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- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

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- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

- Vince Lombardi

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Mission Accomplished: Newly inducted Nursing graduates celebrate the joy of success

JUPEB DIRECTOR COMMENDS BABCOCK



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Wale Okunuga

The Registrar of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board, (JUPEB) Prof. Wale Okunuga has commended Babcock for adhering to the rules of engagement with the Board.

His comments came during a working visit of the Registrar to Babcock University.

“What I saw on ground while monitoring classes in Bab-

cock showed that things are done here in an excellent manner,” he said. “I met with both students and teachers and happy that everything is going as required.”

While thanking him for the visit, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo also gave his assurance to strengthen JUPEB’s drive for excellence.

He expressed optimism at efforts to ensure global best practices through

the Board’s planned training for institutional JUPEB Directors.

He assured the Registrar of his administration’s full support of the Babcock University’s JUPEB Director, Prof. James Ogunji’s participation in the training for JUPEB’s Directors nationwide.

Prof. Okunuga also thanked the University for the confidence, and pledged to support in increasing the University’s admission quota for JUPEB to 150 next academic session.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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EXPLORING WATERS BEYOND THE FIRMAMENT



A section of the audience in rapt attention as Prof. Adelere Adeniran (right) delivers his lecture.



Environmental Engineering Professor, Adelere Adeniran last week called on the Nigerian government to fund research works tailored towards national development and accessibility to clean water.

His call came while delivering the Babcock University 32nd inaugural lecture, *Waters from the Waters: Beyond the Firmament* last week.

Professor Adeniran's paper

recommended the formulation of a policy on water to energy at every level of governance.

He also stressed the need for local experts to engage in seeking sustainable solutions to access to clean water for the growing population especially in developing countries.

In addition, he called for the use of low cost water and wastewater technology in solving environmental and health problems.

Within this context, he

recommended the application of systems dynamics aimed at proffering an enduring solution to the threat of underground water pollution through sewage.

Prof. Adeniran called for a comprehensive review of the sewage systems for new projects as well as the University's water systems master plan within the next five years.

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A cross section of faculty and staff at the lecture



Dr. Joshua Sueiman



Prof. Tayo and Prof. Amanze with the lecturer



Prof. Adeniran with some of his immediate family members



University Registrar, Prof. Jonathan Nwosu

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“The roadmap for water supply, sanitation and waste management should also be charted during the next quinquennium,” he said.

In this way, the University would avoid possible threat to water pollution in the future.

According to him, God’s primary objective in dividing or separating waters from waters was to create a suitable environment for human habitation.

“That environment was not polluted by anthropogenic activities,” he stated. “After the fall, we

polluted the firmament”.

He said it remained to be seen if man’s effort geared towards collaborating with God would produce a conducive and sustainable living environment is possible.

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Prof. Dora Akinboye (2nd l) with Prof. Adeniran, family members and BU staff.



Prof. Ademola & Grace Tayo (2nd & 3rd r) and Prof. P. Amanze (l) share the moment with Prof Adeniran and a friend.



Prof. Aderale Adeniran and Prof. Ademola Tayo (7th & 8th left) with other faculty members and officers of the University. Right is immediate past President/VC, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde

BABCOCK CELEBRATES AS NMCN INDUCTS A NEW SET OF NURSES



Prof. Ademayo gives his charge to the inductees as they take their oath.

There was excitement as the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria inducted 45 new Nursing graduates into the professional body.

Unlike last year's virtual ceremony, this year's which marked the 14th induction, brought together more than a handful of family, faculty and friends to the University Pioneer Church venue. Each observed the Covid-19

protocol on social distancing.

The President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo charged the inductees to be real change agents especially in the light of the difficult situation posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Nursing is selflessness and love," said Prof. Tayo. "You owe it to society to turn your knowledge into nurture and care."

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He equally implored them to build their future on integrity, a compassionate lifestyle and professional ethics signified by the lighted candles.

In her paper, *"Reducing Stigmatization of Clients with*

Covid-19: The Role of the Graduate Nurse, guest speaker, Prof. Abimbola Oluwatosin, of the University of Ibadan, called on the inductees to respect confidentiality, create confidence and help in protecting the human rights and dignity of affected patients.

"Covid-19 does not discriminate. It has affected every sphere of life and caused a lot of chaos," she said. "As professionals, you must rise to the occasion and transfer knowledge into practice."

The Council's Secretary-General/Registrar Alhaji Faruk Abubakar, represented by the NNMC's Deputy Registrar, Yahaya Sumi, urged the inductees to rise above self to raise the bar of professional standard.

Similarly, the Dean of the School of Nursing, Prof. Ezekiel Ajao, encouraged the inductees to honour the professional code of conduct.

