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## From The President's Desk

Dear esteemed members of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Alumni Association, Wishing all members of our great association a joyous and prosperous New Year! May this time bring you peace, love, and happiness with family and friends.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of our ever-changing world, I am reminded of the incredible impact our alma mater has had on our lives.

Your dedication, resilience and innovative spirit are testaments to our institution's enduring legacy. I encourage you to continue pushing boundaries, pursuing excellence and uplifting one another.

As I reflect on our shared journey over the last two years, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Our alma mater has not only shaped our minds but also instilled in us the resilience, creativity and passion that define our community.

We celebrate your achievements, contributions and unwavering dedication. Your accomplishments inspire future generations and reinforce our institution's commitment to excellence.

Thank you for your unwavering support, commitment and representation of our values. Together, we elevate our alma mater's reputation and foster lifelong connections – here's to achieving greatness together in the new year!

Warm regards,

**Akinkunmi Emmanuel Akintayo**  
National President,  
JABU Alumni Association.

## From the Editor's Desk

As a member of the pioneer graduating set(2006-1010) and Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the JABU Alumni Association, this maiden edition stirs deep emotions of gratitude, pride and hope within me. From our humble beginnings during the first ever Alumni Reunion that held in JABU under a canopy and now to the remarkable heights many of our colleagues have reached today, the journey of our alumni community has been nothing short of inspiring. I am deeply proud of every alumnus who continues to make impact and proudly blazes the trail of our University's Name wherever they are.

This first edition is dedicated to the deep bond we still share amongst ourselves despite the distance between us. I also appreciate the outstanding leadership of our Association's President, Akintayo Akinkunmi Emmanuel (BDD) and his executives whose sacrifice and commitment are quietly building a stronger and more united alumni family. Their leadership has given an opportunity to some of us to contribute our little in various committees and this act re-enforces the fact that together, we are far greater as a pack



than the sum of our individual achievements. As we kick off with the maiden edition of this bimonthly newsletter, with the hope to improve on it, I warmly call on all alumni members far and near to make effort to reconnect via this means, get involved, and join hands with us to make our Association stronger and our beloved alma matter greater. I wish every alumnus a New Year 2026 filled with hope, peace, and the love of Christ which was enshrined in us during our time in JABU. With Pride and Gratitude,

**'Tunji Oyeyemi (ANIPR)**  
2006-2010 Set (Computer Science) Editor  
Chairman, Publicity Committee

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**T**he Role of Nigerian Diaspora: What is the potential impact of the Nigerian diaspora on development, and how can it be harnessed?

The Nigerian diaspora has enormous potential to contribute to Nigeria’s development, thanks to its vast pool of skilled professionals, entrepreneurs, and investors. Here’s a breakdown of its potential impact and how it can be harnessed:

**Economic Contributions**

Remittances: The Nigerian diaspora sends billions of dollars annually back to Nigeria,

making remittances one of the country’s largest sources of foreign income. These funds can reduce poverty, enhance household incomes, and support local economies.

**Investment in Businesses:** Members of the diaspora are often interested in investing in Nigerian businesses, particularly in technology, real estate, healthcare, and education sectors. By establishing businesses or investing in existing ones, they create job opportunities and foster economic growth.

**Skills Transfer and Knowledge Exchange**

**Professional Expertise:** Many Nigerian

professionals abroad have valuable skills and knowledge in medicine, engineering, technology, finance, and more. Programs that facilitate skill exchanges or “brain gain” initiatives can help develop key sectors in Nigeria.

**Mentorship and Capacity Building:**

Diaspora members can play a role in mentorship programs for young Nigerians, offering guidance in their fields of expertise and supporting Nigeria’s human capital development.

## How well do you know JABU?

Trace out 20 words and win a prize.  
Hint; words are not only in English

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## DID YOU KNOW?

**1** First Entrepreneurial University in Nigeria: JABU is recognized as Nigeria’s first entrepreneurial university. It focuses on blending academic learning with practical entrepreneurial skills to prepare students for self-employment and innovation in various fields.

