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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

“Art is an effort to create, beside the real world, a more humane world.”
- Andre Maurois

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



President/VC, Professor Ademola S Tayo (middle) with other principal officers (l-r) Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju.

“BABCOCK IS A STORY OF GRACE,” PROF. MAKINDE



Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde

The Babcock University project is a “story of impossibility made possible,” said immediate past President/Vice Chancellor, Prof J. A. Kayode Makinde.

His remarks came amidst calls for continuous prayers for the sustenance of the BU project while delivering the

60/20 anniversary lecture of the institution.

Prof. Makinde’s lecture, *From Egypt to Canaan*, marked a key point of a week-long celebration tagged “*Journey of Grace*.”

According to him, when Babcock’s doors opened for admission on September 13, 1999, only a memorial church building, an old classroom block, two halls of residence, Welch and White halls, administrative block, bursary and seven dusty

roads existed.

Today, he said the narrative has changed, giving credence to the fact that when God is involved in any assignment, He backs it up with providence.

He paid tribute to former Registrar, late Dr. Shem Magaji, Bursar, Prof. Luke Onuoha and his predecessor, Prof. Adekunle Alalade for the vital roles played in the university’s take off.

Prof. Makinde also thanked the present University administration for consolidating on past achievements.

WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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PROF MAKINDE SHARES STORY ON BU 60/20



Musical presentation led by the Axios choir.

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Earlier, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo said the 60/20 anniversary was not only a funfair but also an opportunity to look back and thank God for making Babcock University project a reality.

He urged all to not only recommit themselves to the vision of the founder, but also to run with it by giving their best to the sustenance of the vision.

Beyond the lecture, the day also provided a platform for honouring a total of 21 staff and faculty members for long service. Amongst these were the SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, VPSP, Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju and AVP Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu. They had served for 28 years, 26 years and 35 years respectively.

"This is a day I will always remember," said Dr. Chinyere Ikonke, of the IRM department who had served the Adventist Church for 33 years.

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Clockwise: Prof. Ademola Tayo & Prof. Grace Tayo listen with interest. Prof. Luke Onuoha and Deputy Bursar, Dr. Adebawojo. Prof. Sunday Owolabi and other officers.; a BU faculty.



Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju receives his award from Prof. Tayo.
Bottom Left: Mrs. Rose Allison receives hers.
Bottom Right: Dr. Olubunmi Idowu receives her service award.

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For Mrs. Nzewata, the award “came as a surprise. I appreciate God and Babcock for the recognition and to be counted among the living to be celebrated.”

The ceremonies may be over; but for the awardees and Babcock University, the journey of grace to another level, has only just begun.



Prof. Yetunde Makinde with some Babcock staff and faculty shortly after receiving her award.



Michael Akinkunmi (2nd l) after receiving his award from Prof. Tayo, (2nd r). With them are Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (left) and Prof. Sunday Owolabi (right).



Mr. Kenneth Ayeni



Chidinma Ebem-Anthony



Deputy Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Oyeleke Owolabi (2nd left) and Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (3rd right) with current and past leaders of Babcock (Back row) with some of the awardees. (Back row l-r): Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde, former Pro-chancellor, Pastor G. Nwaogwugwu, Pastor (Dr.) Joseph Ola, former President/VC, Prof. Adekunle Alalade and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.

STAFF/FACULTY AWARDEES SPEAK ON DREAMS & EXPECTATIONS



Left - right: Associate Vice President, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu; Mrs. Florence Nzewata; Mrs Beatrice Mark and Mrs. Glory Onubuogu

"I chose Babcock because I wanted to serve God and expected to do whatever His will was. This award makes me appreciative of His sustaining power."

- Dr. Olubunmi Idowu

I thank God for the opportunity to serve my church and institution. I appreciate the award which is an appreciation of our service.

- Prof. Constance Nwosu, AVP, OIE (35 years)

This award came as a surprise. Working for God has fulfilled my expectations and given me future hope. I appreciate Babcock for remembering me and especially God for counting me among the living to witness this day.

Mrs. Florence Nzewata, SMS Dean's Secretary, (31 years)

I appreciate the honour given to me on that blessed day. It reminded me of how the journey began in 1989. I pray that God will bless the administration for remembering my long, selfless period. I was very happy because I'm alive to witness it.

