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Each issue of the KAB Newsletter presents a deeper and richer view of the university, as well as life at the university and in the surrounding area. We are pleased to share with you the fifth edition of the KAB Newsletter. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss life on and off campus. Every day, we interact with our stakeholders such as students, parents, staff, government, and the general community.

Several of our successes can be attributed to their presence. As a result of most of what we do and report through our different platforms, we are grateful to enjoy a favorable reputation from our stakeholders. As we report in this newsletter the various activities undertaken by the university's various departments, we remain optimistic that the pursuit of a healthy relationship will continue to be a priority. As a university, we continually expand our horizons through teaching, research, and community engagement. As a result, we also gain a lot of interesting stories.

There are no words to describe how appreciative I am of the indefatigable team of contributors, most of whom hail from the Communications, Branding and Marketing department. You all make this newsletter such a worthwhile source of information. We hope that our readers will find the newsletter engaging, informative, and interactive.

Thank you.

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KAB graduates 1277 during her 7th graduation ceremony

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Prof. G.M. Kagonyera

The Kabale University's 2023 graduating class marked the University's seventh graduation ceremony as a public institution. For the graduates, their families, and the institution, it was a momentous occasion. On June 2nd 2023, 1277 students graduated under the theme 'Nurturing Graduates for Lifelong Learning and Relevance for Societal Transformation'.

Prof. Mondo Kagonyera, University Chancellor, presided over the event. Prof. Joy Kwesiga, Vice Chancellor, stressed the university's commitment to

promoting both academic and personal development in her opening speech.

It is intended that the University management will introduce a number of initiatives, such as scholarships for teaching assistants and assistant lecturers, staff promotions, and the introduction of a biological child scheme for employees. Providing financial support to employees so that they can advance their careers is the purpose of all of these programs, according to her.

Prof. Kwesiga announced that the





Mr. Mike Mashemererwa, the best overall Male student.

University has acquired the premises of the former Rukungiri Primary Teachers College and plans to establish a new campus in Rukungiri. In pursuit of its mission, the University is committed to expanding its reach and impact. She expressed her appreciation to the Diocese of North Kigezi for providing the premises and to the Ministry of Education for approving the proposal.

It was stressed by her that research and publications play an important role in academic institutions. It is my pleasure to commend the staff on their dedication to academic excellence through research and collaborations. She noted that several faculty members have received grants and have established partnerships with local and international organizations.

As the world continues to evolve, the Vice Chancellor encouraged the graduates to continue

advancing their knowledge and achieving success. I would like to encourage you to keep an open mind to learning, as the world is constantly changing. It is important to recognize that learning should remain a continuous process and that you must embrace it. It is imperative that you be good ambassadors of the KAB brand out into the world, that you maintain a high level of integrity, and that you remain truthful.

Prof. Kwesiga recognized the outstanding achievements of the graduating class, including the achievement of Mr. Obed Niwamanya, who was able to earn his bachelor's degree despite having a visual impairment. In addition, she recognized the best-performing male and female students, Mr. Mike Mashemererwa and Nyakake Becky. We encourage all graduates to continue their pursuit of knowledge and success in an ever-evolving world.

Hon. Adison Kakuru acknowledged the challenges facing the university, especially in terms of infrastructure, and assured everyone that efforts are



Ms. Nyakake Becky, the best overall Female student.

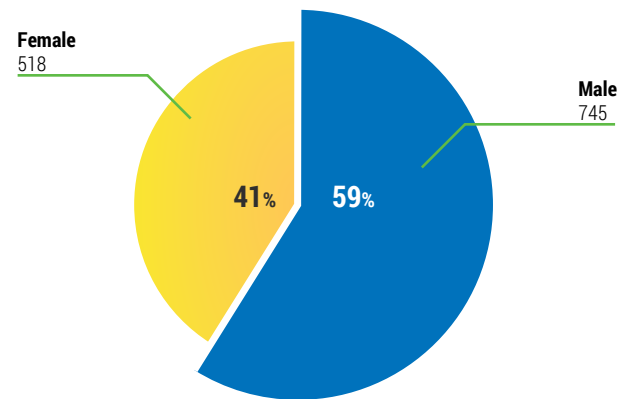
being made to resolve these issues. Honorable Kakuru vowed to work closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure Kabale University receives the resources it needs to grow and prosper.

Chancellor, Prof. George Mondo Kagonyera called on graduates to apply the knowledge and skills acquired at the university in order to make their societies better. In his remarks, he stated that the University had prepared students to think critically so they could help their communities solve problems that affect them.

In order to ensure effective community engagement, Professor Kagonyera urged management and staff to continue conducting needs assessments in the communities surrounding the university. Research and proper implementation of findings would assist in finding solutions to the problems facing local communities. The chancellor cited Silicon Valley as an example of an innovative city that has become one of the world's leading ones through high-quality research. Additionally, he noted that the university had excelled in hiring highly qualified faculty members who played a key role in training students. In spite of the limited facilities, the professor commended the faculty for their hard work and for graduating proactive students.

According to Prof Kagonyera, universities should not be evaluated solely on the basis of their infrastructure. I would like to remind you that it is not the structures in which you are performing the work that matters, but the work itself. In spite of this, I strongly urge the government to provide funding for the development of our great university", he stated. As an example of this, he recounted the story of Rosalie Diao, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, who conducted groundbreaking research in the kitchen of her own home. As he stated, "her accomplishments demonstrate that one's work and achievements are not determined by their physical structures, but rather by their determination, dedication, and pursuit of knowledge".

Additionally, he thanked the government and President of Uganda for funding the University but stressed the need for the government to assist the University in building structures that will meet the University's growing needs. Also, he commended the Nigerian volunteers for their contribution to Kabale University,



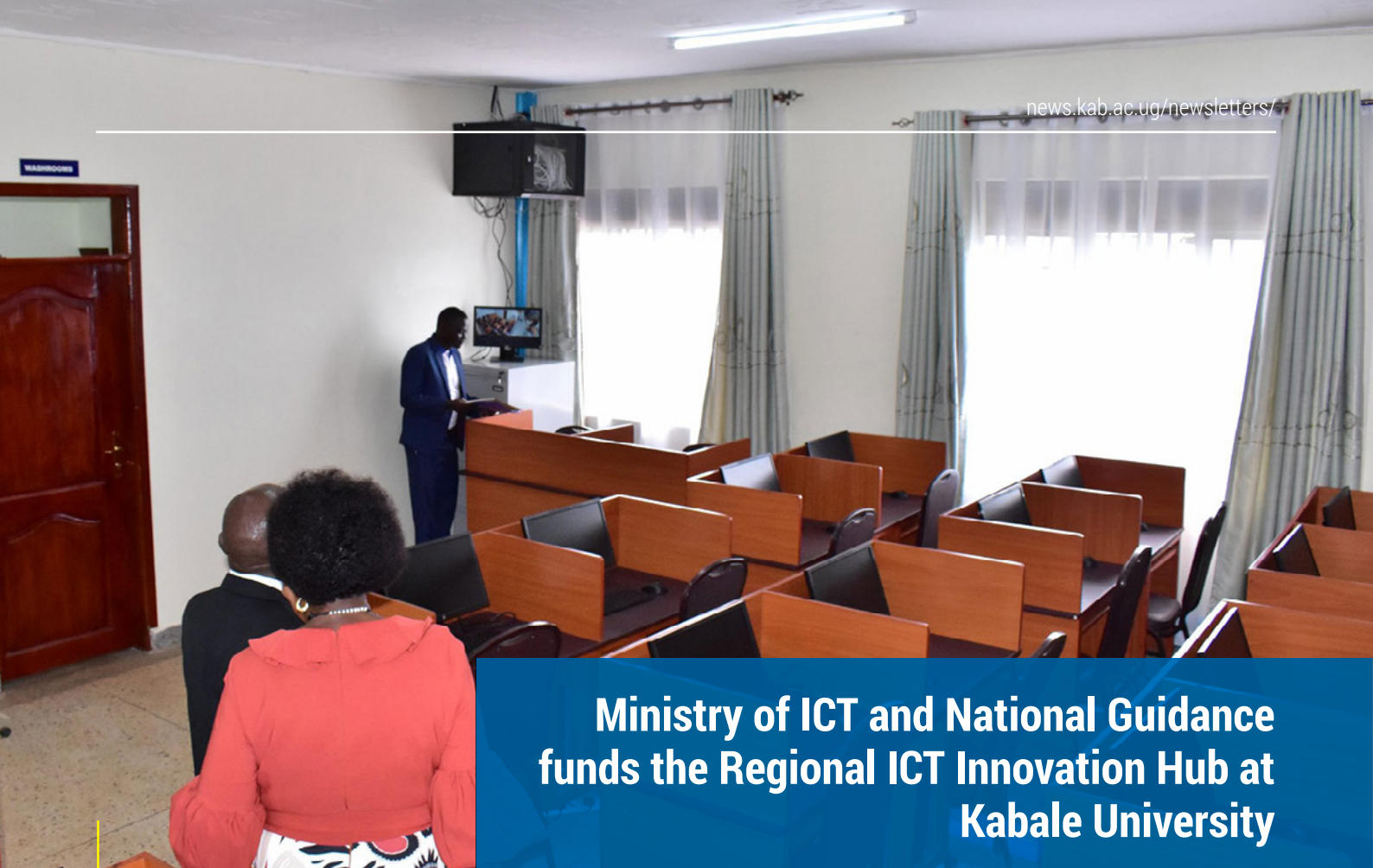
Patience Muhindo, an MBA graduate, celebrates with her baby.



Dancers entertain guests.

emphasizing their pride and solidarity towards Africa. As the largest country in Africa, Prof. Kagonyera recognized Nigeria's importance and commended its citizens for their unwavering commitment to serving their continent.

The university graduated her second cohort of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery students during the 7th graduation ceremony. This is in addition to other STEM courses funded by the Ugandan government.



Ministry of ICT and National Guidance funds the Regional ICT Innovation Hub at Kabale University

Assoc. Prof. Businge gives the guests a tour of the Regional ICT Innovation Hub.

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I encourage entrepreneurs and students to use the hub to create new ideas that would solve local problems in an intelligent and adequate manner. This will pave the way for self-employment and career opportunities in our region and country...

Kabale University launched western Uganda's ICT regional innovation hub on 1st June 2023, which aims to promote ICT innovation in the western Ugandan region. In addition, this groundbreaking project will offer startups essential resources to grow while promoting and nurturing innovation. The Hub was inaugurated on June 1st, 2023 with an exhibition of innovative projects by Kabale University students. Apart from innovative ideas, there were also a number of solutions presented that addressed pressing issues in society that needed to be addressed.

A number of innovations were displayed by the students. They included the following: an automatic waste segregator system, an automated home water management system, an unmanned fire detection and fighting system, an automatic solar load shedding controller, a PLC-based home automation

system, a contactless lighting system, an intelligent fish monitor, an automated solar-powered threshing machine, a transformative two-in-one hospitalization and wheelchair system, a virtual chemistry lab simulator, and an eye and hand gesture-controlled wireless mouse.

During the launch ceremony, the Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Hon Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, represented by Mr. Silas Ngabirano, praised Kabale University's contributions to rural development through innovation. "I was impressed with the student projects, the eye- and hand-controlled wireless mouse, and the digital switches". He urged students to use the innovation hub, emphasizing the importance of writing proposals and securing sponsors.

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Ministry of ICT & National Guidance officials receive a plaque from Hon. Adison Kakuru, the Chairperson of the University Governing Council (right)

Chairperson of the University's governing council, Hon. Adison Kakuru, who led the team of council members to the launch of this hub, stressed the importance of establishing professional connections through interactive workshops, observations, and job shadowing. Hon. During his remarks, Kakuru thanked Prof. Businge for his crucial role in securing government support for the Regional ICT Innovation Hub. He emphasized the important role of innovation in shaping the future and encouraged students and the community to harness their creative abilities.

adequate manner. "This will pave the way for self-employment and career opportunities in our region and country", he concluded.

According to Mr. Ngabirano, the government will continue to support the regional hub to support innovators in the western region and find technological solutions to rural problems. He congratulated the students of KAB for their innovation and called for their continued development. "Your students made some great innovations today. Our ministry encourages you to refine and commercialize these innovations. Kabale University is strategically positioned to lead innovation in this region," he said.

Vice Chancellor Joy Kwesiga urged female students to participate equally in innovation projects, highlighting the contributions of Ayebare Allen, a second-year student of Information and Communication Technology. Prof Kwesiga also commended the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and UNDP for their support of the development of the regional hub. In his remarks, Prof. Kwesiga stated that the Hub was committed to performing activities that would benefit the local community in which the University operates.

The Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Library Science, Assoc. The project coordinator of the Innovation Hub, Prof. Phelix Businge, stressed the importance of the hub for fostering cutting-edge solutions. During his presentation, he outlined the goals of the hub, including providing a platform for innovative ideas and creating markets for the products that result. Additionally, Prof. Businge mentioned that the faculty has been able to conduct several activities in the Regional Innovation Hub, including the ICT boot camp for vacists and security officers, as well as the Intellectual Property Rights program aimed at informing students and employees about the importance of intellectual property rights.



