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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Talent is God-given be humble. Fame is man-given, be grateful. Conceit is self-given, be careful.”

- John Wooden

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi presents a plaque to best Nursing Sciences graduate, Juliet Nwankwo. With them are: (l-r) Prof. Ezekiel Ajao Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Mrs. Nwankwo.

REWANE CALLS FOR PARADIGM SHIFT

Reversing Nigeria's declining economy requires a paradigm shift in our collective understanding of leadership, responsibility and governance.

Economic analyst and CEO of Financial Derivatives, Mr. Bismarck Rewane, made this remark while delivering the Babcock University pre-convocation lecture, *Responsible Leadership in a Rising Economy*.

According to Mr. Rewane, part of Nigeria's economic problem stems from the fact that “leadership in Nigeria

(as a project) is weak, indecisive and dishonest.”

“A lot of people are consumed more by propaganda than by truth,” he said.

Furthermore, he noted that while Nigeria's GDP rose by 100%, Singapore's rose over 1000% within the same time frame.

He said Nigerians need to do more and not only demand for good governance from those they



Mr. Bismarck: Calls for paradigm shift

have given the mandate to lead, but make things happen.

He called on the Phoenix graduating class to rise above mediocrity and impact society for good.

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NMCN INDUCTS 44 NURSING GRADS



A cross section of the newly inductees as they share a joyful moment with their candles.
Bottom: Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (2nd right) with the officers.

The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria formally received the 44 newly qualified Nursing graduates into the professional body as the University marked the 11th induction ceremony.

The event which also marked the 10th induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International, an Honour Society of Nursing, provided a platform for the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo to give his charge to the graduates.

"You must be good ambassadors of Babcock," said Prof. Tayo, represented by Senior Vice President Academic, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro. "Nursing is selflessness and love. You owe it to society to turn your knowledge into nurture and care."

He equally implored them to build their future on integrity, a compassionate lifestyle and professional ethics signified by the lighted candles.

The Council's Secretary-General/Registrar Alhaji Faruk Abubakar, represented by Deputy Director of Nursing Education & Head of Special Duties, Mr. Suni Yahaya, encouraged the inductees to raise the bar of professional standards and



Prof. Aina and Dr. Janet Kio present honours to the new inductees of the Sigma Theta Tau Society.

uphold the moral values imbibed in their training.

Similarly, Associate Dean and Head of Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Prof Joseph Aina, dared the 51 inductees into the Honour Society, Sigma Theta Tau to uphold its values.

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

The Dean, School of Nursing, Prof. Ezekiel Ajao, expressed his appreciation for the administrative support.



Top row: I –r Philip, Nwankwo, Ajayi, Oluwagbemiga, Adenigba.

Bottom row: Atolagbe, Adeniji, Adewumi and Abimbola

WHAT THIS INDUCTION MEANS TO US

Well, this has made me realize that there is more to nursing than meets the eye and to know that I have diverse opportunities to explore. I feel euphoric.

- Jedidiah **PHILIP**

This induction will prepare me for the Nursing profession and life after school. I feel blessed and grateful.

Juliet **NWANKWO**

I see this as a step to greater heights and feel excited.

- Titilope **AJAYI**

I feel really great, happy and fulfilling. It has made me realize I have different ways to hone my skills and render assistance to people.

- Joy **OLUWAGBEMIGA**

I feel really great; nursing has always been my dream, and that dream is a reality today. This programme will propel me to do exploits in my career.

- Oyindamola **ADENIGBA**

It will not just impact my life positively but the world because the world just received its greatest I feel fulfilled! nurse.

- Oluwabunmi **ATOLAGBE**

I feel happy! This is a step into my professional nursing greatness.

Taiwo Oluwaseun **ADENIJI**

It made me a better person that my family is proud. I feel happy and excited.

Folawumi **ADEWUMI**

This induction will certainly be a joyful remembrance to me. I feel good and happy.

- Olajumoke **ABIMBOLA**



Some of the graduates at the event.

GEO-SCIENCE SEMINAR



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo with convener, Prof. Olusola Ogunmola (4th & 5th right) with other participants.

Participants rose from a one day geo-science seminar with a resolve to reorient youths on creation and science to change the narrative of the evolution theory to prevent misinformation in the public domain.

They also agreed to expedite action on bridging the knowledge gap between proponents of evolution and creation.

The seminar with the theme, **origins**, was a first organized under a tripartite collaboration of the University's Geo-science Research Institute, Office of Research, Innovation & International Cooperation as well as the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

It proffered opportunity for cross fertilization of ideas as scholars deliberated on a possible convergence of Biblical account of creation and science.

In his submission, **Theological Evidence of Creation**, a faculty of

the Religious Studies Department, Dr. Theodore Dickson said biblical account of creation revealed that God created planet Earth out of love.

