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Auchi Polytechnic has said it would award certificates to one hundred and forty-two graduates who bagged distinction, during the forthcoming 18th convocation on December 11.

The spokesperson for the institution, Mr Mustapha Oshiombugie, who made this known while speaking with news men, said the total figure of all graduands of the 2009/2010 academic session was 7,409.

According to him, out of the figure, 1,150 came out with upper credit, 3,733 with lower credit and 2,384 with pass.

He said the ceremony would be used to confer the polytechnic fellowship award on three Nigerians, including former Chairperson, Senate Committee on Education, Senator Joy Emordi.

Others are Mr. M. R. Darma, the Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Development Fund and Dr Fidelis Ayebae, the Managing Director, Fidson Pharmaceutical Company.

Oshiobugie further said the convocation ceremony would be preceded with a convocation lecture entitled, "Technical Education as a Tool for National Development in the 21st Century,"

The lecture would be delivered by Prof. Olu Aina, the first Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education (NABTEB).

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