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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”
- Aristotle

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo presents signed MoU between BU and Seal Towers for more user-friendly technology to enhance telecommunication on campus to CEO, Seal Towers, Mr. Dele Adeleke. Others are: (l-r) Seal Towers Head Logistics, Mr. James Bassey, Dr Folorunso Akande and Prof Jonathan Nwosu.

PROF OGUNWENMO TAKES OVER AS BUHREC CHAIR

The Babcock University Health & Research Ethics Committee has a new Chair to strengthen the stakes of its work across board.

The new Chair, Professor Olusola Ogunwenmo, former Director of the University's Geoscience Research Institute, also comes in with a wealth of experience as former President/Vice Chancellor of the Adventist University of West Africa, Liberia.

At the official handover, Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze urged

the new chair to leverage on the committee's existing relationship with UNSECO for greater visibility and global impact.

While thanking the outgoing Chair, Prof. Sunday Fapohunda for a meritorious service, the SVP said the committee's connection with UNESCO was indicative of its international relevance.



Prof. Ogunwenmo receives handover notes from Prof Fapohunda as Prof Amanze looks on

Prof Fapohunda expressed appreciation for the privilege to serve, describing his tenure as both rewarding and impossible to accomplish without administrative support.

WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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UPDATE ON AQUILLA GRAD CLASS LAUNDROMAT



New Laundromart building



Things are looking up for students in the new academic session as the two new laundromat gift from the Aquilla graduating Class of 2021 will soon become operational.

This follows the completion of the physical structure and confirmation of the soon arrival of the industrial washing machine for the laundromats.

According to the Class Sponsor, Dr. Victor Adesiyen, the machines which were preor-

dered before the graduation, were already shipped to Nigeria.

He is optimistic that the student population would soon be relieved of the tedious task of doing their laundry manually.

"The six industrial washing machines, three each for male and female laundromats were imported. As soon as they arrive, we shall have them installed," said Dr. Adesiyen.

Similarly, the Volley Ball Court Aquilla gift for Iperu mini campus is also ready and awaiting commissioning.

Dr. Adesiyen said both projects would be commissioned after due consultation with the University administration for an appropriate date.

HOTLINES

Ambulance -080 360 097 40

BUSA President—

090 319 101 79

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

080 340 333 72

Security 081 495 146 46

BU Pastor 090 31 90 72 11

"The six industrial washing machines, three each for male and female laundromats, were imported and will be installed as soon as they arrive."

- Dr. Adesiyen



Dr. Victor Adesiyen



Prof Ademola Tayo receiving his vaccination earlier in the year.

and take their doses before the deadline.

Earlier in the year, the President/Vice Chancellor and some other officers, faculty and staff had their doses when the first batch of the AstraZeneca vaccine was brought to BUTH.

“The Moderna vaccine is for those who had not taken any dose whilst the AstraZeneca is for those who had taken the first dose of the vaccine.”

BUTH RESUMES COVID-19 VACCINATION

In line with maintaining public health and safety, the Babcock University Teaching Hospital has resumed operations on its Covid-19 vaccination.

This follows the release of another batch of the vaccine to the hospital which caters for both internal and external communities of the University. It is also in keeping with the University's policy on upholding the WHO and government Covid-19 protocols.

We have the AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccine,” said the Deputy Director of Clinical Services, Dr. Titus Oyedele, “The Moderna vaccine is for those who had not taken any dose whilst the AstraZeneca is for those who had taken the first dose of the vaccine. The time frame is six weeks interval for the first and second dose.”

According to him, the hospital

received no less than 1000 and would continue the vaccination within a three-week time frame, August 27–September 17.

He advised all interested staff and faculty to come



Dr. Titus Oyedele



Department of Community Medicine: Venue for the vaccination



BUTH staff busy with BMI and vitals before the Covid-19 screening for students re-sumption earlier in the year



REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES WITH BU ALUMNI



Memory of the 2019 Home Coming: Some Alumni members celebrate homecoming in Lagos, Nigeria.

