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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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EDITORIAL

START RIGHT

One of the most difficult steps in any project, innovation, idea creation, business, study, career, etc. is the ability to start, because on it hinges the success or the failure of the other steps. Starting anything can be likened to laying the foundation of a building, and the importance of laying a foundation cannot be overstated. No wonder the Bible states in Psalms 11:3, "if the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do". It is not enough to start, but the most essential part is **starting right**. As you start your academic journey (undergraduate or postgraduate), start right! In your professional career, start right! In your marital life and children upbringing, start right! In whatever aspect of life, be it spiritual, physical, social, emotional or

mental, endeavour to start right, because it yields bountiful fruits in due time. This edition of the Anchor Newsletter focuses on OIE's efforts at helping students to start right. It beams its searchlight on the orientation program for JUBEP students and interdisciplinary seminars for new students. In addition, it presents discussions on a symposium on faith and technology and other exciting news from OIE. Journey with us as we delve into details!



Constance C. Nwosu, PhD
AVP, II

PEN OF INSPIRATION

Students Gifted to Be Witnesses

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15](#).

Let teachers and students watch for opportunities to confess Christ in their conversation. Such witness will be more effective than many sermons....Students, make your school life as perfect as possible. You will pass over the way but once, and precious are the opportunities granted you. You are not only to learn but to practice the lessons of Christ. While obtaining your education, you have the opportunity to tell of the wonderful truths of God's Word. Improve every such opportunity. God will bless every minute spent in this way. Maintain your simplicity and your love for souls, and the Lord will lead you in safe paths. The rich experience you gain will be of more value to you than gold or silver or precious stones. You know not to what position you may be called in the future. God may use you as He used Daniel, to take the knowledge of the truth to the mighty of the earth. It rests with you to say whether you will have skill and knowledge to do this work. God can give you skill in all your learning. He can help you to adapt yourself to the line of study you take up. Make it your first interest to gather up right, noble, uplifting principles. God desires you to witness for Him. He does not want you to stand still; He wants you to run in the way of His commandments. Christ desires to use every student as His agent. You are to cooperate with the One who gave His life for you. What rich blessings would come to our schools if teachers and students would consecrate themselves, heart, mind, soul, and strength, to God's service as His helping hand! His helping hand—that is what you may be if you will yield yourselves to His keeping. He will lead you safely, and enable you to make straight paths for yourselves and for others. He will give you knowledge and wisdom, and a fitness for fuller service.—[Counsels to Parents and Teachers, 554, 555](#).

INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR

The interdisciplinary seminar is an avenue to educate students on cogent issues pertaining to their academics and overall wellbeing. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) in collaboration with the Students Support Centre used this medium to conduct orientation for the current 100 level students which featured great personnel from OIE, the Library, the Registry, and other experts.

The Institutional Research Unit of the OIE led by Dr. Ngozi Ogbonna and her team comprising of Mrs. Mary Popoola, Mr. Lordson Okegbe, Mr. Chinonso Ukaegbu and Mrs. Rose Allison educated the students on the Students Rating of Teaching Effectiveness (SRTE), which is a measuring tool for monitoring the activities in the classrooms and the effectiveness of lecturers, which include methodology in teaching, assessment, lecture delivery, class management, and integration of faith in learning. They also guided the students on how to complete the SRTE evaluation.



Cross –section of the students



Dr. Chinemerem Ukangwa

Librarians from the Laz Otti Memorial Library, Dr. Chinemerem Ukangwa and Dr. Goodluck Allison, enlightened the students on the various branches of the library in the school, the sections and the rich resources available in the library. They also spoke about the online resources and how to access them

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It is often said that health is wealth, because good health is priceless. In preparing the students to embrace healthy living, Mr. Ebosele Ehizojie, a healthy lifestyle advocate, educated the students on the benefits of healthy living by drawing Bible references from Deuteronomy 30:19 and Job 14:1. He admonished them to feed their body systems with healthy meals as prescribed by God.



Mr. Ebosele Ehizojie

Daniel Ohis, a 400 level medical student and the founder of Catalyst Group, a tutorial centre for mentoring and coaching students on achieving excellent grades in school was also on ground to give the students vital tips for achieving their desired grades. He also encouraged those with low grades to gear up for better results.



Mr. Daniel Ohis

Speaking on academic integrity, Mrs. Modupe Idowu, the Deputy Registrar for Exams and Senate, and Secretary of Babcock University Senate Panel on Examination and Academic Misconduct (SPEAM) emphasized the need to cultivate and practice academic integrity while shunning all forms of malpractice. She also emphasized on the consequences of examination misconducts.



Mrs. Modupe Idowu

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUPEB STUDENTS

Orientation for JUBEP students organized by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) took place at Pioneer Youth Church on February 12, 2024. It commenced with the singing of anthems and opening prayer coordinated by Mr. Nnaemeka Nzeadibe, the current head of Empowerment Unit in OIE.