**2** Named After an Evangelist: The university is named after the renowned Nigerian evangelist, Joseph Ayo Babalola, who is celebrated as a powerful revivalist and the founder of the Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) in Nigeria. His legacy is embedded in the university’s values and teachings.

# EXECUTIVES 600+ DAYS LATER IN OFFICE

## JABU BUS STOP CONSTRUCTION

One of the projects that this alumni council executed was the bus stop project. This project was birthed after seeing the need at Dr. D.K. Olukoya gate, where all students use when leaving school. Before this project, there was no bus stop. As such, students and commuters stayed under the sun and dangerously close to the highway. This project was also inspired by an increase in accidents around the bus stop. This project was commissioned on the 4th of December, 2024, by JABU's Pro Chancellor, Professor Joash Ojo Amupitan, during the convocation week.



As graduates of Nigeria's first entrepreneurial university, we designated two days each week (Wednesdays and Saturdays) for alumni entrepreneurs to showcase and promote their businesses across our alumni social platforms.

## CHAPTER LEADERS

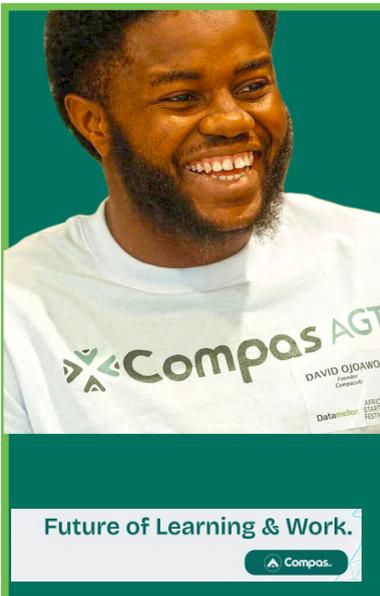
In order to fill the large gap between the alumni community, chapter leaders were selected by members and appointed to oversee their regions, carry out reunions activities and assist more members within smaller communities

1. Abuja Chapter
2. Lagos Chapter
3. Ibadan Chapter
4. JABU Resident Chapter
5. United Kingdom Chapter
6. Europe Chapter
7. Australia Chapter
8. North America Chapter

## INCREASE IN IGR (TRESURER)

The alumni has recorded a significant increase in Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) through the introduction of mandatory annual alumni dues for all alumnus, as these dues have become a prerequisite for processing alumni-related requests such as transcripts, reference letters, and result verification. To add, the upward adjustment of the alumni clearance fee to reflect current market realities further boosted the alumnus revenue. This increase has empowered the Alumni Association to make more visible and meaningful contributions to the University, particularly in the areas of infrastructural development, academic advancement and more partnerships.

## Market Day



### Capacity Building (COMPASS Ai)



The Alumni Association is currently in the concluding state of a partnership with Compass AI which is a product tool that help simplify the syllabus for lecturers and teachers, by providing extra sources to fit the students mode of understanding. The psychometric learning platform will guide users in learning a track that fits their personality and purpose. David-Bobola Ojoawo who is the Founder and CEO had shared this great proposal with the executives. David-Bobola Ojoawo a Harvard D3 and Microsoft awarded research and AI engineer, who is building the future of AI learning. He is helping the next

generation of the digital workforce to learn, and grow with AI personalized systems. Upon conclusion, Compas AI is set to launch two products for the JABU community. The Learning Aggregator Tool and Tech Assistant. We have concluded the pricing model. Some members of the alumni have been selected for a pilot programme with the Tech Assistant to give feedback, and advise if the Alumni should recommend the projects to the larger community. We hope to conclude this as soon as possible.

# EXECUTIVES 600+

## DAYS LATER IN OFFICE

- Successfully coordinated the annual Alumni Week, featuring keynote sessions, panel discussions, networking activities, and strategic engagements.
- Delivered a well-organized program that aligned with the theme: 'Legacy of Excellence – Celebrating Alumni Excellence and Career Journeys.'
- Strengthened alumni recognition and involvement through carefully curated events and activities.

