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AG. VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH AT THE BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY @ 20 YEARS PRAYER BREAKFAST HELD ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

Theme: "Celebrating 20 years of Generational Transformation of the Community through Holistic Education".

The Guest of Honour; Hon. Chris Baryomunsi,
House of Bishops
The House of Clergy
Governance
Political Leaders
BSU Staff
Students
All invited guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

A. Welcome remarks

On behalf of Bishop Stuart University and on my own behalf, Christian Greetings. You are most welcome to BSU and in particular to the prayer breakfast as we celebrate 20 years of existence. Thank you for honouring our invitation. Although our invitations to you mentioned fundraising for a scholarship fund, today is a day for us to celebrate.

Twenty years ago, great vision bearers started this great institution. They built it through many years to make it the great institution it is, and has produced great men and women that have moved our country, our region, the whole continent and beyond. Today, Board of Trustees will be recognising some of them.

There is no better time therefore, than the present for the leadership, alumni, students, development partners, and all stakeholders to come together and lay strategies that will prepare BSU for many greater years ahead. We are calling upon all our stakeholders, particularly our alumni to be part of this historic occasion, so that we can make more meaningfully contribution to transforming our society.

Twenty years' celebration presents great prospects for BSU and her stakeholders to renew their commitment to make the University more impactful in its activities in the years to come. Our strength lies in appreciating our oneness and remaining committed to the spirit that affirms that we are stronger together.

Much as we are showcasing the successes of the past 20 years, we are also reflecting on the challenges that lie ahead. I know our community of alumni, staff, students, stakeholders, friends, and well-wishers are committed to supporting the university to become a better institution for the country, the continent, and the entire world.

B. Brief Background of Bishop Stuart University

BSU is a private, not-for-profit Higher Education institution founded in 2002 by Ankole Diocese of the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda to provide Christian based higher education, training and research for the expansion of God's Kingdom and for betterment of society.

The university started to operate in 2003 in the premises of former National Teachers' College-Kakoba (NTC-Kakoba). BSU started as an affiliate of Uganda Christian University (UCU) based in Mukono. It received a provisional License from the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) to operate as a private University on 23rd June 2006 and had its first graduation the same year under Uganda Christian University. The first BSU-organised graduation under the Provisional license was held on 6th October, 2010. On the 25th October 2014, the University received a Charter from the Government of the Republic of Uganda, granted and signed by the President; His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni Tibuhabwe.

Vision: "To be a university for recreating society with Academic Excellence, entrepreneurship and Christian Values."

Mission: "Producing multi-sectorial leaders/operators, who know the way, show the way and go the way."

Philosophy: Generating holistic knowledge while building servant hood character by guiding society in selected innovative and relevant skills in scientific Social, Political and economic transformation.

Motto: Our God Reigns.

Core values:

- Academic Independence and Excellence
- Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- Pursuit of Knowledge and Ingenuity
- Relentless service
- Moral Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Compassion

C. MAJOR BSU@20 YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS;

For the last 20 years, BSU has grown from strength to strength and we are grateful to God for the far He has brought us. Ebenezer! We prepared a documentary that gives a summary about BSU growth and development from its humble beginning. However, we wish to highlight some of the key achievements;

- a. Disciplined Guild leadership

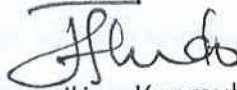
- b. Student enrolment from 200 students in 2002 to over 5,000
- c. Students Graduation Numbers since 2006 to 2022 is at **18,764**
- d. Growth of faculties from 2 to 5 with 16 departments and Graduate school
- e. Nursing and Health Science faculty has its own Home in Ruharo.
- f. Faculty of Law we now have Advocates and one of the best law schools in the Country. The faculty is in Rwentondo.
- g. A number of Collaborations, e,g Trinity Western University-Canada for online studies.
- h. Strong partnerships and Several MOUs with different development partners and sister institutions nationally and internationally; RUFORUM, Operation Wealth Creation-BSU farm is a demonstration centre in the Region.
- i. Agribusiness Incubation Hub where business ideas are developed and incubated.
- j. Medicinal gardens and oil extraction unit in Ethnobiology Laboratory.
- k. Sports we have many trophies from our students
- l. Research grant projects; HEPI-TUITAH
- m. AVSI Foundation (SAY) Program

