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THE NEWS AT YOUR FINGER TIPS

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#### **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

"Gender equality is more than a goal in itself, it's a precondition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty."

- Kofi Annan

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Advocates for healthy lifestyle: Director of Nursing services, Mrs. Mojisola Olajide (fifth from left with other Nurses from the Babcock University Teaching Hospital.

### BUTH ADVOCATES PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE



Preventive approach to curbing hypertension. A patient checks blood pressure.

The Babcock University Teaching Hospital Nursing Department last week hosted a twod a y preventive healthcare advocacy programme to reduce the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases among personnel and improve productivity. The event held at the University Pioneer Church grounds was also in keeping with the national strategic action

plan on prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Nigeria and global action plan (GAP 2013 -2020).

According to the Director of Nursing Services, Mrs. Mojisola Olajide, the programme was to create the enabling platform for community members to take proactive measures to curb the increasing morbidity and mortality rate in recent times resulting from cardiovascular-related illness such as hypertension and diabetes.

Agency Manager of Assurance, Leadway one of the programme's co-sponsors, Mr. Richard Balogun, stated that the programme got their organizational support because it was in line with their CSR policy.

### WEEKLY DIGEST

A Babcock University Newsletter

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#### HOTLINES

# HEALTH CHECK: WHAT WE THINK







This program is very good and it is going to help me to have a good health.

- Comfort Adewemimo BU Bakery Department

Having good health require absolute care. Babcock needs strong workers so if you observe any pain in you visit the doctor.

- Godwin Nnabo BU CLEAN

The programme is very



good and will enable me maintain better health as the test will give me an idea of changes I need to make.

- Momoh Nasiru BTSMA

This programme will help people reorganize their lifestyle and make necessary changes if need be. It will help me know what to eat or to avoid because I am getting over weight.

### - Lilian Osinubi Security

I think it is going to help

Row 1 (I-r): Comfort Adewemimo, Godwin Nnabo. Row 2 (I-r): Momoh Nasiru and Lilian Osinubi. Row 3 (I-r): Miracle Ameli and Emmanuel Nwaneri.

everyone to know his/her health status which is very good, It would also give me the opportunity to know whether I need to go to the hospital for further treatment or not.

- Miracle Ameli Security

It is innovative and help me to be well informed about my health because information is life.

- Emmanuel Nwaneri BU PRESS

It's all-encompassing and educative and will help us maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- Abudu Sakirudeen BTSMA



Abudu Sakirudeen

Panel discussants: Dr. Tunde Adebua, Associate Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso, Prof. Bolanle Sotunsa and Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju call for a more strategic approach to addressing gender isssues in the University operations.



### 2018 COLLOQUIUM EXAMINES GENDER ISSUES

o what extent has the University reflected gender issues and balance in its administration and student development?

These were some of the key points raised as the panel discussants chaired by Acting Dean of the Veronica Adeleke School of Management Science, Associate Professor, Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, addressed the topic during the 2018 colloquium.

She explained that since the University is based on the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist church, it recognizes that all humans were created by God.

Similarly, she said the Church also upheld gender in its policies and operations.

She noted however that sometimes in practice, administrators unwittingly do not take this into consideration when dealing with gender issues.

According to her, addressing gender issues, is simply ensuring certain sets of people are given considerations in areas of policy making and operations.

On his part, the Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro pointed out that Babcock University, as an Adventist institution, promotes gender development, as well as ensured that promotions and other opportunities were based on merits regardless of gender.

In demystifying the stereotype of gender, Prof Omobolanle Sotunsa noted that people often misunderstood the issue of gender as restricted to biological differences. She however said gender issue was

really about the stereotypical roles assigned to certain gender.

She noted that gender discourse was not restricted to women but also about men and their issues. She presented gender analysis at Babcock University to provide clear evidence on the gender status in the university.

The other two panel members, Vice President Student Development, Prof. Joseph Olanrewaju, and Dr. Tunde Adebua reiterated some of the points earlier raised.

Prof. Olanrewaju emphasized that there is no discrimination when it came to the issue of work study since all were treated equally.

The panel ended with a recommendation from Associate Prof. Yacob-Haliso that the University developed a deliberate policy in addressing gender issue in its operations.



# **REBUILDING BROKEN BRIDGES**



Call for bridge building: Prof. Ademola Tayo (left) as he admonished the congregation to be their brother's keeper. A cross section of the congregation listen with rapt attention.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo reiterated his administration's commitment to build bridges not walls as he led out in the special thanksgiving service to usher in the new academic session.

In his sermon, *Rebuilding the Broken Bridges*, he said although sin had built a wall of separation from God, Christ through His death had reconciled man to himself.

"Satan thought he could turn the cross into a wall, but God made it a

bridge as Jesus broke down the fence to make the reconciliation possible," he said.

Consequently, he said mankind has access to God's grace.

Drawing from the Book of Ephesians chapter 2, he said this grace has helped us pull down the walls of hostilities around us with Christ our bridge builder.

