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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“It’s not how many times you say I love you, but how many times you prove you do. Words are nothing without actions.”

- Anon

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## TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo receives gift from Prof Daryl Poe and Ms Darcy Zotter (middle). With them are SVP Iheanyichukwu Okoro (l), Dr. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso (r) and US Public Affairs Consular staff, Clemens Aiyegbusi (2nd right).

## OTTI OFFERS TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE



Ms. Ngozi Otti: A case for a secured future

Focus and determination are critical for a successful future, says the CEO of Morningside Group. Ms. Ngozi Otti.

Otti, daughter of the Abia State former gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Alex Otti and guest speaker at the School

of Basic Sciences chapel seminar, said success in the marketplace is achieved through

deliverables on mandate. Her presentation, **Secured Future**, Otti stressed on translating goodwill into value whether in paid employment or business .

Each must factor in self-improvement and willingness to learn as well as making timely decisions in forging ahead.

“Constantly keep developing yourself as what you study may not be what you would live on,” she said.

“This and the type of company one keeps can influence success potential as networking has become a global thriving business option.”

## WEEKLY DIGEST

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UNIVERSITY DON CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY OF  
AFRICAN YOUTHS

Lecturer, Prof Daryl Zoe with Prof Ademola Tayo (4th l), Ms Darcy Zotter (3rd l) and University Bursar, Mr. Folorunso Akande.

Professor Daryl Zizwe Poe of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, USA said the abandonment of the ethos of African liberation movements is the undoing of Africa's development.

He stated this at the University's Political Science annual public lecture titled, *US Civil Rights and African Liberation Movements*.

He described as unfortunate the reality that though the US civil rights movements were deeply connected to African liberation movements materially and spiritually, African leaders got it wrong by

identifying their individual country's needs instead of forging a common front.

He said the youth could rekindle the fires of the African liberation movements if they focused on the overall development of the African continent rather than seeking individual gains.

Professor Poe said until the youths redeem their culture through disconnecting from Euro-American cultures, imperialism and neocolonialism would continue to be the bane of African development.

He said the more the African students knew about African history, the more they would be in a position to break off from the shackles of imperialism and neocolonialism.



"The more you grab the past and present, the more it would help you to look up to the future," he said

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo said the lecture brought to the fore eminent perspectives on historical moments that shaped the present and future of both African and American continents.



## US DEBUNKS CLAIMS OF SELF INTEREST IN RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA

The US Consulate Public affairs officer, US Consulate General, Ms. Darcy Zotter, last week debunked claims that security and oil, were the only reasons US has interest in Nigeria.

Zotter, who was part of the team which came with guest lecturer, Prof. Poe, said Nigeria and US have strong ties in a multitude of areas, including education, health and trade and investment.

She said US investments in Nigeria in 2017 alone totaled \$8.16billion.



Top left: Ms. Zotter Left: A cross section of the staff, faculty and students

Bottom left: Students during the Q & A session

Bottom right: Head of Department, Prof. Michael Oni presents a gift to Clemens Aiyegbusi



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (6th from left) with Prof Daryl Poe and Ms. Zotter (5th and 7th left). With them are Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro(3rd right), Prof. Michael Oni and other University officers.



Sharing the wonders of His word: Pastor Ruguri (left) sharing the power of God's promises with an enthusiastic congregation.

## “BABCOCK IS A GIFT TO AFRICA”

*5 minutes with Pastors Blasious Ruguri and Philip Baptiste*

For nine days, two men the President of the East Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Blasious Ruguri and his Special Assistant on Media, Pastor Philip Baptiste, ignited the University campus with the word of God; touched lives, led some to baptism and others on a closer walk with God. Excerpts of the interview:

**Q: What were your expectations as you were coming?**

A: From experience, I've learnt to place everything in God's hands. I come with an open heart. It's not

for my glory. It's up to Him to do the conversion from the inside.

