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UNIVERSITY**

*Our God Reigns*



# THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GRADUATION SPEECHES

2014-2022

Reflecting on BSU's contribution towards  
**Community Transformation and Development**

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# Preface



*In graduation speeches, the Vice-Chancellor's role is to give accountability to public on activities implemented in the University indicating; the statistics of graduands, achievements registered, partnerships and collaborations of the institution, infrastructure development, appreciation of all stakeholders for the contribution made to the growth and development of the institution, challenges encountered and the future plans.*

*The revelation that we came with from Kampala while reporting at BSU on 1st May 2014 was from Joshua 1:1-9 and was God given. Verse 9 says; "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV). It was clear that this was Joshua's Generation.*

*Our Theme for 2022 is BSU Core value no. 3: Pursuit of Knowledge and ingenuity hinged on the Scripture from 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9 "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...having all that you need, you will abound in every good work".*

It is my pleasure to inform our stakeholders about the strides Bishop Stuart University has made over the years under my leadership as the Vice-Chancellor. This book clearly gives an account of all graduation speeches from the time I started my duty journey with the University from 1st May, 2014 to date. Eight graduation ceremonies have been held during my tenure starting with the 10th graduation that was held on 10th October, 2014.

I believe that this book will be helpful to the Board of Trustees, Senior Management, Senate, University Council, Government, Development partners, graduates, staff, parents and guardians, stakeholders and the community at large in understanding the role of Bishop Stuart University in the development of the nation and beyond through its vision "To be a University for recreating society with Academic Excellence, entrepreneurship and Christian Values.", and well as its mission of producing multi-sectorial leaders/operators, who know the way, show the way and go the way.

I sincerely appreciate all students who have graduated from BSU since 2014 upon your successful completion of different Academic Programmes that have led to the accomplishments reflected in this book. To all parents and guardians as well as sponsors, we thank you very much for all the sacrifices you have made in raising tuition over the years for the graduates of this great institution.

I would like to acknowledge the role played by the Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa and the current Chairperson University Council, Prof. Kenneth Kagame for their enabling leadership and guidance towards the development of this book. I also thank BSU Academic Staff, Administrative Staff and Support Staff for administering and implementing University activities which annually resulted in the graduation of students during my tenure.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution of Prof. Laban Erapu, the Professor of Literature who is also in-charge of publications and printing press. Ms. Ankunda Emily, Administrator in charge of projects and partnerships in VC's Office who compiled the Speeches from 2014 to 2022 and Mr. Mugumya Norman, Public Relations Office, for graphics and final layout of the book. Thank you for your efforts in this process.

I sincerely thank all other stakeholders who have participated in various capacities to ensure this book is a success. Thank you for your contribution and commitment to this cause. BSU hopes that this book will be informative for policy decisions.

Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)

**VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Celebrating **20 years**  
of **Generational**  
**Transformation** of  
the **Community**  
through  
**Education**



# Foreword

My responsibility as Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University and as Chairperson of the institution's Board of Trustees is not administrative but rather that of a visitor who undertakes the oversight and fulfillment of vision, mission and goals of the University. However, as someone who has been mandated to lead BSU by virtue of being the Bishop of its Foundation Body (Ankole Diocese) and by virtue of my having come from an academic background after many years of service at Uganda Christian University in Mukono, my experience was deemed to be particularly relevant to the needs of a developing university.

For that reason, I'm glad to say that I have been fortunate in my personal and professional relationship with Bishop Stuart University ever since my appointment as Chancellor. Over the years, I have enjoyed a cordial and warm relationship with the Vice Chancellor, Administration in general, teaching staff and the students as a whole. For that reason, I feel privileged and honored to be asked to write a Foreword for this publication of the Vice Chancellor's Graduation Speeches over the years since her appointment in 2014 to the present.

