



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

“The most valuable gift you can give to your children is not money; it is the ability to think positively.”

- Mary Kay

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Future builders: Faculty member, Ernest Onuiri (middle) and some team members of the School of Computing & Engineering Sciences after the debate in which Babcock emerged second.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Babcock signs MoU with Polish University

Babcock strengthened its strategy to maintain best practice in research and academics with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Polish University of Computer Sciences and Skills, November 18.

The MoU involves faculty and student exchange programmes, training as well as teaching and research.

Dean of Babcock School of Computing and Engineering Sciences, Professor Nwabueze Ogbonna said the MoU falls in line with the strategic plan to

further internationalize teaching and research.

Similarly, the Rector of the University of Computer Sciences and Skills, Professor Drhab Andrzejnowakowski expressed optimism that the collaboration would yield mutual benefits.

According to him, the collaboration will be especially beneficial to students who will be privileged to have certification by both universities.

This implies that on completion of their programmes,

Babcock students can work in any part of Europe.

He commended Babcock for being one of the few universities in Africa operating within international standards.

He remarked that its link with the Polish University will be an added advantage not only for Nigeria but for the entire African continent.

“I feel highly elated because this MoU is consistent with our strategic goal to further internationalize teaching and research within the School,” said Prof. Ogbonna.

VC HOSTS EDUCATION CORRESPONDENTS



Prof. Makinde listens keenly to children at the event. With him are Babcock faculty and media

Babcock affirmed its commitment to journalistic excellence with the promise of scholarships to children of Education Reporters and Editors in Nigeria.

The University President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde made this known while hosting the first National Education Correspondents' Presidential Luncheon in Babcock.

Prof. Makinde said two scholarships will be awarded annually through nomination by participating journalists. There will be one each for the High School and the University.

The University also plans to institute a Press Award to deserving Education reporters in appreciation of their unique societal role.

He stated that the luncheon is a channel for establishing a closer relationship with the press and their families. "It is an opportunity to see the other side of journalists - as fathers, mothers and humans with challenges."

The event thus provided a forum for information sharing, reminiscing as well as friendly interaction.



Media friends take a turn

TELL Magazine Staff Writer and Awards winner of the CNN/MultiChoice Sports Reporter 2009, Ayodeji Adeyemi, said events like these served as strong affirmations for professionalism. He said it was at the point of his giving up on the profession that he got his award.

Similarly, SUN Newspaper Correspondent, Sam Otti who shared his experience of an award winning human interest article, commended the University administration.

Adaobi Ifebi, also of the SUN credited her remaining in the profession while pursuing a graduate programme in Babcock to passion for writing and faith in the recommendation of CEO Babcock Consulting and faculty member, Prof. Dayo Alao.

Babcock Business School Dean, Prof. Ayandiji Aina, and Director of Marketing and Communications, Joshua Suleiman, also shared some unique experiences from their days in the mainstream media.

It was not all about the trials and triumphs of life as a journalist in Nigeria. Children of the media practitioners also shared their aspirations and went home with souvenirs.

Prof. Makinde on a lighter note, told of his decision to remain a vegetarian. "I prayed to God to take away my appetite for meat. He did just that," he said.

Richard Edoki, News Presenter at Rhythm 93.5 FM radio station, said the meeting was awesome. "It shows the University cares for me, my family and my job."

OTHER VIEWS

"An event like this makes us feel appreciated."

- Medinat Kanabe, **The NATION**

"It is very warm and worthy of emulation. Thumbs up for the entire management of the University."

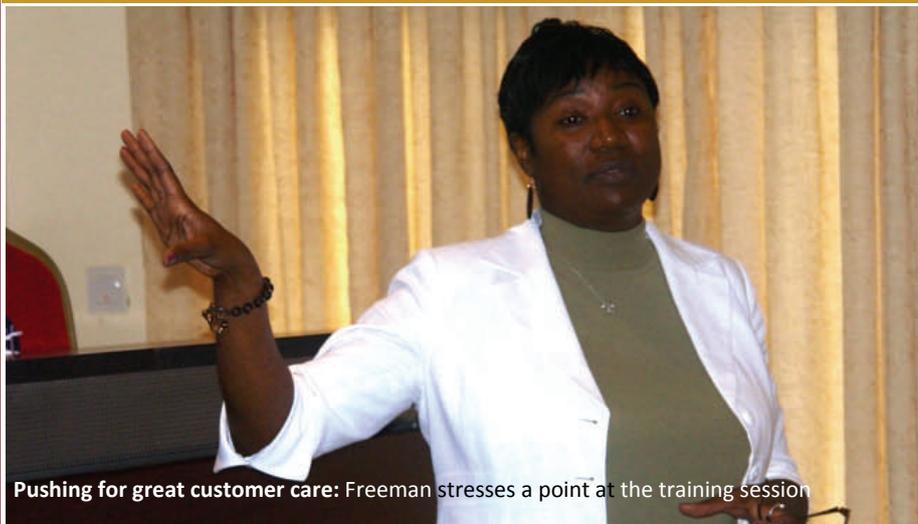
- Vera Chidi-Mehe of **LEADERSHIP Group of newspapers**

"A beautiful experience and excitingly different."

