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

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

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- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
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ABIRI-FRANKLIN WRITES FOR BU DIGEST



Beginning from October 1, 2023, Dr. Sophia Abiri-

Franklin shall be writing a column titled: "My Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Experience in Carleton University, Canada" in BU DIGEST. Dr. Sophia is a Queen Elizabeth Scholar, Managing Partner, Georgetown Solicitors, and an alumna of Babcock University

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BEST BUHS GRAD GETS N50,000 ZENITH BANK CASH PRIZE



Reward for Excellence: Tijesunimi Majolagbe (4th I) displays his gift. With him are Zenith Bank official, Mr. Olusegun Ero-Philips, BU SVP Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso, Principal BUHS, Dr. Bolalanle Adebawojo (7th & 8th I). and other BUHS officers.

BUTH CONSULTANT SPEAKS ON MALARIA PREVELANCE AND PREVENTION

By Kenny Ebrimson, Hannah Areo & Precious Benchu

A general consultant at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Dr. David Afolabi has said Malaria is the most prevalent disease treated at BUTH.

Malaria, according to him, typically presents with symptoms such as fever, chills, muscle and joint pains, and body aches.

Dr. Afolabi advised people travelling to mosquito-prone areas to take some protective

measures such as wearing of long clothing, using insecticide spray, and utilizing bed nets and window/door nets.

He, particularly, advised Sick cell patients to ensure they take their malaria prevention medications on daily basis.

"Complications of malaria can range from intractable vomiting to cerebral malaria, kidney problems, jaundice, bleeding, and shock. Notably, malaria is transmitted through the female

Anopheles mosquito," he explained.

In response to the question of malaria's lethality, Dr. Afolabi confirmed that malaria can indeed be lethal, particularly if not accurately or adequately diagnosed and treated promptly.



Prof. Bernabas Mandong, CMD, BUTH

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Student leaders listen as Ms Ijeoma Kalu delivers her address.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HOLD SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS' LEADERS & OFFICIALS

Student Activities department recently put together a two-day leadership seminar for BUSA officials, departmental leaders, association presidents and Enactors' officials among others.

Speaking at the opening, Vice President, Students Development, Dr. Sunday Audu charged the student leaders to be open to new ideas and to be prepared to learn.

He said once they do that they will not default in the leadership roles placed upon them.

The theme of the annual student leadership seminar was "Building the Culture of Excellence through Quality Leadership".

Keynote speaker and an official of LEAP Africa, Ms. Ijeoma Kalu, in her address, said leadership was a call to serve others.

Ms Ijeoma noted that leadership was people-centred and that most leaders are born and not made.

"Leadership is an act not a position. So you have to identify

how you can make a difference in your small corner", she added.

Other speakers that took turn to address the students on different subjects were Vice President, Financial Administration, Dr. Folorunso Akande, Provost, Benjamin Carson (Snr) College of Health and Medical Sciences, Professor John Sotunsa, Director, Food Services, Dr. Feyi Alade

and Director; Babcock Security, Dr. Chukwuma Ajike.

Speaking on "Accounting Leaders", Dr Akande noted that the greatest problem of society was leadership and once it is gotten every other thing is settled.

According to him, a leader needs to manage humans and material resources and to encourage others.



Dr. Lucy Akoma, representing Dr Alade



Prof John Sotunsa & Mrs Modupe Chukwu, representing Dr Ajike.



Drs Osuntade (2nd left) Folorunso Akande and Dr. Sunday Audu (3rd left & 2nd right) with staff of Students Activities.

TEACH NIGERIA INSTITUTE RUNS TRAINING IN BABCOCK



Prof. David Alao (L) and a section of the over 700 attendees

By Godwin Ugbaka

President/Vice Chancellor, Ademola Tayo has charged the operators of TeachNigeria not to relent in their efforts to ensure every Nigerian child has quality education.

Prof Tayo gave the charge at the closing ceremony of 2023 Pre-Service Training Institute at Pioneer Youth Church auditorium.

Professor Tayo, represented by his Chief of Staff, Professor David Alao urged the operators not to allow criticisms or challenges to stand in their way.

