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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
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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



L-R: Prof. Philemon Amanze, Dr. Simeon Olubiyi, Prof. Catherine Sowunmi, Prof. Ademola Tayo and Mrs. Afolashade Awe of the NMCN during the 16th induction ceremony.

CALLS FOR COMMITMENT AS OIE HOSTS STAFF ORIENTATION

Calls for greater commitment topped the agenda as the University's Office of Institutional Effectiveness organized a one-day staff orientation at the Amphitheatre.

Coming a few weeks before the end of first semester, the programme provided a platform to address key employee issues and the three Cs that drive the Babcock institutional vision: Competence, Character and Commitment.

It also provided a level playing ground for information

sharing and interaction with the five principal officers.

Shortly after the devotional by the University Pastor, Prof.

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Ehioghae, the Director of Human Resources, Dr. Abiola Makinde, summarized the newly reviewed Babcock Employee Handbook.

In the same vein, the Vice President Management



Prof. Constance Nwosu

Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso, called for harmonizing competence with character and commitment as none could do without the others.

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PREACHING WITHOUT WORDS



Pastor Efe Ehioghae

"We cannot afford to populate the Kingdom of God one day and depopulate it in six days through our actions."
- Pastor (Prof) Efe Ehioghae

Pulpit, emphasized the need to represent Christ in everything especially in our relationship with others.

Prof. Ehioghae said as light of the world, our

The most important message we can preach, is not what we say, it's what we do.

This summed up the devotional of the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae at the one-day staff orientation hosted by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, November 9, 2021.

According to him, God expects us to share the gospel of salvation in whatever capacity we may find ourselves whether in or out of the office environment.

Consequently, his sermonette, *Your Desk, Your*

character can either attract or repulse people away from the message of hope.

Top on the list, he noted, is character and attitude to time.

"Lateness is a powerful message," he said. "If we are slack on the job, we

cannot be taken seriously with our sermons."

He likened the Biblical characters like Dorcas and Daniel, to people who preached without words.

Daniel for example, through his character, preached the gospel to King Nebuchadnezzar, a pagan king while Dorcas did hers through her kind deeds to others.

"We cannot afford to populate the Kingdom of God one day and depopulate it in six days through our actions," he said.



A cross section of the congregation at the orientation



Participants take a stretch break with coach (left) from the Sports and Student Activities department.



Pastor (Dr.) Promisen Nwaka (left) sharing mental health message with staff.

AVOID BURNOUT, WARNS BUTH CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

In the light of growing global concerns on mental health, Clinical Psychologist with the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, Pastor (Dr.) Promisen Nwaka has called on staff to guard against unnecessary stress, depression and anxiety to avoid burnout.

According to him, while stress may be inevitable, individuals must take responsibility of knowing their limits to maintain optimum health.

He counsel while speaking on ***Mental Health and You*** at this year's Babcock University staff orientation.

"Burnout is a reaction to chronic stress between environmental and personal characteristics," he said.

"Besides the other risk factors, lack of control over workload as well as dysfunctional workplace dynamics can lead to burnout."

He therefore called on all to create the enabling environ-

ment to make Babcock a place of mercy.

He asserted that this could drive up annual enrolment figures as well as enhance staff mental health faster than any marketing strategies.

He further submitted that supervisors could help subordinates manage stress and burnout by ensuring job descriptions and expectations are clearly defined.

Similarly, faculty and administrators working with students could prevent stress-induced burnout through love, empathy and patience.

"In the present highly competitive world in which we live, burnout can lead to emotional depletion and de-humanization," he remarked.

"We must learn to draw the lines and manage mental health to make the world a better place to live in."

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Prof Yacob Haliso (3rd left front row) with other staff participants.

"I DEFIED ALL ODDS TO IMPACT MY STUDENTS," PROF. GRACE TAYO



Prof. Grace Tayo

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 global attention shifted to the World Science Day for Peace and Development, November 10, the editorial team talked to the Director for Research, Innovation & International Cooperation, Professor Grace Tayo, one of those whose work on agriculture and animal science have significantly impacted on training and mentorship in Babcock.

