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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



The Babcock University High School celebrated its graduating students with a special thanksgiving service. The King Melodians serenaded the congregation with songs.

GRACE FOR IMPACT PARTNERS BUTH FOR OPTIMUM EYE CARE

To raise the bar in preventive and curative eye care in Nigeria, the International NGO, Grace for Impact has firmed up partnership plans with the Babcock University Teaching Hospital ophthalmology department.

The partnership is also expected to boost capacity building for resident doctors in ophthalmology and provide cutting-edge environment for safe surgical interventions when necessary.

The Board Chair, Grace for Impact, owners of the new Grace Eye Clinic, Mr. Dapo

Oriola, said the partnership would provide resident doctors organizational framework for honing professional skills whilst the BUTH ophthalmology department would provide a safe environment for referrals and surgical interventions.

Meanwhile, the INGO has opened its Grace eye specialist clinic in Magboro, Ogun State to provide affordable and professional clinical intervention to



A patient at the Eye Clinic

deal with various eye challenges.

“The partnership will help build both places,” said Consultant & Head of Ophthalmology in BUTH, Dr. Omodele Jagun. “The Magboro Eye Centre will become one of our outposts for eye care.”

WEEKLY DIGEST

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Prof Philemon Amanze addresses the faculty at the exit report meeting as others listen with rapt attention.

BU RECEIVES MOCK EXIT REPORT

The University administration has received the exit reports of the Mop-Up mock accreditation exercises for the Bachelor's programmes in Law and Nursing Sciences.

The exercises were in preparation for the main accreditation exercise of the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Receiving the report on behalf of the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, the Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze thanked team members for the detailed reports.

He said he was impressed with the in-depth x-rays of the two schools and the recommendations to meet the target.

He believed these would be taken seriously in line with the University's position on academic excellence.

Professor Amanze noted that the President/Vice Chancellor had already started work on the grey areas with funds

earmarked to handle any deficiencies.

The Nursing Sciences accreditation team comprised Professors Rufus Akintoye (Chair), Grace Tayo, Michael Oni, Drs. Samuel Dada, Jerry Kwarbai and Jonathan Dangana.

Professor Kolade Ajilore chaired the LLB accreditation team. Others were Professors Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, Cyril Nwangburuka, Drs. Uduakobong Edy-Ewoh and Akin Babalola.



Dr. Kwarbai (left) receives his letter of commendation from Mr. Isaac Osuntade on behalf of the President/VC.



Mr. Isaac Osuntade (right) presents letter of commendation to Prof. Ajilore (left) on behalf of administration.

CONTRACTORS RACE TO COMPLETE NEW HOSTELS AND RETAIL SHOPS



Work in progress at the female hostel on the main campus

The Site Engineer, Mrs. Monisola Obebe, said roof beam finishing and plastering has begun on the two-floor project close to the Independent Power Plant.

Contractors are speeding up work to meet the completion deadline for two new hostels as part of the University's full residency policy.

At the female hostel construction site handled by Emmako Nig Ltd, block work at the Hall preceptor's residence and activity hall which were at the roof and lintel levels respectively have been completed.

Similarly, the first two floors of the hostel are completed and casting about to begin on the hostel's third floor.

At the male hostel site handled by Fagorite, the focus is on the third floor of the hostel construction.

"Hopefully, roofing carcass would commence next week while plastering of the inside has commenced in earnest," said Site Engineer Gbenro Osundina.

Work on the Activity Hall has also gone beyond the foundational level.

The additional hostels will bring the total number to 22 from its current 20 to accommodate the expected increase in student enrolment.

Meanwhile, construction work handled by Habitec, has reached advanced stage for the upper floor at the 8-retail lock-up shops.

Besides aesthetics, the shops which would replace the make-shift sheds opposite the University main entrance, would also offer the Babcock community more options for convenient shopping.

Right: The retail lockup shops
Below: The new male hostel under construction.



"I ALWAYS BRING A 100% COMMITMENT TO DUTY," PROF. JUMOKE YACOB-HALISO



Pushing the frontiers of gender and academic excellence: Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso

For years, many have worked behind the scenes, transforming lives and building hopes of young people they come in contact with either in or outside the classroom.

As the world marked the International Day of the Girl-Child, the editorial team talked to Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso, one of those whose work on gender and related issues have significantly impacted on training and mentorship in Babcock.

