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U.S. Embassy to Host 17th Annual College Fair

In an effort to increase the number of Nigerian students studying in the United States, the U.S. Embassy will convene its 17th annual EducationUSA College Fair on September 28 and 29, 2016. With the theme *EducationUSA: Exploring a Myriad of Opportunities*, the fair will provide students the opportunity to explore the diversity and vitality of higher education in the United States. U.S. college admissions officers, alumni of various U.S. universities, and the U.S. Embassy's education advisors will be available to interact with attendees and offer reliable information on U.S. higher educational institutions and guidance on the application process, standardized testing, and scholarship opportunities. The event is open to all interested persons, and members of the media are invited to cover the following activities of the fair.

Undergraduate Study:

Wednesday September 28, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Opening ceremony / admissions process

11:00 a.m.

Admission process / scholarships

1:00 p.m.

Admission process / student visas

Graduate School:

Thursday, September 29, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Choosing a Career Path / Navigating PhD process

Venue (Both Days):

Abuja Pavilion by International Conference Center
Opposite Radio House Herbert Macaulay Way
Area 11, Abuja

Interested journalists who wish to participate in this event are encouraged to register in advance with **Nafisah Ahmad** by phone at **0805-519-2223** or via e-mail at AhmadNS1@state.gov.

About EducationUSA Nigeria

The U.S. Mission's EducationUSA Advising Center promotes U.S. higher education by providing students and parents in Nigeria with accurate, comprehensive, and current information on U.S. universities and colleges. Services include guidance on the U.S. college application process, standardized testing, student visa requirements, scholarship opportunities, and pre-departure orientation.

According to Institute of International Education's Open Doors Report, 9,494 Nigerian students are currently studying in the United States; Nigeria recorded a placement increase of nearly 20 percent fueling almost single-handedly Africa's 8 percent increase in African students studying in the United States. That puts Nigeria in first place among African nations selecting the United States as a destination country for study and in 15th place worldwide.

Students may visit the EducationUSA Advising Centers at the U.S. Embassy in Abuja and at the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos. For further information, please visit http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/educational_advising.html.

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