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- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

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

“Happiness does not result from what we get but from what we give.”

- Ben Carson

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Proud to belong: Babcock University Security mount a quarter guard in honour of convocation Lecturer, Senior Partner & Head Advisory Services KPMG Nigeria, Mr. Joseph Tegbe



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Commencement Speaker Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola (2nd and 4th left) with other university officers: (left) Chief of Staff, Prof. David Alao (extreme right) Dean, School of Law & Security Studies, Prof. Deji Olanrewaju.

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Pastor Eddy Ewoh: A call to make a difference in the world

AQUILA CLASS CHARGED TO TRUST GOD

In a turbulent world of greed and quick fix fame, how can one live above the lure of it all and succeed in life?

These were some issues speaker of the Friday verspers service for the Aquila Graduating class of 2021, Pastor Eddy Ewoh challenged the congregation with as he unfolded the five rules to live by for success.

Pastor Ewoh who is the Youth Director of the East Nigeria Union Conference of the Adventist Church and host of Youth Initiative for Leadership, is also a Babcock University alumnus.

“You must not sacrifice your destinies in the arms of the instant, you must not sacrifice your time with people who will drain you with negative energy. You must exercise control of your passion and ap-

petite and take charge of your mind,” he said.

Above all, he warned against an emotion-driven life. “You must guard your emotions. A life led by feeling, is a mind destined for ruin.”

He capped his five-point rule with a call to discipline.

“The world is waiting for you. You are competing with no

one. You have a path to follow, a race to run and a destiny to reach, he said.

“We are looking up to you to be part of the solution providers. As you go on to take on the world, I hope you will never forget this: No man lives in vain. This journey has to be surrendered to God to make a difference.”

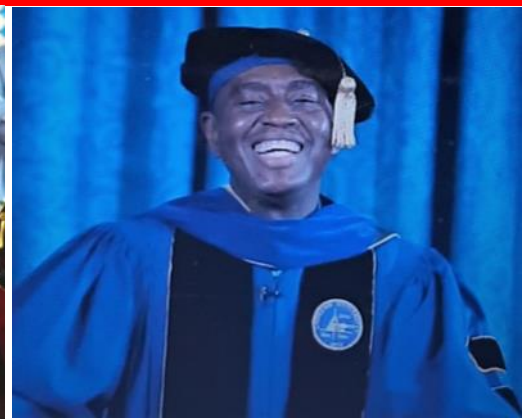


Faculty member, Dr. Uduak Ewoh reads the citation of the speaker who is also her spouse, Pastor Eddy Ewoh



“This journey has to be surrendered to God to make a difference.”
- Pastor Ewoh

“YOU ARE BORN TO SOAR,” PROF ONOGHA TELLS AQUILA GRADS



The Aquila Class choir thanksgiving in songs. Right is Prof. Kelvin Onogha

Rise above mediocrity and soar. This was the core of the message as President/Vice Chancellor of the Adventist University of Central Africa, Rwanda, Prof Kelvin Onogha delivered his sermon to the Aquila Graduating Class of 2021 at the Babcock baccalaureate service.

Prof. Kevin's message went beyond the symbolic to a spiritual call to reflect on the real meaning of the class name.

“As an Aquila, you are born to soar and wired to succeed. Just as the Eagle soars above the storms, so God has placed in us, the capacity to soar.”

Quoting Warren Buffet, Onogha added. “If you want to soar like

Eagles, then don't be found flocking around with turkeys, scratching the earth like chickens, squawking like parrots or living like vultures.”

His sermon also focused on self discipline, commitment and persistence as critical attributes for success.

“Like the mother eagle teaches its young to move from its com-

fort zone, so you must learn to move from your comfort zone. Discover your passion and like the Eagle run with it. Rule your space,” he counseled. “No power on Earth can deter you.”

