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- 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
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- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”
- Aristotle

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Starting strong: Fresh students commence registration as they get ready for a new start.

“REBUILD, DO NOT FEAR” - PRESIDENT

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo has called on the University community to go beyond the call of duty in rebuilding hope of those under their care.

His call came at the dedicatory service held at the Amphitheatre January 8 to wrap up the 2022 colloquium to usher the new year themed, *I Will Go, The Vertical and Horizontal Dimensions*.

Prof. Tayo encouraged all to fulfil the Lord’s divine mandate to love, encour-

age and make disciples of others

He said God who made it possible for Nehemiah to find favour to enable him and the returnees rebuild the broken temple in Jerusalem, could make a way where there

seemed to be none for community members.

He charged all to restore any broken relationship with God through rebuilding family and individual



Prof. Ademola Tayo

devotional altars as they start the new year.

Earlier, he congratulated faculty and staff who had excelled in their various fields.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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DEVOTIONAL: OUR ALTARS ALTER US



Pastor Efe Ehioghae

“The altar is a place where we meet with our God; where we discover ourselves and where we begin to see things the way God sees them.”

The University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae set the spiritual tone for this year’s colloquium with a call for a paradigm shift in mindset.

In line with the *I Will Go* theme of this year’s colloqui-

um, his sermonette, *Our Altars Alter Us*, focused on the danger of trivializing spiritual issues. He said unless one turned to God for direction, the risk of derailing was high.

He cited cases of people who desecrated the altar

of God in exchange for wealth, fame and power without understanding the implications.

He listed biblical characters like Moses whose face shone after his encounter with God on the Mount Sinai and Prophet Elijah who called out to God on Mount Carmel and fire came down.

“The altar is a place where we meet with our God; where we discover ourselves and where we begin to see things the way God sees them,” he said.

PANEL DISCOURSE: THE LANGUAGE OF PEACE AND FAITH ON THE INTERNET

Is the internet a veritable tool for advancement of knowledge or destruction in the 21st century especially within the context of the colloquium theme, *I Will Go*?

This was the kernel the four-man panel of discussants sought to crack as they explored the effectiveness and use of the internet as a tool reach out to a hurting world.

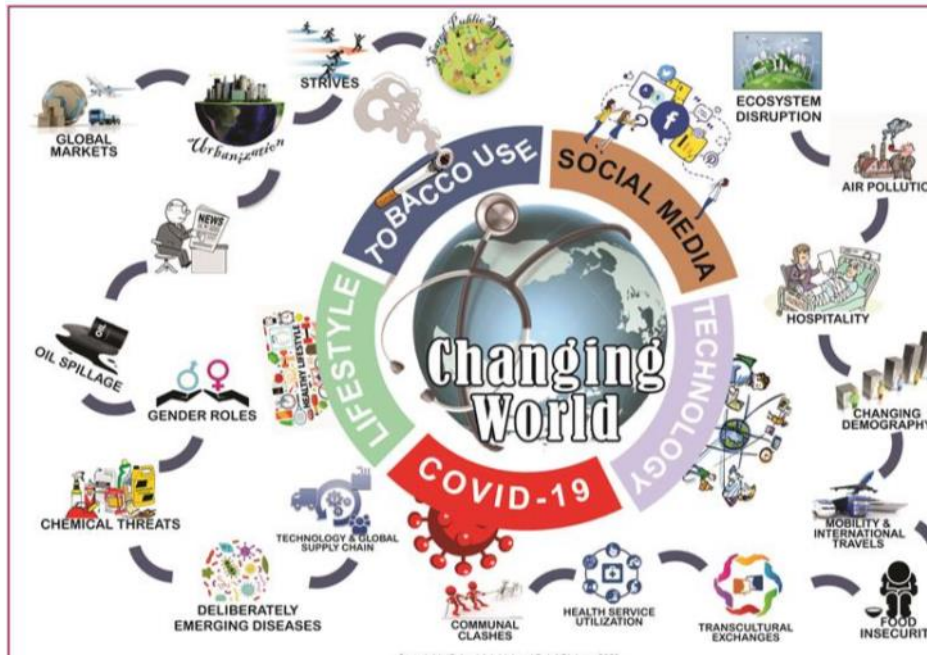
Panelists comprising, Dr. Emmanuel Ogu, Dr. Kola Ajiboye, Prof. Titilayo Aderibigbe and Dr. Folashade Ayankayo, agreed that in spite of the obvious good to



which the internet can be put to use, there were also possibilities of abuse even among minors.

