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Muni University Excels in National Mathematical Contest.

Two students of Muni University Sserumaga Enoch and Tumwine Edson of Bachelor of Education beat all odds to become the best students taking position One and Two respectively in the National Mathematics Contest.

The National Mathematics contest is an event that takes place every year attracting contestants from various Universities in the country. This year for the very first time students from Muni University took part in the contest and emerged winners taking the top two positions. The theme for this year's contest was **"Embracing Mathematical Diversity towards Transformation"**.

According to the Coordinator Uganda Mathematical Society West Nile Region Mr Isaac Latibo, the contest that took place at Makerere University from April to May 2018 attracted 48 students and 5 Universities i.e Makerere University, Kyambongo University, Gulu University, Islamic University and Muni University. He thanked the Management of Muni University and the Lecturers saying "there's always a teacher or a Lecturer behind the success of a student", before handing over the winner's trophies to the students at the Vice Chancellor's Board room, Muni University.

Sserumaga Enock the best overall in the competition who shared his experience during the handover event says this contest encourages critical thinking which is very vital even in our daily lives and for handling problems in the society, he intends to motivate the youth to like and enjoy maths subject.

Chancellor Muni University, Professor The Vice Christine Dranzoa congratulated the students upon their success saying she was extremely proud of them for being capable of making high level decisions because to compete or not to compete is a personal decision. She recognised and thanked Mr Arop Martin, the Head of Mathematics Department Muni University, as well as everyone within the Faculty and the Department that came forward to support this initiative. "It is a very motivating arrangement to inspire the youth in mathematics, this is truly a demonstration of what Muni University is and shall be, we are going to contest continuously in subsequent years and i would like to see position one to five being taken by Muni University". She stated.

# Certificate in French Language.

A new short course has been introduced -Certificate in French Language for beginners. This short course is to run for six weeks Tuesdays to Fridays 4pm to 6pm starting 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the university Campus.

# DSC Launched.

The Developer Students Club (DSC) has been launched at Muni University during a workshop held on Friday 6th July, 2018.



DSC is a Google Developers program for university students within sub-Saharan Africa, designed to help them build their mobile and web development skills and knowledge. It is open to any student, ranging from novice developers who are just advanced starting, to want to developers who further their skills. Mugisha

Samuel, a student of Muni university pursuing Bsc of Information System was selected by the Google Representatives to be the DSC Lead 2018/2019 at Muni University.

The Workshop involved hands on sessions where students were introduced to Firestore and Firebase hosting with python3.6+ by Mr.Adriko Debo Joel, a software Engineer, Technologist and Sci-Fi flash writer and System Developer at IdeaLink Africa, Introduction to emerging trends of Machine Language and Artificial Intelligence with python by Nkamwesiga Nicholas, Assistant Lecturer Computer Engineering, Muni University, and finally introduction to Android development with Java by Mugisha Samuel, the DSC Lead.

The Guest of Honour at the launch was Mr.Ayeko Charles, Managing Director iDeaLink Africa Ltd. He gave career guidance to the students and highlighted on the various google products.

## **Current Issues in Records Management**

## **Non-Compliance**

## By Gloria Giramia, Records Management Officer

Non-compliance to records management procedures is a common practice, privacy and information protection has become issues of interest. The roles of Records Manager in protection of Institutions' records has grown as a result of the need to ensure that information is not retained unnecessarily.

Records Managers cannot achieve this alone, it requires joint effort by all parties who play different roles in the records management procedure.

Records management is a systematic process of creation, receipt, processing, storage, use, retention and disposal of information, these activities involve different players, including the creators, Action Officers, Records Managers and the users. It is until all the parties do their work right that the objective is achieved, it is therefore, important that we comply with the procedures put in place.

Implementing required changes to Organisational culture is a major challenge since records management is often seen as un necessary or low administrative task that can be performed at the lowest levels within an Institution. Reputational damage caused by poor records management has demonstrated that records management is a responsibility of all individuals within the Institution.

I therefore call upon all to appreciate records management activities and own them to keep good reputation of our Institution

## Fire management Training Held

The Management, Operational Staff and some Student Leaders of Muni University were on Thursday 12th July 2018 trained in fire prevention and

management to create fire safety awareness skills, impact basic fire prevention and firefighting skills and create a multiplier effect of the skills gained on greater University community.

According to the University Secretary/Accounting Officer Rev Fr. Dr. Odubuker Picho Epiphany, the Government of Uganda spends a lot of money to put up a place like Muni



University and if it catches fire then billions are gone which makes it important for staff to take care. "it is the role of every member of the university to be concerned about safety, we have invited people from the forces to come and train us on how to respond to emergencies like fire". He added. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa appreciated the Uganda police especially IP Munguacel Michael, the Regional Fire Officer and his colleague Asuma Joel, Fire Protection Officer for creating time to come and train to heighten the safety of the Institution and its workers. she urged the participants to learn and practice the techniques not only at the University butwhereevertheygo.According to the Inspector of Police Munguacel Michael, when fire is notmanaged well, it becomes an enemy. He appreciated the Management fortheir decision to have the firefighting training in order to impact skills in peopletobeproactive.



Figure 4 The LC V Chairman of Arua District Wadri Sam Nyakua inspecting the Bamboo Project at the University.



Figure 5 Muni University Football team pose for a group photo before a friendly match with ADRAA Agricultural Institute. The match ended 1-1