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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

“ To give real service, you must add something that cannot be bought or measured with money and that is sincerity and integrity.”
- Douglas Adams

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and spouse, Prof. Grace Tayo (5th & 6th left) and other principal officers of Babcock University with their spouses shortly after their inauguration.

A CALL TO SERVICE CHARGE



Prof. J.A. Kayode Makinde delivering his charge

The University's Pro-Chancellor Pastor (Dr.) Bassey Udoh charged the new officers to see their appointments as a call to serve and not a promotion.

His charge came at the virtual inauguration of principal officers for a five-

year tenure and appreciation of the old at the BU Pioneer Church, December 1.

Pastor Udoh, represented by the immediate past President/Vice Chancellor of Babcock University, Professor J. A. Kayode Makinde, said performance and not the joy of office, topped public expectations of them.

“Now you have a new responsibility on your shoulders,” said Pastor Bassey. “To succeed in your appointment, you need competence, good character and courage.”

“All the competence and character will not count if you don't have the courage to make a success of the appointment,” he said.

While consecrating them for service and commending the old for a job well done, he urged community members to be part of their success not downfall.

WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL OFFICERS



Prof. Ademola Tayo and spouse, Prof. Grace Tayo

For the University's principal officers, December 1, 2020, marked the beginning of a new five-year tenure. They took their oath of office at a virtual inauguration held at the BU Pioneer Church. Below are their citations:

PRESIDENT/VICE CHANCELLOR, Prof Ademola S. Tayo

A Professor of Development Education, Prof. Tayo's academic work experience spans across continents. He was Babcock University's pioneer Director of Academic Planning as well as first Special Assistant to the pioneer President/Vice-Chancellor.

He was the Head of the Education and General Studies department and between 2006 and 2007, he served as a visiting Professor at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya. Professor Tayo was seconded to serve as interim President (Rector) of Adventist University Cosendai, Came-

roon, between 2010 and 2011.

A year later, he was appointed Dean of the Babcock School of Postgraduate Studies, a position he held until 2015 when he was elected BU President/Vice Chancellor.

Professor Tayo is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist Church minister, married to Professor Oluwatoyin Tayo. They are both blessed with two daughters.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMICS

Prof. Philemon Omerenma Amanze is a Professor of

"It is not enough to have the joy of office, but the joy of service for this is not a promotion, but a call to Service."

- Prof. Makinde

Comparative Religion and Church Ministry and has served the Lord in the Adventist Church for over 35 years. He has more than 65 publications to his credit. **BECOME A BETTER FAMILY** published in October 2020, is the latest book he co-authored with his wife, Dr. Ruth C. Amanze to mark their 31st wedding anniversary.

This union is blessed with Joseph Chizarampkere.

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Prof. Philemon & spouse, Dr. Ruth Amanze

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Professor Yacob Haliso joined Babcock University as a Librarian/Lecturer II in 1999 and rose to become a Professor on 2014.

He has served in various capacities as Head of Education and General Studies Department, Information Resources Management, Vice-Dean, Education and Humanities and recently as Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies. He has over 50 publications to his credit, supervised and graduated 4 Msc, 1 Mphil and 18 PhDs.

He is married to Professor Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso and the union is blessed with two children.

VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (UNIVERSITY BURSAR)

Dr. Folorunso Akande holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in accounting from Babcock University which he bagged whilst serving the first

tenure of his appointment as Vice President Financial Administration/Bursar.

He is an accomplished strategic financial management professional with over two decades of value-adding experience in banking, finance and treasury management.

He is Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB) and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA).

He is married to Olajumoke Helen Akande and blessed with children, all graduates of Babcock.



Prof. Yacob & Prof. Olajumoke Haliso



Dr. Sunday & Dr. Florence Audu

VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENTS DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sunday Didam Audu was born in Kaduna, Nigeria. Between 1987-1990, he worked with the Christian Farmers Association of the Anglican Church in Kafanchan, Kaduna State.

He has served Babcock University in various capacities which included Faculty Exam Officer, University Chapel Seminars Coordinator, GEDS Coordinator, Chief of Staff to the President/Vice Chancellor of Babcock University, and Associate Vice President Spiritual Life and University Pastor.



Dr. Folorunso & Mrs. Olajumoke Akande

BABCOCK INAUGURATES NEW OFFICERS



Prof J. A. Makinde offers dedicatory prayers for the new officers, Prof. Ademola Tayo and spouse, Prof. Grace Tayo and others.

The Babcock University community rose up to the occasion as President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo took his oath of office for a second five-year tenure.

Besides Prof. Tayo, the virtual inauguration ceremony ushered in three

new faces and one other returnee, President Financial Administration, Dr. Folorunsho Akande.

The replacements were: Professor Philemon Amanze, taking over from Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro as Senior Vice President Academics; Professor Yacob

Haliso who took over from Professor Sunday Owolabi as Senior Vice President Management Services and Dr. Sunday Audu replacing Professor Joseph Olanrewaju as Vice President Students Development.

