

OUR VISION

A driving force for transforming Babcock University into a center of excellence through assuring institutional effectiveness.

OUR MISSION

To uphold Babcock University as a center of excellence, through quality development and management of personnel and materials in teaching and learning, research, and spirituality.

OUR CORE VALUES

Trust in God

Integrity

Persistence

Excellence

Diligence

Service

Loyalty to Seventh-day

Adventist Heritage

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Study Hard and Prove Yourself

In life, many things can be and will be taken away from us, but an education will never be taken away. King Solomon in Proverbs 1:7 tell us that the basis of all true knowledge is “the fear of the Lord”. This means that freedom from fear comes from being educated in the “Truth”. Apostle Paul was highly educated yet his education did not make him holy (1 Tim 1:6). Nicodemus was a teacher in Israel yet he did not understand even the basics of spiritual life (John 3:10). Do you know that acquiring education is not the cure for society’s ills?

Remember that Jesus Christ possesses all authority in Heaven and on Earth (Matthew 28:18), and that the Bible is the Word of God (Luke 24:27). Therefore, the Bible prescriptions for education apply to

the whole humanity.

Four, five or six years can go by pretty quickly. Therefore take your classes seriously by preparing for them and staying a step ahead in your academic work so that when it is all over, you will look back knowing that you gave it your all. “Always put God first.”



Mr Nwabueze H.A. Agbanyim
Director Quality Assurance and Control

INSPIRATION

The School of the Prophets

The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. In the beginning, God created man in his own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities. His mind was well-balanced, and all the powers of his being were harmonious. But the fall and its effects have perverted these gifts. Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the plan of salvation was devised, and a life of probation was granted to man. To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created, is the great object of life,—the object that underlies every other. It is the work of parents and teachers, in the education of the youth, to co-operate with the divine purpose; and in so doing they are “laborers together with God.” [1 Corinthians 3:9.]

All the varied capabilities that men possess—of mind and soul and body—are given them by God, to be so employed as to reach the highest possible degree of excellence. But this cannot be a selfish and exclusive culture; for the character of God,

whose likeness we are to receive, is benevolence and love. Every faculty, every attribute, with which the Creator has endowed us, is to be employed for his glory and for the uplifting of our fellow-men. And in this employment is found its purest, noblest, and happiest exercise.

Were this principle given the attention which its importance demands, there would be a radical change in some of the current methods of education. Instead of appealing to pride and selfish ambition, kindling a spirit of emulation, teachers would endeavor to awaken the love for goodness and truth and beauty,—to arouse the desire for excellence. The student would seek the development of God's gifts in himself, not to excel others, but to fulfill the purpose of the Creator and to receive his likeness. Instead of being directed to mere earthly standards, or being actuated by the desire for self-exaltation, which in itself dwarfs and belittles, the mind would be directed to the Creator, to know him, and to become like him.

OIE HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

The orientation program for new students is a yearly event designed to familiarize them on how to make the most of the resources that Babcock University has to offer. The program, which was organized by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) was held from January 19th to January 22nd, 2021, at the University Stadium and Iperu Campuses respectively. The orientation program featured interesting presentations and meetings between the new students and the University faculty and staff. In accordance with Babcock University's philosophy of developing the student's spiritual potentials, each orientation day began with a devotional which was handled by the Division of Spiritual Life.

"Focus" was the unspoken theme for the orientation, as virtually all the presentations made both at the Main and Iperu campuses hinged on the importance of being focused and determined.

The Associate Vice President Spiritual Life (AVPSL), Professor Efe Ehioghae, set the ball rolling with his devotional titled "Staying focused". Drawing an inference from the book of 2nd Kings Chapter 2 verse 11, Professor Ehioghae observed that Elisha obtained a double portion of Prophet Elijah's anointing because he was purposeful, determined, and focused.

The University pastor stated that humans begin to sink when they take their focus off Christ Jesus and fixate on the surrounding circumstances. He charged the new intakes to fix their eyes on Jesus Christ alone. Pastor Ehioghae described focus as the twin to excellence and



A cross-section of the new students at the orientation



Professor Efe Ehioghae, Associate Vice-president Spiritual Life , AVPSL during a devotional at the orientation

admonished the students to avoid distractions and adhere strictly to their reasons for being in Babcock University.

