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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
- 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



A touch of Culture: Babcock University Staff School kindergarten pupils perform at the annual End of year and Prize giving Day.

## **BUSS COMMENDS BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS**



<sup>1</sup>he Babcock University Staff School marked its 31st annual graduation and Prize Giving Day July 27 with a special commendation to the board for its continuous support.

Head Teacher, Mrs. Ozichi Eluwa said the completion of the new block of classrooms

proved digital learning and communication, were made possible through the visionary support of the board and other stakeholders.

The occasion also provided platform to celebrate graduating pupils from the kindergarten and primary.

"Your hardwork and

and offices, expan- courage have been resion of closed circuit warded," said Mrs. Elutelevision as well as wa. "As you move on to installation of inter- the next level; rememnet facility for im- ber the core values you learnt in BUSS and the motto: Only the best is good enough."

> Mrs. Eluwa is optimistic that in spite of the infrastructural challenges arising from increase in school enrollment, the administration will address the issue of additional classrooms, laboratories, library and studios to facilitate teaching and learning.

### WEEKLY DIGEST

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#### HOTLINES



Front view of the new 48-shop retail outlet still under construction.

## NEW RETAIL SHOP OUTLET UPDATE

Plans to expand the main campus retail points and infrastructural development are taking a new turn with on going construction at the campus extension sites.

Besides the new Accident & Emergency building which will serve the Benjamin Carson Snr College of Health & Medical Sciences, construction work has begun for the 48retail shop structure.

According to the Director of Physical Planning, Arch. Mykell Jegede, the two-floor project close to the Independent Power Plant, will ultimately replace the makeshift sheds close to the University main gate.

Besides aesthetics, the shops would also offer the Babcock community more options for shopping in closer, more user-friendly environment. Already, the contractor, Habitec has commenced casting for the upper floor while block work for the ground floor is complete.

"It was meant to be a 12week project. So we are looking forward to August 31 for completion of the retail shops," said Arch Jegede. The shops will not only serve the needs of the University community but also other members of the public.



The front view of the MRI wing of the new A & E of the BUTH



Side view of the lock up shops

"We are looking forward to August 31 for completion of the retail shop project."

Arch Mykell Jegede

## BABCOCK INCREASES INFRASTRUCTURAL CAPACITY



Work in progress: Aeriel and side view (right) of the male hostel

head of student resumption later this year for the 2021-2022 academic session, the University is increasing the stakes of its infrastructural capacity.

On the main campus, contractors are racing against time to complete work on two new hostels, one each for male and female.

The projects are part of the University's full residency policy for more conducive learning environment.

At the female hostel construction site handled by Emmako Nig Ltd, the Hall preceptor's residence and activity hall are at the roof and lintel levels respectively

while the floor slab work is on-going for the hostel.

At the male hostel site handled by Fagorite, contractors who are also working on the new Accident & Emergency structure for the MRI, the focus is the three-floor Arch. Mykell Jegede on hostel construction.

Workmen are already preparing form work for the lintel while the preceptor's residence and Activity Hall are still at foundational level.

With its current student population of 10,000 students, the University ensures full residency for over 90% of its stu-

dents. The new hostels are expected to accommodate the anticipated increase in student enrolment as Babcock attracts more attention from international students.



Ongoing construction at the female hostel and below, female Activity hall





There are 20 hostels on the campus. The additional hostels will bring the total number to 22.

"We are hopeful that the projects will be completed on schedule," said the University's Director of Physical Planning, Architect Mykell Jegede.

## BUSS CELEBRATES THE ONYX GRADUATING CLASS



A cross section of the graduating pupils listen to Chair of the BUSS board, Prof. Abiodun Adesegun.

I t was a joyful moment for the Onyx graduating class of 2021 as the Babcock University Staff School celebrated 76 pupils from the primary level at the 31<sup>st</sup> graduation and Prize giving Day last week.

Along with these, 84 Kindergarten graduates also received their certificates and awards amid cultural dances, songs and French musical presentation at the BU Amphitheatre.