Mrs. Beatrice Mark, Public Health, BUTH (29 years)

I'm grateful for the opportunity to work in God's vineyard. Although it has not been easy, God has been faithful. I give Him all the glory. I also appreciate Babcock administration for the award for

recognition of long service.

Mrs. Glory Onubuogu, BUTH (28 years)

I felt a calling to come here to serve. Thus far, my expectations have been met. I see the award as a reminder that someone is watching and the journey is not over until I hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Mrs. Jane Emejuru, Chief Accountant, BUTH (25 years)

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Prof. Olugbenga Idowu



Mrs. Modupe Idowu

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I began my work in Babcock when there was a need and I was approached to come and serve. I've since remained because it has provided a life-transforming, learning experience with significant knowledge about myself in relation with other people and God. This has further enhanced my understanding of God and my life purpose.

Mrs. Modupe Idowu, Deputy Registrar, Exams & Senate Unit, (32 years)

I'd always wanted to work as a missionary so when the call came while in graduate school at the University of Ibadan, I answered it. I started the Computer Science Department which was my dream. So far, the call has met my expectations. Though I got another call to go to East Africa where I stayed for 20 years, when there was a call to come back here, I did. The award is an unexpected appreciation and that's very encouraging.

Prof. Olugbenga Idowu, AVP ICT, (35 years)

Working in Babcock was a choice to serve both God and humanity which is contributing my quota in the work of restoration and redemption. It is one of the noblest professions. The award has shown that my contribution has been recognized..

Dr. Chinyere Ikonne, faculty, IRM, (33 years)

It has been a long service but I thank God who has seen me through it all. Though my name was inadvertently omitted from the programme, I thank God that my role was not forgotten.

Mr. Michael Akinkunmi, BU CLEAN (33 years)

The experience has been good but we are not done.

- SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, (28 years).

I'm still looking up to God. I definitely was not expecting the award because I didn't know that my work can be recognized here.

- Mrs. Rose Allison, OIE, (29 years)

I chose Babcock to serve God and expected to do whatever His will was. The award makes me appreciative of God's sustaining power.

- Dr. Olubunmi Idowu faculty, Languages & Literary Studies (27 years)



DR. Chinyere IKONNE



Mr. Michael Akinkunmi



Prof. Sunday Owolabi



Dr. Olubunmi Idowu

LONG SERVICE AWARD HONOUR ROLL

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|-----|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Prof. Constance Nwosu | (35 years) |
| 2. | Prof. Olugbenga Idowu | (35 years) |
| 3. | Dr. Chinyere Ikonne | (33 years) |
| 4. | Mr. Michael Akinkunmi | (33 years) |
| 5. | Mrs. Modupe Idowu | (32 years) |
| 6. | Mrs. Florence Nzewata | (31 years) |
| 7. | Ms. Peace Adim | (29 years) |
| 8. | Mr. Chidinma Ebem-Anthony | (29 years) |
| 9. | Mrs. Beatrice Mark | (29 years) |
| 10. | Mrs. Rose Allison | (29 years) |
| 11. | Prof. Sunday Owolabi | (28 years) |
| 12. | Prof. Yetunde Makinde | (28 years) |
| 13. | Prof. Ruth Aderanti | (28 years) |
| 14. | Mrs. Glory Onubuogu | (28 years) |
| 15. | Elder Folorunsho Bamidele | (27 years) |
| 16. | Dr. Olubunmi Idowu | (27 years) |
| 17. | Mr. Kenneth K. Ayeni | (26 years) |
| 18. | Mrs. Esther Akinlusi | (26 years) |
| 19. | Mr. Promise Chukwu | (26 years) |
| 20. | Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju | (26 years) |
| 21. | Mrs. Iyabo Awojobi | (26 years) |
| 22. | Mrs. Jane Emejuru | (25 years) |

BABCOCK MARKS FOUNDERS DAY IN STYLE



Mr. Lekan Agunbiade of Access Bank (right) shares his organization's goodwill message with Babcock community as BU officers and their spouses listen.

dents as an affiliate to Andrews University, USA, now has a diversified student population of over 10,000 and more than 29,000 alumni globally. The postgraduate programme has witnessed a similar increase in public acceptance bringing its student population from 300 in 2010, to over 1,000 in 2019.

It has also remained the first in the country to produce 18 PhDs in Accounting within one session.

Professor Tayo said the University is poised to boost the formal education sector with the introduction of e-learning and Environmental Sciences programme.