"I charge you to be considerate, patient and Christ-like," he said. "Be an angel of light to those who are sick and permeate them with meekness."

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Prof. Philemon Amanze presents an award of appreciation to the NNMC's Deputy Registrar, Yahaya Sumi.

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Associate Vice President Institutional Effectiveness, Prof Constance Nwosu also counseled them to go beyond the call of duty to give patients all round care.

“Be a source of hope and cause them 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 others.

“This induction means the world to me,” said Ayomide Muritala Zainab. “I thank my family and friends for their support. Most importantly, I thank God who crowned my efforts with success.”

For Grace Okorie, another inductee, the message to others still on the journey is simply, “Stay strong. It is demanding but worth it.”



Cutting the cake: Representative of the inductees and other officers join Prof. Tayo in a symbolic gesture of cutting the cake



Top left: Ayomide Muritala Zainab with her parents and faculty.

Top: Grace Okorie

Bottom: Guest Speaker, Prof. Abimbola Oluwatosin



The inductees sing the Nurses' Anthem



MLSCN INDUCTS 60 NEW LAB SCIENTISTS



A cross section of the inductees listen as Prof. Ademola Tayo (right) presents his address and charge.

“Work in line with the ethics of your profession,” President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo charged Babcock’s 60 newly qualified Medical Laboratory Scientists.

His charge came amidst various admonitions at the University’s 8th induction of graduates into the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria, MLSCN.

He reminded them that they would be judged both by the quality of their work and institution of training.

“I pray that today’s ceremony will be a stepping stone to your future success.”

Reiterating the need for integrity, the Council’s Registrar, Dr. Tosan Erhabor, called on the inductees to apply determination, discipline and dedication to achieve success.

Dr. Erhabor who was represented by the Director of Education/Deputy Registrar, Mr. Godwin Aikpitanyi, urged them to shun superficial gratifications and focus on hard work.

“You are joining the noble profes-

sion at a time your services are in significant demand within and outside the country,” he said. “The future is bright for those who work according to the professional ethics.”

The Dean of Public & Allied Health, Professor Dora Akinboye expressed similar views and inspired them to think and dream big.

“The size of your thoughts and dreams will determine the size of your achievements,” she said.

For Head of Department, Prof. John Ihongbe, the set’s uniqueness stems from the fact that they were the first set to take part of their examination online and at a

time the world is experiencing the Covid-19 pandemic.

Beyond admonitions and congratulatory messages, the induction was marked with award presentations for academic excellence and meritorious service. Emmanuella Ogbuagu received the award for overall best student as well as award for best in Chemical Pathology (see honour roll on page 7)

While Ogbuagu dedicated the award to all who supported her during her studies, recently retired senior lecturer in the department, Dr. John Ochei in response for the meritorious service award, said, “Thank you Babcock University for the opportunity to serve.”



The Joy of Success: The inductees jubilate shortly after taking their oath.



Mr. Godwin Aikpitayin presents certificate of merit to Emmanuella Ogbuagu. With them is Prof. Ademola Tayo. Below (l -r): Glory Nwaiwu receives her certificate of merit from Prof. Philemon Amanze; Alice Adunkpe and Elizabeth Onyeani receive theirs from Dr. Olutayo Ajayi and Prof. Yacob Haliso respectively.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Overall Best Student & Best in Chemical Pathology:

- Emmanuella Ogbuagu

Best in Medical Microbiology:

- Glory Nwaiwu

Best in Haemathology:

- Alice Adunkpe

Best in Histopathology:

- Elizabeth Onyeani



Prof. David Alao and other faculty and staff at the induction.



Prof. Dora Akinboye presents gift to Dr. John Ochei. With them are: Prof. John Ihongbe and Mr. Seyi Enitan.



Prof. John Ihongbe addresses the inductees (right) as they take their oath.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The Pioneer Church venue was a kaleidoscope of colours as the University held the 14th induction ceremony of graduate Nurses into the professional body. Pictures capture some of the moments.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Pictures capture some of the moments at the Babcock Chapter of the National Association of Adventist Students' musical concert and outreach, as well as the 32nd inaugural lecture week recently.



BRIEFLY



Chief of Staff, Prof. David Alao and Director of Babcock Security, Dr. Chukwuma Ajike, o (2nd and 3rd right) present gifts to the Ilishan DPO, Olaitan Kunle. Left is BU Head of Transport, Mr. Olawale Yusuf.

BABCOCK DONATES TO THE ILISHAN POLICE STATION

As part of her corporate social responsibility to ensuring a safety and security in Ilishan, the University has donated a power generating set, amber light and eight tyres to the Ilishan Police Station.

