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Muni University held its first graduation ceremony at the University campus on Saturday 4th November 2017. 77 students graduated from two programs. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Bachelor of Information Systems Management.



At the same occasion, Professor Christine Dranzoa was officially installed as the first Vice Chancellor of Muni University by the University Chancellor Eng. Dr Erick Tiyo Sekebugga Adriko.

Professor Christine Dranzoa welcomed the guests to the first congregation of Muni University and said she was profoundly

happy and humbled for having been installed as the Founding- Vice Chancellor of Muni University. She thanked the President of the Republic of Uganda His Excellency, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the gift of Muni University to the people of Uganda and West Nile and added that it is only God who can reward the President.

She also thanked the Chancellor, the Ministry of Education, Council and Senate most sincerely for trusting in her, that she can make some contributions in building the country through Muni University.

“I, Professor Christine Dranzoa, therefore accept this position of Vice Chancellor, not because I am the best, but have something little to offer with the help of God and support of my team. I accept that for all of you who believe that through generation of new knowledge, research & innovations, involvement of all stakeholders and outreach a total transformation of the lives of our people is very close we shall continue this journey” she said.

His excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was represented by Hon Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of Uganda whereas the First Lady Hon. Janet Museveni also Minister of Education and Sports was represented by Mr Robert Odok Ocheng Director Higher, Technical and vocational education and training.

His Excellency, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in his speech delivered by the Prime Minister expressed pleasure to officiate at the historic first graduation ceremony of the pioneer students of Muni University. He congratulated all the graduands, their parents and guardians, university administration and staff on the important occasion.

He said the demand for admission in university education in Uganda today stands at over 100,000 against available intake capacity of only 38,000 both public and private universities and there are about 62000 who are qualified.

He revealed that the NRM government over the years has made major strategic decisions in the field of education and Muni University is one of the land mark success stories in the west Nile region. He commended the hard work and dedicated service of all the people who participate in running other activities of the university on all these campuses.

“it is very pleasing to know that today the Ugandan workforce has been boosted with more youth which is a fulfillment of the NRM government vision in as far as transformation of our economy is concerned. I wish to thank both local and foreign investors and proprietors for investing in higher education in many parts of Uganda making education accessible to our people, the graduands, the skills you have attained at Muni University shall empower you to make positive contribution to society and transform you indeed in to better citizens. I encourage you to aim at higher studies and to even enhance your versatility by taking on other disciplines in addition to what you have acquired so far. Live a healthy and constructive life and free from HIV AIDS. Uganda needs a healthy and productive population as we work towards the posterity for our Nation. I wish you happy graduation celebrations. Thank you.” He concluded.

Bulamu Health Camp.

Bulamu Health Care International (BHCI) in partnership with Muni University, Arua



Regional Referral Hospital, Oli Health Center IV among other stake holders, ran a one week long health camp at Oli Health Center IV. The health camp that kicked off on Monday 13th November and ended on Saturday 18th November 2017, attracted thousands of patients all over the region seeking medical attention. The Acting Head of Department Nursing Sciences Mr. Amos Drasiku

together with the University Nursing Officer Miss Tarsila Drakuru, the university Laboratory Technician Mr. Job Tekakwo, the Peace Corps Volunteers Casey Jones

and Angie Boehmer, the Nursing Science Lecturer Miss Tracy Alexis Kakyo and 10 Nursing students from Muni University participated in the camp.

BHCI is a non-partisan NGO founded in 2015 to extend medical access to disadvantaged population of Uganda with its main office in San Francisco US and the Ugandan office in Cathy House Nakasero Kampala. It is a charitable organization that provides primary health care (PHC) and works at health center (HC IV) level. BHCI has so far held five successful medical camps in Uganda: Jinja, Gulu June 2017 in Awach HC IV, Mbale Sept 2017 Busiu HC IV, Wakiso Buwambo HC IV and Shema district.



BHCI Partners with Universities, RHU, RDC, Local Govt, Police, Obulamumu, TASO, Rotary Club, Blood Bank, Regional Referral Hospitals and UNHCR. Services provided in the medical camp included;

- Cancer Screening
- Family Planning
- HPV screening, vaccination and care
- HIV testing, CD4 and Viral Load testing
- Diabetes Screening
- TB screening
- Mental health services, hypertension
- Cardiovascular disease screening including hypertension/Non-communicable Diseases
- Safe Male Circumcision
- Nutrition assessment and education
- Eye care, Dental care, Blood donation, Hernioraphy
- Other general medical, reproductive health, pediatric and surgical services including health education and counseling, referrals and linkage to specialized clinics.
- Diagnostic Services including x-rays, CBC and chemistrie

Other partners that participated in the camp include Blood Bank, District Health Office, Obulamumu /USAID, Infectious Disease Institute, United Nations High Commission on Refugees, Reproductive Health Uganda, Uganda Cancer Institute, Arua One FMGulu medical students/interns (5th year).

Other events in the Month of November 2017.

- Visit to Muni University by the Bishop of West Nile Diocese the Right Rev Collins Andaku together with the Bishop of North Mbale Diocese the Right Rev Samuel Didudu and their Spouses.
- Visit by Delegates from Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) led by the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director General, Milea Robson for purposes of developing collaboration and an understanding on how Muni University can work with them.
- Tour of the University by pupils from Intensive care Nursery and Primary school-Wandi Arua and "Oh God" Nursery and Primary School Nebbi.

Graduation Ceremony in Pictures.