He thanked all stakeholders and friends of the University for supporting the institution through her 'journey of grace'.

In recognition of this, the administration presented special plaques to both corporate and individual sponsors. Amongst these were: Pacific Holdings, WEMA Bank Plc, United Bank for Africa, UBA, New Horizon and Zenith among others.

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Babcock University Founder's Day is a fulfillment of a dream. President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo declared as he presented the 60/20 anniversary address with news of the 2019 World Branding Award (Education category), tipped in favour of Babcock for the fifth time.

Prof Tayo who paid tribute to the founding fathers, said the dream to establish a model institution to train servant leaders has not only

been fulfilled through producing more humane, industry-relevant leaders, but through producing record-breakers.

"After a humble beginning with few courses in pastoral ministry, Business Administration, and pre-Nursing programme," he said, "Babcock now has 38 courses, nine schools with specialized departments, and three colleges including that of Postgraduate Studies,

He noted that the institution which began 60 years ago with seven stu-



The Ebumawe of Ago-Iwoye, HRH Oba Rasaq Adenugba (left) in a chat with Zenith Bank South West Zonal Head, Dr. Adekunle Adefuke.

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The week-long programme which featured public rallies, medical outreach, cultural display and inter-school debates, was wrapped up with a special thanksgiving worship .



Prof. Adekunle Alalade supported by spouse, receives award from Pastor (Dr.) Bassey Udoh.



Personal Assistant to CEO Pacific Holdings, Mr. Otobong Adaise Pastor receive donor award from (Dr.) Udoh on behalf of his principal, Dr. Adedeji Adeleke & Pacific Holdings.



Prof. Makinde presents corporate award to Zenith Bank SW Zonal Head, Dr. Adekunle Adefuke.



Corporate Donor Award presented by Pastor (Dr.) Owolabi to Executive Director, WEMA Bankye, Plc, Mr. Wole Akinleye.



United Bank for Africa (UBA)'s Lagos Regional Head, Mrs. Pamela Sodipo, receives Corporate Award on behalf of her organization from Prof. Adekunle Alalade.

WALL OF HONOUR**CORPORATE AWARDS**

1. Pacific Holdings
2. WEMA Bank
3. UBA
4. New Horizon/Winni Group
5. Zenith Bank Plc
6. Parents Consultative Forum
7. Interswitch
8. Edu-Tech
9. E-Tranzact
10. Ilishan Community
11. Iperu Community

DONOR AWARDS

1. Sir Kessington ADEBUTU
2. Dr. Adedeji T. ADELEKE
3. Dr. Erastus AKINGBOLA
4. Dr. Chimaroke NNAMANI
5. Aare Olumuyiwa OMISADE
6. Dr. Alex OTTI
7. Dr. Owolabi R. SHITTA

BABCOCK LEADERSHIP AWARDS**Principals/Presidents/Vice Chancellors**

1. Pastor Groover Winslow (1959 - 1962)
2. Pastor Howard Welch (1962 - ' 67)
3. Pastor Stuart P. Berkeley (1967 - ' 71)
4. Pastor Percy Paul (1967 - 1975)
5. Dr. Julius Korgan (1975 - 1980)
6. Dr. Roland L. McKenzie (1981 - 1983)
7. Prof. Adekunle Alalade (1983 - 2006)
8. Prof. J. Kayode Makinde (1999 - 2000)
Prof. J. Kayode Makinde (2006 - 2015)
9. Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (2015 - date)

Babcock Pro Chancellors/Council Chiefs

1. Pastor Joseph Ola (1999 - 2000)
2. Pastor G. Nwaogwugwu (2006 - 2010)
3. Pastor (Dr.) O. Owolabi (2011 - 2015)
4. Pastor (Dr.) Bassey Udoh (2015 - date)

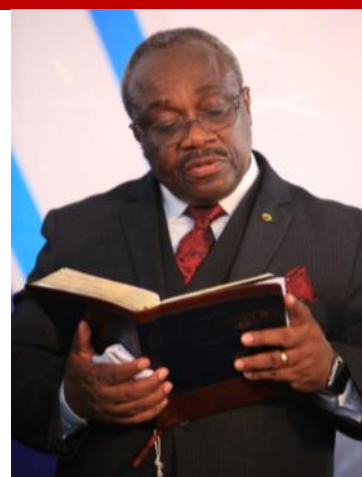
Babcock Chancellors/Board Chair

1. Pastor Jacob Nortey (1990 - 1995)
2. Pastor Luka T. Daniel (1995 - 2000)
3. Pastor Gilbert Wari (2010 - 2015)
4. Pastor (Dr.) E. Weick-Dido (2015 - date)

ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING



Pastor Elie Weick-Dido (5th left) and other ministers prepare for the thanksgiving service. With them is the University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu (left).