Welcoming the new students to Babcock University, the Associate Vice President Institutional Effectiveness (AVP, IE), Professor C.C. Nwosu, emphasized the importance of obeying rules and regulations while at Babcock. She told them to be well acquainted with their handbooks, because these contain the information they need. The AVP, IE took the new students through the University's institutional statements, and gave an exposition of the National Anthem, pledge, BU anthem, vision, mission statements as well as the core value song.

Stating that Babcock believes in holistic education which is the education of the body, spirit, and soul; Professor Nwosu advised the students to have a vision that will align with the purpose of God for their lives. She encouraged them to use their freedom wisely, as autonomy comes along with responsibility and accountability. Professor C.C. Nwosu explained that Babcock is a Seventh-day Adventist institution and urged them to uphold the Adventist heritage. She advised them to keep the Sabbath Holy and desist from any action that could desecrate it.

The phrase "health is wealth" is far from being a well-worn cliché. Good health is a necessity for the achievement of set goals and objectives. The realities of the COVID-19

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pandemic which has ravaged the world since 2019 made the topic "COVID-19: "All You Need to Know and How to Protect Yourself", a very necessary presentation. This presentation was anchored by the Deputy Director for Clinical Services, Babcock University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Dr. Titus Oyedele. Addressing participants, Dr. Oyedele noted that the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer news, and stressed the importance of observing COVID-19 prevention protocols. He advised that medical intervention should be sought immediately if symptoms similar to cold or flu are experienced.

Dr. Oyedele created awareness on COVID-19 statistics and enjoined students to observe COVID-19 protocols of regular hand washing and wearing of nose masks as ways of keeping safe and tackling the spread of the virus. He assured the students that their health is of paramount importance to Babcock University, and urged them to make judicious and responsible use of medical facilities.

The Director of the Ellen G. White S.D.A Research Center, Professor Adelowo Adetunji, who was represented by Pastor Olawuyi Taiwo, in his presentation titled "Your friends the Seventh-day Adventists", took the students through a brief history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He described the Seventh-day Adventist church as a "Conservative Christian body, worldwide in extent, evangelical in belief, and professing no other creed but the Bible." Expounding on the Latin phrase sola scriptura, meaning the "Bible alone", he stated that the Bible is the only standard of faith and practice for the Sev-



**Dr Titus Oyedele Deputy
Director for Clinical Services**

enth-day Adventist. While admonishing new students to live a life that reflects the character of Christ, he also assured them of God's guidance and protection.

The realities of the COVID-19 pandemics have made online learning an exigency that we all have to accept. The ICT team led by Mr Olu-sola Jimoh, Director for Learning Technology and Client Services, was at the orientation program to introduce to students Edmodo, Google Classroom, and other online learning platforms that they will get acquainted with during online lectures.

Mr. Olu-sola Jimoh, while giving an introductory overview of electronic learning, explained to the students the information needed to gain access to online classroom platforms used by Babcock University. He stressed the need to observe internet etiquette, complete time-bound assignments, and urged them to pay attention and focus on their primary reason for being at Babcock University.



**The Associate Vice-president Insti-
tutional Effectiveness, Professor
C.C Nwosu at the orientation**



**Pastor Taiwo Olawuyi,
Ellen G White & SDA
Research Centre**

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Mr. Felix Ikpeoha also from the ICT department, assured the students of free internet access all over the campus and of the ICT Department's willingness to solve the challenges they might have with their devices and internet connections. He advised them to make smart use of the Internet and to steer clear of strange access points which might cause their devices to be compromised. Noting that we are in the information age, Mr Ikpeoha admonished students to be conscious of imbibing the right knowledge.

The ICT Presentation was followed by an introduction of Babcock University Students Administration (BUSA), student volunteers, the National Association of Adventist Students, (NAAS), and the Premier Council. The student associations welcomed the new entrants and assured them of a pleasant stay at Babcock University.

Student account officers from the Bursary Department Mr. Ebenezer Alabi and Mrs. Blessing Ugo-Harry, gave a detailed, extensive, step-by-step explanation of payment and financial registration procedures to the new students. Mr. Ebenezer Alabi hammered on the need to register every semester, as failure to do so would deprive the student of his/her examination results. He admonished the students to guard their passwords diligently and avoid carelessness that could make their pages vulnerable to hackers. He also advised the students to shun the use of agents for registration.

