

MUNI UNIVERSITY

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Muni University rolls out



NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



Muni University has introduced a new list of programs which include; Bachelor of Business Administration and Management (BBM), Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (ASM), Bachelor of Education (Primary), Post gradu-

ate Diploma in Education (PGDE).

According to the Academic Registrar, Mr. Felix A. Opio Okello, these programs are fully accredited by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), and will start in the academic year 2020/2021.

The Program details, minimum admissions requirements and how to apply shall be published in the official advert (Call for Applications) to be released between February to June 2020. Adverts for Undergraduate and Post Graduate Programmes under Diploma and Degree Holders Scheme, Private sponsorship 2020/2021 Academic year are running already.

Newly Accredited Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
- Bachelor of Business

 Administration & Management
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Education

New Staff Induction

Muni University recently recruited 40 new staff, Twenty-Five (25) of whom are Teaching Staff in the various Faculties of Science, Techno science, Management Science, Agriculture and Education. Fifteen (15) of the new recruits are Non-Teaching Staff. This now brings the total number of Staff to 169.



The newly recruited Staff were inducted in a three-day event that commenced on Tuesday 25th February 2020 and ended on Thursday 27th February 2020. aThe exercise was concluded with the new Staff taking the Oath of Secrecy and Oath of Allegiance, administered by the Commissioner of Oaths Mr. Samuel Ondoma who is also the University Legal Officer.

Public Lectures Resume

The weekly Public Lecture series resumed on Tuesday 18th February 2020.

The first presentation was made by Mr. Walter Ojok of Chemistry Department presentation titled Geochemistry of fluoride contamination in Ndali-Kasenda Crater lakes and human health risk assessment.

Mr. Opoke Robert (biology department) made

a second presentation on Tuesday 25th February titled "Host Plants and seasonal pattern in population dynamics of the non-swarming edible bush cricket Ruspolia diffens" locally known as Nsenene (edible grass hopper), a widely consumed edible insect in East Africa.





MoU With AfriChild

Muni University and AfriChild Centre have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in design and implementation of in-service research training and mentorship for the Faculty Staff of Muni University. This collaboration seeks to strengthen the capacity of Faculty Staff in ongoing rigorous re-

undertakings towards enhancing ...to build a cohort of the evidence base on skilled researchers to child protection and

development in Uganda.

The ultimate aim of the collaboration is to build a cohort of skilled researchers to undertake rigorous research to inform child focused policies and programs in Africa.

This partnership commenced on 20th February 2020, the day the agreement was signed and is expected to run till 19th February 2023, with a

possibility of extension based on mutual agreement of all parties and availability of funds.

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Whereas AfriChildCentre is expected to seek funding opportunities for implementing the training and mentorship program, institutionalise the trainings within the university program, organise in service training for faculty members and identify opportunities for research and link trainees to ongoing research initiatives among others, Muni University on the other hand is expected to collaborate with AfriChild in proposal development, seek funding for the training and mentorship activities, identify and support faculty members who are qualified and have interest in child focused research uptake to apply for participation in in-service research methods training, support trainees to publish research findings, and identify opportunities for research and link trainees to on-going research initiatives at the university.

West Nile Leaders Sensitized on Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB)

District Leaders and Head Teachers in the West Nile region were on 20th February sensitised on the HESFB Student's Loan Scheme at the Desert Breeze Hotel in Arua District.

The Higher Education Students Financing Board is a body corporate established in April, 2014 by an act of parliament - HESFB Act No.2 of 2014, with a mandate to provide financing for higher education in form of loans and scholarships. It is mandated to offer loans and scholarships to Ugandans who intend to pursue an accredited course of study or programme of Higher education in an accredited Institution of higher learning recognised by National Council of Higher Education.

The Vice Chancellor of Muni University Professor Christine Dranzoa, who was the Chief Guest at the workshop, extended her appreciation to the Government of Uganda for establishing the HESFB, and the Executive Director HESFB for the great achievements made under this scheme. She said 62 students of Muni University are studying under the



scheme.

determined to increase the number of students on this scheme and Government will continue to establish more Public Universities to accommodate the increasing number of Students *

hence there's need to keep updating this kind of information so that people know, she encouraged the participants to go out and spread the gospel of the scheme to both Parents and Students in order to

Above: The Executive Director She said Government is HESFB Mr.Wanyama(seated Right) **Professor Christine Dranzoa** (second Right), the RDC Arua Mr.Oya (centre) and other participants at the Desert Breeze

> Inset: Professor Christine Dranzoa addressing participants at the HESFB workshop.

Muni University Participates in Cancer Day Celebration

Muni University participated in the recent commemoration of the World and International Childhood Cancer Day that took place on the 15th February 2020 at Arua Police Grounds.

At least 30 Students mostly of Bachelor of Nursing Sciences provided support in the cancer screening and sensitisation activities.



Alumni Story

Mugisha Samuel -a Graduate of Bachelor of Information Systems of Muni University shares his story on how studying at Muni University totally transformed his life.

"I joined Muni University knowing I would be trained and depart with my degree only, little did I know that I would have some exciting experiences that would make me go beyond the borders of Muni University and the Nation at large.

In 2018, I had an opportunity to participate in the Huawei Seeds for Future program and ended up travelling to China and the experience I got from there is a whole story that transformed my thinking as well.

I also had another opportunity to compete in Google Solution Challenge 2019 and won the competition after competing with various clubs in Africa region, India, Indonesia among others.

This enabled me to travel many countries to provide mentorship to other google clubs.

I wish to say that the Motto of Muni University "Transforming Lives" is real and very practical.

I graduated in Nov 2019 and at the time of graduation I had already got an assignment as a Developer Students Clubs Mentor- Uganda, under Google Developers

I am currently employed as a Software developer at Kubernets Inc located at L2, turskys building Ntinda Kampala."

Secret to success.

The university's structure giving students opportunities and support to interact within academic clubs



and associations enabled me practice field skills. E.g. the Developer club and the university Business Incubation Centre.

The Lecturers having positive (mind towards technological advancement and change also prepared me for the trending IT job market rather than sticking to legacy technologies that are off market.

Message to students.

Note that class work by lecturers are highlights that introduces you to your respective fields, kindly take an extra mile to practically implement these highlights. This extra mile creates more pressure to you but that mimics the field environment.

If the sky is your limit, the world shall look for

you.



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