



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

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

- Vince Lombardi

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TOP OF THE WEEK



The Future is Bright: Two freshmen pose with their registration kit as new students resume for onsite classes. and

SVP ACADEMICS CLEARS AIR ON ON-SITE CLASSES



Prof. Philemon Amanze

Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze, made a strong case for on-site classes and related issues as the University hosted its first virtual Parents Consultative Forum recently.

In his submission, Prof. Amanze, said the on-site resumption limited to freshmen and 300-level students, is in

compliance with the Covid-19 protocols and adherence to the University's policy of creating a safe and user-friendly environment for studies.

He added that the plan to simultane-

ously run a blend of on-site classes for Batch A and on-line for Batch B students will ensure safety as well as avoid overcrowding in halls of residence and classrooms during the eight-week on-site study period.

In response to concerns of outstanding carry over courses at the lower levels for graduating class students, he said the Academic Planning department will meet with faculty to address the issue.

Similarly, he adduced the delay in releasing last semester's exam results to the mop-up exams for those who were unable to write them and the attendant wait for voting of same by the University's Senate.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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ADMINISTRATION HOSTS VIRTUAL PCF

Over 940 participants joined online as the University's President/Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola S. Tayo reaffirmed his commitment to student welfare at the virtual Parents Consultative Forum held January 26. Beyond information sharing on major milestones of the University and her alumni, the virtual meeting provided an interactive platform for addressing mutual concerns.

Top among these were: fees, online classes and exams as well as student welfare. Prof. Tayo said whilst he understood parental challenges in securing funds in a recessive economy, the University administration ensured sessional fees remained unchanged with only



Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) with screenshot of the on-line meeting

marginal review on feeding costs.

He said this was in spite of inflationary trend and the 50% reduction in the number of students per room in halls of residence in the peak of the lockdown.

Consequently, a room previously meant for six students now accommo-

dated three while a room that previously meant for four, now takes two.

He thanked all the parents, staff and faculty whose contribution he said helped in no small measure in putting the University on a higher pedestal.

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HOTLINES

Ambulance -080 360 097 40

BUSA President—

081 601 612 90

Chaplain - 080 626 560 81

Counsellor-080 601 440 27

BUTH Clinic -080 360 097 40

Facilities -070 640 699 96

Fire Service-0803 606 44 44

Food Services

080 386 801 17

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BU Pastor 080 253 277 68



Clockwise: Dr. Elizabeth Oko-kwo, PCF Vice Chair, Pastor Ola Oyinloye, Pastor (Dr) Sunday Audu and Dr. Folorunsho Akande





Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (middle) with other executive members of the PCF in another PCF meeting. (Archival photo)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PCF MEETING

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ON FOOD

The University's policy on lacto-vegetarian meals provide healthy, nutrition and holistic development. Besides, the food council also has student representatives on board who ensure quality control and taste.

ON HOSTEL SANITATION

Babcock University spends millions of Naira on fumigation to maintain sanitation and eliminate bedbugs in halls of residence annually during summer holidays. Prof. Tayo called for parental support in conducting luggage checks before leaving home to avoid unwittingly bringing in bugs.

ON PARENTAL ACCESS TO RESULTS

Parents have a right to access results of their wards and those unable to do so with the username and passwords, could meet with Registry staff for assistance.

ON INDUCTION OF MEDICAL &

NURSING GRADUATES

The induction of both Nursing and Medical graduates who have successfully completed their professional exams December 2020, would hold as soon as the regulatory bodies, the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria as well as Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria were ready.

ON ETRANZACT PAYMENT PLATFORM

Vice President Financial Administration, Dr Folorunsho Akande, said the Etranzact payment platform is secured and offers a seamless process for student registration from the comfort of their homes, selecting halls of residence, meal options and courses among others.

Even so, he said Babcock is test running an alternative payment platform which can interface the internet with the Etranzact payment platform.

ON SECURITY

"God is our security But security is everybody's concern," said the Director of Babcock Security, Dr. Chukwumah Ajike. "We encourage our children to be aware and be mindful of their associates so no one exploits their vulnerability."

ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Dr. Elizabeth Oknowko, the Director of Student Support Centre, spoke on drug use, prevention and recognition of the early signs of abuse to avoid brain damage.

