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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



Students of the College of Postgraduate Studies celebrate their matriculation

BU GETS A NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Pastor Yohanna Harry

Babcock University has a new governing council to steer the affairs of the institution for next five years from 2020 to 2025.

To head the Council in accordance with the Church policy, is President of the Northern Nigeria Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Yohanna Harry.

University Chancellor/ President of the West African Central Division of Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor (Dr.) Elie Weick-Dido who performed the inauguration during the mid-year meetings held in Babcock, enjoined Council members to discharge their functions with dedication in the service of God and humanity.

Also present at the inauguration were: former 32nd President of General Conference of United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Emeritus Professor Michael Omolewa, Abia State Commissioner for Education, Dr. Kanelechi Nwangwa and one time Treasurer of the West Nigeria Union Conference, Dr. Markus Dangana.

The Chancellor noted that in times like these, institutions needed to uphold visionary standards as well as best practices to excel and stay above competitors.

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WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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NUC ACCREDITATION TEAM VISITS BABCOCK



(l-r): Dr. Kolawole Ajiboye, Mr. Innocent Ogwuche, Prof Ntim Antai, Prof. Walter Nwafia, Prof. Femi Adebawojo and Dr. Clara Egwuonwu.

A three- man accreditation team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) was on a working visit last week to review facilities and teaching requirements in the Physiology Department.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo received the team led by Professor Ntim Antai of University of Calabar.



Prof Ntim Antai

Professor Tayo said the administration appreciated such visits as they served as peer review

mechanisms to strengthen academic programmes.

Professor Tayo urged the team to be fair and firm and rebuked or commend the institution where necessary.

Earlier Professor Antai assured the Vice Chancellor of the team's firmness and professionalism in assessment.

"We hope that standards will be met as we would be looking closely at what the Physiology Department would be presenting to us," she added.

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He added, "With about 197 universities in Nigeria, Babcock University requires your best input to continue to raise the bar of learning and training for maximum global impact."

BU INAUGURATES A NEW COUNCIL



L - r : Dr. Markus Dangana, Pastor Yohanna Harry and Dr. Kanelechi Nwangwa;



Dr Sunday Audu and Folorunso Akande with other council members at the meeting



Pastor (Dr.) Elie Weick-Dido



Prof. Philemon Amanze and Associate Professor Sam Okere (5th & 6th) right with other BU Press Committee members, (l-r) : Mr. Taiwo Rosanwo, Mr. Sunday Falade, Dr Andy Okwu, Mr. Justice Ihebom, Prof Bola Ajibola, Dr. Margaret Solo-Anaeto and Dr Valerie Babatope.

BU PRESS COMMITTEE INAUGURATED

Senior Vice President Academics Professor Philemon Amanze last week inaugurated a 14-member Committee mandated to chisel out a comprehensive feasibility study to establish a full Babcock University Press.

The committee's terms of reference among others, include three major areas: operations, finance, and physical infrastructure.

Professor Bola Ajibola of the

Department of Finance is Chair. To work with him are: Dr. Adeggbemi Onakoya as Vice Chair and the Director of BU Press, Associate Prof. Samuel Okere as Secretary.

Professor Amanze urged the members to use their experiences and skills to ensure a successful service delivery.

"Do you see a man diligent in his work?" he asked. "He

shall not sit before mean men but with princes and kings."

In response, Professor Ajibola thanked the administration for the assigned task and promised to collaborate with Committee members for accomplishment.

BU PRESS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Prof AJIBOLA Bola (Chair)
2. Engr. ADEAGBO Aderemi
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14. Mr. Osundina Gbenro (Arch)



Dr. Margaret Solo-Anaeto (left) Prof. Bola Ajibola (right) with other Committee members in dedicatory prayer session.

DOCTORAL LAW STUDENTS HOST LEGAL OUTREACH



L-r: Dr. Titilayo Adebirigbe, Prof. Deji Olanrewaju, Dr. Olubukola Olugasa and Dr. Dorcas Odunaike with leaders of the Ilishan market.

Sophia Abiri-Franklin

The University's pioneer doctoral Law students last Thursday organized a legal outreach programme for vulnerable community members tagged, *Know your Rights*.

The programme, which was the first of its kind, targeted traders

in the host Ilishan community market to provide awareness of their personal rights as well as create access to free legal counsel.

