUNCH correspondent, a student participant, Miss Echezena Okoye, of the Department of Agricultural Extension Management, stated that the programme had equipped them more in successful agricultural exercise. She said, "It has made the participants suffer less and gain more in the field of successful/smart agriculture. When we put together all the applications we were taught, we can stay at home and successfully monitor what is going on in our farms. We can produce more and gain more by this technology in agriculture." Adding her voice, Miss Rita Ononiwu from the Department of Computer Science congratulated the organizers and thanked them for considering the involvement of women in effective and successful agriculture in the country. She said, "I am happy, I am studying Computer Science. With this programme, I know now that I can diversify my computer knowledge in other productive aspects of life apart from the already known conventional ones. I thank Dr. Nwamaka Okafor for this initiative and for bringing it closer to us at the Polytechnic." The programme played host to many academic dignitaries, including former Deputy Rector of the polytechnic, Dr. Obasi Oko, Engr. Benjamin Agwa, Sir Alphonsus Ohia and Chief Steve Igwe, among numerous others.

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## Grand Birthday and Baby Thanksgiving Party

If there's one Nigerian celebrity that knows how to host a grand event with all the trappings of glamour and royalty, Tayo Sobola is no doubt a top choice. The beautiful Nollywood actress and the Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom, Nasarawa State sure knows how to dazzle guests with top-notch hospitality.

Modupe Odusanya, Victoria Kolawole, Baddy Osha, Kudi Alagbo among many others. The epic event has been trending across various social media platforms.



Her birthday and baby's thanksgiving party held on December 30, 2024 is another testimony to her influential personality in the Nigerian entertainment industry going by the class of guests that attended the classy party. From the glamorous decorations, various sumptuous dishes, exotic wines, spirits and champagne, the party oozes nothing but class!

There were a series of highlights from Sotayo Gaga's party but one thing that stood out was the celebrant's entrance into the event hall. In various videos trending online, the new mum is seen walking majestically into her party venue with her entourage in tow.

Sotayo Gaga was flanked by her brother, Prince Sobola on one side and a gorgeous lady on the other as a man with a yellow turban wrapped around his head carried a large umbrella for them to walk under. As she walked in, the celebrant had a beautifully decorated green and gold staff. To entertain the guests, rave of the moment, Segun Johnson was in his top elements, so also was Kwam 3 who dazzled the audience with his brand of Fuji music.

Some of the dignitaries that attended the party include Emir of Uke Kingdom in Nasarawa State, Abdullah Hassan, Oba Saheed Ademola Elegushi, Chief Adebola Dosunmu, Femi Adebayo, Ibrahim Dede, Fathia Balogun, VJ Adams, Ronke Odusanya, Moyo Lawal, Damilola Oni, Prince Fuhad Oloto, Seyi Edun, Adeniyi Johnson, Toyosi Adesanya, Antar Laniyan,





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# 7 How to Maintain HEALTHY HAIR:

## Hair Care Tips You'll Love

**T**o condition or not to condition, to oil or not to oil - when it comes to your hair you'll find all kinds of advice. Mothers' will tell you to "oil your hair" while your hair dresser will recommend the new IT thing "hair spa, Moroccan oil, strengthening not rebonding and all." Before you pick your choice of treatment, here are a few things you must know.

The first step in hair-care is your diet and the two most important things in your diet are iron and protein. The hair cells are the fastest growing cells in the body but they are also the first ones to be affected you don't eat right or suffer with deficiencies because they are not required for survival.

Try and include iron-rich foods like leafy vegetables, fish, pumpkin seeds, beans, chickpea, soybeans and cereals

in your diet. Doctors suggest that you consume around 12 mg of iron daily. You also need protein because that's what strengthens your hair. Include complete proteins which are also rich in amino acids: like cheese, milk, soy, lentils, peas, quinoa and yogurt.

### How to Maintain Healthy Hair: A Few Basic Tips

1. It's normal to lose 100 to 150 strands of hair a day so don't panic when you see a small bunch crawling across your tiled floor.
2. Comb wet hair with extreme care because they're fragile and prone to breakage. Take a broad toothed comb and run it from the roots to the ends of your hair as gently as possible.
3. Trim your hair every few weeks to get rid of those brown and rough split



ends. Cut about 1/4th an inch of your hair every 6 to 8 weeks to avoid the split ends to grow out again.

4. Don't wash your hair everyday and whenever you do, apply some conditioner on the ends. Try and use the same brand of shampoo and conditioner.