Professor Tayo was the first and so far, the only female Dean of School of Science and Technology in Babcock University.

Q: What inspired you to go into teaching?

A: Three factors; I started school very early in life accompanying a teacher to her school and being treated like the teacher's

daughter. It was an experience that I loved.

Secondly, the white Catholic Reverend sisters who were my teachers at the nursery school made teaching attractive with the instructional materials like play dough and colourful charts they used in teaching.

Thirdly, a self-awareness of my personality and passion to acquire new knowledge and share experiences with young people

which was also confirmed by my classmates.

How long have you been a Faculty in Babcock University?

Over 22 years now, I joined the workforce at BU in 1999

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

Selection as a mentor in the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development programme which exposed me to specialized trainings on mentoring, women's leadership and management and emotional intelligence.

The course impacted my mind-set and career, making it possible for me to mentor students and junior colleagues formally and informally.

Feedback from former students and some colleagues indicates this.

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"What I bring to the table is a passion to pursue excellence and creativity in handling any assignment given to me, to make better any activity I embark upon for the good of all."

- Prof. Grace Tayo



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What is your most significant contribution to knowledge

Creating the awareness that poultry/livestock production results in footprint in the environment and the need for mitigation strategies including nutrient management, recycling and use of alternative feedstuffs/ feed additives.

You have been recipient of various research grants and fellowships, which of these had the most significant impact on your work

The fellowship offered by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)/ Chinese Academy of sciences (CAS), Italy. It afforded an uninterrupted full year of Post- doctoral research work away from Nigeria.

I was able to work side by side with Chinese researchers at the Institute of Subtropical Agriculture, Changsha, Hunan Province of PR China to further pursue my interest in phosphorus nutrition in goats.

I learnt skills involved in feed evaluation using fistulated animals, surger-

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Prof. Grace Tayo

ies involved in ruminal fistulation and cannulation of goats, published and co-published in leading high impact journals of animal sciences.

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

Personally, a passion to pursue excellence and creativity in handling any assignment given to me, to make better any activity I embark upon for the good of all.

The first steps I took upon appointment as the Director of Research was to create a conducive environment for research which led to the constitution of Committees for research ethics and inaugural lecture as well as, the appointment of a grant writer.

The flag off of the annual research grant and research fairs, communication

of monthly research news through the research newsletter to improve our University societal impact are all part of what I have brought to the table.

On Legacy: *A Babcock University that is globally visible through impact in research, proffering solutions to local and global problems and fulfilling the mission of raising God-fearing professionals.*

Q: Your research work has been majorly on agriculture, health and nutrition. What influenced your interest in these areas?

First my parents, being Nurses encouraged me in the line of health. I was to study medicine, but being aware of my phobia for blood, I decided at the HSC to veer into Agriculture particularly, animal science after realizing the similarity between human and animal health / nutrition.

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

The woman who defied all challenges and used her God-given potentials to impact her students, her colleagues and her environment positively to the glory of God.



Prof. Grace Tayo

BU CELEBRATES AS NMCN INDUCTS 59 NEW NURSES



Prof. Ademola Tayo addressing the new inductees.

The University recently celebrated 59 newly qualified Nursing graduates as the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria inducted them into the professional body.

The event which took place at the Amphitheatre November 11, marked the University's 16th induction ceremony of Nurses and the beginning of a new phase for the inductees.

In his charge, the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo called on the inductees to be positive influencers on the healthcare management system in Nigeria and service delivery to the sick.

"Those who suffer need you to be something more than a Nurse. They need you to be a healer and this requires you to do something more," he said.

He equally implored them to build their future on integrity, a compassionate lifestyle and professional ethics.

Expressing similar counsel, guest speaker, Dr. Simeon Olubi of the

University of Ilorin, in his paper, *"Nursing Internship: Essence of quality nursing practice,"* told the inductees to respect the dignity of affected patients, show empathy and develop the right attitude in their role as caregivers.

