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- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

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- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

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- Team Spirit
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Being deeply loved gives you strength. Loving deeply gives you courage.”
- Lao Tzu

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TOP OF THE WEEK

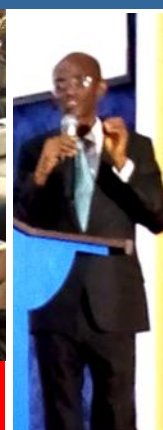


Waiting to soar: Newly qualified medical doctors of the Benjamin Carson Snr. College of Health and Medical Sciences, at a special dinner held in their honour in Babcock.

REMAIN FAITHFUL, VC URGES ADVENTISTS



Prof. Tayo (right) addresses a cross section of participants at the ASI convention.



Adventists need to be more intentional in driving the principles of their faith and raising the bar of integrity in the public domain.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola

S. Tayo made the call as over 300 members from the West Central Africa Division of the global church met at the 2018 ASI international convention, themed, *United by the Word for Exploits in the Marketplace*.

The Vice Chancellor who presented a paper at the event, said it was imperative for Adventists to preach the word not simply by sharing Christian literature, but also by living it in their daily lives.

Using the Babcock University project as a case study, he said experience had shown that when God's children learnt to depend on Him than on their own strength, He always showed Himself faithful in meeting their needs.

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DON RECOMMENDS A SIX-POINT SOLUTION
TO CURB GRASSROOT CORRUPTION

Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (second left) with lecturer, Prof. Jones Aluko and other faculty members and officers of the University.

How can local governments become more relevant, innovative and committed to development at the grassroots?

Professor of Public Administration, Prof. Jones Aluko addressed these issues as he submitted a six-point recommendation to rejig governance and curb corruption at the Local Government level in Nigeria.

Prof. Aluko's recommendations came at his delivery of the University's 23rd inaugural lecture, *Grass-*

root Governance with Cancerous Roots: X-raying the Systemic Corruption at the Local Government Level.

He noted that rot was so entrenched in the system that there was hardly anywhere in Nigeria where the local government system had served as an "instrument of good governance for either participatory democracy or economic progress."

According to him, the prolonged military rule, social value and the African com-

munal system were contributory factors.

Others were, apathy of the citizens, officials' ignorance of their civic rights as well as religious, political and socio-economic factors.

In spite of these, he is optimistic that with the right attitude, this trend could be reversed to bring sustainable development at the grassroots.

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Family members and others listen as Prof. Aluko presents his lecture

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To give the local government system a new breath of life, he recommended the discontinuation of a single-tier, multi-purpose system of governance which lumped several communities together as one local government council.

According to him, this is because people are more committed to their primordial origins than civic public.

He encouraged people to see public fund as funds for the common good and be ready to manage it wisely.

Another strategy is to develop integrity across board through credible elections and paradigm shift of value system as well as discourage the use of local government caretaker committees;



Eyes on the book: A cross section of the audience at the inaugural lecture held at the University's Business School Auditorium.

replacing them with elected executives with regular tenures.

Furthermore, he recommended stopping the hijack of local government funds by state governments under any guise and returning the local government functions with potential for revenue generation back to the council.

"For federalism to be more meaningful in Nigeria, the principle of power sharing formula should be revisited," said Prof. Aluko. "The present arrangement of allocation sharing threatens initiatives, innovation and modern ideas of generating resources especially money for sustainable development."

Prof. Tayo and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (5th and 7th right) with other Deans and Heads of Departments with Prof. Jones Aluko.

Below: Prof. Emeritus

Michael Omolewa and a cross section of other faculty, staff and friends at the lecture.



MDCN INDUCTS 48 BABCOCK MEDICAL GRADUATES



Eyes on the future: A cross section of the newly qualified doctors .

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) has formally admitted 48 newly qualified medical doctors of the University's Benjamin Carson Snr College of Health and Medical Sciences in a colourful ceremony held on the main campus.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo charged the inductees to combine diligence, empathy and patience in their practice as well as note that the life or death of their patients

depended on what they do or failed to do as professionals.

"You received the best training to compete amongst the best. I pray that God grants you the wisdom and skill to find the solutions to diseases that bedevil humanity wherever you practice," he said.

While expressing similar views, the Provost of the College, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro thanked the university administration for the support which enhanced its performance making it one of the most

sought-after medical schools. He said within the short time of its existence, the College has received full accreditation of the National Universities Commission for its programme in Medicine & Surgery.