Learning could be fun when accompanied by some earnings. The Director, Human Resources, Dr. Abiola Makinde was at

the orientation to inform students on policies guiding the work-study program. The HR Director stated that the mission of the work-study program is to provide vocational and practical training that will instill in the mind of students the concept of dignity of labor and create an opportunity for students to earn some income.

She stated further that the work-study was designed to alleviate financial burdens, help the students to have a balanced education, and integrate with the changing society upon graduation. The DHR reeled out modalities, rules, and regulations for work-study and advised interested students to contact the Human Resources Department for further details.

The orientation program continued on Thursday, January 20th with a devotional anchored by Pastor Debo Adesanya, Director, Chaplaincy. Speaking on the topic "Two Roads", Pastor Adesanya stated that there are two roads that one can follow, one is for wisdom and the other for foolishness, and the decision on which road to take determines the result we get in life. He urged the students to make the right decisions by befriending God while on campus and building connections with the right friends. He also admonished them to shun the road to disobedience, drugs, examination malpractices, and other forms of misconduct. Pastor Debo Adesanya also encouraged the new students not to fear because God is with them.

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Mr Ebenezer Alabi and Mrs. Blessing Ugo-Harry, account officers from the bursary department



Pastor Debo Adesanya Director, Chaplaincy addressing students at the orientation



Dr. Abiola Makinde, Director Human Resource at the orientation

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Professor Oludele Awodele, Director, Academic Planning, and his team were at the orientation to brief the students on academic policies. He gave a detailed explanation of the academic policies of the University, and took time to explain the importance of such policies. He also expounded on grievance procedures.

Professor Awodele advised the students to shun truancy, as class-work is a crucial part of their overall assessment. The DAP, who warned that there are stiff penalties for infractions, charged the new students to spurn decisions that can lead to academic dishonesty such as plagiarism, which may hamper their academic quest.



**Professor Oludele Awodele,
Director, Academic Planning**

Mr. Daniel Ohis, a 200 level medical student, who is also the coordinator of the Catalyst Tutorial Study Group, mounted the podium to motivate the new students. He described the Catalyst Group as a “free tutorial body which intends to provide a second chance for students to get explanations on topics they do not understand perfectly in class, and also provide mentorship in all featured courses.” He urged students to take advantage of the opportunities the study group offers as this would afford them quality learning, mentorship, and networking. Speaking on the topic “understanding purpose and achieving academic excellence”, Mr. Daniel Ohis gave the new students helpful tips for achieving purpose and academic excellence.

Mr. Ohis noted that planning, effective time management, self-discipline, focus, determination, perseverance, consistency, practice, and setting the right priorities are important parameters that must be put in place if one is to achieve academic excellence. He admonished his fellow students to repulse procrastination and maximize the use of their time by prioritising and doing the right thing. Quoting from the Book of Proverbs “trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not on your understanding”, Mr. Ohis urged them to always make God paramount in their lives, as this is the ultimate key to success.

Dr. Ngozi Ogbonna and Mrs. Mary Oludoyi, both from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, in their presentation talked to the new students about the Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness otherwise known as SRTE. They introduced the students to the SRTE sur-

vey which helps the University, teachers, and students to properly assess the levels attained in the achievement of planned teaching and learning activities. The team also clarified for the students the SRTE assessment guidelines; part of which include, integration of faith and learning, teachers' attendance and punctuality, classroom management, teachers' assessment procedure, and teaching methodology.

Mr. N.H.A. Agbanyim, the Director, Quality Assurance and also from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, took over from the SRTE team to discuss the duties of the Quality Assurance and Control team with the new students. He advised them to always comply with the University's rules and regulations, as the Quality

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**Mr Daniel Ohis, 200 level medical
student and president of the catalyst
group**



**Dr Ngozi Ogbonna & Mrs Mary Oludoyi, OIE
Personnel in charge of SRTE, at the orienta-
tion program**

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Assurance and Control team would be around to ensure implementation.

