



# MUNI UNIVERSITY NewsLetter

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## Pioneer BED-Primary Students arrive on Campus



The Dean Faculty of Education, Dr Joyce Rebecca Bukirwa (pink jacket) addressing the BED-Primary students at the Multi-purpose Hall, May 22

The first cohort of students for Bachelors in Education-Primary (BED-Primary) have undergone a day's orientation on studying at Muni University.

Organised by the office of the Dean of Students, the orientation was held on May 22nd at the Multi-purpose Hall and a total of 57 students had so far reported to pursue their studies. According to the Dean Faculty of Education, Dr Joyce Rebecca Bukirwa, a total of 91 students were admitted and most of them are primary teachers having diploma in Education-Primary and a few direct entrants after

successful completion of their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education. "You can see the desire and the motivation... many are still trickling in", she said.

She said on top of the affordable fees charged by the University, many students are rushing for the course because the Faculty has competent Lecturers with experience in the mode of teaching for adult learners. The Dean of Students Ms. Amandru Stella Wawa welcomed the new students on behalf of the management and congratulated them for making it to Muni University. She said this has been a long awaited

program whose commencement was disrupted by COVID-19. She appreciated in particular the students who are also mothers for deciding to build on their career and add on their knowledge amidst all odds, and urged them to seek for help in case they are facing some challenges.

She urged the students to adhere strictly to the SOPs in place and religiously observe them as there's a new wave of COVID being reported. Subjects offered under the BED-Primary are; Mathematics, Integrated Science, Agriculture, Physical Education, Music, English, Religious Education and Social Studies. As part of the initiatives to raise the quality of teachers and teacher education in Uganda, the education ministry through the 2019 National Teacher

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Policy resolved that all teachers from pre-primary should have a minimum qualification of a Bachelor's Degree.

Currently, the Grade III certificate is the minimum qualification for primary school teachers, Grade V certificate for Secondary School teachers, while Early Childhood Development-ECD teachers and Caregivers are certificate holders.

## Muni Lecturers Shine at MAK graduation



Like the famous three Musketeers remembered for saying 'All for one, and one for all!', they went and conquered. Meet the Muni University Academic Staff who graduated at the recently held 71st graduation ceremony of Makerere University.

L-R, Dr. John Bosco Omony, graduated with a PhD in Vaccine development for Newcastle disease in poultry, Dr. Robert Lugolole, graduated with a PhD in Physics, with focus on renewable energy, and Mr. Mwebasa Edson, the first graduand in the pioneer class of Master of Science in Biostatistics of Makerere University. Congratulations to all of them for their exemplary performance.



## Professor Christine Dranzoa appointed Chairperson IUCEA

A group photo of the Executive Committee Members of the Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) during their induction in Entebbe, Uganda. Participants include the Chairperson, Prof. Christine Dranzoa (Centre), who is also the Vice Chancellor, Muni University and IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyakimbona (3rd Right).

## Guild President attends Museveni's swearing-in ceremony



Hon. Gamis Aaron Dradi at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds

The Guild President of Muni University Hon. Gamis Aaron Dradi was among the 4,000 invited guests, including 11 Heads of State, Diplomats, local politicians and other dignitaries who attended the swearing in ceremony of the President of the Republic of Uganda Tibuhaburwa Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds will on 12th May 2021.

It is not clear whether other student leaders equally attended the function but the President in his maiden speech said because of COVID 19, only local leaders had been invited and all of them had been tested for the virus. This

means Hon. Was tested and found to COVID 19 negative.

The Heads of State who attended included those of Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Burundi, Zimbabwe, Guinea, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Somalia. Those which sent Vice Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ministers included Gabon, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Saharawi, Algeria, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, China, Egypt, Zambia, Sri Lanka and Malawi. He was sworn in at 11.36 a.m by Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo.

## Message from Chief Fresher



Ms. Carolyn Dawaru

Miss Carolyn Dawaru, is a first year student of Bachelor of Business Administration and Management is the chief female fresher. Here below is what she says about the University within the first three months.

"Muni University environment instils in the students a spirit of self-drive, personal discipline and boundless ambitions. The academic programmes are tailored in a forward looking manner that brings innovation, creativity among the students hence preparing them for an ever challenging dynamic labour market. The university has also got some of the best facilities with advanced equipment in the Laboratories with a fully furnished Library which has a wide range of books for learning. The Academic and non-academic Staff are fully involved in the day

to day learning activities and processes of the which gives the students a heart-warming feeling. And finally to the entire student body, let's always work

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hard and embrace this great opportunity of being in this very unique and wonderful university. With hard work and total discipline, we shall always make it and as the semester is coming to an end wish you all the best of luck in the examinations. Thank you and kind regards."



# Semester 1 Exams kick off

The mood on campus is of serious business with many students seen in discussion groups or in the library and other quiet places apparently doing final touches in preparation for the end of first semester exams of the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

According to the Assistant Registrar, Mr Philip Draonzi, the exams kicked off on 27th of May with briefing of first year students on conduct during the exams which are expected to windup on 11th June 2021.

"Briefing is mostly done for first year students because it is probably their first time to do Muni University exams. Therefore, conduct during exams should be properly communicated to them. As for the continuing students we



Mungujakisa Brian, third year student of Bachelor of Information Systems was seen reading in the University library June 4th, ostensibly in preparation for end-of-semester exams.

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normally write a circular", he says. He says for the purposes of quality assurance, it is a requirement that all exam questions of the University are moderated by external examiners.

He adds that exams in Muni are decentralized under the leadership of Deans and the respective Heads of Departments. "This means the administration of the exams is in their custody...for example invigilation. The office of the Academic Registrar only plays a coordination role by putting forth standard tools like attendance forms and Incidents forms", he says.

## Our Programmes

- BSc. Information Technology
- B. Information Systems
- BSc. with Education (Physical)
- BSc. with Education (Biological)
- B. Nursing Science
- BSc. Agriculture
- B. Business Admin & Mgt.
- B. Education Primary
- Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Mgt.



## MUNI UNIVERSITY CONGRATULATIONS!



**H.E GEN Y.K TIBUHABURWA MUSEVENI**  
The President of Uganda



**PROF. CHRISTINE DRANZO**  
FUNAS, PHD, MSC, BSC  
VICE CHANCELLOR

The University Council, Management and staff, and the entire community of Muni University congratulate H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Tibuhabwe Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda, and all Ugandans on the successful swearing-in ceremony.

**WE WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL TERM IN OFFICE!!**

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