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- 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

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

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TOP OF THE WEEK



ICSAN President, Mr. Taiwo Owokolade, (FCIS) felicitates with Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd and 3rd left). With them are: ICSAN Vice President, Mrs. Funmi Ekundayo (left) and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Francis Olawole.

ICSAN HONOURS PRESIDENT/VC WITH FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Nigeria, ICSAN has honoured the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo with a distinguished fellowship award.

He is the first head of a tertiary institution in Nigeria to be so honoured by ICSAN.

According to the Institute's Governing Council, this is in recognition of his “commitment to the entrenchment of good governance in Nigeria, an uncommon administrative style and unparalleled leadership

and entrepreneurial skills.”

The award presentation which came up at the ICSAN 45th Annual Conference and Dinner

held at the Muson Centre, Onikan Lagos, September 17, had other awardees.

The executive governor of Lagos State, His Excellency Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the Director-General of the Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Prof. Isa Hayatu Chiroma were also honoured.



Prof. Ademola and Grace Tayo with Mr. Taiwo Owokolade and Prof. Isa Hayatu Chiroma (left).

Governor Sanwo-Olu, represented by his Deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, received the Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance for the individual category whilst Prof. Chiroma received the distinguished fellowship award.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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BU RESUMES NEW ACADEMIC SESSION



Back to school: A student arrives with his luggage.



For the second year running, the University has opened its doors for a new academic session with a staggered resumption for students.

This is in line with the University's position on safety, public health and compliance with the Covid-19 protocols.

Expectedly, resumption for on-site classes for the 2021/2022 session began with the arrival of returning students, levels 300 - 500 from September 5 - 12, 2021.

All returning students were also re-

quired to take the Antigen test for Covid-19. Aside health concerns, the staggered resumption also provided a short break window for 200 level students who concluded their last session as freshmen in August.

The new calendar revealed also that direct entry students resumed classes online mid September to return October 24 for on-site lectures.

Freshmen are expected to be on campus from October 26, 2021.

"We hope things normalize so we can return to our usual calendar," said a returning student.



Moments of students return to campus for the new session. From temperature check to hanging out, their presence is felt everywhere.





Facilitator, Dr. Akanimo Odon (right) making his presentation during the workshop.

BUCODEL RESUMES DISTANCE LEARNING

After 12 years of strategic planning, the Babcock University Centre for Open and Distance E-Learning, BUCODEL, is finally set to resume classes.

On September 22, it hosted its first two workshops since getting official approval from the National Universities Commission, NUC in conjunction with experts on Open & Distance Learning.

The first workshop session, **Sourcing and Winning International Grants & Fellowships**, targeted faculty and postgraduate students.

Facilitated by CEO of Envirofly Consulting UK Limited and Africa Strategy Adviser of Lancaster Environment Centre of Lancaster University UK, Dr. Akanimo Odon, it explored the mixed learning module with over 100 participants on-site and online. "We will never solve the problem of funding until we see problems as a strategic resource," said Dr. Odon.

The workshop provided hands

on experience for participants. It also created channels for ex-

ploring external funding well ahead of deadlines through strategic planning and intentionality.

The BUCODEL Director, Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa, expressed her appreciation for the collaborative support from the Research, Innovation and International Co-operation office as well as the College of Postgraduate Studies.



Provost College of postgraduate Studies, Prof. Ayandiji Aina makes a point.



Workshop participants with Prof. Ademola Tayo and Dr. Akanimo Odon (3rd and 4th left). With them on the front row are: (l-r) Prof. Ayandiji Aina, Prof. Grace Tayo, Prof. Philemon Amanze and Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa.



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CENTRE FOR OPEN DISTANCE AND e-LEARNING (BUCODEL)

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

PROGRAMME: B.SC. ACCOUNTING
DURATION: 4 YEARS
MODE: OPEN DISTANCE AND e-LEARNING
QUALIFICATION: WAEC/NECO or EQUIVALENT

ADVANTAGES: ICDL CERTIFICATION
INDUSTRY COLLABORATION
OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCA AND ICAN

BUCODEL: LEARNING WITHOUT BORDERS

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“OUR TARGET IS TO REACH 1,000 LEARNERS,” PROF. SOTUNSA



Front view of the BUCODEL building

PowerPoint as well as staff training and retraining.

