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Prof. Christine Dranzoa
VICE CHANCELLOR, MU.

Vice Chancellor's Statement

agement has come up with additional Standard Operating Procedures to that of Ministry of Health to guide your conducts and activities at the university, residences and in the wider communities.

We each, have a responsibility to keep ourselves and our community safe from COVID-19. I therefore implore you to maintain strict adherence to these guidelines to ensure successful completion of your academic studies.

I warmly welcome you back to the university. For those who are unable to resume yet, remain engaged. Use this opportunity for advancing your knowledge and skills innovatively and academic improvements via online resources. Keep safe and hopeful wherever you are as we continue

working towards creating sustainable Higher Education solution.

May God protect us all as we work towards transforming Lives

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Dear Students,

As we prepare to resume studies in line with the directives from National Council for Higher Education NCHE to reopen Muni University to the fourth year Nursing Students with effect from 15th October 2020, the University Man-

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION

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EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Academic Registrar Muni University extends the general public and prospective applicants that the DEADLINE for Application for the underlisted programmes has been extended, as follows:

CATEGORY A:
The deadline for application to the underlisted programmes has been extended to **Friday, 20th October 2020**. This is meant to allow applicants to meet the new deadline for students' loan scheme.

- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (ITM) - 22 slots
- Bachelor of Information Systems (BIS) - 10 slots
- Bachelor of Science with Education (BSE) - 10 slots
- Bachelor of Nursing Science (BNS) - 08 slots
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) - 05 slots

CATEGORY B:
The deadline for application to the underlisted programmes has been extended to **Friday, 20th October 2020**.

- Bachelor of Business Administration and Management (BBA) - 79 slots
- Bachelor of Education Primary (BEd-P, Arts) - 42 slots
- Bachelor of Education Primary (BEd-P, Science) - 20 slots
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PDE) - 10 slots

Eligible applicants are informed that application is Online. Log in to: admission.muni.ac.ug. Please refer to the Advertis (newspaper) for details about the minimum Admission Requirements.

Under submission of the online application form, select payment option; either Bank or Mobile Money. The system will automatically generate a payment reference number.

Please note that only accounts complete and paid up applications shall be processed for admission purpose. Beware that cases of falsification of information/documents, or giving false/incomplete information, whenever discovered, will lead to cancellation of application.

All Diplomas and Degree holder applicants, are REQUIRED to submit scanned copies of the certified copies of Diplomas/Degrees Transcripts and Certificates by mail on admission@muni.ac.ug.

Applicants who face Internet challenges or require assistance in the process of online registration, should call: 077 232 8600 OR 0772 217 336 during working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only.

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Private Admissions, 2020/2021
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ADVERT FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES UNDER PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Eligibility: Applicants must be a Government University, University of Education, or a College of Education in Uganda. The University is located in Arua District, West Nile Region, approximately 24 km South of Arua Town.

Call for applications: Prospective applicants should send their applications to the Academic Registrar, Muni University, P.O. Box 725, Arua, Uganda. Applications will be accepted for both print and online mode.

Application fee: Applicants must pay a fee of UGX 1,000,000 (One Million Uganda Shillings) to the University. This fee is non-refundable and will be used to cover the cost of the application process.

Admission: Applicants will be admitted to the University based on their performance in the entrance examination and their academic records.

Programme Details:

Programme Details	Duration	Study Mode	Fee (UGX)
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (ITM)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Information Systems (BIS)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Science with Education (BSE)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Nursing Science (BNS)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Business Administration and Management (BBA)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Education Primary (BEd-P, Arts)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Bachelor of Education Primary (BEd-P, Science)	4 years	Full-time	1,200,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PDE)	1 year	Full-time	1,200,000

Notes:

- Applicants to Bachelor of Nursing Science must have obtained at least a credit in English Language in U.C.E.
- Applicants to Bachelor of Business Administration and Management must have obtained at least a credit in Mathematics in U.C.E.
- Applicants to Bachelor of Education Primary must have obtained at least a credit in Mathematics in U.C.E.

Registration: Applicants should register at the University of Education, Arua Campus, P.O. Box 725, Arua, Uganda. Contact: 0772 247 308, 0772 247 309, OR Email: admission@muni.ac.ug

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ADVERT FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES UNDER DIPLOMA AND DEGREE HOLDERS ENTRY SCHEMES, PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

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Muni University Transforming Lives



Excellence in HUAWEI ICT 2019-2020 Competition

“The winners will walk away with many prizes including a cash prize of Thirty Thousand US Dollars.”

Two students of Muni University, **Kiguli Emmanuel** and **Nyanzi Shafik** of Year Three Information Management Systems (ISM) have emerged among

the top 10 students in the Huawei ICT competition national Network track lab.

The Students who participated in the Huawei ICT competition 2019-2020 were selected to join the Huawei ICT competition Southern Africa 2019-2020 Uganda Team, to represent the country in the Regional

Final. Team Uganda beat all other contestants in the regional competition and made it to the finale.

According to Nyanzi Shafik, 13 countries competed for a chance to represent the entire south African region in the global finals to be held at Huawei Headquarters in China. The winners will walk away with many prizes including a cash prize of Thirty Thousand US Dollars.



