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The Crème de la crème of the 4th cohort

When Muni University (MU) celebrated the graduation of its 4th cohort in a virtual ceremony on 28th last month, four of the 103 graduands received the highest honours degrees one can achieve at the University. Three of them passed with first class degrees and the fourth was rated the best performing student in Bachelor of Nursing Science given that Medical and Health Science Degrees are not classified. In this edition we bring you the names and faces behind the excellent performance.



L-R Ms. Nafuna Stella, Bachelor of Information Technology (First class), Mr. Caku Jimmy, Bachelor of Science with Education (First class), Mr. Kayonga Benard, Bachelor of Science with Education (First class) and Mr. Kaweesa Mark, Bachelor of Nursing Science (Best performing student)

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More MU lecturers receive awards

Last month two academic staff of Muni University received awards in their respective disciplines.

Dr. Taban Habibu, Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Techno-Science of Muni university as well as an Expert Level Instructor in Cisco certified Network Associate (CCNA) received a Doctorate in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Arusha Tanzania.

Meanwhile, Mr. Opio Washington, the University Sports Tutor graduated with a Master of Science from Kyambogo University.

We say congratulations to Dr. Taban and Mr. Opio upon these great achievements.



Dr. Taban Habibu



Mr. Opio Washington

Kick-starting the Nang Nang project



A group photo at the inception meeting for the project: Unlocking the potential of phage-infused and bee-waxed Nang nang (Brycinus nurse) market products, at the University Council Hall, 15th September 2021. Project implementing partners include Muni university, Makerere, NARO/Abi ZARDI and UNWFO

Staff restructuring

The Commissioner in charge of Institution Assessment at the Ministry of Public Service Mr. Bob Fred Sifuna, has commended Muni University for having highly qualified Staff. This was during the closure of a three days' workshop held to review the establishment structure of Muni University at the Council Hall, 22nd September 2021.

Mr. Sifuna said Muni has a very good team and thanked them for their wonderful input during the discussions which he said was very informative pledging more support in issues related to the ongoing restructuring in public universities in Uganda.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa appreciated the commissioner and his colleague Mr. Ahimbisibwe Lebron, a Management Analyst, for coming to Muni during this COVID period. "We are extremely grateful for the kind gesture; we are also grateful to public service; we have built substantial relationships with public service and has endeared the development of this university"

She said Muni University lives by her vision, mission and motto and has been a role model for very many institutions, adding, management is open to such interaction as building structures is the foundation of what makes Muni.



Mr. Bob Fred Sifuna (standing) giving closing remarks during the closure of the 3-day review workshop



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
- BSc. (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer studies) New
- B. Economics New
- Master of Education (educational planning and management) New
- Access Certificate-Humanities New

Higher Education Students' Financing Board meeting

Higher Education Students' Financing Board's Peterson Muhanguzi, the Relationship Officer Northern Region and David Walekwa the Senior Recoveries Officer visited Muni University On 21st September for discussions on the establishment of Northern Region Online Application Help Centers to help applicants during the academic year 2021/2022

According to Mr. Muhanguzi, it was also a consulting meeting on implementing more aspects of the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to academic certificates and transcript for HESFB supported students.

HESFB is a body Corporate established by an Act of Parliament, No.2 of 2014, to provide loans and scholarships to Ugandan Students who wish to pursue higher education in Higher Education Institutions, but are unable to support themselves financially. HESFB implements the Higher Education Students' Financing

Scheme which includes both the Students' Loan Scheme and the Students' Scholarship scheme.

It is established to increase equitable access to Technical and Higher Education, to support highly qualified Ugandan students who may not afford Higher education, ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda, support courses critical for national development and ensure a sustainable revolving loans fund.



L-R, Mr. David Walekwa, HESFB's Relationship Officer Northern Region, Mr. Peterson Muhanguzi HESFB's, Senior Recoveries Officer and Mr. Phillip Draonzi, Assistant Registrar in the Office of the Academic Registrar

Halima wins Innovation Contest

Ms. Halima Nabirye, a third-year student of Bachelor of Nursing Science who won the Virtual Innovation Contest receiving a cash prize from the Dean of Students, Ms. Amandru Stella Wawa (right) and the Guild Speaker Vuamaiku Godfrey Jalinga (left). The first and second runners-up also received cash prizes. The contest held on 17th September 2021 under the theme; business through the Covid 19 period was organized by the Muni University Guild Council.



Alumni Corner



MY STORY

First and foremost, allow me take this opportunity to thank God for this milestone of finishing my undergraduate degree in Information systems which is one of the many that are yet to come. I want to say that it was never a mistake going to Muni University. To be honest I had heard a lot of false stories about the North. But now I can ably say, everyone needs to go to Arua to be specific Muni University.

From the time I reached Muni University, I have never seen a people so hospitable like the Lugbara community. So welcoming and helpful. In them I found a family, a home to the extent that when I had gone to pick my transcript the Chairman of Ocolini Village slaughtered us a duck and

a goat to celebrate this achievement. Awadifo Awadifo Ambu.

Muni University has been a place of transformation for me like the motto puts it "Transforming Lives". I learnt so many things both academically and socially. Muni helped me to develop holistically. It availed me opportunities to be a leader. I served in the 5th guild as Information Minister and GRC University Approved Hostels but also got an opportunity to represent the Students on the Senate. It was such a great place of learning. I can never be the same again. Through this very University I got an opportunity to travel to China under the Huawei competition of Seeds for the Future program and got an opportunity to have a study a trip to China something I had never thought of.

Muni University helped me exploit my potential. I am now a professional IT person, confident, social, can communicate well, and can live in a multicultural environment.

It's hard saying goodbye that even as I said bye to my colleagues, community people in Onzivu and Ocolini community I felt like shading tears. To me in Arua I found a family and am so attached to it so much. But as the Bibles says there is time for everything. Time to move on reached and I have now entered a new door which comes with more opportunities and challenges. However, with the experience I got here, I am a better person.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the fellow Students, Dean of students, Lecturers, non-teaching staff, Management, Alumini and Muni community and to whoever made an effort to make my stay safe in Arua. God be your greatest reward.

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