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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



Secretary of the College of postgraduate Studies, Dr Titi Owolabi and some of the matriculating students.

BABCOCK STUDENT WINS AWARD

A second year Software Engineering student of Babcock University, Nelson Uwakwe has come second among the top winners in the 774 Young Nigerian Scientist Presidential Award Competition.

Uwakwe, who is 17 years old, goes home with the award which comes with an automatic employment on graduation besides the scholarship to PhD level and presidential handshake.

“I was not surprised that I won this award,” said Uwakwe.

“I was confident in God that chose me and the quality of support from my parents, Prince & Barrister (Mrs) Victor Uwakwe as well as my school which prepared me.”

He acknowledges the role of his High School teachers at the British Spring College Awka for giving him a sound foundation to build upon.



Nelson Uwakwe

He sums up his counsel for upcoming students from the words of his former Principal, Mr. Joe Oziokor. “All it takes is prayer, hard work and discipline.

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A Babcock University Newsletter

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MY EXPERIENCE AS AN AWARD WINNER



Nelson Uwakwe with President/VC Professor Ademola S. Tayo & his spouse, Prof. Grace Tayo

Winning an award comes with its own share of responsibility and recognition. For Nelson Kam-siyochukwu Uwakwe, one of the top winners of the 774 Young Nigerian Scientist Presidential Award Competition, the experience has been exhilarating.

He shares his testimony with the editorial team.

I am 17 years old. I had my secondary education at the British Spring College, Awka, Anambra State.

I am currently in Babcock University. But during my high school days, I was usually involved in a lot of competitions.

God decided to majestically manifest His glory in the 774 Young Nigerian Scientist Presidential Award Competition. It began with a state-level in which all the states of Nigeria conducted exams.

champions of the different states came to represent their individual states. So, I represented Anambra at the national level.

We wrote the national level exams and I was the runner-up in the whole of Nigeria! Not only did I shake hands with the president of Nigeria, the Federal Government also gave me scholarship to PhD level and automatic employment after school! Praise God!

Thanks be to God, I was the best in Anambra State. Next was the national level at Abuja. The



Nelson Uwake (third left) with some members of the press

BABCOCK STUDENT WINS AWARD

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The leadership of the University led by President/Vice Chancellors, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo celebrated him at a special media luncheon held at the Babcock Guest House.

“We are proud of our student and pray God will continue to lead him as he carves niche in the area of science in this country.



Mr. Adrew Hanlon, Chief Operating Officer TVC (left) and other officers meet with the BU team (seated right)

BABCOCK UPHOLDS COMMITMENT TO WOMEN ADVANCEMENT AT TVC

Advocacy for women education and their role in national development were on the top burner as the University administration made a strong case for women empowerment.

This was during a courtesy visit of the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo and a team of officers to the Lagos studio of the Television Continental, TVC.

While Prof. Tayo expressed his administration's empathy over the hoodlums' attack on TVC during the End SARS protest last year, the visit also opened preliminary discussions on possible partnerships especially in capacity building of female staff of the network and brand visibility,.

"I am a firm believer of the emancipation of women," said Prof. Tayo. "I believe society would be better off if more women get education because they hold the keys to everything. That is why your proposal sits well with me."

The TVC Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Andrew Hanlon, shared the network's passion for staff capacity building as well as providing logistic support for the TVC Women Network according to global best practice.

"We provide counselling and encourage the women to take active role or aspire to senior managerial positions," he said. "Television Continental is the only television station that has received the award of Great Place to work in Africa."

He said the TVC Women Network recently funded and organized a national girl-child debate to encourage learning among female students as

well as boost their confidence in speaking out on national issues.

According to him, the proposed partnership with the University would create more opportunity for the advancement of women.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Prof. Yacob Haliso (6th & 7th left) with officers of Babcock and the TVC Women's Network.

BU CHARTERS ALPA BETA GAMMA HONOURS SOCIETY



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Philemon Amanze (5th & 6th r) with other officers. With them are Prof. Christianah Sowunmi and Prof. Ezekiel Ajao (3rd & 4th r).

