

# **MUNI UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER JANUARY 2018**

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Professor Christine Dranzoa was awarded a Medal by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda during the 32<sup>nd</sup> NRM anniversary celebrations at Arua Hill grounds, Arua District on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Professor Christine Dranzoa, the first and current Vice Chancellor of Muni University was awarded the medal for her excellent performance and contributions towards the education sector of the Country as well as starting Muni University.

## Training on Bamboo Management

Staff and students of Muni University were trained on sustainable bamboo plantation management and harvesting. The training was organized by the Muni University Bamboo Project and facilitated by Mr. Jayaram Durai, the Regional Programs Manager, and Mr. Andrew Ndawula Kalema, the National Project Coordinator - International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR).



Muni University is currently

implementing a nine month Project funded by INBAR. The goal of the project is to contribute towards the promotion of rural livelihoods and sustainable development through the conservation and utilization of Bamboo in the West Nile Sub region, with specific objectives of improving livelihood options of rural communities by increasing bamboo value chain production beyond community levels and to build high quality institutional capacity for an integrated bamboo conservation and sustainable utilization.

A nursery has been established at Muni University with the aim of propagating bamboo plantlets, provide skills training in nursery establishment to communities and the general public and serve as a demonstration site for bamboo growing and management.

The nursery was species which include Cane bamboo, Giant bamboo and



established with 5 Common Bamboo, savannah bamboo, Burmese bamboo

## with 3100 plantlets.

A survey was conducted in Moyo, Nebbi and Zombo districts through focus group discussions to assess the needs and potential of communities for livelihoods and to collect baseline data on the bamboo value chain in the three districts with relatively large natural bamboo reserve.

#### Research Seminar

Bob Senyange Assistant Lecturer Mathematics, Muni University and a PHD student of Applied Mathematics, University of Cape Town making a presentation about "Non Linear coupled anharmonic Oscillators (Klein-Gordon model) in one dimension", at the University Council Boardroom. This is a PHD Research Project he's carrying out. In attendance were, the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa, Dr



Geoffrey Andogah Dean Faculty of Technoscience and some of the Academic Staff.

## Seed Global Health Donates Nursing kits to Muni.

Peace Corps and Seed Global Health, a significant partner of Muni University has donated a variety of nursing kits to the University, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery. The kits that were delivered by Dr.Steven Lubyero on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, are meant to further the outstanding work of Muni University Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery in launching the first Bachelor of Nursing Science program available in the West Nile Region.



The package included 36 Adult Medical Examination Kits, including a stethoscope, a pulse oximeter, and a blood pressure cuff. Another 12 kits were focused on pediatric examinations and contained the

same items for use with children. 12 more kit focus on Midwifery and had the same items as above, but also included a fetoscope to listen to babies inside the mother. Finally the support included a Doppler ultrasound monitor for small ultrasound exams.

With donations such as these, Muni University promises to be a premier nursing institution in Uganda and the greater East African region.

#### **Students Tour**



Students and pupils from Warr Aluka Child Development Center Zombo District on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 came to Muni University for a tour of the university.

The Academic Registrar Mr. Felix Opio and Mr. Phillip Draonzi Assistant Registrar received the team and briefed them on the activities of the University, its programs and services

before taking them for a round tour of the university facilities. They later on received career guidance to wind up their tour.

Mr. Robert Angudru and Miss Kayen Mercy, teachers who had accompanied the pupils and students said they were so impressed most especially by the technology in the library, this was in reference to the use of kindle fires for accessing e books and journals as well as the number of computers in the University especially in the Computer Labs saying it is indeed a world of computer technology. They added that were impressed by the beauty of the structures and facilities ,the level of hospitality citing that recently they visited some technical institute and they were not given the kind of reception they have received at Muni University with students adding that there, they were treated like they were too naïve to understand what was going on. However at Muni, its different, they have been treated very well and have been given a lot of information, they have vowed to work harder and join Muni University for higher education.

