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INTRODUCTION TO THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

By Aloysius Lwanga Bukenya, AJ

Dear Readers,

You are very welcome to read the newest issue of the UniK Graduate Newsletter this first week of November, 2022. The entire School of Graduate Studies, Research and Innovations team is still experiencing the joys from celebrating our twenty-six recent graduates. We congratulate them as we recall these joys on Saturday 22nd, October, 2022. Their resilience serves as source of encouragement to current students who can look to the future with hope as they work towards their own graduation day. They can all look with hope to the future, and work towards their day of graduation. To get to it, they will make some sacrifices and overcome moments of frustrations, disappointments, and failure. The colourful day of graduation, which must come, serves as an incentive for consistent work and perseverance over various hurdles.

October 2022, has been a time of various experiences, these are captured in the Editorial which is entitled, Mixed Experiences of October. This is followed by news in the colourful photos of the graduation day.



From the lens of the Chief Editor of the UniK Graduate Newsletter, October was eventful for the University of Kisubi community. There are lessons to draw from it as we turn towards the future. As usual, teaching and learning progressed, and in the third week of the month, the first draft of the examination timetable was posted. Students wrote then submitted their assignments; and for the first time in their history, a portion of them submitted their assignments online. In some instances it became quite a challenge due to internet instability and learning how to use a new e-learning platform. University Managers and Administrators continued their planning, monitoring, and supervisions to ensure a smooth flow of institutional progress.

Tragically, two of our lecturers, Bro. Onesmus Mutakirwa and Bro. Clesostom Ahimbisibwe, got in a motor vehicle accident on Masaka-Kampala Road where they sustained numerous injuries including several broken bones. This left the University in shock and praying for their recovery. I am happy to share that they are recovering well while being cared for at St. Francis Nsambya Hospital. The accident created a setback to their personal goals and work plans. Because of this unexpected interruption, their involvement with the students who they value so much has also been impacted. We miss their cheerful presence, friendship, and commitment to education and they deserve our whole-hearted support during this difficult time. Those in the Graduate School are feeling the absence of these two dear Brothers because of the important roles they play in teaching and research supervision. We pray to God for their full and quick recovery and look forward to their return to the University, once they are able.

October 2022, graduation month, also brought us much joy as we celebrated the achievement of our graduates. Saturday, 22nd October was a happy day on the campus! Listening to each graduate, one could hear stories about how these students persevered through immense challenges typical to the higher educational experience, but with the added hurdles created by the pandemic. Their university experience was a blend of attending classes in person, online during the shutdowns, researching at the library, engaging in the community for their practicums, as well as writing their research reports. It was this combination of activities that was crowned with the joys that were experienced on the day of

MIXED EXPERIENCES OF OCTOBER

BY ALOYSIUS LWANGA BUKENYA



Fr. Dr. Aloysius Lwanga Bukunya, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Research and Innovations, receiving the award on behalf of Nyeko Robert, the outstanding Graduate Student the UniK Graduate School.



graduation. The same day of the graduation, our colleague, and long serving lecturer at the University, the late Miss Betty Nakyanja was laid to rest in the Masaka District. May she rest in eternal peace! Betty will always be remembered her joy, care, sense of humour and dedication to the teaching of ICT.

There are lessons to draw from the mixed experiences of October 2022. For our readers, particularly the Graduate Students who are in their various programmes of study, life must continue to progress amidst all the joys, sorrows, successes, and setbacks that come with each passing day. And though there are additional uncertainties that are impacting our daily lives because of the current state of the economy, we must remember that together, we can improve our country by investing in education. All the while, traumas and losses may befall us, but joy and success can quickly fall to help uplift us once again. The mixed experiences over this past month highlight the need for unity as we spend each day with one another and it is a reminder that no one can succeed alone. We all need each other as we jointly light up with the core values of the University of Kisubi: Service, Creativity, Responsibility, Integrity, Professionalism, and Teamwork (SCRIPT).



GRADUATION DAY

Saturday, 22nd October, 2022 was marked by a variety of orderly accomplishments that included decorated tents, musical harmonies provided by the University Choir, and the brass band by students of The Caltec Academy of Makerere. The centre focus was the graduating group achievers that included the 26 Graduate Students who received their hard-earned Masters Degrees. The following photoes depict the various moments The October Graduation Day of our Graduate Students:



In the background is the Caltec Academy from Makerere brass band providing beautiful renditions of our Official Anthems to begin the ceremony



Miss Kasera Cythia Lauren (centre) bearing the mace, which signifies the importance of the event and the conformation of the academic process: The Graduation Ceremony.



Left to Right: Mr. Timothy Ssejjoba, representing the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports; Msgr. Gerald Karumba, the Chief Celebrant, who was delegated by His Grace Archbishop Paul Ssemogerere; Hon. Kyooma Xavier Ahimbisibwe, MP Ibanda North, who was delegated by and read the speech of the Speaker of the Parliament, Right Hon. Anita Annet Among; Dr. Charlotte Karungi, the Chair of the University Council; Bro. Dr. Deogratias Mugema, the Vice Chancellor, of the University of Kisubi.



The Graduates as they celebrated their achievements.



The Graduates of the Masters degrees posing with their Dean (from the right 4th in front row) and their Administrator, Sr. Celestine Lindrio (front row 3rd from left).



The Graduates in their positions waiting for the conferment of their degrees.



CONGRATULATION MESSAGE

By the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Psychology

Sr. Dr. Jane Frances Nnantamu

Dear graduates of October 2022, With love and prayers, I feel honored to say; “We are very proud of you.” Your graduation has given UniK yet another achievement - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On behalf of the whole fellowship of University of Kisubi and on my own behalf, I wish to thank you for the uncommon zeal you have demonstrated towards your studies. Your hard work has paid off and we are all sharing in the joy of your harvest. Thank you for persevering.

I want to wish you God’s blessings as you embark on a new chapter of your life’s story. I request you to always see yourselves as ambassadors of this University and never allow selfish interests to blemish the integrity you have nurtured over your years here. Be good to the people you will meet on your way through life and take good care of Mother Earth. In everything let God reign.



The Graduate Students receiving their academic certificates and transcripts.



The Dean full of joy congratulating the Graduates and to wishing them success in their future careers



The joy of graduating captured in a photo.