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- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

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

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear but the triumph over it. The brave man is the one who conquers fear."

- Nelson Mandela

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Building Stronger Ties: SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, (3rd left) with participants at the 2019 Principals Conference and BU staff. (l -r) Mr. Joshua Suleiman, Mr. Abolarin Kola, Ms. Josephine Akarue, Mr. Ayoade Adesina and Mr. Godwin Nwankwere.

BUTH CARRIES OUT SUCCESSFUL KRS

Babcock University Teaching Hospital (BUTH) once again strengthened the University's drive to restore faith in the Nigerian health sector with a successful total knee replacement surgery.

The surgery which took three hours, was in conjunction with a team of surgeons including a UK-based Nigerian surgeon and anesthesiologists.

According to the lead surgeon of the BUTH Orthopedic department, Dr Kelechukwu Onuoha, this is the first of a two-phase surgery for the patient. The second would be carried out after a two to three-month rehabilitation. Meanwhile, the patient is stable and



Lead surgeon: Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha

able to walk straight.

He said though BUTH had previously carried out a similar procedure, this case was the first of

its kind in terms of complexity. He credited the surgical success to God, professional competence and availability of equipment.

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IN NIGERIA'S HEALTH SECTOR

Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (middle) with lecturer, Prof. Nnodimele Atulomah, (2nd right) with (l-r) Prof. John Ihongbe, Prof. Stephen Fapohunda and Prof. Abiodun Adeseseogun.



The Nigerian public health sector may lose its value in disease prevention and control if health promotion is not given its pride of place.

Public Health promoter, Professor Nnodimele Atulomah expressed this concern while delivering the University's 26th inaugural lecture.

Professor Atulomah noted that health promotion was critical in solving Nigeria's health problems because of its role in disease and poverty prevention through policy advocacy.

In his paper, *the sick people of Nigeria: A system of*

health system in distress, he observed that there was a global explosion of new diseases occasioned by increasing cost in healthcare as well as deteriorating public health from poor lifestyle and rapid technological advancement.

He therefore called for prevention programmes that would focus on health promotion model and the training of more specialist health workers to mitigate the situation.

According to him, this calls for a strategic multi-disciplinary approach where every professional group in the health system is given the appropriate recognition and every opportunity accruable to the profession.

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Mrs Atulomah (2nd right) and other family members and friends.

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He also recommended the establishment of a strong primary prevention modality and an effective referral system for secondary prevention modalities at both the local government and general hospital settings respectively.

According to him, this can be achieved through strategic policy reforms of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency; the agency responsible for maintaining and supervising outcomes in Public Health Care (PHC) service delivery.

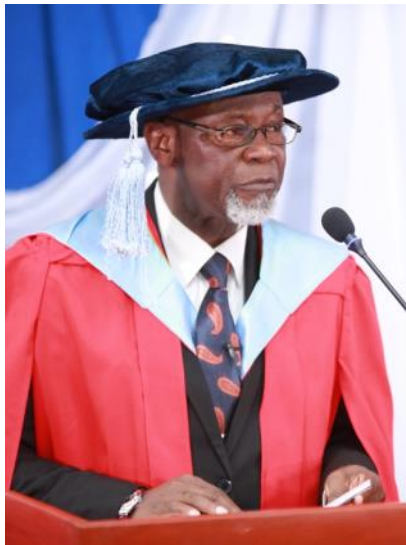
Professor Atulomah warned that Nigeria would continue to have a large population of sick people if it failed to implement the needed reforms in the health care system as well as develop a more proactive approach to environmental sanitation, personal hygiene and quarantine practices.



Top: A cross section of the audience

Middle: Prof. Atulomah receives gift from a friend.

Below: Prof. Atulomah, and a cross section of the audience



Prof. Okoro (middle) with lecturer, Prof. Atulomah and other Deans and Heads of departments. Extreme right is the University Registrar, Dr. Jonathan Nwosu and next to him is the University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu.



PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

As Babcock hosted the third edition of the annual Principals' Conference, Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, made a strong case for criteria for choosing a university and career path.

The event which held at the Babcock Guest House last week, drew participants largely from private

and state-owned secondary institutions in Nigeria's South West.

It also served as a platform for shared experience in understanding students' areas of strength in career development.

According to him, understanding students' innate skills and interest are critical to making smart career choices.

He warned that helping students make career choices without taking full consideration of the University to study, is like walking down a dead end.

He shed light on some strategies to carve a strong edge over competitors in the educational sector through building and strong teacher/student relationship, creating a secured home away from home environment as well as zero tolerance of sexual harassment, drugs and cultism.

Above all, he said BU's strength in building a strong brand and leaders, stemmed from its faith-based approach and seeking direction from God.



"If you want your students to excel, remember that what they are doing now, will impact on what they do in the future," he said.





The conference was an eye opening experience and I found the lectures quite impressive.

- Mr. Michael EKWE, Principal, Transatlantic International College, Shagamu.

It was very educative and the facilitator was terrific! I've got a lot of information to guide my teachers and students.

- Mr. Adedayo Michael Aderemi, Principal, Advanced Breed Comprehensive College.

This conference was both timely and enlightening. I appreciate the organizers for packaging a programme like this.

- Mr. Emmanuel Ibolo, Principal, Highbrow College, Ilisan-Remo

I found the talk on career choices and understanding students' ability and talents, very rewarding.

- Mr. Ayoade ADESINA, Principal, Senior Secondary, Classique

WHAT THIS CONFERENCE MEANS TO US

Royal Academy, Ikenne

It met my expectations and we intend encouraging our students to choose the school and use the seminar materials to train our teachers.

- Onashile Olusegun Adenrele, Principal, Topmost College, Shagamu

It will go a long way in helping me guide my students in their choices of career and university.

- Yekini Asafa, Principal, Regal New Heights College, Shagamu

The exposure to more & new ways of handling my students. Also learn that I should investigate before choosing university for my student university education.

- Adetokunbo S. A, Principal, Kawefunmi Secondary School, Shagamu

It met my expectation and surpassed it. The lectures were critically analytical and revealing.

- Oguntubo Folashade, Principal, Greenland Academy





Top: The Amphitheatre with materials: Below: Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and other officers and Physical Planning staff.

PROGRESS AT AMPHITHEATRE & ALUMNI BUILDING

Things are locking up for Babcock. Ahead of the 2019 Phoenix Graduating Class Convocation, work has commenced on two major projects on campus.

If all goes as planned, the Amphitheatre

and Alumni Secretariat would be ready before the year runs out.

According to the Director of Physical Planning, Architect Mykell Jegede, contractor for the Amphitheatre, Rabayo Global Works

Ltd, and his workmen are already on the project expected to be ready for commissioning before the June 2 convocation.

The project which involves both structural work and roofing of the theatre, is a joint collaboration between the Phoenix Grad Class which takes it up as

a Class project and the University. The civil work of the project is taking N2million and another N10million for labour for steel fabrication and erection.

On completion, it will not only enhance the aesthetics of University's amphitheatre, it would increase its usage and value.

Arch Jegede said design has been drawn and approved to make the spaces below the decking useful for storage and office spaces for the Security and BU Clean Departments.

Work is also in progress at the Alumni building which is a gift of the BU Alumni to the University handled by Santyoma Enterprises.

Alumni, Development & Strategy Director, Mr. Adeboye Makinde said the project valued at N50.4 million (labour cost), will also play a key role on completion in 26 weeks with an 18-room guest house besides the offices and executive seminar rooms.



Work in progress: Rear view of the alumni secretariat

BUAMS MARK WEEK



Left: Abia State Commissioner for Health, Dr John Ahukannah stresses a point. He is seated at the table with (l-r) Dr Clement Onuoha, Prof Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro and Dr Mike and other delegates at the symposium.