5. Rinse the conditioner off with cold water as it is good for both strength and shine.

6. Unlike the labels on the back of our food items, the labels on the back of our shampoos are mostly left unread. In the last few years, there has been a lot of focus on sulfate in shampoos. What are sulfates? They're the reason your shampoo lathers the way it does. They clean your scalp and hair, departing the dirt from it. But some researchers also suggest that they strip your hair of essential oils. They're also why your eye stings when shampoo runs down the side of your face. If you feel any kind of irritation on the scalp or find your hair drying up over time then try and buy a shampoo that's sulfate-free.

7. If you've got dry hair then it's best to avoid colouring. However, if you can't resist that gorgeous shade of brown, especially under the winter sun then follow this clever advise shared on the blog Free People. Use lemon, chamomile tea or honey as they work as great hair lighteners. You can add lemon juice to water and spray it over your hair when you're heading out. You can rinse your hair with brewed chamomile tea after you wash them with shampoo or add honey to the water you use to wash your hair.

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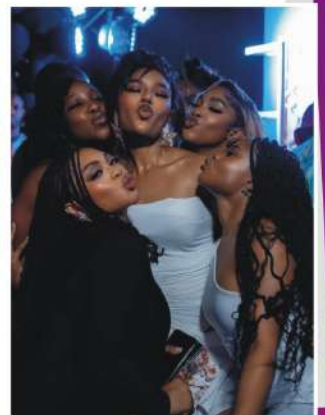
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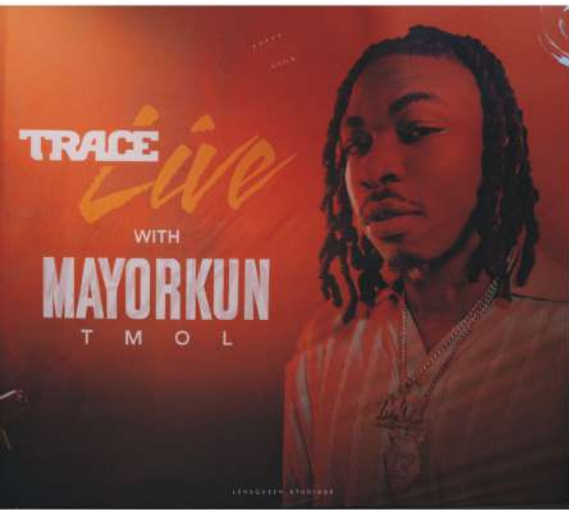
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# 6 TIPS TO KEEP THE EYES HEALTHY DESPITE PROLONGED SCREEN TIME

In the era of digital technology, frequent eye issues include dry eyes, eye strain, and increased power in spectacles in children less than 10 years old as a result of prolonged usage of computers or mobile screens. Encouraging eye health in the face of prolonged screen usage is essential to reducing these problems.

## Tips to keep eyes healthy in digital age:

### Follow the 20-20-20 rule

Giving your eyes regular breaks from digital devices is one of the best ways to preserve eye health. The 20-20-20 rule states that you should stare at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds for every 20 minutes that you spend on a device. The eye muscles can relax and eye strain can be lessened with this easy exercise.

### Sleep for longer

For people who spend a lot of time on screens, getting enough sleep is crucial for maintaining good eye health in general. For well-rested and less prone to straining eyes, aim for 7-8 hours of sleep per night. Sleeping well promotes natural lubrication of the eyes and shields them from dryness.

### Decrease font size

According to Dr. Dheeraj Gupta, Senior Consultant - Ophthalmology, Marengo Asia Hospital, Gurugram, "When interacting with digital content, decrease the font size to prevent packing too much information into the screen. This might result in needless staring and squinting, which makes eye strain worse. Instead, to make reading and

viewing more pleasant, enlarge the font and change the screen's settings."

### Use larger display

Change to larger displays whenever you can. For instance, using a laptop rather than a tablet for

academics and watching videos on a tablet instead of a phone can both greatly lessen eye strain. Larger screens result in larger text and visuals, which lessens the need for extended close-up viewing and intense focus.

### Stay hydrated

Drinking enough water is just another crucial component of eye health. Dehydration may be a factor in eye dryness and discomfort. To keep your body and eyes hydrated throughout the day, sip on lots of water.

### Lubricating eye drops

Those who suffer from chronic dry

eyes may find that lubricating drops help. Use them as directed by a qualified eye care specialist to maintain pleasant and moist eyes. You can prioritize and maintain eye health in the digital era by putting these ideas into practice: taking regular breaks, making sure you get enough sleep, avoiding small font sizes, using larger displays, staying hydrated, and using lubricating eye drops. These techniques not only aid in short-term discomfort relief but also support long-term eye health, ensuring that your eyesight stays appealing and clear even after prolonged screen use.