- Samuel Awoyinka, **PUNCH Newspapers**

"A laudable idea that will build a robust relationship between the University and the media."

- Gbenga Olajobi, **MOMENT**



Pushing for great customer care: Freeman stresses a point at the training session

STAFF GET TRAINING ON EXCELLENT CUSTOMER CARE

The University organized a one-day Customer Care training last Tuesday to ensure best practice among service providers in Babcock. “Everything we do here is about service,” said vice President for Division of Development & Strategy, Elder Olu-kunle Iyanda. “To be able to launch Bab-

cock to excellence, we cannot but be proud of what we do.”

Customer Care specialist from Emory Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, Margaret Freeman, took participants through the basics of building great clientele feedback.

According to her, the reason some

businesses thrive while others fail is rooted in the quality of customer care provided to the public.

“Mediocrity is not good enough,” she said. “We sometimes need to go beyond and above the routine to achieve great results.”

She further stated that an organisation could build a crop of raving fans if staff raised the bar of service to clients.

She stated that every business needed three basic principles for maintaining excellent service to keep customers happy: authentic smile, effective communication and proper time management.

“Don’t push your responsibility to someone else and don’t be afraid to admit that you do not know,” she said. “Be analytical, proactive and prepared for change.”

Participants were optimistic that the training would positively impact on their service delivery and work ethics.

VOICES FROM THE AUDITORIUM



Abolarin



Adeleke



Umahi



Amanze

It has impacted much on my work and impressed on me the need to evaluate my customer care delivery. I found the style of presentation and training most impressive.

- Kolawole Abolarin, Registry

The training was excellent. It impacted much on my work as well as personal

relationship with others.

- Esther Adeleke, Physical Planning

The training impacted much on my work and I found the need to give the customer my fullest attention, most impressive. We need to encourage Front Desk officers to cultivate a culture of giving great customer care service.

- Joshua Umahi, Development/Alumni

The lecture was good, timely and still yielding results. We need time to reap the benefits. In the future, we can have break out discussion sessions to brainstorm on the issues raised.

-Ruth Amanze, ICT dept

It has elevated my delivery in Marketing knowing that smile, communication and prioritization is valuable to my job. The training should be consistent, not a one-off thing.

- Sanyaolu Ola, Marketing & Communication dept

BABCOCK EMERGES TOPS IN COMPUTER DEBATE

Babcock School of Computing & Engineering Sciences emerged second in a recent two-day IT Debate: ***“IT is the enabler for vision 20-20-20.”***

Organised by the Ogun State Chapter of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), the programme which held November 5 - 6, had in attendance representatives from six private universities among others.

These were, Babcock, Bells, Crawford, Covenant, Redeemers and Macpherson Universities.

Others were the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta; Allover Polytechnic, Sango-Ota and Gateway



Confident and composed: Nissi at the debate
Below are other team members



ICT Polytechnic, Igbesa.

Six 400 level students and two faculty/coaches, represented Babcock at the event, tagged, ***“Enhancing IT Knowl-***

edge Capacity.”

The students who represented BU were: Iretioluwa Owolabi, Nissi Chibuzor Madu, Oluwatosin Yadeka, John David, Ayodeji Odukoya, Igbokwe Udoka, Andre Udegbe, and

Kayode Omolehinwa. The two faculty members were Olubukola Adekola and Ernest Onuri.

Prof. Oludele Awodele, Head of Department of Computer Science & Information Technology said, “Although we came out second in one of the sessions and third in another, we hope to do better in the future.”

IN BRIEF



Dr. Ola and Mrs Balogun, third and second from left with some BUSA officials.

BUSA CARES

In a rare display of student solidarity and care, executive members of the Babcock University Student Association, BUSA, donated three deep freezers and a three speaker music system to the new central cafeteria.

