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#### THE NEWS AT YOUR FINGER TIPS

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#### **Our Mission**

 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
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## 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 S. Tayo inspect a guard in honour of the Special Assistant to President of the Federation on Economic Matters, Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu. With them are Head of History & International Studies, Dr. Michael Popoola and Emeritus Prof. Michael Omolewa.

## BU ADMIN DISMISSES FAKE NEWS ON Covid-19

The University administration has dismissed as "fake news," allegations that three Babcock University students contracted the new strain of coronavirus, covid-19.

In a release signed by the Director of Marketing & Communication, Mr. Joshua Suleiman, it described the allegations as "not only irresponsible and blatant falsehood, but tantamount to causing tension among students and parents as well as panic in the country." According to Mr. Suleiman, at the confirmation of the index case of covid-19 in Nigeria, the University immediately deployed proactive sensitization and safety measures through the distribution of 10,000 copies of fly-

ers on covid-19 and hand sanitizers.

It also equipped security personnel at the University's three main entrances and the Accident & Emergency Sec-



Mr. Joshua Suleiman

tion of the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, BUTH with infra-red thermometers as part of the control measures. **Continued on page 2** 

## UPDATE ON 600-SEATER MEDICAL AUDITORIUM



Work in progress: Workmen put finishing touches to the 600-seater auditorium.

hings are looking up for the Benjamin Carson Senior School of Medicine as work on the Babcock University Teaching Hospital Complex nears completion.

Besides research labs and administrative offices, the complex also houses the 600-seater medical school auditorium.

The contractor, Fagorite will commence external work including the car park to meet the deadline.

"While we are looking at May for the commissioning, the auditorium would be ready much sooner than that," said Director of Physical Planning, Arch. Mykell Jegede.

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Top: External view of the BUTH compex. Bottom: Front view of the complex.



## BU ADMIN DISMISSES FAKE NEWS ON COVID-19



He added that temporary isolation areas have

also been identi-

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fied at the BUTH. Face masks have been distributed to certain personnel while orders have been placed for additional relevant drugs. Besides these, the University has carried out more enlightenment at all the different worship centres on campus, produced its own alcohol-based hand sanitizer and opened communication lines with the Ogun State Ministry of Health.

"We reassure all our stakeholders that Babcock has no case of coronavirus. None of our students has the virus," he said.

## WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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## HOTLINES



Partners in progress: Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and other principal officers with Physical Planning and Food Services Department staff on the new project site.

## FOOD SERVICES TO FUND BLOCK OF FLATS AS GIFT TO UNIVERSITY

ore than a decade after it presented a guest house to the University, the Food Services Department is once gain funding a block of eight flats in Victory Estate as a gift to Babcock.

Last week, officers including staff of the Physical Planning Department and Food services were on site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The project comprising eight two bedroom apartments on four floors, is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo prayed that the project would be accident-free as he dedicated it to God.

The Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and others, made similar declarations. According to the Director of Food Services Department, Dr. Feyi Alade, the decision to support the University with the project from





Dr. Folorunsho Akande (left) and Dr. Feyi Alade (right) take their turn.

funds ploughed back from profits of the department's ventures, was in recognition of the need for more on-campus housing facilities for staff.

"We hope that some of our department's staff will also be considered when it comes to the allocation."

The project will be built with the University providing the relevant materials.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo takes the trowel as Engineer Seun Omotosho watches with a smile.



Pictured left: Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Top: Prof. Sunday Owolabi at the groundbreaking.



## BCED HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR DIPLOMA STUDENTS IN CHURCH ADMIN



CASON President, Pastor Seyi Oladimeji (right) and other CASON Board member Pastor Sunkanmi Obisesan (left) and Treasurer, Mr. Segun Shelleh, (m). Pictured right is BU Deputy Registrar, Dr. Patience Chioma.

them.

he Babcock Centre for Executive Development, BCED flagged off its executive diploma in church administration with an orientation programme for 25 pioneer students.

The diploma training is in collaboration with the Church Administrators Society of Nigeria (CASON) aimed at capacity-building for church administrators and leaders.

At the orientation, the BCED Director, Professor Johnson Egwakhe, described the programme as "God-ordained to depopulate the kingdom of darkness."

Prof Egwakhe who was represented by the Head of Religious Studies Department, Pastor (Dr.) Ikechi Epkendu, thanked CASON





Students (I) listen as Pastor (Dr.) Ikechi Ekpendu (r) addressed



for the synergy and the pioneer students for choosing Babcock.

Similarly, the BU Deputy Registrar, Dr. Patience Chioma, assured the students of success based on their right choice of institution for training.