"We understood that some may feel reluctant to put their commercial activity on hold to attend our seminar so we took the seminar to them in the mar-

ket place," said the programme Coordinator, Barrister Adesoji Adebayo.

Besides the Iya oloja, (Head of the Market women), Mrs. Olanihun Sodipo, the promo bono seminar attracted other traders and bystanders.

The Dean of the School of Law

& Security Studies, Prof. Deji Olanrewaju was also present with Dr. Odunaike and some other officers.

The programme addressed domestic violence, tenancy matters and human rights-related issues.

In their paper on Domestic Violence, Olawunmi Ogundipe, Sophia Abiri-Franklin and Douglas Tayo, identified stress, low self-esteem and pressure as some of the causative factors.

Similarly, Barrister Segun Abogunrin's paper on tenancy matters which he co-authored with Oleghe Ohiwere and Adesoji Adebayo, identified common causes to tenant-landlord conflicts and proffered strategies to conflict resolutions

Barrister Olayinka Razaq, Sheriff Olayinka and Adebisi Adepoju pegged theirs on human rights.

Prof. Olanrewaju, commended the students' efforts and charged them to create a broader platform for greater impact in the future.

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Dr. Olayinka Razaq takes his turn on human rights

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- Adesoji Adebayo

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The organizers wrapped up the programme with the distribution of noodles and snacks.

“This programme is an eye-opener for us,” says one of the organizers. “It has taught us to understand the challenges and strategies of mitigating them in the future.”

For Mrs Sodipo and many of her fellow market women, it was one programme they would not forget in a hurry.

“We are thankful that they came here to talk to us,” says Mrs. Sodipo.” It is not an everyday occurrence and we thank God for the experience.”



Barrister Adesoji Adebayo makes his presentation on tenancy matters



Dr. Titilayo Adebirigbe presents a gift to the yaloja, Mrs Olanihun Sodipo,

Bottom left:

Dr. Adebirigbe presents gift to another market leader.



Prof. Deji Planrewaju (pictured right) lends his support to the team as participants listen to Sophia Abiri-Franklin (right) and Olawunmi Ogundipe

24 SOULS BAPTIZED AS BABCOCK MARKS BATCH B WEEK OF PRAYER



Pushing the message of God's call to preach: Pastor Nana-Koffi Nimako.
Right: Pastor Biague Laguibilssial.

Twenty-four persons were baptized as the University wrapped up the Batch B Week of Prayer, April 10 - 17, the second virtual programme in 21 years.

Themed, ***I Will Go***, the messages set the spiritual tone for the Babcock community to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church global call for evangelistic outreach.

"We live in uncertain times with an uncertain future," said speaker, Director of Chaplaincy & Campus Ministries for the South Ghana Conference, Pastor Nana-Koffi Nimako, "But

God's word promises a secured future and end."

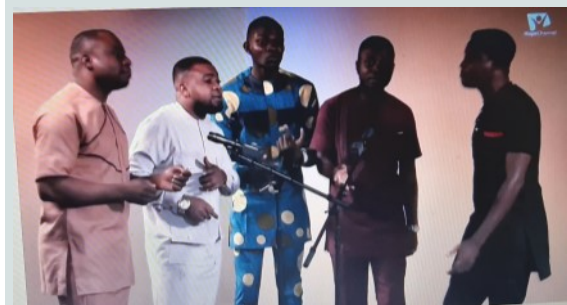
He reminds the congregation that since the future is in God's hands, there is absolutely no reason to be anxious.

"The future is not in the hands of scientists or political leaders," he stated. "The future is in the hands of God."

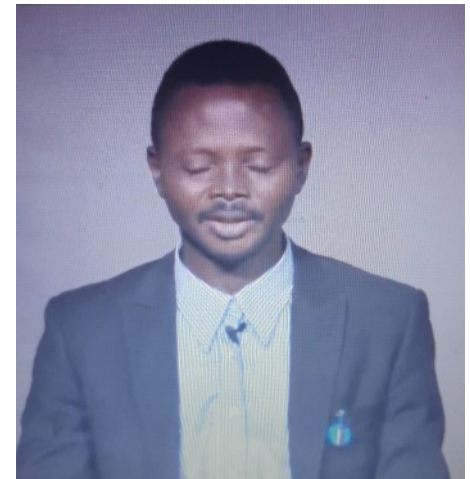
Making reference to King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in the Book of Daniel, he said God was still in charge of times and seasons.