Q: What challenges, if any, did have you to contend with to achieve accreditation?

A: There was frequent rescheduling of dates for approval after we were ready from the NUC due to various logistics reasons. The aspect of Instructional Designing was also quite challenging because the format we initially prepared was changed. It was a herculean task but God's grace saw us through.

Q: How many students are you taking off with and how many are you targeting?

A: Our target is a minimum of one thousand (1000) learners for this year. At the moment, we have 89 applicants. About 250 persons have indicated interest. Admission is ongoing so we cannot be specific at the moment.

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As the Babcock University Centre for Open and Distance E-Learning begins its admission process for its pioneer students, the Director, Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa shares her thoughts, hopes and aspirations with the editorial team. *Excerpts:*

Q: The BUCODEL is about to take off. As the pioneer Director after accreditation, how does it make you feel?

A: I am elated that God granted us the license. I am excited at the prospects of the dual mode opportunity for Babcock University.

Q: How long have you been preparing for this day?

A: Twelve (12) years. Professor David Akanbi, my predecessor, started preparing since 2009. I have been working with him since then.

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

experience on this journey for Open, E & Distance Learning?

A: The most significant achievement so far is the NUC approval of the program.

Other monumental achievements include the completion and equipping of the building; the completion of the courseware in mixed media including print, video, audio and

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- Prof Sotunsa



Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa

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Q: You have been the recipient of various research grants and fellowships. Which of these had the most significant impact on your work?

A: We secured a grant from Commonwealth of Learning (CoL) through the Regional Training and Research Institute for Open Distance and e - Learning (RETRIDOL) to train facilitators and e-tutors on Instructional (re) Design. This was very helpful.

Q: How will the programme run for each session?

A: Learners will register for their courses and have access to the Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS contains the courseware in text, audio/video and PowerPoint formats.

The video-streamed lectures of the written material will enhance learning as the students will see the facilitators. The e-Tutors will interact with learners by creating discussion threads around the topics, giving quizzes and assignments.

The e-Tutors will also arrange for real time interactions with learners on the LMS and providing opportuni-

"B.Sc. Accounting was chosen as the pilot programme based on its marketability from a market survey we conducted."



Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa



ty for questions around topics students do not understand.

Q: What influenced the choice of B.Sc. in accounting as the programme to begin with?

A: B.Sc. Accounting was chosen as the pilot programme based on its marketability from a market survey we conducted. This is corroborated by the good number of students in the face to face mode.

Q: What would you like to be remembered for 10 years from now?

A: That I have worked with Babcock Management team, and a team of exceptionally dedicated workers to expand access to education at Babcock University and develop digitized innovative approaches to study at the Institution.

PROPOSED UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Computer Science
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Technology
- Software Engineering
- MBA

SHORT DURATION COURSES

- Digital Marketing
- Web Design
- Gender and Development
- Data Mining
- Cyber Security

“THE ICSAN AWARD IS A CALL TO DO MORE,” PROF TAYO



Proud to belong: Prof Ademola Tayo (2nd r) with ICSAN Council members, inductees and fellows.



Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat

The Babcock University administration made a strong representation at the Lagos MUSON Centre as President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo got the distinguished fellowship award from the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Nigeria.

Prof Tayo has described the award as a call to do more in corporate governance, integrity and probity.

“With the award, one is expected to live an exemplary life,” he said. “By God’s grace, I want to lead by example.”

He said in spite of his initial surprise, he realised the world had become a global village where information could be checked and verified.

While congratulating the awardees, the ICSAN President and Council Chair, Mr. Taiwo Owokolade, said the Institute’s awards were strictly by merit.

He therefore called on the awardees and inductees to join the ICSAN in upholding the tenets of this principle.

Expressing similar views, Nigeria’s one time Minister of Industry, Dr. Oni-kepo Akande, charged the awardees with a call to promote good corporate



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Isa Hayatu Chiroma (left).