"You have to be law-abiding, hard working and make your stay memorable," she said. "Failure is not an option in Babcock."

CASON President, Pastor Sevi Oladimeji said the programme is meant to bridge the knowledge gap in church administration in the country.

He said until churches got it right Nigeria would not get it right.



Pioneer students of the executive diploma in church administration after the orientation.



A cross section of participants at the Poise training programme

## LYNX GRAD CLASS TAKES ON POISE TRAINING

head of the June 6 graduation, the University organized an employability skills' training for the Lynx graduating class to prepare them for the workplace.

The training was also designed to give the graduates an edge and make them "stand out in the job market."

For several days, seven facilitators from Poise, a Lagos-based



Facilitators Mr. Oluwajunwolo Esho (right) and Mr. Patrick Ahaotu (middle) with a student.

finishing school met with the class at the Babcock amphitheatre.

Among other things, they taught effective listening and time management skills as well as etiquette.

"The programme taught me several things like workplace ethics," said

Vice President of the Lynx Class for the main campus, Precious George.

Over 1,800 students participated in the programme which took place in the last week of February.

## DR. JUMOKE YACOB-HALISO BECOMES FIRST AFRICAN TO CHAIR FTSG

Dean of the Veronica Adeleke School of social Sciences, VASS, Dr. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso has been appointed as the first African to ever chair the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) section Executive Committee of the International Studies Association, ISA.

With this, she joins a list of past chairs comprising founders and doyens of the feminist international relations as well as global recognition in this field.

The ISA has a membership of over 7,000 representing 100 countries globally. It is one of the most respected and renowned interdisciplinary Association in the field of international, transnational and global affairs.

Dr. Yacob-Haliso was elected as co-Chair with Punam Yadav for a three-year term, 2020 -2023.



Dr. Jumoke Yacob-Hlaiso

## THE CHORD HOSTS KING OF HEARTS



The Chord in a special appearance with the children's choir of the Junior Eagles' Leadership & Mentoring Group make a special appeal at the fund raising concert.



The Chord hosted the 3rd edition of the King of Hearts musical concert to raise funds in favour of the Eruobodo Homes in ljebu-Ode. The programme which was held at the Amphitheatre, also featured other chorale groups, soloists and drama: the Axios Chorale, Junior Eagles, Chika and Classic World Concept.









Classic World Concept in a drama presentation



The Axios Chorale

## **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**

It was music all the way as the Music Students Association celebrated its annual week. Members presented a lunch time ensemble with different musical instruments at the Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanities.









The Special Assistant to President of the Federation on Economic Matters, Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu was special guest as the History & International Studies department hosted the Distinguished Personality Lecture.

He paid a courtesy visit to the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and honoured by a quarter guard of Babcock Security before delivering his lecture.





## SOCIAL DIARY



Dr. Seun & Dr. (Mrs). Adefunke Ebiesuwa



## Baby Eliana Eti

#### WEDDED

It was a Babcock affair as family members and friends celebrated with two of their own.

Faculty of the School of Computing & Engineering Sciences, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa exchanged marital vows with an alumna of the Benjamin Carson Snr. School of Medicine, Dr. Adefunke Ebiesuwa at the Christ Apostolic Church in Lagos. The University wishes them a blissful and blessed marriage.

#### BIRTH

The family of Mr. Chibundu Eti of Academic Planning Department and his wife, Lois a staff of Internal Audit department recently welcomed a baby girl. The child, Eliana was born at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, BUTH on February 24.

SEND FORTH The Department of Marketing & Communication held a send forth for two members of the National Youth Service Corps who spent their service year in the department, Simon Agene and Benjamin Aleyomi.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to say farewell to two interns, Esther Clement and Taiwo Rasheed. The Director of Marketing & Communication, Mr. Joshua Suleiman wished them a success in all their future endeavours.



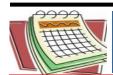
Benjamin Aleyomi receives his souvenin



Mr. Suleiman and Ms. Josephine Akarue present souvenir to Esther Clement.



Staff of the department with the interns and NYSC members.



## COMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## MARCH 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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## APRIL 8 LECTURE

Babcock will host a Distinguished Personality Lecture with IT Consultant & Engineer, John Olajide of Axxess Healthcare Consult as guest speaker. He will be sharing motivational talks and experiences. In 2015, Olajide became the youngest alumnus ever honoured by the University of Texas where he did his first degree. His organization, Axxess Healthcare Consult with headquarters in Dallas has also been voted nationally as the "Best place to work." Venue: Amphitheatre

Time: 10:00am

## RELFECTION



"Leadership is not a title, it is a behavior. Live it."

- Robin Sharma



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