Diligence, hard work, determination, focus and good character have been described as ingredients of attaining academic excellence. The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebiyi Daramola and Dean, Students’ Affairs, Dr. Kayode Alese stated this during the 2014/2015 orientation exercise for the newly admitted students of the institution. Professor Daramola while welcoming the new students reiterated the importance of combining intelligence and character, adding that character sustains success and without exhibiting high moral standard as a student the attainment of success would be slim. He said, “You are not here for certificate alone. No matter how brilliant you are if your character is faulty you are not likely to be reckoned with. Here at FUTA, we mold students into becoming responsible Nigerian citizens. That is why FUTA has unbeaten record of well-behaved students who are good ambassadors of the University and Nigeria. They combine academic excellence with high moral standard. You too can be a part of our tradition of excellence.” The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the students and said they should count themselves privileged to have gained admission into the Country's leading university of technology.

Dr. Kayode Alese on his part advised the students to work diligently and zealously to justify their admission to the University which will eventually earn them success in life.

Alese further urged the fresh students to shun all social vices capable of making them nuisance to the society. He said they should hit the ground running in order to lay a good foundation that would culminate in academic excellence.
noted that cultism, examination malpractices, sexual harassment, prostitution, internet fraud, teller forgery, nude parties and others would not be tolerated by the management.

At the event a motivation speaker, Mr. Agunbiade Oyewunmi who spoke on the topic 'Vision and Scholarship: A Classroom Meditation' advised the students to make use of all opportunities available to them. Mr. Agunbiade stressed the need for the students to put in their very best and not to settle for less in order to attain greater heights and build a better future.