With this accreditation, comes global recognition and listing in the World Directory of Medical Schools enabling her graduates to take international professional examinations like USMLE, PLAB. "Remember that you are going out into the world not as mercenaries but medical missionaries to change the face of medical practice in Nigeria," he remarked.

He said the on-going construction of a 600-seater auditorium and laboratories for the college would further improve the hands-on experience and learning.



Top: (l-r) Prof. Mandong, Dr. Olomajobi, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Dr. Tajudeen Sanusi. Prof. Ademola Tayo (right)



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Smile of success: A cross section of the new inductees at the ceremony.



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Guest speaker, Dr (Mrs) Folakemi Olomajobi enjoined her colleagues to be compassionate to humanity

and remember to take good care of themselves as they begin their sojourn into the medical practice. Registrar of MDCN, Dr Tajudeen

Sanusi, urged the inductees to uphold the ethics of the medical profession, warning that there were penalties for defaulters.



Oath-taking and appreciation: The guest speaker, Dr (Mrs) Folakemi Olomajobi receives a gift from Dr. John Sotunsa



BU LAYS FOUNDATION FOR WAD MEDIA CENTRE



The dream of the University to expand the scope of mission to through a media centre in Babcock is about to come true. This is courtesy of the generosity of Brazilian multi-billionaire and Adventist philanthropist, Dr Milton Afonso,

Last week, the University community and officers of the West Central Africa Division (WAD), Dr. Ellie Wieck and Communication Director, Dr. Irineo Koch witnessed the historic moment to replicate the Noble Temple Hope Channel in Babcock at the ground breaking ceremony.

Dr. Afonso who was represented by Dr. Rodrigo da Silva, said it was a great privilege to be part of history making in the university and looked forward to the realization of a dream which had long been conceived.

According to Rodrigo, in spite of Dr Afonso's inability to be person-

ally present to perform the ground breaking was because of his wife's sudden ailment, he was enthusiastic about the project and sent his prayers towards its success.

"It is a great privilege for me to stand in for a great man who was born in a poor condition but rose through dint of hard work to become what he is today," said Dr. Rodrigo.

For Dr. Wieck, the significance of the occasion is underscored by the fact that what began as an idea

Cutting the tape that marked a historic moment : Dr. Rodrigo da Silva with WAD President, Dr. Ellie Wieck and Communication Director, Dr. Irineo Koch with Prof. Sunday Owolabi, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and other officers of the University.

during a visit to Dr. Afonso in Brazil, was fast becoming reality.

Pastor Koch thanked the University administration for its solidarity and vision to support the idea.

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Principal officers, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (1st and 2nd left) with the guests, Dr. Ellie Weick, Dr. Rodrigo da Silva and Pastor Koch. With them is Prof. Grace Tayo.

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In response, Prof. Tayo, represented by the Senior Vice President, Academics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro, expressed his appreciation for the gift and prayed for the quick recovery of Mrs. Afonso.

“We have been praying for opportunity to be hooked to Hope Channel but lacked the funds to actualize it,” said Prof. Tayo, “Now, at the fullness of time, God has made possible through our brother and world-wide philanthropist, Dr Milton Afonso who agreed to fund it.”

Dr. Rodrigo (right) lays the first stone at the groundbreaking ceremony. Bottom left) Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro takes a turn as others watch with interest.



Dr. Ellie Weick lays a stone at the ceremony. Bottom right: Pastor Koch takes a turn and left: Dr. Rodrigo da Silva receives a BU souvenir for Prof. Grace Tayo .



IACD CALLS FOR MORE ACTION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Making a case for better community development initiative: Association President, Prof Mohammed Shitu (holding the mic) rub minds with others, (l -r) Prof Constance Nwosu, Prof Adekunle Okunoye, Prince Samuel Awonobi, Associate Prof. Jumoke Haliso and Yetunde Olaore.

Members of the international Association for Community Development rose from the 5th National Community Development Consultative Conference and Workshop with a call on the government to go beyond paying lip service to community development.

The three-day meeting which held at the main auditorium of Babcock Business School, Ilishan-Remo drew participants from the academia, royal fathers and community development

experts.

Declaring the conference open, Senior Vice President, Management Services, Professor Sunday Owolabi, called for meaningful researches that would impact lives rather than mere theories that would do the community no good.

“Community development practitioners need to go into more active collaboration with communities to change the face of Nige-

ria,” he said.

In the same vein, Prince Samuel Awonobi said there is a need to bridge the gap between theory and practice. According to him without funding, whatever is learnt in the classroom would be an exercise in futility.