The devotional and special prayer for the students was handled by Pastor/Chaplain Peter Azorundu who represented Prof. Efe Ehioghae, the Associate Vice President for Spiritual Life. The title of his message “Jesus as the Light of the World” was anchored on Acts 5:29, and Matt. 5: 14. In his presentation, he reminded the students that Jesus is the light of the world and He is willing to lighten the darkened parts of their lives with His light once they accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour.

After the devotional, Dr. Gideon Olanrewaju, Director of Foundation Studies welcomed the students and also introduced the organizers. He urged the students to be of good behaviour and make the best use of today’s program. The Associate Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness, (AVP, IE) Prof. Constance C. Nwosu, also welcomed the students and apologized on behalf of the university for the late schedule of the orientation. She also encouraged the students to ensure they develop their personal visions that will help them actualize their goals, and to trust God wholly for He has the best plans for them.



Cross-section of the students



Pst. Peter Azorundu



Dr. Toyin Babalola

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**Prof. C. C. Nwosu**

Dr. Toyin Babalola from Department of Religious Studies, in his presentation of “Your Friends, the Seventh-day Adventists”, took the students on a journey to the origin of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which he described as a prophetic people with a prophetic origin and a prophetic message. He also spoke on the three angels’ messages found in Revelation 14: 6-12. Following this, Mrs. Modupe Idowu, the Deputy Registrar on Exams and Senate, spoke on academic integrity, and admonished the students to say no to all forms of examination misconduct because the penalties are grievous .

Mr. Okechukwu Ekeoma, from Academic Planning, lectured the students on academic policies, which include attendance and remarking policies. Dr. Benjamin Ako, the Male Chief Hall Administrator, representing the Vice President for Student Development, counseled the students on the importance of good conduct expected of them and admonished them to desist from all forms of misbehavior.

Mr. Peter Ikonta, also from the Division of Student Development, but from the Student Support Centre presented to the students various study skills that can help them in their academic journey. These skills include active listening, intentional and collaborative reading habits , etc.

Mrs. Modupe Chukwu from Security Unit speaking on security matters listed security tips like having a secured password on the ATM cards, phones, etc.

Dr. Chinemerem Ukangwa spoke on library services and encouraged the students to take advantage of the rich resources available in the library.

One of the exciting moment of the orientation was the students interaction with AVP,IE, where the students shared reasons for choosing

for choosing their career paths, in addition, they also shared lessons , from the orientation.

**Dr. Gideon Olanrewaju****Dr. Benjamin Ako****Mr. Peter Ikonta****Mrs. Modupe Chukwu**

FAITH AND TECHNOLOGY

One of the feats that the Office of Institutional Effectiveness embarked on this semester was the resumption of the faith integration symposium which was halted in 2021 (check the date of the last one!) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's symposium is organized around the theme "Faith and Technology", with emphasis centered on "Faith in the Age of Digitalisation: Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities" took place on the 17th of April 2024 at BBS Auditorium A. Moderating the program, Dr. Uka Uchenna welcomed the participants and introduced the facilitators in the persons of Professor Abraham Olugbenga Idowu, the Associate Vice President for Information Technology Development Service (ITDS), Ms. Josephine Akarue, the Deputy Director for Communication, and Miss Boluwatife Adeyefa, a 300 level student of Mass Communication.

Prof. Olugbenga Idowu, who represented the faculty members, emphasized the fact that digitalization helps communication and interconnectivity. He described IT as a disruptive technology, causing changes in

the way we do things. He stated that the advent of the internet has also wrecked some damages apart from the gains it brought. The merits include global reach, educational and employment opportunities, innovative worship experience etc., while the ills are distraction, misinformation, proliferation of false teachings, etc.

Mounting the podium, Ms. Josephine Akarue, the staff representative, enlightened the participants on the roles of technology in faith and learning. She stated that technology can be so much fun, but we must not allow it to drown us. She also spoke on the ethical issues in technology, which include security and privacy, use of AI, accountability, rights infringement, and others. According to Miss Akarue, staying informed and wise use of technology is paramount in addressing the ethical issues. Concluding, she stated that unless we become ethical in our use of technology we will become slaves to our own innovation.



Ms. Josephine Akarue



Prof. Olugbenga Idowu



Miss Boluwatife Adeyefa



Cross-section of the participants



Miss Boluwatife Adeyefa, representing the student body, passionately spoke on technology in our era. She defined digital distraction as when one gets carried away from purpose or objectives due to use of technology. She stated the negative impacts of technology on the lives of the youths (check if “youth” is pluralized) as envy, loss of identity, self-esteem damage, materialism, bullying and pressure to be like others which leads to loss of one’s identity. She reminded the participants that God is constant while technology changes. She emphasised that Artificial Intelligence will only take the job of the un-innovative and lazy workers, but for the creative and innovative workers it will complement them. She also warned that If not managed, technology will become religion in itself. She concluded by admonishing that technology should not dictate how we live our lives, rather our lives should dictate how we use technology.