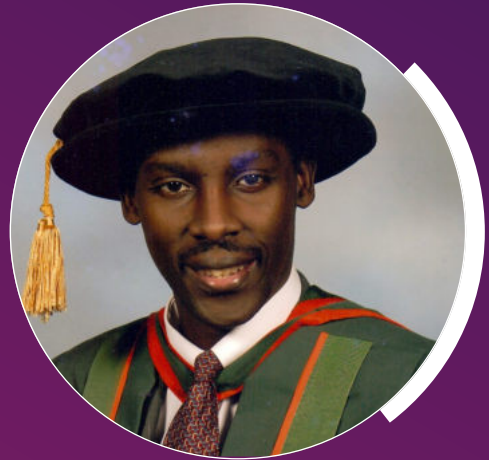
I'm pleased to say that I have known the Vice Chancellor all these years and I can honestly say that I have been a witness to all the Graduation Ceremonies covered as well as the rapid development of Bishop Stuart University in this period. I can testify to the vision and mission that guided the administrative and academic milestones that have been achieved and the firm foundation that has been laid for future growth. I am proud to have been around to be a part of these achievements.

Bishop Stuart University is classified as a private institution of higher learning which by and large does not enjoy the fiscal support of Government. However, because of the good relationship that BSU has been able to develop with the authorities, it has not been without a helping hand that has benefited the administration as well as the students over the years.

Being a Church-founded institution, its needs are subject to prayer for God's blessings which are the outcome of my responsibility as Chancellor. With this Foreword, I therefore endorse the book as a true and faithful testimony of the university's track record on which it stands before the nation.

OUR GOD REIGNS!

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa  
**CHANCELLOR**



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# 10TH GRADUATION SPEECH, 2014

Today, October, 10th 2014 we are witnessing the passing out of 1462 graduates compared to 250 graduates in 2007. Of the 1462 Graduands, 28 are Masters Degrees, 10 are Nurses, 27 are Teachers who are well grounded to teach Kiswahili in Uganda Secondary Schools and 4 are Science and Technology Teachers with life supporting skills, who can teach science courses in Secondary and Technical Schools

Praise God!

On behalf of the University Management and on my own behalf, I take the opportunity to welcome you all to the 10th Graduation Ceremony. I express my gratitude from the owners, governance and administration of the University to the First Lady, Hon. Janet K. Museveni, the Minister of Education and Sports, who has honoured the University with her presence on this 10th Graduation Ceremony.



*The VC, Assoc. Prof Maud Kamatenesi*

The time of graduation is a time for celebrating.

- Graduands for the achievement of a Degree, Diploma or Certificate;
- Parents for the persistency in paying tuition and looking after the graduands;
- BSU staff for the work well done.

## 10th Graduation at BSU

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## Most Recent Developments

**(1) Teaching of Law at BSU** On 23rd July, 2014, Law Council cleared BSU to start the Faculty of Law with two Programs - Bachelors and Diploma in Law which started on 8th September, 2014 and teaching is in progress.

**(2) Collaboration with other Universities;** this year, in August 2014, Makerere University opened its doors via an MOU to cooperate with BSU in a number of fields. Other Universities involved in collaboration with BSU include University of Dar-es-salaam, St. Johns University in Dodoma, Tanzania, and Merseburg University in Germany.

**(3) Teaching of Kiswahili;** BSU is the hub of Kiswahili teaching in Uganda in line with East African integration. BSU approached Ministry of Education and Sports for support and collaboration to teach all teachers needed to support the teaching of Kiswahili in Primary and Secondary Schools. We are still waiting patiently for your response.

**(4) Development of programs;** The University is developing more programs in Arts and Sciences and keeps on improving the existing programs. We are developing more programs in Science and Technology.



*A section of graduands - Class of 2014*

## (5) Capacity Building

(a) Infrastructure using ISSB Technology; we are developing infrastructure for efficient lecture space and operations by using ISSB Technology (**Below**) which is environmental friendly. We have bought the machine and have produced over 50000 blocks and we have started construction of lecture Halls and security houses. The first ISSB lecture block made of these blocks has been unveiled today by the Hon. Minister.

(b) Staff Development: We have assisted a number of staff to register for PhD and Masters Degrees, with other Universities and here at BSU. We are interested in having more staff attain higher qualifications to be able to handle our students efficiently. A Charter, BSU will offer more Masters and PhD Degrees.



Estates staff operating an interlocking bricks making machine

(c) Product Development and Internship: all our students will go through audited courses that are designed to improve their skills. The University will engage in production of plant and animal-based products for skills development, value addition and income generation. We are sending 15 students of Agriculture to Israel for a one-year internship through the National Agro studies program for Agricultural skills development.

