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MASS COMMUNICATION FRESHERS ORIENTED ON ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE, PROFESSIONAL VALUES AT KASU

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Fresh students of Mass Communication at Kaduna State University have been urged to cultivate curiosity, discipline, and responsible conduct as essential foundations for success in their academic journey.

The advice was given during the Faculty Orientation Programme organised by the Association of the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies on 26 February 2026 at the university's Multipurpose Hall.

Speakers at the event emphasised that asking questions, maintaining discipline, and making effective use of available academic facilities are critical habits for learning and professional development.

Welcoming the students formally into the faculty, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Prof. Hadiza Isa Wada noted that the discipline of Mass Communication is designed to groom students into professional communicators capable of contributing meaningfully to society.

She informed the freshers that the faculty now operates through two departments: Journalism and Media Studies and Broadcasting and advised them to seek guidance from lecturers whenever necessary.

Also speaking the Director Digital Divide and Social Informatics and former Dean of the faculty, Prof. Ayodele Joseph cautioned the students against treating the university environment as a platform for social display.

He advised them to remain focused on their academic responsibilities, attend lectures regularly, submit assignments promptly, and seek guidance from their level coordinators when needed.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. M. K. Dauda explained the role of the Student Affairs Division as the bridge between students and university management. He encouraged the freshers to channel their concerns through the appropriate units within the division, which are designed to address specific student issues.



Prof. Dauda congratulated the students for securing admission into the university and urged them to participate in extracurricular activities while familiarising themselves with the university's student handbook, which outlines institutional rules and expectations.

Representing the University Librarian, Dr. Babangida Dangani, Dr. Khali Allahmagani encouraged the students to take advantage of the university library's vast digital resources, which provide access to billions of e-books and academic materials.

She explained that each registered student is permitted to borrow two books at a time and reminded them that library clearance is a mandatory requirement before graduation.

The Level Coordinator of Mass Communication, Mr. Timothy Joseph also urged the freshers to cultivate positive relationships with both their peers and lecturers. He advised them to discard secondary school habits, associate with responsible colleagues, avoid examination malpractice, and ensure that their course registration is properly approved.

The Social Director of the association, Anas Alhassan, encouraged the freshers to take their studies seriously and avoid behaviours that could jeopardise their academic future. He also advised them to maximise the faculty's practical learning facilities, including the library, photography studio, and campus radio station.

The Head of the Guidance and Counselling Unit in the faculty, Mrs. Comfort John stressed that curiosity is a hallmark of learning, urging students not to hesitate in asking questions whenever they encounter difficulties in their studies.

She also reminded them that discipline remains central to academic success, cautioning against fighting, drug abuse, and other forms of misconduct. She further encouraged the students to set clear academic goals, manage their time effectively, maintain personal hygiene, and attend lectures fully prepared.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the President of the Association of Students of the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Umar Ibrahim Ibrahim, appreciated the management and staff for their support and encouraged the students to remain focused on completing their studies successfully and within the stipulated time.

The orientation programme also featured spoken word performances and entertainment by students, adding a creative touch to the formal proceedings.



ORIENTATION FOR MBBS STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTS DISCIPLINE, MENTAL HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

The College of Medicine at Kaduna State University has urged medical students to combine academic discipline, mental resilience and ethical conduct in order to succeed in the demanding MBBS programme.

This message formed the focus of the College's Preclinical Orientation Programme held on Thursday, 26 February 2026, at the university's 500-Seater Pharmacy Lecture Theatre.

The orientation, themed "Surviving and Thriving in the MBBS Programme in This Contemporary Era," brought together academic staff and students to address the expectations and challenges associated with medical training.

Welcoming the participants, the Provost of the College of Medicine, Prof. Hussain Yahaya congratulated the newly admitted students but reminded them that gaining admission into the MBBS programme is only the first step in a highly competitive academic journey.

He stressed that the preclinical years, particularly the 200 and 300 levels, are critical stages where students must demonstrate seriousness and commitment, noting that academic standards in the programme would not be compromised. He also encouraged students to avoid distractions and use modern technology as a tool to support learning rather than hinder it.

The Dean of the College, Prof. Danladi S. Amaza, described the opportunity to study medicine as a privilege that should be matched with dedication and hard work. He urged the students to show gratitude for the opportunity by committing themselves fully to their studies and professional development.

Speaking on the theme of the orientation, Prof. Musa A. Kana emphasised the importance of discipline, focus and positive peer influence. He encouraged the students to cultivate good friendships, form study groups and draw inspiration from medical professionals who demonstrate integrity and commitment in their careers.

Addressing the issue of student wellbeing, Dr. Jafar highlighted the growing importance of mental health in medical education. She explained that success in medical school goes beyond academic performance, advising students to manage stress effectively, maintain healthy lifestyles and avoid isolating themselves from supportive networks.

Similarly, Dr. Yahuza B. Sani discussed effective study habits and coping strategies for medical students. He advised them to study course outlines carefully, prepare ahead of lectures and ask questions whenever concepts are unclear. He also emphasised the role of teamwork in navigating the rigours of medical training.

Providing clarity on academic expectations, Dr. Oweh O. ThankGod explained the structure and requirements of the preclinical phase, helping students understand the standards they must meet to progress in the programme.

Looking ahead to the clinical years, Dr. Nafisat O. Usman advised students to prioritise deep understanding of medical concepts rather than studying merely to pass examinations, noting that the ultimate goal of the programme is to produce competent and responsible medical practitioners.

On professional conduct, Associate Professor Fatima I. Ciroma underscored the importance of discipline, punctuality and respect within the medical profession. She cautioned students against examination malpractice and encouraged honesty, responsibility and a balanced academic and personal life.

The orientation also addressed issues of safety and respect within the university environment.

The Director of the KASU Centre for Gender Studies, represented by Dr. Farida Mohammed, sensitised students on university policies regarding sexual harassment, bullying and cyberstalking, emphasising the need for mutual respect and adherence to institutional regulations.

Speaking on behalf of students, the President of the College Medical Students Association, Faisal Salisu, assured participants that the association remains committed to supporting students throughout their medical training. He described medical education as demanding but rewarding and encouraged students to prioritise both academic performance and personal wellbeing.

The programme featured an interactive question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Avidime OM, allowing students to seek clarification on academic and welfare issues.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Dean of the College, Dr. Muhammed Suraj Yusuf, thanked participants and reiterated the central message of the orientation: that success in medical school requires discipline, focus, good character and strong support systems.

The orientation provided an important platform for students to understand the expectations of the MBBS programme while reinforcing the values required to navigate the challenges of medical training in the contemporary era.



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