



## 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
- Adventist Heritage

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.”  
- Jonas Salk

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## TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Philemon Amanze and Ambassador Samson Itegbeye (4th & 5th left) with other principal officers, and officials of the Babcock International Model United Nations (BIMUN).

## SVP RECIEVES MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Prof Amanze ( left) receives Amb. Itegbeye

Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze said the time is ripe to make the world a better place through youth involvement in nation building. His call came as Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, paid a courtesy visit as guest speaker to the 2021 edition of the

Babcock International Model United Nations Assembly.

Prof Amanze, representing the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo, said nations like Nigeria with a high youth population can leverage on their competence, courage and commitment to achieve the UN millennium sustainable development goals.

In response, Mr. Onyeama, represented by the Director of

International Organization in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Samson Itegbeye, said youths must be encouraged to secure the future.

He praised the University's administration for creating the enabling environment for developing visionary leaders. He commended the organizers' resilience in ensuring the physical participation of the Foreign Minister in this year's BIMUN conference.

## WEEKLY DIGEST

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Ambassador Itegbeye (right) addresses a cross section of delegates at the BIMUN General Assembly.



## POVERTY RECEIVES ATTENTION AT 5TH BIMUN

Strategies for poverty eradication and climate change topped the agenda as delegates met for the 5th General Assembly of the Babcock International Model United Nations conference, July 18 - 23, 2021.

Chief host, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo who addressed the Assembly via zoom, said besides the Covid-19 pandemic, poverty still posed a huge burden for a majority of the world's population.

Consequently, he described the theme of this year's conference, *Mobilizing Multi-lateral Efforts for Poverty Eradication, Quality Education, Climate Action & Inclusion*, as



Starting strong: Youth representatives of the 5th BIMUN General Assembly preside over the opening session

both appropriate and timely.

He noted that in spite of the remarkable economic growth in some areas, poverty remained high among African youths, making it a challenge requiring multi-lateral efforts to tackle.

According to him, through

equitable and quality education, Africa's army of eager youths would be better positioned to make positive global impact in poverty eradication, climate change and sustainable development by 2030.

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Professor Tayo (left) addresses the delegates

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Director of United States Information Centre, Lagos, Mr. Roland Kayanja thanked Babcock University for the continuous support to the programme which he said provided the youth first-hand knowledge on the workings of the UN and its approach to addressing global issues.

He said he foresees many delegates becoming active advocates on global issues at the UN General Assembly 15 years from now.

He called on the University to work on the sustainable development goals by coming out with innovations and solutions to global problems to “leapfrog the country” out of poverty.

He assured the University of the UN’s backing in supporting programmes geared towards nation building and sustainable development.

In the same vein, Senior Special Adviser to



Representatives of the International Court of Justice at the Hague

President Mohammadu Buhari on Sustainable Development Goals, Adejoke Orelupe-Adefulire, said sustainable development can only be achieved when embedded in the medium to long - term goals.

She called for youth and stakeholders’ involvement in the pro-

motion and implementation of the SDGs and national growth.

“At the end, we are certain each delegate would have learnt the importance of compromise, cooperation, lobbying, negotiations and consensus building,” said BIMUN Executive Director, Samuel Chiemela.



Samuel Chiemela (left) addressing the General Assembly



Prof. Philemon Amanze (left front row) with other University, BIMUN of-ficers and delegates at the conference.

## BU FOREIGN ALUMNI RECALL THEIR STAY ON CAMPUS



Friends at dinner: The BU Alumni and a friend (left) currently a Postgraduate student at dinner.

Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso and his family hosted three of his foreign students at an informal dinner to celebrate their graduation. Beyond the buffet, the evening before their departure to their home country, Rwanda, provided time to share memories of their experiences in Babcock. Excerpts:

**UMUHOZA, Chantal:** *As someone coming to Nigeria for the first time, I was afraid that it would be difficult to cope with the new environment, language and study methods. Since Babcock is a faith-based, Seventh-day Adventist institution, I knew I would cope and everything went well. It feels good and it gives me courage to continue*

*with my studies. I'm honoured and I praise the Lord for everything.*

*I chose Babcock because it is a Christian University with reputation for quality education. I will miss both educational and social activities*

*for they highly impacted my academic, spiritual and social life.*

*This convocation is a celebration of the successful completion of my Msc programme in IRM. Before the program, I expected to learn and improve knowledge. These expectations were met.*

*If there is something I could change or improve upon, it would be to make online program optional to postgraduate students who are unable to come and stay on campus.*

*Moving forward, I see myself as a professional information manager applying the knowledge gained in libraries and other institutions while teaching young people.*

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Chantal Umuhoza with a friend and Prof. Haliso's daughter, Right Josephine Akarue and Aimable Iragena.