Pastor Efe Ehioghae



One of the musical groups. Pictured right: Dr. Akissi Metonou



Just as Daniel turned to God when all the wise men could not tell or interpret the king's dream, so prayer still makes a difference.

"God is able to do so much for us in prayers," he said. "If you will commit it to God, He will answer to our situation."

He said the God who cares and knows the future, can guide all just as He guided Daniel and gave him understanding of the dream.

There's a God in Heaven who is able to reveal the dream.

"He changes curses into blessings and gives hope but changes not. He is God."

While 24 people took the step of faith for baptism at the end of the programme, 31 were baptized from the Batch A Week of prayer held earlier in the year.

"We grateful to God for the precious souls baptized in spite of the various challenges associated with the Covid-19 pandemic," said the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae.

"We would have loved to meet physically like we used to, but looking back, we cannot but thank God for His leading."



The author, Mr. Olayemi Olayinka stresses a point as Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd right) and other officers listen in rapt attention.



BU ALUMNUS LAUNCHES BOOK

The making of a first class and the drive to enhance academic excellence inspired the production of the book, *Inspired to Success: Graduating with a First Class*.

Olayemi Olayinka, a BU alumnus (2020) with the highest CGPA and winner of the President/VC's Award turned his academic experience into a literary package for posterity as he launched his new book recently.

The Auditorium A of the Babcock Business School witnessed a gathering of family members, faculty, and friends as the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo and other University officers turned out to encourage the young author.

While reviewing the book, one of the author's former lecturers, Dr. Theodore Dickson drew key points from Olayinka's initial struggle with aca-

demics. He noted that the author's narrative was changed through God's grace and sheer determination to succeed.

"People often say your first class determines your first class, but I disagree," he said quoting Olayinka. "What you do before your first class is what determines your first class."

Pastor Dickson said he could easily relate with this concept as it resonates with his personal experience.

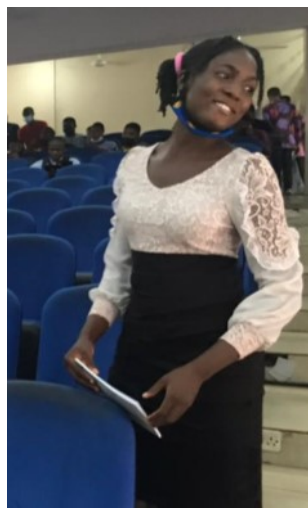
Vice President Student Development



Prof. Ademola Tayo

opment, Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Audu described the work as timely.

"I believe this book will have a good impact," said the author. "This is because whoever is struggling with academics will find an inspiration to excel academically and spiritually because without God we can do nothing."



A cross section of the audience at the book launch

CPGS MARTICULATES 535 STUDENTS



The matriculating students take their oath of allegiance to the BU core values as Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) gives his charge.

The School of Management Sciences recorded the highest number of students as the University marked the College of Postgraduate's 11th matriculation ceremony April 23.

Of the total 535 students, 220 were from the School of Management Sciences.

While thanking them for making Babcock their institution of preference, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo urged the matriculating students to uphold the core values for which Babcock is reputed.

"We accept the challenge of giving meaning to human life," said Prof. Tayo. "That is why our educational system

offers a Christ-centred approach to learning."

He said beyond academic excellence, Babcock offers a holistic education and has won the global brand awards for five consecutive years, 2015 - 2019.

The occasion which held at the amphitheatre, also provided platform for other officers to lend their voices.

In his counsel, Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze urged the students to make the best of the institutional opportunities.

"Education is the passport for the future," said Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Yacob Haliso. "Thank you for choosing Babcock."

He extended his appreciation to the University administration who offered the first virtual classes, hooding and convocation ceremonies last year during the lockdown occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.



Prof. Philemon Amanze



Prof. Yacob Haliso (right) addressing the students





Clockwise: Barrister Fasanya Ayodele, Lynda Onefeli, Loginus Okereke, Precious Otira, and Basirat Ajenifuja



line classes and great teachers. They have been awesome.

OTIRA Precious, MBA

I like Babcock because of the hostels and other facilities. I went to a federal university for my first degree and I know the issues we had. I also love the chapel. You can actually feel the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. The lecturers are also awesome.