The School of Nursing Sciences has formally hosted its chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing.

By the charter of the Alpha Beta Gamma Honours Society with 73 pioneer members, Babcock becomes the first private University in Nigeria to have its own chapter.

It also joins 560 other chapters of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing, the second-largest global nursing organization with over 135,000 active members in 100 countries.

"You truly deserve our congratulations," said world President of the Sigma Theta Tau Society, Prof. Richard Ricciardi who joined the event via zoom.

"Your induction signifies a new beginning as you join our community of top-notch leaders. We pledge to support you throughout your Nursing career."

In his counsel and congratulatory message to the inductees, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo asked them to take their pledge seri-

ous.

"I hope you will take this charter and induction with all the seriousness it deserves because Nursing is selflessness, love and care."

He equally implored them to build their future on integrity as they impact their various communities in the future.

Associate Dean and Head of Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Prof Joseph Aina, charged the inductees to uphold the values of the Sigma Theta Tau Honours Society.

"When you take your oath to become a part of this Society, you are pledging to uphold the three principles of love, courage and honour for which it stands," he said.

The Dean, School of Nursing, Prof. Christianah Sowunmi, expressed her appreciation for the administrative support as she received the symbol of the Society and passed it to Prof Tayo.



Old and new inductees of the Alpha Beta Gamma chapter take the Nursing anthem.

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Prof. Joseph Aina (left) and others applaud as Chapter President, Dr. Clara Lawal (2nd right) lifts up the symbol of the new chapter.



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Senior Vice President Academics, Prof Philemon Amanze and immediate past Dean of Nursing, Prof. Ezekiel Ajao, were also present to lend their support.

For the President of the Alpha Beta Gamma Society, Dr. Clara Lawal, the significance of the day went beyond the induction and goodwill messages from other institutional Directors of Nursing.

“Today marks a significant moment for us and reflects our drive for scholarship, improvement of healthcare and outstanding performance,” she said.



A cross section of the Alpha Beta Gamma pioneer inductees display the insignia of the Sigma Theta Gamma Honours Society.

Below: Prof. Joseph Aina and other officers with inductees



Prof. Philemon Amanze and Prof. Ademola Tayo (6th and 7th left) with other officers and inductees.



PROF ONUOHA EXPLORES SURGERY WITHOUT KNIVES



A cross section of the University officers and others listen as Prof. Clement Onuoha presents his lecture.

Surgery without knives has opened a new way to handle old challenges in Medicine: fear of knives. Professor of General and Paediatric Surgery, Prof. Clement Onuoha revealed this while delivering the University's 34th inaugural lecture December 4, 2021.

In his lecture, ***Surgery without Knives***, he listed how the use of minimally invasive surgery has turned the Babcock University Teaching Hospital into a medical tourist destination in the country.

This surgery without knives involves the use of laparoscopes, and various types of endoscopes to diagnose and treat different types of diseases such as gastrojejunostomy with Roux-en-Y anastomosis for people with complicated ulcer.

In general surgery, a Roux-en-Y anastomosis, is an end-to-side surgical procedure used to reconstruct the gastrointestinal tract.

He said this method also produces permanent intentional weight loss without diet restrictions and use of

drugs.

This supersedes previous procedures like wiring of the teeth, liposuction as well as dietary adjustments which are difficult to maintain with problem of recurrent or rebound obesity.

Prof. Onuoha affirms there is certainly a future in surgery

without knives.

He said since it became functional at BUTH, over 50 surgeries involving acute appendicitis, ear, nose and throat (ENT) as well as removal of Hernia and gall stones have been performed using this procedure.

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Top left: Prof. Ademola Tayo congratulates the lecturer after the presentation. Right: Prof Clement Onuoha and his spouse with a guest.