According to him, because of this love, there is hope of resurrection as God is the Creator of all things including man.

Another faculty, Dr Oluwole Oyedeki agrees. In his paper, **Geological Changes and Earth Formation**, he concluded that God provided all things that sustained the Earth in-

cluding its rotation and revolution around the sun.

For Dr. Godswill Anyasor whose argument was based on molecular biology, only an 'intelligent designer' could account for the 8,000 trillion chemical reactions in the human body per second.

Thus, his presentation, **Molecular Machines-Intelligent Design & Irreducible Complexity**, knocked out arguments of chance or accidental cell function within the body.

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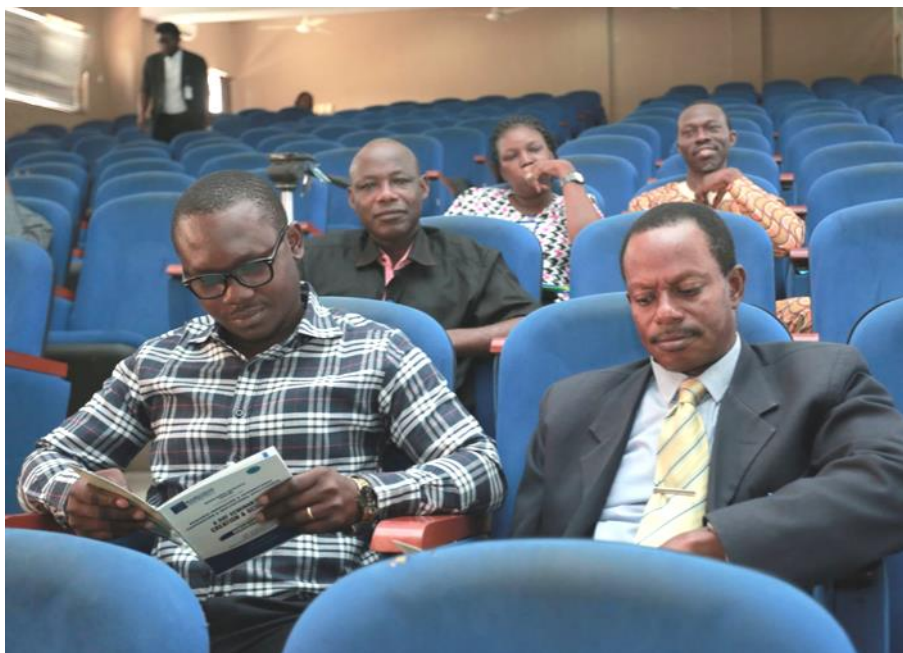
Prof. Olusola Ogunwenmo (pictured right) makes his presentation as faculty members, Dr. Abimbola Aleshinloye (left) and Dr. Aderike Adewumi (right) listen. Behind them is Administrative Assistant, Ms. Funmoyi Odunsi.

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The Geo-Science Institute Director, Prof Olusola Ogunwenmo argued in his paper, *Evolutionary Theory and the Origin of Life*, that not all things could be proven by science.

He said though people tended to believe in science because it was evidence based, he noted that more faith was required to believe in evolution theory than creation.

On his part, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, expressed the belief that scientific discourse would someday arrive at the truth about creation and the creator of Heaven and Earth as captured in the Bible Book of Genesis 1.

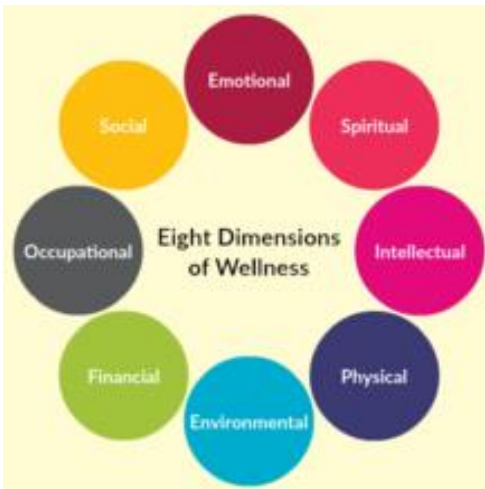


A cross section of faculty and other participants at the seminar.

WELLNESS PROGRAMME (1)



Staff of Presidency Division take part in the University wellness programme. Amongst them is Human Resources Director, Dr. Abiola Makinde (left)



Achieving wellness is all areas as is critical to all that we do. Wellness is not simply the absence of disease, It is also about the maintenance of health in other areas.

According to the World Health Organization, wellness is “ a state of complete physical, mental and social well being not just the absence of diseases and in-

firmity.”

There are eight dimensions of wellness: Emotional, Environmental, Financial, Intellectual, Occupational, Physical, Social and Spiritual wellness.