**(6) Inspection for Grant of a Charter;** we were inspected by National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) in June, 2014. NCHE approved and recommended our grant of a charter and we are eagerly waiting for the Charter Final Approval from President through you, Hon. Minister. We hope you have come with it.

**(7) Presidential Pledges;** the president pledged shs 375Million (10%) of the cost of Library construction and shs 6.9 Billion via Ministry of Education to construct up to date Science Laboratories for the University. Through you Hon. Minister, we are requesting that you use your good office to follow the fulfilment of these pledges.

**(8) Scholarships for highly talented people;** to increase visibility and responsiveness to national needs of developing talents, the University will offer support to some highly talented students. We request you all to be our ambassadors in mobilizing resources for the scholarship scheme and where possible, sponsor student(s) at BSU.



Atusasiire Shallon receives a plaque presented by the Guest of Honor, Arupo Jessica, Minister of Education and Sports on her award of a first class Degree of Bachelor of Education

**(9) Alumni Association:** After Graduation, you will be called Alumni. There is an alumni association which brings you all together, to keep in touch with your friends and your Institution. The association has pledged to contribute towards the building of the Amphitheater/ Auditorium. I hope you will participate actively.

**(10) The University is known in the Region for sports.** We are in the process of improving the sports facilities.



*Students performing a traditional dance at the graduation venue*

## Appreciation

We thank the Government for liberalizing Education and supporting private Universities to function. Your presence, Hon Minister, is a manifestation to this.

- We appreciate Ankole Diocese, University Board of Trustees, Chancellors, Councils, Community, all staff, past and present, alumni and students for all the work done to the phase of getting a Charter. We are heading for excellence at international status.

- I thank you, Ambassador Canon Francis and Canon Lydia Butagira, for the contribution of water for Graduation and for spearheading collaborations in Germany.

- CPA (Uganda), Rwampara suites and Nyakayojo Secondary School for advertising in the graduation booklet.

- His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Wilson Tumwine and the Town Clerk Mbarara Municipality for the grading and tarmacking of access roads to the University.
- All service providers, staff and students who have made this day a success, thank you.

Lastly, I congratulate you Graduands on your achievement. As ambassadors, we hope that you will continue to know the way, go the way and show the way.

I wish you all our Guests, parents and Graduands a peaceful stay at BSU.

At BSU, we stand for transparency, accountability, integrity, truth and open leadership. Joshua 1:1-9 is our God given theme.

Our God Reigns!

**Assoc. Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)  
Vice-Chancellor**



*Ambassador Canon Francis and Canon Lydia Butagira*



# 11th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2015



*Chancellor's procession at the 11th Graduation Ceremony held on 14th Oct. 2015*

# 11TH GRADUATION SPEECH

Today, October 16 2015, we are witnessing the passing out of 1620 graduates compared to only 250 Graduates in 2007. Out of the 1620 Graduands, 14 are for the Masters Degree, 21 are Nurses, 58 are Secondary Teachers of Kiswahili who are well grounded to teach Kiswahili in Uganda Secondary Schools and 7 are Science and Technology Teachers qualified to teach science courses in Secondary and Technical Schools.



## **The President of the Republic of Uganda, General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni;**

Board of Trustees members; University Council Members; Management, Staff and Students; Distinguished invited guests, Beloved Graduands, parents, and guardians; All our esteemed partners in your various capacities.

## **Praise the Living God!**

Your Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda, General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, you are warmly welcome to a Chartered Bishop Stuart University (BSU) as our Chief Guest on this 11th Graduation Ceremony. The Board of Trustees (BOT), Council, Management, Staff and Students of BSU are indeed honoured by your presence today. To our dear graduands, parents, invited guests, community and well-wishers, you are most welcome to this remarkable day and we thank you for choosing BSU.



*VC gives her speech at the 11th Graduation Ceremony, 2015*

## **11th Graduation at BSU**

Today, 16th October 2015, we are witnessing the passing out of 1620 graduates compared to only

250 Graduates in 2007. Out of the 1620 Graduands, 14 are for the Masters Degree, 21 are Nurses, 58 are Secondary Teachers of Kiswahili who are well grounded to teach Kiswahili in Uganda Secondary Schools and 7 are Science and Technology Teachers qualified to teach science courses in Secondary and Technical Schools.