**"The secret of my success is prayers, hard work and the great support from my lecturers."**  
- Chantal Umuhoza



Prof. Yacob and Jumoke Haliso with family share some light moments with the BU Alumni and Deputy Director of Communication, Josephine Akarue after the dinner.

**NTAKIRUTIMANA, Samuel:** My initial concern was how I was going to cope with the language since English was not my first language of communication. But Babcock inspired me to stand up to the challenge of towing a different line.

Before coming, I thought Babcock was a hostile place. I was wrong. I found out that there was so much to learn. What inspired me to choose Babcock was the fact that it is a faith-based university and her graduates were respectful, humble and high fliers in the industry.

My expectations were to complete my programme on schedule and acquire skills that would help me compete favourably in the labour market. My expectations were met and my dream fulfilled.

This graduation is the celebration of the successful completion of my MSc in Information Resources Management which makes me an authority in my field. I'm ready to go back and serve my nation (Rwanda) and the Adventist University of Central Africa, AUCA. I eagerly look forward to doing my PhD programme.

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**IRAGENA Aimable:** If there is something I learned from Babcock University, it is hard work.

I didn't know this University before. It was when I was told that I would be coming to study at Babcock that I started looking up different videos on YouTube. That didn't give me enough but knowing that it is a Christian, Adventist University, I was impressed that this is where I should be!

Knowing people who have graduated from Babcock including international students also gave me courage and inspired me to go forward.

People were always willing to help. I will miss the willingness of people here to provide a helping hand whenever necessary. Although from the start it wasn't easy to adapt to the food, I will certainly miss Egusi soup and eba, and moin-moin!

Moving forward, I see myself with this pace of keeping on learning, adding value to myself as much as I can, and these will make it possible for me to impact positively where I will be serving.

Apart from the joy, this graduation is evidence that I achieved the purpose of my coming to Babcock and staying away from home for 20 months.



Samuel Ntakirutimana

"The secret of my success is hardwork, collaboration with colleagues and discipline which is the engine of everything."  
- Samuel Ntakirutimana

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



It was diplomacy with a social touch as delegates met for the 5th General Assembly of BIMUN. Moments and faces at the event.



## BU POSTPONES MATRICULATION DATE

By this notice we wish to inform our esteemed parents, members of the public and stakeholders that amidst growing concerns about the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to ensure the health of our students, our 2020/2021 undergraduate matriculation earlier scheduled for July 29, 2021 has been postponed until further notice.

While a new date will be fixed and communicated to you, please note that the matriculation will now be a virtual ceremony via zoom.

We regret any inconvenience this change might cost you. We however take the trust you have reposed in us as care givers and educational instructors of your wards very seriously. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with the Institution.

Babcock University, the future is bright.

Signed,

Joshua Suleiman, PhD

Director, Marketing & Communication



## COMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### AUGUST 4

#### BOOK LAUNCH & 50th BIRTHDAY

Pastor James Adeyemi Babalola will be launching his book and marking his 50th birthday.

Time: 12:00pm Venue: BBS Auditorium A

#### AUGUST 8

#### INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye will be presenting the Babcock University 33rd inaugural lecture, *From The Small Business to Big Business: A Future with Little Hope*.

Time: 3:00pm. Venue: BBS Auditorium A.

#### AUGUST 18 - 22

#### COLLOQUIUM

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be anchoring the 2021 colloquium ahead of the new academic session. Details will be released shortly.

#### AUGUST 22 - 31

#### EXAMINATION

This is for post SIWES, 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

## REFLECTION



"A person  
who never made a  
mistake never tried  
anything new."  
- Albert Einstein