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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 (5th left), Prof Rufus Akintoye (3rd right) Dr Adebawojo (4th left), Prof. Festus Adegbe and other Babcock family at ICAN 51ST annual conference in Abuja.

## BUTH CARRIES OUT BILATERAL TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT

As the University intensifies efforts to change the narrative of medical tourism outside Nigeria, Babcock University Teaching Hospital has once again recorded another first: a successful bilateral total knee replacement surgery.

According to the medical team lead and Head of the Orthopaedics Department, Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha, the procedure was carried out on a 65-year old female patient the same day.

“The woman had severe knee osteoarthritis on both legs. Surgery was on November 8 and lasted about five hours,” he said. “By God’s grace, the surgeries were successful and

the patient has since been discharged.”

He added that though she is walking with support now her legs were now straight

“The cost is definitely cheaper

than going abroad or any other hospital in Nigeria,” said Dr. Onuoha.

Within the last two years, the department has carried out more total hip and knee replacement as well as spinal cord surgeries.

Two of the hip replacement surgeries were for a 57-year



Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha

old female and a 77-year old male. “Both surgeries which lasted two hours, were carried out under general and epidural anesthesia,” said Dr. Onuoha.

## NSCDC PAYS COURTESY VISIT

## WEEKLY DIGEST

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Prof Ademola Tayo (4th left), DC Ajayi Amos (3rd right) with officers of Babcock University and NSCDC.

The Ogun state command of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp led by the head of training, DC Ajayi Amos, has paid Babcock University a courtesy visit to follow up on the proposal to train some management staff on personal safety in view of prevailing insecurity in the country.

He said due to the insecurity couple with kidnapping, car snatching, cultism in the country there was need for personal security information that should at the fingertips of personnel in time of emergency.

According to him the insecurity situation seems to come to stay and therefore individuals and corporate organisations have to take necessary steps protect their environment against unprovoked attacks.

Responding, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo thanked the delegation for the concerns of the Corps over the lives and security of the university

community.

According to him, security always took prime place on campus because where there is no security peace would be elusive.

He said the administration would continue to take proactive steps to safeguard the staff and

students at all times.

He urged the Chief Security Officer of the university to liaise with the command and fine-tune the modalities and report back to him.

“We are friends of the security agencies and all the time we have major events on campus we always invite them to give a helping to our in-house security,” he said.



Prof. Ademola Tayo, (left) exchanges views with DC Ajayi Amos (right)



L-R: Drs Joshua Suleiman, Chukwuma Ajike, Prof David Alao and DSC Asuni Olanrewaju.





L-R: Dr. Akanimo Odon, Profs Kirk Sample, Philemon Amanze, Grace Tayo and Yacob Haliso

## BU BUILDS NEW COLLABORATION WITH LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

A head of future partnerships, Babcock and Lancaster University have agreed to joint collaborations on Waste Management, Agriculture and Health.

This came up at the November 18 stakeholders' meeting in Babcock with officials of both Universities in attendance.

The meeting also resolved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on student and faculty exchange, joint application research grants and students' supervision.

Lancaster University representative, Professor Kirk Sample accompanied by its Africa Strategy Adviser, Dr. Akanimo Odon, said their visit was to explore the possibility of creating mutually beneficial development partnerships.

He hoped the partnerships with Babcock and other institutions would prepare all stakeholders for the next available multi-dollar funding opportunity.

"My visit to Babcock is to discuss this idea, engage opinions, and seek advice for equitable partnerships," he said.

In response, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, represented by Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze, expressed optimism on the partnership.

For BU Director of Research, Innovation and International Cooperation, Prof. Grace Tayo, the collaboration on Waste Management, Agriculture and Health were not only timely and apt, but beneficial to Babcock and Nigeria at large.



Clockwise: Officers of Babcock and Lancaster Universities (Pixs1 &2) at Wsate to wealth project site; Prof Amanze presents gift to Prof Sample as Profs Grace Tayo and Mobolanle Sotunsa watch with keen interest.



Dr. Abiola Makinde (right) addresses staff and faculty (left).

## HR TRAINING FOCUSES ON LIFE AFTER ACTIVE SERVICE

A human resources expert, Mr. Akin Akinpelu has urged staff and faculty of Babcock University to start planning for life after Babcock University.

This, according to him, was necessary because everything that has a beginning also has an end.

Mr. Akinpelu stated this while delivering a paper, Preparations for life after active service in Babcock University at the opening of a four-day training programme organized by the human

resources department.

He said the end of work in Babcock would be sweet or bitter, it would, however, depends on the plan they were able to make while still on the job.

