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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.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
- Adventist Heritage

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Never chase love, affection or attention. If it isn’t given freely by another person, it isn’t worth having.”
- Anon

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Connecting the past with the present: SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and spouse with the immediate past President/VC, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde and spouse, Prof. Yetunde Makinde. Chair, Babcock Alumni, Dr. Adesoji Tayo.

SVP ENCOURAGES WOMEN ON LEADERSHIP



Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro addresses participants at BUGAS 2018.

As more women venture into male-dominated fields, Senior Vice President, Academics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro has called on them to up their game if they want to wrest power

from men.

His call which came at the 2nd edition of the Babcock University Gender and African Studies Group’s (BUGAS) International conference, included counsel to get necessary education and exposure to attain leader-

ship positions.

He recalled that since the return to democracy in 1999, Nigeria has recorded only one female Governor, by default in Anambra State, Mrs Etiaba.

“Nobody said women cannot be governors; and it is not too much for women to aspire to become one,” he added.

Acting Dean, School of Education & Humanity, Associate Professor Abiodun Adesegun, also called for more women participation in active

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DON ANALYZES POTENTIAL FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF LOCAL BREEDS



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (second left) with lecturer, Prof. Abdur-Rahman Abdullah and other faculty members and officers of the University.

Increasing demand for food of animal origin in many parts of Africa and economic manipulation of the EU, are putting local breeds at high risk of extinction.

Professor of animal breeding, quantitative genetics and biometrics, Professor Abdur-Rahman Abdullah made these observations while delivering the Babcock University 24th inaugural lecture.

In his paper, *Stemming the Tide of Genetic Diversity Denudation of Domestic Animal Genetic Re-*

sources, Professor Abdullah noted that the rapid changes currently affecting livestock production systems such as changing policy pressures and environmental factors were contributing to putting most indigenous breeds at the risk of extinction.

Aside these, he accused the EU of collusion with member nations to dissuade African farmers from the production and consumption of domestic breeds through monetary inducements and encouragement of the production

of their foreign breeds for the African market.

He said unless Africans take urgent steps to re-orientate local farmers to identifying the potentials of domestic breeds as breed of choice to satisfy our requirement, our local livestock would be the worse for it.

He believes orientation would reverse the negative trend and enhance the sustenance of Nigeria's robust animal resources.

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Left: Family members and others listen as Prof. Abdullah presents his lecture

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According to him, insufficient government attention and lack of political will among others, have kept Nigeria's animal genetic resources undeveloped.

"None of the animals imported from temperate regions can make it in our region," he said. "Alternatives have to be sought locally."

He called for genetic impact assessment to determine the potential impact of imported exotic germplasm which refers to crop varieties unadapted to a breeder's target environment, on the local population.

"If we can have environmental impact assessment in setting up telecommunication networks there should also be EIAs on local population of imported breeds," he remarked.



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



Prof. Emeritus Michael Omolewa and other faculty members and staff at the lecture.

Prof. Tayo and Prof. Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro (5th and 7th right) with other officers felicitate with Prof. Abdur-Rahman Abdullah.



Bottom: Cross section of royal fathers, friends and faculty.

Right: The lecturer and others share a light moment after the presentation.



BU SIGNS MoU WITH THREE INSTITUTIONS



Joseph Agada guiding Prof Ademola Tayo as he signs dotted lines while Dr David Alao and representative of the three institutions and Babcock Centre for Executive Development Director, Prof Johnson Egwakhe watch.

The Babcock Centre for Executive Development's educational enrichment programme received a boost with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with three institutions—**Teach for Nigeria**, Halogen Academy and Chartered Institute of Administrators (CIA).

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo, who said the MoU was an affirmation of the university's belief in academic training and professional-

ism, expressed excitement that a Babcock alumnus, Folawe Omokunle, led one of the collaborating institutions.

According to Omokunle, the MoU with Babcock will enhance service delivery for the organization she represented, **Teach For Nigeria** (TFN), an NGO focused on improving the quality of education for Nigeria's most marginalized children.