With the new redeployment of officers, former Director of Alumni moves on after 11 years on the job under two administrations. He shares his experiences with the editorial team as he moves to focus on his role as Director of Development & Strategy, one which he once combined with the Alumni Directorate. Excerpts:

Q: How long were you in Alumni department?

A: Eleven years.

Q: What would you describe as your most significant achievement or experience?

A: It is the opportunity to initiate the concept of what an Alumni building should look like; supervise and see it to completion, and to make the Alumni truly 'Proud to Belong'.

For experience, I would say it was dealing with two classes of Alumni- The Dependent and Independent. We nurture the dependent alumni from their final year, point of exit and follow up on their progress through the local chapters.

We organize yearly career week for the dependent graduates to interact with employers of labour. This has been very rewarding. We work with the Postgraduate College to interface with the independent alumni to mentor the dependent through 'Connectivity'

I see my legacy in the light of the Career Week which has come to stay; the establishment of four chapters; the successful supervision of an Alumni building which

is the Pride of Alumni members, prompt response to Alumni request and strategic plan for the Alumni department.

Q: What did you bring to the table and what are you leaving behind?

A: I consulted, read extensively and developed a robust programme for the Alumni.

Having laid a solid foundation for the Alumni, I am leaving a solid structure for my successor to build upon.

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Work in progress: The new Alumni secretariat under construction redefines the concept of a meeting place for the alumni.

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Q: How did you reach out the Diaspora?

A: We developed different platforms to interact with them; sending landmark achievements of the University. We also organized cell-homecoming. We interacted with those in Diaspora in USA, Canada, UK and Ghana, among others.

Q: How did you fare with the new normal? How many chapters are you leaving behind?

A: The Covid-19 pandemic affected our plans to honour the invite to the USA to inaugurate the American chapter. It also scuttled the planned visit to the UK for the reorganization of the chapters and meeting with stakeholders.

We hope the executive committee will organize another Homecoming where new leaders will be elected as soon as the Covid-19 restrictions and are relaxed.

If it persists, I believe there will be provision for either online voting or recommendation of credible alumni to fill all positions from organized chapters.

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– Mr. Makinde



Mr Adeboye Makinde



Q: What benefit do you propose to make alumni feel proud to belong?

A: Yearly souvenirs for graduating class; special anniversary celebrations; prompt attention

to requests and connectivity with employers of labour.

Q: How do you feel like moving on?

A: To everything there is a season. This is the season to move. The university in her wisdom believes there is another assignment for me having stayed in Alumni for 11 years.

My assignment as Director of Development & Strategy is challenging. But I thank the University administration and look forward to holding my head high like I did while in Alumni.



Cross section of previous graduating class members at the Alumni Department-organised Career Fair.

NEW APPOINTMENTS & REDPLOYMENTS

EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

S/N	DEPARTMENT	NEW HOD
1.	Information Resources Management	MADUKOMA Ezinwanyi (SL)
2.	Mass Communication	AJILORE Kolade (Prof)
3.	Agriculture & Industrial Technology	OLARINMOYE Ayodeji O. (SL)
4.	Basic Sciences	OYEWOLE Isaac (Prof)
5.	Education	ADEOYE Ayodele (SL)
6.	Nutrition & Dietetics	ANI Ime (Assoc. Prof)