Prof. Yacob-Haliso is the first female Dean of the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences and a strong voice in gender advocacy in Africa and professional circles in general.

Q: How long have you been a faculty in Babcock University?

A: Since January 2002, almost 20 years now.

Q: What inspired you to go into teaching?

A: Three concomitant influences: a spiritual conviction that my life's mission was to

make a difference through imparting knowledge; my passion for my subject, political science; and positive role model teachers—including my non-teacher parents, and my teachers at the University of Ibadan.

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

A: Professionally, so many, but let me mention my former students here, who continue to thrive in their personal and professional lives and stay in touch in different ways. I also value highly my ethnographic (fieldwork) experiences which have made me a much better stu-

dent of politics.

Q: What is your most significant contribution to knowledge?

A: Devising an African application of feminist critical race theory of intersectionality to the situation of African women in post-/conflict, thereby uncovering the complex impact of personal identities imbricated with national and global systems of subordination in shaping their agency, lives and politics.

Q: You have been the recipient of various research grants and fellowships, including from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation amongst others. Which of these had the most significant impact on your work?

A: They each had unique and incomparable impacts. To explain just one: the Harry Frank Guggenheim/ African Association of Political Science Young Scholar Awards, 2006, which was my first.

The grant funded fieldwork for my PhD thesis, and the Foundation provided opportunity to present my research in South Africa in 2008 (could not travel), and at Cambridge University in 2013.

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- Prof. Jumoke Haliso*



Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso

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In 2019, HFG invited me to New York to speak to a gathering of major funders, as a representation of their awardees.

More importantly, their initial training seminar in 2006 convinced and reoriented me towards qualitative research methodologies, which I have since become an apostle of.

Q: How did you feel about the confirmation of your position as Dean of the largest School in Babcock University?

A: It is a call to continued service and productive teamwork for all of us at VASSS to work with the University Administration in achieving its strategic goals and vision.

Q: What did you bring to the table and what legacy do you hope to leave behind?

A: To the table, I always bring a 100% commitment to duty, to the BU vision, mission and core values, the desire to see Babcock abundantly thrive, and that my fellow faculty and students also thrive within her.

As a School, our focus has been to inspire, entrench, promote, expand, and mainstream a culture of excellence in research, teaching and academic advancement.

Q: The Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences has offered financial assistance to enable several graduating students to complete their fees. Who initiated this concept?

A: I met N30,000 in the School account when I came into the office in February 2018, so I approached several organizations and individuals with some of the funding needs of our School.

"I will like to be remembered as one who affected somebody's course of life positively; pursued excellence with integrity and always true to my God."



Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso

The Toyin Falola Centre was the first to respond with N600,000 that helped two indigent graduating class students complete their school fees in January 2019. Both graduated with first class degrees that year.

Former SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro, and the four Heads of Departments at VASSS helped to set the criteria for student selection and implementation.

In January 2021, we were able to resume the scheme with funds the School had saved from its activities after the Covid-19 pandemic nullified our fundraising efforts in 2020. We are seeking funding to continue this school year, God willing.

Q: Your research work has been majorly on gender issues especially the posi-

tions of women in conflict and post-conflict situations in Africa, what influenced your interest in these areas?

A: As a master's student researching and writing assignments and term-papers, this issue, which was not directly in my syllabus, caught my interest strongly, and has not let me go since.

That interest has been reinforced by my firsthand interaction with survivors of conflict from all across Africa, as well as personal experience and observation of many gender issues in society.

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

A: That I affected somebody's course of life positively. That I pursued excellence with integrity always. That I was true to my God always.



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BUSA EXECUTIVES SHARE THEIR VISION FOR SUCCESS (2)

ANAHVE- OSHONE ANNE

GENERAL SECRETARY



Leadership comes with its share of challenges and responsibilities. The editorial team met with the leadership of the Babcock University Student Association, (BUSA) to find out their coping and innovative strategies under the Covid-19 protocols. Excerpts:

ANAHVE-OSHONE, Anne: *One of my main strategies for success is building good relationships and strong social connections because only the people outside the administration can say if we did well or not. Another is being proactive and effective so that no project that is on my goal will be delayed. Stress is one of the challenges I anticipate and I will deal with it by praying, taking deep breaths and watching funny videos.*

MADUKOMA, Goodfortune: *As the sergeant at arms I am responsible for maintaining order at the BUSA house and in this new normal, this role has evolved to include the maintenance of all Covid-19 protocols.*

Consequently, I have ensured demarcations that ensure social distancing, education of all BUSA staff on the importance of these measures, and will ensure installation of hand sanitizer station and repairs of the toilets on both floors of the BUSA House. These measures have helped to ensure that the BUSA house remains open while maintaining all covid 19 protocols.