### Academic and Career Empowerment Programmes

- Hosted a professional development webinar for alumni, focusing on career advancement, industry insights, and lifelong learning.
- Established a foundation for future annual empowerment initiatives aimed at bridging knowledge gaps among graduates and students.

### Community Development

- Executed and commissioned the Bus Stop Project within the University community, providing a durable, structured, and accessible transportation point for students and staff.
- Improved campus infrastructure while demonstrating the Alumni Association's commitment to supporting student welfare and campus development.
- Enhanced the visibility

of alumni investments within the University environment.

### Welfare and Support Initiatives

- Coordinated a compassionate fundraising initiative for Mr. Michael Ajisafe, an alumnus battling kidney failure.
- Mobilized alumni and external supporters to contribute toward his medical needs, reinforcing the Association's commitment to welfare and community support.
- Reflected the unity of the alumni body, even though he unfortunately passed on after the efforts.

**Excellence categories.** Strengthened alumni pride and motivation through structured recognition platforms.

### Administrative and Governance Improvements

- Ensured proper documentation of meetings, minutes, resolutions, strategic decisions, and official correspondences.
- Improved internal governance structure through collaborative decision-making and accountability mechanisms.
- Strengthened the operational efficiency of the Executive Council.

**Financial Management and Operational Support** Maintained prudent financial management to support major programmes, projects, and administrative responsibilities.

# Techpression partnership

**T**ech Breeze was held at the Oba Oladele Olashore Auditorium on the 20th of March, 2025. This event was organized by Techpression, in partnership with the JABU Alumni Executives. This event was a campus innovation tour whose aim is to empower the next generation of tech innovators. This event was welcomed by everyone given the prevalence of technology in the world and JABU being the first entrepreneurial university in Nigeria.

This event engaged students, faculty members, and the community on emerging technologies and digital innovations. This event also played a key role in attempting to bridge the gap between academia and the industry, providing attendees with insights into what happens in the industry.

Tech Breeze also played an important role in engaging attendees in career development, networking, and mentorship.

JABU Alumni played a key role in the success of this event, providing logistical, organizational, and marketing/promotion support to the organizers.

This event was well received by students and staff members alike. Here's an example of a testimonial post by a student (who was afterward gifted by JABU Alumni):



## Heartfelt Congratulations

To our esteemed Pro Chancellor and Chairman  
of Council Joseph Ayo Babalola University

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**OJO AMUPITAN (SAN)**  
on your appointment as the Chairman of the  
Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)



This appointment is a testament to your exceptional leadership skills, integrity, and dedication to public service. We are proud to see one of our own rise to this esteemed position.

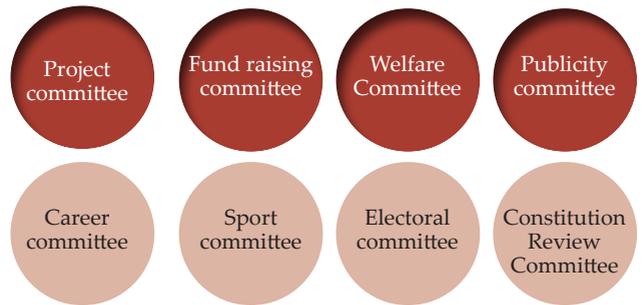
As a proud member of the JABU family, we celebrate your achievement and recognize the trust and confidence reposed in you by the government and people of Nigeria. Your wealth of experience and expertise will undoubtedly enhance the electoral process, promoting transparency, fairness, and credibility.

*We wish you wisdom, courage, and divine guidance as you navigate the challenges and opportunities that come with this role. May your tenure be marked by significant milestones and achievements that strengthen Nigeria's democratic foundations. Congratulations once again, and may your appointment bring glory to our beloved alma mater.*

**Signed:**  
**Hon. Akinkunmi Akintayo BDD**  
**President JABU Alumni Association**  
On behalf of the executive Council and the Entire Alumni Association