According to him, it would be better to have a well laid down retirement plans on the first day of work by thinking investments, cooperative contributive contributions, real estate, insurance, shares, among others.

begin with fact gathering and looking at their sources of present and future income by establishing financial security and independence through early financial planning.

Mr. Akinpelu said hence retirement comes certain challenges such as boredom, feeling purposeless and loss of friends it were better they prepare well ahead to make the retirement pleasurable.

He reminded workers to delight themselves in the Lord and to trust him so as to enjoy their retirement.

According to him, not allowing God to guide and lead them could make their retirement years unenjoyable.

Another way retirement could be enjoyable, according to him, is through building of social networks and developing healthy and positive relationships with loved ones through active involvement with the community.

He noted that while retirement was supposed to give freedom, time and resources to fully enjoy life, it was sometimes not so, owing to financial difficulties, ill health and several other issues.



L-R: Dr Folorunso Akande, Dr. Sunday Audu, Mr. Akin Akinpelu, Mr. Steve Olayinka Dr. Abiola Makinde and Prof Yacob Haliso

He said workers could also look for other investment sources, which would provide good value growth over the years and financial cushion at the time of retirement.

He emphasized the need for workers to also



## BIO GAS PLANT TO BOOST WEALTH CREATION AND CLEAN AIR



L\_R: Prof Grace Tayo, Dr Akanimo Odon, Prof Kirk Sample, Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran, Prof John Sotunsa and Dr. Titus Oyedele at the site the biogas project.

**B**abcock will soon join the league of global institutions to replace butane with methane bio gas as cooking fuel.

This is as the University puts finishing touches on the biogas project. Already, construction work for the first phase is at advanced level.

According to the Associate Vice President for Works and Physical Planning, Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran, this project will be one of the biggest energy savers and wealth creation strategies for the University.

“We will connect pipes to drain out waste water from the over 140 sewage tanks on the main campus to the project site,” he said.

The bio digester project is 95% complete. The next phase of the project will entail the collection of the waste from the student hostel and channeled to the bio digester.

He said the bio digester will help to break down the waste. The effluence will be used as fertilizer while the gas will be used as cooking gas.

“The overflow we have will be further subjected to treatment and clean water which comes out will be used for irrigation purposes and the rest allowed to flow out to the canals” he added.

The food produced from the fertilizer will be used in the kitchen. The food waste from the kitchen

is put back in the bio digester thus creating a self-sustaining cycle.

Prof Adeniran believes the project holds several advantages as well as opportunities for research: from Agriculture to Botany.

“Another advantage is that we will stop polluting our ground water. It’s a way of protecting our ground water,” he remarked.

Similarly, we will also stop evacuating waste weekly from the sewage tanks in the student hostel area.

We will save the cost which comes down to about N2million weekly from the student hostel area alone as well as create a cleaner environment.

Now that we have connected the MRI project, any waste coming from there will be channeled into the bio digester.



Prof Ezekiel Adeniran (3rd left) explains s point of interest as Dr. Titus Oyedele (1st left) , Dr Akanimo Odon (2nd left, Prof Grace Tayo (3rd right), Profs Mobolanle Sotunsa (2nd right and Kirk Sample (1st right) listen.

## “WHAT THIS INDUCTION MEANS TO US,” NEW NURSES



Savouring the joy of success: (l-r) Ogwa Obe, Anita Makanju and Ozioma Onuiri

The induction has come and gone. But the memories still linger for the inductees. The editorial team was met with them to share their views. Excerpts:

**Anita MAKANJU:** *This induction signifies freedom to me. After so many years of bad decisions and immaturity, I finally came to the point where I accepted responsibility for my action. That's why I was able to pull through and finish this program.*

*Leaving a life behind that didn't suit me and moving forward to my next phase of life. This induction is a great accomplishment. I believe anything can be achieved with determination, hard work and consistency.*

**EXPECTATIONS:** *I went into the profession with the expectation of making a mark in the world because I've always felt that is my destiny. God directed me to the nursing profession and I've learnt so*

*much about compassion and most importantly Teamwork. There's no such thing as "Me". "We" is the appropriate term. You can't make it in this life alone. You need people. And nursing provided me a platform to experience what it's like to help people and work with people*

**COUNSEL:** *Distraction is a thief of time. We might feel confused, we might doubt our choices but when in doubt seek God or a close member of the family and ask for counsel.*

**Ogwa Peace OBE:** *The induction is a dream come true for me and my family. It wasn't an easy journey but it was worth it at the end. I'm s o e x c i t e d .*

**EXPECTATION:** *My first thought when coming into the Nursing programme was whether I could pull this off.*

*I wanted to change courses at some point of the program because the workload became so overwhelming but I talked myself out of it.*

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L-R: Prof Ademola Tayo, Ms Ozioma Jennifer Onuiri Ozi; Prof Constance Nwosu; Prof Janet Kio and Prof Joseph Aina at the 16th nursing induction



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Over time, the lecturers became calm and accommodating that made learning easy for me. So, yes from the outside, it was tough but slowly everything fell in place.