**Q: What does the Week of Prayer mean to you?**

A: I always place events like these on the top burner. The world has become crazy offering people drugs, alcohol and other vices. In times like these, it becomes a privilege to shape lives.

**Q: People are taking steps for baptism, how does it make you feel?**

A: This is one of the rare gifts that God can give to a minister. Whether

it is for baptism or a closer walk with God, my heart is very glad.

**Q: What's your take on the argument that religion is the opium of the people?**

A: That's an attempt to water down the word of God. This world has nothing to offer anyone. Religion offers us a connection between the temporal and eternal.

**Q: What's your impression of Babcock?**

A: It's very positive and satisfying. I've been to many universities in the world, but Babcock is a gift to the continent of Africa; it's a centre of distribution of manpower to the rest of the world.

**Q: What would you miss about Babcock?**

A: The friendship, the hospitality and the blessing of relating to people is something I won't forget in a hurry.



*“The friendship, the hospitality and the blessing of relating to people is something I won't forget in a hurry.”*



Top: Pastor Philip Baptiste and a student at the Iperu campus during the week of prayer.

Middle: Baptism in progress

Below: Pastor Ruguri and some of the students after the bap-



Pastor Philip Baptiste is the Special Assistant on Media & Communication to the President for the East-Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In his current role he coordinates Strategic Planning, Assessment, Leadership Development, Media, and ASI, in 11 countries.

**Q: Pastor Baptiste, what were your expectations?**

*A: I wasn't sure what to expect, but I came praying that God would do great things and enable me preach messages that were inspiring and Christ-centred.*

*I prayed that my messages would be inspiring, relevant and applicable to reality. This programme met and exceeded my expectations.*

**Q: What was the thrust of your message within the main theme, His Word Works Wonders?**

*A: I shared messages on how to deal with anger, disappointments and grief from a biblical perspective.*

*In dealing with anger, we came up with an acronym, CLEAR: Calm, Listen, Empathize, Apologize and Remedy.*

*To deal with disappointment, use TLC: think, Listen and Continue.*

**Q: What 's your take on the argument that religion is the opium of the people?**

*A: As Adventists, our faith is grounded on the relationship with Jesus. When He's at the centre, He's all we need as stated in Jn 10:10.*

**Q: What was the turning point in your life?**

*A: Mine is a daily experience with God that grows stronger each day. Losing my mother two years ago was a very painful experience. Jesus is my place for pain.*

**Q: What will you miss about Babcock?**

*A: I will surely miss the students of Iperu campus a lot.*



Prof Grace Tayo (right) addressing participants at the seminar. Bottom: Dame Agbato and Ms. Sowemimo

## FEMALE FARMERS DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO BOOST AGRICULTURE

As national attention shifts to the Agricultural sector for economic development, the Department of Agriculture and Industrial Technology is encouraging more women participation in the sector.

Tagged, **Lady Farmers**, the one-day seminar created a platform for shared experiences, cross fertilization of ideas among women agriculturalists across the country and mentorship.

Professor of Animal Sciences/Director of Babcock University's Research & International Cooperation Office, Prof. Grace Tayo said women played a key role in agriculture beyond crop planting and raising of livestock.

According to her, women accounted for 54 per cent of labour force in West Africa, 40 per cent in weeding, 60 per cent in harvesting and 80 per cent in transportation of agricultural products. They are also involved as academics and industrialists.

She counseled women in agriculture to be focused and surround themselves with positive people.

Similarly, the Vice President, **Animal Care**, Dame Agbato, called on government to go beyond paying lip service to the ban on importation of rice into the country to be self-sufficient in rice production.

"Any nation that does not feed itself is doomed," she remarked.

She added that since food met the most basic human needs, it would always remain relevant and attract success.

On her part, the CEO of Ope Farms, Ms. Olusola Sowemimo,

attributed success in any agricultural value chain to perseverance, hard work and determination.

"You need patience to succeed and seek knowledge like there's no tomorrow," she said.