Members of the University Governing Council together with officials from MoICT&NG pose for a photo after launching the Regional ICT Innovation Hub

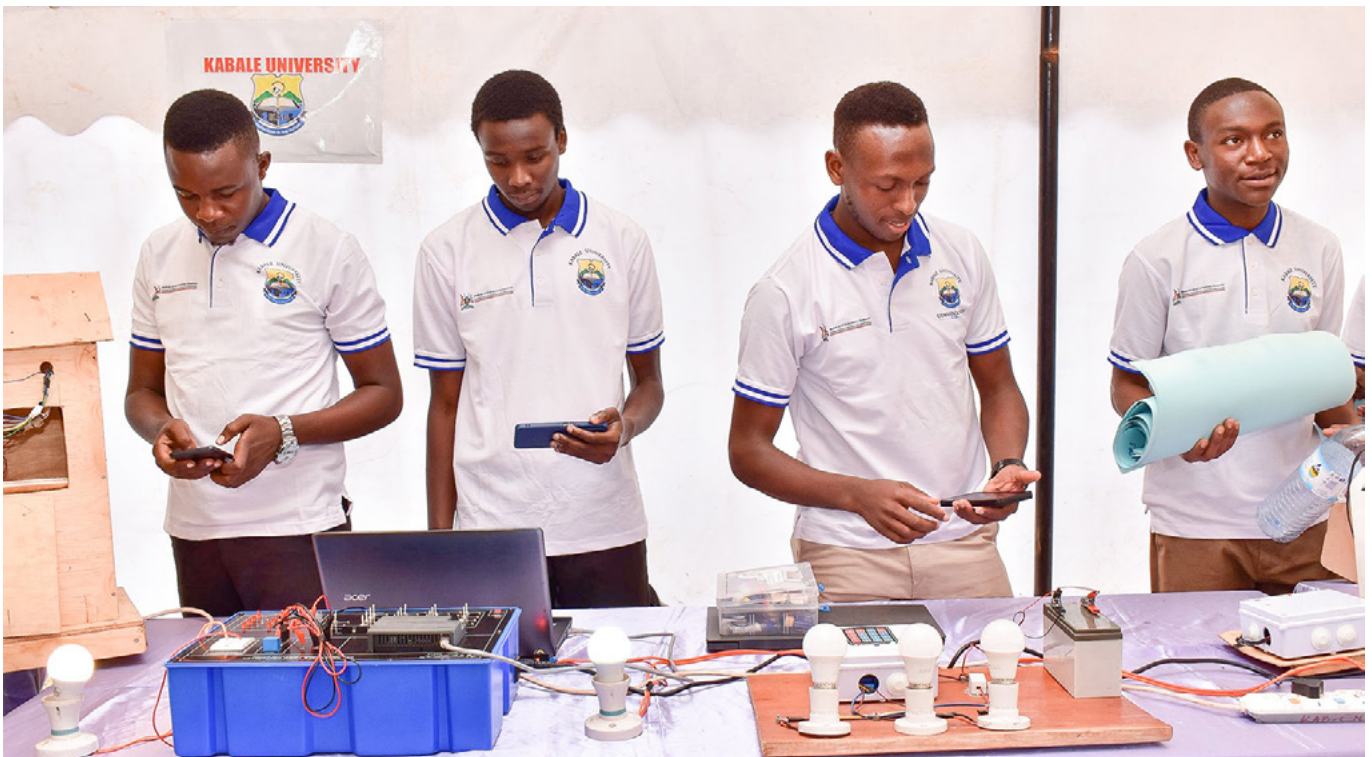
The Chairperson of the local council 5 (LC. 5) Rubanda district, Hon. Steven Kasyaba spoke on behalf of the political leaders of the Kigezi region. He expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance for their unwavering support in establishing the Regional Innovation Hub at Kabale University. It is my sincere request that the people of Kigezi take advantage of the potential of the Regional Hub at Kabale University and embrace innovation



Students demonstrate how the autonomous water level monitoring systems works to members of the University Council.



Student explains his innovation. He designed a prototype of an electric hospital bed that transforms into a wheel chair with a click of a button.



Students showcase Home Automation Solutions that allow a home owner to manage and monitor his / her home appliances remotely. On the left is a PLC-based solution that allows a user to manage his/her home using a phone or computer. The solution on the right, designed for rural areas, uses SMS to do the same thing.

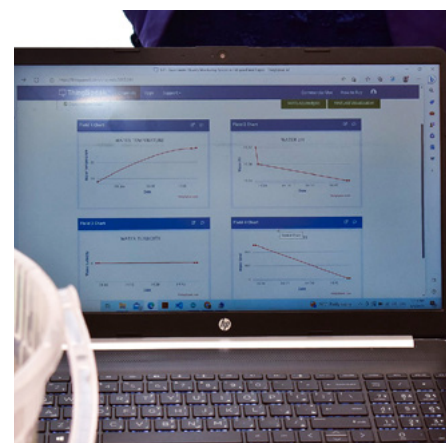
as a catalyst for growth. This initiative will open up new opportunities for the youth in the region. It will also facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technology to local communities, which will in turn contribute to the economic and social development of the region. We have created an environment where aspiring innovators can thrive, transform their ideas into reality, and drive meaningful change in their communities.

He also urged Kabale University to seek ways to

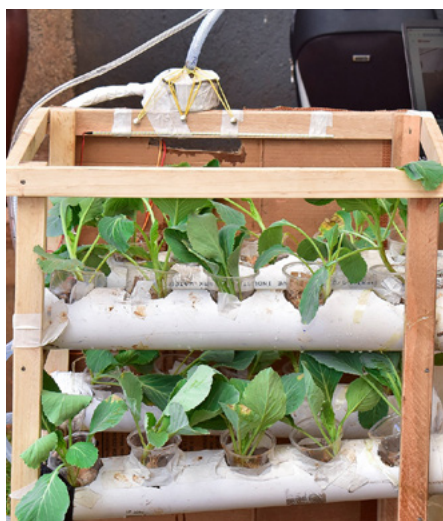
partner with the Rubanda district to bring about a wide range of solutions and changes in the future. This is because Kabale University leads the way toward an empowered and technologically advanced society. In light of the vast natural resources in the Rubanda district, I urge the university to establish a faculty of tourism and environmental science there. The university's ICT innovation hub will serve as another point of engagement with the community.



Top and Middle: Kasozzi Aziz demonstrates his Intelligent Fish Monitoring System



The dashboard showing the pond fish & water status.



Close-up of the hydroponics innovation.



Student explains how the smart hydroponics system works as Mr. Silas Ngabirano looks on.



Kabale University staff join Kabale Diocese in a Thanksgiving fundraiser

Kabale University, through her St. Justin Catholic chapel and community, participated in a fundraiser for the construction of a dormitory at Christ King Town View Girls' Secondary School in Kabale. This was during a Thanksgiving ceremony held at the King church in Kabale Municipality. At Kabale University's thanksgiving service, Msgr Dr. John Vianney Sunday, the Vicar General of the Kabale Diocese, was the main celebrant. During this celebration, the theme was "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" which was derived from Colossians 4:2.

The Vicar General, Msgr. Vianney preached that Sunday is a day to celebrate Jesus Christ as the good shepherd who loves and cares for his people. Also, it was intended to pray for vocations to the priesthood, holy matrimony, and religious life. He reminded believers that Christ is a good shepherd who assists them in their vocations and asks them to accept Christ as their Savior. Let us pray to God for the guidance we need to make wise decisions in our lives, and then ask Christ for the strength and guidance we need in our various vocations to fulfill those promises. May we be filled with courage to follow the path God has laid out for us, and may we be filled with joy and peace in our vocations.

Msgr. Vianney also urged believers to continue fighting the vice of homosexuality, as it is a sin. It is recognized by the church that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman who are sanctified to live together for the sake of their own good, for procreation, and for the education of their children." The marriage vocation and procreation are incompatible, as Msgr Dr. Sunday pointed out.

In representation of the Vice

Chancellor, Ms. Anny Katabaazi, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, commended the church for its efforts in promoting spiritual growth among students and staff. The church has supported our university and assigned us a Chaplain, Fr. Tophilli Owembabazi. The church touches spiritually the souls of our students and staff through its leaders. Therefore, when students are spiritually impacted by our education, it becomes easier for us to reach their minds through education. The church also provides us with resources to be able to serve our students and staff on a spiritual level. We are grateful for the church's support and look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.





KAB tents outside Christ The King Church from which the Health Outreach programme was conducted.

Further, Ms. Katabaazi emphasized that, though the University is a public university, it is also a community university that seeks to be relevant in the community in which it operates. This is why we have all come to celebrate with you, but we have also come to provide medical support to the congregation after the service through the School of Medicine, which has camped outside the church. In collaboration with Kabale University School of Medicine (KABSOM), the University Health Services unit provided free health education and tests for non-communicable diseases to the community on that day.

The Guild President, Mr. Drake Owoyesigire, on behalf of the students, appreciated the church's support of the project to construct a girls' dormitory at the school. As part of the thanksgiving program, the medical students and some staff from the Kabale University School of Medicine (KABSOM) conducted a health outreach program outside the church. The program included health counseling, blood pressure and blood glucose screening, malaria testing, drug abuse prevention and HIV testing and counseling.

The health outreach was conducted at the right time when people were in need of it, according to one of the beneficiaries, Ms. Gaudensia Birungi. Kabale University is to be commended for providing these services to the community today. It is always my desire to test my blood pressure, but I fail to make the time, but I am glad to know that I am in good health and will continue to follow the precautions that your doctor students have instructed us to follow".

Immediately following the Thanksgiving service, a

fundraising session was held to raise funds for the construction of a girls' dormitory at Christ the King Town View Secondary School in Rutoma, Kabale Municipality. In support of this endeavor, the University staff contributed 300 bags of cement and over 9 million Ugandan shillings. The manager of the Centenary Bank Kabale branch and the former Headteacher of St. Mary's College Rushoroza were among the dignitaries who attended the Thanksgiving service.

The Sacred Heart choir supported the KAB staff in leading this mass. The University Secretary, Canon Johnson Baryantuma Munono who is also the head of quality for the Diocese of Kigezi led the fundraising exercise on behalf of the university. He expressed his appreciation to the Kabale Diocese for granting the University the opportunity to participate in this meaningful activity. It is Canon Munono's opinion that these and other community-engaging activities will bring the university closer to those it serves.



The congregation that attended the Thanksgiving Fundraiser Mass.



Kabale University partners with Leeds University to provide free surgical services at Kabale Regional Referral Hospital

In collaboration with Leeds University in the United Kingdom and the Rural Surgery Innovations Organisation in India, Kabale University School of Medicine's Surgical Department offers free specialized surgical services in the Kigezi Sub-region. At the Kabale Regional Referral Hospital, Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery services were launched in April, 2023, after Leeds University donated equipment worth £2,000 (about UGX9.2 million). Over 18 patients have benefited from this service in the Kigezi sub-region.

In this partnership, Kabale University provided doctors from its surgical department, Kabale Regional Referral Hospital provided the working space, and Leeds University and the Rural Surgery Innovations Organisation of India provided equipment and expertise. Dr. Robert Mugarura, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Surgery, describes laparoscopic surgery as a type of surgical procedure that allows the surgeon to access the abdomen (tummy) and pelvis without making large incisions.

"In this type of surgery, you make a small incision and then insufflate the abdomen with carbon dioxide to facilitate the manipulation of cameras and equipment. As a result, the patient experiences less

pain and has a faster recovery, facilitating a quicker return to normal. He noted that traditional incisions, on the other hand, were large, took a long time to heal, and sometimes became infected.



The techniques for using Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery equipment are easy to learn and the process is safe for the patient. We will continue to support Kabale University School of Medicine and Kabale Regional Referral Hospital in order to ensure that these services remain free for patients. - Dr. Jesudian

According to Dr. Mugarura, this type of surgery uses gas insufflationless surgery, which does not require specialized equipment or the use of gas. According to him, laparoscopic surgery involves insufflating the abdominal cavity with carbon dioxide so that the cameras and equipment have adequate room to work. This technique is beneficial in that it eliminates the need for the patient to receive additional anesthesia or pain medication, and reduces the risk of infection. Additionally, it can usually be completed in a shorter time, leading to a quicker recovery for the patient.

According to Dr. Mugarura, the trained Ugandan doctors under this arrangement will continue



offering free gasless laparoscopic surgeries to people in the Kigezi Sub-region and beyond.

It is true that Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery is more expensive than open surgery due to the equipment and expertise required. Our partners, however, have been extremely helpful to us since they have provided us with equipment and training that will enable us to continue to provide free services to the local population”, he said.

As a result of the rural setting in this region, Dr. Mugarura stated that this surgery would be practical for the rural setting. As a modification of regular or open surgery, it can be easily adapted to. As a university operating in a regional referral hospital in a rural setting, we will promote this type of surgery as a service within the lower health centers in this region,” he stated. The funding team was headed by Dr. Gnanaraj Jesudian, who noted that the donated equipment could last for up to 15 years depending on the amount of care given to it. Among the patients who may benefit from Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery are those with fertility problems, unexplained abdominal pains, appendix problems, and gallbladder stones.

The techniques for using Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery equipment are easy to learn and the process is safe for the patient. “We will continue to support Kabale University School of Medicine and Kabale Regional Referral Hospital in order to ensure that these services remain free for patients,” said Dr Jesudian.

Just one day after having her fallopian tubes operated on during a Gasless Laparoscopic Surgery health camp at Kabale Hospital, a 34-year-old

woman reported feeling well. “I feel that I should be discharged since I am not experiencing any pain at this time. Following the surgery, the doctors informed me that my fallopian tubes had been blocked for five years as a result of an infection I had. After the opening of these tubes, I hope to be able to conceive after seven years of marriage without a child,” the patient, who requested anonymity, said.

Dr Filbert Nyeko, the director of Kabale Regional Referral Hospital, welcomed the support. “I appreciate this development, although I am waiting for information regarding the sustainability of this program in this facility,” said Nyeko. The university pursues collaborations such as these in order to fulfill its mandate in the nation and region at large. The partners also received expert training in capacity boosting following the community surgeries. In addition, state-of-the-art equipment was used by the partners under this program.

The university is committed to ensuring that this program is sustainable and its efforts will continue to benefit the partners and the broader community. The university is confident that this program will have a lasting positive impact on the lives of the people it serves.



Prof. Lule of KABSOM tries on Virtual Reality (VR) goggles during the training.

Kabale University hosts the Nigerian Ambassador to Uganda

On May 19th, the Nigerian High Commissioner to Uganda, H.E Ismail Ayobami Alatise, visited Kabale University. During the visit to the university, H.E. Ismael Alatise expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he received. He commended Kabale University for its commitment to providing students with quality education. During his remarks, he highlighted the importance of education in promoting and enhancing bilateral relations between nations.

A meeting was also held with the university's top management and a group of Technical Aid Corps (TAC) volunteers from Nigeria who are currently working at Kabale University. During his remarks, he commended Kabale University for maintaining a strong relationship with its volunteers. The volunteers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to work with the university. They also thanked the university for the support they received from the institution. Through the Vice Chancellor the University's Top Management highlighted the significant role the TAC volunteers have played in building the University Professor Joy C Kwesiga, reiterated the University's commitment to maintaining this strong relationship.



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I am delighted to learn that our volunteers have made a significant contribution to Kabale University, as acknowledged by the Vice Chancellor. It is my hope that this recognition will encourage more individuals to make a positive impact on their respective faculties through their knowledge and skills.



H.E. Alatise addresses the Nigerian TAC Volunteers as the University Secretary, Mr. Baryantuma (left) and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kwesiga listen on.

As part of his remarks, H.E Alatise expressed appreciation for the contributions of the various volunteers who have contributed to the institution over the years. I would like to assure you that Nigerians are always willing to share their knowledge and skills with other Africans. Consequently, we are willing to share our expertise with other African countries in order to advance knowledge, thus strengthening our relationship. Furthermore, these shared skills and knowledge can help foster stronger economic ties and cultural understanding between African countries, creating a better future for the continent.