I would like to thank our partners, our graduands' families, together with lecturers and all academic staff because your support through this whole process has made an enormous impact. I don't doubt that BSU will soon be a center of radiation which produces skilled, self-motivated professionals, leaders, researchers, practitioners and achievers in the wider world. Since BSU inception, we have strived to deliver high quality education and continued updating and reviewing our programmes to tailor them with ever changing needs of our clients and adapt them to the realities of modern society.

To the graduands, you should be very proud of yourselves for accomplishing this goal in your lives. This day I believe should be a turning point in your life. This also gives you a new sense of intellectual independence and freedom, innovation and additional roles in society. You are however, getting further commitments and responsibilities.



*Some of the proud products of Bishop Stuart University who graduated in 2015*



*Students, Staff and Management celebrate on receipt of a Charter on 25th October 2014*

## Most Recent Developments

**(1) Grant of a Charter:** BSU was granted a charter on 25th October 2014. This is the biggest achievement in 2014. We appreciate the President of Republic of Uganda for signing the Charter, Minister of Education Science, Technology and Sports and the National Council for Higher Education.

**(2) Teaching of Law at BSU:** On 23rd July 2014, Law Council cleared BSU to start the Faculty of Law with two programs- Bachelors of Laws and Diploma in law which started on 8th September 2014 and teaching is in progress and students have progressed to 2nd Academic year. In addition, Administrative Officers' Law Course Certificate is also offered in Faculty of Law.

**(3) Collaborations, Affiliations with other Institutions & Universities:** BSU has developed collaborations with different institutions and Universities; University of Dar-es-salaam, St. Johns University in Dodoma in Tanzania, Merseburg University in Germany, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Institute of Polytechnique De Byumba Rwanda, Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital and Ruharo Mission Hospital among others. Affiliation of Uganda Bible Institute (UBI) to BSU has been approved by BSU Council and BOT.

**(4) Teaching of Kiswahili:** BSU is the hub of Kiswahili teaching in Uganda in line with East African integration. BSU approached Ministry of Education for Support and collaboration to teach all teachers needed to support the Teaching of Kiswahili in Primary and Secondary Schools. We are still waiting patiently for response.

**(5) Development of Programs and Accreditation:** The number of programs accredited stand at 74 (6 masters, 6 PGDs, 37 Bachelors, 24 Diplomas and 1 Certificate program). The University is developing more programs in Arts and Sciences and keeps improving the existing programs. We are developing more programs in Science and Technology. So far 6 PhD programs have been developed and are with the National Council for Higher Education for accreditation.

### **(6) Capacity Building**

**(a) Infrastructure using ISSB Technology:** We are developing infrastructure for efficient lecture space and operations by using ISSB Technology which is environmental friendly. We have so far produced over 120,000 ISSB blocks and we have started construction of Lecture Halls. The ISSB lecture block, chapel, offices, stores, laboratories and Nurses Home at Ruharo will be constructed.

(b) Israel Agrostudies Internship: This year 2015/16 we have sent 47 students of Agriculture to Israel for a one year internship through the National AgroStudies program for Agricultural skills development. The 14 students who went last year returned safely with skills ready for deployment. Those in need of highly skilled manpower, contact Dean Applied Sciences.

**(7) Presidential Pledges:** The President pledged Shs. 375 million (10%) of the cost of Library construction and Shs. 6.9 billion via Ministry of Education to Construct Modern Science Laboratories for the university. Your Excellency, we are expecting 1.5 bn in 2015/2016 financial year from Ministry of Education Science Technology and Sports budget.



*Science Laboratory Block underconstruction*

**(8) Scholarships for highly Talented Students:** To increase visibility and responsiveness to national needs of developing talents, the University will offer support to some highly talented students. We request you all to be our ambassadors in mobilizing resources for the scholarship scheme and where possible, sponsor student(s) at BSU.

**(9) Students Loan Scheme by Government:** This academic year 2015/2016, BSU received 54 Students in various science programs in year one who benefitted from Higher Education Students Financing Board (HESFB). We thank the Government for the Scheme and for including Private Institutions.