According to the BUSA Welfare Director Oluwafemi Adeniyi, the gifts were in partial fulfilment of the Association’s electoral promise to make life more comfortable for students. “We are committed to

upholding the promises we made,” said Adeniyi.

Moreover, he said the hot weather has made taking chilled water a preferred choice for students at the cafeteria.

Also representing BUSA at the event were the Public Relations Officer, Steven Idonije, Welch Hall Senator, Sanyaolu Shekoni and others.

Vice President Student Development, Dr. Janet Ola, blessed the student executives while thanking them for the gifts. Director of Food Services, Grace Balogun expressed appreciation for the good governance initiative of the executives.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

The University’s proactive marketing drive for diverse student enrollment took a new turn as Rockcrest

Girls College, Ibara, an Abeokuta-based private school signified its interest in collaborating with Babcock.

This came up after the University’s marketing team visited the school. To ensure a smooth sail, Rockcrest dispatched its crack management team led by Dr Anthony Anozie and Engineer Sola Nwosu, to hold preliminary discussions with the University’s administration.

Vice President Development and Strategy, Elder Olukunle Iyanda thanked the team for choosing to partner with Babcock. “We are prepared to assist in whatever capacity. If you need input in the area of structural development, our architects and engineers can also be of help,” he said.

He also stated that the university is working with stakeholders and friends in the Diaspora who are ready to collaborate at different levels.

BABCOCK INAUGURATES LAW CLINIC



A new hope: Akinlaja cuts the official tape of the Law Clinic. With him are Professors Sodipo, Zac Olomojobi (first and third left) and another faculty at the event.

The need for synergy between religion and legal practice was the focus of a public lecture marking the inauguration of the Law clinic at the Iperu campus of Babcock, November 14.

In his lecture titled, **Religion, Ethics and the Noble Profession (Law)**, the Ekiti State former Attorney- General and Commissioner for Justice, Hon. Dayo Akinlaja, posited that the legal profession could be a purveyor of good relationship with God if practiced in line with ethics.

He said since there was nothing in the profession that forbade the worship of

God, legal practitioners must focus on building a synergy between religion and practice of law.

“Once that is done, the ultimate objective of religion, which is to please God can then be easily achieved through legal practice,” he said. “The law profession and religion are indeed, like the Siamese twins,” he added.

Hon. Akinlaja, who later inaugurated the Law clinic, said he was impressed with Babcock’s monumental developments. “With this facility, much is expected of you as it is put to use for the benefit of students, University and mankind.”

The Dean of the School of Law & Security Studies, Professor Bankole Sodipo, said the School’s proposed partnership with the campus radio, Hope 89.1 FM, will provide a radio mediation service targeted at settling disputes on air.

“This will be the first of its kind and will be student-driven.” Professor Sodipo put the rehabilitation of the facility at a little over N3 million from internally-generated funds.

The Attorney General of the Law Students Association, Babcock Chapter, Aluko Olanrewaju, said the law clinic would serve as a platform for the provision of free legal counsel.

“We want to see how we can be of help to the inmates in Shagamu prison as our findings showed only 16 of the 116 awaiting trial have been prosecuted,” said Olanrewaju. “We want to take a proper look at their files and submit our findings to the Legal Aid Counsel as part of the legal aid to the public.”

VIBRANT HEALTH

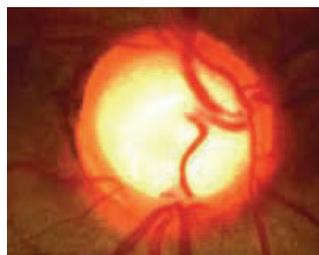
Dear Doctor,

I have an uncle who is blind in one eye at the age of 75 and recently my 40-year old brother was diagnosed with GLAUCOMA . Please what is glaucoma?

- Mr Adams

Glaucoma is generally called the ' Thief of Vision' because it causes a gradual, painless, irreversible blindness. The patient may be unaware until 70 % damage has occurred in the eyes.

It is the leading cause of untreatable blindness and the second cause of blind-



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But the build up of pressure, in your eye, can lead to glaucoma.

This happens when the aqueous humour (fluid) is produced too quickly or not being drained from the eye fast enough. The production and the drainage systems must be in sync or the pressure will build up causing glaucoma.

The commonest type of glaucoma in Africans and Europeans is the Primary Open angle glaucoma while the Primary angle closure glaucoma is seen in Asians.

High risk factors include:

- Increasing age > 40 yrs
- High intraocular pressure
- Black race
- Family history in a first degree relative .
- Hypertension and diabetes
- High refractive errors

- Dr. Jagun