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Other surgeries that have been carried out without knives are fibroids, ovarian tumours, family (tubal ligation) and over 1000 diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

He advised people above 40 years to go for screening endoscopy using this procedure to check for intestinal growth. With this procedure, he said the patient may not need another test for the next 10 years.

Professor Onuoha, however, said if a growth is detected during the endoscopic screening, it could be treated early before it became too late.

With these possibilities, surgery without knives has come to stay.



Friends and family members with Prof. Clement Onuoha and his spouse.



Prof. Clement Onuoha and spouse with other University officers and friends. With them is pioneer Babcock Preident/VC, Prof. Adekunle Alalade and spouse (10th & 11th right) and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro, (3rd left)

PRESIDENT HOSTS PRESS LUNCHEON



A cross section of members of the press at the interactive session before the luncheon as Prof Ademola Tayo (right) makes a point.



tional and global concerns. Top among these was the introduction of University's bio-gas project and Nelson Uwakwe, the 17-year old 200 level student of Software Engineering.

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For the second year running, the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo has called for a better deal for journalists in the country. His submission which came up at the annual Babcock University Presidential luncheon for Education Correspondents and their families, is that nations would produce better informed populations with better equipped and paid press.

Prof. Tayo also reiterated the need for a national insurance scheme for media men who risk lives and limbs in the discharge of their duties.

"I'm often amazed how you risk your lives while reporting from the front-lines of crisis-ridden areas to disseminate information" he said.

He also cited inadequate security and transportation to get to breaking news events as other challenges faced by the media.

"Whether we admit it or not, any country which is not properly in-

formed, would end up deformed," he added.

Beyond these, the event also created an interactive platform for addressing other issues of local, na-



Mr. Mojeed Alabi (left) expresses his appreciation as officers listen.



Members of the Press in informal group pose with Professors Ademola & Grace Tayo (middle) with other principal officers and spouses

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As runner up for the Young Nigerian Scientist Presidential Competition (YONSPA) at the national level, he got a presidential scholarship to PhD as well as automatic employment on graduation.

The bio-gas project on completion, will provide environmentally clean cooking gas and replace waste with wealth creation in line with the UN sustainable goal number 7, 11 and 12.

President of the Education Correspondents Association, Mr. Mojeed Alabi commended the University administration for its educational advancement support of journalists.



Prof. Ademola Tayo and award winner, Nelson Uwakwe (middle). With them from left: Vice President Student Development, Pastor (Dr) Sunday Audu, Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze, VP Financial Administration, Dr. Folorunso Akande and Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso.

**TOP ISSUES****BIO-GAS PROJECT**

The University is putting finishing touches to its biogas project which would use methane in place of butane gas to fuel its cooking gas. On completion, it will provide clean air and sustainable community through waste to wealth creation. It's in line with the UN sustainable development goals 7, 11 and 12.

SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy

SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities

SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production by reducing waste to reverse damage to our environment.

Hospitality and Service: BGH staff (right)



A cross section of journalists and their family members at the luncheon

CPGS MATRICULATES 778 NEW STUDENTS



Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) gives his congratulatory message and charge to the matriculating students

No fewer than 778 students took their matriculation oath at the 22nd Matriculation Ceremony of the University College of Postgraduate Studies December 8, 2021.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo, said the postgraduate college was established to support academic and professional development of graduate and early career researchers with a view to ensuring the continuous growth of the institution's world-leading research.

He stated that Babcock is creating a reputation as a research-led University that provides a vibrant and challenging academic environment informed by an international perspective and collaboration with some top-ranked universities around the world.

Consequently, for 22 years and counting, Prof. Tayo noted, Babcock University has been responsive to the demands for a decent education that advances the frontiers of knowledge and builds capacity for the develop-

ment of the community and society at large.

"Our responsibility as an institution is inspired by love for mankind, and shaped by a commitment to making the world a better place through quality research," he said.

He urged the matriculants to diligently, with a sense of the highest purpose, make good use of the pool of dedicated and resourceful faculty and staff at their disposal, to con-

tribute to this vision.