Dr. Folorunsho Akande & spouse with Barrister Niyi Arije

governance in the country.

Besides Professors Tayo and Chiroma, the event themed, **‘African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) and National Development: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities** provided occasion to honour other persons and corporate organisation. A total of 13 persons also got inducted into the Institute.

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- Prof Ademola Tayo



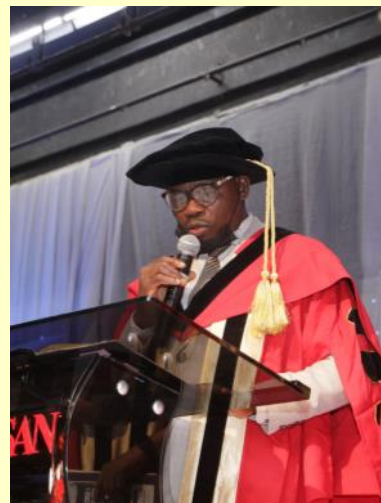
Honoured: Profs. Ademola & Grace Tayo (5th and 6th left) with Council President/Chair, Mr. Taiwo Owololade (middle) and principal officers.

HONOUR ROLL

1. Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu Governor of Lagos State, Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance (Individual category)
2. Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, President/VC Babcock University
3. Prof. Isa Hayatu Chiroma, DG Nigerian Law School, Abuja
4. Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc. Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance (Corporate category)
5. Sir Leo Okafor, Distinguished Chartered Secretary/Administrator of the year.



Babcock staff and faculty give their support. 2nd and 3rd right are Prof. Yacob Haliso and Dr. Sunday Didam Audu.





Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) counsels and prays for the retirees in attendance and their representatives.

BABCOCK HONOURS RETIREES

The power of the unchanging God in building people and institutions was the focal point as the University honoured more than 20 retirees to a special programme, September 18, 2021.

The event which also marked part of the University's 62nd anniversary in Nigeria and 22nd as a private accredited institution, turned out to be a cocktail of emotions, musical rendition and thanksgiving.

In his sermon drawn from the Biblical Book of 1 Samuel 17: 37 and Zechariah 4, Pastor Ayuba Mavalla, also a retiree, recalled the risks of the BU founders in establishing a school outside their comfort zone to serve as a light on a hill.

"We all have Goliaths in our lives," he said. "When

David confronted Goliath, he wasn't operating at the rational level. He was operating on a huge faith in God."

His message also emphasized the importance of faith in creating credible institutions and legacies.

"Fear destroys and closes the channel of faith," he warned.

Consequently, he called on the congregation to rise above pettiness, envy and greed to fulfil the mission of the Founders and pioneers in leading souls to God.

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Pastor Ayuba Mavalla (left) presents his sermon.

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“God wants to raise people here who will be people of prayer saved for the Kingdom.” he said. “We can’t simply be a signboard pointing people to Jesus without going there ourselves.”

The President/Vice Chancellor Prof. Ademola S. Tayo thanked

the retirees for their dedication to duty while in service and commitment to institutional building. He also used the occasion to extend a prerogative of mercy to recall two staff members sent on early retirement.



The retirees dance and give glory to God at their thanksgiving during worship.

RETIREEES

1. ADEBUSUYI Jane
2. ADEYEMI B. Ajani
3. AGBEDE Catherine
4. ABGEDE Isaac
5. AJAO Ezekiel
6. ALAKIJA Wole
7. ASAMU Bamidele
8. AYENI Samuel
9. AYIM Asomaning
10. BELLO Alice Dr.
11. CHIOMA Gibson
12. EFURIBE Bertha
13. EZEH Lawrence
14. FOLARIN Nathaniel
15. HASSAN Amudat
16. JEREMIAH Chibuzor
17. MAKINDE Yetunde Prof.
18. MAVALLA Ayuba
19. METENOU Koffi
20. NWACHUKWU Joel
21. NWAGWU Daniel
22. OCHEI John
23. OLOWOOKORUN Michael
24. OMENKA Richard
25. ONAJOBI Funmilayo
26. ONYIUKE Young-Souk
27. OSILESI Odutola
28. OWOPETU Adetoun
29. POPOOLA Rabi



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University marked the Founders Day with thanksgiving and luncheon in honour of its retirees on Saturday. On Sunday, it offered the retirees opportunity to share testimonies and appreciation at a special luncheon held at the central cafeteria. Pictures capture the different moments.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



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more than
luncheon and
awards presen-
tation. There
was music and
dance.