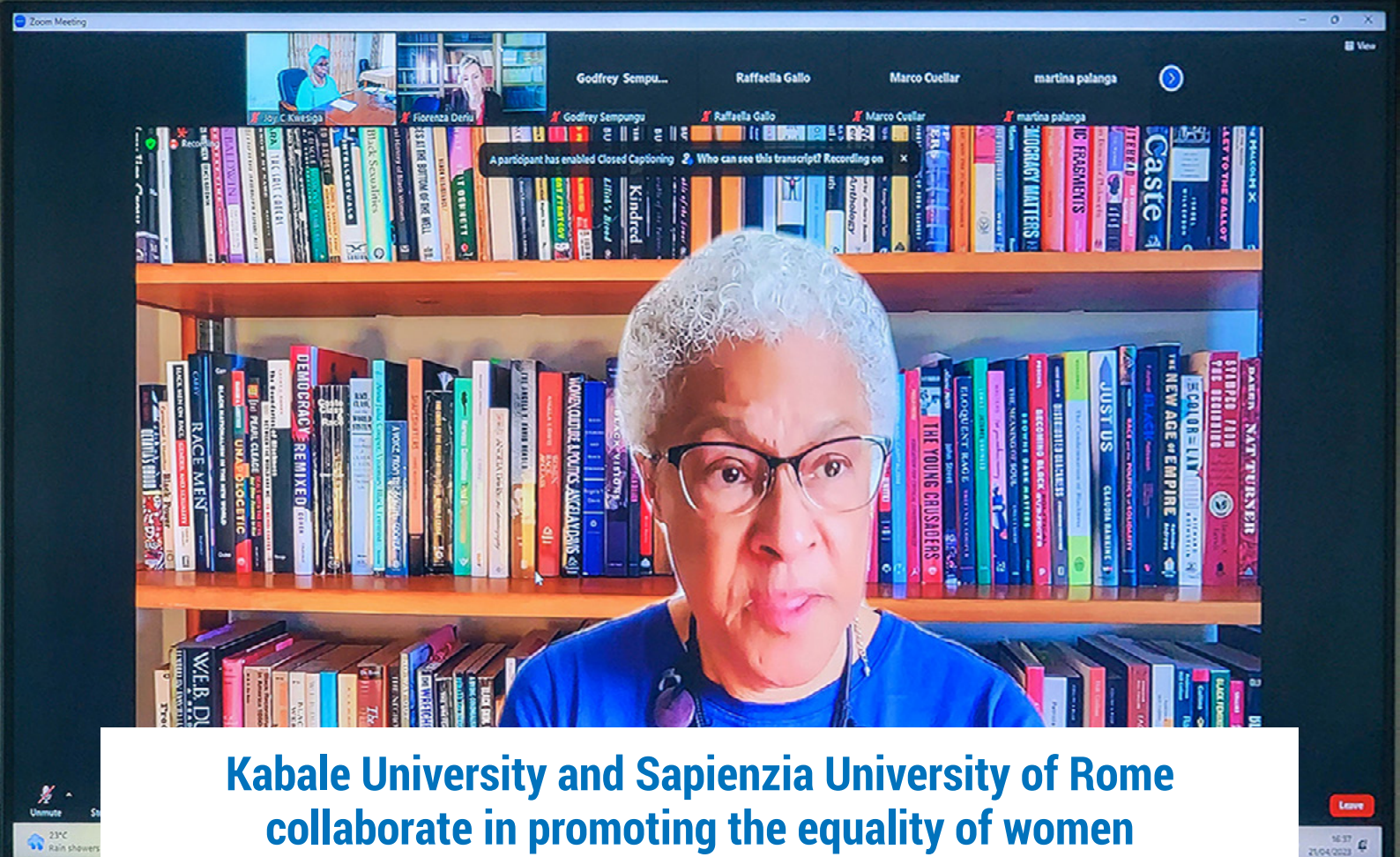
According to the High Commissioner, Kabale University has committed to working well with the volunteer lecturers who are usually sent over by the government of Nigeria. "I would like to thank this institution for providing a conducive environment for the volunteers to perform their work effectively. In addition, I would like to thank you, Vice Chancellor, for allowing them to complete the assigned period. This is vital to ensuring the continuity and sustainability of the programs they participate in.

In addition, H.E. Alatise stressed the importance of African countries working together in order to address common challenges and promote regional integration. "I am delighted to learn that our volunteers have made a significant contribution to

Kabale University, as acknowledged by the Vice Chancellor. It is my hope that this recognition will encourage more individuals to make a positive impact on their respective faculties through their knowledge and skills." he concluded.

In her remarks, Prof. Joy Kwesiga thanked the Nigerian TAC Volunteers for their invaluable contribution to the institution and the community, noting that it is important to recognize and appreciate their hard work and dedication. In addition, she commended the Embassy for its efforts to maintain a peaceful relationship between the two countries. The TAC volunteers would like to thank the Vice Chancellor and the Kabale University community for providing them with a pleasant working environment. Having received support and cooperation from the institution and the community, they were able to carry out their work effectively. They felt that the people of Kabale University had welcomed them with open arms and made them feel at home. They were equally grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the culture and people of Uganda. They hope for a strong and lasting relationship between Uganda and Nigeria.

In addition to strengthening the Nigerian-Uganda partnership, the visit will promote greater collaboration in areas such as education, trade, and investment.



Kabale University and Sapienza University of Rome collaborate in promoting the equality of women

Kabale University participated in the SPEAK-UP Jean Monnet Module, a three-year project funded by the European Union and coordinated by Sapienza University of Rome. Founded in 1303 by Pope Boniface VIII, the Sapienza University of Rome is one of the oldest universities in the world. In addition to this, it is considered one of the most prestigious universities in Europe, with more than 115,000 students, including almost 9,000 international students, as well as nearly 4,000 academic staff members. It offers courses in a wide range of disciplines, from the humanities to engineering, medicine, and science. The university is also home to some of the world's most renowned research centers and institutes.

The acronym SPEAK-UP refers to SPreading women's Empowerment and AKtive citizenship values in order to enhance Union Policies against gender-based violence and discrimination in the modern world.

The SPEAK-UP module is a multi-interdisciplinary training course that is being offered both to students of higher education (12 Higher Education Institutes) who do not automatically have the opportunity to learn about EU studies, as well as to operators who work for 5 (five) civil society organizations. As part of this training program, we addressed a wide range of target groups, and we filled a void in academic

courses that combine practical participatory activities and civil society engagement beyond the borders of Europe.

Mrs Martha Muhwezi, who is the Executive Director of the Federation of African Women Educationalists Africa, was the keynote speaker for the opening event of the African year. As she stressed the importance of women's role in society's transformation, she called for an end to their marginalization in several global settings. She discussed how FAWE and other stakeholders have promoted the education of girls in order to lift women out of despair. Mrs Muhwezi highlighted the importance of educating girls

and women to empower them to take on leadership roles in their communities and societies, and to create opportunities that will help them to overcome gender-based violence and inequality. She also urged for increased commitment from African governments to provide access to quality education and healthcare to help women reach their full potential.

Kabale University students also participated in a variety of practical sessions, lectures, and other public events utilizing innovative methodologies for active learning and engagement. As part of the active learning and engagement methodologies, they also participated in lectures, practical sessions, and other

public events. One of these sessions included a three-hour expert discussion on African women's movements and African feminist thought between Professor Joy C Kwesiga, a professor of Gender Studies at Kabale University and Vice Chancellor, and Professor Patricia Hill Collins of the University of Maryland. There was a lot of interesting discussion during the online debate held on April 21st about the history of African and black women's rights, activism and social change in North America and Africa. In their talks, the two experts skillfully delivered a variety of academic and community discourses that highlighted the plight of women liberalism and empowerment through the ages.

On the 12th of May of April, Kabale University's Vice Chancellor, Prof Kwesiga, along with Godfrey Sempungu, the head of the Communication, Branding and Marketing Department participated in a three-hour round table of experts session. The round table of experts was organized under the theme of women in ecosystem management: access to resources. The project coordinator, Prof. Fiorenza Deriu of the Sapienza University, moderated an insightful debate in which Prof Kwesiga discussed women's access to higher education in Africa, analyzing Uganda's perspective. In addition, Mr. Sempungu's presentation focused on the economic perspective of women's empowerment in an African context. Dr. Annarita Spagnuolo of We World Kenya, Olga Martin Gonzalez of the European Union, and Agatha Ankunda of the National Energy Platform also participated in the round table discussion.

Through the SPEAK-Up Jean

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Spreading women's Empowerment and Active citizenship values to enhance Union Policies combating gender discrimination and violence in a globalized world

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Professor of Gender Studies

Prof. Patricia Hill Collins
Dept of Sociology - University of Maryland
Distinguished University Professor Emerita

Monnet module, students and staff were introduced to another very interesting model of knowledge creation and sharing. Participants were invited to contribute ideas and complex solutions carried out by themselves through the Living Lab methodology, rather than simply focusing on users' needs. As one of the speakers, Kabale University's Godfrey Sempungu discussed how cooperatives are a key game changer for women empowerment in the areas of income and welfare through the transformation of households. Among the participants were Ms Jean Kemitare, who is the Director of Urgent Action Fund Africa, Dr. Shalimah Valiani, Francesco daRiva Grechi, and Dr Annarita Spagnuolo.

The living lab discussion was guided by Professor Fiorenza Deriu and included several speakers. This living lab focused

on gender inequalities in access to economic, human, natural, and social resources. Professor Marcella Corsi, an economic scholar, contributed some remarks about the role cooperatives play in macroeconomic and microeconomic interventions in Africa and other developing nations. Sempungu discussed cooperatives' potential to promote entrepreneurship, create jobs, and build a resilient economy. Additionally, he stressed the importance of investing in education and training to ensure the success of cooperatives. To support these initiatives and reduce violence and abuse against women, Jean Kemitare stressed the need for a strong and enabling legal and regulatory framework.

In this African year of the SPEAK-UP Jean Monnet Module, Kabale University has had a unique and engaging learning experience. The

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a more balanced and just society, where everyone can benefit from the contributions of both genders.

The empowerment of women's voices and standing in society and the facilitation of a continuous dialogue should be a responsibility that our research and future interventions will address. As part of this three-year project, Italy, Germany, and Turkey participated in the first year, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania participated in the second year, and Argentina and Peru will participate in the third year. As part of the project, efforts were made to increase the participation of women in decision-making processes and to ensure that their voices are heard. Additionally, it discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by women in a variety of sectors and societies. As a final recommendation, the project recommended strategies for creating an environment that is conducive to women's empowerment.

A combination of professional organizations such as Urgent Action Fund Africa, We world-Kenya, LIDU, National Renewable Energy Platform (NREP), and Federation of African Women Educationalists has enabled this project to take on a core society challenge from a hands-on perspective. This progress should serve as a stepping stone for future interventions aimed at promoting the equal participation of women in the development process. The success of this project has been a testament to the power of collaboration. It is our hope that this project will be a model for future projects that seek to address social issues in an effective and meaningful way.

closing ceremony of the year was held online and moderated by Godfrey Sempungu. At the closing of the conference, Professor Mesharch Walto Katusiimeh of the faculty of arts and social sciences at Kabale University was one of the speakers. A focus of his presentation was the role of women in governance from an African perspective. According to him, there has been a significant trend in allowing women to have a greater say in key decision making environments in recent years. Professor Kwesiga capped off Professor Katusimeh's presentation by expressing her enthusiasm regarding the success of his presentation in terms of empowering women to date. As a result of her conclusion, she emphasizes that despite all the progress that has been made, the door to fully enjoying women empowerment is still just ajar. Our sincere hope is that projects like this will continue to engage the masses and encourage them to

respect the role of women and to facilitate their advancement.

A successful collaboration between Kabale University and Sapienza University under this project has had a noteworthy impact in terms of disseminating knowledge about the issue of gender discrimination, eradicating violence, and promoting global dialogue. As we promote the values of dignity and equity, we must appreciate the fact that this is a journey, not a destination. According to the current dualism in our economic and social systems, women are far more numerous than men in terms of numbers, but they have left a smaller footprint on the world economy due to the setbacks associated with inequality in their sphere of influence. We must recognize the need to work towards a more equitable world by ensuring that women are given the same opportunities and resources as men. This will create



JRS BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION FUNDS 3 YEAR PROJECT AT KAB

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the ***Site Selection to Protect Papyrus Endemic Biodiversity in Uganda project (SEBU)***. Grant funding for this three-year project has been provided by the JRS biodiversity foundation. Several biodiversity projects have been supported by this foundation in sub-Saharan Africa. The project includes world-class papyrus endemic experts from Exeter University as well as practicing professionals and key stakeholders. The objective of this project is to investigate the current exploitation of papyrus-based wetlands in the Albertine region as well as explore the possibilities for preserving biodiversity in these wetlands in the future, since human activity threatens to destroy them. It is a much-needed community project for our country. The project will bring together local stakeholders, government officials, and academics to identify ways to protect this valuable resource. We hope that this project will help to create a sustainable future for this unique ecosystem. The outcomes of this project will help to inform future conservation efforts.

During the project, Kabale University and the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom will be able to leverage the synergistic abilities of both universities. As part of this project, students from both universities will study key papyrus

areas in the Albertine region in collaboration with experts. In addition, the University of Exeter will be providing support for capacity building as part of the project over the course of the three years of its implementation. The project will support various field and classroom tasks over the course of the three-years.

Uganda is a nation that has been magnificently blessed with uncountable flora and fauna species that make it a much sought-after destination for education and tourism, because of its natural beauty and its abundance. It is estimated that papyrus covers 13% of all the swamp areas in Uganda, placing it as one of the most important wetland plants in the country. The human economic activities of agriculture have not spared the papyrus wetlands, and it is through these activities that the biodiversity therein is also threatened and greatly disrupted, as well. In light of the fact that Uganda is considered one of the premier destinations for bird tourism in the world, a timely intervention designed to inform policy and conservation will definitely be a lifeline for the country.

In the Albertine Region, there are a multitude of animals that live in the wetlands of the region, such

as reptiles, birds, and herpefauna, and the survival of these animals is dependent on the preservation of the wetlands in their natural state in order to prevent their extinction. Professor Sarah Nachuha, an Associate Professor of Zoology at Kabale University is the principal investigator of this project. She underscores the strategic importance of this project not only to Uganda, but to the whole region as well. In bringing together several world experts and scholars, a wealth of experience is expected to be shared among the participants.

Among the members of the team is Ilya Maclean, who is an Associate Professor of global change biology at the Environment and Sustainability Institute of the University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus. Ilya is a world expert on papyrus endemic birds and has conducted research within the project area in Lake Bunyonyi in Uganda. In collaboration with Dr Lynda Donaldson who is an Associate at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, they will lead a team of British collaborating graduate students involved in this research. Apart from being a world authority on papyrus endemic birds, Lynda is also a renowned researcher who has conducted research in some of the high-priority project areas in South Western Uganda, particularly in and around Lake Bunyonyi.