S/N	Name	New Dept/Unit	New Position	
	OKAN-GBENEDIO Gift (Hall Administrator, Student Development)	Spiritual Life	Chaplain	
	IKHANE Jonathan E. (Principal Chaplain, Spiritual Life)	Student Development	Principal Hall Administrator	
	BARRETTO Abayomi (Assistant Chief Hall Administrator, Student Dev.)	Social Work Unit, Student Support Centre	Assistant Director, Social Work	
	UMAHI Joshua (Assistant Director, Alumni, Development & Strategy)	Int'l Student Desk, Student Support Centre	Assistant Director, Int'l Student Care	
	NWOKOCHA Chibueze (Assistant Chief Socials Administrator, Student Activities)	Academic Planning	Assistant Director	
	FOLORUNSO-AKO Oladimeji (Principal Sports Coach)	Student Development	Principal Hall Administrator	
	AKINTUNDE Oyewole (Principal Administrative Officer, BUHREC)	Academic Planning	Principal Administrative Officer	
	ADELOWO Omolola (Admin Assistant, Foundation Studies)	BU Health Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC)	Administrative Assistant	
	OGUNSOLA Babatope (Senior Hall Administrator, Student Development)	Student Activities	Senior Socials Administrator	
	OYERINDE Oyewole (Associate Prof, Public Health/Director, Student Activities)	Drops responsibilities as Director, Student Activities		Retains faculty position in Public Health as full time faculty and full time pastor
	MAKINDE Adeboye (Director, Alumni, Development & Strategy)	Drops position as Director of Alumni		Retains position as Director of Development & Strategy

EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

S/N	DEPARTMENT	NEW OFFICER
	Deputy Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies	SHOKUNBI Olutayo S. (Assoc. Prof, Biochemistry)
	Director, SIWES	EBIESIWA Oluwaseun (LI, Computer Science)
	Chair, BUHREC	OGUNWENMO Kayode (Prof., Basic Sciences)
	Director of Student Activities	OSUNDINA Olasunkanmi (LI, Political Science & Public Admin)
	Deputy Director, Student Activities	DENNIS Amarachukwu (LII, Music & Creative Arts)
	Director, Alumni	AKPA Michael (Prof, Religious Studies)
	Deputy Director, Alumni	DANGANA Jonathan (LI, Public Health)
	Director, Development & Strategy	MAKINDE Adeboye

The University administration has appointed Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa as the new Director for the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme, SIWES to run its affairs.

His appointment which took effect from September 1, 2021, is not an entirely new experience with students.

Aside his responsibilities as faculty of the Computer Science Department, he works as co-sponsor of the Babcock University Students Association, BUSA. He shares his expectations on the new appointment with the editorial team:

Q: How do you see your new appointment?

A: I thank the BU Administration for the trust and I see my appointment as a call to serve in yet another department in the Lord's vineyard.

Q: How do you intend to cope with this and other responsibilities, like lecturing and BUSA affairs?

A: As an academic, my responsibilities as a lecturer take first place.

SIWES GETS A NEW DIRECTOR

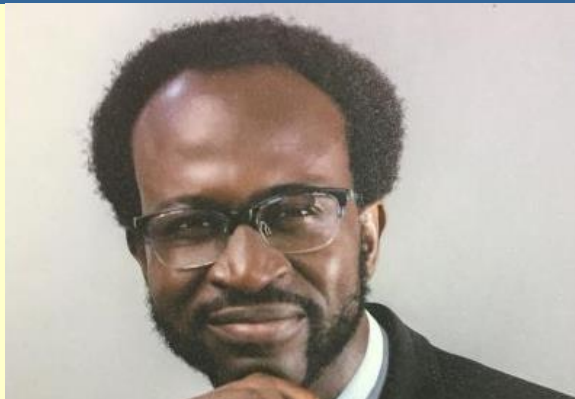
I depend on God my ever-present help and I'll leverage good time management and a well-organized daily schedule to ensure my best is given to steering the SIWES directorate and BUSA.

Q: In what ways are you going to make the SIWES more functional?

A: I've engaged my immediate predecessor in extensive discussions which influenced the design of my blueprint for making SIWES better.

Q: What new changes are you going to bring to the department?

A: The SIWES directorate is a unit of the University that should serve as a bridge to link the academia and the industry. It should bolster the chances of



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa

BU students at getting SIWES placements by cultivating strong networks with reputable employers of labor. By God's grace, riding on the great framework my predecessors have put in place, I'll take the directorate to higher pedestals fulfilling its core objectives.

Q: How do you feel about moving on?