Dean of the College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof Ayandiji Aina advised the matriculants as senior students to take advantage of the University's conducive environment to produce research work that are locally relevant but internationally impactful.

He also urged the students to work hard to access the research grants made available by the University administration for postgraduates.



Some of the matriculants share the joy of the moment



Top: Principal officers at the event listen as the Provost of the College, Prof. Ayandiji Aina (bottom left) gives his charge to the matriculants.



WHAT THIS MATRICULATION MEANS TO US



L-r; Marvelous Gigi, Omotoyosi Abiona and Maiden Opadeyi

It is the fulfilment of my dream and my mother's. She always prayed that I would be able to do my PhD. Today it's fulfillment of that life-long dream.

GIGI Marvelous Boma,

PhD Nursing

This means a lot to me because it's my aspiration to be a Professor and I know this doctoral programme will help me fulfill that desire. I've always been a Babcock student from my diploma in 2009 through my first and second degrees. For me, it's Babcock all the way.

ABIONA Omotoyosi,

PhD Business Admin

The matric means a lot to me and Babcock is just a very nice place to study. The Christian environment and quality of instruction is top-notch.

OPADEYI, Maiden

PhD Business Admin

It's a thing of joy. I came here some years ago. Due to the quality of the MSc class, I decided to come back for my PhD in Accounting.

- TAMUNOKONBIA Promise Ogan

PhD Accounting

I'm excited. I chose Babcock because the faculty is fully-studded and from

what you can see around here, I know that Babcock is definitely the place to prepare me for the future career path I wish to take.

NTIWUNKA Glory,

PGD, Biochemistry

It's the beginning of a new thing. I've always wanted to study Mass Communication. I did my BSc in Economics here and the experience was quite good so I'd rather do my programme here than any other place in Nigeria.

AJADI, Ayandeji

PGD Mass Communication

It's the actualization of a dream and an exciting experience. I never knew about Babcock University.

But most of my friends recommended it. The kind of interaction I have with my lecturers has been fantastic. The elongated programme also gives it a competitive edge over others.

NDIULO, Ejike Henry

PhD Strategic Marketing

It's a step towards greater academic achievement in my life and will make me a better Nurse to my patients, colleagues and community.

ALAO Adekemi,

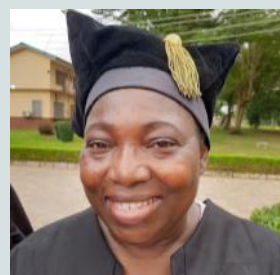
MSc Nursing

This is evidence that I'm now a bona fide student of Babcock. It's a thing of joy to be in a Christian University with reputable records of achievement.

ADETUNMIBI, Julianah,

MSc Nursing

Top (l-r): Ogan Tamunokonbia, Glory Ntiwunka, Ayandeji Ajadi, Bottom: Ejike Ndiulor, Adekemi Alao and Julianah Adetumbi



DR. AKANDE GETS HONOURED



Dr. Folorunso Akande and his spouse

This honour is in recognition of his professional competence and satisfactory performance of approved procedure.

An elated Dr. Akande thanked God for making this possible at the investiture ceremony held in Lagos, recently.

The Institute of Oil and Gas Research and Hydrocarbon Studies has admitted the Vice President Financial Administration, Dr Folorunso Akande as a Fellow with specialization in Strategic Management and Risk Analysis.



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 5 - 9

RESUMPTION

Arrival and resumption of returning students, 300 - 500 level.

JAN 6 - 8

ONLINE COLLOQUIUM

Staff and faculty colloquium. Details to be supplied.

JAN 10 - 21

SEMESTER EXAMINATION

First semester examination for returning 300 - 500 level students

JAN 11

PCF MEETING

JAN 16-18

ORIENTATION

Freshman orientation for 100I and 200 direct entry

JAN 23 - 30

WEEK OF PRAYER

JAN 24

RESUMPTION OF CLASSES

Classes begin for everybody.

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INAUGURAL LECTURE