



Our Mission

- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

Our Vision

- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
- Adventist Heritage

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Happiness does not result from what we get but from what we give.”

- Ben Carson

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PHILIP EMERGED OVERALL BEST GRAD @ 2023 GRADUATION



Honoured: Ngozi Philip (middle) displays her awards. With her are: (l -r) Prof. Dao Sonii, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Yohana Harry, Prof. Ademola Tayo and Chancellor, Dr. Rober Osei-Bonsu.

TWINS AMONG 136 FIRST CLASS @ CONVOCATION



Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd r) and others with Nnennaya and Ngozi Philip.

For the first time in Babcock University's history, twin sisters, Ngozi and Nnennaya Philip came tops as 136 students graduated with First Class Honours at the institution's graduation ceremony. This represents a

23% increase from last year's 110.

Ngozi Philip of Guidance and Counseling department with a CGPA of 4.95, clinched the President's prize for best overall student in academic performance, leadership, community and spir-

itual services.

Her sister with CGPA of 4.80 got the best overall student prize in her department, Nutrition and Dietetics and the Benjamin Carson (Snr) College of Health & Medical Sciences.

At the postgraduate level, Dr. Emmanuel Agu with a CGPA of 4.72 and Shola Olorunniyi with CGPA of 4.76 emerged best overall at the doctoral and Master's degrees respectively.

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WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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A cross section of the graduates listen as Prof. Ademola Tayo gives his charge.

TWINS AMONG 136 FIRST CLASS @ CONVOCATION

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President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo urged the 2,480 graduates to embrace challenges with courage and conviction to create a better world.

“As you step beyond the world of these walls, carry forth the values instilled in you during your time here and let them guide you to make a positive impact on society,” he stated.

While congratulating the graduates and stakeholders in the University’s inspiring journey, he wished them greater accomplishments and a legacy that would stand the test of time.

Similarly, the Registrar of the Joint Universities Admissions and Matriculation Board, Professor Ishaq Oloyede enjoined them to apply the

knowledge gained to improve their lives, the fortunes of the nation as well as humanity.

The event also created opportunity for sharing the University’s advancement in research, innovation and international collaboration.

In his address, the Commencement Speaker, the Honourable Minister of Education of the Re-

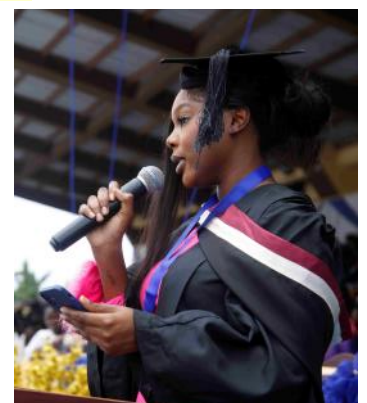
public of Liberia, Prof. Dao Sonii, inspired the graduates to see possibilities in difficulties and be prepared to manage power and success.

He reminded them that power could be intoxicating and while big dreams were great, when mismanaged, they had the potential of turning the world towards the wrong direction.

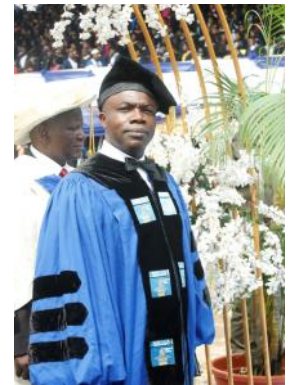
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2023 Zircon Class President, (Undergraduate) Monjaiye Adeboye (r) presents her address.



Commencement speaker, Prof. Dao Sonii addresses the graduating students.



Faculty procession led by Registrar, Prof. Jonathan Nwosu

Dr. Robert Osei-Bonsu

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He further counseled them to pay close attention to their habits as these could become the ultimate definition of their character and future.

“I counsel you therefore that the biggest dream we must aspire for is not the dream itself, but how to manage the expectations of your dreams when realized.”

