

Top 30 Accolades for AUN, 2023-2024 Academic Year

01 School of Health Sciences

AUN officially launched a new School of Health Sciences that includes a full public health program and nursing. The program received accreditation and full approval from the national accrediting bodies.

02 Approved new quota by Council for Legal Education

AUN was fully approved by the Council for Legal Education in Nigeria for their program quality and after the approval, AUN was granted up to 100 student admissions per year.

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03 Accreditation Visits

AUN hosted the National University Commission for over 15 accreditation visits on specific academic programs (i.e. English, business, etc), facilities and technology infrastructure. The university was fully approved at all visits and was told they were a model for other Nigerian universities in many areas.

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04 American Space for Adamawa State

AUN was selected by the United States Embassy to be the location of the American Space for Adamawa State. This important honor means each time U.S. Embassy staff is in Adamawa, they must stay at the AUN Hotel and use us for their conferences. American Space is the point of reference for all information about the United States of American in Adamawa state.

05 Professional Development Programs

AUN has launched new initiatives including a full professional development program through Academic Impressions based in the United States. The aim is for the program to help create an America style academic environment as all the training is based on U.S. style education. The administration is creating a program to encourage faculty and staff to complete multiple training sessions for professional development. This is the first system wide initiative for professional development for the AUN community.

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06 Afreximbank Grant

AUN received a \$100,000 grant from the Afreximbank for a project in the School of Engineering.

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07 Grant to conserve the Sukur World Heritage site

AUN received a \$1.5 USD grant as the partner for the Sukur World Heritage site. The partners for AUN are as follows: U.S. Embassy, International Council on Monuments and Sites, Ahmadu Bello University, and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments and UNESCO.

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08 International Exchange Program

The university reactivated the official international exchange program and has the first students scheduled to study at a partner university in the United States. AUN is the only institution in Nigeria to have this type of partnership.

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09 Strategic Plan

The team developed only the second university wide strategic plan in the 20-year history of the University.

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10 Sustain and Expanded the Feed & Read Program

The Feed and Read Program continued for Boys and the President gifted \$1,000 USD to help launch a similar program for girls.

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11 Statutory Audit

Successfully completed AUN's two years statutory audit for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 fiscal years.



(l-r) President DeWayne Frazier, Akachukwu Madueke, Grace Nwokoma

President's Note

The first year in leadership sets the tone for future success because it is a critical period for establishing credibility, building relationships, and setting clear expectations. During this time, leaders have the opportunity to earn the trust and respect of their team members, demonstrate their competence and vision, and lay the foundation for a positive and effective work culture. The American University of Nigeria faced massive financial challenges this year as a direct result of the remnants of the pandemic and the worst economic downturn in decades. In spite of this, the first year of my leadership was the launch of an era of new initiatives and setting a tone for future years. As the university enrollment grows and the institution increases its financial base, the AUN has boundless opportunities to effect our region, country and continent.

*Dr. DeWayne Frazier
President, American University of Nigeria*



12 Renewed Marketing & Communications

AUN engaged in a renewal of marketing and communication efforts across the country and world. AUN was featured in the media including world news CNN and the American Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) in a documentary that will be aired in September 2024. AUN also continues to work with various media outlets such as Premium Times in Nigeria.

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13 Consultancy and AUN Grant Writing Committee

AUN has launched some new programs aimed at garnering additional financial resources for the institution. The two major programs are AUN Consultancy and AUN Grant Writing Committee.

14 Humanitarian Aid

AUN President DeWayne Frazier engaged the communities in Adamawa in humanitarian aid at a level that brought significant recognition to the University. Spending over 5 million NGN personally to initiate projects such as funding school fees for children of Bole, assisting with medical supplies for the village of Bwaranji, launching a girls child program for tutoring at Sanda Model School, and

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15 Maintenance of Residence Halls

AUN renovated the entire plumbing system of the student hostels/ residence halls and also updated most of the air conditioning units on campus. One of the few and maybe only universities in Nigeria to engage in residence hall upgrades during these difficult economic times.

