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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.

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- Excellence
- Integrity
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- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A leader takes people to where they want to go. A great leader takes people to where they don’t want to go but ought to be.”
- Roselyn Carter

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Mission Accomplished: Some members of the Aquila Graduating Class mark their week with a rally

BU PRAYS AGAINST RISING INSECURITY



Faculty and staff in a prayer session.

Following rising cases of violence and national insecurity in Nigeria, the University administration last Tuesday declared a special day of fasting and praying.

The session led by the University’s Division of Spiritual Life attracted both staff and faculty members to the Am-

phitheatre for one hour of praying and seeking God’s mercies.

“If ever there was a time we needed

prayer in this country, it is now,” said the Associate Vice President of Spiritual Life & University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghare.

Amongst other prayer points, the University prayed for the safe release of students of the

Greenfield University, Kaduna and others held captive.

The prayer also called for God’s divine mercies and intervention in Nigeria in the light of recent killings, arson and banditry.

From one end of the Amphitheatre to another, the plea remained the same, “God, we cannot fight this battle without you.”

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WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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BIG GETS BIGGER



Side view of the expanded and rebranded BIG eatery. Top right is **BIG meals'** Manager, Mr. Francis Odii.



The Babcock Investment Group just got bigger with the expansion of **The Place**, its one-stop meeting point for the University community and the public.

Beyond the new look, **The Place** now carries a new brand name, **Big Meals** as well as more meal options to its regular menu.

Manager, Mr. Francis Odii, said the expansion became inevitable with higher patronage and returns on investments.

"Our meals are on high demand because we take extra care to make them at pocket-friendly prices," he

said. "Even some clients place orders for their meals before arrival."

According to him, the most-sought out meals include: Chinese rice, Chinese spaghetti and *yamaritta*, a combo of deep fried yam and egg served with spicy red chili.

Production has also increased by more than 200 % of the former target. "We are determined to add value and satisfaction to our clients," he said.

With the expansion, **Big Meals** have become a more worker-friendly environment for him and his staff.

"If possible, we would love to make this a real home away from home experience with guest accommodation," he added.

BU PRAYS AGAINST RISING INSECURITY

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Leading out in one of the prayer sessions, a faculty from the School of Law & Security Studies, Dr. Akissi Metonou, sought God's protection for all institutions nationwide.

Pastor (Dr.) Theodore Dickson, Director of Babcock Security, Dr. Chukwumah Ajike, Pastor (Dr.) Debo Adesanya and School Officer, College of Postgraduate Studies, Mrs. Edafe Dogo-Bawa also lent their voices in prayer.



Pastor Efe Ehioghae



Staff and faculty members in prayer session





Prof. Ademola Tayo (3rd left) receives the patron's T-Shirt as Head of BU MEDLAB, Prof. John Ihongbe (2nd left) and Mr Temitope Olusanya make the presentation. With them is the Chief of staff to the BU President/VC, Prof. David Alao.



Mr Temitope Olusanya

AMLSN INSTALLED PROF TAYO AS PATRON, CELEBRATES SCIENCE DAY

The Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria (AMLSN), Babcock University Chapter, marked the 2021 International Biomedical Laboratory Science Day with the inauguration of the President/ Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola Tayo as Patron.

Speaking on this year's theme, **Testing times: Biomedical Laboratory Scientists' Role in the COVID-**

19 pandemic', the BU Chapter leader, Mr Temitope Olusanya said in spite of the hazard and challenges involved in the global combat against Covid-19 pandemic, the Association's members were always at the forefront of the fight. To this end, he asked for support of the University's leadership in ensuring the welfare of members.

In response, Prof Tayo expressed his appreciation of the Association's commitment to duty and saving lives often at risk of their personal safety. He reassured members of his administration's commitment to improvement in faculty and staff welfare.



Members of the AMLSN pose with Prof. Ademola Tayo and other officers shortly after the inauguration

BU HOSTS GRADUATION FOR 17 PIONEER CASON STUDENTS



Prof. Johnson Egwakhe address the CASON graduates at the graduation ceremony

Senior Vice President, Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze urged them to preach the word in season and out of season.

It was celebration time for the Babcock Centre for Executive Development (BCED) as 17 of the 27 pioneer students in Church Administration became the first fruits of collaboration between Church Administrators Society of Nigeria (CASON) and Babcock University.