D. APPRECIATION

1. We extend our appreciation to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda for granting BSU Charter on **25th October 2014**. BSU also receives many scholarships from Statehouse. Got a donation to construct a library and Science Laboratories.
2. We wish to express our appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Mama Janet Kataha Museveni for supporting Private Universities. BSU is supported under Higher Education Student Financing Board (HESFB)
3. We also recognize with gratitude the support by HE Rtd Major Jesica Alupo as former Minister of Education and Sports in obtaining the charter from the Government in 2014.
4. We owe a debt of gratitude to the National Council for Higher Education for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision and timely accreditation of our programs. We remember to appreciate Prof. Opuda Asibo the former Executive Director NCHE for provision of operational license in 2006 and supporting in obtaining a charter from Government in 2014.
5. We appreciate our Mother, the Ankole Diocese for starting BSU, for the spiritual guidance and more so for adding us 2 prime acres of land for the construction of the Nursing School and other Medical related programs at Ruharo Campus next to Ruharo Mission Hospital.
6. We thank the University Board of Trustees chaired by Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, BSU Council by Prof. Kenneth Kagame, Community, academic and non-academic staff, BSU Alumni and the Student body for all the good work they have done for BSU.
7. We are grateful to the Founders of the University, especially the Founding Chancellor, the Rt, Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Ambassador Francis Butagira, Prof Elly Sabiiti and all of you that worked tirelessly to get this University started and where it is now.
8. We acknowledge the support we get from our former Chancellors, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi and the Rt. Rev. Dr. George Tibeessigwa. The firm foundation that they laid is what BSU stands on.
9. We are forever indebted to the university governance; Board of Trustees both former and current,

10. On a special note, we recognize all those who pioneered when the University was starting for the great work done and strong foundation laid, especially; Pioneer Vice Chancellor the late Prof. Enoke Rukare, 2nd Vice Chancellor Prof. Jossy Bibangambah, Deans, HODs, Students (under UCU & those of BSU), chaplain, Dean of Students.
11. We wish to say thank you to the Mbarara District Local Government that has often assisted us in many ways including ensuring that the road to our campus is tarmacked.
12. We particularly wish to acknowledge the support of the Mbarara Municipal Council, especially His worship the Mayors present and previous, the Town Clerk and other leaders in your distinguished offices.
13. We appreciate and recognise the family of Justice Kenneth Kakuru who offered to give an award every year to the best performing student in Theology to be known as the Rev. Eliakim Kamujanduzi Award.
14. To all those that worked tirelessly for the success of this occasion especially the organizing committee BSU staff and the student body for the work well done in your various capacities.

Once again, thank you all for coming, OUR GOD REIGNS.


Ms. Jacqueline Kyomuhendo
Ag. VICE CHANCELLOR



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PLAQUES

S/N	BSU@20 PLAQUES to Founders and significant contribution to securing the Charter	Citations by Annette N. Kyamugambi
	Nominees	
1.	H.E Rt Gen Yoweri Kaguta Tibuhaburwa Museveni	You assented to the Charter in record time, we honor you
2.	HE Rt Maj Jessica Alupo Eper	You actualized BSU dream of becoming a Chartered University
3.	Archbishop Mpalanyi Nkoyooyo	Your Spiritual Guidance was Superb; and is what we Needed Most
4.	Prof.Ambassador Canon Francis K Butagira	Your exemplary Law Perspective added so Much to the University Board of Trustees and Governance Team
5.	Rt Rev Dr Elisha Kyamugambi & Mrs Mabel Kyamugambi	When we think of Establishment of the University, Your Names stands out
6.	Bishop Emeritus Dr. George Tibesigwa	Your Spiritual Guidance was Superb and timely for BSU
7.	Rt Rev Dr Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa	Amidst challenges, strong waves hitting BSU, you kept focused guiding Governance
8.	Prof. Elly N Sabiiti	Brevity at inception, positive attitude where Impossibilities is not part of Your Method of Work. We salute you
9.	Prof. James Ntozi	Your hand in initial stages of BSU and bringing analytical governance to the University; we salute
10.	Rev. Canon Gershom Kamondo	Your Unique Perspective Added so Much to the University Governance Team
11.	Canon Yoram Gucwamaingi	Your Unique guidance worked well for the University Governance Team
12.	Assoc Prof Charles Kazooba	We salute you for strengthening the management muscles with your immeasurable contributions to the University
13.	Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda	Your Quiet Voice, wisdom You offered mattered the Most
14.	Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu	You Exemplify professionalism in Your Work Methods
15.	Hon. Dr Medard Bitekyerezo	You continuously use the Best Warrior Ethos to achieve is commendable
16.	Rev Canon Philemon Tinka	Despite the hurdles, you stayed strong and brave; and continued to Fight on
17.	Rev. Ven Canon Dennis Amwiine Kizinduka	Thank You for Always Bringing Your Unique Perspective to University Governance
18.	Prof Opuda-Asibo	We had a Big Dream, You actualized it
19.	Prof. Stephen Noll	We had a Dream to build, Very Important, You Supported us
20.	Prof. Enoka Rukare	You Pioneered the University Management Very Well
21.	Prof. Jossy Bibangambah	You are not only a top Performer but also led a fundraising Team for the University
22.	Rev Can. Dr Solomon Nkesiga	Work is not Always Easy, but You Always Made it Look Easy