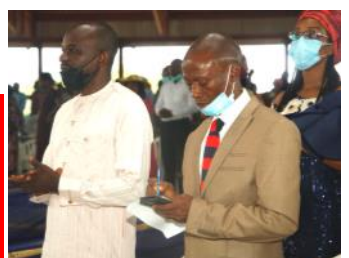
The immediate past President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde, also lent his voice in prayer for the class as members begin their flight of grace in the global space.



Aquila Class sponsors: Dr. Victor Adesiyun and Dr. Esther Adejumo (left) at the service



Top: Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde pronounces blessings. Right: Vice President Student Development, Dr. Sunday Audu(left) and Associate Vice President Spiritual Life, Prof. Efe Ehioghae



CHANGE THE GLOBAL NARRATIVE -VC CHARGES GRADS



Mission accomplished: Prof. Ademola Tayo (right) inspiring a new set of Babcock doctoral graduates

The University once again rose up to the challenge of the new normal to celebrate 78 doctoral graduates at the 2nd virtual hooding ceremony June 24.

The Economics Department hooded its first doctoral graduate in the University's College of Postgraduate Studies.

The Department of Information Resources Management led the top three of doctoral graduates with 21, Business Administration, 13 and Mass Communication, 10. (See box for details).

While congratulating the graduates for "earning their stripes of honour," President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo urged them to mentor others and positively impact society in their pursuit for excellence.

"Find someone to mentor so that they too can achieve what you have achieved," he said.

"As holders of doctoral degrees, you are now officially recognized as efficient and capable of working independently in your disci-

plines. Demonstrate the spirit of never giving up."

He dropped the hint for them to live up to their class name, Aquila, the eagle which stays agile, focused and highly perspective even in the eye of storms.

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Prof. Ayandiji Aina



Mrs. Folayemi Olomajobi



Dr. Chidimma Ajike



Hooding and presentation of bouquet of flowers to graduates by Prof Grace Tayo.



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"We trust that the values you have learned will not be lost in times of challenge."

Associate Vice President, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance C. Nwosu encouraged the graduates to maintain the honour which their academic robes symbolized.

In her congratulatory message, mother of the best doctoral graduate, Mrs. Folayemi Olomojobi thanked the university administration for creating the enabling environment to excel.

She also counseled the graduates to use their PhD "for the good and blessing of humanity."

For Provost of the CPGS, Professor Ayandiji Aina, the hooding provided another reason for celebration of hard-work, commitment to excellence and gratitude for administrative support.



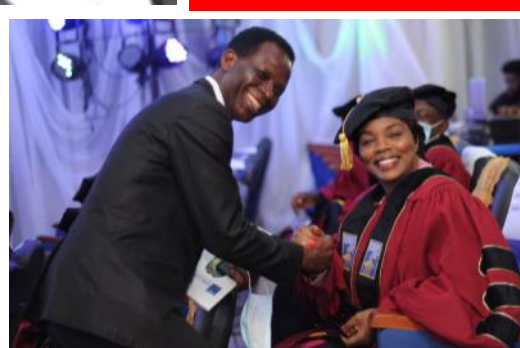
Hooding in progress for Dr. Olufemi Olomojobi (middle), Dr Wumi Olaseinde (left) with another doctoral graduate



Prof. Philemon Amanze



Prof. Constance Nwosu



Dr. Joshua Suleiman congratulates one of the graduates

NUMBER OF PHD BY DEPARTMENT		
1.	IRM	21
2.	Business Administration	13
3.	Mass Communication	10
4.	Accounting	8
5.	Political Science	7
6.	Computer Science	4
7.	Languages & Literary Studies	4
8.	Public Health	3
9.	Animal Science	2
10.	Microbiology	2
11.	Economics	1
12.	Marketing	1



A cross section of the PhD graduates



Top row from left to right) :
Dr. Oluwafemi OLOMOJOBI,
Dr. Maria EHIOGHAE,
Dr. Oluwasikemi OWOLABI

Bottom row from left to right:
Dr. Bode OGUNTOKE
Dr. Comfort AKPUH



This graduation marks the realisation of an expectation; the end of a phase not finality to the journey God is taking me through. It is a privilege to graduate with honours. There is that humble satisfaction, as well as appreciation with knowing that I tried my best but that God really took care of the rest. He is the secret of my success.