According to the Panel, the internet can be used as a force for good. Prof. Aderibigbe cited

the instance of a trending video that turned around the circumstances of a Lawyer who resorted to street begging when he lost almost all had but held on to his faith.



UNDERSTANDING UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS FOR IMPROVED VISIBILITY

In a rapidly changing and competitive world, a faculty with the Benjamin Carson College of Health and Medical Sciences, Dr. Akin Adebiji has called for a total overhaul of the University’s engagement with society through research to increase ranking and visibility.

Dr. Adebiji who made the recommendation at this year’s colloquium, said an increase in aligning University research to societal needs would make it more relevant and profitable.

He noted that since the purpose of research was for knowledge and development, any research without relevance to the community, is wasted effort.

“Knowledge that cannot be translated or explained, is not knowledge.”

He further encouraged staff visibility through online resources and multi-layered partnership options.

These options include research in res-



Dr. Akin Adebiji

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idence programs, academic corporate research agenda, research incubation hubs & support and research interest with emphasis on research collaborations.

He also encouraged improving academic collaboration through short internship exercises as well as research and development visits with reputable partner institutions.

Above all, Dr Adebiji recommended a more strategic marketing approach to increase visibility and drive traffic to the website by encouraging faculty to prepare research impact stories and links to them on the social media.

He said when people tell their own story, they take control over their narrative in the public space.

- ### RECOMMENDATIONS
- Introduce research in residence programmes
 - Engage in research incubation
 - Attract professionals through short internship exercises
 - Encourage research & development visits
 - Build academic collaboration
 - Rework website functionality
 - Improve information about the University on the social media
 - Engage alumni in relevant fields
 - Increase alignment with societal needs
 - Encourage staff visibility in online resources
 - Hype up courses and comparative advantage
 - Tell your own story

PROF OKEBUKOLA REVEALS STRATEGIES FOR RANKING



Prof. Peter Okebukola

Others were ensuring staff enrolment on Google scholar, Scopus and possession of ORCID as well as uploading all undergraduate and postgraduate student research work on the University website.

“Too often, African researchers eagerly cite Western researchers while

citations, international outlook and industry income.

Other key factors are the use of partnerships to build strong visibility and invitation of faculty from renowned universities to come as visiting professors.

He also told the University researchers to beware of predatory journals and ensure publishing in high impact journals for greater visibility.

“Nigerian Universities especially Babcock should fear no giants. Relatively young universities are overtaking the giants,” he said.

Good ranking is not by accident, but by intentional effort and clearly defined research drive among others.

Special guest speaker, Professor Peter Okebukola revealed these at the University’s colloquium last week while presenting his paper on ranking.

Professor Okebukola, who is a Prof. of Science Education, Lagos State University and Chair of Crawford University Council, said while many struggle to do solo research, collaboration and joint approach hold the key to top ranking.

He listed four critical points which he described as “magic bullets” to achieving the desired results in creating visibility: Citation of colleagues in research and implementation of 30% minimum references in student projects and theses.

hardly citing any of theirs. This is counter productive as it gives the credit to others,” he said. “They will never quote you in their research work.”

According to him, citation is one of the key performance indicators among the big five areas: Teaching, research,

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University Ranking: Down the lane of history

- 1998 UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education
- 2000 Meeting of experts on ranking at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris and development of indicators
- 2001 pilot run in Nigeria (first in Africa)
- 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 refinements
- 2003 ranking by Times Higher Education
- Other rankings (Webometrics, Academic Ranking of World Universities)
- African Quality Rating Mechanism



BURC SEEKS TO PLACE BU ON GLOBAL MAP



Prof. Oluadele Awodele



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa

Babcock University Research Council (BURC) has come up with a three-flanged strategic plan and recommendation to reposition BU for local and global relevance.

Top on the recommendation, presented by the Director of Aca-

ademic Planning, Prof. Oluadele Awodele and the Director of SIWES, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa, is the need to prioritize high-quality re-

search to build a formidable crop of outstanding teachers/researchers. They also called for the provision of high-quality research-based instructional content at the postgraduate level; improvement and sustenance of the institutional ranking

at both national and global levels as well as the provision of sustainable community-oriented solutions to national challenges.