A: I count it a rare privilege to be called to serve and I thank God for being gracious

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Prof. David Alao presents BU souvenir to Barrister Olufemi Adeniyi

Members of the Nigeria Bar Association, NBA (Shagamu chapter) led by their Chair, Barrister Olufemi Adeniyi paid a courtesy visit to the University administration recently. The week also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Seal Towers for more environmental and user-friendly technology to enhance telecommunication on campus. Pictures capture both events



The Accreditation team of the Nigeria Medical & Dental Council was on campus for facilities verification exercise. The Provost of the College, Prof. Barnabas Mandong is optimistic of a favourable exit report.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The Pioneer Church Victory Pathfinders Club had an investiture for both Adventurers and Pathfinders in line with its training to capture them young for Christ. Pictures capture the different moments.



COMMENDATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR AGAPE



Prof. Ademola Tayo (right) prays for Pastor Agape Dominic's wife and other family members.

It was a solemn moment at the Youth Church as family, friends and colleagues converged to bid farewell to late Pastor Agape Dominic last week.

Ifeanyi Adigwe, 100 level Law student and member of Christ Our Foundation Worship Centre, Iperu campus, where Pastor Agape pastored, recalled that he was a kind, and selfless role model.

Pastor Peter Azorundu, a fellow Chaplain, described him as an efficient and prolific soldier. "You had to be on your toes to work with him," he said.

Expressing similar views, the Law School Officer, Mrs. Esther Adetunji, said he was a man of his word who never joked with prayer and would be missed for his "love, care and dedication to duty."

In his funeral homily, *Death, the Question Without a Question Mark*, the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae admonished the congregation to take courage and draw hope from God's word.

Quoting from the Book of John 5:24 - 25, Pastor Ehioghae said the assurance of resurrection for believ-

ers who lived and died in Christ Jesus, was reason for hope.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, said Pastor Dominic was an enigma who bonded well with young people and "lived an impactful life." He assured that administration would ensure his wife

did not suffer.

"A giant had been called to rest," said President of the Ogun conference, Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Ogunsanya, under whose jurisdiction Pastor Dominic served before his death August 27, 2021.

Pastor Agape was born November 3, 1971 in Oturkpo, Benue State and received the call into the ministry at Babcock District under the Ogun Conference Administration in 2011. He will be greatly missed.

"A giant has been called to rest."

- Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Ogunsanya



Ifeyanyi Adigwe



Pastor Dominic's son and family friend.



Pastor Agape Dominic



Members of the Shepherdess International, comprising pastoral wives delivers a consolatory message in song.

Left: Pastor Efe Ehioghae

HR: VACANCY NOTICE



The Babcock University Teaching Hospital is calling on interested and qualified candidates with pri-

maries in either West Africa or National to fill vacancy for the position of Junior Residential Doctor in Internal Medicine.

Interested candidates should send their applications as well as relevant documents to: hr@babcock.edu.ng and hr.buth@babcock.edu.ng



COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPT 5 - 12

RETURNING STUDENTS ARRIVAL

Returning students (300 level - 500 level) arrive on campus and take the Covid-19 Antigen test.

SEPT 13

Course Advisors' Council/Deans & HODs Orientation/Teachers' Workshop

SEPT 14

Resumption of on-site classes for returning 300 - 500 level including all Medical Students and on-line for 200 level students.

SEPT 17 & 18

FOUNDERS DAY CEEBRATION

SEPT 20

PCF MEETING

SEPT 23

Academic Standards' Board

SEPT 30

SENATE MEETING

OCT 1

Nigeria National Independence Day

OCT 7

INAUGURAL LECTURE

OCT 14

Academic Standards Board

OCT 18-22

On-site Mid-term semester examination for all students Except 200 level

OCT 22

Departure of all 300 Level and final year students to continue classes online

OCT 24- 25

Arrival and Covid-19 screening of returning 200 level students

Oct 26-29

Mid-Semester Examination for 200 level and Arrival & Screening of 100 level & 200 Direct Entry Students



REFLECTION



"Friends
are those rare people
who ask how you are
and wait to
hear the answer."
- Ed Cunningham