How can Nigerian doctors reverse the downward

trend in the health sector and regain its lost glory? These were some top burner issues as the Babcock University Association of Medical Students organized a symposium to mark their week.

Chaired by medical consultant, Dr. Mike Enyinna, the symposium with the theme, ***Nigerian doctors and the Nigeria medical system: the past, the present and the future***, attracted an array of medical practitioners. Among them were the Abia and Ogun Stat commissioners of Health, Dr John Ahukannah and Dr Babatunde Ipaye respectively. Provost of the BU College of Health and Medical Sciences, Professor Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro and students of other medical colleges were also present.

Dr Enyinna regretted the poor state of the health sector especially in the rural areas as well as the huge loss in foreign exchange earnings from medical tourism outside Nigeria.

He also attributed some of the huge challenges to faulty admission policy, catchment area, quota system and protracted ASUU strike and poor facilities.

In spite of these, he said the future could be brighter if the Federal and State governments would

do the needful and set aside 12-15 percent of annual budget to the health sector, fully implement a national health insurance scheme and ensure availability of required drugs in the hospitals.

Dr Ipaye represented by Dr Hassan said technology was the way to go in attending the health needs of the citizens. He urged doctors to actively participate in politics as has been case in the past to address some of the challenges in the sector.



Clockwise: Cross section of participants at the symposium. Delegates from the six geopolitical zones of the country attended the symposium. Pictures delegates from South East and North East geopolitical zones.

WELLNESS PROGRAMME IN PICTURES



As part of the HR strategy to maintain good health through the promotion of the monthly wellness programme, staff of the Management Services Division took time out to stretch, run and exercise. SVP of the Division, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and Directors were also there to support.

PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



Beyond the cocktail that brought friends, family members and the University community to celebrate with the lecturer, Prof. Atulomah, a relation, Dr. Biyerem Eluwa, presented a book, *Ado-na-Idu, History of Igbo Origin*. Pictures of the event.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS

FEB 28

THURSDAY @ EIGHT

Do you have concerns and issue you will like the University administration to address? Then, just don't beef. Join in the conversation as the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo comes on air

as guest on the weekly radio programme **Thursday @ Eight**. You can't afford to miss it. **Tune in to:** 89.1 Hope FM. **Time:** 8:30pm

FEB 28

CONGREGATION

The University congregation of staff and faculty meets with the officers.

Venue: Pioneer Church

Time: 4:00pm

MARCH 7

INAUGURAL LECTURE

Professor of Mathematics of the University Department of Basic Sciences, Prof. Joseph Adelodun will be presenting the 27th inaugural lecture, **Zero, the Troubler**.

Venue: BBS Auditorium A

Time: 2:00pm

MAR 11 -15

CAREER/JOB FAIR

The Phoenix Graduating Class will be celebrating their week with several activities. Top on the list is the Career and Job Fair. The week is lecture free for graduating students.

Venue: Babcock Sports Complex

Time: 9:00am



In keeping with the Biblical injunction, "love your neighbour as yourself," some staff members of the Marketing & Communication Department marked Valentine's Day with exchange of gifts.

REMEMBERING ADAKU

Now and then, a star glimmers
Pushing through the darkness of a broken world,
Anticipating the need for light and laughter,
Amidst life's struggles and disappointments,
Like a heroine,
You came through victorious
You mocked fear and embraced faith
You walked and dared where some feared to tread,
Now and then, a star lingers,
Pulling away the dregs of a broken lamp,
Announcing the hope of a new dawn,
Amidst life's storms and trials,
Like a brave warrior,
You smiled through your tears
And even in death, you celebrated life.
For you live on in our hearts.

By Josephine Akarue

REFLECTION



"Fear

can keep a man out of danger, but courage only can support him in it."

- Thomas Fuller