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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**D**ear Reader,  
It is indeed a great honour to edit the second edition of the BUCODEL Newsletter. This edition recounts the major alpha academic events and welfare activities that occurred at BUCODEL in the third and fourth quarters of 2022.

The main academic activities reportages include: the first matriculation ceremony of the pioneer BSc accounting undergraduates, the alpha Tech Hub Cohort graduation, the first on-site examination, and the 3-day course content writers' retreat on Authentic Assessment.

On the other hand, the pertinent social activities within the quarters are: the magnificent burial ceremony of the pioneer director of BUCODEL, Professor J.K. Akanbi, as well as the Golden Jubilee of Prof. Mobolanle E. Sotunsa, the current Director of the unit.

An enormous appreciation to all the persons who contributed to writing and publishing the factual articles that constitute this newsletter issue.

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## QUOTE

Online learning  
is not the next  
big thing, it is  
the now big  
thing



## BUCODEL'S PIONEER MATRICULATION

On May 30th, 2022 BUCODEL had its pioneer matriculation. The event was a blended event held along with the annual Babcock University Matriculation of the 2021/2022 school year. The call to be matriculated was made known to the earners, who were indeed elated. The center's office, in collaboration with the university registry adopted a plan that accommodated both the physical and virtual matriculants. With the blended mode, six learners were physically present, while ten learners attended virtually. Meanwhile, the virtual participants also had full access to their gowns which had been couriered to them before the D-day.

Accommodation was provided for those who came a day earlier as the program was due to take place early. The six learners who were physically present sat proudly amongst the 3,000+ matriculants.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo charged the 3, 139 students to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the University in order to step closer to reaching their full potentials and living out their dreams.



He further stated that getting training in Babcock University guarantees students the confidence to march through life with the power and audacity to advance the frontiers of national development and international cooperation. He urged the students to look into the future and see themselves as part of the tool that would reform the world for the common good man. This occasion afforded the learners a chance to experience Babcock University Campus.

For various reasons, Open-distance and e-learners often have difficulty leaving their states of residence and work to visit the University and interact with the rest of their colleagues, nevertheless, the occasion bridged that gap. Indeed, it was a very exciting time as BUCODEL's learners joined the larger community of Babcock University the first time. The students' matriculation

gowns and postures tell the tale of their excitement.



### QUOTE

Getting here was not only by wishes but more of hard work and doggedness





## THE EXIT OF AN ICON

**P**rof. D.K Akanbi the pioneer Director, Babcock Open Distance and e-learning (BUCODEL) slept in the Lord on the 13th of November, 2021. According to the Holy Bible, the end of a matter is better than the beginning thereof. This saying is apt in describing the demise of such an amiable god-fearing, erudite scholar such as Prof. Akanbi, who contributed immensely to the academia and passionately propelled the growth of educational technology in Nigerian Universities. The burial rites of the late ICON commenced on 31st of January, 2022 with the commendation service held at Babcock University Pioneer Church the late ICON and ended with a church service as well as a reception held on the 3rd of February, 2022 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Oke Bola, and Ibadan. The burial programs were well attended by dignitaries, colleagues, friends and family members as well as staff and faculties members of: BUCODEL, Babcock University, at large and the faculty and Staff members of Obafemi Awolowo University, where the late ICON had taught and served in various capacities for many years before his retirement. May the peace of the Lord continue to abide with his family, mentees, colleagues and friends.



Celebration of Life of an Erudite Scholar  
The entire **AKANBI** family cordially invites you

to the  
**Funeral Ceremonies**  
for  
**PROFESSOR DAVID KUNLE AKANBI**  
14th May 1944 - 13th November 2021

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Monday, January 31st, 2022 - Commendation Service  
VENUE: Pioneer Church, Babcock University, Ibadan - Remo, Ogun State. TIME: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 - Commendation Service  
VENUE: Faculty of Education, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile - Ife, Osun State. TIME: 10:00am to 11:00am

Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 - Service of Songs  
VENUE: The Akanbi's Compound, No 1c, Trinity Baptist Church Street, Ajobo via Aradogan, Ibadan, Oyo State. TIME: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 - Lying in State at his residence  
TIME: 8:00am - 9:00am

Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 - Funeral Service  
VENUE: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Seventh Day Road, Oke-Bola, Ibadan, Oyo State. TIME: 10:00am

— Private Interment —

RECEPTION: Havana Royale Hall, Beside University of Ibadan, Sango-Ojo Road, Ibadan, Oyo State

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can be pronounced the same, even if it  
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## BUCODEL WORKSHOP ON AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT



**B**UCODEL in conjunction with Common Wealth of Learning held a two-day workshop on Wednesday, the 15th and Thursday, the 16th of June, 2022. The workshop was facilitated by Professor Godwin Akper, a seasoned academic, who exposed all BUCODEL content writers and e-tutors to the theory, and practice of Authentic Assessment (AA) in dual-mode learning/facilitation.

In the first segment of the workshop, the facilitator conceptualised the term 'Authentic Assessment'. He explained that AA is a course evaluation method where the students apply their knowledge to unique real-life contexts. Thus, AA gives assessment issues context, and enables students develop abilities in real-world settings.