ALALADE, Abigail: *My first strategy for success is faith and reliance on God. Added to that is adaptability. I have come to learn that once you're able*

Course: Political Science & Public Administration

Favourite Food: *Amala & ewedu or gbegiri with shaki*

Favourite Lecturer: Dr. Chibuzor Nwaodike

Likes: My family, fruits, smart & funny people

Dislikes: Chewing gum

Most Memorable Day: The day I got my first result from Babcock University and my family surprised me with lots of things to show their support.

Most Embarrassing Moment: When I mistakenly hugged someone from behind only to discover that it was not my brother.

MADUKOMA GOODFORTUNE

SERGEANT AT ARMS



Course: Medicine & Surgery

Favourite Food: Stir-fry spaghetti

Favourite Lecturer: Dr Idowu

Likes: Reading, listening to music, peace and quiet, and watching animals.

Dislikes: Dishonesty, noise, crowds

Most Memorable Day:

Most Embarrassing Moment: The day I found I had the wrong debit card for payment to a vendor I had scolded for not respecting Covid-19 protocols.

to adapt to any circumstance, success is already at the foot of your door.

I believe that everything thought to be new is an extension of something already done. Nothing is new in this life, but I can

improve on proffering better ways of filing and passing on important documents as well as improving on timely communication within the senate.

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**ALALADE
ENIOLA**

**SENATE
SCRIBE**



Course: Mass Communication
Favourite Food: *Amala, gbegiri* and *ewedu*
Favourite Lecturer: Dr Ogunwemimo
Likes: Food
Dislikes: Childishness
Most Memorable Day: None comes to mind
Most Embarrassing Moment: When I was running and fell in front of what I remember to be half of the entire set of my class

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WILLIAMS-DAUDU, Mishaël: *I place great emphasis on suggestions and feedback. A solution cannot be proffered without first identifying a problem. I also plan to focus on teamwork and cooperation, since one simply does not know it all or do it all.*

My directorate focuses on promotion of student welfare and moral even through the restrictions and protocols. I also work with team members to source ways of getting the best in the cafeteria, sports, academics or spiritual life.

EMESHILI, Irene Chinyere: *I believe that commitment to continued refinement and growth through education brings about outstanding leadership. In addition to this, is listening with intent and genuinely understanding the opinions of others without pushing your own agenda would lead us to a successful administration.*

**WILLIAMS-
DAUDU
MISHAEL**

**DIRECTOR OF
WELFARE
IPERU**



Course: Law
Favourite Food: Pounded Yam and Egusi soup
Favourite Lecturer: Dr. Bukola Olugasa
Likes: Music, sports, books and other things
Dislikes: Unnecessary noise, and untidy spaces
Most Memorable Day: The day I score the winning goal in our inter-level football competition
Most Embarrassing Moment: The day I praised my opponent for his dribbling skills on the football pitch

Course: Computer Science

Favourite Food: I'm open to new cuisine but occasionally, fried rice

Favourite Lecturer: Dr. Ernest Onuri

Likes: Reading and listening to music

Dislikes: Long car rides

Most Memorable Day: My 15th birthday

Most Embarrassing Moment: The day I mistakenly commented "Stop" while the Vice-Chancellor was speaking in an online meeting.



**EMESHILI,
IRENE
CHINEYE**

**Deputy Senate
President
(main campus)**

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The BU High School held a special thanksgiving service for its graduating students as they wrapped up their 6-year studies and final qualifying exams for the University.