## Want Thicker Brows? Try This 3-Step Routine

Your eyebrows define your face. And while your go-to styling practices (shaping, tinting, product application) can help to enhance, a holistic brow care routine—treating the hair and skin with the same intentional attention you do the rest of your head—is a must for full and healthy brows. As with all hair, brow care comes down to attending to and nourishing the entire area, the better to foster luster and growth. Everyone could benefit from bumping up their brow care routine, but the choice is particularly necessary for those struggling with damage from treatments like lamination, chronic overplucking, or standard product build-up. "Brow hair is a game of connecting the dots—it's not like hair on your head where it grows all together," explains brow artist Azi Sacks. "For those who've overdone their brows in any way, it really can take nine months to two years to see the maximum revival fullness and width." Proper brow care can help expedite this process and allow you to pump up your existing brows in the meantime. "I think of brow care as a three-step thing," says Chanel brow artist Jimena Garcia. She simplifies the endeavor to exfoliation, stimulation, and conditioning, and encourages a thoughtful revision of your existing brow routine. Hormone health and skin conditions like eczema can affect brows, too, which makes a honed brow routine the first step in

identifying your eyebrow need—or simply helping them to look as naturally bold as possible. Read on to learn how to best turn your commitment to hair and skin care toward your eyebrows.

### Cleanse and Exfoliate

"You want to exfoliate the skin beneath your brow hair to open up the follicles and help brow growth," says Garcia. "When you exfoliate the area, you're able to receive nutrients from whatever products opt to apply to the brow." Start with a quick and brow-concentrated cleanse, the better to remove any excess oil or product. (Though you can use any preferred facial cleanser for this step, Gracia recommends Cap Beauty cleanser for its soothing blend of aloe, coconut, and rose.) Next comes exfoliation, which can be carried off with the help of a tool or a bespoke blend. Sacks relies on the MAC Cosmetics 204 Lash Brush to slough off dry skin trapped beneath the brow, while Garcia reaches for Buly's Hard Bristle Toothbrush. If a homemade exfoliator is more your speed, try mixing finely ground Himalayan pink sea salt with your preferred facial oil. Exfoliate in circular motions from end to end before rinsing with warm water.

### Massage for Circulation

Next comes a relaxing (and skin-sculpting) massage. "Massaging the brow stimulates circulation, bringing blood to the area and encouraging



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clients use 1 to 2 times daily for hydration and growth. "It's a water-based formulation that's more like a milk than a greasy oil, and when you unscrew the cap it has a really firm spoolie." Garcia prefers conditioning with Shiva Rose Luster Brow and Lash Serum or Chanel Sublimage La Crème Yeux. Easy remedies like rice water and almond oil are also worth considering. And finally, pure Bulgarian rosewater acts as something of an eyebrow toner. "It addresses the hair and the skin underneath," says Sacks. "It hydrates the skin and plumps and softens the hair, which can be very coarse and unruly. It also makes the brow really shiny, so you're able to style in a beautiful way."

growth," says Garcia. "Not only that but because the face has so many muscles, you're giving yourself a brow lift and it really works. It immediately opens up the eye." Use a gua sha tool or your fingers to massage, drain, and depuff the area. "I'm a big believer in energy, so when you apply the heat and the energy from your fingers, it's kind of like having a green thumb with a plant," says Garcia. "You're tending to the area and you're loving that area—you're giving it importance."

### Condition and Nourish

"Just like you condition your hair and moisturize your skin and face, eyebrows require the same moisture," says Sacks. Her go-to product is Typology Eyelash and Eyebrow Serum, which many of her

### Bonus Step: Revise Your Existing Routine

Both Sacks and Garcia cite eyebrow tinting as the best way to upgrade color, definition, and texture sans damage, saving your brows from the daily disruption that comes with product application and removal. In cases of more serious hair loss, microblading can help, too. If you prefer product, gel options like Kosas Air Brow, Make Beauty Sculpting Brow Gel, Rose Inc Brow Renew, and Merit's Brow Pomade boast formulas that are gentle without sacrificing in efficacy. But my favorite pro tip? "You can fluff up your brow with Aquaphor or rosebud salve, both of which offer a gel effect while conditioning the skin underneath," says Sacks. "Two birds!" - VOGUE



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## CONTENT, FASHION AND INNOVATION SHINES AT AFRICAN CREATORS SUMMIT 2025



**T**he second edition of the African Creators Summit, held on the 23rd of January, 2025, at the Balmoral Event Centre in Lagos, bringing together over 1,500 attendees for insightful conversations and vibrant cultural displays.