The School's management board Chair and Dean of the Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanities, Professor Abiodun Adesegun, urged the pupils to remain fo-

cused and maintain excellence at all times.

While thanking the Parents Teachers Association for its contribution towards the success of the graduating pupils, he assured parents of the board's support to ensure their wards get value for the choice of Babcock.

The University's Presi-



dent/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, represented by his Chief of Staff, Professor David Alao, urged the management to strive to maintain its top position. **Continued on page 5** 





Song presentation by the graduating kindergqarten pupils

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"Don't relent in your efforts," he said. The Guest Speaker, faculty of Gateway Polytechnic Sapade, Ogun State, Dr. Olubunmi Amusa, told the pupils that the good foundation they had received at school, will enable them build a great future. Above all, she told them to 'know God'.

Dr. Amusa was represented by Mr. Oba Victor at the presentation.

Chair of the day, Hon. Femi Ogundalu and the PTA Chair, Dr. Victor Adesiyan, advised the pupils to be mindful of the choices they make as these could either make or mar them.



The children step up for the French musical presentation

Some of the kindergarten children during their cultural presentation.









Head Girl, Nancy Raph-Ezekiel receives overall best award and gifts for best performance in eight subjects from President of the Association of BU Staff, Mr. Solomon Oyewumi. Below: Boyant Chijioke receives Best Inn<u>ovative Pupil Award</u>







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Top row from left to right:

Nancy RAPH-EZEKIEL Temiloluwa BAMIDELE







"Hard work is the secret of my success. My advice to others is to stay focused." -Nancy Raph-Ezekiel

Eri-Ibukunoluwa OYEGUNWA Grace ADEOYE Bottom right: Toluwani FADIPE

B abcock University Staff School marked her 31st graduation amidst pomp and pageantry . The editorial team sought to know what the graduation meant to the graduating pupils and what they would like to become in future. Excerpts:

#### RAPH-EZEKIEL, Nancy:

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is to become a nurse to treat the sick and save lives. Hard work was the secret of my success. Advice to others: Stay focused.

#### **BAMIDELE, Temiloluwa:**

I am 10 years old and my

future ambition is to become a medical doctor to treat the sick. Staying focused and working hard were the secrets of my success at school. To others: Reduce play and study more.

#### OYEGUNWA, Eri-Ibukunoluwa

I am 10 years old, and my future ambition is to become a medical doctor so I can treat the sick in the society. The secret of my success at school at school was hard work

## WHAT THIS GRADUATION MEANS TO US

and determination. Advice to others: Know where you are coming from and where you are going.

#### ADEOYE, Grace:

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is to become a Medical Doctor to save lives. The secret of my success at school was diligence in my studies. My advice to others: Study hard.

#### FADIPE, Toluwani David:

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is to become a medical

doctor to save lives. Reading is the secret of my success. To others, I say, stay focused and pay attention to your studies.

#### ADEDAYO, Moyinoluwa:

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is become a nurse to treat the sick and save lives. Hard work was the secret of my success. My advice to others is: Never give up and set a target for yourself.

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ISRAEL Oyeniyi- I am 10 years, old and my future ambition is to become a medical doctor so I can treat the sick. The secret of my success is hard work.

Advice to others: Work hard on your studies.

#### **OGUNLEYE, Leroy:**

I am 10 years old and my future is to become a Medical doctor to save lives and to help people stay healthy.

come a medical doctor to save lives. Praying and studying hard were the secret of my success.

Advice to others: Work hard.

#### NWANERI, Goodluck

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is to become a Medical Doctor to save lives. The secret of my success was that I didn't play with my studies. Advice to others: Do not to play with your studies.



Diligence in my studies and achieving good grades were the secret of my success. My advice: Work hard because the NWANERI, future is in your hands.