*ISSB Building for the Faculty of Education underconstruction*



*University Library expansion underconstruction*



*Nurses Home at Ruharo -Under construction*

**(10) Alumni Association:** To all our graduands, from today, you all qualify to be called Alumni. BSU has an Alumni Association which brings you all together, to keep in touch with your friends and your Institution. As our Ambassadors, we hope that you will continue to know the way, go the way and show the way. The Alumni Association has pledged to construct the BSU Auditorium. Hope you will be active members and be our good Ambassadors.

**(11) Sports:** The University is known in the region for sports. We are in the process of improving the sports facilities.



*Leveling ground for Riverside sports complex*



*Bishop Emeritus Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi being with the wife at the graduation venue*

Tumusiime Mutebile (Doctorate of Laws, Honoris Causa) for the substantive contribution made towards the growth of Bishop Stuart University as indicated in their oration. We are indeed very grateful to God.

**(12) Honorary PhD awards:** Today, we witness the first ever function of giving Honorary Doctorate awards to Bishop Emeritus Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi (Doctorate of Letters, Honoris Causa ) as vision bearer and founder of BSU. **(Right Top: Dr Elisha Kyamugambi)** and Professor Dr. Emmanuel





## Appreciation

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We thank the Government for liberalizing Education and supporting private Universities to function. Your Excellency, Your presence is a manifestation to this. Your Excellency, we thank you for granting BSU Charter on 25th Oct 2014. And for that matter, BSU has earmarked in its calendar Charter week (BSU week) that is always celebrated annually. Last year, we had Maama Janet Kataha Museveni as chief guest at the closure of Charter week on 23rd March, 2014 and she made a contribution of 5 million towards chapel contribution. We appreciate her.

NCHE for all the support especially accrediting our programs.

We appreciate our parents; Ankole Diocese, Board of Trustees, Council, management, Community, all staff, past and present, alumni and students for all the good work done to obtaining a Charter and for the continuous support towards BSU development.

Mbarara District Local government, Mbarara Municipal council especially, His worship the Mayor, Mr. Wilson Tumwine and the Town Clerk for

making the University accessible by grading and tarmacking of the road to the University.

We thank all who have advertised with us, Post Bank, Balya Stint Hardware, and others.

All who have worked tirelessly for the success of this occasion including our suppliers, service providers, students, staff of BSU and all of you who have joined us for this celebration.

Once again, I congratulate you Graduands on your achievement. Keep trusting in God be true Christians of Honesty and Integrity God will enable you to conquer and inherit the earth (Deuteronomy 28: 1-14; Zackeriah 4:6-10, Jeremiah 17: 1-8). You will obtain mercy and favour from the Lord. I wish you all our Guests, Parents and Graduands a peaceful occasion and greater future.

Our God Reigns!

**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice Chancellor**



# Citation & Oration

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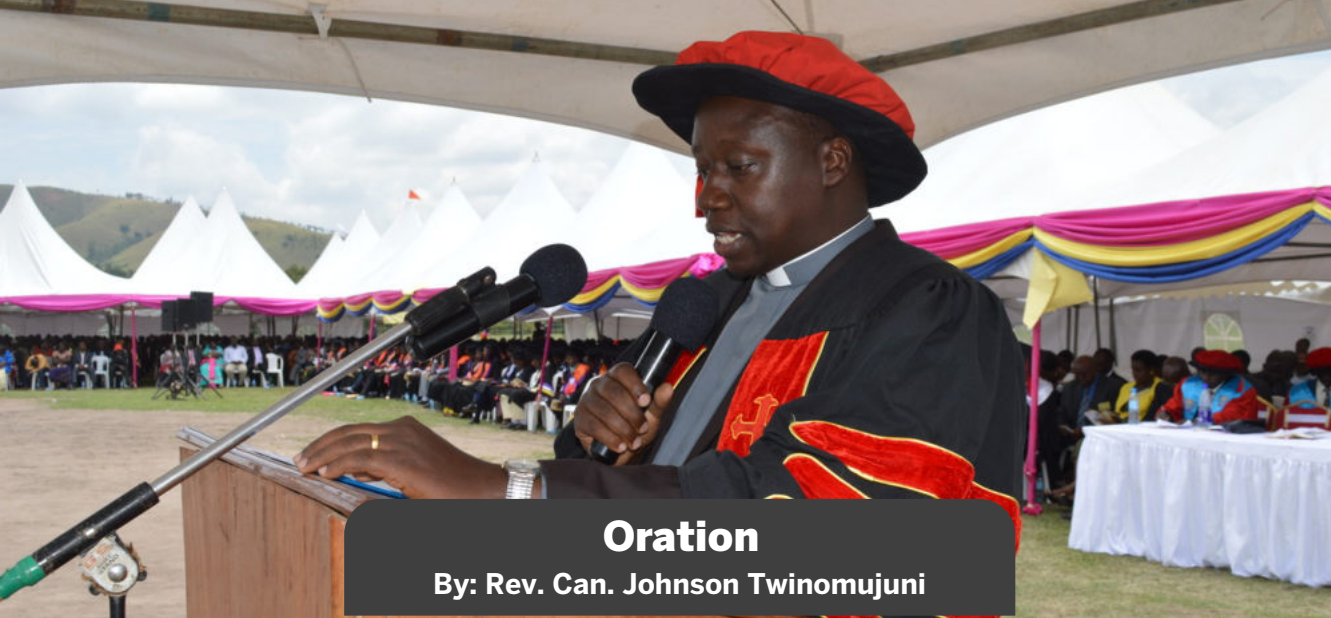
# Bishop Emeritus Elisha Kyamugambi