According to the recommendation, since research is the live wire of the university system, the administration needs to commit, political and financial resources to promote high-quality research and research communication while faculty should be more proactive with building capacity through industry-relevant research, apply for grants and publish in high-impact journals.

The Council expects a successful implementation of the recommendations through the activation of its short, medium and long-term strategic plan.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR CALLS ON FACULTY TO REFLECT CHRIST

The effectiveness of the horizontal and vertical dynamics of the theme, *I Will Go* will greatly depend on the extent to which faculty function as prophets, priests, and kings vis-à-vis the students.

The Director of Education for the West and Central Africa Regional office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor (Dr.) Juvenal Balisasa stated this at his colloquium presentation, *I Will Go: Modelling the Everlasting Gospel* via Zoom.

Expectedly, he called faculty members to function as prophets by mastering their academic subject matter and communicating it with divine authority and urgency as well as priest by caring for the students' "fears, doubts, guilt, anxieties, uncertainties, despair and confusion."

He also urged them to function as kings by ensuring students develop their talents and spiritual gifts to become "powerful agents of divine peace and prosperity on the earth."

He further stated that the teaching-learning process is a divine engagement and as such every faculty should be the light on the developmental path of the students,

"Let each ask: As a teacher in an Adventist school, am I teaching the same material in the same way that is presented in a public institution? Then what right do I have to take the hard-earned money of my constituents?"

He reminded, "By modeling the Everlasting Gospel, we shall be pre-



Pastor (Dr.) Juvenal Balisasa

paring the young intellectuals under our care to go with us."

For him, only then would the theme go beyond rhetoric to impacting lives.

NEWS UPDATE



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo receives the award from Dean of the school of Science & Technology, Prof. Cyril Nwangburuka.

BU WINS THE MUSHROOM FOUNDERS AWARD

In recognition of her contribution to the promotion, growth and development of the mushroom industry in Nigeria, Babcock University has been awarded with the **Mushroom Founders' Award**.

This came up at the 1st National Mushroom Week and Awards organized by the National Mushroom Growers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria (NAM-GP-MAN).

The three-day fiesta held at the Abuja International Conference Centre attracted stakeholders, captains of industry as well as government representatives.

Besides the awards presentation, the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar and the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade

and Investment, Mr. Niyi Adebayo, among others, gave keynote addresses. The programme also featured road shows, tours, mushroom testing and exhibition of mushroom products.

PREPARES FOR 6TH MEDICAL INDUCTION

Fifty four Medical graduates are set for induction as the Benjamin Carson College of Health and Medical Sciences prepares for the 6th Induction.

College Provost, Prof. Barnabas Mandong

who shared this information at a press conference, also used the platform to shed light on the School's purpose and mission.

"The patient needs compassion, care and competence," said Prof. Mandong. "Our Medical graduates are trained to be missionaries not mercenaries; to see the patient as God's creation that needs care."

According to him, since its inception in 2010, the College has graduated 248 medical doctors who are spread across the globe.

The School of Medicine was established to complement the Federal Government's efforts and to meet global needs of healthcare.

"Besides medical training, we also offer healthcare in Neurology, Nephrology and other cardiovascular diseases to reverse the trend of medical tourism," said Dean of the School of Clinical Sciences, Dr. James Renner.



Prof. Barnabas Mandong (2nd left). With him are: (l -r) Prof. James Renner, Prof. Feyeofori Abbiyesiku and Dr. Joshua Suleiman at the press briefing.

BACK TO SHCOOL



Returning students arrived campus last week marking the first batch of students to come back after the administration's decision to run full onsite capacity after the pandemic disruption.



REFLECTION



“Friends are those rare people who ask how you are and wait to hear the answer.”
- Ed Cunningham

COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR 2022 CALENDAR

JAN 10 - 21

SEMESTER EXAMINATION

First semester examination for returning 300 - 500 level students

JAN 16-18

ORIENTATION

Freshman orientation for 100 level and 200 direct entry students.

JAN 17

MEDICAL INDUCTION

The Nigeria Medical and Dental

Council will be inducting the newly graduated doctors.

Venue: Pioneer Church

Time: 10:00am

JAN 23 - 30

WEEK OF PRAYER

JAN 24

RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

Classes begin for everybody.