“We must rise and become the game changers. Time for Africa to rise and create important leadership for the rest of the world.”

The Ooni of Ife, HRM Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi (Ojaja II) also lent his voice to encouraging the graduates.

“Go forth to the world, make a very positive mark, a mark that you will be remembered for something.”

Babcock Pro-Chancellor, Pastor (Dr). Yohanna Harry’s counsel to the graduates was, “Never give in to discouragement.”



Set to soar: The graduating students



Prof. Philemon Amanze



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (left) and HRM Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi.



Dr. Ezinwanyi Adam receives the President’s Award for Research Excellence in Languages & Literary Studies.



Pastor (Prof.) Joseph Ola (2nd r) acknowledges greetings as Prof. Yacob Haliso leads out the procession



Imande Adejumo (left) with a friend.

“FEAR NOT,” BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER INSPIRES GRADS



A cross section of the congregation and Zircon Grad Class listen as Pastor Maury Jackson (right) presents his sermon.

By Josephine Akarue

In an ever restless world often driven by violence, fear and oppression, how can people rise above their fears and live with the firm conviction that God would never leave them?

Pastor Maury Jackson, an Associate Professor of Practical Theology of La Sierra University, USA, addressed this issue as he called on the Zircon Graduating Class to trust God in every situation at the 2023 Babcock Baccalaureate Sabbath service.

His message drawn from the Book of Isaiah 41, called on Class members to understand that fears would never help them achieve their dreams and that a just God hates injustice.

“The Bible says, ‘Do not fear for I am with you; do not be afraid for I am your God, I will strengthen you,’” he said.

“When you know that you are unprepared, it brings fear. But when you remove this text from the Judaic context of the Babylonian exile,

you realize that it is a generic statement of a God who calls you to trust Him. It offers the assurance of God’s presence.”

He further submitted that the passage also draws attention to political justice and assurance of divine presence to a people under bondage held by slavery in Babylon.

While the passage brought hope to one group, it also raised fear for those who were the oppres-

sors. The people knew they were paying the price of rebellion and disobedience to God’s just laws. They had reason to feel that God was making them pay for the choices they made. Yet, the passage brought assurance.

He reminded them that since Jehovah was not a bias God that played favouritism based on tribal or denominational sentiments, they needed to walk in faith and obedience to God’s word while showing justice and mercy to others.

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Prof. Sunday & Dr. (Mrs.) Titilayo Owolabi



Prof. Ademola Tayo



A cross section of University officers and guests.

“Do not fear.
As you graduate,
I leave you
with these words:
Your future plans are in
good hands.
Remain
in God’s hands.”
- Pastor Maury Jackson



Dr. Folorunso Akande leads out at offering time.

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“As you graduate, I leave you with these words on a card my wife bought for our daughter on her graduation: ‘Your future plans are in good hands. Remain in God’s hands.’”

Beyond the admonitions, the Class members also gave special thanksgiving with church and institutional leaders in attendance.



Pastor Maury and spouse with a faculty member.



Pastor (Prof.) Joseph & Dr. Janet Ola. (left) Right: Elder & Dr. (Mrs) Adeola Makinde



Faculty, staff and students at worship



A cross section of the congregation



The Babcock University choir presents songs at worship.

BU GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMISSIONS EIGHT PROJECTS



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Pa Adeoti Tayo watch as Prof. Emeritus Micheal Omolewa cuts the ribbon.



External view of the table tennis hall.

By Josephine Akarue

Members of the University's Governing Council and officers of the Zircon graduating Class commissioned eight projects as part of activities marking the 2023 graduation ceremony.

Among these were the: ultra-modern Adeoti Tayo in-door Table Tennis Hall commissioned by Nigeria's former permanent representative at the UNESCO and Professor Emeritus Michael Omelewa and the BIG staff residential building, named after its immediate past Group Managing Director, Prof. Yetunde Makinde.

It was commissioned on her behalf by the Human Resources Director, Dr. Adeola Makinde. (see box for details).