As part of the preliminary stages of the project, there was also the reconnaissance of the key study areas in south-western Uganda, conducted by a team led by the principal investigator Sarah Nachuha together with Dr Julius Arinaitwe, who is a co-principal investigator on the project. This project is also very fortunate to have Julius who is an indispensable asset. With more than 20 years of experience in the field of not-for-profit biodiversity conservation



Dr. Julius Arinaitwe plays sound to attract Papyrus Swamp Warbler during the reconnaissance excursion

organizations, he is a very experienced leader and director. The expertise he has in the fields of biodiversity conservation, community-based natural resource management, policy and advocacy work, and capacity development at the local, national, and international levels is a huge asset to the project.

Stephen Kigoolo who is a specialist in Herpefauna together with Dr Fiona Mutekanga who is an expert in environmental sciences at Kabale University are all part of the implementing team. Together with some graduate students from the two participating universities as well as some stakeholders from the study community, the project aims to investigate the current state of the papyrus wetlands and provide data so that policy can be informed by this information. Further, it is intended that it will build capacity for evidence-based site conservation strategy development, implementation, and monitoring, as well as for policy advocacy to designate KBAs based on evidence. As part of the exchange between the partners, students and lecturers involved in the project will also be involved in the exchange.

As one of the key components of the project, data will be collected on the distribution, abundance and habitat use of birds, reptiles and amphibians, with the aim of identifying priority areas for area-based protection, as well as

advocating for their protection in accordance with Uganda's 30 by 30 commitments. In light of this information, the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, as well as ARBMIS, eBird, and the World Data Base on Key Bird Areas, will be used to inform the development of strategies and action plans related to biodiversity. Among others, this data will be shared on Data Portals for the Uganda National Biodiversity Databank and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). During the reconnaissance activity conducted for this project around the lakes Bunyonyi, Mutanda, and Mulehe, several key species which thrive in wetland areas were discovered. It is worth noting that some of the birds seen around the three lakes during the reconnaissance include; the Swamp flycatcher, Hamerkop, African Harrier-Hawk, Black Kite, Black-headed Weaver, Black-crowned



A Hamerkop bird spotted in a swamp located in Muko, Rubanda District.

Waxbill, and female black-headed Weaver to name a few.

By implementing this project, we will be able to preserve and broaden our knowledge about biodiversity and its protection. The use of multispectral Sentinel-2 and Landsat images to identify the rate of habitat loss and degradation over the past 20 years will be adopted by using change detection analysis in order to determine the rate of habitat degradation over the past 20 years. This is a much-needed project and as it is rolled out, many more ripple benefits shall spill over from it. As Edward O Wilson is quoted 'Biodiversity is our most valuable but least appreciated resource'. All efforts to protect our mother earth make the world a better place. The Kabale University Management through the Vice Chancellor expressed their sincere appreciation to JRS biodiversity foundation and the other participants steering the project.

A staff gauge at River Ruhezamyenda in Rubanda District. The papyrus on the river banks are home to a variety of birds and amphibians.





University of Exeter team visits Kabale University under the SEBU Project

On Monday, June 19th, we were delighted to host a team from University Exeter, Great Britain. A team of five graduate students from the same university was led by Professor Ilya Maclean. Ilya is an Associate Professor of Global Change Biology at the Environment and Sustainability Institute at the University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus. The top management of Kabale University was met by the delegation.

In addition to the biodiversity project between the two universities, they discussed potential areas for collaborative interest between them. As a result of the meeting, both teams agreed to continue their collaborative research efforts.

The University of Exeter is collaborating with Kabale University on the Site Selection to Protect Papyrus Endemic Biodiversity in Uganda (SEBU) project funded by the JRS Biodiversity Foundation. Through

its experts and collaborating graduate students, the University of Exeter provides critical technical support to the project. When receiving these guests at the main campus located on Kikungiri hill, the Vice Chancellor Professor Joy C Kwesiga expressed her appreciation for their partnership with Kabale University. She further noted that the collaboration will enable Kabale University students to gain valuable insights and skills from their counterparts at the University of Exeter. She also expressed her excitement at the prospects of the partnership and the opportunities it will create for the students and the two universities.

Professor Kwesiga, along with some members of the University management, stressed the importance of academic synergy in order to address the current world problems through collaboration and international partnerships. Her delight at hosting the distinguished guests was reflected in her emphasis on the shared commitment

to excellence in research. She specifically congratulated them on being part of the winning proposal team. Furthermore, she stressed the importance of breaking down barriers in order to facilitate collaboration and knowledge sharing. Her appreciation for the visitors' presence, as well as their enthusiasm for the project, were expressed.

Aside from acknowledging the expertise and reputation of the University of Exeter, the Vice Chancellor expressed her enthusiasm for the potential



Prof. Ilya Maclean observes birds during the excursion at Lake Bunyonyi.



The project team out in the field.

collaborations that may be a result of the current partnership. A major theme of the Vice-Chancellor's address was the importance of such visits to broaden academic horizons and foster global connections. According to her, Kabale University is committed to providing an environment that fosters knowledge exchange and academic excellence. She was confident that the relationship between both universities would be mutually beneficial. She also believed that the partnership would lead to expanded opportunities for students and faculty alike. She concluded her speech by wishing the visiting University of Exeter team a successful visit.

Prof. Ilya Maclean also expressed his gratitude for Kabale University's warm welcome and hospitality. His remarks acknowledged the shared values and aspirations of the two institutions and expressed optimism about future collaborations, which would undoubtedly contribute to the advancement of knowledge and research. As the principal technical adviser for the SEBU project, Ilya has conducted research around Lake Bunyonyi. Bringing a wealth of experience to the project, he

serves as the lead supervisor of the Exeter University team of students. During this visit, KAB University is extending its international network, fostering academic collaborations, and launching SEBU project. The event promoted collaboration among leading scholars and researchers as well as the institution's commitment to providing a vibrant academic environment.

At the meeting with the University management and a guest from Exeter University, the project consultants were also present. Mr. Kigoolo Steven is a herpetologist who is also the herpetofauna consultant for the project with over 20 years of experience in the field. Godfrey Sempungu, the project communication consultant, and Dr Julius Arinaitwe, the co-principal investigator and coordination consultant, were also present at the meeting.

As part of the meeting, students who will be participating in the first year project activities were also present. These students included Billy Rolls, Sam Rude, Evan Chad, Polly Hughes, and Peter Oldcorn, all of whom were students at the University of Exeter. Natukunda Loy and Shafati

Natukunda are Ugandan graduate students who participated in the meeting and are involved in the project. Students involved in the project are all enrolled in graduate programs at the two universities participating in the project.

Through the seeds of collaboration sown during this visit, the future holds great potential for fruitful collaboration in research, innovation, and academic excellence for both institutions, making a lasting impact on society and the academic community.



One of the amphibians found in the swamps during the field study.



Kabale University and UNDP Uganda partner to establish a regional business incubator

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The partnership between UNDP and Kabale University is a significant step in leveraging these universities' potential to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

Ms. Elsie Attafua

A strategic partnership between Kabale University and UNDP has been established to develop innovation ecosystems within Uganda's public universities and to implement the Youth4Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Facility. As part of the agreement, Kabale University will establish a Business Incubation Center. A facility such as this will provide students with access to workspaces, mentorship, education, and investors to assist them in their efforts to innovate. Throughout the region, the Centre will assist student innovators and start-ups in obtaining intellectual property rights and commercializing their innovations. The Centre will also provide a platform for collaboration between student innovators and established businesses in the region. This will ensure that the innovations developed at Kabale University have a greater impact in the region and can be more easily adopted in the market.

Ms. Elsie Attafua, UNDP's Resident Representative in Uganda, stressed that the Youth4Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Facility is an innovative tool designed to harness Uganda's youth's innovative and entrepreneurial

potential. It is intended to promote impact-driven entrepreneurship, foster innovation, and employ business solutions to combat youth unemployment. This initiative is part of UNDP's broader efforts to foster innovation ecosystems in Uganda's public universities. Through the partnership between UNDP and Kabale University, the Youth4Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Facility will also be implemented. In order to accomplish this, equipment will be procured and installed for the Kabale University Business Incubation Center, as well as support for the center's operationalization.



Assoc. Prof. Abanis Turyahebwa, the KAB project coordinator.

UNDP wishes to utilize Uganda's dynamic public and private universities, which have established Uganda as a center of excellence for higher education within the Eastern and Central African Region. We intend to leverage this potential by partnering with Kable University to foster innovation and entrepreneurship among Ugandan youth and promote sustainable development," said Ms. Elsie Attafuah. Additionally, Ms Attafuah acknowledges that Ugandan universities have demonstrated remarkable results in innovation. In order to keep pace with global trends, institutions are now actively engaged in development policies while integrating science, technology, and innovation. In her words, "The partnership between UNDP and Kabale University is a significant step in leveraging these universities' potential to foster innovation and entrepreneurship."

Her statement expressed her hope that this partnership would accelerate progress towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. As a result of the partnership, she believes that it will serve as a prime example of how partnerships can play a significant role in delivering innovative and unique solutions for development. It is with great gratitude that Ms. Attafuah extends her appreciation to Prof. Joy Kwesiga and the entire KAB team for their contribution to this partnership.

In her remarks, Prof. Joy Kwesiga noted that Kabale University was delighted to partner with UNDP in the establishment of a regional business incubator. "In order to ensure the long-term creation of employment and livelihood opportunities for youth, women, and other marginalized groups, Kabale University plans to utilize the Youth\$Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Facility," she said. In addition, Prof. Kwesiga noted that the facility is designed to foster innovation and entrepreneurship by creating a strong, functional, and inclusive ecosystem. Through this facility, KAB aims to provide students with the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to launch and sustain successful business ventures. This will not only create employment opportunities for the university's graduates, but will also contribute to Uganda's economic development.

Attafuah reiterated UNDP's commitment to supporting youth and youth-led enterprises by piloting innovative ideas and providing them with the resources necessary to scale up their successes into viable commercial ventures. As part of its work, UNDP also promotes the resilience of MSMEs and empowers them to create sustainable enterprises. The purpose of this approach is to

establish an ecosystem platform that connects young entrepreneurs, the government, the private sector, development partners, financial institutions, and other relevant stakeholders. The UNDP aims to create an enabling environment for young entrepreneurs to thrive and contribute to the economic development of Uganda by fostering collaboration and providing access to resources, states Ms. Attafuah.

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is fully committed to supporting the Government of Uganda in achieving sustainable development and creating opportunities for empowerment, environmental protection, disaster risk reduction, building strategic partnerships, and improving the quality of life for all Ugandans. In its Country Programme Document for Uganda 2021-2025, UNDP outlines its priorities and strategies for assisting the government in these areas. UNDP seeks to contribute to the achievement of Uganda's development goals and the realization of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development through close collaboration with the government and other stakeholders.

A team led by UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Ms. Sheila Ngatia, and the Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Hon Mateke Nyirabashitsi, brought 42 members to the YouthConnekt Summit in Kigali, including grantees of the Youth4Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Facility, youth leaders, Kabale University student innovators, UNDP staff, and government officials.

In addition to showcasing their products and innovations during the market exhibitions, Kabale University students networked with private sector partners from other countries. This was for future business collaborations. As a result of this opportunity, the youth gained exposure to other successful entrepreneurs from different parts of the globe and were able to learn from them. In order to promote entrepreneurship in Uganda, UNDP continues to support the development of youth-led enterprises through this initiative. This initiative has helped many young people gain the skills and resources needed to launch their own businesses. It has also provided them with access to networks, mentors, and other resources. It is our hope that this initiative will help to create a more dynamic and entrepreneurial economy in Uganda.



KAB Medical Students Association supports mothers and babies on Mother's Day

Kabale University Medical Students under their Medical Students Association (KUMSA) conducted a health camp on Mother's Day in order to raise funds for needy mothers and babies at Kabale Regional Referral Hospital (KHHR). As part of the health camp held at Kabale Central Market, medical students focused on non-communicable diseases like hypertension and diabetes due to the rising incidences of these conditions worldwide. Each year, KUMSA celebrates mothers and also gives back to the community at the Kabale Regional Referral Hospital.

The medical students presented educational materials on the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases, as well as interactive sessions on healthy lifestyle choices, such as regular exercise, a balanced diet, and stress management. In addition to sharing their experiences and concerns

regarding their health, participants were also encouraged to seek support from their community and medical professionals. The students-doctors also provided resources and advice to those who had questions about how to access medical care and other services. They also emphasized the importance of taking preventive measures to ensure the long-term health of participants.

As explained by the project coordinator, Audrey Namanya, by offering free medical testing, the medical students not only raised awareness about the importance of early detection and prevention of these diseases, but also provided valuable support to the community. Stuart Musasizi, President of KUMSA, congratulated his team for their efforts and noted that the health camp was a success



in reaching out to the population and promoting preventative healthcare in Kabale Central Market. It has provided us with valuable opportunities to apply our knowledge and skills in a real-world setting, as well as to collaborate with other stakeholders in the healthcare system.

The free services provided included blood pressure measurement, random blood sugar testing, malaria screening, syphilis screening, HIV testing and counseling, and health education about family planning and cervical cancer. Kabale University Rotaract Club, Hills FM, Voice of Kigezi radio, local leaders, the District Health Officer, and Kabale Regional Referral Hospital collaborated in the organization of the camp. They were funded by Numba Cafe, Active Supermarket, Safari Diners, Equity Bank Kabale, Centenary Bank Kabale, Kabale University staff and students, MTN Uganda Kabale, Bird Nest resort, Total Petrol station, and Kabale Rotaract club. The camp was a success and it was attended by over 500 people. The camp had various activities such as health talks, HIV/AIDS screening, and other health-related services. Additionally, free medical services and counseling were provided to the participants. In the end, the proceeds of this two-day event were donated to the mothers at the regional referral hospital. The university has a responsibility to provide assistance to the community as part of its mandate.



Students visit mothers at Kabale Regional Referral Hospital



Volunteering students from the Kabale University Medical School (KABSOM).



Students listen to a patient.



Members of the KUMSA Executive Board pose for a picture during the medical camp.



A students hands over hamper to a happy mother as her baby looks on.



A mother receives a hamper from a student at KRRH.





Student donates blood during the 1-day health camp

Guidance & Counseling Department Health Camp for Students and the Community

Blood Bank.

Ms. Confidence Nkurunungi Asiimwe, University Counsellor, explained that the camp is intended to extend services to students who do not regularly visit the main campus, especially those at Nyabikoni and Makanga. It is our intention to organize this camp for the benefit of our students who reside off of the main campus as well as the community around the campus, said Ms. Asiimwe. The camp also offered counselling services, career guidance and advice on university admission procedures.

The camp was conducted in an interactive and fun manner to ensure a positive learning experience.

Over 400 students and members of the community were served by the medical camp, according to the University Counsellor. Among the activities that were conducted were HIV counselling and testing, Syphilis testing, urine HCG testing, RDT malaria testing, urine analysis testing, B/S malaria testing, blood donation by the Uganda Blood Bank, and individual and group counselling.