Mr. Josiah Onwueje

After the presentations there was an interactive session where participants raised concerns about the rising additions to technology by the present generation and proliferation of false religious teachings which are adversely affecting the young people. They advocated for parents to be intentional in training their children and not relent in teaching and practicing the right thing. Mr. Josiah Onwueje, the special assistant to the SVP, Academics (SVP, A), representing the SVP, A in his remarks , appreciated the organizers and facilitators for the successful symposium. He also admonished the participants to put into good use the lessons learnt by being wiser in the use of technology.

"I fear the day when
the technology
overlaps with our
humanity. The world
will only have a
generation of
idiots." Albert
Einstein



Dr. Uka Uchenna

HAPPENINGS IN OIE

The year started on a good note for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness Staff with bountiful birthday celebrations in good health, welfare committee hand over, children naming and dedication ceremonies. To strengthen its workforce three new staff were added to the department.

Meet the birthday celebrants for the first quarter: Top right is Mr. Joshua Adelowo, January 14, Professor C. C. Nwosu, January 15, Mrs. Bukola Ajibola, January 18, Mrs. Rose Allison, February 5, Mr. Jekanyinoluwa Ogunbadejo, April 2, and Mr. Joshua Ajayi-Olaoye, April, 13. We felicitate with all the celebrants and pray that God will continue to strengthen and uphold them in good health and prosperity.

The OIE family was also on ground to celebrate the christening of Baby Wonder Odunayo Ajibola, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ajibola on January 19, 2024. The dedication of baby Chimamaka Lucianne, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Okegbe, which took place on January 27, 2024 at Siloam Valley SDA Church, was also well attended by the OIE family. Congratulations to the families!!!!



Joshua Adelowo



Bukola Ajibola



Prof. C.C. Nwosu

THE PHOTOS SPEAK....



Rose Allison



Jelkayinoluwa Ogunbadejo



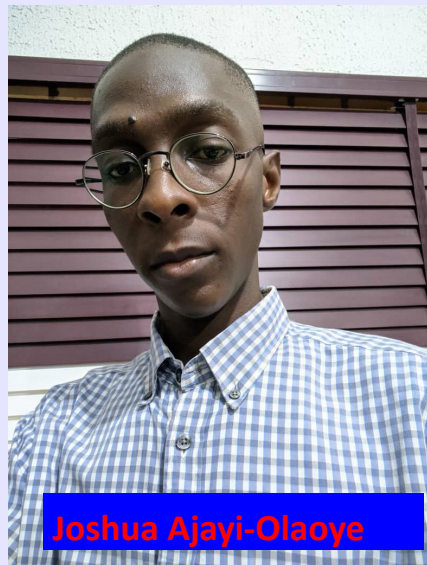
Prof. C.C.'s Birthday Celebration



Baby Chimamaka's Church Dedication



Baby Wonder's christening



Joshua Ajayi-Olaoye

UPDATES ON OIE

Hand Over of the OIE Welfare Committee

Just like Moses handed over the mantle of leadership to Joshua (Deuteronomy 31:7-8), the outgoing welfare committee comprised of Mr. Josiah Onwueje, Dr. Faith Ogbonna and Mrs. Mary Popoola passed over the baton of leadership to the incoming executives made up of Mrs. Gift Obinna-Nwachukwu (Chairperson), Mr. Joshua Adelowo Secretary) and Mr. Chinonso Ukaegbu (Treasurer). Like their predecessors they are also tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the welfare of the staff in OIE.



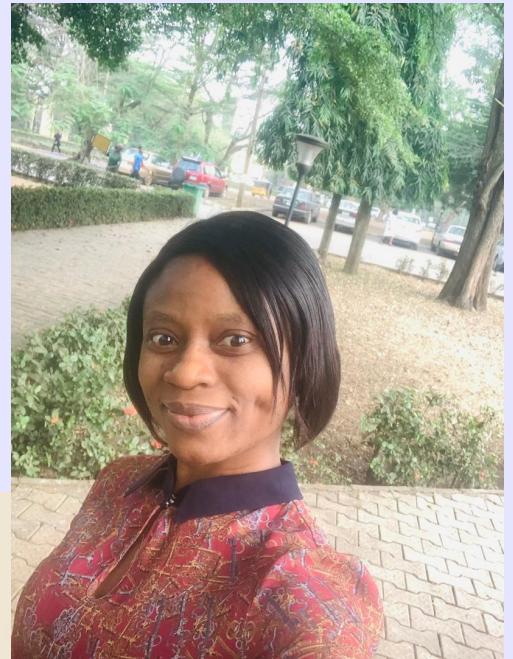
The Newbies

Meet the awesome additions to the OIE family:

Miss Sandra Ikegwuruka, from Imo State, and a graduate of Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Covenant Bodunde from Ekiti State, and a graduate of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.

Mrs. Abosede Nwosu from Imo State, and a graduate of Educational Planning and Administration.



Miss Sandra Ikegwuruka



Mr. Covenant Bodunde



Mrs. Abosede Nwosu