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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

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



Partners for qualitative education: (l-r) Profs Ayandiji Aina, Prof. Samaila Mande, Chief (Mrs.) Mojisola Ladipo, Profs Jonathan Babalola, Philomena Igbokwe and two others

## BABCOCK HOSTS PROVOSTS & SECRETARIES OF CPGS



Prof. Ademola Tayo

The Committee of Provosts and Deans of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools in Nigerian Universities rose from a three-day session determined to rejig graduate education in the country.

Beyond strategic planning, the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the meet-

ing held in Babcock University, also provided a platform for cross fertilization of ideas and information sharing on funding in a recessive economy.

Host President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo said unless the issue of funding of education and research were adequately addressed, excellence in higher education system in Nigeria would be unattainable.

According to him, adequate funding would boost incentive and pro-

mote student experience and research as the main driver of innovation economy.

"Our research systems remained critically underfunded compared to other countries, culminating in stifling competitiveness," he said.

Professor Tayo also called for a constant review and assessment of quality assurance of graduate studies the country in line with global best practice.

## INFRASTRUCTURAL ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

### WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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Work in progress: Food Services Department's housing gift. Pictured right: Arch. Mykell Jegede.



ties for staff.

Things are looking up for the University's infrastructural development as work on additional staff quarters nears completion.

One of the two projects is a gift from the Food Services Department to the University. It is an eight-apartment, four-floor building in Victory Estate's Patience Court.

The other, is also an eight-apartment block gift from the Babcock Investment Group. It is situated in Victory Estate.

At the groundbreaking of the former last February, the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo noted with delight that the issue of staff welfare remains a key point of his administration's agenda.

Now, expectations are high as work reaches advanced stage.

According to the Director of Physical Planning, Arch. Mykell Jegede, most of the internal work including elec-

trical and tiling are almost done.

Earlier on, the Director of Food Services, Dr. Feyi Alade explained that the decision to support the University with funds ploughed back from profits of the department's ventures, was in recognition of the need for more on-campus housing facilities for staff.

"We hope that some of our department's staff will also be considered when it comes to the allocation."

With the speed of the advancement, Arch Jegede is confident that the project handled by Fagorite, would be ready for commissioning during the convocation week in June.



Front view the Food Services' gift.

Below: Side view of the BIG Housing project gift



### HOTLINES

Ambulance -080 360 097 40

BUSA President—

081 601 612 90

Chaplain - 080 626 560 81

Counsellor-080 601 440 27

BUTH Clinic -080 360 097 40

Facilities -070 640 699 96

Fire Service-0803 606 44 44

Food Services

080 386 801 17

Security 070 312 411 23

BU Pastor 080 253 277 68





Mr. Deboye Makinde



A front view of the Alumni House construction work in progress

## CONSTRUCTION WORK RESUMES ON ALUMNI HOUSE

**I**t's a race against time as contractors work to meet the May ending deadline for the ultra-modern Alumni Secretariat.

Work resumed at the four-floor secretariat after a lull occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic among others.

Situated near the Babcock University Staff School, it comprises a library, alumni offices, seminar and conference rooms.

It also has a 16-room en suite accommodation and a pent house with two suites of two bedrooms each.

Above the penthouse is designed to have a sit-out which

offers a panoramic view of the town.

"We are working hard to deliver by the end of May so most of the finishing work and fixtures are near completion," said the Director of Alumni, Development & Strategy, Mr. Adeboye Makinde.

"Wall screeding has started in preparation for painting. Contract has also been awarded for doors and windows," said Mr. Makinde.

The external work including landscaping, car park and bore

hole for water is yet to begin.

The Alumni project which is expected to be completed ahead of the June 27 convocation, will be one of the ongoing projects to be commissioned this year.

"All things being equal, we can meet the deadline," affirmed Mr. Makinde.



"All things being equal, we shall meet the deadline."  
- Mr. Makinde

## CPGS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT INAUGURAL CONFERENCE



Host, Prof. Ayandiji Aina addresses Committee members.



A five-man team of executive leaders have emerged to midwife the newly constituted Committee of Secretaries of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools in Nigerian Universities (CSPGCS).

Birthered at the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Provosts and Deans of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools in Nigerian Universities held in Babcock University, the team is expected to assist the Deans in building stronger platforms for research and qualitative graduate education in Nigeria.

To work with the Chair, Mr. Garba Mohammed from Yobe State University are: Dr. Titilayo Owolabi of Babcock University as Vice Chair and Barrister Flora Fiyebo of Federal University of Petroleum Engineering, Delta State as Secretary.

Others are: Samira Balarate of Kaduna State University and Charles Nweke of Ebonyi State University, as Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

“No university system operates effectively without registrars

and Deputy Registrars, who are not only the engine room of the institution, they know the system better and stay longer than Provosts or Deans,” said Chair of the CPDPGS, Professor Jonathan Babalola from the University of Ibadan.

Aside electoral matters, the meeting offered opportunity for intellectual discourse.

In her paper, *Issues in the Administration of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Postgraduate College: The role of the College Secretary*, former Registrar of the University of Ibadan, Chief Mojisola Ladipo said in addition to conforming to the changing world of the work place, the 21<sup>st</sup> century Postgraduate College Secretary has to give quality service.