ON MUTUAL COLLABORATION

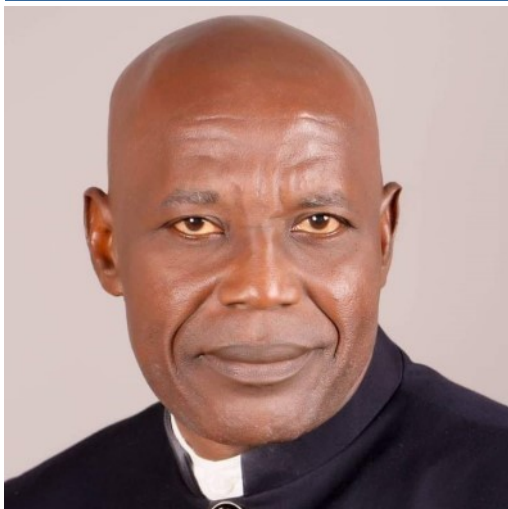
The PCF Vice Chair, Pastor Ola Oyinloye explained that Babcock University was doing a lot to ensure student security and safety.

"Let's talk to our children and let them know about the situation at hand so they do their part to remain safe," he said. "Thank God they can continue their education in Babcock."



Dr. Chukwumah Ajike: Security is everybody's concern

2020 CPE TRAINEES SHARE VISION



Clockwise: Pastor (Dr) Ibrahim Maigadi, Mary Omotunde and Pastor Ayodele Salami



In campuses, prisons, military camps and hospitals worldwide, Seventh-day Adventists Chaplains identify vulnerable persons and circumstances and offer words of encouragement and prayers as part of the healing process. This often brings about positive changes for both the care-giver and receiver. Last December, the BU Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education began its professional programme with nine pioneer trainees. Excerpts of their vision and views about the programme:

Pastor MAIGADI, Ibrahim

Clinical Pastoral Education opens great opportunities to serve God and humanity. New relationships with patients, clinical staff and fellow CPE students are created and developed. The programme opens new challenges of coping with

patients' health issues as well as clinical staff multi-dimensional medical approaches that call for experience and new methods of solving them.

There were too many academic materials and online references to cope with. Yet a CPE trainee is expected to visit the hospital with little time to study on the job and existing pastoral services.

The enabling power from God, and support from my Northern Nigeria Union Conference and family helped me to cope. I dealt with the challenges by reprioritizing departmental programs and action on existing plans.

Pastor Maigadi is Director of Chaplaincy & Adventist Possibilities Ministries in the Northern Nigeria Union Conference, Abuja, FCT

IDOWU, Mary: Before the CPE program, I struggled with fear and anxiety; fears on whether I was fit for the

program and could cope with rigours of study under the prevailing situation.

I discovered that working with peers and letting myself become vulnerable to correction, counsel and direction from my supervisor were a great advantage for personal development. This enhanced my ability to empathize with those in critical conditions and creating a channel of hope to the hopeless.

Initially, I didn't like the aspect of self revelation of the past, but found out that true healing of old wounds could only begin with it. Healing has to start with one's self before it can be extended to others.

Aside this, I realized finding my sense of humor in this trying period was another healthy way to build resilience.

Another was self-identification. I have to identify who I am before I can identify with others.

SALAMI, Ayodele: Coming for this programme at a critical time like this when going to hospital is highly challenging has not been easy.

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Classmates hang out after training

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Writing of weekly clinical reflection is another big task but the Lord has been my strength.

The CPE training is about self-discovery so I can care for others. I do daily self-reflection which helps me to set boundaries in my dealings. It has also helped me in the course of my work and during my weekly clinical 48 hours at Babcock Teaching Hospital.

With the reality of Covid-19, I have to use the personal protective equipment (PPE) as I work in the hospital environment and know that I should not take the Covid-19 for granted.

Pastor Salami is based in Lagos where he works as Chaplain for the Lagos mainland Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

NWOSI, Uzoma: The CPE experience is a training that I have been praying to have, because it has a prospect of increasing the social capital and the capacity building of the Adventist Church in Nigeria and beyond.

With it I believe the remaining portions of chaplaincy ministry years

would be more impactful than the former years, because CPE holds the prospect of a bright future for all!

This training made a lot of positive impact on my relationship with people and revealed things that I didn't know about myself.

Reading and applying the knowledge in the books and other materials the educator exposed us to, helped me to cope.

Pastor Nwosi is Director/Healthcare Chaplaincy in the Eastern Nigeria Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nigeria, Aba, Abia State/Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

Pastor (Dr.) ENANG, John: The CPE training created a paradigm shift in my understanding and practice of ministry. It enhanced my understanding of self-awareness and self-care for more effective ministry.

