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Students Orientation

Muni university received first year students on 1st March 2021 with orientation that focused on the history of the university, the mission, vision statements and core values, the different services in the department of student affairs, the SOPs and policies; a brief from security department, library and university clinic as well as a training on COVID-19 by the Nursing Department and a guided campus tour.

The Academic Registrar's department took the students through the online registration followed by ODEL, demonstration on how they can access teaching and learning online was projected to them.

At least 321 students were admitted to the various programmes on both private and government sponsorship.

The Students were officially admitted to the University by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Christine Dranzoa on 5th March 2021.

The Chairperson Students Affairs Committee of Council Hon. Sabo Kamilo welcomed the students to Muni University and urged them to protect the good name and image of the university that the other students have set nationally and internationally. He said many of the students who passed through Muni are employed in good positions out there.

The University Secretary/Accounting Officer Rev. Fr. Prof. Odubuker Picho Epiphany, urged the students to work well with the Lecturers and administration through the students leadership. "We are here to help you, to see that you pass through our hands transformed. We are here to provide you with education, do not lose your focus, why



A section of the newly admitted students

you are here should be the question you must not forget" he said.

Professor Christine Dranzoa congratulated the students upon their admission to Muni University especially the Ladies whom she said go through a lot of challenges to achieve, thanking them for choosing Muni and also appreciating their parents and guardians for supporting them.

She said that self-learning in the dispensation of COVID is very critical, it is a season for remaining alive. "when you get COVID, air becomes a very rare commodity, strictly observe the SOPs in place, we shall fight the COVID fight together and make sure none of us is affected" she emphasised.

"You will experience cultural religious socio economic diversity, it therefore matters how you build the strengths of each other, form research groups, teach one another, that is where you gain wisdom, become very creative, be inquisitive". She cautioned

She said Muni University has a Business Incubation Centre, a regional ICT HUB, and urged the Students to

utilise these facilities such that by the time they leave the campus, they will go with a business brand and people will start looking for them.



Below: The Chairperson Students Affairs Committee Hon. Sabo Kamilo (Left), the VC Muni Prof. Christine Dranzoa (Right) at the admission ceremony.

A New Guild Council Inaugurated



A new guild council has been inaugurated for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

This follows an electoral process that started on March 8th with candidates picking and returning nomination forms from the Electoral Commission, followed by weeks of campaigns that culminated in the general elections on 20th March.

The elections saw Mr Gamis Aaron Dradi, a fourth-year nursing student being elected the Guild President, polling 317 votes against his only contender, Mr Ezra Tumisibwe a third-year Bachelor of Science in Education student, polling 97

votes. A total of 32 Guild Representative Councilors (GRC) were also elected.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony that took place at the Conference Hall of the multipurpose Health Science Block on March 27th, the chairperson of the Student Affairs committee of the University Council, Hon Sabo Kamilo said he is very proud of the quality of graduates coming out of Muni University because they have exhibited high levels of creativity and innovativeness.

Ms. Aito Hope Suzan, the former deputy guild president of the 2019/2020 Academic Year who represented the guild Alumni was praised by the guests for her speech in which she encouraged the students' leadership to use the opportunity to hone their leadership skills by learning from the various organs of the

University.

"I wish I could listen to her again and again," said, Ms. Amandru Stella Wawa the Dean of Students.

The Dean urged the university community to have trust in the capability and skills of the students.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of academic affairs, Associate Professor, Anguma Simon Katrini said the University management is ready to work with the new guild council but cautioned the students against being rebellious.

"The University abhors strike. It is our culture not to strike," he said.



Inset Above: HE Gamis Aaron Dradi, the new Guild President.

Below: A section of Guild Leaders take their Oath of Allegiance

Dr. Richard Mangwi Ayiasi

Appointed Acting Dean Faculty of Health Science

Dr. Richard Mangwi Ayiasi has been appointed as Acting Dean Faculty of Health Science.