Dr. Oluwafemi OLOMOJOBI,

Mass Communication

My expectation was to become a PhD holder before 2021. But the COVID-19 disrupted my plans to some extent. However, today, it has changed my status as a Medical Librarian. Graduating with my son, who got his Masters in Computer Science feels great. I see it as a double blessing. The secret of our success is prayer. Moving forward, I want to be the best medical librarian that I can be.

Dr. Maria EHIOGHAE, *Information Resources Management*

WHAT THIS GRADUATION MEANS TO US

I was looking forward to a good bridge between the academia and business. This study afforded the opportunity to understanding theories that back some business practices. It would help me in improving various practices especially in the areas of Banking, Finance, Accounting and Operations.

This graduation is a promise fulfilled. I promised myself to get to the peak of any area in spite of the seeming drawback of being orphaned 31 years ago. This graduation underlines the need to be focused, resilient and persistent. As God leads, I'll follow.

Dr. Bode OGUNTOKE,

Business Administration

This is the start of greater responsibilities. All glory to God who made it possible. I expected a very strong, research-based PhD program and the expectation was met. Graduating with my husband feels great and a reflection of God's faithfulness.

We started together; though tough, we enjoyed God's grace. He is the secret of our success. I committed everything to God's hands and remained focused.

Moving forward, I see myself moving to higher grounds with greater responsibilities.

Dr. Oluwasikemi OWOLABI

Graduating with PhD in Mass Communication feels great and awesome. I draw my strength from God who makes all things possible from selling akara at Onipanu bus stop in Lagos in the 1990s to my graduating with a PhD. Determination was a motivational factor. I see myself being at the top of my career as a certified educationist.

Dr. Comfort AKPUH, *Mass Communication*

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This graduation has moved me a step closer to my goals. I expected to be equipped with the necessary research skills and capabilities to solve problems. My expectations were met. I feel humbled to be graduating with my mum. It is simply an act of God's grace. The secret of my success is God and hard work. I see myself becoming a world class researcher and entrepreneur.

Eseosa EHIOGHAE, MSc Computer Science

This graduation is one of the greatest things that ever happened to me. I feel elated and honoured by God for making it possible to graduate with first

class honours. I did my best but it was God who made my best to be first class. The secret is a combination of hard work, determination, and prayers. I see myself becoming an active and influential member of the ACCA of London.

Abimbola SONEYE, BSc Accounting

I thank God for the privilege to be among the graduates. My coming to Babcock was ordained by the Almighty God. I appreciate Him. My

expectation from Babcock was qualitative education and sound moral values. These were met in spite of the challenges.

Seyiola ADEBOWALE Msc Accounting



Clockwise:
Abimbola
Soneye, Eso-
sa Ehioghuae
and Seyiola
Adebowale



MY FIRST JOURNEY IN BABCOCK BEGAN AS A JANITORIAL STAFF



Dr. Babatunde & Dr. Oluwasikemi Owolabi

Dr. Babatunde Owolabi says he has many reasons to be thankful. He and his wife, Dr. Oluwasikemi Owolabi were not just among the 72 doctoral graduates celebrated on June 27, they also met and consummated their marriage dur-

ing the course of study in Accounting. He shares his joy with the editorial team:

This graduation means a lot to me because my first journey on this campus

began as a janitorial staff in the New Male Hall.

From being a janitor, I started my academic journey in 2008 with BSc in Accounting, then a Masters also in Accounting and today

we are in the celebration week of the PhD graduation.

All my experience in my study in Babcock has been in Accounting and it was in the accounting class that I met my wife who also graduated with a PhD in Accounting.

So really, it's been God all the way. We give Him all the glory, honour and adoration.