Shortly after his oath of office, Professor Tayo, promised his new administration would strive to make Babcock "stronger and a university of tomorrow."

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Prof. Ademola S. Tayo

"Our goal is to make Babcock stronger and a university to believe in."
- Prof. Tayo



Prof. J. A. Makinde



Profs. Ademola Tayo & Grace Tayo with old and new officers. (L - r): Dr. Folorunsho & Florence Akande, Profs. Iheanyichukwu & Clara Okoro, Prof. Philemon & Dr. Ruth Amanze, Profs. Yacob & Jumkoe Haliso, Prof. Sunday & Dr. Titilayo Owolabi, Dr. Sunday & Dr. Florence Audu and Profs. Joseph & Motunrayo Olanrewaju.



Pastor (Dr.) Ernest Okonkwo



Barrister Niyi Arije (middle) administers the oath of office as officers take time to sign allegiance. Clockwise: Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze; & Barrister Arije; VP Financial Administration/Bursar, Dr. Folorunsho Akande and spouse and Vice President Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso and spouse.



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Consequently, he said he would continue with his previous administration's eight-point agenda with emphasis on spiritual empowerment as well as commitment to improving students' welfare; build a vibrant Alumni; enhanced ICT for virtual learning; improve infrastructure, and promote welfare of staff and faculty.

Priority will also be given to the establishment of a full-fledged Institute of Faith Integration and expansion of academic programme, particularly School of Environment and Earth Engineering Sciences.

Similarly, the University would be more IT-friendly with the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, BUTH becoming more IT-driven. He said the same would apply to the BU Alumni to enhance student ad-

vancement for networking.

According to him, enrolment drive would be more intentional in attracting international students to encourage diversification beyond the national boundaries.

"This administration would ensure that once our students graduate, they are part of a community of over 15, 000 alumni worldwide," he said, "This will help in keeping them informed about the development of the university and offering a wide range of programmes, events and benefits which meet alumni needs."

Professor Tayo said besides more classrooms and a fully equipped press, a befitting senate building that would be an

epicenter of the university administrative activities would be constructed.

While thanking the board of trustees and the governing council for the confidence reposed in them, he acknowledged God as the source of his administration's success.

He also lauded the outgoing officers for their tireless leadership, adding that it would be an honour to build upon the tremendous progress made over the last five years.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (middle) with (l-r) Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Prof. Philemon Amanze, Prof. Yacob Haliso and Dr. Sunday Audu.

PROF. SUNDAY OWOLABI HANDS OVER OFFICE TO PROF HALISO



Prof. Sunday Owolabi and Prof Yacob Haliso (6th & 7th left) with Departmental and unit heads of the Management Services Division. With them is office manager for the division, Mrs. Elizabeth Ayoka (5th left).

Former Senior Vice President Management Services, Professor Sunday Owolabi officially handed over to his successor, Prof. Yacob Haliso, December 2, 2020.

In a brief ceremony witnessed by Divisional heads of departments, Professor Owolabi called on all to extend the same level of support and cooperation that he enjoyed to Prof. Haliso whom he called his “bosom friend.”

He noted that what worked most for him was the excellent team spirit amongst staff and prayed God

would grant his successor grace to surpass what he achieved at the end of his tenure.

The occasion also provided opportunity for information sharing and presentation of personnel to the new SVP.

In response, Prof. Haliso said he was grateful to God who appointed him to lead but added that everyone was a leader and stakeholder who

would ultimately have to render account of stewardship to God.



Prof. Yacob Haliso receives handover briefings from Prof. Sunday Owolabi.

“I will always be ready to give my support whenever I am called upon to do so and I pray that you will all give your support to the new SVP as you gave to me that Babcock may grow in leaps and bounds.”

- Prof. Sunday Owolabi



Prof. Sunday Owolabi gives last minute briefing and recognitions as he meets with officers and new SVP, Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso.



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Mrs. Funmi Coker (3rd & 4th left) and others (l-r) Mrs. Yinka Quadri, BU SIWES Director, Dr. Tayo Sokunbi, Prof. Funso Olajuyigbe & Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf.

“As Babcock University ambassadors, don’t misrepresent us and shut the doors to other students in those establishments.”

- Prof. Okoro

ITF PARTNERS BU TO TRAIN STUDENTS

Ahead of their Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme, SIWES, third year students participated in a one-day orientation programme organized by the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Area Office, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Area Manager, Mrs. Funmi Coker, who was accompanied by Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf, industrial training officer, Mrs. Yinka Quadri, ITF head of training, said the SIWES is an opportunity for students to gain relevant practical industrial experience that would facilitate job placements after graduation.

“The purpose of SIWES is to make transition from school work to practice easy and for easy job placements,” Coker revealed.

According to her, it is enough to have only head knowledge hence the Student Industrial Work Experience is a hands-on experience that would complement the mind’s knowledge.

She said with the frightening un-

employment in the country, experience gained would give the students edge over candidates in terms of job placement, adding that there were testimonials of many who gained employments in the establishments after graduation.

She said she was glad that tertiary institutions made it compulsory that students have a pass in SIWES before graduation.