In order to educate students about handling relationships, sexual and reproductive health, as well as academic and financial challenges, the Guidance and Counselling unit organized a two-day reproductive health education camp. A two-day Reproductive Health Education Camp was held at the Kikungiri Main Campus, Nyabikoni Engineering Campus and KABSOM in Makanga with support from the University Clinic, Kabale University School of Medicine, Reproductive Health Uganda Kabale office, and Uganda



Ms. Confidence Nkurunungi, the University Counsellor (extreme left) speaks to students.



Students from the KAB's ICT department participate in the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) in Kigali, Rwanda.

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I am delighted that our students were able to attend this conference. Our institution has the opportunity to receive recognition for its efforts in training its students.

Mr. Vicent Mbirizi

A team of students from the Faculty of Computing, Library and Information Science represented Kabale University at the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) held in Kigali, Rwanda.

Kabale University was represented by five students from the Faculty of Computing Library and Information Science (FoCLIS) at the ICRL 2023 conference in Kigali-Rwanda. They included Glad Owomugisha a second year student of Bachelor of Information Technology, Alfred Irimaso a third year student of Bachelor of Computer Science, Denis Kasozi a second year student of Bachelor of Information Technology, Philip Ssempebwa a second year student of Bachelor of Information Technology, Desire Regina Nakibuuka a third year student of Bachelor of Computer Science, and Vicent Mbirizi, a member of staff in the Department of Computing.

Students presented their Artificial Intelligence projects during the conference, including the Interpretation of Animal Behavior and Actions Using Convolutional

Neural Networks, the Automated Detection of Blackspot Disease in Rose Flowers using Deep Learning Techniques and the Masked and Unmasked Face Recognition Model using Deep Learning Techniques. These projects showcased the potential of AI to solve complex problems and the students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills to develop innovative solutions. The conference was a great success, with the attendees being impressed by the students' ideas and progress.

According to Vicent Mbirizi, a member of the faculty who attended the conference, the projects submitted by the students demonstrate the quality of the education and training provided by Kabale University. "I am delighted that our students were able to attend this conference. Our institution has the opportunity to receive recognition for its efforts in training its students," he said. The conference was attended by representatives from universities around the world. Kabale University had a great opportunity to showcase the exemplary work of its students and faculty. The

conference projects were highly praised by those who attended.

The conference provided students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to a wider audience, as well as to learn from other experts in the field, according to Philip Ssempebwa, a second-year student in the Bachelor of Information Technology program. A premier gathering of professionals devoted to the advancement of the field of artificial intelligence known as representation or deep learning is the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR).

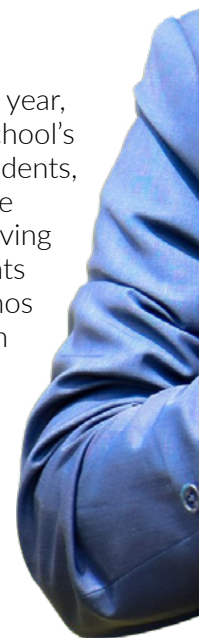
The ICLR is globally renowned for presenting and publishing cutting-edge research on all aspects of deep learning used in the fields of artificial intelligence, statistics, and data science, as well as important applications in machine vision, computational biology, speech recognition, text understanding, gaming, and robotics.



A Decade of Educational Excellence; Kabale University joins Rwebiita Preparatory School to celebrate their 10th Anniversary

To commemorate a decade of academic excellence by Rwebiita Preparatory School in Ngoma, Sheema district, Kabale University joined Rwebiita Preparatory School for the anniversary celebrations. The event was held to recognize the school's academic achievements and its impact on the surrounding community. It was a celebration of the school's achievements and a testament to the power of education that included speeches from church leaders, community leaders, and administrators of private schools.

There were a number of dignitaries present at the celebration held in April this year, including members of the school's staff, current and former students, and other invited guests. The event began with a thanksgiving service. The Dean of Students at Kabale University, Mr. Amos Tukamushaba, who spoke on behalf of Kabale University expressed his admiration for Rwebiita Preparatory's achievements. As part of his remarks, he emphasized





the school's unwavering commitment to providing quality education, fostering

community involvement, and nurturing young minds.

As the school's Director, Prof. Mesarch Katusiimeh reflected on the progress and achievements of the school. There is no doubt that the institution has been shaped by the dedication of its staff, the support of parents, and the enthusiasm of students. Professor Katusiimeh, who is also Dean of Kabale University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, explained that the University and Rwebiita Preparatory School share a similar

commitment to providing quality education and fostering community development.

During the event, students performed a variety of captivating performances, including music, poetry, dance, and theatrical presentations. The school's commitment to nurturing holistic development was demonstrated through these performances, which showcased the students' artistic talents.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the school's Director Prof. Katusiimeh, as well as the Board of Governors and student leaders, presided over the social hour and cake cutting ceremony.

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Assoc. Prof. M. Katusiimeh





Kabale University Vice Chancellor awarded at the Annual Gender Institute's public lecture at Makerere University

advancement of gender research. She presented a paper entitled 'Women and Gender Studies at Makerere University: A Reflection' as part of the panel discussion. During her presentation, she discussed the establishment of Makerere University's women and gender studies program. She emphasized the importance of expanding the reach of Gender Studies to encompass lower educational levels as well as institutional structures. As well, she stressed the importance of enlisting the support of influential individuals who can drive transformational change.

Every year, the organization dedicated to African gender issues recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to this field. According to Prof. Godwin Murunga, the Executive Secretary for CODESRIA, Prof. Joy Kwesiga has been selected as the recipient of this year's award as a result of her exceptional contributions to gender research. As part of his appreciation, he expressed his appreciation for Prof. Kwesiga's dedication and contribution to both gender issues in Africa and CODESRIA.

CODESRIA is a renowned platform for continental academic exchange that was established in 1973. A highly anticipated academic event,

the Annual Gender Institute public lecture brings together scholars, researchers, and professionals from throughout Africa.

The event is hosted by Makerere University's School of Women and Gender Studies to commemorate CODESRIA's 50th anniversary and the Gender Institute's 28th year of operation.

The theme of CODESRIA's 2023 celebrations is "Toward a Feminist Epistemic Breakthrough: CODESRIA's Experience with Gender Research". The event promotes gender research and celebrates CODESRIA's achievements in gender studies. It featured panel discussions, lectures, and workshops on gender research and development. The event is open to students, scholars, and professionals from all backgrounds.

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Even though women empowerment has made progress, the door remains ajar.

Prof. Joy C. Kwesiga

Prof. Joy Kwesiga, Vice-Chancellor of KAB, received an award in recognition of her outstanding contribution and exceptional efforts in promoting Gender education, research, and the Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). This was following her presentation at the Annual CODESRIA Gender Institute, organized public lecture, that was held at Makerere University from 7th to 9th June 2023.

Each year, CODESRIA awards eminent individuals who have made significant contributions to CODESRIA and to gender issues in Africa. A special award was presented this year to Prof Joy Kwesiga for her contributions to the



The Communications, Branding and Marketing team after coverage of the 7th graduation ceremony

Communication, Branding and Marketing Department Hold Week-long Training

Communication, Branding, and Marketing is one of the cross-cutting departments under the Vice Chancellor's Office. As part of its responsibilities, it is responsible for internal and external communication as well as institutional reputation. As a result, we aim to maintain cutting-edge performance and robustness in all aspects of our operations in light of the current turbulent market environment. Our department strives to maintain an ever-evolving strategy. A key component of achieving this goal is continuous professional development and engagement. In May, the members of the department attended a week-long workshop. An internally facilitated workshop at the Makanga student's hostel at KABSOM focused on team building and skill-based hands-on training.

Godfrey Sempungu, the team leader, stated, "You cannot repeat the same thing and expect different results.". To achieve success in the current turbulent marketing

environment, it is imperative that the team is trained in disruptive strategies. According to Sempungu, in order to achieve team results, continuous team engagement is essential, along with appropriate facilitation and motivation. It will only be possible for us to achieve team success once we realize that KAB is larger than all of us and that we are all playing together and not against one another.

In addition to extending the horizons of thought and engagement for the team, the training was very fruitful. Team games were used as a method of guiding the team through a variety of tasks and scenarios that will have the effect of rubbing off the tea long after the workshop has ended. Several other important computer software applications were also developed in the areas of web engagement, online content development, and strategy and engagement.



The team engages in team-building exercises



The Guild leaders host a welcome bash for new students at KAB

Deputy RDC for Kabale district, Mr. Bakaki Ronald, has urged new students at Kabale University to be principled and avoid immoral behavior that could result in tragic consequences, such as deaths in higher education institutions in the past. He made this statement while officiating at the Fresher's Bash held at Kabale University's main campus. This was to welcome new students who joined the university in February.

"I would like to caution all of you to refrain from having multiple partners since this will lead to unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections that will destroy your future. Let each of you prioritize your education rather than seeking materialistic pleasures that will prevent you from achieving your life's goals".

At the same function, the Dean of Students, Mr. Amos Tukamushaba, advised new students to maintain discipline as a means of achieving success in their studies. As a precaution, Mr. Tukamushaba warned the students of the potential consequences of exam malpractice, which

could lead to the cancellation of their semester."I would like to encourage you to read hard as you prepare for your upcoming exams, which will start on 5th May. You should strive hard to complete your course by the due date", he advised.

The Guild President, Diaz Drake Owoyesigire, highlighted the accomplishments of the Guild Council, including the establishment of canteens, internet stations, and printing centers. He said, "The Guild Council has been working tirelessly to improve students' lives, and will continue to do so". Additionally, the Guild president urged students to always be

calm and support Guild Council members. He also commended management members for cooperating to make the bash a success.

M. Gerald Turyamureba, the Deputy DISO Kabale District, highlighted security concerns such as night robberies, attacks, and theft that affect students in the region. Students were advised to be vigilant, travel in pairs, and report any criminal activities to the police. Additionally, he stressed the importance of health, education, and discipline, stating that these are the keys to a brighter future.

FEMS wins seventh inter-faculty competition



The Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences (FEMS) emerged winners of the 7th Inter-faculty games held at Kabale University's main campus playground. Games and Sports Union organized the events under the theme 'Developing Games & Sports without Boundaries, Promoting People with Disabilities, Encouraging Women for Gender Equality, Fight against Homophobia'.

Mrs. Anny Katabazi, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), presided over the function and pointed out that the University is committed to supporting sports because they provide students with a tremendous amount of learning opportunities. Additionally, she stated that students need to participate in sports to develop skills such as teamwork, discipline, accountability, determination, endurance, and hard work. During the ceremony, Ms. Katabaazi presided and presented the prizes to the winners.

The inter-faculty games this year were intended to unite students in the fight against homosexuality and lesbianism at the University, according to the Chairperson of the Games & Sports Union, Mr. Isaac Tumwesigye. "Our dream is to live responsible lives and to lead our young ones by example. Therefore, we will continue to

reject the vices of homosexuality, lesbianism, and the queer gender in our university. We are God-fearing people, and we are united on this issue both on and off campus," he stated.

A total of eight faculties participated in the games, including the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Education, Institute of Languages, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Computer, Library & Information Science, Faculty of Engineering, and the School of Medicine. Football for both men and women, Netball, Volleyball for men and women, Handball for men, and Athletics for both men and women were some of the games that were played. Medals and prizes were awarded to the best-performing teams and individuals for each game. The competition was a great success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie

among the students and faculty members who participated. It was an enjoyable event for everyone involved.

KABSOM won the male football competition with a 4-0 victory over FOCLIS, while FOCLIS won the female competition with a 3-2 victory over FEMS, according to Milton Byakatonda. The Institute of Languages won the netball competition, while the Faculty of Agriculture won the handball competition.

The general performance of the teams is summarized as follows:

Rank	Faculty	Points
1.	Faculty of Management Science	180
2.	Faculty of Agriculture and Environment Science	133
3.	Faculty of Education	126
4.	Faculty of Arts and Sciences	119
5.	Kabale University School of Medicine	112
6.	Institute of Languages	111
7.	Faculty of Engineering	70
8.	Faculty of Computing, Library and Information Science	6

Kabale University researchers reveal the challenges faced by doctoral students in Uganda

Researchers from Kabale University have published a study describing the obstacles faced by Ph.D. students in Ugandan universities. The researchers, Johnson Ocan, Eton Marus, Francis Akena Adyanga, and Natal Ayiga, published their work in the Journal of Social, Humanity, and Education (JSHE). They focused on three public universities, Kabale University, Makerere University, and Gulu University, to examine the challenges faced by Ph.D. students during their studies.

According to the study, institutional shortcomings, such as inadequate funding and limited research resources, make it difficult for Ph.D. students at Ugandan universities to conduct their research effectively. Students are also left feeling unsupported and unsure of how to proceed with their research due to a shortage of qualified supervisors and a lack of guidance and mentorship programs, according to the researchers. The study also found that individual student inefficiencies, such as heavy workloads and limited access to modern technology and research facilities, can impede students' progress towards graduation.

Despite the challenges Ph.D. students face, the authors argue that they should be encouraged to engage in the construction of knowledge within their indigenous context while conducting their research. By using this approach,

students are able to develop a deeper understanding of their research topics, resulting in research outputs that are relevant to their local communities.

The study recommends that Ugandan universities take steps to address these challenges, support Ph.D. students, and improve their chances of graduating on time. Thus, the universities can ensure that their students receive adequate support throughout their studies in order to produce high-quality research outputs in a timely manner.

According to the study, universities should provide more funding and resources to support Ph.D. students, offer more guidance and mentorship programs, and hire more qualified supervisors to assist students.



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Managers and Unit Heads of KAB urged to integrate internal audit into all University activities

Professor Joy Kwesiga, the Vice Chancellor, has urged the management, the cost center managers, and the heads of units at KAB to adopt internal audit services in all of the university's operations.

During the opening of a one-day Risk Identification Training workshop, Prof. Kwesiga explained that the internal audit unit is responsible for auditing all university activities to ensure that they comply with the University and other Tertiary Institutions Act. "Auditing not only helps us provide high-quality services, but also enables us to comply with regulatory requirements", she stated.

Canon Johnson Baryantuma Munono, the University Secretary, cautioned members to ensure proper accountability. As employees of the government of Uganda, we are responsible for the funds advanced to us as well as for the students we should teach. In addition, Canon Munono requested that the members identify potential risks to the reputation of the university, so that preventative measures could be taken.

Mr. Benson Barigye, Assistant Director Internal Audit, organized the workshop in order to assess the effectiveness and existence of internal controls. Our first step will be to evaluate the magnitude of the risks we identify and their impact on our university. As a result of this analysis, we will be able to determine the effectiveness of the risk management strategies available to mitigate those risks.