With the theme “Building a Sustainable Ecosystem: Content as a Tool”, the summit explored the transformative power of content creation across industries, drawing creators, thought leaders and industry professionals from across the continent.

Powered by Apollo Creators Foundation, the summit was hosted by Nedu and Real Warri Pikin with some prominent guests like Ayo Adeagbo, SA Art, Culture and Creative Economy to the President of Nigeria, Mojisola Hunponu-Wusu, President Woodhall Capital Foundation and Comedian Bovi in attendance. Throughout the summit, panel discussions provided valuable insights on sustainable content creation, ethical storytelling, and building structured careers. In one

session, Aproko Doctor, Geena Foodies and Spice, Efenomen Ikuhuria Okoijie and The Visual Advocate discussed harnessing authenticity as creators to connect with audiences and stand out. “What you need to stay different is you,” noted The Visual Advocate, emphasizing the importance of originality in a crowded digital space. Another session on healthy content creation featured Dr. Foy, Daddy Freeze, Daniel Ikuenobe and Malik Afegbua, who delved into the responsibility creators have to produce ethical, mindful content. “The story of what you are doing is as important as what you are doing,” said Daniel Ikuenobe, urging creators to focus on narratives that inspire and uplift. The summit also tackled the business side of content, with speakers like Olufemi Oguntamu and Solafunmi Laelle, Nosa Omoregie and Tobi Alabi emphasizing the importance of structure, analytics, and management. “Virality doesn’t equate sustainability,” Olufemi noted, challenging creators to think beyond momentary success and focus on building long-term, impactful brands.

The final panel session focused on inclusion with Fari Elsysia, Ariyike Akinbobola, Nkubi and Emmanuela who spoke on breaking barriers and amplifying every voice. A key highlight of the summit was the collaborative fashion show, a celebration of African talents and craftsmanship. This segment was curated by Latasha Lagos and it featured top creators styled by renowned Nigerian designers, showcasing the synergy between fashion and content. Brainjotter took to the stage in a look by Uche Nnaji, Kiekie was styled by Moofa Studio in a stunning red and black ensemble. Lasisi Elenu impressed in red traditional attire by On Point Clothing NG. Ghanaian comedian Waris looked regal in a fit from Vav Definition, While Layi Wasabi closed the show in I.N Official's bold designs. From conversations to the runway, the African Creators Summit 2025 highlighted the potential of Africa’s creative ecosystem to drive change and innovation.

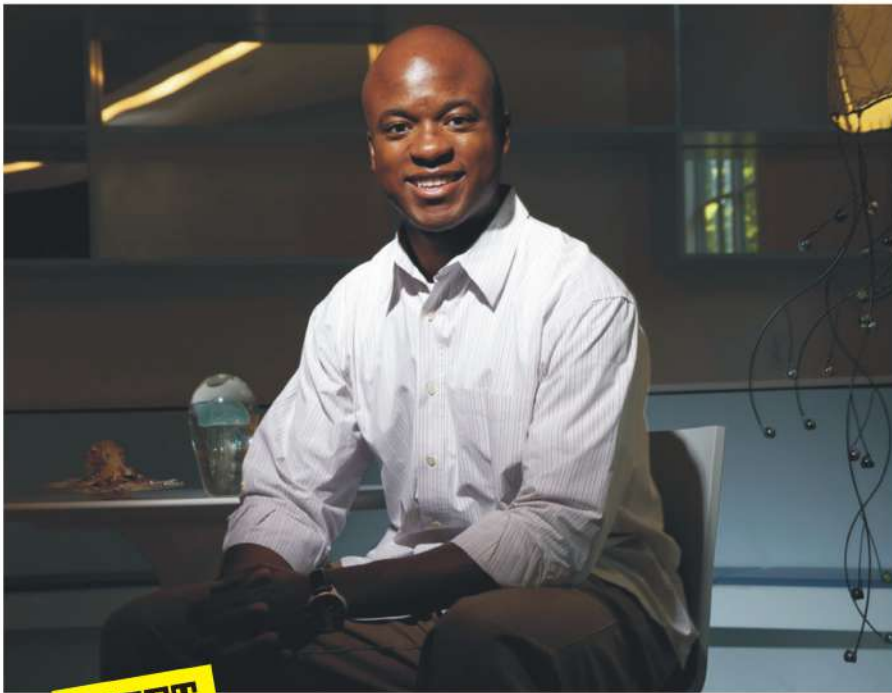




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## Research and Wind Solutions

Dabiri leads the Dabiri Lab at Caltech, where he studies energy, fluid mechanics, and biology. In 2011, he created a wind farm called FLOWE, which focuses on improving vertical-axis wind turbines. He also started a company, Scalable Wind Solutions, to place turbines in optimal spots. His ideas have even led to a project with the Navy for an underwater vehicle that uses 30% less energy. Dabiri also directs the Biological Propulsion Lab, which explores how fluids move in biology and energy.