Figure 1 Nyanzi Shafik (Right) and Kiguli Emmanuel (Second Left) with other members of Team Uganda.



NEW MEMBERS OF University Council

Two new members of Council of Muni University were sworn in by the University Legal Officer and Commissioner of Oaths Mr. Samuel Ondoma.

Mr. Mustafa Acidri a representative of Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and Mr. Aluonzi Geoffrey representative of the Muni University Administrative Staff Association were sworn in during a Council meeting held on 25th September 2020. They took the oath of allegiance and Oath of Secrecy.



Mr. Aluonzi Geoffrey and Mr. Mustafa Acidri sworn in by Mr. Samuel Ondoma., University Legal Officer



MU Hosted The Launch of MALARIA FREE UGANDA MISSION

The Rotarian Malaria Partners Uganda on 25th September 2020 launched a drive to ensure a malaria free Uganda through planting various species of mosquito repellent trees at Muni University.

According to the Chair of the Malaria free Uganda Initiative Mr. Kenneth Mugisha, this is a 10-year mission which has been launched in West Nile due to the high malaria prevalence in the region. He expressed happiness with

the partnership with Muni University and appealed to the university management to provide a parcel of land on which a Nursery bed will be established for the mosquito repellents.

The University Secretary/Accounting Officer Rev. Fr. Dr. Odubuker Picho Epiphany made a commitment to provide the said piece of land. He welcomed the Rotarians to Muni and said the University exists to transform lives and this initiative falls within the mission of the

University.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof Christine Dranzoa congratulated the Rotarians and the various clubs involved in the malaria project and said that this is the greatest gift the team is giving to the community. She thanked them for choosing Muni University to launch this important project for which she said there's going to be sustainability.

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Muni University is currently ranked **09th University** out of 47 Ugandan Higher Education Institutions, in the uniRank of the most popular universities in Uganda.

source <https://www.4icu.org/ug/>



DID YOU KNOW?



The University Secretary & Accounting Officer Rev. Fr. Dr. Odubuker Picho Epiphany planting a mosquito repellent tree during the launch

Faculty of HEALTH SCIENCE STAFF TRAINING



Muni University staff at the Molecular Biology

Makerere University

Staff of Muni University Faculty of Health Science successfully completed a SARS-CoV-2 training at Makerere University. The week long training at the Molecular Biology Laboratory - Department of Immunology & Molecular Biology, School of Biomedical Sciences, Makerere University College of Health Sciences commenced on Monday 31st August 2020 and ended on Friday 04th September 2020.

The Staff included Labora-

tory Technicians Mr. Job Tekakwo, Mr. Ibrahim Ssali, Mr. Anguyo Dennis Foe, Mr. Robert Agondua and Mr. Nasifu Lubanga .

Mr. Julius Tibyange Microbiologist and

Mr. Saad Atiku Biochemist.

After passing the international quality and safety standards set for qualifying as a centre for testing COVID in an assessment done by a team from Ministry of Health (MoH) with support from US Centre for Disease Control, an-

other team from World Health Organisation (WHO) carried out a second assessment and made a few recommendations.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs- Associate Professor Anguma Simon Katrini, during a meeting with the Laboratory Team after their training, said the ultimate goal is to ensure that the capacity of the Laboratory is built to test COVID-19 in Muni University. He urged the team to identify the practical impediments to achieving this goal.

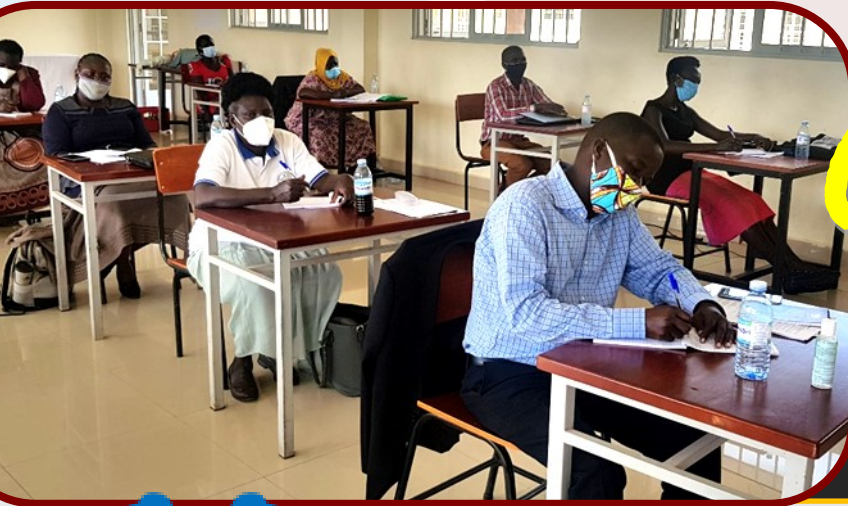
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Muni University chose to celebrate this year’s bamboo day on 18th September 2020 by giving back to the community through training of the Madi Farmers Association (MADIFA) about bamboo. MADIFA had requested to be trained on bamboo and there couldn’t have been a better time to do so.