The then Senior Vice President, Academics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro said the University offers both soft and hard skills, adding that IT was the needed hard skill which they must acquire.

He said any student who decides to use the time to play truancy instead of being serious, would have short-changed him or herself.

He therefore urged them to begin the search for a relevant place so

they would be well-grounded at the end of the six months internship.

“As Babcock University Ambassadors,” said Professor Okoro, “Don’t misrepresent us and shut the doors to other students in those establishments.”



Dr. Tayo Sokunbi (right), Mrs. Yinka Quadri and another ITF officer



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University community witnessed another inauguration ushering in Prof. Ademola S. Tayo for another five-year tenure. The event also saw the return of the VP Financial Administration, Dr. Folorunsho Akande with counsels from the immediate past President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde representing the Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Bassey Udoh. Pictures of the memories and moments that made up the event.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Testimonials, citations and shared memories were part of the inauguration of the new officers as captured in these pictures.



PROF GRACE TAYO UNVEILS BOOK ON LEADERSHIP



Author, Prof. Grace Tayo (middle) with spouse, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo. With them are (l-r) Prof. Deji Olanrewaju, Prof. Deji Olanmoye, Dr. Adejoke Oyewunmi, Dr. Kayode Fashola and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro

In a world where sharp practices have almost become the norm and godly leadership an endangered virtue, how can leaders walk the tightrope of integrity without becoming intoxicated by praise singers and the lure of office?

These and other issues run through the work as Director of Research, Innovation & International Cooperation for Babcock University, Prof. Grace Tayo, attempts to answer these in her new book, *Timeless Gems for Contemporary Leaders, Lessons from the Kings!*

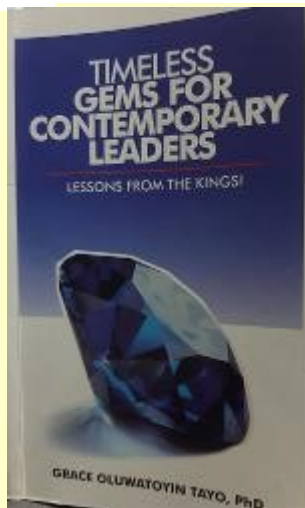
Unlike other works on leadership which recommend self-help and other tonics like psychological support system, the 10-chapter book and its epilogue, draw lessons solely from the Holy Bible.

From Biblical King Saul to King Jehoiachin, the book x-rays how their choices and judgments at critical moments marred or made their reigns.

In Chapter 4 for example, *Leadership with Wisdom*, the book leads the reader to take a closer look at how King Solomon's choice with strange women turned the table over on the wisest king that ever lived.

"A good start is not a guarantee or indicator of a great end," one of the lessons state in the book. "Solomon built a magnificent temple for God also started building shrines for pagan gods."

Against this background, the book recommends the



continuous connection to God, obeying and following His commands as the only safe guard to the snares and traps of the enemy.

"The devil capitalizes on our weaknesses and comes in through the loopholes and messes up our lives. Our only safety is relying on God."

Prof Tayo's *Timeless Gems for Contemporary Leaders* is her second work. The first was in General Agriculture.

As Dr. Eregare of the Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanity reviewed the book at the Babcock Business School, he noted. "This is a book most relevant for a time like this."

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and other faculty, staff and friends were also present at the event chaired by Dr. Kayode Fashola.

PROF GRACE TAYO'S BOOK PRESENTATION IN PICTURES



University community members, friends and family added colour to the book presentation by Prof. Grace Tayo. Pastoral wives were also present to support their own.



Prof. Godwin Aja and spouse, Dr. Victoria Aja from Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, AIAS, Phillipine with Prof. Grace Tayo (middle).



Babcock University Alumni Transition Committee Chair, Dr. Adesoji Tayo T(left), author, Prof. Grace Tayo and other close family members shortly after the unveiling of the book.

IN BRIEF



Former Chief Driver, Mr. Jeremiah Chibuzor, (4th I) and Director Facilities Management, Mrs. Abidemi Oyinloye (5th I) and other colleagues at the send forth get together for the former.

After 35 years of meritorious service to the institution, the University's former Chief Driver, Mr. Jeremiah Chibuzor finally bowed out in style. Friends and colleagues including the Director of Facilities Management, Mrs. Abidemi Oyinloye met to wish him God's blessings and good health. Beyond wishes, they also presented him with a gift of a refrigerator.

"I'm very grateful to God for seeing me all through my career and sparing my life," said Mr. Chibuzor.



COMING EVENT

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CALENDAR

DEC 7 - 22

ON-LINE EXAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS

JAN 7 -9

COLLOQUIUM BY ZOOM

All staff and faculty are expected to participate in the colloquium.

JAN 10 - 14

ARRIVAL OF NEW STUDENTS

JAN 12 - 15

MOP UP ONLINE EXAMS

JAN 17 - 22

NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

JAN 22

ON-SITE CLASSES BEGIN

JAN 26

PCF MEETING BY ZOOM

REFLECTION



**"Leadership
is service not
position"**

- Tim Fargo