He described the theme, **Find Your Purpose; Discover Your Leadership**, as very instructive as anyone without purpose in life will be a failure.

"The greatest challenge is that many people do not understand their purpose in life. As long as you are without a purpose no amount of effort can lead you to success," he said..

Professor Tayo also called on the operators to increase their publicity budget to get many peo-

ple to enroll into the programme.

He assured that Babcock University would be open to any good initiative that would enhance capacity of Nigerians to compete with advanced countries.

In his goodwill message, Ogun State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Professor Abayomi Origbajo described TeachNigeria as a compelling companion in education delivery in Nigeria.

He commended the operators of the scheme for their initiative, and the smooth relationship they have with the state government.

"TeachNigeria is in our schools and

some of the teachers have become our leaders.

"TeachNigeria is about the execution of the learning process and making a difference in our leaders. It is a candle of light not only for the teachers but for learners as well.," he said.

Chief Executive Officer, TeachNigeria, Miss Folawe

Omikunle thanked all the facilitators, host University, staff, fellows and alumni for the commitment to bringing about the transformation of the people.

She said she was eager to see a positive change in the schools where the graduates would be posted to.

"I want you to see yourselves as ambassadors for equity in education, and remember that your learning journey does not end here. Also know that you are not alone on this journey as we are ready to support you all through to the end," she stated.



Mrs Dora Efunshikile

Miss Folawe Omikunle



A dance drama presentation by one of the secondary schools in Sagamu..



Leaders of TeachNigeria display their awards at the ceremony.



The Comperes at the event.

BABCOCK PROF CALLS FOR TETFUND REPOSITIONING



Prof. Luke Onuoha



A cross section of the audience listening to the inaugural lecturer.

By Godwin Ugbaka

Professor of Accounting and Management Sciences, Professor Luke Onuoha has called for the repositioning of the Tertiary Education Trust Funds (TETFUND) as a strategic provider of funds to all universities in the country, using appropriate competitive parameters such as quality research and output.

Delivering the 43rd inaugural lecture of Babcock University on Thursday, Professor Onuoha said further said that TETFUND annual appropriation to the universities should be

structured to allow federal universities to get 50% of each year's available funds on the basis of their actual approved carrying capacity; 25% of the funds to the state and private universities

on the basis of their actual approved enrolment capacity and the remaining 25% to all three categories of universities on the basis of actual research quality and output.

According to him, "since TETFUND revenue comes from the tax pay-

ers, it should not discriminate against private universities; rather it should be available for all academics with acceptable research proposals".

"Enough of making private university lecturers play second fiddle in the matter of research engagement.



Inaugural lecturer and spouse (2nd left and 2nd right), Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro (1st left) and a guest of the lecturer (1st right)



L-R: Prof Adekunle Alalade, Dr Sunday Audu and Prof J.K. Makinde in a tete-a-tete at the lecture



Prof Luke Onuoha and spouse flanked by traditional rulers in attendance. Prof Onuoha receives ICAN donation



TETFUND should stand out as a strategic partner to all academics, irrespective of whether they teach in public or private universities”, he said.

In a paper, *Financing Higher Education in Nigeria: A Call for Critical Review and Sustainable Funding Engagement*”, Professor Onuoha said TETFUND Management should henceforth incorporate an inspection unit whose responsibilities would include statutory visits to the universities through which they ascertain the judicious application of the appropriations made to the various institutions.

“A negative report of the inspection unit should be seen as basis to deny or delay future disbursements to a particular institution in breach,” he added.

Professor Onuoha urged the federal government to borrow a leaf from the experience of other climes (UK, USA and SA) where higher education funding is determined competitively based on Research Quality and Output.

“That is the way, our higher institutions can be repositioned as proud centres of excellence, producing graduates with cutting edge skills requisite for the country’s development,” he stated.



Prof Luke Onuoha flanked by his wife(4th &5th with colleagues and friends.



Prof. Luke Onuoha with a cheque of N1million.



Prof Ademola Tayo and Prof Adetunmbi Alalade and other friends.