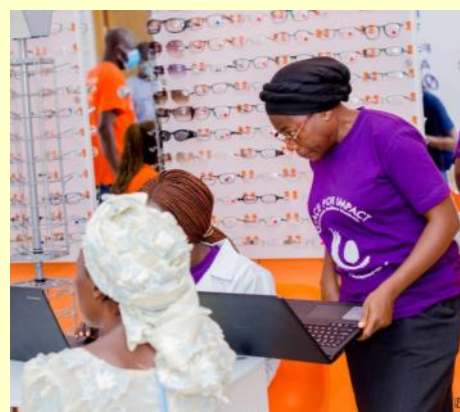
The Principal officers, teachers and other staff celebrated the day with the students as captured in the pictures.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



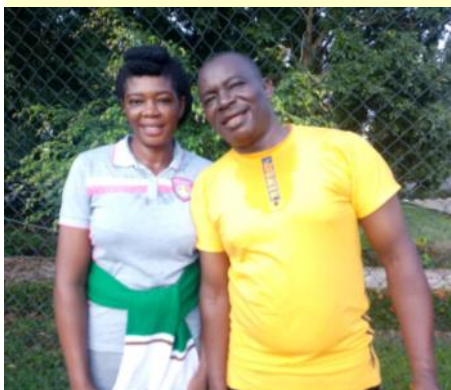
The University recently sealed up an MoU with Grace for Impact, renowned for its medical outreach projects in Nigeria. As attention shifted to the World Sight Day, October 14, the INGO opened the Grace Eye Clinic to continue its sustainable eye care drive in Nigeria and serve the BUTH Ophthalmology Department outpost. Pictures of the clinic opening at Magboro.



PASTORAL COUPLE RETREAT@ BGH



Pastors and their spouses as they took time off daily routine to re-new commitment to each other in a family retreat, Oct 1 -3. The retreat themed, *Healthy Pastoral Families in Times Like These*, was coordinated by the Shepherdess International. "The experience was spiritually invigorating," said the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae.





A cross section of the students listen as Prof. Philemon Amanze (left) addressed the audience.

SVP ENCOURAGES STUDENTS ON SIWES

The Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze urged students to see the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) as an opportunity to prepare for the 'world of work'.

His statement came up at the annual orientation programme organized by the BU SIWES Directorate and Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Area Office, Abeokuta.

Professor Amanze lauded the Federal Government for introducing of the scheme which he likened to the Adventist Work Study programme.

According to him, the internship programme not only solves the problem of skill acquisition for employment but also serves as a bridge between theory and practice.

Expressing similar views, the Director of Academic Planning, Professor Oludele Awodele urged the students not to misuse the opportunity especially since no firm wanted to employ

anyone who would not add value to it. He commended the faculty and the SIWES Director, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa for preparing the students for the programme.

For former SIWES Director, Dr. Olutayo Shokunbi, the scheme was an opportunity to network.

"Be a good ambassador of your par-

ent, University and the larger society," he said.

Dr. Ebiesuwa reminded the students that the internship programme was a rare opportunity to acquire necessary industrial experience and employability skills.

"Let the choice of your organization be where you can learn and add value to your course of study," he said.



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa (3rd left) with other team members visits the Director of Marketing & Communication, Dr. Joshua Suleiman.



Students listen at the orientation as Mrs. Funmi Coker (right) of the Abeokuta ITF Zonal Office addressed them.



GCAS BEGINS ANNUAL AUDIT



Prof. Philemon Amanze (2nd right) welcomes the GCAS team. Others are: (l - r) Mr. Oliver Masuku, Dr. Folorunsho Akande and Prof. Yacob Haliso.

A five-man team from the General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) has arrived the University for the annual auditing exercise.

The team led by Mr. Oliver Masuku, include Josiah Bature, Judia Sibanda Tambaya, Magaji Dinah Nyame and Samuel Gyamera.

Receiving the team on behalf of the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo, the Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze, urged all stakeholders to give the team necessary assistance and cooperation as the exercise was strengthen the institutional finances.

“At the end, this exercise will make us a stronger institution,” he said.

Concurring, the Vice President Finan-

cial Administration, Dr. Folorunsho Akande said GCAS visit was a yearly ritual to scrutinize the books.

He said the tight schedules of the administration made the delayed pre-briefing inevitable. In his response, Mr. Masuku, who thanked the principal officers for the warm reception, said the team would continue their assignment from where they stopped last year.



Mr. Masuku (left) speaks as Dr. Folorunsho Akande listens.



REFLECTION



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

- Ed Cunningham



COMING EVENTS

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 and direct entry 200 level students.

OCT 26 - 29

Mid-Semester Examination for 200 level