**COUNSEL:** Never give up on yourself or your dreams. Get closer to God and keep thriving.

**Ozioma ONUIRI:** This is a dream come true for me. I came to Babcock University to answer my call into Nursing Sciences in 2017. This was six years after the completion of my first degree in Industrial Physics from Abia State University in 2011. Today, it has become a reality.

My initial expectations were that students would be given the opportunity to challenge themselves and

become who they aspire to be or who they have been called to become, irrespective of age, class or social status.

**COUNSEL:** The only limitation you have in life is yourself. Never give up on your dreams. Stay focused.

**Oluchi EGUZO** This means the world to me because it is everything that I prayed for.

My journey up until this point has never been smooth or easy. Starting from not making all my papers on at the first and second attempt and thinking my life was over as it didn't seem like there was much to hope for.

But all these hurdles and setbacks moulded and guided me to

become this person today and I thank God for that.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Honestly, I wasn't quite sure of what to expect when I came into Nursing school. I had visited a hospital on several occasions and had little understanding on the role of a Nurse but I loved their uniforms which were always white and neat. It kind of showed a similarity with godliness.

**COUNSEL:** Giving up should never be an option. Everybody falls but the only one who failed is the one who didn't get back up. You cannot walk this walk without God. Trust God and you will succeed.

## WHAT WE WILL MISS MOST IN BABCOCK

*I will miss seeing the people I have related with the most in school. I will also miss tofu. I never thought I would, honestly.*

**Ogwa Peace OBE**

*I will miss the peaceful environment, the food and effective administration.*

**Ozioma ONUIRI**

*I will miss the friendships I developed while in school because after Babcock, most of the friends started being independent and doing their own thing. But at the end, that's what growth is all about it. Some friends are there for a reason and some for a season.*

**Anita MAKANJU**

*What I will miss the most is Spirikoko also known as Week of Prayer. It was a time to gather with friends at the stadium and really serve God; experience talents of other students. We had shorter lecture hours and it was always a delight. I'll definitely miss Tuesday's rice and beans.*

**Oluchi EZUGO**

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*- Oluchi Ezugo*



Oluchi Ezugo

# OPERATION SMILE 2021



L-R: Dr. Abimbola Fagbe, Ms Josephine Akarue, Mrs. Emma Gbenedio, Ilishan High School teacher, Mr. Lukman Adeyemi, Pastor Opeyemi Oladosu and Mrs. Chinyere Chigeru  
Behind are Ilishan High School students. Right: Pastor Gift Gbenedio

In line with its annual, mission-driven initiative to reach vulnerable children in the Ilishan community, the University Pioneer Church Children's Ministries hosted the 2021 edition of Operation Smile, November 20.

The programme featured drama, music and quiz. It also provided warm meals. Students of the Ilishan High school were among over 90 children besides adults in attendance.

For the first time, the department drove the event tagged, *Let Your Light Shine* in collaboration with five other volunteer partners besides donor support.

Among these were the University's Division of Spiritual Life, Grace for Impact International NGO, the School of Nursing Sciences and medical volunteers from the Babcock University Teaching Hospital.

Dr. Ugochi Aham-Onyebuchi of Ophthalmology carried out the eye screening whilst Dr. Titus Oyedele

and Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ogunbileje of the Dental department took charge of the dental check.

**"Operation Smile** is our way of putting smiles on the faces of children within our host community, said Programme Coordinator, Ms. Josephine Akarue. "We believe every child deserves clothing, warm meals and gifts."

Akarue who works as BU Deputy Director of Communication, said the organizing team was particularly excited because the support not only provided funding, but

turned several children's dreams to reality.

"With this support, 10 of the 18 children with vision defects will benefit from the free eye glasses. Others will get theirs with expected additional funding," she said. "Over 34 children and adults got dental check and referrals."

The Nursing student volunteers promoted health awareness through talk on Drug & Substance Abuse and Prevention of Child Molestation.