Proud sisters of the inaugural lecturer



Clockwise: Prof Tayo congratulates Prof Onuoha; Dr & Dr (Mrs) Egbuta and cross section of friends, colleagues and family of inaugural lecturer.



BUSS CELEBRATES 185 @ 33RD GRADUATION CEREMONY



Prof. Abiodun Adesegun shares his congratulatory message with the pupils.



“Be confident of yourselves, proud of your worth and make prayer an essential thing in your life.”

By Josephine Akarue with additional reports

The Babcock University Staff School celebrated its 33rd graduation and Prize-giving Day with a record number of 97 out of the 185 transiting from kindergarten to primary and 88 to high school.

Besides celebrating the pupils, the event provided platform for acknowledging stakeholders for their support towards institutional growth.

“Thank you for the confidence reposed in BUSS. Our holistic Adventist education builds not only academic performance, but character,” said President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo.

Prof. Tayo, represented by the BUSS Board Chair/Dean of the Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanities, Prof. Abiodun Adesegun, counseled the pupils to “seek knowledge and put God first.”

While congratulating pupils and parents, Principal of the Babcock

University High School, Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo acknowledged the staff and management for an excellent performance and commitment to duty.

In the same vein, Chair of the Parents Teachers Association, Dr. Christian Asonye urged the pupils to aim for a life which seeks to

make positive impact..

“Wherever you go, be good ambassadors of Christ and the school,” said Head Teacher, Mrs. Ozichi Eluwa. “Be confident of yourselves, proud of your worth and make prayer an essential thing in your life.”

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Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo (right) addresses a cross section of the graduating pupils.



Parents and other guests at the event listen as PTA Chair, Dr. Christian Asonye (left) presents this



A cross section of the graduating pupils transiting from kindergarten to primary. Right is Mrs. Ozichi Eluwa.



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Aside admonitions, the event featured cultural display and presentation of awards for excellence, productivity and punctuality amongst others.

The 2023 Teaching Staff of the Year Award went to Miss Sandra Ikegburuka and the Non-Teaching staff Award to Mr. Isiaka Adeyemi.



Valedictory speech from Head girl, Adefisayo Adenola (l) and Head Boy, Temioluwa Abo-lurin.



Best Teacher, Miss Sandra Ikegburuka receives her award.



Elsie Eber, overall third best Basic 3 gets her award of excellence.



Clockwise: Chore-graphic dance by pupils, teachers at the event and Effik dance presentation by the pupils.

BUHS CELEBRATES 28TH GRADUATION & AWARDS CEREMONY



A cross section of the graduates of the Senior Secondary School listen as Prof. Dorcas Odunaike presents her keynote address.



the future with confidence.”

While thanking the parents and stakeholders for their support and institutional growth, the BUHS Principal, Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo charged the graduating students to discover unique ways to contribute to the society and never forget the biblical counsel to be diligent.

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By Josephine Akarue

The Babcock University High School celebrated 188 members of the 2023 Geranium Graduating Class with a call to be positive game changers.

The event which marked its 28th graduation and Awards ceremony, also created platform to celebrate 198 students transiting from the Junior to the Senior Secondary School.

In his goodwill message, President/ Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, commended the students and staff for a job well done and acknowledged that it took hardwork to attain a 100 per cent pass in 20 out of the 28 subjects entered in the West African School Certificate Examination.

“You have been trained to fear God. “Trust Him for direction,” said Prof. Tayo, represented by the Senior Vice President Management services, Prof. Yacob Haliso.

Similarly, in her keynote address:

Facing the Future with Confidence, Prof. Dorcas Odunaike, charged the graduates to rise above mediocrity and be bold.

“You have been imbued with life changing values,” she said. “As you prepare for life after high school and hope for a new vista of life through university education, face



Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo



Graduating students from JSS 3. Pictured right: A senior graduating student.



“While we celebrate your past achievements today, I want to challenge you to continue your quest for knowledge and discover unique ways to contribute to our society,” Dr. Bolanle said.



Dr. Jonathan Dangana delivers his address to the graduating students. Bottom: Senior Prefect, Marvelous Adepoju with his many awards and highest scorer (325) in JAMB.

