



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025/26 ACADEMIC YEAR.

September 2025	
Mon 29:	Beginning of 2025 and 2026 New Academic Year Orientation Programme for All Students Registration of Courses for Returning Students
Tue 30:	Theological Sounding/Reflections on the Apostolic Work Experience of Students (For all SIST Academic Staff and Students)
October 2025	
Wed 1:	National Day (Nigerian Independence) (EFD)
Thu 2:	Spiritan Founder's Day: Blessed Francis Poullart des Places (LFD)
Fri 3:	Theological Sounding/Reflections on the Apostolic Work Experience of Students (For all SIST Academic Staff and Students)
Sat 4:	Six Weeks Seminar for Young Spiritan Confreres
Mon 6:	Beginning of Lectures
Tue 7:	Rector's Conference with Students (1.00pm)
Thu 9:	Academic Board Meeting
Thu 13:	Beginning of Seminar
Tue 14:	SIST/SIFCA Governing Council Meetings (Tuesday is Arrival Date)
Sat 18:	End of SIST/SIFCA Governing Councils SIST Seminar: Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Adults (Students Only)
Fri 24:	CMF: Founder's Day: Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret (LFD)
Sat 25:	Seminar: Human Development (Students' Forum)

November 2025

Sat 1:	Solemnity of All Saints (EFD)
Sun 2:	Optional Memorial of All Souls: Memorial Mass for All Deceased Staff and Students of SIST
Tues 4:	CABAN Conference at <i>Domus Clero</i> Enugu
Fri 7:	Preparations for Matriculation/Solemn Inauguration of 2025/2026 Academic Year End of CABAN Conference
Sat 8:	Matriculation/Solemn Inauguration of 2025 and 2026 Academic Year End of the Seminar for Young Spiritan Confreres
Mon 10:	Sports: Intensive Preparations for Bigard 2026
Tue 11:	Academic Board Meeting
Sat 15:	Seminar: Safeguarding of Minors and Adults (Academic Board)

December 2025

Mon 1:	Students' Forum General Meeting
Wed 3:	Anniversary of the Dedication of SIST Chapel (EFD)
Sat 6:	Holy Spirit Lecture Day
Sun 7:	Independence Day of the Gambia
Mon 8:	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Students' Forum General Meeting (12:15 – 1.15pm) SIST Committees' Meetings
Fri 12:	SIST Academic Staff Christmas Party (Tentative) End of Lectures for Christmas Break Last Day for Submission of Exam Questions Staff Christmas Party

Thu 25:	Solemnity of Christmas
January 2026	
Thu 1:	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tue 6:	Solemnity of Epiphany
Sun 11:	Feast of The Baptism of the Lord.
Mon 12:	Beginning of Lectures after Christmas Break
Tue 13:	Rector's Conference with Students (1.00pm) Academic Board Meeting: Vetting of Exams
Tue 20:	Feast of Blessed Iwene Tansi
Fri 23:	Last Day of First Semester Lectures
Mon 26:	Beginning of Revision Week
February 2026	
Mon 2:	Feast of Presentation of the Lord Spiritans Founder's Day: Blessed Francis Libermann
Tue 3:	First Semester Exams Begin (Including Saturdays)
Sat 14:	End of First Semester Exams
Mon 16:	Intensive Preparations for All Major Seminaries' Games
Wed 18:	Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent
Sat 21:	All Major Seminaries' Games: Bigard 2026
Thu 26:	Anniversary of Daniel Brottier

Sat 28:	End of All Major Seminaries' Games: Bigard 2026
March 2026	
Mon 2:	Short Break
Mon 9:	Beginning of Second Semester Lectures Administrative Team Meeting (8.30pm)
Thu 12:	Academic Board Meeting
Sat 14:	Students Forum: Theological Debate
Tue 17:	UNN Official Visitation
Wed 18:	NACATHS National Convention
Thu 19:	Solemnity of Joseph: Husband of Mary
Fri 20:	Rector's Conference with Students (1.00pm)
Sat 21:	Human Development
Sun 22:	NACATHS: End of National Convention
Wed 25:	Solemnity of Annunciation
Sun 29:	Palm Sunday Holy Week
April 2026	
Wed 1:	End of Lectures for Holy Week/Easter
Thu 2:	Holy Thursday
Fri 3:	Good Friday
Sat 4:	Holy Saturday Vigil of the Solemnity of Easter

Sun 5:	Solemnity of Easter Easter Break
Tue 7:	CATHAN Meeting at Orlu
Thu 9:	Prolife National Convention
Sun 12:	UCAWA Meeting Begins in the Province of NSE: Onitsha
Mon 13:	Beginning of Lectures after Easter Break
Fri 17:	End of UCAWA Meeting
Sun 19:	UCAWA Superiors Visit SIST
Mon 20:	Committees' Meetings
Tue 21:	UCAWA Superiors Depart Academic Board Meeting
May 2026	
Fri 1:	Joseph the Worker (Work Free Day for Non-Academic Staff)
Fri 8:	Theological Integration Forum (All Classes 12.00 Noon)
Thu 14:	Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord (EFD)
Fri 15:	Last Day for the Submission of Project Topics (2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Students) Preparations for Convocation/Graduation Day Last Day for Submission of Examination Papers
Sat 16:	Convocation/Graduation Day
Tue 19:	Academic Board Meeting: Vetting of Examination Papers
Sun 24:	Solemnity of Pentecost
Fri 29:	End of Second Semester Lectures

June 2026

Mon 1:	Pentecost Celebrations in Spiritan Provinces (EFD)
Tue 2:	Revision Week Begins
Thu 4:	Visioning Week Begins
Fri 5:	End of Revision Week
Sat 6:	End of Visioning Week
Mon 8:	Beginning of Second Semester Exams (Including Saturdays)
Thu 25:	End of Second Semester Exams
Fri 26:	End of the 2025/26 Academic Year

July – August 2025

	Long Vacation and Pastoral Programmes
	Formation of Formators Programme 2026 Edition: Brottier Center
	Final Professions and Ordinations

Abbreviations

EFD – External Free Day

LFD – Lectures Free Day