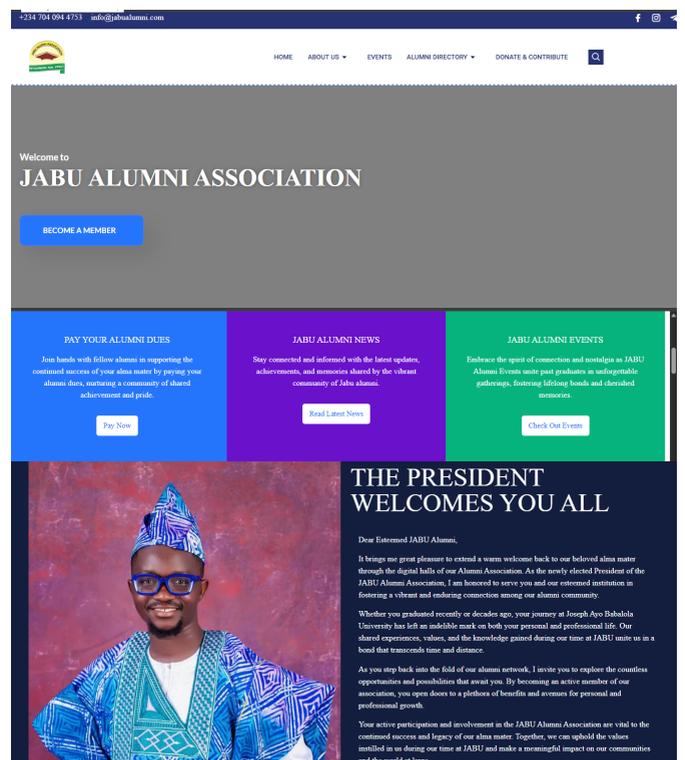
# COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

During the first few weeks of inauguration, eight committees were created. The duties of these committees are strategic in alignment with the goals of the association and with a chairman selected, the committee were charged to work independently while still reverting to the excos for approvals. they are as follows.



# WEBSITE CREATION

Streamlined processing of transcripts, certificates and recommendation letter) For the first time since JABU Alumni, this executive council established a structured and functional alumni website ([www.jabualumni.com](http://www.jabualumni.com)). This website includes information about the executive council, university, news, etc. Additionally, it has a membership portion where alumni members can make payments for their dues and access membership benefits. Furthermore, the website has a feature to enable seamless processing of transcripts, certificates, English proficiency letters, etc.



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- Self Employed
- 990 - Non Profit Organization



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## Alumni Sports Team Gets New Gear!

We're thrilled to announce that our Alumni Association sports team now has a brand-new, full sporting kit! This achievement is a testament to our team's dedication and our association's commitment to supporting activities to foster Unity and camaraderie through sport.

The kit includes jerseys, shorts, team coach wears and other gear with our logo and colors, making us look sharp at tournaments and events. We're proud to support our athletes who look forward to representing our alumni community with pride.

Kudos to all members of the executive council and the entire members of this noble association who helped make this happen. We're proud of all our sporting teams who has and will continue to represent our alumni community.

## Alumni Executive Council Fosters Inter-Alumni Connections: Participates in Redeemers University 20th Anniversary Celebrations

The Alumni Executive Council is committed to promoting unity and networking among alumni from various institutions. Recently, our association participated in the 20th-anniversary celebrations of Redeemers University, strengthening bonds with fellow alumni and fostering inter-alumni connections.

During the event, our representatives engaged with various participating alumni associations like, Redeemers University Alumni Association (host), Bowen University Alumni Association, OAU alumni association, Adeleke University Alumni Association, Fountain University Alumni Association and Uniosun



Alumni Association, exploring opportunities for collaboration and mutual support. The visit underscored our dedication to nurturing relationships across alumni communities, promoting shared growth and development.

We look forward to continuing these efforts, driving impactful engagements and strengthening our alumni network.

## JABU Alumni Executive Facilitates Strategic Partnership with Cashonrails for JABU Payment Gateway

The Executive Council is pleased to announce a significant milestone in its efforts to enhance the student experience at Joseph Ayo Babalola University (JABU)

Through our relentless efforts to foster strategic partnerships, we are proud to introduce Cashonrails as the official payment gateway for JABU.