16 International Conference

AUN initiated and launched its first international conference on research on November 13-16, 2023. Additionally, AUN introduces its first AUN Journals publications with five different tracks: AUN International Journal of Arts and Social Sciences, AUN International Journal of Pure and Applied Sciences, AUN International Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship, AUN International Journal of Engineering and Technology, and AUN International Journal of Law.

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17 Partnership with leading athletic brand in the world

AUN partnered with the leading athletic brand in the world, Nike, for jerseys for all sporting teams. The men and women teams of volleyball, basketball and soccer/ football all sported the Nike jerseys starting in February. The jerseys were launched with the first all-women's football match at AUN that saw the Lady Stallions against the Numan Warriors. Over 500 people from campus and the community were in attendance for this seminal moment.

18 Relunched of the AUN Foundation

AUN management and Governing Council relaunched the AUN Foundation, a non-profit fully registered in the United States.

The program has its own [website](#) and giving mechanism for dollars

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19 Full audit of the Atiku Institute for Development

AUN, under the direction of the Governing Council, implemented a full audit of the Atiku Institute of Development through KPMG. Restructuring of operations was initiated to assist AUN to receive a share of revenue to align with international standards.

20 Crystal Report

AUN, under the direction of the Governing Council, implemented the Crystal Report restructuring of university salaries. The program also implemented a more fair wage and made the minimum salary for a new employee without a bachelor's degree of #50,000 NGN per month.

21 Renovated 16 flats for staff accommodation

AUN successfully renovated 16 flats, which were university property left unused for a few years. These flats now provide affordable accommodation for staff during these financially challenging times.

22 Revised Policies

AUN has recently revised its policies on finance, housing, logistics, and travel etc, some of which had not been updated for more than a decade.

23 Major overhaul of Cafeteria Service

Recently, AUN underwent a major overhaul of its cafeteria service, implementing healthy competitions as a new initiative in that area of the university's operations. This change has sparked innovation in meal planning and delivery, generating excitement among both students and employees who are now eagerly looking forward to visiting the cafeteria on a regular basis.

24 Increased accountability

After the removal of fuel subsidy, AUN enhanced its fuel efficiency at its Abuja office by improving vehicle maintenance and carrying out major repairs on a vehicle that had been abandoned for over two years following an accident. AUN implements tight restrictions on fuel usage to increase accountability.

Furthermore, by strategically streamlining core business processes, we achieved a reduction in operational costs by N738 million.

This accomplishment is remarkable considering the challenging macroeconomic landscape characterized by substantial changes such as a 34% increase in Monetary policies rate, 16% growth in Annual inflation, an 89% surge in Exchange rate, a 217% rise in PMS price, and a 21% hike in the cost of public power supply, among other cost escalations. Also, the university successfully reduced its outstanding payables to vendors by 49%

25 Partner with Action Aid Nigeria

AUN was selected as one of three Nigerian Universities to partner with Action Aid Nigeria to offer Humanitarian Development courses to train more Nigerians in country for employment in the development world.

26 Grant from Friends of Nigeria

Through the Atiku Institute, AUN received a grant of \$5,000 USD from Friends of Nigeria (FoN) for the 2024 cohort of the Feed and Read program. FoN has been a partner of AUN for the past 5 years.

27 Grant from United Nations

Under the Atiku Institute, AUN received a grant of \$450,000 from the United Nations to support 1,400 internally displaced persons with livelihoods training and empowerment in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states. This is for the 6th year running.

28 Study on basic education system & teacher absenteeism in Adamawa state

Under the leadership of the Atiku Institute, AUN is leading a large study on the status of the basic education system in Adamawa state. The study, which is the largest of its kind in Adamawa state, will advise state government on challenges and make recommendations to improve access to quality education so that the returns from investment in education can be improved. Also, With funding from Atiku Institute, AUN faculty designed a teacher absenteeism study. The findings and recommendations are already being applied by the Adamawa state MoE to reduce teacher absenteeism.

29 Sustained relationship with the Rwandan Embassy

AUN continued its partnership/relationship with the Rwandan Embassy. AUN in collaboration with the Rwandan Embassy commemorated the 30th anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. This was attended by the Rwandan High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ambassador Christophe Bazivamo, and other Embassy staff members.

30 Commissioning of Buildings

AUN worked with the contractors to officially commission and launch the new School of Law and School of Engineering Building.