Emotional Wellness relates to your ability to effectively cope with stress. Through self-care, relaxation and other stress re-

duction strategies, you can develop inner resources to help you grow from experiences.

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Clemson Ayegbusi makes his presentation to a cross section of faculty

Acting Dean of the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, Dr Olajumoke Haliso expressed gratitude to the organizers and wished them well in their endeavours.

Director, RIIC, Professor Grace Tayo thanked the facilitator and the US Embassy for availing Babcock University such opportunity at no cost to the university.

Research Innovation and International Cooperation in conjunction with the US Embassy sensitized faculty members on how to access the Fulbright & Humphrey programmes.

The sensitization, anchored by Clemson Ayegbusi, created awareness on the various US-government sponsored Fulbright scholarships

These include: the Fulbright Foreign Student Programme, Fulbright Africa Research Scholar programme, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence programme, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Programme and Fulbright Specialist Programme.

Others were the Study in the US Institutes (SUS) for Scholars and Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programme for leaders.

Apart from explaining the modus operandi of each of the programmes and duration, Ayegbusi offered insight on how faculty members could have competitive

application to US and other fellowships programmes.

He encouraged them to participate in intellectual activities to be acquainted with the style and approaches to Fulbright scholarships.



Dr. Babatunde Adebua right leading out in a plenary session.



Prof. Grace Tayo (right) and Associate Prof. Jumoke Yacoub-Haliso (third right) with other faculty members



Top: Guest lecturer, Mr. Rewane addresses a cross section of the the audience. Bottom left: Provost of the College of Post Graduate Studies, Prof. Yocoub-Haliso. (Bottom right) Prof. Ademola Tayo

REWANE CALLS FOR A PARADIGM SHIFT

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Mr. Rewane told his audience that leadership was not a calling; not a title.

“Of the over 7 billion world population, only 1% make things happen, 5% watch things happen and 94% heard that things happened. Be part of the 1% that make things happen.”

“Babcock is a great brand,” he added. “If you are not going to be a leader, then BU is not the place to be.”

In response, the Graduating Class President, Uche Ofili thanked the lecturer for keeping his word.

“You promised that you would be brief, factual and sit down. You did just that,” he said.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo expressed his appreciation for Mr. Rewane’s willingness to honour the invite in spite of his tight schedule.

Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and other principal officers were also present at the lecture.



Bottom right: Prof. Tayo presents a plaque to Mr. Rewane. With them is Phoenix Postgraduate President, Mr. Muritala Abraham.



Uche Ofili



“EXPAND YOUR SCOPE OF INFLUENCE,” NURSES CHARGED



Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi charges the inductees to expand their scope of influence through entrepreneurship. Below: Prof. Mubo Obasa (top) and Prof. Constance Nwosu (bottom).

A Professor of Management and Organizational Studies of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Prof Isaac Zeb-Obipi, has called on Nurses to expand their scope of influence for greater impact.

He made the call while delivering his paper, *The Role of Entrepreneurship in Nursing*, at the 11th induction of qualified nurses into the Nursing & Midwifery Council of Nigeria.

He told the inductees, that increasing societal and economic changes called for a paradigm shift in the Nursing profession. This meant leveraging on their professional networks to become entrepreneurs.

“There are diverse opportunities for Nurses seeking to maximize their potential and time off duty,” he remarked.

He said they could work as Geriatric Nurses to care for the aged, provide special care at hospices or as recruitment agents for other healthcare facilities.

His counsel was not much different from Prof. Mubo Obasa’s, special invitee and Retired Permanent Secretary, Health and

Hospital Monitoring Board, Oyo State Ministry of Health.

“Remember you are an agent of change and must reflect integrity,” she said. “The best is expected of you especially in the area of clinical performance. Reach out and become influential.”

For the Associate Vice President, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu, the time has come to be a “Daniel in Babylon,” and be different.

“Obtaining a degree in Babcock University carries a lot of responsibilities,” she said. “It implies serving God through serving humanity.”

She reminded the inductees that their patients were people God-given to care for.

“Don’t leave their bedside without a prayer,” she said. “Remember that your patients

need your support. May no patient die as a result of your negligence.”



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi had a surprise awaiting him as he came to the office on his birthday.

Pictures of staff at the brief reception held in his honour.

Below: Former University bursar, Prof. Luke Onuoha (left) and a cross section of faculty and graduating students at the convocation lecture.



HOPE

Sometimes even when an angel
drops down to stir your pool
your frailty could chain your will
to plunge in to have a healing bath.

Sometimes when you yearn to hear
that sweet still voice
speak peace to your storms
only your disquietude hums.

In moments like this
hope is the only torch
that spreads its light
as you find your way home.

By Karo Umukoro

Umukoro is an alumnus of Babcock



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is the sleep
that
nourishes wisdom."
- Francis Bacon