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Blazing a trail of Intellectual Achievements and Profound Impact on Human Resources of the College of Medicine and the University of Nigeria. Professor Ifeoma Joy Okoye.

As she delivers her inaugural lecture today the 31st of August 2023, it is pertinent to recapitulate a few of the innumerable and inimitable landmarks our graceful icon Professor Ifeoma Joy Okoye has left on the sands of time at the college of Medicine and the entire University of Nigeria over the years.

While I was the Provost of the College of Medicine, she earned the distinction of being nominated as the first academic to develop and run the University's Advancement Centre, a novel establishment in the Nigerian University System. That centre was proposed by the Nigerian Higher Education Foundation, an initiative of the McArthur Foundation of the United States of America. Her people skills and public spiritness, made her a natural candidate for the assignment.

Professor Ifeoma Okoye has not limited herself to her chosen career in medical radiology. Her keen mind has led her to initiate projects in women's health, and she has developed a pet project, "Breast without spot". This public health initiative has served to nip breast cancer in the bud, highlighting actions such as self examination of the breast by women and creating awareness of the need for patronizing preventive radiodiagnosis such as mammography. This development has elicited national and international attention.

Professor Ifeoma Okoye's untiring efforts led her to initiate the establishment of the first centre for clinical drug trials nationally at the University of Nigeria, during my tenure as the vice-chancellor. It is hoped that as she serves as the Director of this unit of the university, the ripple effects of its success will help to move our Country Nigeria to enviable heights in drug development globally.

More Success and Grace.

Professor Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba.

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