Dr. Mangwi during the handover ceremony on 11th March 2021, acknowledged the appointment and promised to provide the needed expertise. "I pledge my support, I will try and build capacity of Staff in terms of teaching and research and spearhead this to try to obtain research grants, promote interdisciplinary research.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Associate Professor Anguma Simon Katrini urged the team to embrace teamwork, humility and good levels of the core values adding he expects Dr.

Mangwi to roll out the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery since he has a background in the field.

He said outreach is key as health sciences is better placed to address community challenges and traditional beliefs.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Christine Dranzoa extended appreciation to the Dean Of TechnoScience Dr. Geoffrey Andogah for providing able leadership for the Faculty of Health Science, as well as the Acting Head of Department-Nursing Ms. Aleni Mary for having the courage to take up some of the roles.

She congratulated Dr. Mangwi upon being appointed acting Dean and thanked him for joining Muni University saying the success he is going to make to the health sciences is what will speak to the calling of West Nilers.

"Health Science is a hope for this region full of pandemic diseases and lacks facilities, anything to do with health is wealth for us. Build partnerships that can leverage our positions, this is an opportunity for you to create an impact and give hope that Muni is here to inspire and change the landscape. We shall work together and do everything possible to make the medical school standout." she advised.

Below: The 48 capacity Kayola DC.

Kayoola Bus at Muni University.

The Ugandan made Kayola DC Bus was displayed at Muni University in a bid to motivate the Staff and Students to be creative and innovative.

According to Prof.Dr.Eng.Sandy Tickodri-Togboa, the brain behind the Kayola projects,Muni University will soon introduce the welding course therefore the training provided should correspond to the products the students will produce.

He said many of the materials used for making parts will have to be locally made.

“we want to create employment opportunities through having factories that turn our natural resources to these products (spare

parts). I request you to prepare to go out and start your technology to produce things or start companies that provide materials. We should be able to manufacture all these buses within”. He stated.

He said they are hoping to produce at least 1000 buses by the end of December 2021 however this will depend on completion of the assembling plant in Jinja and completion of partner contracts and when all is set and done, 5000 buses will be produced yearly.



The 47 passenger capacity Kayola DC is fitted with some interesting features which include an inside toilet, refrigerator, electronically controlled suspension system which enables its adjustment for general clearance in real time to maximise comfort. The Bus is designed with Air Conditioning, USB charging pots,3 security cameras, reading lamp and WIFI on board among many other features.

Simulation Training.

Dr. Muhumuza Albert and Dr. Tamara Namata of MUST offered a 4 days training to the Clinical Faculty of Muni University, to build their capacity in training the nursing students using medical simulation based methodology for clinical teaching.

Medical simulation is a technique where teachers recreate real life clinical experiences for health care teams for purposes of training in safe environment. It allows the opportunity for immediate feedback to produce learning.

The training included practical sessions on how to manage postpartum haemorrhage at the Nursing Skills Laboratory.

While opening the training, the Acting Dean Faculty of Health Sciences Dr.Mangwi Richard

said collaboration is very important for universities to help each other to support the training and learning together.

“We are training younger people who will eventually care for us, who will one day stand by our beds when we are sick so we need to provide excellent training to these students. We look forward to securing and cementing this relationship so that we are like one institution, who train and produce standard graduates”.

The four days training that started on 15th March to 18th March 2021 was sponsored by Seed Global Health, a fervent partner of Muni University.

OUR PROGRAMMES

- * BSc. Information Technology
- * B. Information Systems
- * BSc. With Education (Physical)
- * BSc. With Education (Biological)
- * B. Nursing Science
- * B. Education Primary
- * B. Business Administration & Management
- * Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Management

Participants during the practical sessions at the Nursing Skills Lab.



Outreach to Arua Public S.S



Dr. Adrienne White addresses the students

Dr. Adrienne White together with Faith Emily a fourth year Nursing Student and the University Communications Officer provided mentorship to senior Five and Senior Six Female students of Arua Public SS on 12th March 2021.