President/ Vice Chancellor, Profes-

sor Ademola Tayo enjoined them to aim for the zenith of knowledge and do well in the ministry. He also congratulated the faculty and CASON as worthy partner.

Similarly, the CASON President, Pastor Seyi Oladimeji said he was glad that what was once a dream had produced its first fruits.

“Shine the light in your corner; represent heavens well in your churches, represent the brand very well and God will give you the grace to do it well,” he charged.

Director, BCED, Professor Johnson Egwakhe congratulated the graduates for sticking till the end while others dropped out in the course of the programme.

Speaking on behalf of other graduates, Pastor Kayode Olorunishola expressed appreciation for being among the first set of students in the programme, and for the impartation of sound knowledge.



Prof. Ademola Tayo presents gift to the CASON President, Pastor Seyi Oladimeji.

Below: Prof. Philemon Amanze



A cross section of the CASON officers at the graduation.



Top and bottom: Prof. Tayo presents gifts to CASON graduates



BU faculty listen as Pastor Kayode Olorunishola (left) gives his vote of thanks.



Prof Ademola Tayo and Pastor Seyi Oladimeji (4th & 5th left) and BU officers, CASON governing council members with the CASON graduates.

Out-going executives of the Babcock University Students Association are determined to wrap up their tenure with more than social legacies.

Besides the dinner and awards night, they refurbished the BUSA buses and presented gifts of deep freezer and microwave ovens to the central cafeteria where they can be used by students.

The BUSA Sponsor, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa said the gifts were to ensure that the students benefit from them.

"They can also have access to reheat their meals whenever they choose to eat after the set meal times," said Dr. Ebiesuwa,

For the out-going BUSA President, Emmanuel Okegbue, it is a promise kept.

BUSA GIVES BACK



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa and BUSA President, Emmanuel Okagbue (2nd & 3rd r) with others after the refurbishing of the BUSA buses.



Some of the new microwave ovens



The deep freezer

NUC GIVES ITS NOD FOR 12 BU PROGRAMMES



Pro. Ademola Tayo (5th left), principal officers and NUC officials on accreditation visit for the Nutrition and Dietetics programme.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo thanked the faculty and staff for their immense support and cooperation during the period of the accreditation visits, noting with optimism that the final report was going to be positive.

All 12 programmes due for fresh accreditation of the National Universities Commission this April have received favourable exit reports.

These include: Agricultural Sciences, Biology, Biochemistry, Business Administration, Computer Sciences and Economics.

Others are: Mathematics, Marketing, Microbiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiology and Social Works.

The commission in its accreditation panel report form noted that “the

philosophy and objectives of all the programmes for which accreditation is sought were adequate and in line with NUC Bench Mark Accreditation Standards.”

The report further added that the “intellectual, occupational, aesthetic, physical, social and spiritual components provide adequate direction for the lecturers to enable them produce the caliber of graduates that are required in these programmes of study.”

Expressing satisfaction with the report, the President/



BU officers with NUC accrediting officials for the Agriculture & Industrial Technology programme.



Members of the BU administrative council with NUC officials on accreditation visit for Biology and Finance .

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Prof. Ademola Tayo (4th left, front row) with other BU officers and NUC accreditation officials. With them are Prof. Philemon Amanze and Prof. Yacob Haliso (6th & 7th left, front row).

VASS HOSTS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



Convener, Prof. Jumoke Haliso (left) and Prof. Gordon Crawford (right)

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- Prof. Crawford

He recommended two strategies towards resolving the problem at the practical and reflective levels.

His paper calls for a “rethinking of thinking” which requires a paradigm shift from the old to a new mindset as well as upgrading African journals.

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As the world moves towards a more-information-driven technology, the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences have joined in the calls for the decolonization of knowledge production on Africa in the academia.

Expectedly when scholars met online for the Crawford Babcock virtual public lecture hosted by the VASS, it was to identify root causes of the imbalance and proposing the way forward to resolving it.

In his paper, *Decolonizing Knowledge Production on Africa: Why It's Still Necessary and What Can Be Done?* Guest Speaker, Prof. Gordon Crawford of Coventry University, UK, identified reasons for the existing situation top among which were “coloniality and epistemic injustice.”

According to him, in terms of knowledge production, coloniality “addresses the epistemological questions of how colonial modernity interfered

with African modes of knowing, social meaning-making, imagining, seeing and knowledge production, and their replacement with Eurocentric epistemologies.”