In the second segment of the workshop, the participants were exposed to the nitty gritty of developing authentic rubrics for specific tasks. To achieve that the facilitator mandated all participants to create authentic assessment on three topics from their respective course wares. That section ended with participants' presentation and tutor's criticism as well as evaluation of rubrics.

According to the Prof. Akper, the ultimate objective of using authentic assessment in dual learning mode would be a mirage, except all stakeholders bear in mind that learners are distinct. On that note, the pragmatic lecturer admonished all participants to take due cognizance of learners ranging learning abilities by exploiting varying teaching strategies to support each e-learner in metamorphosing from being mere reflexive and critical thinkers to becoming solution providers.

### QUOTES

"If you continue training the same way you've always trained, don't expect to get better results." — Jim Crapko



## LEARNERS' FIRST CAMPUS VISIT

The eve of Tuesday, 19th April, 2022, marked the arrival of the first set of learners at BUCODEL for the revision and examination that held from 19th April, 2022 to 29th April, 2022. It was with great excitement and affability that the staff and faculty of BUCODEL welcomed the learners physically/on site for the first time, after several months of classes, course discussions and correspondences online.

The learners having gone through the rigors of the revision, expressed their satisfaction with the quality of assessment offered by the center. The learners were so impressed because the assessment entailed both electronic and pen-on-paper. More so, the faculty member's also displayed an unbeatable level of dedication in preparing the learners for the various examinations.



By the grace of God, the Center's first academic semester progressed smoothly without a hitch. All glory to God and appreciation to every member of staff and faculty of BUCODEL for making the first semester examination possible.

This is the beginning of greater things at BUCODEL. Hence, If you are an employee or already engaged with one responsibility or the other and yet desire to have a degree in accounting, it is high time you contacted this esteemed institution; we earnestly look forward to hearing from you. For more information, visit [codel.babcock.edu.ng](http://codel.babcock.edu.ng) or call 09153837400 or 09153837413 for further enquiries.



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## PROFESSOR MOBOLANLE EBUNOLUWA SOTUNSA AT 50.

A Golden Jubilee is celebrated only once in a life-time. Professor Mobolanle Ebunoluwa Sotunsa, the Director, Babcock Centre for Open-Distance and e-learning (BUCODEL) celebrated her 50th birthday on the 12th of April, 2022. The week-long celebration commenced with a colloquium specially organized by the celebrant's mentees all over Nigeria and beyond.

The colloquium held on April, 11th, at BUCODEL in the spirit of the Master of the Ceremony of the day, Dr. Ezinwanyin Adam, who was the celebrant's first undergraduate supervisee, the occasion was a blend of scholarship and funfair.

Among other programs held, there were: Paper presentations, book reviews and launching. Prof. Olajumoke Yacob Haliso, the Dean, Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, Babcock University and Prof Toyin Jegede delivered the keynote papers which chronicled the celebrant's research foci, while Dr. Babatunde Adebua, the Head of Department, Languages and Literary Studies and Dr. Adeola Faleye of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife reviewed and launched five newly published e-books by the celebrant.

The event being a blended one was well attended by both physical and virtual guests.

The physical guests included erudite scholars and academics across the country as well as friends, family members and mentees of the celebrant. From Babcock University, the occasion was attended by the following dignitaries: The Vice Chancellor, Babcock University, Professor S. Tayo and his amiable wife, Prof. Grace Tayo;



Prof. John Sotunsa, the celebrant's husband; the outgoing Senior Vice President, Babcock University, Prof. Iheayinchukwu Okoro, Emeritus Professor. Michael Omolewa, Professor Olubunmi Idowu, Professor Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, Dean, Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, Prof. Abiodun Adesegun, Dean, Education and Humanities and Heads of various departments: Dr. Babatunde Adebua, H.O.D Languages and Literary Studies, Dr. Micheal Popoola, H.O.D History Department, Dr. Segun Ojuola, Music Department, Professor Kunle Binuyo, Deputy Director Academics, BUCODEL, Dr. Sola Maitanmi, the Deputy Director Administration, BUCODEL, friends, family members, staff and faculty of e-learning, who could not but celebrate with their director.

Beyond Babcock University, the occasion was graced by distinguished erudite scholars from the University of Ibadan, the celebrant's alma mater. Top on this list were: Prof. Omobewaji Dasylva, the celebrant's Ph.D supervisor and the Grandfather of the day, Prof. Toyin Jegede, the celebrant's undergraduate supervisor and Prof. Remy Oriaku, a revered academic.

# BUCODEL TECHNOLOGICAL HUB

## TECH HUB CONFERENCE

**B**UCODEL Technological Hub organized the Tech Conference on 24th February, 2022 which commenced at 1pm. The Tech Conference took place at BUCODEL. The program featured how to get into Tech without coding, and how to become a techpreneur. The trainers were Yaya Rabi, Muiyiwa Olugebi, and Daniel Elmah.



### QUOTE

"The only thing worse than training your employees and having them leave is not training them and having them stay."

Henry Ford



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## BUCODEL TECH HUB GRADUATION CEREMONY



What are four days  
of the week that begin  
with the letter "T"?

Answer: Thursday

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