HAPPY CHILD FOUNDATION PARTNERS BU



The future is bright: Mother and child beneficiary share a moment with Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, (3rd left) and others. (l-r) Prof. David Alao, Mr. Chigozie Azunna and Prof. John Sotunsa

He said early correction usually positively impacts both patient and the families.

Mr. Azunna said the Foundation intentionally looks out for indigent patients to assist in providing them medical solutions.

In February, the BUTH carried out its first surgical support for an infant born with cleft lip through the sponsorship of the Happy Child Foundation. Several others have since been carried out.

Infants born with cleft lip or palate literally have a reason to smile. This is following the collaboration between the Babcock University Teaching Hospital (BUTH) and the Happy Child Foundation.

In a recent meeting with the University administration, one of the Directors of the Happy Child Foundation, Mr. Chigozie Azunna reiterated the Foundation's commitment to reaching out to affected patients through free surgical procedures.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo thanked the organization for giving affected patients access to quality healthcare and emotional transformation through the partnership.

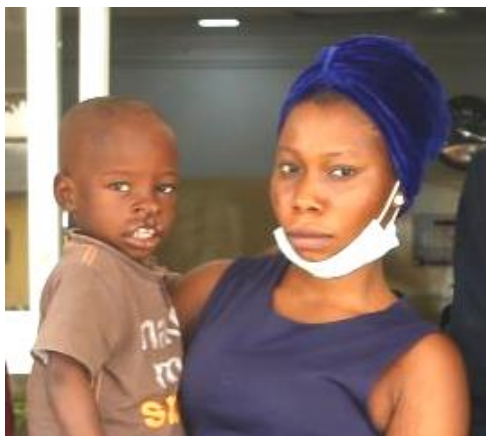
"I am happy about this collaboration as it grants free access to surgical procedures to vulnerable patients," he said.

He noted that without such procedures affected persons would grow with speaking challenges, malfunctioning of the cleft, as

well as psychology and emotional challenges.

BUTH Director of Clinical Services, Prof. John Sotunsa thanked the Foundation and BUTH for standing the gap for indigent patients.

"I am happy about this collaboration as it grants free access to surgical procedures to vulnerable patients."
- Prof. Ademola Tayo



Top: (from l -r) Dr. Moses Adetayo with Mrs. Nkiru Oluchi and child beneficiary, Ugochi Oluchukwu, after a successful surgical procedure in February. With them is Happy Child Foundation Director, Mr. Chigozie Azunna.

HR: VACANCY NOTICE



Junior Residential Doctor in Internal Medicine.

Requirements:

Qualified candidates should have primaries in either West Africa or National levels to fill vacancy.

Send applications as well as relevant documents

to: hr@babcock.edu.ng and hr.but@babcock.edu.ng

Senior Lecturer, Department of Biochemistry

Requirements:

(a) A PhD in Biochemistry with specialization in Nutritional Bio-

chemistry.

(b) Skill in Bioinformatics/ Computational Biochemistry will be advantageous.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Microbiology

Requirements:

(a) A PhD in Microbiology with at least 7 years teaching in the University system.

(b) Computer literate and interest in teaching Medical Microbiology, Virology, Immunology, Molecular Biology and Microbial Genetics.

Applications with CV and other relevant documents should be sent to hr@babcock.edu.ng, *not later than September 30, 2021.*



REFLECTION



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



COMING EVENTS

SEPT 30

SENATE MEETING

OCT 1

Nigeria National Independence Day

OCT 7

INAUGURAL LECTURE

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