"In discharging the responsibility of today's induction to you, the nation expects that you respect the oath of our profession, be kind and be considerate to your patients."

He also acknowledged the role of the faculty and parents in helping them achieve their goals.

The Council's Secretary-

General/Registrar Alhaji Faruk Abubakar, who was represented by the NMCN's Head of Planning, Research & Statistics, Mrs. Folasade Awe, urged the inductees to raise the bar of professional standard in their clinical practice. Similarly, the Dean of the School of Nursing, Prof. Catherine Sowunmi, encouraged the inductees to honour the professional code of conduct at the workplace. For Associate Vice President Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu the charge was to go beyond the call of duty in patient care. She also called for integration of faith in practice.

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A cross section of staff and faculty listen as Prof. Philemon Amanze (left) gives his charge.

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"Be a source of hope and cause your patients to give the glory to God. Even if they die, they will die knowing someone cared," she added.

Besides encouraging the inductees, the Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze acknowledged the faculty who trained them and presented plaques to the guest speaker and others.

"This induction means the world to me," said Oluchi Eguzo. "It is everything that I prayed for. The hurdles and setbacks moulded and guided me to become the person I am today and I thank God for that."

For Ogwa Obe, another inductee who said she almost gave up because of the workload, the message to other upcoming Nurses is, "Never give up on yourself or your dreams. Get closer to God and keep thriving."



Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) and immediate past President/VC, Prof. J. Kayode Makinde join other officers in cutting the cake.



Ogwa Obe



Oluchi Ezugo

Guest Speaker, Dr. Simeon Olubiyi (right) presenting his paper.

Below: Dean, Prof. Catherine Sowunmi, addressing the inductees.

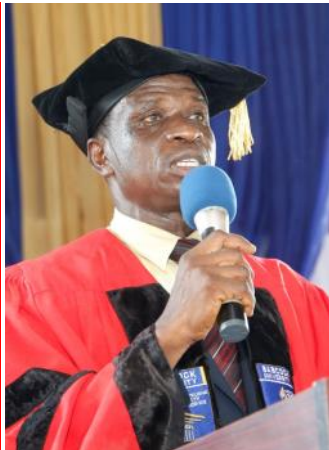


PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



From faculty to parents and guests, the caps have it. The Amphitheatre was a kaleidoscope of colours as the University celebrated 59 newly qualified Nurses at the 16th induction ceremony last week. Pictures capture the different faces and moments at the event.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The School of Public & Allied Health held a sendforth for one of their longest serving faculty, Prof. Catherine Agbede. It was also a time to reminiscence on her time with other professional colleagues, staff and students. The pictures capture the event.



The West Central Africa Division Communication Director paid a courtesy visit on the Director of Marketing & Communication during his official visit to Babcock.

(l-r) Dr. Femi Akintayo of WAD Hope Media Centre, Elder Abraham Bakari and Dr. Joshua Suleiman.

PIONEER CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES PREPARE FOR OPERATION SMILE



Children from Pioneer Church

The University's Pioneer Church is set to make an impact on vulnerable children in the host community, Ilishan-Remo through its annual outreach programme, Operation Smile.

This year, the Programme Coordinator/ Deputy Director of Communication, Ms. Josephine Akarue says doctors from the BUTH Dental & Ophthalmology departments are among the partners. Others include Grace For Impact and the School of Nursing and Department of Medical

Laboratory Sciences.



Josephine Akarue



REFLECTION



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

- Ed Cunningham



COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV 27

HARVEST OF THANKSGIVING

DEC 1

COURTESY VISIT TO TVC

DEC 5

CORRESPNDENT'S LUNCHEON

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

DEC 17

Departure of all students for holidays.

JAN 4

RESUMPTION

Arrival of 100 level & new 200 level Direct entry students

JAN 5

Arrival and resumption of returning students.