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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Go where you are celebrated – not tolerated. If they can’t see the real value of you, it’s time for a new start.”
- Anon

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro (middle) with others. (l-r) Director for BU Centre for Open & Distance E-Learning, Prof. David Akanbi, Prof. Patrick Eya, Dr. Clifford Amini and Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa at the opening session of the two-day workshop on E-Learning organised by the centre.

BU COMMENDED @ EDUTECH CONFERENCE



Arch. Sonny Echono (left) commends BU as AVP ICT, Prof Gbenga Idowu, (right) and others listen.

For its contribution and efforts in reversing the tide of graduate unemployment through research and innovation, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, Architect Sonny Echono last week com-

Education, Technology & Jobs: A Synergy that Works hosted by the Nigerian-British Chamber of Commerce in Victoria Island, Lagos.

Received by the Associate Vice President ICT, Prof Gbenga Idowu, Arch

mented Babcock University. His remarks came at the 2019 African Edutech Conference themed,

Echono noted that projects such as one developed and exhibited by Babcock graduate, Temiolun Olasimbo with her team, could enhance Nigeria’s entrepreneurial growth.

Olasimbo, a Computer Science 2019 graduate presented an energy-saving and security alertness prototype Smart Estate. The innovation works when every resident download apps connected to the Smart Estate device.

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DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HOLDS IN-HOUSE TRAINING



Director of Advancement, Development and Strategy, Mr. Adeboye Makinde (standing) addressing participants at the one-day in-house training for departmental staff. Seated on his left is the facilitator of the training, Mr Joshua Umahi.

The office of Advancement, Development and Strategy last week held a one-day, in-house human capacity training with focus on minutes and memo writing as well as related administrative duties.

The Director, Mr. Adeboye Makinde, said the training was informed by the need to improve service delivery through leveraging on existing capacity in the department to enhance quality output in the work environment.

“We decided to leverage on our human capacity to achieve our collective goal of effective writing and report taking across board,” he said. “Ultimately, we hope to

collaborate with the HR and Office of Institutional Effectiveness to extend this training to more departments.”

While taking participants through the rudiments of the training, facilitator, Mr. Joshua Umahi noted that minutes taking was not mere record keeping but a record of voted actions.

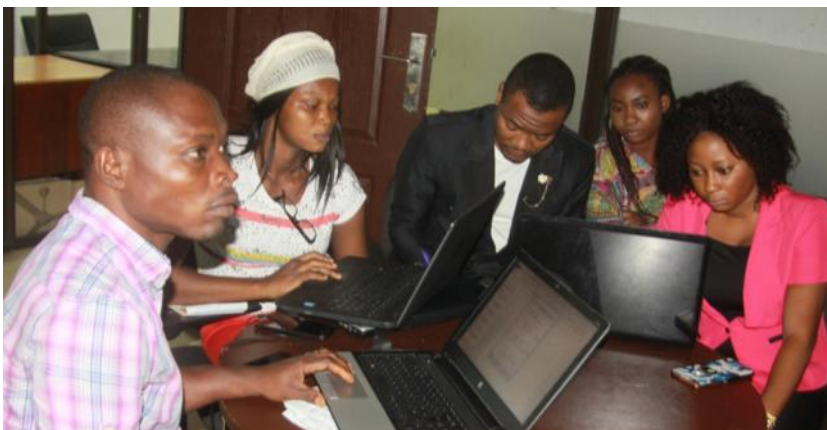
He also advised participants to pay attention to details on page set up,

home page and paragraph setting among others before typing out minutes as he cautioned against lengthy essays in the name of memo writing.

“Memos are expected to be concise and clear,” he said. “Do not be ashamed to check up your grammar for errors before dispatch to the intended recipient.”



A cross section of participants at the training.



A cross section of participants at the training. Right is Mr. Joshua Umahi



VOICES FROM THE TRAINING

It will definitely influence my work performance, having been exposed to tools and applications I never knew existed.

In our ever-changing environment, I'm deeply convinced that it is an activity that every individual and not just employees should experience.

- **Tola KOLADE**

Senior Development Writer,
Alumni, Development &
Strategy Department

The training timing and relevance were on point. It has made a lot of impact on my minutes and memo writing; it is the first time I'm undergoing this kind of training. I am pleased.

- **Faustina CHINTUA,**

Senior Strategy Analyst, Department of Strategy

This training is excellent and will certainly enhance my skills on memo and minute writing, reporting as well as using Excel in sending bulk messages via e-mail.

- **Christian OBIA**

Admin Officer, Alumni Department

Yes, this is my first experience with this kind of training. It helped improve my skills in minutes-taking

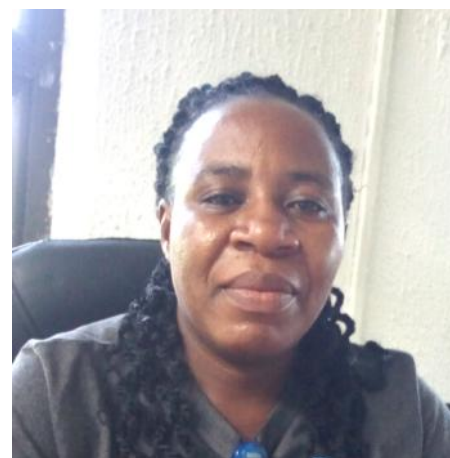
and memo writing as well as using Excel in sending bulk messages via e-mail. It was very interesting.