Pastor Elie Weick-Dido

Over 2,000 persons gathered at the amphitheatre recently to celebrate more than just another thanksgiving Sabbath.

The event which attracted denominational and institutional leaders, marked the climax of the University's celebration of its 60/20 anniversary and pastoral ordination of four ministers of the Gospel: Pastors Dominique Agape, Thomas Okorie, Peter Azorundu and Koffi Metonou.

In his sermon, ***You Can't Park Here***, President of the West Central Africa regional Division of the Adventist Church, Pastor (Dr.) Ellie Weick-Dido underlined the need to be sensitive to the times.

"In these last days, people should see spirituality in you and follow you to Christ," he said. "Even though we need the mountain top experience, ministry is in the

valley."

By implication, he reminded all that while it was good to think of the good times and be thankful, there was also need to take time to reflect on making a difference on the weak and downtrodden.

Drawing from the Biblical account of the transfiguration in Mathew 17, he said though the disciples were eager to remain

on the mountain top after seeing the glory of Jesus, the real ministry awaited them in the valley.

He therefore called for diligence and commitment from the newly ordained ministers and their spouses.

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Profs. Ademola & Grace Tayo receive WNUC Special Recognition Award. Pastor Oyeleke Owolabi (right)



Top: Vice Chancellor Adeleke University, Prof. Ekundayo Alao and spouse, Mrs. Dorcas Alao with their WNUC award.

Left: Dr. Oyeleke Owolabi present special recognition award to Dr. Ellie Weick-Dido.

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"We cannot but speak of the things we have seen and heard," he said. "We must use our experience for evangelism to seek and save the lost."

The message was not only for the pastors and their spouses whom he called to give the necessary support for growth and impactful ministry. He also urged the congregation to learn to pray for and prepare others for the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Members of the Shepherdess International made up of pastoral wives, encouraged their fellow sisters in songs. Pastor Dominique Agape thanked all for their support and prayers on behalf of the pastors.

The occasion also provided a platform for recognition of leaders including the immediate past Chancellor, Pastor (Dr.) Gilbert Wari and current Chancellor, Dr. Weick-Dido.

President of the West Nigeria Union conference (WNUC) of the Adventist Church, Pastor (Dr.) Oyeleke Owolabi honoured the University's four principal officers: President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo; Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro; SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and Vice President Student Development, Prof. Joseph Olarenwaju.



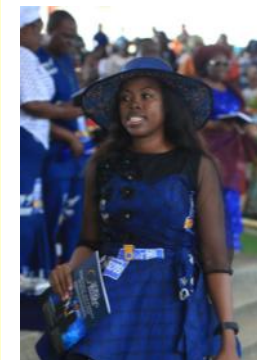
Family members and friends of Pastor (Dr.) G. C. Nwaogwugwu (2nd right) offer thanks for his 70th birthday. Front row with him are (l-r): Barrister Chimezie Nwankama and spouse, Chinasa, Dr. Chioma Ekpendu and spouse, Pastor (Dr.) Ikechi Ekpendu.



Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju and spouse receive West Nigeria Union Conference Special Recognition Award.



Prof. Clara Okoro receive WNUC Award on behalf of spouse, Prof. I. Okoro.



Prof. Grace Tayo (2nd right) and other members of Shepherdess International.



Newly ordained ministers and spouses (l-r): Pastor Koffi Metonou, Pastor Dominique Agape, Pastor Peter Azorundu and Pastor Thomas Okorie.



Prof. Sunday Owolabi and spouse, Dr. Titilayo Owolabi receive the WNUC special recognition award. Left is WNUC Secretary, Pastor Ezekiel Adeleye.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS

Proud to Belong: Students, staff and faculty were all out to celebrate the 60/20 anniversary of Babcock. Pictured right: former President of the WNUC, Pastor (Dr.) Joseph Ola (2nd left) accompanied by wife, former VP Student Development, Dr. Janet Ola receives leadership award from Pro-Chancellor, Pastor (Dr.) Bassey Udoh.



