

## Our Mission

- 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

“Until you discover the ‘*It is written,*’ in your situation, nothing will change.”

- Pastor Ojewole

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## TOP OF THE WEEK



**Back to School:** Students fresh from holidays are back on campus ready to face the new semester with their winning smiles.

## VICE CHANCELLOR SHARES CHEERING NEWS @ ORIENTATION

The President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, set the tone for the new semester with cheering news of academic success, accreditation and awards.

From the West African College of Physicians, WACP to the National Universities Commission, NUC, he said Babcock has every reason to be thankful. Both bodies gave accreditation for programmes presented.

He shared this at the annual faculty and staff orientation held January 4. With the WACP accreditation, Babcock



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo : Starts year with cheering news

University Teaching Hospital can run residency programmes in Haematology, Medical Microbiology, Clinical Pathology and Histopathology.

This is the second residency approval from the College within the last two years.

## WEEKLY DIGEST

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## VC SHARES CHEERING NEWS

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The President also shed light on the performance of two Babcock Law Grads who made first class at the Nigerian Law School, Abuja.

According to him, the performance of the two students and indications of possible increase in enrolment quota for the University's Law programme by the Nigerian Legal Council calls for great optimism.

**ON EMPLOYMENT:** He said the embargo on employment remains unchanged, except for need-based recruitment in filling vacancies in critical areas.

**ON BRAND AWARD:** He expressed joy at the University's consistency in clinching the World Branding Forum's **Best Brand Award (Education category, Nigeria)** for the third time.

This was at the 2017/2018 World Branding Awards held in Kensington Palace, London.



Putting minds together: Folorunso Akande, Professor Ademola Tayo and Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro discuss an issue of interest during the annual orientation.

Babcock won the award also in 2015 and 2016.

**ON WASTAGE:** The Vice Chancellor urged all to be intentional this semester and block leakages so as to sustain the common wealth of the institution.

**ON TEAM WORK:** He stressed the need for consistency in teamwork with a view to realizing the corporate goals of the university. He likens this to the concept of systems thinking in which the various parts cease to work in isolation but as a whole for the common good.

**ON STAFF WELFARE:** He reiterated his administration's commitment to meeting the needs of staff welfare in line with his eight-point agenda.





## WHAT WE THINK OF THE ORIENTATION



Samuelle NGO-IKOUBA



Ruth AMANZE



Chibundu ETI

The annual orientation provides everyone an opportunity to align with the University's specific targets especially on the strategic plan.

I found this most inspiring because it is increasingly becoming the road-map it was set to be.

It also increased my sense of responsibility as a Chaplain through making me realize that my work ultimately, is to help people make Heaven.

We need to improve on time management.

**- Samuelle Ngo-Ikouba, Spiritual Life**

It was okay and we really maximized time. It was enlightening to me. This time, officers took time to explain the strategic plan and it helped everyone to key into the ideas; to understand where we

are really driving to.

I found the interactive session most inspiring, it helped people to open up and to be relieved of their burdens.

**- Mrs Ruth Amanze, ICT**

The Orientation was an opportunity to retool for effective service delivery in the new year.

Audience/participants' feedback on the institutional implementation of educating for eternity was great.

Programme content

however needs to be scaled down to eliminate overcrowding. Too many activities could lead to distraction from the purpose.

**Chibundu Eti, OIE**

The most captivating presentation for me was the Academic Promotional Guidelines. The matters raised were both germane and topical. It was however disappointing that questions were not answered for this presentation despite many people looking for-

ward to it. It's the season of promotion and expectedly, the new promotional guideline is trending.

**• Dr. Abidemi Bello, BUTH**

I find the discourse on Educating for Eternity most inspiring and informative as it provides understanding of the policies and rules of engagement for employees. It's a reminder of what is expected from us.

**- Dr. Janet Kio, School of Nursing**

The orientation gave us an opportunity to retool our service delivery to library clientele. I also found the theme quite inspiring and educative. Is it possible to reduce the duration? It is quite tasking.

**- Prof. Clara Okoro, AVP Library Services**



Dr. Abidemi BELLO



Dr. Janet KIO



Prof. Clara OKORO



Prof. Sunday Owolabi (2nd left) just before the Divisional Team presentation. Right: Prof. Constance Nwosu

## STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

This year's orientation provided a platform for vision sharing as Divisional Heads and representatives summarized the journey so far of their five-year development plan.