- **Godwin UGBAKA,**

Principal Publications Officer,
Communication Department



Top: Christian Obia
Bottom: Godwin Ugbaka



Top: Faustina Chintua
Bottom: Tola Kolade





The Victorian Kids' Team members outside the Babcock Pioneer Church before they set out for their evangelistic outreach programme in Ilishan town. Bottom left: One of the kids presents a Bible to one of the beneficiaries.

VICTORIAN KIDS TOUCH LIVES IN ILISHAN

Efforts to walk the talk and touch lives in more significant ways than the classroom paid off as over 30 children and adults hit the streets last weekend in an evangelistic outreach targeted at reaching 100 households with the gospel.

The programme is an initiative of the Coordinator of the Victorian Kids group and Human Resources Staff of Babcock University, Dr. Chioma Ekpendu.

Besides the children, parents and other personnel from the Babcock Security, the BU Teaching Hospital

and media team turned out to give their support.

“Our target is to reach 100 households with the Bibles, one per family,” said Dr. Ekpendu. “We also want to keep our word to use part of the proceeds from the launch of our album to sow the word of God in children from the host community, Ilishan-Remo.”

For over three hours, the group shared the Children’s Bible Stories and copies of the Holy Bible to children within the ages of six to 14 years.



“I am passionate about this project because I want other children to enjoy the benefits of growing up in a godly environment like I did,” said Mrs. Chinasa Chido-Nwankama.



Mrs. Babalola, (2nd right) and other Victorian team members share a joyful moment with a woman in Ilishan community

“I’m glad I got a copy of the Bible Story,” said one of the beneficiaries, nine-year old Divine Wofai

“It’s the first time I’m getting a gift like this from Babcock,” said another child, 10-year old Ngozi Eze.

For 14-year old Blessing Oladele of Isanbi College, the experience simply “feels good.”

“I’m excited to be part of this,” said Tolushe Adeoye, a Basic 3 pupil of BU Staff School.

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She was not alone. Another parent, Mrs. Babalola described the experience as a “privilege.”

As they distributed the books, the words of the second album launched by the Victorian Kids in December 2018, continued to echo from the speakers in the vehicle which accompanied the group,

“There’s no other God to whom I can give glory,”

Right: Mrs Chidnasa Chido-Nwakanma with other children as they make a presentation of a Bible Story Book.

The other pictures capture the different moments of the outreach.



Ms Josephine Akarue presents a Bible story book to one of the beneficiaries.





A cross section of staff and faculty at the commendation service for Shem Magaji who passed away. Front row: Dr. Idowu Nwakwere, Pastor marvalla, dr. Solomon Obida, Pastor Sunday Audu, and Pastor J. O. Ajike.

BABCOCK MOURNS FROMER REGISTRAR

Unexpected and painful. These words captured the mood at the commendation service for former Registrar, late Dr. Shem Magaji held at the University Pioneer Church June 25.

“Dr. Magaji was dependable and committed to duty,” noted the Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro. “He was an astute administrator who helped

to organize the Registry department.”

He was not alone in pouring encomiums. Others also shared what they would miss most about him.

Director of BU Press, Associate Prof. Sam Okere, noted that the late Dr. Magaji served in several departments and committees. “We’ll miss his humility,” he said.

The University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu encouraged representatives of family members and friends with the Biblical assurance of eternal life for those who die in Christ.

“Dr. Magaji is lying down in the sleep of death,” said Dr. Audu. “But he impacted lives. What legacy would we leave behind when we die?”

His message drawn from

Rev 14:13, reminded all that the legacies Dr. Magaji left still touch lives. And his works would follow him.

“I will personally miss him,” said family representative, Mr. Jonathan Dangana. “His home was like a converging point for students and he was so open you could walk in and prepare anything you wanted.”

Late Dr. Magaji, who was Babcock’s pioneer Registrar, was born 1952 and is survived by his wife, Dr. Nanle Magaji, children, grandchildren, other family members.





Clockwise: Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro, Pastor Sunday Audu, Elder Elijah Adeyanju, Jonathan Dangana and Dr Gift Okata.



“He had a way of radiating joy to all around him. He was a true gentleman and we hope to see him on resurrection morning.”



TESTIMONIALS



Late Dr. Shem Magaji

“He never raised his voice at anyone. Even when his office was restructured from principal office to Associate, he took it calmly.”

- SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro

“Elder Magaji decided to rest to prepare for resurrection morning. His counsel saved my life once when I was very ill.”

- Dr. Elijah Adeyanju

“He was a true Nigerian. He had a connecting story with practically everyone he met which made you feel comfortable. A few weeks before his death, he said, ‘Go back to Babcock because I’ll come back and give testimony.’ But God knows best.”