The Directorate of Internal Audit organized a training workshop to assist members in identifying risks, to train them on possible risk management measures to protect the physical, human, and financial assets of the university, and to reduce exposure to risk. Internal Audit is responsible for identifying potential risks to the university, ensuring compliance with the University's regulations and procedures, and ensuring that the relevant laws are being followed. They are also responsible for reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the university's internal control system and providing recommendations for improvement. Finally, they are responsible for providing independent assurance that the university's risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Gulu Regional Referral Hospital recognizes Kabale University student as top intern doctor 2022/23



Dr. Nzeeke Herbert, a Kabale University graduate, was recognized and awarded as the top intern doctor at Gulu regional referral hospital 2022/23 last April. Gulu Regional Referral Hospital organized an award ceremony to recognize outstanding interns. It announced them in front of supervisors, fellow interns, in-charges, and department heads.

Herbert Nzeeke graduated in May 2022 from the pioneer class of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. The School of Medicine at Kabale University (KABSOM) was established in September 2016 to fill the huge health professionals training gap in Kabale University's region. A Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree program at Kabale University School of Medicine (KABSOM) takes five years to complete. Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners' Council (UMDPC) allows medical doctors who graduate with an MBChB and complete a one-year internship to practice.

The past year has been an immense privilege for Dr. Nzeeke, who began his internship in April 2022 and ended it in April 2023. My first impression of the place was that it was unacceptable and I was homesick. However, the staff and my supervisors were friendly and helpful and this helped me fit in.

During his major rotations in Surgery and Paediatrics, he had the best hands-on experience with great consultants. The internship changed my mindset. The internship is one year, but with a lot of expectations that you must fulfill. You must work hard, be committed and be close to your supervisors to succeed at the internship.

Internships are a necessary experience for every student, according to Nzeeke. Through my internship, I have gained confidence in both clinical and surgical skills, and I have interacted with students from other universities. My zeal has been bolstered by this. "So many people hadn't heard of KABSOM before, but now they know that it has excellent graduates," he added. "I thank KAB for

making me who I am today. I would like to commend my lecturers and our pioneer class at KABSOM for the job well done. I am also informed that most of my classmates have performed well in the positions they are in," he said.

Dr. Nzeeke says interns from KABSOM are the best and will succeed. The one-year period will be tough, but you can do it. Be confident, willing, and ready to learn. Do not despise anyone because even a cleaner can teach you something. Never give up and believe in yourself. Utilize every opportunity to learn and grow. Ask for help when needed and do not be afraid to take risks. Kabale University School of Medicine graduated its second cohort of medical students in June.



Source: The Independent Uganda

A Whipping at Home

Convocation team of KAB prevails 3-0 over continuing students



Prof. Joy Kwesiga, Vice Chancellor, has called on the KAB community to become involved in sports, highlighting the transformative power of sports to foster friendship, resilience, and determination.

Prof. Kwesiga said this while officiating the football match between convocation (alumni) and continuing students at KAB's main university playground in Kikungiri, the day before graduation. KAB Convocation female team won the match with a thrilling 3 – 0 victory. The transformative power of sports fosters friendship, resilience, and determination. Congratulations to the female players on your outstanding performance. Professor Kwesiga encouraged all participants to pursue excellence.

Ms. Dianah Nkamusiima, a lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, was also commended by Prof. Kwesiga for her contribution to the promotion of female football at Kabale University. She encouraged all participants to pursue excellence in the sport. The Convocation's representative on the University

Council, Hon. Denis Singahakye (former LC.V Chairperson, Ntungamo District) highlighted the importance of KAB alumni. As he pointed out, alumni represent a valuable social and human resource for the university. In addition, he urged all graduates to actively participate in the Kabale University Convocation, emphasizing the University's openness to all interested parties.

Additionally, Mr. Singahakye stated that the KAB Alumni will contribute a coaster bus to KAB, which will facilitate student tours, promote KAB, and generate income for the university. Furthermore, he commended the Dean of Students, Mr. Tukamushaba Amos, for his commitment to the welfare of the students. During the Convocation, some representatives of the Convocation shared their testimonies with the continuing students at KAB. During her time at Kabale University, where she served as the Guild Deputy Speaker and the GRC of Environment and Natural Resources, Mercy Beinomugisha fondly recalled her time as a technician in the Department

of Agriculture at Nile Breweries Uganda. In addition to expressing her pride in being a member of the alumni community, Ms. Beinomugisha attributes her success in life to the university. During her speech, she encouraged female students to work hard and become important women in the future.

Nicholas Muhumuza, owner of "Christ for All General Electronics" in Kabale Town, appreciated the social capital he gained as a result of his membership in the convocation. It was mentioned by him that many of his clients were students, lecturers, and fellow alumni. While at KAB, Mr. Muhumuza served as Guild Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and commended his lecturers for their mentoring and guidance. This enabled him to further expand his business and build a successful network of contacts. He was thankful for the opportunity to have engaged with fellow alumni who provided support and advice. He used this knowledge to grow his business and further his career.



Dr. Abel Mucunguzi addresses the students and community leaders in Ntungamo

Students and staff at Kabale University engage in community outreach in Ntungamo

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Governance organized community activities in Kafunjo-Mirama Town Council where they visited to engage in issues of governance and public administration. In Ntungamo district, students and staff discussed governance and public administration issues with political leaders.

Community engagement is crucial in promoting good governance and building more informed communities, according to Dr. Abel Mucunguzi, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Governance. To build a bridge between the university, political leaders, and the public, the university organized the events. This helps to ensure that the public is heard and their concerns are addressed through university

programmes.

As Dr. Muchunguzi points out, this ensures citizen participation. Students and faculty share knowledge and skills about governance issues, including democracy, human rights, and citizen participation, by engaging with local communities. As a result, students gain real-life experience and skills that will be useful in their future careers”, Dr. Mucunguzi explained. According to Jedras Mpirirwe, a lecturer in the Department of Governance, such community activities contribute to building stronger and more resilient communities.

Leaders of the Town Council commended Kabale University for its efforts to engage with the district. They noted that outreach is crucial to strengthening relationships between academic institutions and local communities. Community engagement is one of Kabale University's primary objectives. It offers an excellent opportunity for knowledge exchange between the university and community cooperation.

Prostate Cancer among patients undergoing prostatectomy in the Kigezi sub-region



Dr Robert Mugarura

Lecturer, Kabale University School of Medicine (KABSOM)

The Department of Surgery at Kabale University School of Medicine (KABSOM) is conducting a study to determine the incidence of prostate cancer among patients undergoing prostate surgery. Dr. Robert Mugarura, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Surgery, is the Principal Investigator of the study titled “Prostate Cancer among patients undergoing prostatectomy in the Kigezi sub-region, Southwestern Uganda.”

According to Dr. Mugarura, the study is aimed at estimating and documenting the prevalence of prostate cancer among male patients seeking treatment for lower urinary tract symptoms. In his words, “It is a baseline study that will guide further research aimed at increasing awareness, improving diagnosis, and improving the management of patients with prostate cancer”. Dr. Mugarura states that prostate cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in men around the world. “It is estimated that one in six men will develop prostate cancer during their lifetime. He adds that people of the black race are particularly at risk for prostate cancer and are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced diseases that have worse outcomes than those of other races.

According to research, Uganda has one of the highest incidence rates of prostate cancer in Africa. The incidence of prostate cancer in Uganda increased from 41.6 per 100,000 to 60.5 per 100,000 between 2001 and 2015. Based on a study conducted by Mulago Hospital, only 10.3% of Ugandans have good knowledge of prostate cancer despite the increasing incidence of prostate cancer in the population. Dr. Mugarura says the main risk factors for prostate cancer include black race, increasing age, smoking, and having a first-degree relative with the disease.

In low- and middle-income countries, prostate cancer is associated with poorer outcomes than in developed countries. Approximately 25% of Ugandan patients die within the first year of diagnosis, with more than 50% of patients lost to follow-up. The Uganda Cancer Institute reports that more than half of the patients (55.9%) present with advanced stages of cancer. As a result of late diagnosis and limited access to appropriate investigation and treatment, this occurs. This is due to a lack of resources, inadequate access to healthcare, and limited knowledge about prostate cancer. This highlights the need for increased awareness and improved healthcare delivery in low- and middle-income countries.

In several health facilities in the Kigezi region, prostate cancer cases are frequently encountered in clinical practice. The incidence of prostate cancer in Southwestern Uganda remains largely undocumented, and no detailed studies have been conducted on the disease”, Dr. Mugarura stated. The study is being conducted with the support of a grant from the Directorate of Research and Publications of Kabale University (DRP Reference PI0019/2/2023-2023). The research seeks to investigate the epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of prostate cancer in the region. The findings will be used to inform policies and strategies to improve prostate cancer care in the region.



Dr Alex Saturday

Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

KAB lecturer studies nutrients in Lake Mulehe's surface water

A lecturer at Kabale University has published a new study on the nutrient content of the surface water of the shallow lake of Mulehe in Kisoro district. Dr. Alex Saturday conducted a study entitled 'Content and dynamics of nutrients in shallow Lake Mulehe in Kisoro District, South-western Uganda'. The study found that the lake is highly nutrient rich, including nitrogen and phosphorus, which are essential for the growth of aquatic plants and animals.

According to Dr. Saturday, the study is important because it sheds light on the nutrient content and dynamics of Lake Mulehe, a vital resource for the surrounding communities. A comprehensive understanding of the lake's nutrient levels can be obtained by collecting water samples from multiple sampling stations during both wet and dry seasons.

This study will examine specific nutrients, such as $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$, $\text{NO}_2\text{-N}$, TN, TP and SRP, which

are key indicators of water quality and can have significant impacts on the lake's ecosystem. According to Dr. Saturday, the measurement of physical parameters such as temperature, pH, turbidity, electrical conductivity, and dissolved oxygen provides additional context for the nutrient levels absorbed.

As a result of the study, the Water Quality Index (WQI) is a valuable tool for assessing the quality of lake Mulehe's water, since it is a simple and easy-to-understand indicator of the lake's overall condition. The WQI is also useful for monitoring long-term changes in the lake's water quality, as it can be calculated for different time periods. Additionally, it can be used to compare the water quality of different lakes. This makes it a powerful tool for managing water quality and ensuring the sustainability of lake ecosystems. There were no significant differences in nutrient levels between study stations, according to the study findings. This indicates that the lake's nutrient content is relatively uniform. Dr. Saturday noted, however, that significant differences were

observed across study months, indicating that nutrient levels in the lake are subject to seasonal fluctuations. This indicates that both natural and anthropogenic factors influence the lake's nutrient content.

Dr. Saturday further notes that the WQI values varied from 36.0 to 74.5, with a mean of 58.69. "The overall WQI value places Lake Mulehe's water quality in the 'poor' category in terms of worthiness for human consumption. To reduce pollution in the lake resulting from anthropogenic activities, continuous pollution monitoring and enforcement of local regulations are necessary. This study provides valuable information about Lake Mulehe's nutrient content and water quality, which can help inform efforts to conserve and sustain this natural resource. Dr. Saturday emphasizes that the study is also an important resource for policymakers, environmentalists and other stakeholders working to protect the lake and its ecosystem in the region.

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Dr Johnson Ocan

Lecturer - English, Institute of Language Studies

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My favourite verse from the Bible is “...with no sin, cast the first stone upon her.” I learned it by heart from Rev. Fr. Alessandro, who commented about it in church openly, particularly while he is celebrating the holy mass.

The initial statements I can remember from Rev. Fr. Alessandro an Italian white father who routinely preached the benediction at mass at my school, are “*Ye with no sin cast upon you, nay you be the first to cast the stone upon her.*” My name is Namon Ezudolo, and the only school in my village is St. Joseph’s Seminary, a theological boarding school beautifully situated, in front of a shady grove of pine trees, some distance from my domicile. My parents are *Dikopo Mary* and *Petero Ogwok*, and my parents were peasants and they wrought as day labourers in the nearby mission farm like African donkeys till they attracted attention. They were occupied from one year’s end to the other with the work of the fields. I am now a big boy, fifteen years old! and can do so many things to help my parents.

My favourite verse from the Bible is “*with no sin, cast the first stone upon her.*” I learned it by heart from Rev. Fr. Alessandro, who commented about it in church openly, particularly while he is celebrating the Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. Alessandro was a stockily built man, of medium height with long-protruding, deep-set eyes hidden behind his rimmed spectacle he wore exclusively during mass, giving the impression that he was about to erupt in his cloak. He was studious, diligent, and anxious to avoid reprimands and to fulfil the expectations of his parishioners. In my small village, he launches vehemently at the village folks on equality and injustices between men and women. Sometimes he stretches forth his arms towards the open porch, as if pointing to something behind the tumbling curtains in the chapel. The hordes of my kinsmen were not a fan of his preaching methods. The verse in question is from a passage in the Bible that I can’t hardly recall, but it occurs when Jesus

prevents the adulterous woman from being stoned to death. This verse was frequently cited by Rev. Fr. Alessandro in advancing his arguments for gender equality. Most of the lads in the Seminary were still ensnared in their own cultural practices, which was a tough nut to crack. We were compelled to adopt the Catholic faith, but we could not accept any claims that women were superior. This directive had always been issued at the commencement of the term.

I was quick to confess that I only had a rosary around my neck because my parents were among the first convert in the village. They had given Rev. Fr. Alessandro the opportunity to baptize me. He gave me the name Alberto Kilama, though I found it written Albert Kilama by my illiterate parents who wrote what they heard in the African tongue. On the other hand, Ojok P’Moro is the name my grandparents chose for me. It means ‘*you belong to the ancestors of Moro*’. I can’t delve much into the history of my ugly names for it annoys me so greatly that I had not the faintest chance to choose a name for myself. Surely, I was sitting on the fence. I had tradition on my right and church on my left. I couldn’t consider a woman superior to a man- in the indigenous biology a taxonomic sense, one name has the same application as another, especially one which has been superseded and is no longer valid.

(To be continued)



A Kabale University outreach program inspires and supports Rugarama Nursing School students

Rugarama Nursing School was inspired and supported by the Association of Nursing Students (ANSKAB) of Kabale University. Located in Kabale District, Rugarama Nursing School is part of Rugarama Hospital. A health education, individual counseling, and career guidance event was held at Rugarama Nursing School, according to the ANSKAB's chairperson, Mr. Samuel Byarugaba. As part of the outreach program, patients and attendants participated in health education sessions, received individual counseling, and received thoughtful gifts later on.

Additionally, ANSKAB provided career guidance to nursing students, nurses, and midwives at Rugarama Hospital.

