



# MUNI UNIVERSITY Newsletter

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## MU holds virtual 4th Graduation ceremony

With the blessing of the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet K. Museveni represented by the State Minister for Primary Education, Hon. Joyce Moriku, Muni University (MU) celebrated the graduation of its 4th cohort in a virtual ceremony held Saturday, 28th August 2021.

Graduation had stalled since November 2020 due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent closure of educational institutions by H.E. the President from March 2020 to October 2020, followed by second closure in June 2021.

In observance of the SOPs put in place by MoH, the graduation was conducted on Zoom and other online platforms including West Nile Web's Rhino TV and West Nile TV.

Graduates of the first Nursing Class also took the Nurses' professional oath on the eve of the graduation in a brief ceremony also conducted on Zoom.

To read more of the stories on the graduation as covered in both print and online media, follow the links;



The University Chancellor Dr. Erick Tiyo Eric Sekebbuga (Center) and Members of Muni University Council during the fourth graduation Ceremony.

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/muni-university-graduates-100-in-virtual-ceremony--3526024>

<https://www.ugstandard.com/muni-university-to-pass-out-over-100-on-zoom/>

<https://westniletodaynews.com/muni-university-to-graduate-first-cohort-of-nursing-students/>

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<https://www.westnileweb.com/news-a-analysis/aru/muni-university-to-graduate-nurses-for-the-first-time#:~:text=Muni%20University%20is%20set%20to,4th%20graduation%20ceremon>



Wearing a **mask** shows...  
**Kindness**

## We saw them through the lens



State Minister of Education Hon. Joyce Moriku being received at the University by Rev. Fr. Prof. Odubuker Picho Epiphany. In the background is Ms. Uzamukunda Jolly Karabaaya, Commissioner Higher Education and Member of Council of Muni University. Hon. Moriku represented the first lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet K. Museveni at the graduation ceremony.



For more photos from the graduation ceremony, follow the link; <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U5dsKc62jk6cd3OY0k3IO109m2RR1GoV?usp=sharing>

## The Press Conference



The Members of the University Management during a Press Conference held on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at the Council Hall in the run-up to the graduation ceremony.

## Four New programmes accredited by NCHE

The National Council for Higher Education has accredited 4 new programmes to be run at Muni University, bringing the total number of Academic Programmes to 13.

The new programmes include Bachelor of science (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and computer studies), Bachelor of Economics, Master of Education (educational planning and management) and the Higher Education Access Certificate-Humanities. The Higher Education Access Certificate is designed to provide entry opportunities for candidates who do not make it by direct entry requirements; and those with foreign qualifications considered below minimum Uganda entry requirement.

According to the Academic Registrar Mr. Felix A. Opio Okello, the new programmes are expected to commence in the new academic year 2021/22.

## NAADS donates tractors to MU



The Muni University VC, Prof. Christine Dranzoa (in the driver's seat) and other officials inspect the two tractors that were donated to the University by the NAADS secretariat. The tractors arrived at the main campus on the 19th August 2021.



## 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**

# UNHCR in talks with MU to establish Soap factory in Yumbe

UNHCR and Muni University are in talks over plans to use the university land in bidibidi settlement in Yumbe District for the establishment of a soap factory.

The University had initially intended to use the land that measures over 400 acres, for its Forestry Programs.

Discussing the physical plan for the proposed soap factory during a meeting at the University Hall on Tuesday, 31st August, officials said they recognize the partnership role played by Muni University in refugee programs and that explains why they sought the intervention of the university in the establishment of the soap factory.

The Head UNHCR sub office Dr. Onkhan Nasibou revealed that the organisation has already invested over UGX 200 million in the soap factory project that will see 60 tons of soap produced per month, support research and skill building.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Finance and Administration, Rev. Fr. Prof Odubuker Picho Epiphany said in achieving its mandate of teaching, research and community service, the university works through partnerships and seeks “to transform lives” which is also in tandem with UNHCR mandate of improving livelihoods. He said that University Council is always willing to support partners, a case point, he said includes the granting of land for establishment Regional Heart Institute and Regional Cancer Institute in Muni University, adding that what is important is how to operationalise the developments.



Officials from UNHCR, Yumbe District Local Government and Muni University discussing plans for the establishment of a soap factory at a meeting held at the University Council Hall on Tuesday, 31 August 2021.

# MU students shine at the Inter-University debate

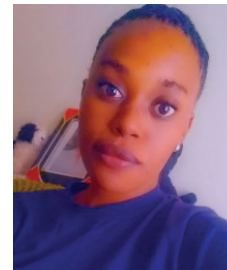
The virtual Inter-University debate took place from 17th to 20th of August 2021, under the theme “Igniting the student movement to end violence against children through debate, art and social media”, featuring 44 universities from all over the country.



Ochieng Ambrose (NSM IV)



Tusazibwe Ezra (SMB III)



Alinaitwe peace (ISM III)



H.E Gamis Aaron Dradi (Guild President/NSM IV)

The mighty Muni University was represented by 2 teams in a total of 88 participating teams in the debate. The MU team comprised; Ochieng Ambrose (NSM IV) and Tusazibwe Ezra (SMB III) in team A and H.E Gamis Aaron Dradi (Guild President/NSM IV) and Alinaitwe peace (ISM III) in team B.

The “it takes a world debate” was organized by World Vision.

“Am glad to inform the administration and the entire student’s body that these students who represented Muni University managed to reach up to the quarter finals of the competition finishing at position 9 out of the 44 Institutions that participated”, says Ochieng Ambrose (NSM IV) the team leader for the MU side.

He challenged MU students to take up the mantle of lifting the flag of the Muni University debate society high by having active participations in debate activities, poetry and public speaking.

“I recommend that Muni University should have a fully-fledged debate society because this will enable the debaters to have unity and more so have time to train with each other so as to be able to compete with the other students from different institutions. I also urge the debaters to equip themselves with the British Parliamentary System (BPS) of debate as it has become the new norm of debating in institutions of higher learning”, he says.

# Final year Nursing students back on campus



MU final year Nursing students being oriented into new strategies of learning amid Covid-19 during a one-day session on Campus, August 23rd. The ministry of Education and Sports directed health training institutions to reopen on 13th August to boost the number of health personnel involved in the fight against Covid-19. All schools and universities were on June 18 closed following an upsurge in the number of Covid-19 cases in the country.

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