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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

“A leader takes people to where they want to go. A great leader takes people to where they don’t want to go but ought to be.”
- Roselyn Carter

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo (left) and Prof Sunday Owolabi (behind him) in company of the Ogun State Police Commissioner, Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson (r) inspect the guard of honour. With them is the University's Director of Security, Dr. Chukwumah Ajike.

BU GETS 2 MORE PATENTS FROM FG



Prof Onigbinde receives certificate from Mr. Mohammed Abdullahi. With them is another official of the Science and Technology Ministry.

The University's scientific research effort once again gained national recognition and attention with two certificates of patent for inventions in Chemistry by Prof. Adebayo Onigbinde.

The inventions: Turkey-

flavoured breaded Tofu and wine produced from three underutilized fruits have increased the number of patency rights for Babcock.

In 2018, Babcock got patency rights from the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Science and Technology for Prof. Onigbinde's research work with sweet potato flour for confectionaries and other derivations;

sweet potato composite baby weaning formula and production of wheat flour fortified with animal and plant protein. All were part of the 13 applications for patent to the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP).

The Minister of State, Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu thanked Prof Onigbinde for distinguishing himself and making the nation proud.

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RIIC: PROF GRACE TAYO & TEAM SET HIGHER GOALS



Prof. Grace Tayo: Making a case for stronger research collaboration and funding.

For years, the Office of Research, Innovation & International Collaboration has silently worked behind the scenes, influencing and impacting the University community.

In this edition, the Director, Prof. Grace Tayo, sheds light on how it all works: from coordinating grants to motivating research into new areas. Excerpts.

Q: What is the RIIC all about?

A: RIIC stands for Research, Innovation, and International Cooperation. It is a department under the University's Academic Division and established to provide the enabling environment that promotes cutting-edge research and international network opportunities within the context of globally acceptable faith-based ethical standards.

Q: How does it fit into the global network of the University's research base?

A: The essence of the office is hinged on a branch of the global tripe mandate of a university, that is, teaching, research, and community service. Today, the mandate has been extended to entrepreneurship.

I see all the units in RIIC working together to provide solutions to societal problems, impacting Nigeria's policy formulation and creating a research niche while improving the University's economic base.

Research enhances i.e. teaching, community service and entrepreneurship.

Q: How long have you held this position?

A: I was appointed Director RIIC during the 2012/2013 academic session.

Q: The University has committed a great deal of fund into Research. Precisely how much have you budgeted for Research in the last three years?

A: A sum N2,618,500 was disbursed to eight research teams in the 2017/2018 academic session, while N14,171,000 was disbursed to 14 research team in 2018/2019.

The acceptable norm is to commit about 10% of the university's annual budget to research.

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This usually yields unquantifiable dividends in cash and kind. Such investments improve the university's visibility and ranking. BU is not yet there but we are daily making progress.

Q: Obviously, Research is the backbone of any academic institution. To what extent has Babcock made a difference in this area?

A: There has been a tremendous improvement in terms of our research performance. Today, BU has five registered patents which can be commercialized.

Similarly, between 2015 and 2019, 29 professors presented inaugural lectures to showcase their contribution to knowledge. The BU Research Ethics Committee set up by RIIC reviews all research proposals to en-

sure compliance with globally acceptable, ethical standards. This has greatly improved our quality of research output and impacted on BU ranking.

Q: The Federal Ministry of Science & Technology has granted the University patent rights over some of its findings. Where are we now in terms of translating these into a sustainable action plan to get it out into the public domain?

A: A committee I chair is rounding off its report on commercialization of research products. As soon as the report is voted and accepted by the administration, machineries will be put in place for commercialization.

The route might be through startups, licensing, joint ven-

tures or outright sale to investors. Selection will also be based on our capacity and the type of product. Already, we have mini production of some of the products by individual researchers.

Q: What other research findings is RIIC currently sponsoring?

A: We are currently sponsoring projects on the composition of local herbs and their potential efficacy in the cure and management of chronic non-communicable diseases, biomarkers in preeclampsia and alternative feedstuffs.

Q: How do you encourage students to go beyond research for grades to ensuring that their work see the light of day?

A: We do this by encouraging project supervisors to support research ideas that solve problems and meet the needs of the community. We also assist in processing patent registration of research products.

Q: The University is working on promoting research. How do you drive that policy in your daily work?

A: We drive the University's research policy through capacity building programs, provision for grant opportunity, seminars and mentorship.

We recommend 50% reimbursement on publication fee charged to applicants who publish in grade 'A' journals.

We also provide assistance on research methods, statistical analysis, grant writing and research ethics. We plan and schedule inaugural lectures.