Mrs. Modupe Chukwu, the Investigation Supervisor from the Security department, on behalf of Dr. Chukwuma Ajike, the Director for Security Services, welcomed the new students and advised them on the need to be security conscious at all times. She admonished them to shun criminal tendencies and acts of indiscipline because Babcock University has zero tolerance for such. Noting that security is a collective responsibility, she urged the new students to be vigilant, and to release timely information on suspicious activities around them.

There were several interesting presentations at the orientation from different departments within the University. Other departments that made presentations included the Marketing Department led by Dr. Joshua Suleiman, the CCTV, represented by Mr Christogonus Njoku, Library and Information Services, represented by Dr Clement Ukangwa, the BU Interdisciplinary Seminar Department, erstwhile known as Chapel Seminar, represented by Dr. (Mrs.) Esther Ngozi Adejumo, and the Student Support Services, represented by Mr Joshua Umahi .

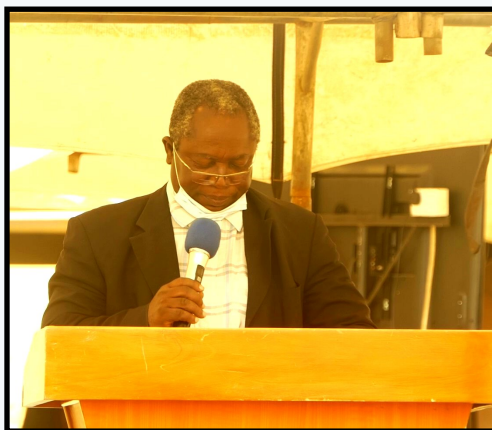
"Breaking the walls of our disadvantages" was the title of Chaplain Samuelle Nfor's devotional for the third day of the orientation. Chaplain Samuelle Nfor observed that each individual has disadvantages that can mar outrightly or stand as impediments. She further observed the im-

portance of recognizing and dealing with one's disadvantages so that it doesn't become a stumbling block to one's dreams and aspirations. Chaplain Nfor stressed to the students that having a mended relationship with God, following daily holy habits, continuously and consistently are crucial points to overcoming such disadvantages.

As a way of giving back to Babcock University and encouraging the new students, Mr. Afoluwajuwonlo Obaoye an alumni of Babcock University, and staff at the Department of Anatomy was at the orientation to make the presentation. "How Focused are you?" Mr. Obaoye who began his presentation by teaching the students a song observed that a focused person avoids procrastination, is mindful of association, and engages constantly in self-audit. He also noted that a focused person would not be found engaging in distractions such as small talks and gossip.

Mr. Obaoye advised the new students to put their focus first on God because survival is impossible without Him.

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Mr N.H.A Agbanyim, Director, Quality Assurance and Control addressing new students at the orientation.



Mrs Modupe Chukwu, Investigation Supervisor.



Chaplain Samuelle Nfor

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Left: Mr Afolu-wajuwonlo Obaoye

Right: Barrister Joseph Agada, SPEAM recording secretary



Other presentations at the orientation included the presentation by the GEDS team, led by Dr. Emmanuel Eregare, Mr. Damola Odugbemi, and Mr. Emanuel Ojo. The team stressed the importance of the GEDS courses to the new students and encouraged them to pay strict attention to their reasons for being at Babcock University.

Mr. Adeniyi Adeleke, the Bookshop Manager, was also at the program to inform students on how they could access the opportunities offered by the bookshop.

The highlight of the program on Friday was the introduction of Deans and Heads of departments by Professor C. C. Nwosu, the Associate Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness. It was an exciting time as the Deans and HODs took turns at introducing themselves, while describing their departments as the best, and laying claims to excellence which Babcock University is known for. They assured the students of an epic making time at Babcock. Each spokesperson made introductory remarks and stressed the importance of commitment, consistency and hard work.

The Deans and Heads of Departments went a step further at making the students welcomed by visiting them where they were seated to greet and give short exhortations to them.

The Senate Panel on Examination and Academic Misconduct's re-

cording secretary, Barrister Joseph Agada in his address to the new students, reiterated the importance of integrity and academic honesty. He urged the students to function as independent scholars, avoid examination misconduct, and desist from forgery, and other actions that can earn them an invitation to the SPEAM panel.

Mr. Agada's presentation was followed by a re-introduction of the student leaders such as BUSA, the Premier Council, and course representatives by Professor C. C. Nwosu who also expressed appreciation for their voluntary work and contributions toward the orientation program.