Dr. Adrienne who was extended to an invitation to provide this mentorship, shared her life story with the students to inspire them and let them know whatever challenges one faces in life, as long as they are determined they will achieve their goals.

She urged the students to visualise their dreams, know their purpose put in hard work and be

consistent, assuring them that they have the power and potential to be somewhere and to be great

“Have faith, set high standards for yourself, think outside the box and don’t be discouraged by your circumstances, education is the key to your success”. she encouraged.

Faith Emily who equally shared her struggles with the students said it’s not the school one goes to that will make them succeed but one’s mindset.

The Deputy Head Teacher of the School appreciated the team from Muni University and agreed what the

Communications Officer spoke about Muni University. She urged the students to consider joining Muni University for their higher education if they needed quality education. She said indeed the school received well behaved students from Muni University during school practice, who taught very well.

One of the teachers however stated that they are hungry for Masters programmes, evening and weekend programmes coz many people are hustling in distant universities. She requested that mentorship be provided to the entire students’ body.



Some of the students who attended the session

Seed Global Health, Muni and ARRH Quarterly Review Meeting.

The management of Muni University together with that of Arua Regional Referral hospital have expressed much gratitude to Seed Global Health for the immense support they have accorded during the 5-year partnership.

This was during the Seed Global Health-Muni University-Arua Regional Referral Hospital partnership quarterly review meeting held on 25th March 2021 at Muni University Health science conference Hall.

The Vice Chancellor of Muni University Professor Christine Dranzoa, who was represented by the Dean of Students said she was particularly happy with the partnership that started well over five years ago, she said Seed Global Health has done amazing interventions in Muni University especially in the Human resource Capacity building particularly of the nursing staff, health professionals in Arua district.

Dr. Aniku Gilbert who represented the Arua Regional Referral Hospital Director revealed

that ARRH is very committed to this partnership program and has benefitted a lot and still continues to benefit right from the students to clinical benefit, they have received a lot of support from this program.

The meeting saw the partners share experiences, review progress, challenges and share objectives and way forward for improved service delivery.



Above: Dr. Aniku Gilbert of ARRH making remarks during the meeting

Muni University Lauded for Research about West Nile



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Christine Dranzoa giving welcome remarks at the WENDA meeting

Muni university has been praised for the research that has formed the basis of the West Nile Agricultural Investment Plan.

Ministers and other government officials who attended the West Nile Development Association (WENDA) Annual General Meeting at Muni University main campus between 4th and 5th March, said the Agricultural Development Investment Plan (ADIP) provides the much-needed information for strategic development interventions.

Spearheaded by a technical team from Muni University led

by the Vice Chairperson University Council, Mr. Tibrichu Habib Amin, the ADIP was designed using primary and secondary field data collected in all the Sub counties in West Nile districts focusing on major infrastructural & Capacity Building aspects of the region's agricultural sector.

The Minister of State for Northern Uganda Hon. Kwiyucwiny Grace Freedom, who attended the two-day meeting officially commissioned the ADIP as the base information and point of reference for any future investments in the region.

She says the agricultural investment potentials of the West Nile region have been highlighted in the report more than ever before.

Giving a Keynote address to the meeting, the UN Resident Coor-

dinator and Designated Official for Security, H.E. Rosa Malango urged the people to embrace Presidential Initiative on the Agro-industrialization for Local Economic Development (Agri-Led), which she says is an innovative approach to realizing people's aspirations at the local level.

The meeting was attended by many government officials including the Rt. Hon. General Moses Ali, 1st Deputy Prime Minister, all the LC V chairpersons in the region, Chief Administrative Officers, District Planners, LC III chairpersons, Sub-county chiefs, among others.

While opening the meeting, the Vice Chancellor Muni University, Prof. Christine Dranzoa thanked the government for responding to the pleas of the people of West Nile by establishing Muni University as a fountain and creator of knowledge.

WENDA is a regional organization mandated by the districts of West Nile and development actors to address regional concerns of peace and socio-economic development.



MUNI UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality education, promote innovation and community empowerment for transformation