The document, chiseled out at the beginning of this administration to set the tone for development, has turned out to be a chart for assessing the University's developmental score card.

"It is not enough to simply put down strategic goals," said the Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu who introduced the segment, "We need to be able to give an honest

assessment of how far we have come and what we need to put in place to achieve the overall goal".

Besides assessment, the presentations enhanced the corporate understanding of the Divisional goals and key performance indexes.

The responses were enthusiastic. "Hearing straight from the Principal Officers has always been for me, a highpoint of attending the orientation program for me every year," said Dr. Abidemi Bello. "This gives firsthand information on the direction for the year. This year's presentation of the strategic plan was well enunciated as well as the vision of BU for 2018.



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.  
Bottom: Mr. Folorunsho Akande



Left: Dr. Sunday Audu shares a few ideas with Ms. Josephine Akarue. With them is Arch Mykell Jegede  
Right: Prof. Joseph Olarenwaju





## BRIEFLY



Clockwise: Pastor Tunde Ojewole, Dr. Abiola Makinde and the newly employed staff and faculty receive special handshakes from the President/VC, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro



### OPERATION GLOBAL PRAYER RAIN

Babcock joined the global Seventh-day Adventist Church in its 10-day (Jan 10 – 20) prayer rain in keeping with the drive towards revival and reformation.

This year, the programme flagged off on campus with members meeting across the 23 worship centres to seek God's outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

### SPEAKING THE WORD

"The word of God will take Hell out of you and place Heaven in your heart," said the University Pastor, Dr. Tunde Ojewole as he

set the spiritual tone for this year at the 2018 staff orientation.

"Until you begin to speak to your situation, you may never experience true release; until you refuse to accept the things that limit you in your situation, nothing will change," he said.

### SVP ON ACADEMIC PROMOTION

Ahead of the Academic Board meeting to evaluate Associate and Professorial promotions, the Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro presented the assessment new guidelines.

A faculty of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa made the presentation detailing the

criteria for promotions at the orientation.

### NEW STAFF & FACULTY

More than 35 new staff and faculty received a special welcome and presidential handshake at the 2018 orientation.

The President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo explained that the new recruitment in spite of the current embargo on employment was borne of necessity.

According to him, of this number, about 29 were replacement for staff from the BU Teaching Hospital while the remaining seven were also to meet areas of critical need.

## PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The “mics” have it. Whether in music or words, the mic gave everyone a time to have their say at the orientation ushering the new semester.





# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Besides knowledge sharing, the orientation captured a time to stretch, to sing and to be appreciated.

The Chord group presented a special musical rendition and participants of the Integration of Faith in Service got their certificates.

A participant, Alpheus Amarachi receives his certificate from Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro.



A cross section of faculty and staff at the 2018 annual orientation at the Central Cafeteria.  
Right: Professor Yetunde Makinde and Professor John Ihongbe.

## PROMOTING HEALTHCARE THROUGH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH



Jonathan Dangana (2nd left) with members of other student organizations, IFMSA, EPSA, IDSA and IVSA . Bottom: IPSA President, Petra Orlc and Jonathan Dangana at the 7th World Health Student Symposium held in Kigali, Rwanda.

As global attention gradually shifts from local to migrant health, over 1,250 Public Health practitioners met in Kigali, Rwanda to seek a multi-disciplinary approach to ensure total health.

The conference which marked the 7th World Health Student Symposium, focused on the theme, ***Towards the SDGS agenda 2030: The role of a multidisciplinary approach in healthcare.***

Babcock faculty and President of the Student Network Organization, Mr. Jonathan

Dangana, set the tone for the Migrant Health plenary session with his paper, ***Health Promotion; the needed tool of Improving Migrant Health.***

His presentation called for healthcare providers to see migrants as humans and then employ specific health promotion tools in addressing their health issues.

Sharing similar views, the Rwandan Minister of Health,

Dr. Diane Mutunga, spoke on the need for Intentional Health Promotion activities in addressing Africa's healthcare challenges.

She appealed to participants to translate the resolutions as action plans and become active change agents in their respective countries.

Earlier, the Rwandan Minister of Education who declared the conference opened, called for a consistent approach to healthcare especially in the areas of maternal and child health.

Presidents of the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF), Int. Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA), Int. Veterinary Students Association (IVSA), European Medical Students Association (EMSA), Int. Association of Dental Students Association (IADS) and European Pharmaceutical Students Association (EPSA) were also present.