Cashonrails, a leading fintech company, has partnered with JABU to provide a seamless and secure payment platform for students, facilitating easy payment of tuition fees and

other academic expenses. This partnership is a testament to our commitment to leveraging technology to drive innovation and excellence in education.

Thanks to the efforts of the Alumni Executive council, Cashonrails has successfully integrated its payment gateway with JABU's management system, enabling students to access convenient and flexible payment options. One of the key outcomes of this partnership is the introduction of student tuition loans, made possible through Cashonrails' innovative platform.

This initiative is expected to alleviate the financial burden on students and parents, promoting access to quality education and academic success.

The Alumni Executive Administration is proud to have played a pivotal role in facilitating this partnership and looks forward to continuing to drive positive change for our alma mater.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of the JABU management and Cashonrails team in making this initiative a reality.

# ALUMNI 2025 WEEK RECAP



Dear Esteemed Alumnus,

You being an alumnus goes beyond holding a degree or identifying with your alma mata.

It actually means driving a legacy that continues to shape lives, careers, and generations to come.

When you pay your dues, you directly support:

- Academic excellence and student awards.  
Infrastructure and innovative development  
Transcript processing, verification, and related alumni services  
Strengthen the global alumni networking impact across all our regions and chapters.
- Pay your alumni dues today | Stay eligible for alumni services| Make visible impact

Thank you financially,

Your treasurer



# HOW TO GET REGISTERED

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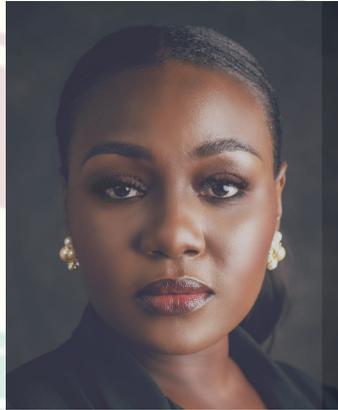
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- A graphic of a smartphone held in a hand, displaying a six-step registration process. The phone has a green border and rounded corners. The steps are listed in numbered boxes on the screen.
- 1 Visit the link .....
  - 2 Click on become a member
  - 3 Click on standard plan
  - 4 Fill your basic information.
  - 5 Make payments to our account. (We are also encouraging everyone to pay up from the year after graduation if possible, but the basic payment is the 4,000)
  - 6 Upload payment receipt.

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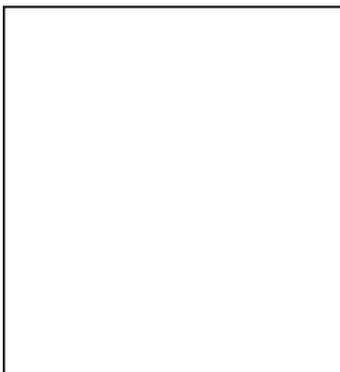
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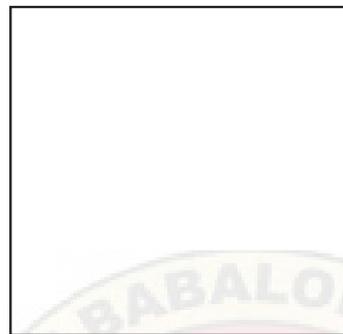
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## *Edwin Iguodala*

Edwin Iguodala is a member of the pioneering cohort at Joseph Ayo Babalola University, where he earned a degree in Food Science and Technology. He holds a Master's degree in Food Science and Nutrition from the University of Leeds and recently completed a second Master's degree in Organisational Project Management.

He currently works in the global pharmaceutical industry and has prior experience in project management with Kier, one of the United Kingdom's largest government contractors.

Beyond his professional and academic pursuits, Edwin is deeply committed to social impact. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Irede Foundation, a Nigerian charity dedicated to supporting child amputees, as well as their parents and caregivers.

## *Oluseyi O. Daniel*

Studied History & International Relations in JABU and later earned an MA in Tourism & International Studies in Germany, proving that humanities degrees do lead to cool, unexpected careers. Currently hold a position protecting skies and vibes as Luftsicherhe-

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