Babcock's role will be to provide postgraduate training programme for fellows of **Teach For Nigeria**

without background degree in Education. This, she said, would ultimately bridge the educational gap among low-income communities across Nigeria.

Representing Halogen Academy, Dr Wale Adeagbo said the partnership with Babcock will strengthen capacity building for its staff members.

He said Halogen has maintained a relationship with Babcock since seven years in different areas and the security programme is the most recent of the seven.

Mr Samson Olopade of the Chartered Institute of Administrators, looks forward to a stronger organizational drive to train and uphold integrity.

Director of the BCED, Prof. Johnson Egwakhe was also present at the signing.



L - r: Barrister Joseph Agada, Samson Olopade, Folawe Omokunle, Dr Wale Adeagbo and Prof Johnson Egwakhe. Right: Chief of Staff, Dr. David Alao.





A case for clinical research: L-R: Lukman Aroworamimo, Dr Temitayo Olowookere, Dr Atinuke Olaleye, Prof Dora Akinboye and Prof Richard Adegbola

“DREAM BIG”, DON TELLS RESEARCHERS

Professor Oladapo Walker has called on researchers to dream big and set clear goals while embarking on any scientific research.

His call came as the University hosted a training workshop on the fundamentals of clinical research in collaboration with BU Teaching Hospital and four other partners: GSK, TDR, Camrad and Africa Genesis Company.

In his presentation, **Research Conceptualization**, Prof. Walker urged researchers to think beyond academic promotion while embarking on any research.

“Aim to be known for something,” he said. “You must aim to either have a patent or a product.”

According to him, researchers worth their salt, would leave footprints on the sands of time especially in filling gaps in existing knowledge.

He said obtaining grants come with hard work.

The occasion also provided a knowledge sharing platform for Dr Atinuke Olaleye with professional colleagues.

Dr. Olaleye, who is a beneficiary of the GSK Vaccine Clinical Research

and Development Fellowship, returned from Belgium this March after her one year programme.

Senior Vice President, Academics, Professor Iheanyi-chukwu Okoro expressed his appreciation for the fellowship by the sponsors and urged the participants to maximize the opportunity offered by the workshop.

Other facilitators were Prof Dora Akinboye, Prof Richard Adegbola, Dr Temitayo Olowookere and Mr Lukman Aroworamimo.



Prof. Oladapo Walker : Calls on researchers to have big dreams and put their footprints on the sands of time.

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- Walker

BUGAS REVISITS GENDER ISSUES



L-R: Dean, EAH, Prof Adesegun, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro, Prof Anthonia Okoosi-Simbine and Prof Sotunsa applaud students after a short drama on women and violence

As Nigeria prepares for its 2019 general elections, gender is once again on the top burner. The National Commissioner of the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof Anthonia Okoosi-Simbine called on the National Assembly to consider gender-sensitivity and responsiveness as prerequisite requirements for political parties' registration.

She made the call while delivering her keynote address at the 2nd international conference of the Babcock University Gender & African Studies Group (BUGAS).

In her paper, *Political Parties & the participation of women in politics, elections, leadership and governance in Nigeria*, the INEC commissioner said parliament needs to be more deliberate and aggressive in

pushing for gender responsive policies in all sectors of society.

According to her, this would not only increase consciousness on gender issues, but ease all barriers against female participation in politics, leadership and governance.

She called on the federal government to do more in ensuring women occupy leadership positions at the national level as well as promote successful women as successful 'Nigerian leaders' and not simply 'female leaders' to motivate aspiring female politicians.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, said the need to reflect on the place and role of women in the polity and national life has become imperative as Nigeria



prepares to go to the polls.

He congratulated the conveners of the conference which also attracted faculty members from other Schools, staff and students on the well-thought out theme.

Papers from the first edition of the conference formed a major part of the book, **Gender, Culture & African Development**, launched last year.