Evas Kyomugisha the university nurse was one of those who

guided the students. She stressed the importance of career choices and shared her inspiring journey of starting at a certificate level and pursuing her dream passionately. "Instead of focusing solely on monetary gain, it is a priority to build strong relationships and pursue inner satisfaction", Kyomugisha advised. In addition, she encouraged nursing students to write down their aspirations and the steps they need to take to achieve them by thinking about their interests.

According to the association's Legal Advisor, Mr. Christopher Kyamashaija, career is more than a job; it is a long-term journey involving growth, development, and fulfillment. An individual's professional identity is shaped by a series of experiences, skills, and accomplishments. To succeed in one's career, one must have a

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Mr. Kyamashaija

clear vision and take deliberate steps towards it,” he said. He further highlighted the importance of taking calculated risks, being open to learning, and investing in relationships. Mr. Kyamashaija concluded by emphasizing the importance of having a positive attitude and embracing failure as an opportunity for growth.

In his advice to nursing students, John Bosco Ninyibizi, a worker at Kabale Regional Hospital, suggested setting targets and viewing your current education as a foundation for success. “This can keep you motivated and focused despite difficulties and setbacks”, he said. In addition, Mr. Ninyibizi urged students to show gratitude and appreciation to their parents for their sacrifices. “Parents often make significant sacrifices for their children’s education, and it is important to honor their efforts”, he said. He also encouraged students to set goals and stay focused on them. He reminded them to keep their eyes on the prize and never forget what they are working towards. Lastly, he encouraged students to be resilient and never give up.

Students were also encouraged to pursue further education beyond the certificate level. Employers are increasingly seeking candidates with higher levels of education and training as the healthcare industry becomes more complex and demanding. Thus, a diploma or degree can help a nursing student expand their knowledge, skills, and career options. Furthermore, a nursing degree can help a student stand out from other job applicants and gives them an edge in the competitive job market. It also opens up the possibility for higher salaries and more opportunities for career advancement.

The Dean of Students at Rugarama School of Nursing, Roxana Nyesiga

Mukama, expressed gratitude to the ANSKAB team for prioritizing their school. In her own experience as a nursing student who began at the certificate level, she stressed the importance of humility and hard work. Students were advised to remain focused by Ms. Mukama and that their efforts would lead to a bright future. She encouraged students to take advantage of the resources available to them and to never give up, no matter how difficult the times may be. Ms. Mukama concluded her remarks by thanking all the staff and faculty members for their support and dedication to the students.

ANSKAB distributed gifts to patients, attendants, and staff at Rugarama Hospital. The gesture was appreciated by all present. Members of the community expressed gratitude to Kabale University for instilling empathy and compassion in its students, which they had demonstrated by helping those in need. Healthcare professionals and institutions can make a meaningful difference in

values while building strong and lasting relationships with their communities. This is an example of how universities can foster a culture of social responsibility and community engagement in their students. Such initiatives can help to create a more equitable and just society.

The ANSKAB outreach program at Rugarama Hospital was designed to promote collaboration and community engagement in healthcare between Kabale University and Rugarama Hospital. This program was designed to provide medical students with hands-on clinical experience and increase the knowledge of healthcare professionals in the community. Ultimately, the program was a success and more of the same shall result in improved healthcare services for the professional nurses undertaking the training.



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Nyesiga Mukama Roxanah, the Dean of Students at Rugarama School of Nursing



Kabale University Convocation gives back to their alma mater during the 7th graduation

It was at the 7th graduation ceremony that the KAB Convocation committee recognized students who graduated with first-class degrees from a variety of faculties, and donated various items to other graduates. A number of different items were donated, including pens, wristbands, custom-designed t-shirts, and trash cans, representing their commitment to cultivating academic excellence and advocating for an environmentally friendly campus. All items were imprinted with the KAB logo, signifying their association with and admiration for the university.

As the Chairperson of KAB Convocation, Mr. Isaiah B. Kanyamahane, emphasized the importance of the donation. He acknowledged that Kabale University alumni value a comprehensive education and a positive learning environment. By making the donation, he hopes to contribute to the achievement of the graduates, which in turn will motivate them as they pursue their future endeavors. He believes that the donation will help the university achieve its mission and vision. He is confident that the alumni donation will be used to modernize facilities, improve teaching methods, and

provide the best learning resources to the students.

Mr. Isaiah B. Kanyamahane noted that the school presented awards to the best performing female and male students to encourage current students to strive for excellence. Today, we will award T-shirts and KAB branded pens to the best-performing students in each faculty. "We appreciate your hard work and hope that you will continue to represent KAB with pride in your future endeavors", he concluded. Furthermore, Mr. Kanyamahane disclosed that the alumni were fundraising for a coaster bus that they would donate to the university. As a means of promoting the university, the bus would support student activities, generate income, and serve as an avenue to support student activities.

Additionally, Mr. Isaac Kagurusi, the National male representative on the convocation committee, reported that 5 plastic wheeler bins were donated as part of the effort to maintain university cleanliness. "The university is urged to place trash cans in every corner of the campus. It is essential to keep our institution clean to provide students with a serene

environment for studying and reading", he added.

There were trash cans strategically placed throughout the university's graduation grounds to encourage proper waste disposal and maintain a clean and healthy environment for students, faculty, and guests. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joy Constance Kwesiga, commended the Convocation for their continued engagement and generous contributions to the university's growth and development. The importance of alumni engagement and their role in the growth and development of their educational institutions should not be underestimated.



Some of the wheeler bins donated by the KAB Convocation



KAB Medical students undergo training at St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland USA

Students from Kabale University School of Medicine participated in an exchange program at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Oregon. Fourth-year students Micah Dufite and Charles Odur noted that they were exposed to non-communicable disease management, a wide variety of laboratory investigations, and medications. As part of the program, students had the opportunity to participate in 3 surgeries (laparoscopy, laparotomy, and abscess drainage). The students also noted that the exchange program allowed them to gain insight into the American healthcare system, and the patient-doctor relationship. They also interacted with experienced surgeons and learn from them.

They rotated between the general medicine and surgery departments, according to Micah. He also noted that they were exposed to a variety of medical equipment like CT scans, MRIs, dialysis machines, and a variety of drugs. "I loved the fact that

all the patient records were kept electronically," he said. He said it made it much easier to look up patient information quickly and accurately. The doctors were also able to share information more easily with their colleagues. He said the experience was invaluable.

As well as providing Micah with experience in treating patients based on severe presenting complaints, the exchange program also enabled him to work in a team with other healthcare professionals. During the experience, the students encountered medicines, investigations, and tests done on patients not available at our teaching hospital. Through this, students will be encouraged to train in the medical field to become excellent doctors, thus improving how they care for patients. The exchange program was an excellent learning opportunity for Micah and Charles to broaden their skills and knowledge. It provided them with a platform to gain deeper insight

into the medical field and develop their expertise in the area.

KAB is commendable for establishing partnerships that can benefit students, according to Charles Odur. "Such exposures will prepare students to become skilled and experienced doctors in the future. He expressed his pleasure and gratitude towards the Dean and Lecturers at KAB for their knowledge imparted to us. He also expressed gratitude to St. Vincent Medical Center doctors for their training. The students were able to gain hands-on experience at the hospital while learning to diagnose and treat patients in real-world scenarios. It was an invaluable opportunity for the students to hone their medical skills.

St. Vincent Medical Center is part of Providence in Oregon, a not-for-profit network of hospitals, health plans, physicians, clinics, and affiliated health services.



Kabale University staff and students participate in the Kabaka birthday run

Kabale University, like any public or private university, fosters cultural diversity among its students and staff. The Baganda Nkoba Zambogo students participated in the birthday run with colleagues from other ethnic groups who are well-wishers. Kabaka birthday runs are held every year to raise funds for a specific cause and are open to all who wish to participate. The Kabaka birthday run supports a variety of causes, including education, health, and poverty alleviation. The event serves as a platform for students and staff to come together and celebrate diversity in higher education institutions.

The Kabaka birthday run 2023 aimed to raise awareness and strengthen efforts to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Buganda and Uganda as a whole, with the theme, "The fight to end HIV/AIDS by 2030". As described by the mobilizer, Mr. Rogers Kintu, the Kabaka Birthday run was an excellent way to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and to encourage people to take action to prevent its spread. Mr. Kintu expressed his commitment and support for the Kabaka in his fight against HIV/AIDS by participating in the run. Mr. Kintu also encouraged other members of the community to join such activities in the future that enhance community-transforming causes. The event raised

awareness and inspired people to fight HIV/AIDS.

Taking part in the Kabaka birthday run is a great way to recognize the diversity of our University community, which is one of our core values. The Dean of Students, Mr. Amos Tumushabe, supported the campaign and expressed his appreciation for the Nkobazambogo Students' Association's participation in this event. Their ability to attract others to participate in such an activity is a testament to togetherness and closeness. This spirit of unity and solidarity is an example of how we can all come together to celebrate



our accomplishments and diversity. We should continue to encourage and support each other in our collective efforts to create an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Additionally, Godfrey Sempungu, the University's Senior Communications and Branding Officer, also attended the event. Along with jogging with the students around Kabale Sempungu, he gave a brief overview of the issue of togetherness in development. He stressed the importance of people loving their culture and coexisting with one another as a nation as we can only develop as a nation by loving one another. He expressed his gratitude to the university for providing students with a conducive environment that encouraged fellowship among them. According to Mattie Stepanek, "Unity is strength... when teamwork and collaboration are present, wonderful things can be accomplished."



KAB Senior Lecturer undertakes an academic visit to the Adventist University of Goma

Dr. Johnson Ocan, a Senior Lecturer of comparative literature and the coordinator of the MA Literature program recently visited the Adventist University of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The purpose of the visit was to explore potential areas of collaboration in research, as well as to contribute to teaching courses in linguistics.

According to Dr.Ocan, the visit was aimed at developing collaboration with the university in Goma. "Our aim as Kabale University is to establish a strong foundation for research collaboration with the Adventist University of Goma which will contribute to the advancement of knowledge especially in the field of comparative literature", he said.

Dr. Ocan also held a deliberate dialogue with the university staff to establish a strong partnership. "Through the discussions, we were able to identify common goals, address challenges, and develop strategies to enhance academic collaboration. This open exchange of ideas and perspectives will undoubtedly lead to a more productive and impactful partnership", he added.



The NCHE inspects the KAB for accreditation of new Engineering courses

Professor Joy Kwesiga, the Vice Chancellor commended the NCHE for verifying the University's upcoming programs. According to her, the university is committed to introducing relevant courses that will assist in addressing the challenges prevalent in the region and beyond. Prof. Kwesiga discussed the university's expansion plans in the Kigezi region. According to her, the university is currently establishing campuses in Rukungiri (for which the Ministry of Education has granted approval), Kanungu, and Kisoro.

Mr. Patrick Mafabi, the team leader, explained that the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) came to assess the university's readiness to launch a Master of Medicine and Bachelor of Nursing program in addition to the currently operating Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery program. Mafabi commended the university for proposing courses to NCHE

regularly as a means of addressing the shortage of human resources in the healthcare sector. He expressed optimism regarding the implementation of these proposed courses, emphasizing the need for innovative teaching methods.

He also stressed the importance of quality assurance in the programs, stating that they would inspect the fundamental facilities to be used. As a result, he stressed the importance of meeting the minimum standards and requirements of the NCHE. As stated by Prof. James Tumwine, Dean of Kabale University School of Medicine, the school strives to train healthcare professionals who are knowledgeable, skilled, and possess a positive attitude.

Tumwine noted that graduates of KABSOM have had success in their careers, citing Dr. Herbert Nzeeke, who was recognized as the best intern at Gulu Regional Referral Hospital. Mr. Naris

Tibenderana, the Academic Registrar, reported that the University has taken steps to launch various academic programs that can bridge the skills gap and contribute to the nation's development. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) welcomed another team from NCHE in April 2023. During this visit, the team evaluated the readiness of the faculties of Engineering, Technology and Applied Design, as well as Agriculture and Environmental Studies. This was done to launch new academic programmes.



The Kabale University students participated in the 5th Virtual Youth Convention

Students from Kabale University attended the Virtual Youth Convention held at State House in Entebbe. It was intended to provide young people with an opportunity to share ideas and experiences about how they can positively impact their communities through the convention, which was officiated by the First Lady and Minister of Education, Maama Janet Museveni.

In the convention, participants discussed ways in which they could grow in wisdom each day and use their gifts and talents to serve God and others. In addition, they discussed how to support and encourage others who are walking on sacred foundations with wisdom. Kabale University was represented by HE. Diaz Drake Owoyesigire, the Guild President, Ainembabazi Precious, Kagume Sam, and Godwin Ainobusingye. Through these activities, the University demonstrated its commitment to empowering young people to become agents of change in their communities.

Several speakers addressed the convention, including the Deputy Inspector General of Government, Mrs. Anne Twinomugisha Muhairwe, who is the Chairperson of the Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF). The UCLF was founded in 1986 as a fellowship of Christian law students. Participants were called upon to use their knowledge, skills, and talents to bring about positive change in their communities at the end of the convention.



The Kabale University Guild Council elects a Guild Tribunal

A new Guild Tribunal Committee has been appointed at Kabale University, with the objective of safeguarding students' rights and ensuring fair resolution of disputes. The University Guild President appealed to them at the handover to serve diligently and to protect the rights of students. It was during a handover ceremony at the Guild office that the Guild President, H.E Drake Diaz Owoyesigire, made the appeal. It was his advice to the committee members that they should work as a team and ensure that they carry out their roles without bias.

The chairman of the tribunal committee, Vincent Tumuhimbise, committed to fulfill the duties outlined in the constitution. As he noted, this committee plays a key role in ensuring that the Guild Government adheres to the university's rules and regulations. The Guild Tribunal is responsible for ensuring that the university's student government is functioning properly. All students' rights must be protected by the tribunal's independence and impartiality.



The Kabale University Youth Mappers Chapter empowers students to map for climate resilience

In the Explicit Training on QGIS and JOSM that was held under the theme 'Mapping for Climate Resilience', Kabale University students were trained in mapping and geospatial technologies. The event was organized by the KabYouth Mappers Chapter in collaboration with the OpenStreetMap Uganda team. The purpose of the event was to provide students with skills that would allow them to contribute to climate resilience by utilizing mapping technologies. Michael Karuba, the Field Mapping and GIS Associate Trainer, encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities presented by technology. Karuba said "Mapping skills have provided me with greater opportunities in my life. While you are here at the university, I encourage you to establish connections because they will prove valuable in the future.

In addition to providing students with technical skills, the event aimed to inspire and empower them as well. Mukisa Jemimah Precious, the Community Engagement and Development Associate, encouraged girls to

consider careers in technology. In her words, "the world is going digital, and this is the way to go." She added, "Girls can also succeed in this field, and I encourage them to compete with boys". There was a great deal of enthusiasm among the students regarding the training and the opportunities presented to them. As a result of this training, I have gained a greater understanding of the possibilities that exist in the field of mapping. "I am excited to explore this field further and to contribute to efforts towards climate resilience," said Allody Asiimwe Muhwezi, a student in the Faculty of Education. Additionally, Allody appreciated Kab Youth Mappers for organizing the event, saying that he was able to cover the entire GIS course in one day.