AYODELE Esther, MBA

Babcock is a faith-based University and is interested in every aspects of your life. It makes you feel free to open up and discuss with your teachers about any challenges

OLAJIDE Laide,
PhD, Biochemistry

Babcock offers the best brand in Africa and ranks high within the academic circles. Since I wanted to expand my knowledge horizon and contribute towards the development of humanity I chose Babcock because it provides a holistic education.

OSARO Government,
PhD, Mass Communication

WHY WE CHOSE BABCOCK

This day is very important to me because Babcock is a great institution that I am proud of; besides its been a Christian University, it is an institution with morals.

OKEREKE, Loginus
PhD, Law & Security Services

Babcock is it for me because I want a seamless, flawless, unbroken education. Even during the lockdown, Babcock still ran its academic calendar virtually. So for me and the rest of my family, it's now Babcock all the way.

FASANYA, Ayodele
PhD, Law & Security Studies

I chose Babcock because it is one of the foremost institutions in our nation, producing class, winning awards and making impact. I want to be among those who will come out and make meaningful impact in our country.

ONEFELI, Lynda
Mphil. Law & Security Studies

I chose Babcock because it offers a credible option and the method of teaching especially when I got to know that we have on-line classes which means we can learn from home and we are not going to have our classes interrupted by strikes.

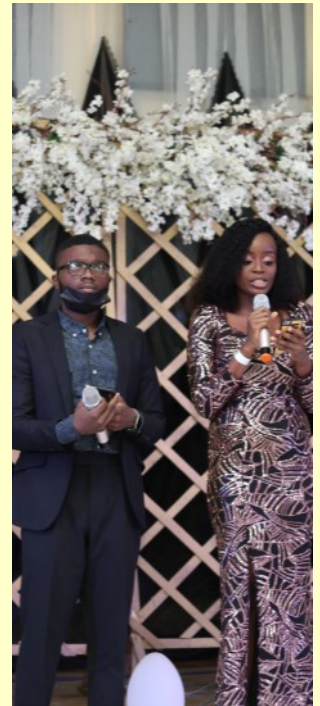
AJENIFUJA Basirat MBA

I chose Babcock for my Mphil is because first, I am an alumna and also it offers a great option amidst others especially in the light of the pandemic. It has not been easy. I also like the fact that we have on-



Proud to belong: (l- r): Esther Ayodele, Laide Olajide and Government Osaro

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



It was a week of thanksgiving, joy and celebrations as the Babcock University Students Association, BUSA hosted their Dinner & Awards Night.

Pictures capture the moments at the dinner and awards night.



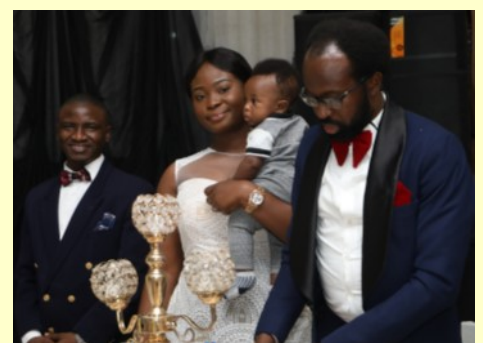
PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS

The College of Postgraduate Studies also marked a its 11th matriculation ceremony with 535 students at the amphithetre. Pictures of the event and the BUSA dinner.



It was a time of joy for some of the final year students as they defended their thesis.

Some of them turned out in style after the defence to mark the day.



LOCKBOOK EMERGES WINNER IN BUCC AWARDS

A new concept in publishing technology pioneered by two Babcock Computer Science students, Enoch Oyerinde a graduate student and Israel Kehinde, a 400-level student has clinched the most Innovative Award. This was at the first virtual award ceremony of Babcock University Computer Club (BUCC|) recently.

LockBook.org is helping to accelerate the advent of sustainable electronic publishing and distribution since it began operations in 2020.

This is through the provision of a revenue-protection model for effective document distribution that guarantees increased return on investment for Intellectual properties to authors.

Similarly, it is targeted at ensuring a wider market opportunity for everyone to make more val-



Dr Seun Ebiesuwa and Israel Kehinde (5th & 7th left) and other 400 level BUCC awardees with their plaques.

ue from their work as well as continually raise the bar of the academics, publishing and businesses across the continent.