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“While we celebrate your past achievements today, I want to challenge you to continue your quest for knowledge and discover unique ways to contribute to our society,” she said.

The Alumni President, Dr. Jonathan Dangana also lent his support while encouraging the Geranium class to remain steadfast amidst trials and keep the bond they share

“Sooner than later, you will discover that it is the most cherished bond you will ever have.”

In the same vein, the Head Boy, Marvelous Adepoju in his valedictory speech reminded his mates that there were no shortcuts to success.

“There’s nothing worse than a life that leaves no mark. In our rapidly changing world, there are no short cuts to success. Be wise in the way you act; make the most of every opportunity. Above all, let’s remain thankful to God.”



Pastor (Dr) Sunday Audu presents an award to Best dressed teacher, Mr. Ayobola Alalade.



Dorcas Sofowora receives her award from BU Academy Principal, Elder Fashanu



Teacher of the Year, Mr. Olusola Ajayi receives his award.



Marvelous Adepoju gets support from BUHS Principal officers and parents. With them are: Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo and Prof. Dorcas Odunaike (2nd & 3rd right)

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The Babcock Guest House was a kaleidoscope of sounds and colour as the friends, family and colleague of Prof Luke Onuoha, the 43rd inaugural lecturer were treated to a special cocktail. Pictures and scenes from the event say sit all.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The management team of the campus radio, Hope 89.1 FM hosted anchors and other stakeholders at its annual Vision Sharing and appreciation Day.



Clockwise: Mrs Ifeoma Ayeni, Mr & Mrs Abaribe and a cross section of graduating students listening with rapt attention.

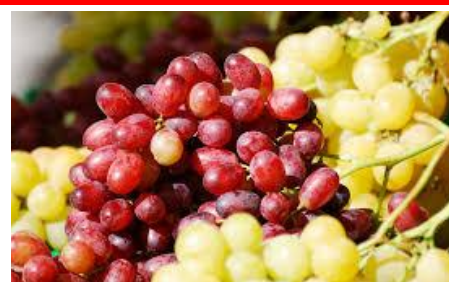


COMING EVENTS

BABCOCK UNIVERSITY 2023 FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Week Activities – Friday, September 22, – Sunday, September 23, 2022

S/N	DAYS	PROGRAMME	DURATION	VENUE	CORDINATOR
1	Friday, September 22, 2023	Rally (Faculty, Staff and Students)	8:00a.m.-9:00a.m.	take off point at EAH	Isaac Osuntade
2.	Saturday, September 23, 2023	Sabbath Divine Worship and Thanksgiving	8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Amphitheatre	Pastor (Prof.) Efe Ehioghuae
3.	Sunday, September 24, 2023	Cultural Performance, Founder's Day Lecture & Retirees Program	8:00a.m - 12:00p.m.	Amphitheatre	Dr. Joshua Suleiman & Isaac Osuntade <u>Dr. Abiola Makinde</u>
		Lunch	1:00p.m.	Superstore conference room	Prof. Johnson <u>Egwakhe</u> & Dr. <u>Titilayo Owolabi</u>



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- Regulates blood pressure with its rich potassium content.
- Reduces risk of cancer, osteoporosis and heart disease.
- Improves immune system
- Reduces high cholesterol
- Protects against diabetes.

SAFETY TIPS

- Think safety. Turn off electrical appliances after work even when there is no power.
- Never take safety for granted. Ensure proper use of tools, equipment and machinery.
- Pay attention to signage.
- Report any unsafe conditions.



CORRECTION

Our attention has been drawn to the error in our last edition of the newsletter Vol 4 Issue 12 in which we published the commendation service of late Mrs. Faith Ibiezugbe.

In the said publication, we mis-

spelt the family name and date of death. The correct spelling is Ibiezugbe, not Ibezugbe. She passed on August 6, 2023 not August 5 as published. We regret any pain or embarrassment this might have caused the family and the University community.



FACTS

GABON

Gabon is an African country with a remarkable network of 13 national parks, spanning about 10% of its land. It has stunning wildlife, landscapes, and cultures.

- Gabon shares a land border with three countries: the Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea.
- Gabon gained its independence from France on August 17, 1960.