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Dr. Titus Oyedele (middle) examining the teeth of one of the participants





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Beyond health, the programme was also Christ-centered. The DSL presented 80 copies of the Holy Bible as gifts.

In his message, *Light Your Light Shine*, Pastor Gift Gbenedio encouraged the children to shun evil and focus on God. "Let the Bible, not television, be your guide," he said.

"The programme is built on a great initiative and certainly worth our time," said Ololade Ige, one of the student volunteers.

"Overall it was a great programme and we will fully part of next year's planning," added Dr. Oyedele.

The Pioneer Church Pastor, Opeyemi Oladosun offered prayers for the children before the close of the event. which marked the 4th edition of the outreach.



The annual Operation Smile programme took place inside the Youth Church. Pictures show the different faces and scenes at

# DOCTORAL LAW STUDENTS HOLD TALKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS



**Barrister Buduka Oyangiri addresses students of Babcock University High School at the promobono programme organized for the school.**

The principle of fundamental human rights was on the top burner as a team of doctoral Law students organized a promo bono programme for Babcock High School students.

Beyond creating awareness of various aspects of human rights as enshrined in the Nigerian constitution, the programme held at the Efuntade Hall, focused on challenges of human right violations and learning to speak up.

Team lead, Barrister Leo Okafor and three other facilitators Barristers Buduka Oyangiri, Longinus Okereke and Lynda Onefeli established the importance of human rights through presentations and interactive sessions.

According to Okafor, human rights is based on biblical principles: "You must love your neighbor as yourself" and that everyone is made in the image of God.

Barrister Oyangiri on his part said no one had the right to exploit anyone

through economic or sexual pressure.

"Nobody has the right to use children as manual labor neither does anyone have the right to sexually harass or abuse them," he said.

Barrister Lynda Onefeli took the topic from the angle of the rights of women and children.

She also cited some critical and unfair facts women face in society by virtue of their gender.

"Men and women are supposed to be equal but women's rights are often infringed upon," she said.

According to her, the fact that 61% of illiterates in the world are women, is a pointer to this imbalance.

She concluded her submission with a listing of major women rights violation especially in the denial of rights to education and financial freedom.

In response, the students and BUHS administration, expressed their gratitude for the programme.







Prof Philemo Amanze (3rd left), Dr. Kolawole Ajiboye, (2nd left), Dr. Enivwenaye Nabofa., (1st right) and staff of Physiology department

## PHYSIOLOGY DEPARTMENT MARKS WORLD DAY



The Department of Physiology last week marked the World Physiology Day in partnership with the Physiology Society of UK (PHSOC).

Themed ***Physiology Awareness in the Pandemic***, the event featured a Covid-19 prevention public awareness programme, an online lecture and respiratory health exercises among others.

In his online lecture, ***Building a Career in Physiology***, Dr. Daniel Brayson of the University College of London made a strong case for Physiology as a career choice to his audience amongst whom were students of the department and Babcock University High School.

The Babcock University Head of Physiology department, Dr. Kolawole Ajiboye led out in the respiratory health exercise aimed at testing the individual's lung's health.

A faculty of the department, Dr. Enivwenaye Nabofa. coordinated the respiratory games in which winners

got 20 pounds sterling.

"We are glad that the event was a huge success," said Dr. Ajiboye as he thanked the University administration and Physiology Society of UK for the provisions and support. Besides the knowledge gain, par-

ticipants also got free assessment of their respiratory health and free non-pharmaceutical Covid 19 kits.



Top and bottom:  
Staff taking health exercise aimed at testing the health of their lungs







Dr. Seun Ebiewsuwa (4th right), Dr Feyisayo Alade (3rd right) Mr. Umeh Christian (2nd right), Dr Lucy Akoma (4th left) and other officers of the Association

## BUSA DONATES TO FOOD SERVICES, OTHERS

Babcock University Students' Association capped the completion of projects on the two campuses with donation of some items to Food Services on the two campuses.

The items received by Dr. Feyisayo Alade at the main campus cafeteria were BUSA house notice board, a deep freezer and five 26-inch OX standing fans. BUSA Sponsor, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa, President, Umeh Christian, and the image makers, Ologbenla Temilade and Okoye Kenechukwu made up the team.

At the Iperu campus, Dr. Olugasa, HoD, Jurisprudence and Private Law, received the BUSA officials and the items for Iperu campus on behalf Professor Deji Olanrewaju'.

These included newly installed 40 window shades, eleven wall clocks, a variety of gym equipment, the renovated eight notice boards, solar flood lights, six 26-inch OX standing fans,



## 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 2**

34TH INAUGURAL LECTURE

**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.