He said the government-sponsored agricultural project, the FADAMA scheme, has been a failure because of the way it has been run, adding that government preferred to engage people without experience on the field leaving out the right people with knowledge and experience.

He expressed dissatisfaction at the government's handling of the third phase of the scheme in withholding financial support since 2016, leading to discouragement for some farmers. “It is shameful to call out for new projects when the past ones are not run profitably,” he said.

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Prof. Sunday Owolabi: Calls for stronger collaboration with communities.

“Community development practitioners need to go into more active collaboration with communities to change the face of development in Nigeria.”
- Owolabi



Cutting the tape for the exhibition: Prof Adekunle Okunoye with other conference participants and officers of the University.



Associate Prof. Yetunde Olaore makes a point at one of the exhibition stands. With her are Prof. Sunday Owolabi and Prof Mohammed Shitu.

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He said the dream of a people-friendly community development project would be far from reality unless there was a change of heart.

Another participant said adequate attention must be given to the issue of rural community development to achieve a community development that is more practical than theory-based.



Top: Prof. Sunday Owolabi stresses a point as others listen with keen interest.
Left: Dr. Jane Adebunsi
Bottom: Association officers with Prof. Owolabi and Prof. Constance Nwosu and Mr. Joshua Umahi.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Whether in scrubs or dinner gowns and suits, the newly qualified medical doctors turn out in style. Pictures capture the dinner and award presentation which marked part of the activities of the induction programme.



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Family, faculty and friends turned out en masse to support Prof. Jones Aluko at the University's 23rd inaugural lecture last week. Moments and faces at the event.



COMING EVENTS

SEPT. 19

FAITH INTEGRATION SYMPOSIUM

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness hosts its 5th Faith Integration Symposium themed, *Autonomy & Responsibility, An Appraisal*.

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Venue: Queen Esther

OCT. 1

ORELE MUSICAL CONCERT

See poster (right) for details).

OCT. 2 –3

BUGAS CONFERENCE

The Babcock University Gender and African Studies Group presents their biennial conference,

themes, *Women and Leadership in Africa, Power, Performance, Portrayals*.

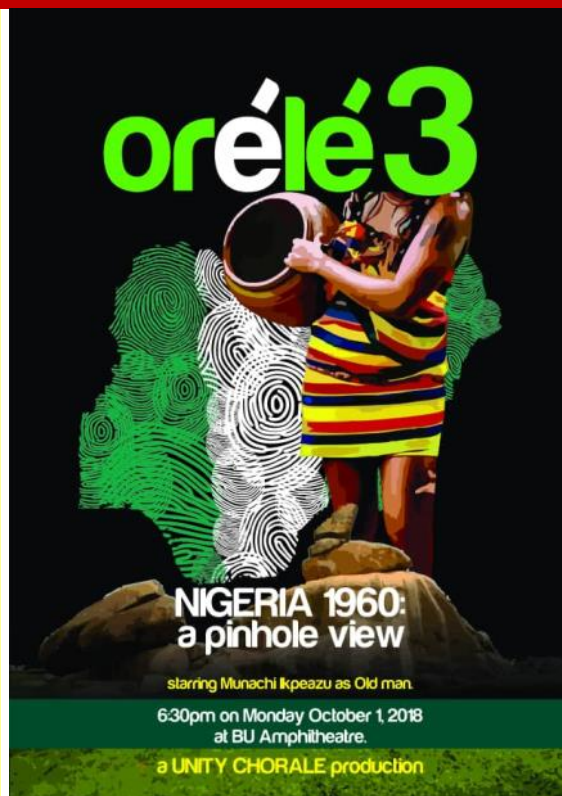
Time: 9:00am

Venue: BBS Auditorium A

There will be a pre-conference workshop on grant writing aimed at imparting practical and useful skills to members.

Conference Participation fees are as follows: Members, N20,000, Non-members, N25,000, Students, N10,000; membership fee, N2,500.

Registration closed August 31. Any registration after this date attracts a late registration fees of N2,500.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Babcock Law graduates are among those who hold the record for the overall best result at the last Bar exams at the Nigerian Law School?
- Several Law students made a first class at the Law School?
- The students in Accounting department made a 100 % in the last ICAN professional exams?
- The Benjamin Carson School of Medicine got its full accreditation within five years of its establishment making it the fastest in Nigeria to be so accredited?
- The Benjamin Carson School of Medicine just inducted the third set of medical graduates and recorded another first two years ago when all 13 candidates who sat for the final medical exams made it for the induction?
- The BCSM is the only Adventist medical institution in Sub-Sahara Africa?



“The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.

- Henry Thoreau