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BABCOCK GRADUATES 82 FIRST CLASS @ 2021 CONVOCATION



Waiting to exhale: The graduands at the event

Eighty-two of Babcock's 2,079 graduates finished first class as the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences produced the best overall students at first and doctoral degree levels. The occasion was the 19th undergraduate and 10th postgraduate convocation.

Teslimat Okunola with a CGPA of 4.91 on a scale of 5, clinched the best overall student prize and President's prize for academic performance, leadership, community and spiritual services at the undergraduate level.

Dr. Oluwafemi Olomajobi with a 4.81 CGPA, out of 5 points, got best overall recognition in the PhD programme. Both were from the Department of Mass Communication. At the Master's level, Amarachukwu Peace of Public Health with a CGPA of 4.77, emerged overall best.

Eighteen Computer Science graduates from Babcock's part-

nership with the University of Computer Science in Poland were also part of this year's convocation which President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo described as a defining moment for Babcock. He charged the 1,660 undergraduates and 419 postgraduates to remain focused as Nigeria's developmental challenges awaited their contributions.

"You are the solutions," he said. "Unleash your ingenuity and acquired knowledge to make the world a better place."

He also recognized staff and faculty for contributions through which the BU alumni were making global impact.

He cited Kayode Adegbite, one of Facebook's recently appointed product managers, Shola Akinlade and Ezra Olubi as evidence of Babcock's Alumni's ingenuity.

Akinlade and Olubi's online payment app, **Paystack** attracted \$200million-dollar investment from Stripe to accelerate online commerce across Africa.

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Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) addresses the Aquila Class.

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Commencement Speaker and CEO, Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola, also inspired the graduates.

He reminded them that to survive in the new, technologically-driven global narrative, they must think creatively and use the skills acquired to chart a path.

“Wherever you find yourself, you must constantly acquire digital skills to stay ahead of the game and make yourself productive” he said. “The world’s future is the digital economy and individuals that make discoveries and contribute positively to the world, are those that embrace digital skills.”

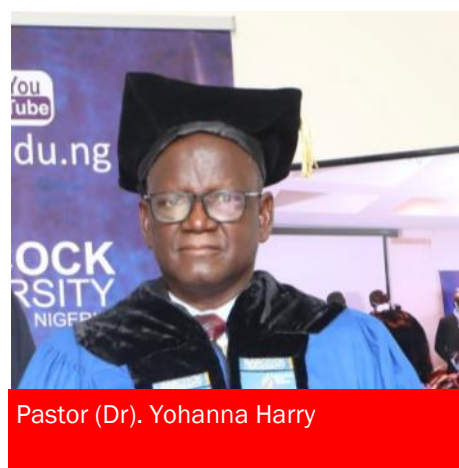
For Babcock Pro-Chancellor, Pastor (Dr.) Yohanna Harry, the counsel was: “Go forth and soar.”



A cross section of the graduating students



Pastor (Dr.) Oyeleke Owolabi



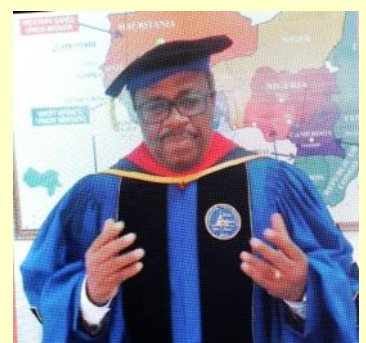
Pastor (Dr.) Yohanna Harry



Prof Grace Tayo (middle) presents bouquet to Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola as Prof. Ademola Tayo watches with interest.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The caps have it. Besides the graduating students, Deans, staff and faculty also played active roles at the hooding and convocation ceremonies. Pictures capture the different moments.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



HONOUR ROLL

PRESIDENT/VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD:

Given to the best graduating student in overall performance especially in leadership, academic, community and spiritual services.