- Mr. Jonathan Dangana

“We called him Daddy. He had a way of radiating joy to all around him. He was a true gentleman and we hope to see him on resurrection morning.”

- Dr. Gift Okata
- “He impacted lives.”
- Pastor Sunday Audu

BU E-LEARNING CENTRE HOSTS WORKSHOP



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (3rd left) and others listen as Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa addresses workshop participants (l-r): Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Prof. Patrick Eya, and BOCODEL Director, Prof. David Akanbi

Ahead of an eventual take-off, the Babcock University Centre for Open Distance and E-Learning (BUCODEL), held a two-day management capacity building workshop.

According to President/ Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, the workshop which focused on **Operationalizing Open and Distance Learning in Dual Mode Institutions** and **Open Educational Resources in Content Development**, would ensure BUCODEL hit the ground running on take-off.

“With this workshop, we will have no more delays in taking off as soon as the building is completed,” explained Professor Tayo represented by Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.

Consequently, the Director of Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning (RETRIDOL), Professor Patrick Eya said the institute would do everything to facilitate necessary approvals and protocols to enhance take-off in two benchmark courses: Accounting and Computer Sciences.

“I foresee Babcock joining 11 other institutions already approved by the National Universities Commission this year,” he said.

BUCODEL Director, Prof. David Akanbi thanked the administration for support through the preparatory period and giving his team reason to anticipate a seamless and strong start.

Expressing similar optimism, the Managing Director of New Horizon, Mr. Tim Akano said Babcock’s long distance programme would facilitate many Nigerians’ quest for tertiary education.

He said New Horizon would assist Babcock University with the deployment of the fastest bandwidth internet connectivity on campus.

“With the basic skills and infrastructure in place, the long E-Learning programme is bound to succeed,” he added.



Prof. Grace Tayo received certificate of participation from Prof. Patrick Eya as Prof. Okoro and Dr. Akande watch with interest.

BUCODEL WORKSHOP IN PICTURES



Prof. Constance Nwosu. Pictured left: Prof. Dora Akinboye and other participants.



Top left: Provost of College of Post-graduate Studies, Prof. Yacob-Haliso, Chief of Staff, Dr. David Alao and Dean of Nursing Sciences, Prof. Ezekiel Ajao. Top right: Prof. Okoro. Left: Workshop participants with guests and officers of the University.

BABCOCK COMMENDED AT AFRICA EDUTECH CONFERENCE



BU graduate, Temiolun Olasimbo, (l) explains a point to Arch. Sonny Echono (r) and DG Nigerian-British Chamber of Commerce, Bunmi Afolabi as others listen.



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Beyond the exhibition, the conference provided a platform for dissecting Nigeria's national challenges and the role of universities as a catalyst for innovation and development.

Dr Seun Ebiesuwa of the Computer Science department moderated the second plenary discussion which x-rayed the impediments faced by Nigerian universities in fulfilling their role of driving innovation and creative development as well as the way forward.

Dr Ebiesuwa used the Babcock model of development initiatives of regular energy supply through its Independent Power Plant, uninterrupted academic calendar among others, to drive home his point of advancement strategy other universities could emulate.

Prof Chantal Epie from Pan African University and Dr Stephen Oluwatobi from Covenant University, also contributed robustly to the discourse.

Other Babcock team members at the event were Head of Biochemistry Department, Dr Godswill Anyasor, a staff of Communication Department, Gbenga Olajobi and students.



Top (l-r) : Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa, Prof Chantal Epie, Mrs. Bunmi Afolabi, and Dr Stephen Oluwatobi.

Pictured left: A cross section of Babcock students and graduates.



Prof. Gbenga Idowu (7th left) flanked by Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa and Dr. Gowin Anyasor, (6th -8th left), other staff members and students.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
JULY 7 - 12

BIMUN CONFERENCE

The University hosts the 3rd BU International United Nations Conference, theme: *Innovation as a Pathway to Integration and Development: Challenges of a Dynamic Africa*. See poster for details.

JULY 1 - 3

9TH TOYIN FALOLA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

See poster for details.

JULY 29 - AUG 2

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

It's holiday season once again. The Children's Ministries of Babcock District is hosting it VBX, a week of sunshine, fun and learning for children



COMING EVENTS

THE 9TH TOYIN FALOLA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA (TOFAC 2019)

THEME: RELIGION, THE STATE AND GLOBAL POLITICS

@BABCOCK UNIVERSITY ILISHAN-REMO, OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

Conference Highlights:

- July 1: Opening Ceremony, 12:00pm
- July 2: Banquet & Awards Ceremony, 6:00pm
- July 3: Sightseeing Trip, 11:00am

ages 1 -13. Registration fee is N1,000 and closes June 30. Theme: *JAMii Kingdom: Where We Are All Part of God's Family*
Venue: BUHS Time: 8:00am-12:00pm daily.

AUG 7 - 12

COLLOQUIUM

The annual colloquium to usher in the 2019/2020 academic session holds with the theme: *Babcock University: Celebrating our Heritage*.

Venue: Central Cafeteria Time: 8:30 am.

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- Anon