In the same vein, he said Jesus also pulled down the walls of preju-

dice. Now, there is neither Jew not Gentile and what unites us, is greater than what separates us.

He noted that in spite of our differences and the fact that we often defined ourselves by nationalities, education, gender, socio-economic class and clothes, God is calling us to be whole beings.

"He is calling us to treat students as we would like to be treated," he said.

The programme was wrapped up with special blessings, appreciation for the guest speaker, Dr. Juvenal Balisasa and potluck.







Prof. Grace Tayo (right) presents a Babcock souvernir to the Colloquium guest speaker, Dr. Juvenal Balisasa. With them are Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (left).





A cross section of the congregation as Prof. Constance Nwosu (right) shares some announcements.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT AS PANEL DISCUSSES NUTRITION



Discussants: Prof. Franklin Ani, Dr. Bolade Adeoye, Prof. Barnabas Mandong, Dr. Feysayo Alade, Prof. Nnodimele Atulomah and Mrs. Modupe Idowu make a strong case for healthy nutrition.

s the six-man panel addressed *Healthcare, Nutrition and SDA Education* at the 2018 colloquium, one thing was certain: employees must be intentional about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Moderated by the Deputy Registrar, Exams and Records, Mrs. Modupe Idowu, the panel revealed that Babcock spent more than 60 million Naira on healthcare for workers in 2017 alone and this cost could be reduced with a holistic lifestyle.

The BUTH Chief Medical Director, Prof Franklin Ani emphasized the need for health workers and caregivers to represent Christ in their interaction with patients such that they get "hope, friendship and will to live." especially since the Adventist healthcare is grounded on the healing ministry of Christ.

Similarly, the Dean of the Benjamin Carson Snr, College of Health and Medical Sciences, BCCHM, Prof Barnabas Mandong, the idea of balance is critical in healthcare. Using an acronym, C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N which stands for choice, rest, environment, activity, trust in God, interpersonal relationships, outlook, and nutrition, he said with this approach, everyone would understand the need for balance in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The Director of Food Services, Dr. Feyisayo Alade explained that the University's policy on a vegan diet is in keeping with the Adventist principle of healthy living through nutrition.

Other panel members, Dean of Public & Allied Health, Prof. Nnodimele Atulomah and Head of Nutrition & Dietetics, Dr. Bolade Adeoye also addressed other issues raised by the congregation.

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS









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The Health advocacy programme was not all work and sweat. There were moments to simply chill and take life a little easy.

Moments like these sometimes call for selfies.

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### **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**









Undoubtedly, the thanksgiving Sabbath provided a platform for couples to worship together and renew commitment to each other.

But it was not all about solemn moments. There was time to chill out at potluck.

Everyone, young, old, staff and faculty had a go of the variety of dishes served.





# **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**

Whether it was stretching, running, pulling or simply chilling out, there was something for everyone who turned out on the last day to wrap up the colloquium programme. It provided a level playing ground for officers and the community members to interact.













# **PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS**







Staying focused can be sometimes challenging: from keeping an eye on the ball or the coach to keeping steady on the bicycle. Still, it was fun.













MARK YOUR

CALENDAR

AUGUST 26 - 30

### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The freshman orientation begins after the document verification exercise.

Venue: Central cafeteria

Time: 9:00am

### SEPT 3

#### **CLASSES BEGIN**

All classes resume for both returning and new students.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### SEPT 3

### MEDICAL STUDENTS INDUCTION

The Nigerian Medical and Dental Council will formerly induct the newly graduated Medical doctors into the professional body.

#### Venue: BBS

### SEPT 5

#### **IFL COUNCIL**

The IFL Council meets. Venue: Queen Esther Activity Hall Time: 1:00pm - 3;00pm

### SEPT 11

### INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof Aluko will be delivering the University's 23rd inaugural lecture. (See poster for details).

### SEPT 13 ACADEMIC STANDARDS BOARD

### SEPT 17 FOUNDERS DAY

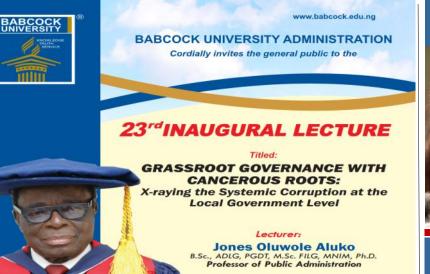
### SEPT 20 SENATE

The senate will be meeting at the usual venue, BIG Boardroom.

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### NIGERIA NATIONAL DAY

The University wishes every community member a great national holiday celebration.



Chairman: Professor Ademola S. Tayo Bsc Hons, PGD, M.A., PhD PresidentVice Chancellor, Babcock University

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Venue: Main Auditorium, Babcock Business School Time: 2.00pm

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# REFLECTION



"Never let your fears prevent you from doing what you know is right." - Aung San Suu Kyi

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