## Awards and Recognition

Dabiri received many honours for his work. In 2010, he won a MacArthur Fellowship, often called the “Genius Grant.” He also received the National Science Foundation’s Alan T. Waterman Award. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Dabiri is also on several boards and advisory groups, including President Biden’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

## Family

Dabiri is one of three children. His brother, Gabriel Yomi Dabiri, is a lawyer in New York and a managing partner at Polsinelli law firm. Gabriel has received several awards for his leadership in law.

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# John Dabiri

## NIGERIAN AERONAUTICS ENGINEER WHO BECAME A PROFESSOR AT 25

**J**ohn Oluseun Dabiri is a Nigerian-American engineer and professor at Caltech who became popular for his research on how jellyfish swim and his design of wind farms inspired by fish movements.

He earned his PhD in 2005 at the age of 25. In 2020, Dabiri joined the board of NVIDIA. At that time, NVIDIA was valued at \$323 billion. Today, it is worth \$2.314 trillion, making it the third largest tech company.

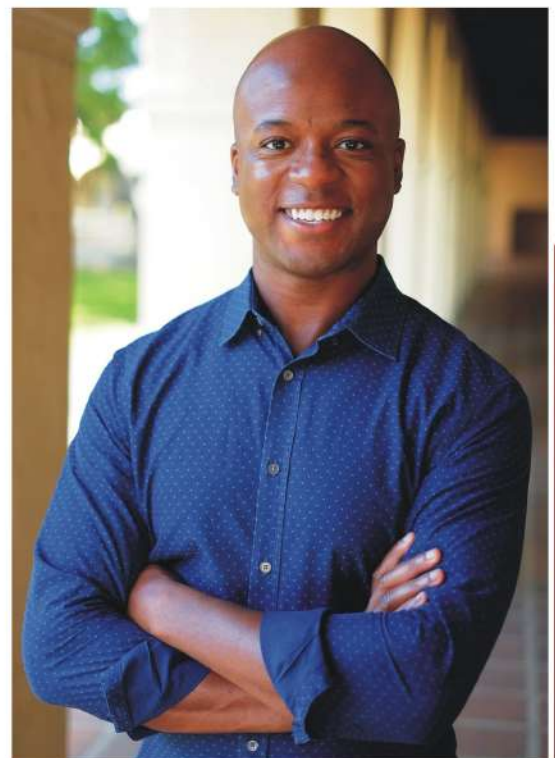
### Early Life and Education of John Dabiri

Dabiri was born in 1980, five years after his parents moved to Ohio from Nigeria. His father was a mechanical engineer and math teacher while his mother was a computer scientist who started her own software company. Dabiri attended a small Baptist high school and graduated as the top student in 1997. He went to Princeton

University, where he studied mechanical and aerospace engineering. Later, he earned a Master’s and PhD at Caltech in Aeronautics and Bioengineering.

### John Dabiri’s Career at Caltech, Stanford, and NVIDIA

Dabiri has received 28 research grants throughout his career, focusing on fluid mechanics and energy. At 25, he became a professor at Caltech. He worked there for 10 years, serving in different roles, including Dean of Students. In 2015, he moved to Stanford, where he taught engineering until 2019. In 2020, he joined NVIDIA’s board. During his time there, the company saw massive growth. By March 2024, NVIDIA’s value reached \$2.314 trillion.





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## Amstel Malta celebrates 30 years of Excellence ...Unveils New Stylish Sleek Can



**A**mstel Malta has made history in the most exciting way possible, and it's the kind of milestone you will want to relive.

Celebrating 30 years of excellence, the premium malt drink unveils with a bold new look that celebrates both its legacy and the promise of more to come, with the new Sleek Can campaign tagged #SleekIsMore.

The star-studded event was nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the brand's key moments and commitment to innovation. One of the major highlights was the unveiling of the new Amstel Malta Sleek Can. It's taller, sleeker and with a modern twist, a visual representation of Amstel Malta's evolution over the last three decades. The new packaging design, stylish and contemporary,

maintains the essence of Amstel Malta's rich heritage and vision for the future. What's more, while the packaging may have changed, the premium and rich taste that sets it apart from all other malt drinks within its category. Guests were treated to an immersive experience featuring captivating live music, pop choir and dance performances.