Traveling in and out of Babcock was challenging especially the time of the year the training was scheduled. Another concern was safety. But I appreciate the CPE staff who held an orientation to take care of

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- Pastor (Dr) John Enang

this issue.

Initially, I wondered how I could work with patients with the social distancing protocol in place. But during the time spent at BUTH, I discovered that it was still possible to work and meet with people, impacting their lives positively without breaching the Covid-19 safety protocol.

Pastor Enang is the Healthcare Chaplain Director and Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the West Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Pastor (Dr) AHIAMADU, Ugochukwu: Learning something new is always a challenge. But, learning and knowing it is a mark of progress in life. Beyond this, our educators were fairly down-to-earth and the collegial atmosphere of our class sessions enhanced my ability to cope.

There were challenges like getting adjusted to school life again, but the benefits of the training far outweigh its challenges. That reality is encouraging enough to make me fulfill the purpose of the training.

Pastor (Dr) Ahiamadu is Director of the Chaplaincy Department at the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital & Motherless Babies Home in Aba, Abia State, Nigeria.



Pastor Uzoma Nwosi

Pastor (Dr) John Enang



Pastor (Dr) Ahiamadu

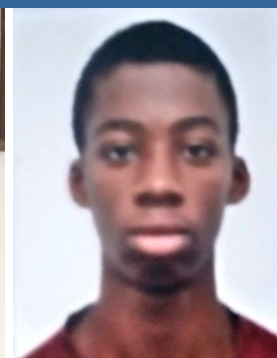
FRESHMEN SPEAK ON THE ON-SITE RESUMPTION

Health and safety were on the top burner as the University took active steps to ensure safety against community spread of Covid-19 with freshmen on-site resumption.

The resumption which came up in batches according to Schools, marked the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic session for the new students and second semester for returning 300 level students.

Top on the safety agenda were the mandatory Covid-19 tests and use of masks and hand sanitizers while on campus. "We cannot afford to take any chances on community spread of the virus so we are taking all necessary precautions," said President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo.

The health team from the Babcock University Teaching Hospital led by the Deputy Director of Clinical Ser-



(l-r) Bolaji Okusanya, Valerie Akarue and Isaac Ori-madegun

vices, Dr. Titus Oyedele and assisted by Head of Medical Microbiology, Dr. Charles Elikwu were on ground to ensure compliance.

"I'm glad that we are carrying out this exercise to ensure safety of everyone on campus," said Bolaji

Okusanya, a 100 level Political Science Student.

Okusanya said he did not originally choose Babcock but later made it his first option because of the "ambiance and conducive learning environment."

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Prof. Ademola Tayo



For the greater good: Taking swab samples and history of students to keep Covid-19 virus at bay.



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"I have great expectations for success," he added.

For Valerie Akarue, 100 level Mass communication, the reality of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to ensure safety, is critical for a successful semester. "It's to ensure everyone is protected."

"Babcock is a good University with an environment conducive for learning. I expect that my coming here would not be in vain."

Like her, Isaac Orimadegun, a 100 level Soft Engineering student took the Covid-19 tests in his strides and captured his expectations in few words, "To excel and to be a major part of the Babcock success story."



New students arrive on campus

OIE HOSTS FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness annual freshman orientation ended with a message of hope from the President/Vice Chancellor, prof. Ademola S. Tayo.

Prof. Tayo's message delivered at the BU Sports complex was based on the Biblical character of Daniel,

marked the climax of a week-long programme which offered new students a forum for social integration, interaction and insight into the University's core values and code of conduct.

He reminded the freshmen that excellence was a choice and it was

up to them to make right choices like Daniel who made up his mind not to compromise his values for the delicacies from the king's table.

Unlike previous years, the orientation programme ran on both campuses.

The Associate Vice President, OIE, Prof. Constance Nwosu coordinated both programmes which also featured other principal officers and executives of the Babcock University Students Association, BUSA.



Students at the orientation. Pictured right are Pastor Goodluck Ajuzie and Prof. Constance Nwosu.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS

The Babcock University Students Association recently delivered on its electoral promises to make life more comfortable for its members. It donated fans and other electrical equipment to the various reading rooms in the hostels as well as medical supplies for first aid.

The Senators of the hostels received the gifts on behalf of students.



It was also a busy week for freshmen as they wrapped up a weeklong orientation programme immediately after resumption and Covid-19 testing. BUSA Executive members also played active roles in the programme held on both campuses.