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23.	Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha	You have Continued to Exhibit a High Quality of Work
24.	Prof. Emmanuel Karoro	Thank You for Your Unceasing Commitment
25.	Rev. Canon Yekonia Bitashoborokire	As a Pioneer Academic Registrar, the University's success is a direct result of Your Efforts
26.	Mr. Alfred Rupiha Bangirana	Continuously You Exceeded Expectations, with passion embedded
27.	Mr. Emmanuel Bukabeeba	The Initial Years were a mud Scramble, You Remained Calm and Focused
28.	Col. Edith Nakalema	We admire Your Resilience Level, Readiness and Kindness
29.	Rev. Canon Francis Mutatiina	Remember that We Believe in You and Root for You
30.	Rev. Muramira George	One of the University Values is: <i>Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour</i> ; no one epitomized that more than You

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CERTIFICATES

BSU@20 CERTIFICATES for significant contribution to securing the Charter		
		Citations by Annette Kyamugambi
1.	Lady Canon Lydia Butagira	We are Impressed With Your Contribution to the Growth of the University
2.	Lay Canon Roberts Rutehenda	We Were Impressed with Your Contribution to the University
3.	Mr Wilson Tumwiine	You have been helpful since 2002
4.	Lay Canon John Kaganzi	You were a fantastic Team Player in the establishment of the University
5.	Rev Canon William Ganafa	You Promoted Positive Working Spirit in Governance
6.	Dr Nathan Karema	We Learned So Much with You
7.	Mr. Tuheirwe John	As a Pioneer Dean of Students, the University's student success is a direct result of Your Efforts
	Deans and HoDs 2002---	
1.	Assoc. Prof. Elijah Dickens Mushemeza	
2.	Rev. Sam Tindiwensi	
3.	Ms. Jacqueline Kyomuhendo	
4.	Mr. Turyagyenda James Mataama	
5.	Assoc. Prof. Kasozi George	
6.	Assoc. Prof Atukunda Gershom	
7.	Mr. Aligonza John	
8.	Ms. Kabami Jane	
9.	Rev. Ahabwe Emmanuel	
10.	Dr. George Muganga	
11.	Dr. Irene Aheisibwe	
12.	Mr. Rwamo Onesmus Ntunguka	
13.	Mr. Kabanza David	
14.	Mrs. Joy Gumisisriza	
15.	Mr. Mubangizi Edson	
16.	Mr. Mbabazi Appollo Beyanga	
17.	Ms. Komurere Abigail	
18.	Mrs Jane Kiconco Bibangambah	
19.	Mr. Nzamuhiki Stephen	
20.	Mr. Tuhirirwe Jackson	
21.	Mr. Begumisa Bernard	
22.	Mr. Kahangane Geoffrey	
23.	Mr. Nuwabimpa Milton	
24.	Dr. Tumwesigye Alice Jossy	
25.	Dr. Barigye Enoch	
26.	Mr. Bezire Wilbroad	
27.	Mrs Mary Byarugaba	
28.	Ms. Nomugisha Mary	
29.	Mr. Nuwagaba Elias Kariisi	