The Table Tennis Court, built in conjunction with the Nigeria Table Tennis Federation Championships was a donation of the Grace & Mercy Household Improvement Initiative, an NGO.

The project is to immortalize Pa Adeoti Tayo and expected to promote the sports as well as train new champions at both national and international levels.

"Lots of our talented champions are not as educated as they should be. I believe that if we have a top class university somewhere, they should have sports facilities to train these potential champions," said an official of the

Federation

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Pastor (Dr.) Robert Osei-Bonsu and Dr. Esther Adejumo (middle). With them are: (l-r) Dr. Victor Adesiyon, Monjaiye Adeboye, Pastor Muyi Oyinloye and Dr. Emmanuel Ajike.



Pastor & Mrs Gideon Nwangwugwu



Pastor (Dr.) Ezekiel Adeleye commissions the renovated BU Wellness Centre in Ilishan town.



THE PROJECTS

1. The Adeoti Tayo ultra-modern in-door Table Tennis Hall
2. BIG residential staff building
3. New Central Store
4. Works & Physical Planning Administrative building
5. Amphitheatre
6. Lock-up Shops
7. Iperu Sports Arcade
8. Wellness Centre



Dr. Adeola Makinde cuts the ribbon at the commissioning of the BIG Staff Residential building pictured below.

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At the commissioning, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo thanked the donors for what he described as a “great gift” that would go a long way to train “young people for the future.”

The Vice President of the ITTF, Mr. Enitan Oshodi was also there to give his support.



Pastor (Prof) Joseph Ola commissions the Central Store as others watch with interest.



External front view of the University central store.



Prof. Johnson Egwakhe cuts the ribbon of the lock-up shops on behalf of Elder George Egwakhe.



Prof. Adekunle Alalade assisted by his spouse, cuts the ribbon for the Works & Physical Planning Administrative building.

BIMUN HOSTS 7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Set for mission: A cross section of delegates listen as Prof. David Alao (right) presents his welcome address.

By Godwin Ugbaka with additional reports from Josephine Akarue

President/Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ademola Stephen Tayo has called on young Africans to be ready to be change agents to bring about impactful leadership for global advancement.

Prof Ademola Tayo, represented by the BU Chief of Staff, Prof David Alao, said the topic of this year's conference, *"A Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges"* was apt.

"This is a watershed moment to strategize on how to confront the hydra-headed challenges mutating at a terrific speed," he said.

"This is why your gathering here should not be seen as a business but a challenging moment to think out of the box on how you can be a change agent to a decaying system."

In the same vein, the BIMUN Secretary-General, Naa Fofu Djanie from Kenya, urged the youth to use their power of creativity, cour-

age and commitment to fight the ills of conflicts, hunger, poverty, climate disruption and pollution as well as other issues of global threats.

"We urge you to join forces with the United Nations to march against all the catastrophe mitigating against a sustainable, inclusive and

peaceful world," she added.

In his presentation, the Geoscience Institute Coordinator of the West Central African Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, said the issues of the earth resource management has remained of great concern to the United Nations.

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Naa Fofu Djanie (left) makes a point at the opening session of the 7th Assembly.





BU Security mounts guard of honour as Prof. David Alao and Dr. Jonathan Dangana inspects them with the special guest, Leonie Van Der Seijl (middle)

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This, he said, explains the recurring emphasis on recycling to halt mismanagement of the earth's fast depleting resources.

Keynote speaker, Deputy Consul General and Head of Economic team of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Lagos, Leonie Van Der Stijl, believes the Model United Nations contributes to the development of future leaders in the sense that it enhances their negotiation skills..

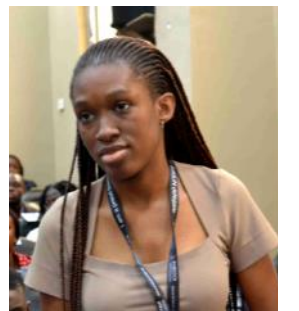
"Stepping in the shoes of different countries when you are negotiating with different types of instructions from different types of capitals really brings students all the experiences they need for real negotiations," she said.