Pictured right: Prof. Tayo (left) and the BUTH Chief Medical Director, Prof. Franklin Ani at the amphitheatre during the Covid-19 testing. Below right: Health workers check body mass index.



PROF. ROSALINE OPEKE GOES TO REST



Prof. Rosaline Opeke

Professor Rosaline Opeke of the Information Resources Management department has gone to rest. The incident occurred January 24, 2021.

She joined the University as Professor September 1, 2006 in the Department of Education & General Studies on full time contract.

On February 1, 2008, she took up the office of the Director of Research and International Cooperation where she served for two years. She served as Chair, University Senate Research Committee from 2010 to 2012 academic sessions. Professor Opeke was appointed as Head of Department, Information Resources Management for two academic sessions (2009 –2011).

During this period, she served as External Examiner for the Department of Library and Information Management, Tai Solarin University

of Education, Ijebu-Ode.

She was a member of NUC accreditation team to Abia State University, March 25-30, 2012, member of NUC accreditation team to Bauchi State University, April 2012 among others.

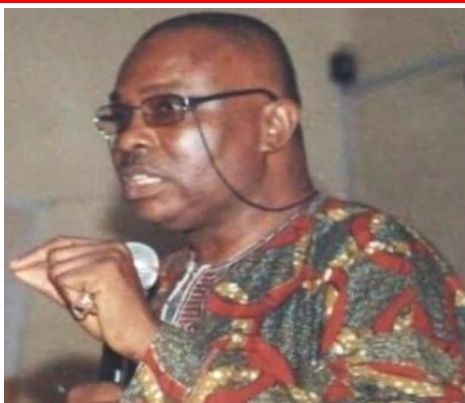
She presented the Babcock University's 18th inaugural lecture, *Information, Life & Eternity*, November, 2, 2017.

Born June 24, 1946 in Ake local government area of Ogun State, Prof Opeke loved to spend quiet time for Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. She would be fondly missed by all.

BU LOSES ASSOCIATE PROF OSHINAME

The University community was thrown into mourning as faculty, Associate Prof. Frederick Olore Oshiname passed on January 29, 2021.

He joined Babcock in September 2019 as Associate Professor of Public Health from the University of Ibadan where he served in various capacities including Acting Head, Department of Health Promotion and Education from August 2016– July 2018; Sub-dean, Faculty of Public Health, August 2008-2010 and Coordinator, Health Education component of B.Sc Nursing programme. Dr Oshiname also served in other Associations and professional bodies among which were International Union of Health Promotion and



Prof. Frederick Oshiname

Education.

In 2008, he got the distinguished Forgyat Fellowship to study Bioethics at Case Western University, Cleveland, USA.

He was born September 29, 1954.

He will fondly missed by all in Babcock University





BUSA HONOURARY RECOGNITION (ACADEMIC CATEGORY)

- Ochade Udome-Onyesom



The BUSA Vice-Presidents (Egbo Isaac Chibueze and Laniyan Oluwafemi), as Directors in the BUSA Academic Committee, have deemed it fit to publicly acknowledge and recognise a fellow student for her important contribution to the Babcock University's Community.

Ochade Udome-Onyesom, a 300 LEVEL Software Engineering Student, in her aim to expand the academic opportunities available to her fellow students, personally contacted COURSEARA (a massive open online course provider, which gives access to flexible, affordable, job-relevant online learning to individuals and organizations worldwide), through an email to officially recognise Babcock University as an academic institution in their database. The aftermath of this correspondence was successful, which has now granted Babcock University students free access to some of COURSEARA's salient online courses which can be accessed through our student's email.

The BUSA 2020/2021 Administration will continue to encourage and promote students who are willing to go the extra mile to maximize their potentials and that of others during their stay within Babcock University.

Thank you.

APPROVED,
OKEGBUE NZERIBE EMMANUEL
BUSA PRESIDENT '20/21



COMING EVENT

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 22

MEDICAL INDUCTION

The Nigeria Medical & Dental Council has officially confirmed the date for the fresh graduates of the Benjamin Carson School of Medical Sciences. Venue: BBS Auditorium A Time: 9:00am

MARCH 15 - 18

BATCH A MID-SEMESTER

This is for all returning students on

campus. They are expected to depart for home at the end of the mid-semester.

MARCH 11

FRESHMAN MATRICULATION

Details will be communicated in due time ahead of the event.

MARCH 22

On-line classes begin for Batch A students

MARCH 21 - 25

BATCH B RESUMPTION

REFLECTION



“Perseverance
is stubbornness with
a purpose.”

- Josh Shipp