Consequently, a Germplasm Scientist with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, IITA, Dr. Olufisayo Kolade encouraged women to stay focused to make a difference in the industry.



## BU INAUGURATES FUEL DUMP



Governing Council members shortly after the inauguration of the BU Fuel dump. Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Dr. Bassey Udoh (8th and 9th from left).

The University's governing Council last week inaugurated the BU fuel dump to enhance internal control in fuel management.

Council Chair/University Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Bassey Udoh de-

scribed the project as symbolic of the administration's credibility status and willingness to curb wastage.

According to Dr. Udoh, the administration's actions in putting credible persons in charge of the fuel

dump, also reflected its respect for upholding integrity as a core value.

He thanked the Council's Physical Planning sub-committee for a job well done.

President/Vice Chancellor said the fuel dump is expected to minimize risk of adulterated petrol, curb wastage and save cost.

The Associate Treasurer of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr. George Egwakhe thanked the administration for establishing the structure to encourage effective fuel consumption in the university.

## LASU ADMITS DR. EBIESUWA INTO HALL OF FAME



Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa receives award from the LASU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olanrewaju Fagbohun

For his academic brilliance, the Lagos State University (LASU) has admitted Babcock University's Computer Science faculty, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa into its Hall of Fame as brand ambassador.

Dr. Ebiesuwa, who is also an alumnus of LASU, got conferred with the institu-

tion's first ever recognition award for outstanding academic excellence since its inception in 1983.

The LASU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olanrewaju Fagbohun conferred the award on Dr. Ebiesuwa during the 2017/2018 academic session matriculation ceremony.

The occasion provided a platform for Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa to inspire students to excel in their academic pursuits.

Other LASU alumni, Dr. Romola Adeola and Jesutofunmi Olabanjo also delivered motivational talks.

## RED HOUSE EMERGES WINNER AT BUSS INTER-HOUSE SPORTS



Savouring the taste of Victory: Red House celebrate.

Parents and friends braved the elements to cheer pupils of the BUSS to victory at the 23<sup>rd</sup> inter-house sports last week.

Red House emerged overall winners with 27 medals -10 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze while Yellow House came second with 28 medals - 8 gold, 13 silver and 7 bronze.

Green House clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> position with 22 medals - 8 gold, 6 silver and 8 bronze

and Blue House came 4<sup>th</sup> place with 20 medals - 6 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze.

The event featured relay races, sack race, pick the ball, cross country and high jump. Besides students, staff and parents also participated in the races for trophies.

In the female relay race for invited schools,

Mayflower Ikenne bagged gold, silver went to Standard Balogun Shagamu while St. Barnabas Primary School, Ilishan went home with bronze.

In the male category, Standard Balogun Shagamu got gold while Mayflower Ikenne and St. Barnabas Ilishan got silver and bronze, respectively.

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Clockwise: Yellow House celebrates their victory with their trophy  
Blue House picks trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in march past  
Green House in victory mode after collecting their trophy at the inter-house sports



Clockwise: Head teacher, Mr. Israel Aja and other BUSS PTA officers.  
 Staff 100mRace.  
 Third prize winner of parents' 100m race (female category)  
 1st prize winner of parents' 100m race (male category)  
 Two members of Red House celebrate victory with the trophy.

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The Head Teacher, Mr. Israel Aja and the PTA Vice-Chair, Bimbo Fagbe, thanked parents for their support and praised God that the event held in spite of an earlier down pour.

Similarly, the PTA Financial Secretary, Dr. Ezinwanyi Adams prayed for all participants and dignitaries that graced the event.

“You are wonderful; your commitment is profound,” she said.