Like her, faculty Advisor, Dr Jonathan Dangana is confident that the 2023 BIMUN General Assembly will as usual, proffer solutions to global issues and help build participants' leadership capacity as they hit the ground of diplomacy at an early stage. .

"This will undoubtedly help boost their confidence and get them involved in providing solutions to societal challenges," he said.



BIMUN Executive Director, Chiemela Samuel addresses the delegates.



Mrs. Chinwe Obi of Nestle responds to a question as others listen. (l-r) : Dr. Oluwole Oyedeji, Dr. Seyi Shomerekun and Leonie Van Der Stijl.



General Assembly President Sokumba Egbeja (3rd left) and other delegates

HONOUR ROLL

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Given to the student who had the overall best performances at undergraduate programs in leadership, academics, community and spiritual services:

PHILIP Ngozi Nancy

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT PRIZE (UG)

Given to the graduating student with the overall highest CGPA at the undergraduate, and postgraduate levels

(Full Time): PHILIP Ngozi Nancy 4.95

(Part-Time): AKINRINSOYE Oluwatayo 4.51

POSTGRADUATE

Masters - OLORUNNIYI Shola Blessing 4.76

PhD - AGU Emmanuel Chukwuemeka 4.72

SCHOOL DEANS PRIZES

Given to the graduating student with the highest CGPA in each school at undergraduate levels (Min of 4.0 CGPA)

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Benjamin S. Carson (Snr.) College of Health & Medical Sciences:

Dr. JOE-IKECHEBELU Belusochi Blessing 8 Distinctions

2. Basic Medical Sciences- PHILIP, Nnennaya Sylvia 4.80

3. Computing & Engr. Sciences: AKASUPE, Aghoghomena 4.88

4. Education & Humanities - PHILIP Ngozi Nancy 4.95

5. Law & Security Studies - OKANGBA Daniella Chisom 4.77

6. Nursing- OLUGBURIYO Best Idowu 4.68

7. Public and Allied Health- ASIEGBU, Ugochinyere Chizurumoke 4.76

8. Management Sciences- ISRAEL, Bisola Abodunde 4.72

9. Science and Technology

BALOGUN Eritunmise Esther 4.68

10. Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences- AKINTUNDE, Ayomide Chelsea 4.94

ACADEMIC PROGRAM PRIZES (UNDERGRADUATE)

11. Accounting- ISRAEL, Bisola Abodunde 4.72



BU Pro-chancellor, Dr. Yohanna Harry congratulates one of the first class graduates.



Dr. Emmanuel Agu receives the award from Prof. Ademola Tayo.



Shola Olorunniyi receives his award from Prof. Ademola Tayo.



Dr. Joshua Suleiman and one of the first class Mass Communication grads, Aniekan Umo



Governing Council member, Pastor Eddy Ewoh congratulates BUSA Chaplain, Timothy Ajobo



Prof. Ademola Tayo congratulates BUTH CMD, one of the doctoral Grads, Prof. Barnabas Mandong.



Dr. Chinyere Chigeru receives the Staff of the Year Award from Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd left).



Prof. Ademola Tayo presents the Parent of the Year Award to Dr. & Mrs. Folorunso Akande.