SOME OF RIIC'S OTHER TEAM MEMBERS (1)



Dr. Kola Ayodele

DR. KOLA AYODELE: Responsible for exploring new areas of research possibilities, developing and administering assessment tools for internal research and making recommendations to the University Administration through RIIC. He is also charged with compiling



Mr. Samuel Dada

annual research information and plan for inaugural lectures. He liaises with the ICT unit in showcasing and archiving novel BU research work on the university website as well as follow up with schools and depart-

ments to sustain MOUs with international bodies/universities.

MR. DADA SAMUEL: Responsible for sourcing grants and calls for proposals, linking up with corporate organizations/embassies to source for grants. He connects BU researchers with grant donors and assists the RIIC Director in grant management among others.



At alert: The Babcock Security quarter guard at attention as the CP Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Dr. Chukwumah Ajike (all in back row) inspect the guards.

OGUN STATE POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENDS BU

The Ogun State Police Commissioner, Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson last week commended the University administration for sustaining effective collaboration with the police in ensuring security of lives and properties.

He made the remark during a courtesy visit to the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo. Mr. Ebrimson, who noted that the University remained a priority just as it was

when he was Area Commander of Shagamu Divisional Police, pledged he would ensure that Babcock's security architecture was not compromised.

While assuring Mr. Ebrimson of his administration's continuous cooperation, Prof. Tayo called for additional security measures around Babcock given its proximity to the Shagamu-Benin expressway and six other universi-

ties in the Southwest.

In addition, he said the presence of six commercial banks on campus made it imperative to develop a more strategic and proactive security approach to checkmate crime. He therefore requested that an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) be stationed opposite the University entrance.

Professor Tayo noted that any money expended on the Police was never enough considering the enormity of their work.

On the strength of this, he said the University would not relent in collaborating with the Police to curb criminal activities within Ilisan and its environs.

"We believe that it is only when we are at peace that we can make meaningful progress," he stated.

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L-R: DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, Dr Folrunsho Akande, Prof Sunday Owolabi and Niyi Arije listen with rapt attention.



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Besides the constant dialogue with the Police, the university had donated patrol vans to the local vigilante and Police as well as roofed the police station in Ilishan as part of its corporate social responsibility.

Right: Prof. Ademola Tayo (l) with the CP Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson as he exchanges a handshake with one time classmate, Dr. Sam Okere

Top left: CP Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson signs the visitor's book. Top right: (l -r) The Deputy Supritendent of Police, Mr. Abimbola Oyeyemi, Dr Folrunsho Akande, Prof Sunday Owolabi and Niyi Arije listen with rapt attention.

Bottom right: Prof. Tayo presents Babcock souvenir to CP Ebrimson.



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- Prof. Tayo



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (4th from right) and CP Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson (middle) with other University officers and police entourage. (l-r): Dr. Chukwumah Ajike, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Tola Afolabi, Director, BU Press, Dr. Sam Okere, SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Mr. Joshua Suleiman and Director of Legal Services, Barrister Olaniyi Arije.

DON CALLS FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY



Advocacy for a stronger Agricultural policy: Prof. Kayode Oyesiku emphasizing a point while delivering his lecture. Seated is a section of the audience.

Amidst calls for national development, Professor of Development Studies, Professor Kayode Oyesiku said Nigeria's march into future is hinged on a holistic implementation of agricultural policies that would aid mechanized agriculture.

His call came at the 2nd Babcock University Public Affairs Forum where he delivered a paper, *Sustainable Development and Nigeria's March to the Future*.

Beyond Agriculture, the former Vice Chancellor, Tai Solarin University of Education said government also needs to build infrastructures, rehabilitate health institutions and revive vocational and technical education for sustainable development.

He said, though the implementation of the UN sustainable goals was still sketchy, entrenching them into the national psyche would enable everyone identify with them and sup-

port government's efforts.

"If we understood those goals and what they stood for, we would also support the policy makers in integrating them into various policies," he noted.

Professor Oyesiku said as an "unrepentant optimist," he foresees a positive attitude of Nigerians towards ensuring the implementation of these sustainable development goals as well as President Muhammadu Buhari's

commitment to making it happen as promised at the last UN general meeting.

According to him, the Presidency has already set up a presidential implementation committee to collaborate with the Ministries of Finance, Budget and Planning.

"Let us give them between one and two years and see how it goes. By the grace of God it would work out," he said.

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Dr David Alao (2nd left) presents plaque Prof Kayode Oyesiku. With them are Dr Onakoya (left) and Dr Olajumoke Haliso (right) .

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He also disclosed that Nigeria would be among countries to review the achievement and identify the challenges so far of the SDGs during the UN review meeting in New York this July.

The event is expected to provide members opportunity to imbibe global best practices and resolution of thorny issues.



Prof. Oyesiku (middle) with Prof. Olujumoke Yacob-Haliso (l), and Prof. Bola Ajibola (right), share a moment with other Staff and faculty.