In his remarks, Mr. Arthur Anerase, the Field Communication Associate, encouraged the students to make use of OpenStreet Map, a platform that provides a wealth of opportunities for map enthusiasts. He noted that there are numerous opportunities in this field, and OpenStreet Map is an excellent platform for getting started. Youth

Mappers Kabale University Chapter President, Madam Akankunda Babrah, thanked the facilitators for their efforts and encouraged all students to join the club and aspire to become youth leaders. Additionally, she expressed her thanks to their Patron, Prof. Busigye Phelix (Dean FoClis), for his guidance and support.

Kabale University Guild Minister of ICT, Hon. Akandwanaho Gracious, commended the Open Street Map Uganda team for prioritizing Kabale University and providing students with mapping skills. Furthermore, he encouraged students to take advantage of these opportunities and to join the Kab Youth Mappers chapter for more information. Over the course of two days, the students were introduced to QGIS and JOSM, two popular mapping tools used in the industry. It was evident to them that mapping plays an important role in climate resilience efforts. KabYouth Mappers hopes to organize similar events in the future in order to empower and inspire the next generation of mapping enthusiasts.



Kabale University's Institute of Language Studies launches a ground breaking Kiswahili project

An initiative of Kabale University Institute of Languages Studies aims to promote the use of Kiswahili in Uganda's informal sector. According to the Director of the institute, Dr. David Majariwa, a research project has been launched entitled "Taking Kiswahili to the Informal Sector: Developing Kiswahili Oral Proficiency as a Soft Skill to Widen Economic Projects in Uganda" (Kushirikisha Watu wa Jua Kali katika Wipango ya Kuendeleza Kiswahili nchini Uganda). "This project aims at exploring how the informal sector can harness Kiswahili acquisition and usage to enhance economic prospects within the country", Dr. Majariwa noted.

Professor Ruth Mukama, Head of the Department of African Languages, stated that the project aims to enhance Kiswahili oral proficiency as a soft skill in order to widen Uganda's economic opportunities. In his keynote address, Dr. Majariwa stated that the main goal of the project was to examine how the informal sector could leverage Kiswahili acquisition and usage. In this project, Dr. Majariwa aims to assess oral competences of individuals working in the informal

sector, determine Ugandans' perception of Kiswahili as a communication tool, and analyze the factors that influence oral proficiency and usage of Kiswahili. Further, the results of the study would be used to develop policies that would promote Kiswahili instruction in the informal sector.

As part of its commitment and significant step toward promoting the use of Kiswahili in Uganda's informal sector, the Institute of Languages Studies has launched a Kiswahili research project. This will improve communication and promote national cohesion as well as East Africa integration. The project is expected to create more opportunities for Ugandans to use Kiswahili in various fields such as education, business and daily communication. It will also provide a platform for people to learn and appreciate Kiswahili culture. Ultimately, the project will help foster greater unity and understanding among different ethnic groups in Uganda. Through this project, Uganda will not only gain a better understanding of Kiswahili culture, but also become a model of cooperation and unity for the entire East African region.

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Atuhaire Ritah Represents KAB University at the African Mathematical School & Conference in Rwanda

The outstanding mathematics student Atuhaire Ritah, representative of Kabale University at the prestigious African Mathematical School & Conference in Rwanda, recently had the honor of representing the university. In this esteemed event, mathematical scholars, researchers, and students from across the African continent exchanged knowledge, discussed cutting-edge research, and fostered collaboration. Atuhaire Ritah is a second-year student in the Department of Mathematics studying Master of Science in Mathematics. Currently, she is participating in an international school and conference (mainly for women pursuing master's or doctoral degrees) organized by CIMPA

A student from the Faculty of Science, Atuhaire Ritah, is attending this prestigious conference because of her exceptional aptitude for mathematics and passion for the subject. The opportunity was not only a recognition of her outstanding academic achievements, but also of her potential as a promising young mathematician. In the African Mathematical School & Conference, participants had the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of mathematical discussions, attend lectures by renowned mathematicians, and participate in workshops and research presentations. This conference is intended to provide a forum for interaction between African Mathematicians and others from outside Africa with the aim of sharing experiences in the areas of mathematical training, research, and outreach.

In the course of the conference, Atuhaire Ritah actively participated in various sessions, demonstrating her knowledge of mathematical

concepts and methodologies. The participant engaged in insightful discussions with fellow participants, exchanging ideas and exploring possibilities for future collaborations in research. It has been an incredible opportunity for Atuhaire Ritah to attend the African Mathematical School & Conference, as she expressed her enthusiasm and gratitude, stating, "Attending the African Mathematical School & Conference has been an incredible experience." Through Kabale University, I have been able to learn from experts in the field, broaden my knowledge, and gain valuable insights into the latest advancements in mathematics. I am grateful for this remarkable opportunity.."

In her remarks, Dr. Sarah Nakato, a mathematics lecturer at Kabale University, commended Atuhaire Ritah's participation and stressed the importance of such events. According to her, Atuhaire Ritah's participation in the African Mathematical School and Conference reflects not only her exceptional abilities but also Kabale University's commitment to cultivating academic excellence and nurturing mathematics talent. As a result of her exposure to such platforms, we anticipate that she will be able to make significant contributions to the field." We are proud to support Atuhaire Ritah as she continues to pursue her studies in mathematics. We believe that her success will pave the way for future generations of students to achieve their full potential. We hope she will continue to be a role model for the Kabale University community.



instructional decisions. A variety of assessment methods, including formative and summative assessments, were discussed, as well as strategies for providing students with timely and constructive feedback. In the course of the training, participants engaged in collaborative discussions, shared best practices, and participated in hands-on activities that enabled them to apply concepts learned to real-world situations. A number of participants also had the opportunity to reflect on their own teaching practices and develop action plans for implementing new approaches and strategies in their classrooms.

During the training, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Francis Akena, explained that the purpose of the training was to enhance the knowledge and skills of the faculty members in these areas, which are crucial for effective teaching and learning. The Faculty organized this professional development training on curriculum interpretation to support its staff members in their ongoing professional development. The workshop participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to expand their pedagogical skills and improve their teaching practices as a result of the training. Continuing to organize similar professional development programs is in the interest of further empowering its staff members and contributing to the overall improvement of teaching and learning. Such activities should be encouraged and monitored regularly to ensure that educators are up-to-date with the current trends in teaching and learning. Creating an environment that nurtures professional development is essential for the success of a school or organization.

Education Faculty organizes Curriculum Interpretation Training to improve teaching and learning

For the purpose of promoting effective teaching and learning practices, Kabale University's Faculty of Education organized a professional development program on curriculum interpretation on the 17th and 18th of April 2023. It was designed to provide staff members with the necessary knowledge and skills to enhance their teaching methodologies and support student success. Aware of the critical role curriculum interpretation plays in the educational process, the faculty designed the training to address key issues related to curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation. The program aims to empower educators to create engaging and impactful learning experiences for their students by providing them with a comprehensive understanding of curriculum frameworks and their practical applications.

In addition to interactive workshops and presentations, the professional development training included collaboration activities. Among the topics discussed was: Understanding curriculum objectives and

goals: Participants examined the fundamental principles of curriculum development, as well as identifying clear learning objectives and goals, during one of the sessions, conducted by Dr. Fredrick Ssempala. Their skills included aligning the curriculum with educational standards and ensuring it met the needs of students. A variety of instructional approaches and techniques were explored by educators in order to foster active learning and engagement. They also sought to create an environment of collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Educators strived to create a safe and supportive learning environment.

In addition to exploring innovative teaching methods, the participants examined how these approaches could be integrated into their curriculum. These approaches include project-based learning, inquiry-based learning, and differentiated instruction. Assessment and evaluation of student learning: The training stressed the importance of ongoing assessment and evaluation in order to gauge student progress and inform

Members of The Government Communicators Forum (GCOF) participate in two-day training



A two-day training program organized by the President's office for key strategic communicators was attended by University Senior Communications and Branding Officer Godfrey Sempungu along with other members of the Government Communicators Forum (GCOF). A number of strategic communication-related topics were covered in this training program. In several strategic presentations, it was discussed how the role of communication can be improved to add value to the government. There was also a discussion of novel communication methods that are relevant to contemporary needs. A number of interactive sessions involved field activities as well as practitioner panel discussions involving hands-on experience.

Government Communicators Forum is a strategic network that brings together government communicators under one umbrella association. It is hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and National Guidance. It is with great appreciation that Sempungu expressed his gratitude to the

university administration for supporting his participation in GCOF activities. According to him, "professional associations foster competence, build capacity, and increase capacity.". The sharing of information through professional associations facilitates the efficient flow of accurate information in a timely manner, among other benefits.

The principal communication officer of the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, John Oyambi, who is the coordinator of the GCOF, highlighted the importance of this forum in addressing the key issues facing all government communicators. According to Oyambi, this training, along with those that have taken place previously, will enhance the efficiency of government communicators. The Patron commissioner of the GCOF, Wataasa, expressed his happiness with the progress made by the forum in recent months. As a way to make the forum more active and effective, he urged the members to commit more time and effort to it. Lt.Col Emmy Katabazi, who serves as the Deputy Director General for

the Internal Security Organization (ISO), represented the Director General at the closing ceremony. In his remarks, he congratulated the participants and reminded them of their obligations as government communicators. He then encouraged them to use the forum to share ideas and collaborate to enhance their work. He concluded by wishing the members success in their future endeavors.



Mr. Sempungu receives a certificate from Lt. Col Emmy Katabazi

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION	Schedule	Tuition Per Semester	
PhD in Education (by CW and Research)	WKD / HLD	4,000,000	\$2500
PhD in Education (by Research)	WKD / HLD	3,000,000	\$2000
M.A. in Educational Management	WKD / HLD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Education Psychology	WKD / HLD	1,325,000	\$730
PGD in Education	WKD / HLD	725,000	\$400
Undergraduate Programmes			
Bachelor of Education – Secondary	HLD	450,000	\$300
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	HLD	450,000	\$300
Bachelor of Education - Primary	HLD	450,000	\$300
BSc. with Education (Biology, Physics or Economics)	FT	700,000	\$400
Bachelor of Arts with Education	FT	700,000	\$400
Diploma in Education - Primary	HLD	270,000	\$200
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MSc. in Environment and Natural Resources	FT / WKD	1,500,000	\$730
Undergraduate programmes			
Bachelor of Environmental Science	FT	725,000	\$400
BSc. in Agriculture	FT	1,250,000	\$730
Bachelor of Agriculture and Land Use Mgt	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Agribusiness Management	FT	725,000	\$400
Diploma in Environmental Science	FT	500,000	\$320
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Bachelor of Civil Engineering	FT	1,900,000	\$980
Bachelor of Electrical Engineering	FT	1,900,000	\$980
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering	FT	1,900,000	\$980
Bachelor of Applied Design and Fine Art	FT	1,550,000	\$650
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	FT	500,000	\$320
Diploma in Civil Engineering	FT	500,000	\$320
Diploma in Electrical Engineering	FT	500,000	\$320

FACULTY OF COMPUTING, LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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Master of Computer Science	WKD	1,500,000	\$730
Master of Information Technology	WKD	1,500,000	\$730

Undergraduate programmes

Bachelor of Computer Science	FT	850,000	\$480
Bachelor of Information Technology	FT	850,000	\$480
Bachelor of Library and Information Science	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Records and Information Mgt	FT	725,000	\$400
Diploma in Records Management	FT	475,000	\$300
Diploma in Library and Information Science	FT	475,000	\$300
Diploma in Computer Science	FT	500,000	\$320
Diploma in Information Technology	FT	500,000	\$320

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

M.Sc. Mathematics	WKD	1,500,000	\$730
BSc. in Industrial Chemistry	FT	750,000	\$480
Bachelor of Industrial and Applied Physics	FT	750,000	\$480
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Bachelor of Nursing Science (Diploma holders)	WKD	1,180,000	\$630
Bachelor of Environmental Health Science	WKD	1,180,000	\$630
Diploma in Anaesthesia	FT	1,800,000	\$980
Diploma in Environmental Health Science	WKD	500,000	\$320
Diploma in Health Services Management	WKD	500,000	\$320
Diploma in Medical Records Management	FT	475,000	\$300

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Postgraduate Programmes	Schedule	Tuition Per Semester	
PhD in Business Admin (by CW and Research)	WKD	4,000,000	\$2500
PhD in Business Administration (by Research)	WKD	3,000,000	\$2000
Master of Tourism and Hospitality	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Business Administration	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Economics	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Project Planning and Management	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Human Resource Management	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
PGD in Project Planning and Management	WKD	725,000	\$400
PGD in Human Resource Management	WKD	725,000	\$400
PGD in Business Administration	WKD	725,000	\$400
Undergraduate Programmes			
Bachelor of Business Administration	FT / WKD	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Arts in Economics	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Catering and Hospitality	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Procurement and Logistics Mgt	FT	725,000	\$400
Diploma in Business Administration and Mgt	FT / WKD	475,000	\$300
Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management	FT	475,000	\$300
Diploma in Hotel Management	FT	475,000	\$300
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PhD in Public Admin and Mgt (by CW & Research)	WKD	4,000,000	\$2500
PhD in Public Admin and Mgt (by Research)	WKD	3,000,000	\$2000
Master of Institutional Leadership & Governance	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Monitoring and Evaluation	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Social Work	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
Master of Public Administration & Management	WKD	1,325,000	\$730
PGD in Institutional Leadership & Governance	WKD	725,000	\$400
PGD in Public Administration and Management	WKD	725,000	\$400
PGD in Monitoring and Evaluation	WKD	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences	FT	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Social Work and Social Admin	FT / WKD	725,000	\$400
Bachelor of Public Administration and Mgt	FT	725,000	\$400
Diploma in Public Administration and Mgt	FT	475,000	\$300

Diploma in Social Work and Social Admin	FT	475,000	\$300
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INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE STUDIES

M.A. Literature	WKD/HLD	1,325,000	\$730
M.A. Kiswahili	WKD/HLD	1,325,000	\$730
M.A. Linguistics	WKD/HLD	1,325,000	\$730
Diploma in Kiswahili	FT	475,000	\$300

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 - Kabale University Office, Rukungiri District Education Office, Rukungiri Municipality
 - Kabale University, Kikungiri Campus, Kabale Municipality

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A photo showing gardens and homesteads in the beautiful hills of Kisoro. The Virunga ranges can be seen in the background (they are found along the borders of Uganda, DRC and Rwanda)



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