The Olowu of Ilshana, Chief Fogorala receive Corporate Award on behalf of the host community from (Ogun Conference President) Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Ogunsanya.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



From the Kalabaris to the Edos, Uhorobos and Itsekiris, it was a mixed cocktail of music, dance and regatta as the South-South ethnic group made their entry at the 60/20 cultural presentation. The principal officers were invited to join in the processional entry. The different moments are captured in pictures.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



With or without head gears and handkerchiefs, the South East group came out in numbers to articulate their cultural heritage through music, colours and dance.



The Ogun State Cultural Troupe also turned up to add spice to the celebrations with the Effik maiden dance in style.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Cultural barriers were broken as the Northern Group rolled out their drums and flowing robes to match those of their counterparts from the South West. The BU High School and Staff school were not left out either.



“MUSHROOM INDUSTRY CAN CREATE 50,000 JOBS”



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (2nd left) with (l-r) Mr. Yusuf Olaitan, Chief Michael Awunor and Dean of School of Science & Technology (SAT), Prof. Cyril Nwangburuka (right).

The National President of Mushroom Growers Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria, MGPMA, Chief Michael Awunor said that the mushroom sector is capable of generating 50, 000 jobs annually.

His revelation came at the opening of a two-day sensitization programme of Mushroom Growers' Southwest States of Nigeria held in Babcock.

Aside job opportunities, the National President said mushroom is more nutritious than meat, useful in pharmaceuticals for drug production as well as requiring low capital for take off.

He stated that Babcock University was the first training centre in Nigeria because of its faith-based, holistic learning environment.

Affirming similar views, the President/Vice Chancellor Professor Ademola Tayo said because of its high nutritional value, mushroom has been included in student diet.

Represented by the Senior Vice Presi-

dent Academics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro, he said this quality also makes it a popular staple among Adventists.

In his lecture, *Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation in Nigeria*, the MGPMA Deputy National President, Mr. Olaitan Yusuf said besides its high value potential for food and medicinal properties, mushroom cultivation can serve as another form of business.

The Dean School of Science and Technology, Professor Cyril Nwangburuka expressed his appreciation for the institutional and Association's support for promoting mushroom cultivation.

Among guests present were the former Military Governor of Rivers State and the Amayanabo of Twon-Brass, His Royal Majesty King Alfred Diete-Spiff, Chair of the Southwest Zone of Mushroom Growers, Otunba Femi Oke.

Right: Participants, Bridget Okonofua (left) and Olushola Adeshina.

Bottom left: Participants at the conference.

Bottom right: Dean, Prof. Cyril Nwangburuka



Student participants

BU SIGNS MoU WITH NACGRAB

Babcock strengthens efforts to boost scientific research and collaboration as President/ Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola S. Tayo signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Centre for Genetic Resources and Biotechnology (NACGRAB).

The partnership is expected to foster scientific investigation and application as well as enhance global best practice in agricultural pursuits and capacity building.

The MoU covers several areas including the regeneration and multiplication of critical crops; exchange of research information

and materials as well as joint application of research grants.

It also involves personnel training and skill acquisition in modern technologies in germplasm preservation, post graduate research supervision and exchange of technical visits.

Signing on behalf of NACGRAB were the Director General, Dr. Sunday Aladele and Heads of the Agency's Seed Multiplication De-



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (left) and Dr. Sunday Aladele sign MoU.

partment, Dr. Anthony Okere and Germplasm Collection and Preservation, Dr. Olosunde. The Babcock team were the Dean of Science and Technology, Prof. Cyril Nwagburuka, Head of Agriculture and Industrial Technology department, Dr. Kehinde Oyekale as well as Barrister Chiemezie Nwakanma of the Legal Services among others.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and officers of Babcock and the NACGRAB

COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

OCT 10

ACADEMIC STANDARDS BOARD

OCT 14

MID-SEMESTER EXAMS

OCT 24

CONGREGATION

The University administration meets with faculty and staff.

Venue: Pioneer Church

Time: 4:00pm

NOV 8

INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof. Clara Okoro will be presenting the University's 28th lecture.

Time: 2:00pm Venue: BBS Main Auditorium.

REFLECTION



"Art helps us see connections and brings a more coherent meaning to our world."
- Ernest Boyer