HONOUR ROLL

- 12. Anatomy- **ADEOTI**, Oluwanifemi Deborah 4.68
- 13. Agriculture & Industrial Technology - **ODUROYE** Gbemisola Dorcas 4.41
- 14. Biochemistry- **OLALERE**, Feranmi Eunice 4.74
- 15. Biology - **OPUTA**, Amaka Regina 4.59
- 16. Business Administration - **ALOHAN** Henrietta A. 4.67
- 17. Christian Religious Studies- **KADAGAYA**, Emmanuel 4.36
- 18. Chemistry- **AFOLABI**, Damilola Matthew 4.59
- 19. Computer Science- **AKASUPE**, Aghoghomena 4.88
- 20. Computer Science (Tech.)- **DADA**, Sinmisoluwa I.
- 21. Computer Science (Info.System)- **ADEYOOYE**, Oluwabukola Victoria 4.54
- 22. Mathematics- **NWAEZENNA** Princess Ijewood 4.51
- 23. Marketing – **OLAIYA**, Moroti Seremi 4.38
- 24. Mass Communication- **BAKARE** Eniola Aishat 4.78
- 25. Medical Laboratory- **ETAFO**, Loretta Osiolumhetse 4.52
- 26. Medicine & Surgery- **Dr. JOE-IKECHEBELU**, Belusochi Blessing 8 Distinctions
- 27. Microbiology- **BALOGUN** Eritunmise Esther 4.68
- 28. Music & Creative Arts- **GBOTOLORUN** Oluwapelumi 4.69
- 27. Nursing - **OLUGBURIYO** Best Idowu 4.68
- 28. Nutrition & Dietetics - **PHILIP**, Nnennaya Sylvia 4.80
- 29. Physiology -**IJABODEDE**, Toluwani Victoria 4.64
- 30. Political Science - **ALATISE** Oluwadamilare 4.53
- 31. Political Science (ILD) **AKINTUNDE** Ayomide 4.94
- 32. Public Administration- **FAGBOHUN**, Boluwatife 4.75
- 33. Public Health- **ASIEGBU**, Ugochinyere 4.76
- 34. Social Work- **ERINFOLAMI**, Mujeeb Adebayo 4.62
- 35. Software Engineering- **CHIKEZIE**, Blossom 4.84
- 36. Physics/Electronics- **AGUNBIADE** Anthony Ayodeji 4.61

STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023

Given to staff who excels in leadership, productivity and service delivery in the current year under review

Dr. **CHIGERU**, Chinyere

Faculty of the Year Award – Professor **OLUGASA** Olubukola

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



From the Aphitheatre to the sports complex, the University community was in festive mood as the Zircon graduating class celebrated their Baccalaureate Thanksgiving service and graduation. Pictures capture some of the moments and faces.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University community, friends and family members of the Zircon Graduating Class of 2023 celebrated the convocation with them. Some of the faces and moments at the event.



A cross section of audience listen with rapt attention as Mr. Ola Oresanya (right) delivering his lecture.



play in Nigeria and this can only work if we work together. We need to collaborate to change the face of our country,” he added.

Earlier, Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Professor Olugbenga Adebawo thanked the management of Babcock University

NISEB ADVOCATES CHANGE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

By Godwin Ugbaka

Former Ogun State Commissioner for Environment, Mr. Ola Oresanya has called on the Society for Experimental Biology for Nigeria (NISEB) to collaborate with the industry in harnessing biological resources for sustainable development.

Mr Oresanya made the call while delivering a keynote address at the opening of the Babcock-NISEB conference in Ilishan-Remo.

In a paper, *Harnessing Experimental Biology for Sustainability from Linear to Circular Economy*, Mr. Oresanya said biologists should team up with the industry to move from linear economy to circular economy so that massive resources can be used, reduced and recycled.

He charged experimental biologists to seek partnerships with industry to rework the business model that would enhance natural resources usage.

Speaking, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo,

represented by the Provost of Benjamin Carson College of Health and Medical Sciences, Professor John Sotunsa said for the nation to grow investment in research must take the front burner.

“NISEB has a big role to play to

for supporting the hosting of the intensive academic discussion in stimulating environment.

VC of FUTA, Professor Adenike Temidayo and Oladiji and NISEB president, Professor Victor Owoyele were inducted as fellows of the society.



Prof. Oyewole receives a handshake after the Fellowship induction.



Prof Owoyele (left) receives Fellowship Award from NISEB's representative.



Prof. John Sotunsa (4th right front row) with officials of NISEB and the guest lecturer , Mr. Ola Oresanya (left).