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Chief (Mrs.) Mojisola Ladipo



Set for leadership: (r-l) Mr. Garba Mohammed and Dr. Titilayo Owolabi (Chair & Vice Chair), Barrister Flora Fiyebo, Samira Balarate and Charles Nweke as executive.



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“Any Administrative Secretary without digital literacy, ability to read and speak fluently and listen with empathy, is a waste,” she said.

The Provost of the BU College of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Ayandiji Aina expressed appreciation for the administrative support in hosting the event which he said provided opportunity to showcase the beauty of Adventist Education.



Top: Chief (Mrs.) Mojisola Ladipo receives a plaque from Prof. Jonathan Babalola

Below: Faces of some of the participants in attendance.



Chief (Mrs.) Mojisola Ladipo and Prof Ayandiji Aina.



Participants with the Host, Prof. Ayandiji Aina and guest speaker, Chief (Mrs) Mojisola Ladipo (6th and 7th left).

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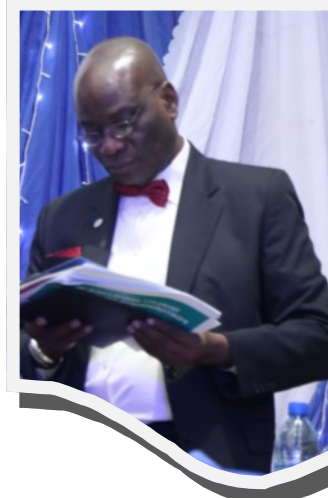
- Prof. Babalola



## DONS CALL FOR BETTER FUNDING IN RESEARCH



Prof Ogundipe (right) presents his address as others listen. Seated on the front row(l-r) are: Dr Folorunso Akande, Profs Jacob Haliso and Philemon Amanze.



*ance in Postgraduate Education in Nigeria*, emphasized the need for government and companies to invest adequately in research to enhance universities' problem-solving capacity.

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**C**alls for more qualitative and better-funded research in graduate education topped the agenda as the University hosted the 59<sup>th</sup> assembly of Provosts and Deans of Postgraduate Colleges and Schools in Nigerian Universities.

Amidst growing concerns over quality assurance, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo lent his voice to the Committee's discourse to install a better-funded nation-

al research policy than the current reality where few research works have little relevance to societal development.

Like Prof. Tayo, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe said quality education cannot be attained without the enthronement of quality assurance.

His paper, *Quality Assur-*

Clockwise: Professors Cyril Nwagburuka (left), Dora Akinboye and Jumoke Haliso; and royalty at the meeting and Host, Prof. Ayandiji Aina.





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It also called for more international collaboration to raise the bar of excellence in graduate education. Vice Chancellor, Osun State University, Professor Labode Popoola also aligned his views with this position.

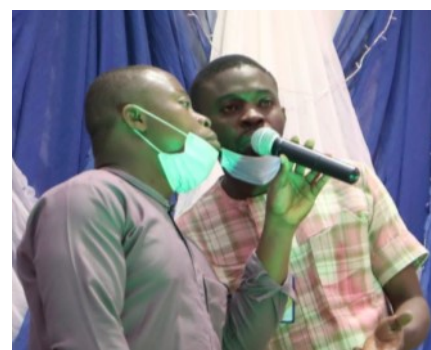
His paper, *Easing Postgraduate Research and Maximization of Research Output in Nigeria*, called for quality and critical mass of scholars to drive the national research agenda.

"We need individuals that see the solutions than the problems and happily work towards making a difference," he said.

Associate Dean of the College of Postgraduate Studies, Pastor (Prof) Akpa offers a prayer. Behind him is De. Joshua Suleiman.



The Chord musical group makes their presentation at the opening ceremony. The Ogun State Cultural Troupe (below) also had theirs.



#### APPRECIATION

The Honorary Secretary & Dean, School of postgraduate Studies for the National Open University, Nigeria, (NOUN) Prof. Samaila Mande has expressed his appreciation to the Provost of the BU College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Ayandiji Aina.

In a letter addressed to Prof. Aina, Prof. Mande said he was impressed with the level of organization and ambiance of the meeting which he hoped would serve as template for future hosting of the programme.



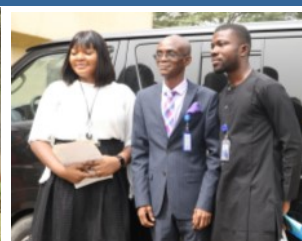
Prof. Ogundipe, Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Jonathan Babalola (2nd, 3rd and 4th left) with other officers at the Committee meeting.



## LAW STUDENT DONATES BUS TO IPERU CAMPUS



Prof. Ademola Tayo receives documents of the vehicle from the donor, Chinememma Okoro as Prof Deji Olanrewaju watches with interest.



Prof. Tayo with Okoro and another BUSA official.  
Bottom: BU Officers dedicate the vehicle to God.



In fulfillment to her electoral promise, the Iperu mini campus Director of Transport & Ventures, Chinememma Okoro presented a 14-seater bus gift for the University's School of Law & Security Studies.