Clockwise: ADEBAYO Moy inlola, OYENIYI Israel and Goodluck

#### ADENOLA, Adebusayo

I am 10 years old and my future ambition is to be-





## MY FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE AS HEAD OF BU STAFF SCHOOL



Mrs. Ozichi Eluwa

have so far put in 19 years in Babcock University Staff School to the glory of God. I believe my appointment as head was ordained by God and through Him, I have been able to face the task though it is daunting.

I see the appointment as a call to serve not just to lead. I have always wanted to assist others succeed not to be seen in the limelight.

My aspiration is to see the school grow and to take it to a higher level.

When I first joined, I came in with my degree. I had no idea of the school population. But to-

day, we have 767 pupils. We also worked to ensure a balance in the number of pupils per class. We used to have many per class but with the development of more infrastructure, we have reduced the number.

A lot more has changed since I

came here in 2002.

We now have more classrooms and introduced more subject teachers. Pupils are engaged in craft work which help in developing their creative minds not just drawing and painting.

I look forward to introducing smart boards in each classroom to aid visual learning.

<u>" A lot has changed since I</u> came here in 2002. I look forward to introducing smart board in each classroom to aid visual learning."

## BUSS GRADUATION PROGRAMME IN PICTURES

















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### BABCOCK HOSTS VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL FAITH INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

C an the Bible be trusted as a verifiable document for teaching or learning in the 21st Century? To what extent can the word of God be used as relevant material in various disciplines?

Scholars across several disciplines raised these questions and recommended answers as Babcock University hosted the 4th edition of the International Conference on Faith Integration, June 30 - July 2, 2021, virtually.

This year's theme, *Faith Integration: The Vertical and the Horizontal* aimed at providing answers to issues which often plague intellec-



Associate Prof. Dorcas Odunaike

tuals on the nexus between God and man.

It also provided participants platform for cross-fertilization of ideas and professional networking. Besides the plenary session presentations, more than 40 papers were submitted from scholars globally.

According to the Convener, Prof. Constance Nwosu, the conference which attracted more than 150

#### SOME KEYNOTE & INVITED SPEAKERS

**Oladimeji Oresanya,** Special Adviser to the Ogun State Governor on Environment

**Oladepo Walker,** Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Babcock University,

Daisy Selematesela. Professor of Practice of Information and Knowledge Management, University of Johannesburg, South Africa,

**Prudence Labeach Pollard,** PhD, Chief of Party for the USAID Flagship Health Systems Strengthen-

#### scholars, was a success.

"We had more than enough papers submitted and some we had to turn down due to late submission. But in all, we give God the glory."

She is optimistic that the papers would not only contribute to knowledge, but would provide a "harvest of recommendations affirming that faith integration is *sine qua non* to finding solutions to problems and bridging the gaps in the various aspects of life."

"The conference was spiritually refreshing and very educative," said participant, Associate Prof. of Private & Commercial Law, School of Law & Security Studies, Babcock University, Dr. Dorcas Odunaike,

"I was able to see how through my connection with God, I could better relate with others and develop theories in my field," said Dr. Akinola Babalola, Associate Prof. of Agriculture, Babcock University.

#### ing Project, Rwanda

Solange Hakiba, PhD, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Andrews University, USA, Dr. Martin F. Hanna.

**Prudence LaBeach Pollard,** Vice President for Quality, Research, and Faculty Development, Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama, U.S.A,

**Grace Tayo, PhD,** Professor and Director of Research, Innovation & International Collaboration

Leni Casimiro, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Online Learning, Adventist University of the Philippines, Philippines

## **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**











The delegates at the Babcock International Model United Nations share light and serious moments during the conference held in the University main campus. Pictures capture the faces and scenes.









## **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**









Dinner was more than food and drinks. There was drama, dance and musical performance. Pictures capture some of the interesting moments.













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## **COMING EVENTS**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### 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**

For post SIWES, 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

#### SEPTEMBER 1

Departure of 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

#### SEPTEMBER 17

FOUNDERS DAY

Babcock University Founders Day

#### Details to be released shortly.



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## REFLECTION



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