Top: Another guest speaker, Prof. Bola Ajibola poses with his plaque as Dr. Onakoya (left) and Dr. Olajumoke Haliso (right) watch.

BUAMS GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY

It was give back time for members of the First Aid Committee of the Babcock University Association of Medical Students, BUAMS. While the rest of the world prepared to celebrate Valentine's Day, they turned out enmasse to give back to the community.

Through a blood donation campaign and collaboration with Medical Laboratory Science students, they mobilized over 70 persons to donate blood to boost the blood bank as well as to save lives at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, BUTH.

"Many people were enthusiastic about the donation and we had a total of 72 out of the 126 registered persons involved in the donation," said the BUAMS Executive President, Terry Etokapkan.

According to him, the essence of the campaign which was held February 13 in front of the cafeteria was to "encourage the culture of donating blood and to facilitate access to blood in case of emergencies at BUTH."

Besides saving lives in emergencies, Etokapkan said blood donation also played a key role in physiological rejuvenation and disease prevention for the donors.

"Blood donation does not weaken the donor," he said. "The recovery is rapid and helps donors fight against diseases."



A BUAMS member prepares a volunteer ready to donate blood.

BUAMS BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



Driven by a desire to save lives, the BU Association of Medical Students turned out enmass to promote a blood donation campaign.

Pictures capture the moments as volunteers respond to the plea to make a difference.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



It was a cocktail of events last week with the courtesy visit of the Ogun State Police Commissioner, Mr. Kenneth Ebrimson capping them all.

Earlier, The Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences hosted the 2nd Babcock University Public Affairs Forum with Prof. Kayode Oyesiku and Prof. Bola Ajibola as guest speaker and chairman of occasion, respectively. Faces and moments of both events are captured in pictures.



The University Pastor Dr. Sunday Audu welcomes the guest speakers, Prof. Kayode Oyesiku.



NAAS CELEBRATES WEEK WITH OUTREACH



Members of the Nigeria Association of Adventist Students with children of the Ishanbi Model Nursery & Primary School during their 2020 outreach programme.

Preaching the gospel comes with the terrain for members of the Nigeria Association of Adventist Students. Last week however, members decided to walk the talk as they marked their annual week with the theme, *The Upward Look* and community outreach programmes.

Pupils of the Ishanbi Model Nursery and Primary school, Ilishan-Remo became frontline beneficiaries.

“We met children struggling with immediate need of school materials and 13

of them benefitted from the note books while every pupil was given writing materials according to their classes,” said the NAAS President, Oluwaseyi Olayemi.

The occasion also went beyond meeting physical needs. Another executive member of NAAS, Moses Domret, conducted pop quizzes on school work and awarded with gifts for getting it right.

The children also got encouraged on the values of obedience and good hy-

giene by NAAS member, Joseph Monday. “You need to take your studies serious to make your parents proud,” he said.

Members of the University community on both campuses also benefitted from the outreach as they received Bible promises, books and other freebies from Bible quizzes.

Through it all, the theme featured and dominated the week.

“Looking around, all we see is hopelessness in this world. We wanted to take people’s focus from the horizontal to the vertical,” said Olayemi. “It is high time we looked upward to heaven; to God where our help comes from not on earthly things which are temporal.

The week also gave members time to reflect, rejuvenate and re-evaluate their positions as Seventh-day Adventists.



NAAS President Oluwaseyi Olayemi presents books to a pupil while another member, Monday Joseph (right) presents a pen.

The group with some staff of the Model School.



NAAS WEEK IN PICTURES

Tagged, *The Upward Look*, the NAAS Week 2020 made an impact beyond the ivory tower without ignoring the Babcock community.

From distributing Bible promises to giving awards for right answers to Bible quizzes, there was something for everyone.



Courtesy visit to the President/VC, Prof. Ademola Tayo (3rd right). From l - r: Dorcas Adeniyi, NAAS President, Oluwaseyi Olayemi, Registrar, Prof. Jonathan Nwosu, Abimbola Ogunmoye and Ekerete Sammy.



Pastor Sunday Audu (l) and Oluwaseyi Olayemi





COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 1, 8 & 15

BADMINTON

There are cash prizes to be won as the Student Activities Department roll out this tournament opened to all interested persons (males and females). All the series promise to be an unforgettable experience.

Venue: Mayo Adadevoh Activity Hall
Time: 7:00am.

For enquiries and registration, contact: Kemi: 080 68 90 43 41

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MARCH 5

INAUGURAL LECTURE

The University hosts its 31st inaugural lecture. (See poster for details).

MARCH 21

OPERATION SMILE



When passion meets opportunities, the possibilities are endless. The Pioneer Church Youth & Children's Ministries hosts its annual outreach programme to the Ilishan community children. With N500, you can put a smile on the face of a hungry child.

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is not a title,
it is a behavior.
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- Robin Sharma

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