



# MUNI UNIVERSITY

## NEWS LETTER

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In the month of August 2017, the Management of Muni University welcomed all the first year students to Muni University. The students who started reporting to the university on Saturday 5th August 2017, were taken through a week long orientation at the university.

The Dean of students Miss Amandru Stella Wawa, welcomed the first years to the university and, first day of the orientation. She congratulated them upon their successful admission to Muni University. She said that orientation helps the students to familiarize and adopt themselves to a new environment by considering aspects of time, space, structures, lifestyle and persons that they will find at the university and Arua District at large.

She briefed them about different areas including Discipline, Accommodation, feeding, spiritual nurturance, sports and recreation, health and wellness, guidance and counselling, students' leadership and security.

Other speakers included the University Communication Officer Miss Ajdiru Annet, the University Chaplains Rev Patrick Acema and Rev. Father Solomon Ngos Pachutho and the University Imam Ibrahim Shaban Candia.

The students after a week-long orientation were officially admitted to the University by the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

### Muni University Guild President in 5th Annual Hack-a-thon winning team.

The Hack-a-thon is an event that brings together participants across disciplines and sectors from Uganda, the USA and India to discuss and innovate appropriate medical technologies for low and

middle income countries.

The Event which took place from Friday 25th August to Sunday 27th August 2017 was held at Mbarara University of Science and Technology with a theme “Innovating to improve neonatal and Maternal Health”.

Team Kangaroo+ which had one of Muni’s Students; HE Oola Gerald, received 782 US Dollars and six months of acceleration support as the grand prize winners. Their affordable medical technology, Kangaroo+, modifies traditional kangaroo care by combining a thermometer and skin-to-skin contact.

This year’s Hack-a-thon was attended by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovations, Hon. Elioda Tumwesigye, the Minister for ICT and National Guidance Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, the UCC Commissioner and the commissioner for maternal and child health among other dignitaries.

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## Muni University signs MOU with Kigezi Health Care Foundation.

Muni University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kigezi Health Care Foundation. This took place on Thursday 31st August 2017 at the University, Vice Chancellor's board room.

The Kigezi Health Care Foundation (KIHEFO) is a Non-Governmental organization (NGO) founded in 1999 that operates in Kigezi region of South Western Uganda and West Nile Aja Sub-county, Arua district, founded with the goal to “fight disease, poverty and ignorance in an integrated and sustainable manner”. KIHEFO's programs focus on promotion of education and awareness on HIV/AIDS, TB and other infectious diseases and economic empowerment of impoverished households. Using a bottom-up strategy, individual people are given the necessary care to become productive community members.

Through this MoU, Muni and KIHEFO wish to establish collaboration in training, research and community empowerment. The MoU will provide basis for corporation in the



usage of facilities, training in community health care, health service delivery, capacity building (especially leadership, management and mentorship) and medical research; and any other, which relate and for the benefit of the parties.

Dr Geoffrey Anguyo, the Director KIHEFO, appreciated the management for the warm welcome and the conducive university environment, he said he felt it is the right time to do the work they have been doing in kigezi back here in Arua, luckily the community is well known to his team who may have to get the nursing students of Muni University, for a one day event in order to orient them on what happens so that the rest of the activities continue in one line. He added that this is the beginning of a great future and there's need to see how all other partners can join in. Dr.Anguyo was accompanied by Miss Lillian Tabu KIHEFO Coordinator who is based in Arua and Francis Chekwechi KIHEFO media personality.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa who welcomed the guests to Muni University, congratulated the two institutions upon signing of the MOU which she says has been long overdue because this move is significant in the lives of the communities the university is serving. She thanked the team for choosing Muni, saying this is a gesture not taken for granted, the university is adopting the triple helix approach in service delivery and implementation of the university mandate.(triple helix approach is working in partnership with the public and private sector and also the communities.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the disease levels, poverty, backwardness are high in the region and it is such arrangements that will redeem the region hence there is need to act more with devotion and dedication and talk less hence the MOU should be practical, implementable, trackable and monitorable. She said she is happy with the Head of Department Nursing Mr Amos Drasiku who is action oriented, and pledged management support towards the implementation.

She also thanked the team from Muni University that was present to witness the signing of the MOU that included the Head of Department Nursing, the University Legal and Communication Officers and a representative from the office of the Dean of Students.`

Dr.Anguyo proceeded to give a lecture to the students on “the relationship between skills and the Job market demand”.

### DAAD workshop held.

The North-Eastern chapter of the Association of Uganda German Alumni (AUGA), organized a two day residential workshop on “use and Access of E-Resources” for DAAD Alumni, current DAAD Scholars and staff of muni university.



The two day workshop that took place at council hall Muni University from 6th to 7th July 2017 was aimed at creating a network amongst the alumni and making opportunities DAAD offers visible to many people, and getting on board the non Alumni.

AUGA is an association of Ugandan individuals who have benefited from the DAAD scholarships. The association was founded with the

main aim of strengthening networking among members. The DAAD provides funding for activities of the association which includes mainly organizing workshops, specifically to address gaps which have been identified.