Presenting the items on behalf of the President/ Vice Chancellor, the Chief of Staff, Prof David Alao, said the gifts were in recognition of the Ilishan Police division's efforts in combatting crimes and other social vices in the community.

"Undoubtedly, the fact that we have relative peace in the host community in spite of the security situation across the country, it is as a result of the commitment of the police."

"I present this items to you on behalf of the President and Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola Tayo," he said.



The Ilishan Police Divisional Head, Olaitan Kunle thanked BU administration for the donated items and for the support and cooperation his team has been enjoying from Babcock.

"We will use these items efficiently for the pur-

pose they are meant for," he assured.

PROF. OLARENWAJU SENT FORTH

In recognition of his service and appreciation of a job well done, the Division of Student Development had a sent forth and prayer session for its immediate past Vice President, Prof Joseph Olanrewaju.

Prof. Olanrewaju, said he was not surprised his successor in office, Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Audu came in as the current VPSD.

Besides teaching the same subjects and engaged in similar official assignments, he said they were both Pastors in God's vineyard.

"We want to appreciate you as a division for what God has done through you," said Pastor Sunday Audu.

The meeting also featured special prayer session anchored by the Babcock University Students Association sponsor, Dr Seun Ebiesuwa.

The Associate Vice President Student Development, Dr. Tolani Williams and other Directors and Unit Heads were also present.



Dr. Sunday Audu with (l-r) Dr. Feyi Alade and Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa.



Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju



Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju, spouse, Prof. Motunrayo Olanrewaju and their son, Daniel (middle) with other Directors, Chief Hall Administrators and Unit Heads of the Division.

BU HOLDS COMMENDATION FOR ELDER AFOLABI



Prof. Ademola Tayo, Pastor Efe Ehioghare (3rd and 4th left) and others listen with rapt attention as Tolu Afolabi gives his vote of thanks.



with a gift money could not buy.

It was a sober moment at the University Pioneer Church as family, friends and former colleagues met for the commendation service of late Elder Theophilus Afolabi.

The occasion provided opportunity to share tributes and comfort the family of the late Elder.

Before his engagement in the University as Farm Manager, Elder Afolabi had served in a similar capacity at the Babcock University High School in Ilishan and Vice Principal Academics respectively.

The University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghare urged all to emulate El-

der Afolabi who reflected his love for God and lived as God's friend awaiting the resurrection morning.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo also described the late Afolabi as a man who loved God, loved evangelism and very passionate about Jesus. He prayed God would grant the family grace to cheer up as someday, they would meet him in glory.

For the BUHS Principal, Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo, Elder Afolabi was an encourager and committed to the School even in retirement. Similarly, his daughter, a staff with BU campus radio, Hope 89.1 FM, Esther Afolabi, said Papa lived a balanced, fulfilled life and bequeathed her

In addition to his love for Christ, his daughter in-law, Usah Afolabi described Elder as more than a Dad.

Mr. Tolu Afolabi gave the vote of thanks and urged everyone to prepare for the second coming of Christ.



Esther Afolabi



Prof. Grace Tayo and widow of late Elder Theophilus Afolabi (2nd left) and other family members listen as Dr. Bolanle Adebawojo shares her tributes.



DR. OGUNTODU GOES TO REST



Prof. Ademola Tayo prays for the family of the deceased.



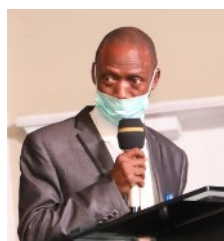
Prof. Johnson Egwakhe

The University community met at the Pioneer Church for a brief commendation service as they mourned the loss of a faculty member, Dr. James Oguntodu.

Dr. Oguntodu, who was a lecturer in the Finance Department of Babcock, died February 21. Colleagues described him as a rare breed professional with expertise in diverse fields across Finance, Accounting and Business Administration.



Family of Dr. Oguntodu



Pastor Ehioghae

University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae urged the family not to weep because there shall be resurrection. He said Jesus who went through everything is still able to support and provide for all those in pain.

In his message of comfort before praying for the family, the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola Tayo noted that everybody described him as a devoted man whose death was a colossal loss to all.



REFLECTION



“Perseverance is stubbornness with a purpose.”
- Josh Shipp



COMING EVENT

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CALENDAR

MARCH 18

SIWES TRAINING

The Abeokuta Zonal Office of the Industrial Training Fund, ITF will hold the first quarter Students Industrial Work Experience zonal supervision meeting. **Venue:** BIG Boardroom; **Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm.

MARCH 21

BATCH B RESUMPTION

All Batch B students are expected to resume on campus ahead of their mid-semester exams.

APRIL 11 - 18

GRADUATING CLASS WEEK

The Alumni Department in collaboration with the Graduating Class sponsors will host a virtual week.