The event also brought together Directors of Nigerian Breweries, Ambassadors of the brand, movies and entertainment industry personnels as well as loyal consumers who have supported the brand over the years. Building on its continued support and investment in the film industry through owned platforms like Amstel Malta Box Office AMBO and its decade-long partnership with the Africa

Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA), the brand announced its latest partnership with the MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) a collaboration that aims to empower and inspire the next generation of African creatives and storytellers.

With this new sleek launch, Amstel Malta is reaffirming its place at the top continuing to set the standard for premium quality and enjoyment. One thing is clear Amstel Malta's journey is only getting started. Here's to another 30 years of redefining what it means to enjoy life's best moments.

For more exciting news and upcoming #SleekIsMore event, follow @amstelmalta for more updates! And click here to see exciting highlights of the new sleek can.

## Infinix Shines With Double Wins At Nigeria Technology Awards 2024

**I**nfinix, a trendy tech brand known for pushing the boundaries of innovation, made a remarkable impact at the 10th edition of the Nigeria Technology Awards (NITA) 2024, held in Lagos.

The brand clinched two prestigious awards: "Leading Technology Brand of the Year" and "Most Outstanding Product of the Year" for its Infinix GT20 smartphone.

The "Leading Technology Brand of the Year" award underscores Infinix's influence across multiple tech-reliant sectors and highlights its unwavering commitment to delivering groundbreaking innovation that resonates with tech-savvy consumers.

This commitment extends to empowering educators and students, as seen in Infinix's CogLabs AI and Robotics Workshop, hosted in collaboration with UNESCO and Google, where students gained hands-on experience in building and programming robots. Additionally, the brand's sponsorship of the Content Creator Award Category at The Future Awards Africa 2024 celebrates and equips Africa's brightest digital storytellers. Infinix's continuous innovation, from advanced power management chips to NFC

technology, solidifies its position as a leader in the tech industry. With pioneering efforts in mobile gaming through devices like the Infinix GT20, along with technologies such as All-Round FastCharge and consistent software updates, the brand ensures users enjoy a seamless and secure experience, further cementing its role as a key player in the Nigerian and global tech markets.

The Infinix GT20, which earned the "Most Outstanding Product of the Year" award, has been hailed as a game-changer in mobile gaming, featuring an industry-first dual-chip design that combines the MediaTek Dimensity 8200 and Pixelworks X5 Turbo for a superior gaming experience.

Infinix recently made headlines with the release of its Zero Flip, the brand's first-ever flip phone, and also introduced the HOT 50 Series, one of the slimmest 3D curved edge phones in the market. These groundbreaking devices underscore the brand's dedication to innovation and design excellence.

Beyond smartphones, the brand expanded its ecosystem with a range of accessories like the XWATCH series and Buds collection highlighting Infinix's dedication to delivering superior



user experience across board. The XWATCH offers comprehensive health tracking, long battery life, and customizable designs, while the Buds provide rich sound, noise cancellation, and extended playtime, perfect for work and play.

These awards reinforce Infinix's dedication to innovation and its focus on empowering the next generation of innovators. By pushing technological boundaries and resonating with young, tech-savvy consumers, the brand is poised to inspire and shape the future of technology in Nigeria and beyond.

"These awards reflect our dedication to innovation and customer satisfaction. At Infinix, we believe in creating technology

that not only meets the needs of today's users but also empowers them for the future. We are excited to be recognized as a leading brand, and this inspires us to continue breaking new ground in the smart devices industry," said Oluwayemisi Ode, PR and Communications Manager, Infinix Nigeria. As Infinix celebrates these well-deserved wins, the brand is poised to introduce even more groundbreaking innovations soon. With its focus on empowering young consumers and pushing the envelope in tech, Infinix's journey is just getting started. To keep up with the latest from Infinix, including their award-winning products, follow @infinixnigeria on Instagram, X, and other social media platforms.



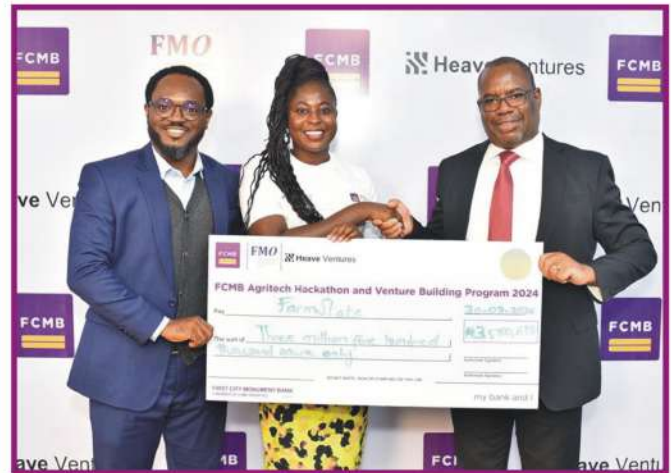
# FCMB Hackathon: FarmSlate develops winning AI solution to aid farmers