...GIVES GRANT TO GRADUATING STUDENT



Reward for excellence: Prof. Jumoke Haliso (right) with Head of Mass Communication, Dr. Helen Oduko and Mr. Daniel Attah.

At the 27th graduation, the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, has given a N300,000 grant to this year's recipient of its VASS Financial Aid Scheme, Mr. Daniel O. Attah.

Dean of the School, Prof. Jumoke Haliso, said the scheme is a

social responsibility programme designed to enable bright students with demonstrable needs complete their programmes without any financial setbacks.

Besides high CGPAs, recipients must also reflect leadership qualities, good citi-

zenship and steadfast character.

“Apart from a high CGPA, Mr. Attah has served as a class leader and course rep all through his years in the University among other positions of service in our community,” said Prof. Haliso.

The scheme began in 2019 with a N600,000 grant split between two recipients with funds generated internally.



Prof. Haliso presents cheque to Daniel Attah.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



For the graduating class, Aquila, the rally held in the main campus was more than creating awareness of their special week. It marked the climax of their celebrations ahead of the June 27 convocation and time out to share memories captured in pictures. Photos show some of those moments.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The AQUILA class also marked their rally with the presentation of trophies for winners of the Graduating Class Football League at the BU Sports complex.

Pictures of winners with their trophies and medals.



BABCOCK SIGNS MoU WITH UBA

Ahead of the official hand over of an ICT Centre donated by the United Bank of Africa to Babcock, the University formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the bank.

At a brief ceremony with principal officers and bank officials led by the UBA Regional Head, Ogun 1, Mrs Temitope Abibu, the University Presi-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo thanked the bank for the gift which he described as a “move on the right track.”

Mrs Abibu also expressed the UBA leadership’s appreciation for the trust and commitment in doing business with the bank.

The ICT Centre is expected to be soon officially handed over to BU.

FRSC COMMANDER PAYS COURTESY VISIT

To strengthen bilateral relations and improve highway safety, the Ogun State Area Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Assistant Corp Commander Taofeeq Iyanda recently paid a courtesy visit to Babcock

IN BRIEF



L-R: Registrar, Prof. Jonathan Nwosu, UBA official, Mrs Fisayo Oderinde, Prof Ademola Tayo, Mrs. Temitope Abibu and University Bursar, Dr. Foluronso Akande.

University.

The visit provided a platform for information sharing and mutual commendations between both institutions. The

Commander thanked Babcock for its role in upholding the tenets of the FRSC in the Remo division of Ogun State and prom-



Prof. Ademola Tayo (middle) with FRSC Commander, Mr. Taofeeq Iyanda (3rd left), BU Director of Security, Dr. Chukwumah Ajike (5th left) and other officers during the courtesy visit.

ised to facilitate training and workshops for BU drivers.

He also sought the University's assistance in provision of vehicles for smooth operations and mobility of FRSC staff in the division.

While promising to assist where ever possible, the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola S. Tayo, applauded the FRSC for its commitment to duty in maintaining safety and free flow of traffic on the highway.



Partners in progress: Prof Ademola Tayo and Mr. Taofeeq Iyanda in a heart to heart discussion.

SOCIAL DIARY

FACEBOOK NAMES BU ALUMNUS PRODUCT MANAGER

A Babcock University graduate, Kayode Adegbite has created a niche in social media circles as Face Book names him one of their product managers.

Adegbite who graduated from Babcock University, completed his masters programme with a distinction and a 4-point CGPA out of 4-points from an American University.



Mr. Kayode Adegbite

Beyond brilliance, Adegbite is also an influencer, life coach and active trainer of young Face Book users on how to maximize their entrepreneurship potential with the use of the social media.

On his Twitter handle, he wrote, "From Yaba to Silicon Valley, it's all about God."

The University administration is proud of his achievement.



Mr. Kanu Uchekchukwu, Centre Manager/New Horizon Coordinator, (BU Unit) with family and friends on his birthday.



RELFECTION



"Leadership
is not a title,
it is a behavior.
Live it."

- Robin Sharma



COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 17

Commencement of Summer for all returning students and on-campus resumption for Batch A students.

MAY 24 – JUNE 4

First semester examination for 100 level & 200 level direct entry students.

JUNE 5

Second semester classes begin for 100 level, 200 level direct entry

students and summer for returning students.

JUNE 7– 11

Mid-Semester examinations for all returning summer students.

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

Mid-Semester Examinations for 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

JULY 5

SIWES Students resume on-line.