They were trained in Nursery establishment and management, Bamboo value addition (various products made out of bamboo), Plantation management, Bamboo as a livelihood option in West Nile. Training was conducted by Muni University Research and MIANZI team led by directors Dr. Alumai and Isaac Kikoyo. The participants agreed to establish a team that will promote bamboo in the region through nurseries, plantations and value addition.

TRAINING ON Bamboo





Emergency Care TRAINING



“...in order to give standardized and effective clinical teaching, it is important to equip and empower the mentors with essential knowledge and skills to be effective clinical teachers.”

Staff of Arua Regional Referral Hospital and Muni University Department of Nursing were successfully trained in Basic Emergency Care.

The 4 days training that commenced on Monday 28th Sept 2020 and ended on Thursday 1st October 2020, was aimed at equipping health workers with knowledge and skills to manage emergency cases in the clinical setting; specifically, to ensure participants use an ABCDE approach to assess the Emergency patient, they are able to identify and provide interventions for life-threatening conditions and understand when to call

for help and when to refer a patient for higher level care of management.

The training was conducted by Dr. Jimmy Odaga-Assistant Lecturer Nursing Midwifer, Mr. Peter Nyakuni - Teaching Assistant Muni University and Mr. Jokindu Ronald-Nursing Officer Arua Regional Referral Hospital and was funded by Seed Global Health.

This follows a preceptorship training conducted by Seed Global Health on 24th and 25th September 2020 at Muni University meant to equip Arua Regional Referral Hospital Nurses involved in teaching students, with knowledge and skills for

preceptorship. The hospital Nurses are expected to transmit these practical Nursing Skills to students who come for practical training at the Hospital.

According to Professor Janet Gross of Seed Global Health, in order to give standardized and effective clinical teaching, it is important to equip and empower the mentors with essential knowledge and skills to be effective clinical teachers. Preparation of clinical mentors will ensure qualified health care workers who can then assist students in the transfer of acquired knowledge to clinical practice to ensure delivery of safe, high quality effective care.

“Greetings Professor. Am humbled and very grateful for what your management and administration has impacted in my life and that of my colleagues. I will forever love Muni University.” **Okot Felix—Alumnus**

“**Alumnus SMS**”



Alumni Corner



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Melody Cheka

"I learnt to be resilient and undertake all tasks that came my way with a thankful heart."

"The only Locked door is in your Mind Always" – Finally Education becomes possible to Isaac.

Little did I know that each bit of pain during my school time was the key to success. After a great struggle to complete high school, I joined the streets of Kampala in 2015, to do ladies' shoe hawking to support my family and pay off my school fees balances. While here, life got too hard than expected with KCCA regulations of evicting street vendors. Sometimes I felt that God was never fair in my life, I forgot about college not because I never passed/not interested but the status quo of our financial state by then. My Dad gave up on paying my fees at the time of starting my high school studies, but as I write this, He made me the man I am today.

There is a great difference from people who dropped out and those who persevered with education from the observation I made, in the way of doing things, reasoning and most importantly their financial status. This became an inspiration for me to strive for college. Fortunately, the almighty God worked through one of mentors (Nicholas Ssebawato), who by then was pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Muni University – Arua City. I applied for Bachelor of Information Systems Management on pri-

ivate sponsorship with no hopes of raising the requirements (Tuition and Functional fees) for all the three years. However, I had some little savings that could pay for at least the first semester. Sincerely this is one of the most thoughtless and hopeless decision I made because my mum warned me not to even attempt since she wouldn't contribute any penny towards this, to my surprise she used to send me upkeep while I was studying – Only mothers will understand.

I was the best among the enrolled students for Bachelor of Information Management Systems (2016 intake) Muni University, private sponsorship and this gave me courage to really face whatever it takes to attain success.

Contrary to my expectation of managing university dues, after the first semester, things got worse that the only option left was to drop out of school. Before acting, as a very respectful child, I shared my last word with some of the university administrators (along with my first semester results of 4.18 GPA). This was a turning point for me, the work-study policy was being finalised and by God's grace I became the first beneficiary of this program under the Department of Research which initially contributed 40% of my Tuition fees for the second semester. Additionally, I served at Eripak

Events as a tent washer, chair organiser, later decorator and event supervisor. Personally, I was hawking Liquid soap to get basic needs. With all these survival activities, I was able to complete school even when it always seemed impossible. I learnt to be resilient and undertake all tasks that came my way with a thankful heart.

I graduated in 2019 and currently, I volunteer at World Food Programme (WFP) with the Digital transformation team, partially doing agriculture, managing Mianzi (mianzi.co.ug)- an ecommerce site for selling Bamboo Products and Izon Liquid soap that has employed my colleagues who are struggling with tuition fees at Muni University. Glory to God. The harder the pain, the juicer victory.

I am grateful to the management of Muni University for the immense support they accorded to me that enabled me to complete my Bachelor's Degree Program. I thank The Vice Chancellor for continued mentorship and encouragement, and all the staff and Students who supported me in one way or another.

YOU ALL MADE MY DREAM COME TRUE. Above all, I give Glory to God for His guidance, protection and divine provision.

Together let's continue transforming Lives.