Already, the Director of the Babcock University Press, Associate Professor Samuel Okere has expressed readiness to partner this Nigerian indigenous technology startup, LockBook.

Dr. Okere said "This award is an acknowledgment of LockBook's innovative effort in providing indigenous solu-

tion to electronic information and book distribution and management in Nigeria.

Aside the LockBook Award, there were 17 other recipients of awards including the Best Lecturer Award for the School of Computing & Engineering Sciences which went to Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa

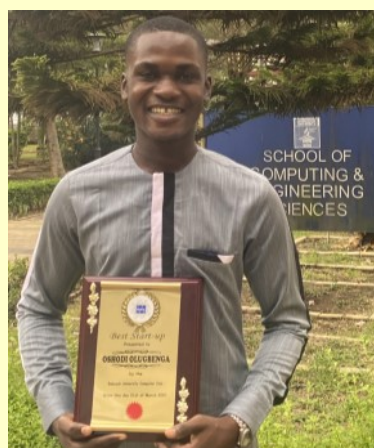
The awards also included recognition for the Best Entrepreneur of the Year, won by Oreoluwa Omosho, the Best start-Up, won by Olugbenga Oshodi, as well as the Best Overall 400 Level Student, Olayeni Anifowoshe and other categories.



Israel Kehinde (left) and Damilare Akin-Oladipo (top right) with Oghenerume Agege (right) display their BUCC award plaques.



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa



Clockwise: Kofoworola Kosoko, Anifowose Olayeni, Olugbenga Oshodi, Chidera Okeke and Kosioschukwu Nwafor



Recognition Awards: Dr Seun Ebiesuwa (fifth left) and other 200 level students' BUCC awardees with their awards.

WALL OF FAME

Best Lecturer School of Computing & Engineering Sciences:

- Dr. Seun EBIESUWA

Best overall 400 level Student:

- Olayeni ANIFOWOSHE

Most Innovative Technology

- Lookbook Team, headed by Israel KEHINDE

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Oreoluwa OMOTOSHO

Best Start-Up

- Olugbenga OSHODI

Most Social: (200 L)

- Dotun OBEY FABIYI

Most Social: (400 L)

- Kosioschukwu NWAFOR

Best Debater

- Damilare AKIN-OLADEJO

Most Fashionable Male (200 L)

- Paschal ONAH

Most Fashionable Male (400 L)

- Oghenerume AGEGE

Most Fashionable Female (200 L)

- Adaora OKOYE

Most Fashionable Female (400 L)

- Kofoworola KOSOKO

Influencer of the Year

- Prince AKPA

Best Student (200 L)

- Akasukpe AGHOGHOMEMNA

Best Student (400 L)

- Anifowose OLAYENI

Best Course Representative (Male)

- Aworekun TOLUWANIMI

Best Course Representative (Female)

- Kofoworola KOSOKO

Most Hardworking Executive:

- Kosioschukwu NWAFOR

Male Face of BUCC

- Einstein MUNACHISO

Female Face of BUCC

- Chidera OKEKE

FIRE FIGHTERS GET TRAINING



Prepared for action: Mr. Augustine Ojo and Engineer Peter Ibezugbe (back row 6th and 7th left) with BU firemen.

The Fire Services department has raised the bar of its disaster preparedness and disaster management skills with a two-week training.

Facilitated by Head of the Ekiti State Fire Services, Mr. Augustine Ojo and two others, the training covered lessons in basic fire fighting techniques, men formation and rescue operations among others.

Head of Unit, Engineer Peter Ibezugbe said the training also enhanced his department's skills in risk and safety assessment of the University's infrastructures.

"It is one of several trainings we will be offering especially with the



Hands on: Firemen at training

addition of five new firemen," he said.

"It was a good one because I learnt new skills," said one of the trainees, Mr. Nseabasi Udofia.



REFLECTION



"Perseverance is stubbornness with a purpose."

- Josh Shipp



COMING EVENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 29 - MAY 11

On-site 2nd Semester Examinations for Batch B students and on-Line registration for 2nd semester for 100 level students from home

MAY 12

Resumption and Arrival of 100 level

students for second semester

MAY 17

Commencement of Summer for all returning students

MAY 17 - 24

First semester examination for 100 & 200 direct entry students.

MAY 25

Second semester classes begin for 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.