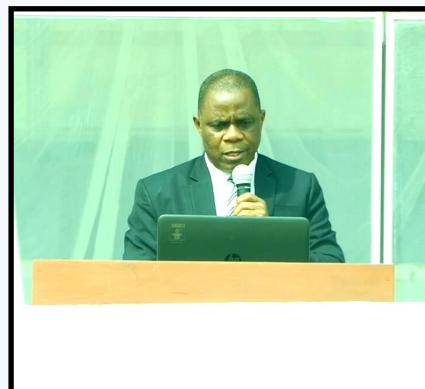
To round off the orientation program, the newly admitted students had the opportunity of attending their first-ever joint Sabbath worship at Babcock University. Delivering the sermon at the orientation Sabbath, Pastor Philemon Amanze Senior Vice President Academics (SVPA), charged the new students to be students of excellence.

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The Senior Vice President Academics, defined excellence as “the quality of being outstanding in what you are doing.” Stating further that excellence could be defined as a quality of possessing superior merit and virtue; a state of possessing good qualities eminently. Professor Amanze admonished them to be students of purpose, prayer, perception, and power just as Daniel was in the Bible. He stressed the need for them to be faithful, have integrity, and keep the right company as these are some of the factors that will ensure the achievement of excellence.

The President /Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo in his charge counseled the new students to take all they have learned in the course of the orientation to heart. He assured them that with God, their journey in Babcock will be a smooth one. Professor Tayo led the students in a special dedicatory prayer, and committed them to God’s Hands for guidance.



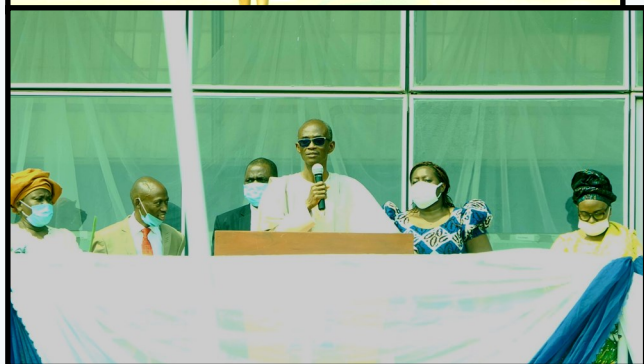
Right: Professor Philemon. O . Amanze, SVP Academics, delivering the sermon at the Orientation Sabbath

Left: The President/Vice-Chancellor Professor Ademola S.Tayo, leading out in the dedicatory prayer

Right: A cross section of students at the Sabbath worship

Left: The orientation choir ministering at the Sabbath worship

Bottom Left: The President/Vice-Chancellor Professor Ademola S.Tayo and other officiating ministers at the Sabbath



Bottom right:

Nigeria Association of Adventist Students Choir ministering at the Sabbath worship



Opinion Poll

What Our New Students Say!

"The orientation program was informative and it covered essential areas for me. I learnt about Babcock rules and regulations. Babcock University is an organized and disciplined environment. I am glad to be here."

Henrietta Eyo
Medicine 100 level



"I learnt a lot at the orientation program, I got acquainted with the rules and regulations. I also learnt about the Adventist Heritage. I regard being here as a privilege."

Ndih Samuel
Software Engineering
100 level



"The orientation was enlightening and helpful. I learnt that my independence comes with responsibilities. I look forward to achieving success here."

Phaedami Sinjeh
Political Science 100 level



"The orientation was a worthwhile experience, I got the information I needed."

Ifeanyichukwu John
Software Engineering
100 level



"The orientation program made me realize that Babcock University has high moral and academic standards. It has provided more insight on what is expected of me as a student at BU. I hope to get the best of learning experience here."

Sodolamu Oluwaseyifunmi
Medicine 100 level



Teach Us To Number Our Days

Numbering of our days helps us with stock-taking, it helps us as we grow daily, to make the right choices, and also draw us nearer to God because there is actually no "right choice" outside of Him. Every right choice is centered around Him. The month of February brought with it numbering and stocktaking privileges for Mrs Rose Allison as she celebrated her birthday on February 5th 2022. The entire OIE family rejoices with her, and pray that God's abundant blessings be with her throughout the new year.

Right: Birthday girl, Mrs Rose Allison