**F**armSlate, a startup connecting smallholder farmers with financiers, has won the First City Monument Bank (FCMB) Agritech Hackathon 2024. Its winning solution uses artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and geospatial analytics to achieve this. The startup received N3.5 million and will now participate in a venture-building programme. The Agritech Hackathon, powered by Heave Ventures and supported by the Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank (FMO), set the stage for solutions addressing credit access, infrastructure, and food security challenges. AgroGuardians, which designed a tool to help farmers identify crop diseases with actionable recommendations in both English and local languages, won the second-place prize of N2 million. CarbonEx, focused on connecting regenerative farming projects with carbon reduction funding from global firms, took home N1.5 million as a third-place winner. Seven additional startups Agrocist, Seedo, Dinerpro Agroecosystems, Growsmart, Coconoto, Kaloka, and PAYGO Microinsurance will join the top three in a venture-building phase to advance these agritech solutions. "We are committed to supporting agribusiness funding and capacity building through various

programmes, including digitization and agritech," said Kudzai Gumunyu, Divisional Head of Agribusiness at First City Monument Bank (FCMB). He called on new-generation techies in the agritech space to join FCMB in its efforts to boost agricultural productivity and food security, ultimately transforming rural areas into thriving economic centers. The Bank's interventions have resulted in better access to finance, research, and manpower development for individuals, smallholder farmers and companies in the agricultural sector, with a multiplier effect on the economy. Ifeoluwa Olatayo of FarmSlate expressed gratitude to FCMB, FMO, and Heave Ventures, saying, "The FCMB Hackathon was a unique experience. The insightful sessions helped us communicate our problem-solution statement effectively, and the well-managed process allowed us to participate remotely, which was a valuable opportunity. We are glad our innovation won the hackathon, validating our solution and preparing us for launch and scale through the venture-building phase." The venture-building phase will provide the winners with expert-led coaching and training on customer discovery, Minimal Viable Product (MVP) design, Go-To-Market (GTM) strategies, and fundraising. It will culminate in a Demo Day, where the participants will pitch to

judges for a chance to win a share of N16 million. Investors, partners, media, and other stakeholders in the tech ecosystem will be in attendance. "Our primary motivation as technical partners was to deliver value to underserved communities in Africa those who may never get to say thank you. We believe this work has a

far-reaching impact and can unlock value for millions across the continent," said Abiodun Lawal, Partner at Heave Ventures. The FCMB Agritech Hackathon and venture building programme received over 1,000 applications from Nigeria and other African countries. A panel of judges carefully evaluated the deliverables of over 450 teams, selecting the top 10 winners based on their solutions' innovativeness, scalability, and potential impact on the agricultural sector.



## 53rd Convocation: UNN Graduates 11,143 Students

**T**he University of Nigeria Nsukka, UNN on Tuesday announced that eleven thousand one hundred and forty three, (11,143) students will receive different degrees and Diploma from the institution on Friday, December 20, 2024. The Acting Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Polycarp Emeka Chigbu, who announced this at the pre-convocation press briefing held at the Enugu Campus of the school on Tuesday, said that out of the number, 195 will be graduating with First Class honours, while 4,165 are for Second Class Upper Division and 5,197, are for Second Class Lower

Division. Chigbu also announced that 659 will graduate with Third Class; 22 Pass; 889 unclassified as well as 16 for Diploma. In the same vein, Chigbu said that 1,356 are for Post Graduate Degrees and Diplomas. According to him, out of the 1,356 post graduates and diplomas, 431 will earn Doctorate degrees; 848, Masters degrees while 77 are for Diplomas. Reeling the Convocation ceremonial activities, Prof. Chigbu said that on Thursday, the University will hold Convocation lecture titled, "Harnessing Technological Teaching and Learning," to be

delivered by the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, NBA, Mazi Afam Osigwe, while the Adamawa State governor, His Excellency Ahmadu Umaru will be the chairman of the Convocation lecture. The Acting Vice Chancellor further said that on Saturday, two prominent Nigerians would be honoured with honorary doctorate degrees, while two retired professors would be conferred with Distinguished Emeritus Professor. They are Prof. Felix Ezema Onah of the Social Sciences and Prof. Isaac Uzoma Asuzu, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Highlighting his achievements since he assumed office four

months ago, the Acting Vice Chancellor said that he has been able to solve the perennial energy problem that had been bedeviling the institution over the years. According to him, there was chaotic energy crisis resulting in power rationing, illegal connections, energy theft and irresponsible power usage but today they have been able to grapple with it. "Today, our inventiveness has seen not only a lasting solution of the crisis, we have gained deep insights into sustainable energy solutions for the future. The illegal connections, energy theft, irresponsible use and dereliction of duty that have sabotaged electricity supply in UNN have been diagnosed and cured to a very large extent," he said.