Okoro, a 400 level Law student, said she promised to donate a bus to ease the transportation needs of the students in Iperu campus if elected during the Babcock University Students Association's election (BUSA) campaigns.

"Babcock is a good University," she said. "I would not have done this if the institution was not good to me."

While dedicating the bus to God, the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo prayed for God's blessings for the donor and her family.

The Dean of the School of Law & Security Studies, Prof. Deji Olanrewaju, said the gift which was through the support of Okoro's Dad, is a demonstration of God's grace.



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof Deji Olanrewaju (4th & 5th right) with other officers share the moment with Chinememma Okoro.

## TECHNEXT.NG EXPRESSES INTEREST IN BU



Dr. Joshua Suleiman (2nd l) with Technext officers, (l-r) Ejike Kanife, David Afolayan and Anderson Ozakpo.

Executive officers of Technext.ng, led by the Co-Founder/CEO, David Afolayan recently paid a visit to Babcock.

Top on the agenda was building partnership for

student training and skill acquisition.

Other team members were: Co-Founder/Chief Operations Officer of Technext.ng, Anderson Ozakpo and the Editor,

Ejike Kanife.

Ozakpo was one time President of the BU Students Association.

Director of Marketing & Communications, Dr. Joshua Suleiman, said the team's proposal is expected to bridge knowledge gap and hone technological advancement skills of students.

Technext.ng will participate in the up-coming Babcock Career/Job Fair for the graduating class this April.





Prof. Ademola Tayo addresses participants at the training workshop



A cross section of the zonal directors listen attentively at the programme.

The Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) is one of the best things that ever happened to Nigeria's higher educational sector.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo, stated this at the 2021 first quarter zonal supervisory training held in Babcock University last week.

According to him, this scheme complements the theoretical classroom experience and offers students a six-month experience "to see and adjust" to the real world of work.

He describes as disheartening, the present Nigerian situation in which we have Engineers who cannot perform.

He said this called for a paradigm shift from the theoretical method of imparting knowledge to a more practical experience which aligns with the Adventist philosophy of Education, offering a holistic training of the head, heart and hands.

"This will better prepare the Nigerian students for the real world," he said.

Prof. Tayo also commended the

## VC LAUDS SIWES PROGRAMME



Prof. Ajuyigbe (m) and others in rapt attention as Mrs. Funmi Coker (r) addresses the supervisors.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze (13th & 15th left) with SIWES Supervisors

leadership of ITF and SIWES for giving Babcock University hosting rights for this year's first quarter zonal meeting.

The Ogun State ITF Manager, Mrs. Funmi Coker is confident that with God's help, her organization and the SIWES Zonal Directors will at-

tain greater heights this year.

She expressed appreciation and delight that many of the higher institutions have commenced the student orientation programmes ahead of the internship.



## PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The Babcock Pioneer Church marked the Global Youth Day in line with the Seventh-day Adventist Church theme of the year, *I Will Go*. Moments in pictures.





# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The inaugural meeting of the Committee of Secretaries of Colleges of Postgraduate Studies in Nigeria hosted by Babcock had some soft moments. These are captured in pictures.



Dr. Musa Dangana (right) with some other members of the commission in Kenya.

Public Health faculty, Dr. Musa Dangana is one of three technical advisers working with 11 commissioners to chart a new direction for health in Africa.

He was in Kenya recently where the team brainstormed on how to achieve universal healthcare in Africa. The report, on behalf of the **Africa Health Agenda International Commission (AHAIC)** will help the organization develop policies to improve healthcare delivery. Kenyan President, His Excellency, Uhuru Kenyatta was at the opening session.



## BUTH RECEIVES FIRST DOSE OF COVID VACCINE



Prof. Tayo receives his vaccination card after taking his shot.

nex, encouraged all to do same to de-escalate the Covid-19 pandemic. "It is in everybody's interest to keep the pandemic out," he said.

The Babcock University Teaching Hospital received its first consignment of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine early March.

According to the Director of Clinical Services, Prof. John Sotunsa, 498 doses were received and administered.

Besides health workers, the President/Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Ademola S Tayo and other officers have taken the first dose of the vaccine.

Prof. Tayo who received his at the amphitheatre BUTH An-

Prof. Sotunsa said BUTH is expecting to have the second dose of the vaccine. In June. The exact date is dependent on the Ogun State government.



VP Student Development, Pastor (Dr) Audu



## REFLECTION



"Perseverance is stubbornness with a purpose."  
- Josh Shipp



## COMING EVENT

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**APRIL 10 - 17**

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR BATCH B

The South Ghana Campus Ministry/Chaplaincy Director, Pastor Nana-Koffi Niamako, is the key speaker as BU hosts the Batch B virtual annual week of prayer, themed, *I will Go*. Time: 6:00pm on YouTube.

**APRIL 18 - 21**

### GRADUATING CLASS WEEK

The graduating class students' week including career and job fair by Zoom

**April 29 - May 11**

### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

The online 1st Semester Examination holds for 100 level students and 2nd Semester Examination for Batch A (200 level & 300 level) students.