Okunlola, Teslimat Omolola (4.91)

SVP/DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR'S PRIZE: Given to the graduating student with the highest cumulative grade point (Minimum CGPA of 4.00).

Okunlola, Teslimat Omolola 4.91

Ogbonna, Amarachukwu Peace (MSc) 4.77

Olomojobi, Oluwafemi Temitayo (Ph.D.) 4.82

SCHOOL DEANS' PRIZES:

Given to the graduating student with the highest cumulative grade point average in each School (minimum CGPA of 4.00)

Ben Carson Snr. School of Medicine:

(Nwachukwu, Olusegun 5 distinctions) (Medicine & Surgery)

Olagunju, Oluwanifemi O. (4.70) Biochemistry

School of Computing & Engineering Sciences:

Agunbiade, Ebunoluwa Enoch (4.57)

Education & Humanities:

Hougbegnon, Maurice (4.82)

Law and Security Studies:

Orole, Oluwamuoladun Joan (4.53)

Nursing Sciences:

Okusolubo, Bolanle Grace (4.66)

Public and Allied Health:

Abodunrin, Oluwapelumi Elizabeth (4.81)

Medical Laboratory: Ogbagbue, Emmanuella (4.52)

School of Management Sciences

Adesanya, Oluwatimilehin Ayomide (4.85)

School of Science and Technology :

Oyedotun, Oluwadamilola (4.70) Microbiology

Atlabi, Ifedayo (4.70) Physics Electronics

Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences : Okunlola, Teslimat Omolola (4.91) Mass Communication



Prof. Ademola Tayo presents award to the overall best student at the undergraduate level, Teslimat Okunlola



Amarachukwu Peace Ogbonna receives her award for excellence as Masters graduate with the highest CGPA.



Dr. Oluwafemi Olomojobi receives his award of excellence for doctoral graduate with the highest CGPA.



Dr. Titilayo Owolabi presents a plaque of Appreciation to Ebuoluwa Akintunde, Chair, Aquila PG Class Welfare Committee .



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo presents commencement speaker, Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola with a plaque of appreciation.



Prof. Dora Akinboye with awards presented by the Aquila PG Class: Best Postgraduate Lecturer in School of Public & Allied Health and Appreciation for Commitment to Excellence.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES PRIZES

- Accounting:** Adesanya, Oluwatimilehin A. 4.85)
Anatomy: Shobowale, Bisola Faith (4.69)
AIT Alashe, Omotola Opemipo (4.68)
Finance: Akinyele, Oreoluwa Jemima (4.40)
Biochemistry: Olagunju, Oluwanifemi O.(4.70)
Business Edu. Familusi, Elizabeth Kehinde (4.53)
CRS: Hougbeignon Maurice (4.80)
Chemistry: Yorom, Jemima (4.20)
Computer Science: Agunbiade, Ebunoluwa E. (4.57)
Computer Science (Tech):
 Sadiq, Ismail Olawale (4.29)
Computer Science (Info system):
 Fafi, Anita Ofuoma (4.32)
Educational Planning & Admin:
 Mbah, Christianah Chioma (4.22)
English Studies: Ogbonna, Favour E. (4.23)

ENDOWMENT AWARDS & PRIZES

AKIN & KATE DELANO AWARD:

Given to the graduating student with the highest CGPA in the School of Law - \$100-

Orole, Oluwamuoladun J. 4.53

TOYIN FALOLA PRIZE:

Given to the graduating student with the highest CGPA in the Department of History - N50,000

Akorede, Zainab, 4.62

DR ABAYOMI IGE MEMORIAL AWARD

Award from the family of late Dr Abayomi Ige, who died in active service as a faculty of department of Agriculture and Industrial Technology, Babcock University to the best graduating student in the department of Agriculture and Industrial Technology - N30,000

STL TRUSTEES PRIZE:

For the best student in Law of Trusts -

Yahaya, Mariam Pelumi

PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:

MR and MRS OKEOWO Oluwole (4 children)