# 6 DENIM Dilemmas Solved



Once upon a time, picking out a new pair of jeans was as simple as grabbing the right waist size and inseam. But today, with choices like high- or low-rise, skinny or boot-cut, designer or budget brands, shopping for denim can send you into a tailspin. Before you hit the racks, check out these tried-and-true tips for finding the best blues for you.

## 1. How do I know which wash is the best for me?

"In general, a dark wash with no fading is most slimming," says Sarah Hodge, merchandise manager of MyTrueFit.com, which matches people to jeans based on their measurements. Want to create curves where there are none? Try a pair with faded patches, which accentuate the lighter areas.

## 2. My jeans get baggy after a few wears. What can I do?

Since jeans that fit you like a glove in the store typically stretch out 1/4" all the way around, buy a pair that's snugger, says Hodge. This may mean going a size down, but don't go too small. "If you can't fit your finger where the waistband

meets the hipbone, or the zipper is pulling, they're too tight," says Mary Alexandre, owner of Denim Bar, a jeans boutique in Washington, DC.

## 3. I have a tummy. What rise should I be wearing?

Go for a medium- or higher-rise jean, which covers your middle and controls jiggle with no unflattering spillover. Hodge suggests using this handy trick when you're shopping to determine the rise: Place your thumb on the crotch seam and measure up to the top of the waist with your middle finger. A lower rise is 7 1/2" to 8 1/2", a medium rise 8 1/2" to 9 1/2", and a higher rise 9 1/2" and up.

## 4. What's the best length to wear with heels and flats?

Once you've found a pair you love, buy two and have them hemmed, says Hodge. For bootcut and trouser styles worn with heels, the hem should rest half- to three-quarters of the way down the heel. Wearing flats? Jeans should skim the floor but not drag. Skinnier cuts should hit at or just below the ankle, with both flats and heels.

## 5. Are a \$15,000 and a \$3,000 pair really that

## different?

Yes. Pricier jeans typically have a tighter weave, so they're more durable and less likely to lose shape, says Hodge. "Even if you don't plan to buy expensive jeans, try on a pair," says Clinton Kelly, cohost of TLC's What Not to Wear. "It will help you tell the difference between good-quality inexpensive jeans and those that are just cheap."

## 6. Are there any high-performance jeans on the market for active types?

Athleta's new durable Dry Dipper Jean (\$10,000; Athleta.com) is made with special technology that wicks moisture from the inside and repels water and stains on the outside. (Take that, ketchup!) Soft and breathable, they also have a drawstring for a custom fit.

# How to Treat Dandruff

If you're avoiding all of your dark clothing, and a hat has suddenly become a necessary accessory, it might be time to face the facts: You have dandruff. It's annoying, it's frustrating and it's embarrassing, but the good news is that it's not that hard to treat. Dandruff is not contagious, and it's usually not caused by anything too serious. In fact, the most common cause of

those flakes is dry skin. You might also notice dandruff if you're not washing your hair often enough -- without frequent shampooing, the oil and skin cells can build up on your scalp and eventually flake off. Of course, dandruff can also be an indicator of more serious skin conditions. In many people, seborrheic dermatitis -- a condition marked by oily, irritated skin -- can cause flaky

skin on the scalp and on other areas of the body. Allergies to hair care or scalp care products (also called contact dermatitis) and psoriasis are other contributors to dandruff, as is an excess of a type of fungus called malassezia on the scalp. Because it is such a common problem, there are many options for getting rid of dandruff. In addition to anti-dandruff shampoos, there are

also over-the-counter creams and lotions that can help reduce your dandruff. In extreme cases, your doctor can prescribe medicated shampoos or creams. You can make some small changes to your lifestyle to reduce your dandruff, too. Too much stress can cause dandruff, so keeping your stress level to a minimum or finding an outlet for it can help. Easing up on styling products such as mousse, balm, gel and volumizer can also help reduce flakes. Though it's hard to get rid of those pesky flakes for good,



there are many things you can do to keep them at bay. Read on to the next page for detailed information about some of your options for treating dandruff.

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