As participants rose from this year's edition, they hope that the deliberations would go beyond the event.



The BU Gender and African Studies Group international conference brought together a broad spectrum of persons and professionals. Pictures capture the faces and moments of the event.

Top Right: Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, his Chief of staff, Dr. David Alao and SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro make their way to the venue..

Middle: A cross section of participants.

Left: BUGAS Chair, Associate Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso and other officers, Prof. Omobolanle Sotunsa and Dr. Ezin Adams present gift to the guest speaker, Prof Anthonia Okoosi-Simbine.





Celebrating culture and independence: The Unity Chorale in one of the sessions marking Nigeria's National Day, Oct 1.



ORELE ANNUAL PROGRAMME RELAUNCHED

The amphitheatre literally lit up with a blaze of colours and excitement on Monday October 1, 2018 as the annual Orele programme staged a comeback.

“We want to take the music life in Babcock to the next level and give the community a glimpse of pre-independence life in Nigeria,” said Programme Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Umahi.

This year’s program themed, **Nigeria: A Pinhole View**, featured music, story-telling and dance drama. The narrative compared life in rural Nigeria in the past with the present, bringing back nostalgic memories.

“The programme had the blessings of the Unity Chorale Board Chair, Prof. James Ogunji,” said Mr. Umahi. “Besides telling our story, we want to contribute our quota to solving societal problems including self-inflicted poverty, hunger and diseases.

“Unity Chorale is a registered singing

group in Babcock, but its influence has touched lives beyond our campus,” said another member.



PROF IHEANYICHUKWU OKORO @ 65



Spouse, faculty, staff and principal officers turned out for Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro's 65th years birthday anniversary

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



It was one of Babcock's finest moments as alumni members turned up at the Landmark event centre, Victoria Island, Lagos to celebrate Homecoming 2018. Four generations of Alumni caught the mood of the celebration, Sept 30 - Oct 1. Besides excellent cuisine and drinks, it provided opportunity for networking, peer bonding and knowledge sharing.



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COMING EVENTS

OCT. 19 - 21

PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES PROGRAM

The Public Campus Ministries in collaboration with the Nigeria association of Adventist Students, NAAS, will be carrying out several activities to impact lives on campus. There will be a special service on Saturday, October 20

Time: 11:00am

Venue: BBS Auditorium A

Oct 15–19

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

The Youth Week of Prayer will hold in the different worship centres. Members of the Advent-

ist Youth Ministries will lead out.

NOV 22

MATRICULATION

The University will host the matriculation ceremony for the Undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Venue: Babcock Sports Complex

Time: 9:00am

NOV 22

PG MATRICULATION

The University postgraduate student matriculation comes up immediately after the undergraduate matriculation.

Venue: Babcock Pioneer Church

Time: 12:00pm

All students are expected to be ready for the procession ahead of the commencement time.

OCT 25

THURSDAY @ EIGHT

Don't just beef. Get informed. The Associate Vice President Student Development will be our guest on the weekly radio programme, Thursday @ Eight on Hope 89.1FM.

Tune in to join in the conversation and air your views and concerns about anything to do with students.

Time: 8:30pm.

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RELFECTION



“You can't go back and change the beginning; but you can start where you are and change the ending.”

- C. S. Lewis

DID YOU KNOW?

- Spirituality is a key part of this administration's 8-point agenda; consequently, 23 worship centres provide spiritual enrichment besides six staff devotionals and chapel seminars?
- The University Division of Spiritual Life offer support through relationship seminars for youths and adults as well as chaplaincy visitation services?
- To support the Federal Government to boost the agricultural sector and enhance food security in the country, Babcock held a tripartite collaborative training on greenhouse production?
- The University also offers a 30% discount on tuition fees for Agriculture for non-Adventist students and 100% discount on tuition for Adventist students?
- The Accounting firm, KPMG has offered to give 200 internship positions for Babcock accounting graduates because of the quality of our Accounting programme?