**RESULT OF SOME EVENTS @ THE INTER-HOUSE SPORTS**

HOUSE	MEDALS	POSITION	MARCH PAST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
YELLOW	28	2nd	2nd	8	13	7
BLUE	20	4th	3rd	6	5	9
GREEN	22	3rd	4th	8	6	8
RED	27	1st	1st	10	7	8



1st prize winner of parents' 100m race. Male category

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS

The Amphitheatre came alive as the United Bank of Africa unfolded a new product, Leo Virtual Banker on campus. The concept is aimed at facilitating banking with the use of social media chat to carry out online transactions from users' facebook personal accounts. It applies the principles of artificial Intelligence to perform traditional tasks as requested by the user.



Winner of the I-Phone X a the UBA Leo Virtual Banker event.



Babcock students identify with the new product as they proudly display their T-shirts at the event.

# PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



Director of Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference, Elder James Nix, (2nd left) cut the tape as the Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator of the West Central Africa Division, Pastor John Enang (r) Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Pastor Adetunji watch.

It was an eventful week as Babcock formerly opened the Heritage Centre housing the new Ellen G. White library and Adventist Book Centre (ABC). It also hosted the symposium and advisory of the Spirit of Prophecy of the West Central Africa Division. Delegates from some of the 22-member countries were present. Pictures capture some of the the moment .



SVP Manaegement services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi (2nd left) with officers of Forte Oil, Lagods during a courtesy visit to promote the Babcock brand.



## CHARITY BEGINS WITH TRENDZ



Trendz Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Umahi (right) and President, Chinedu Uzochukwu (5th left) and other members share a cake and gifts with the children.

In the spirit of giving, Trendz Club members visited children in-patients at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH).

Beneficiaries from four wards -

paediatric, neo-natal, paediatric surgical and children emergency - received provisions and toiletries raised by Club members.

Club Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Umahi told his hosts that Trendz Club was a

student club established to put smiles on the vulnerable. To mark the Valentine Day, members decided to visit the hospital and shower the children with love.

Like Mr. Umahi, Club President, Chinedu Uzochukwu said the gift items fulfilled part of Trendz objectives to share love and care for the needy.

Head of the Hospital's Medical Social Services, Pastor E. Adebayo and the Paediatric Unit Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs. Olamide Ogunshola among others, expressed appreciation and prayed for God's continual blessings on the club.

Last year, the club paid a similar visit to the School for Children with Special Needs, Shagamu also in Ogun State.

### TONIGHT

Tonight  
 We held nothing  
 Tonight  
 We said nothing,  
 Tonight,  
 We listened to the rush of the waves  
 We felt the softness of the sea breeze  
 We beheld the beauty of the stars  
 We smelt the sweet fragrance of the flowers  
 In the distance, we heard the cries of a baby  
 Tonight  
 We remembered to count our blessings .

By Josephine Akarue



King of Hearts: The Chord singing group perform to raise funds.

## CHARITY CONCERT

The University Pioneer Church was a kaleidoscope of colours and sounds as the Chord singing group lent its voice to a fund-raising charity concert for children with special needs.

The **King of Hearts** concert held last weekend, turned out to be a cocktail of musical styles and drama targeted at meeting the needs of children from the Eruobodo House, Ijebu Ode, Ogun

State. Besides the Chord, the other performing groups included the Philadelphia Choir and the Unity Chorus.

The Drama group, Classic World Concept mixed in a skit to raise awareness on the value of giving.

Students, staff and faculty members were at the event.

“The concert is consistent with our desire to reach out to the less

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Professor of Medical Microbiology

Chairman: **Professor Ademola S. Tayo**  
BSc. (Hons), PGD, M.A., PhD  
President/Vice Chancellor, Babcock University

Date: Thursday, March 01, 2018 Time: 2:00pm  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Babcock Business School

Signed: Dr. Jonathan C. Nwosu, Registrar

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## COMING EVENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 27  
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

The SVP Management Services on behalf of the Marketing Department hosts the 3rd edition of the annual Youth Empowerment Programme. It is expected to bring together 300 students across several states of the federation.

Venue: Cafeteria Time: 9:00am  
Time: 9:00am

## REFLECTION



“When someone else’s happiness is yours, that is love.”  
- Lana Del Rey