*awarded an Honorary Doctor of  
Letters, Bishop Stuart University*



*Bishop Emeritus Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi being capped by the Chancellor for a Doctor of Letters*





## Oration

By: Rev. Can. Johnson Twinomujuni

In His mighty wisdom, God chooses to create people and give them to mankind as a gift. I am privileged to present one of such kind to us today!

Born in Isingiro District on December 23rd 1942, was a vibrant boy whose parents named him Elisha Kyamugambi. He completed his Primary Education at Kinoni P.S in 1957, trained as a Grade II Teacher at Bishop Stuart College PTC between 1958 and 61, and later joined Bishop Tucker College in Mukono where he got a Diploma in Theology and Greek, from Makerere University.

In 1980, he joined the University of Cambridge, where he completed his BA and MA in Religious History in 1983. Between 1986 and 89, Elisha pursued and completed a Masters degree in Biblical Studies and Evangelism at Nairobi International School of Theology (NIST).

Bishop Elisha Kyamugambi is a renowned teacher and minister in God's Kingdom, a field in which his pastoral and professional gifts have been perfectly interfused. He served as a teacher and head teacher at Ruborogota P.S, a Diocesan Treasurer of Ankole Diocese, an Archdeacon at All Saints Church and Ibanda Archdeaconries, until 1992 when the Lord called him to be Bishop of Ankole, the highest honor in the Church's Ecclesiastic orders.

Bishop Elisha deserves this honor, not only because he has been a zealous, meticulous, and resilient leader, but also a great inspiration to many as a lover of humanity.

The projects he spearheaded and/or advocated for speak to this fact. They include, but are not limited to, training scouts, establishing many primary and secondary schools in Greater Ankole, chairing boards of governors of many secondary schools, founding a good number of health centers, supporting construction of churches, raising children who are responsible citizens of this nation, carrying out evangelical missions in the US, creating North Ankole Diocese, carrying out tree planting projects all over Greater Ankole, spearheading construction of the Church hostel and acquisition of St.Lukes building, plus releasing the lands at Kakoba, Katooma, and Ruharo for university use.

Other duties include chairing the Provincial boards of Mission and Development, establishing the Ruharo Mission Hospital, Uganda Bible Institute, Kiyooro Primary Teachers' College, Compassion International for the needy and vulnerable children in Greater Ankole, and finally – Bishop Stuart University, now a fully-fledged and chartered University!

Bishop Elisha has held a number of critical responsibilities that define how vast the scope of his value is. He served as Choir Master and Church Warden Ruborogota C.O.U, Deputy Senior Student and Head of Balya House Bishop Stuart College, Chaplain Mary Hill High School, Head of Clergy Greater Ankole Diocese, Guild President and Senior Drama Leader Bishop Tucker Theological College, Guild President Nairobi International School of

Theology, National Chairman Life Ministry Uganda, Chairman Bishop Stuart University Project Steering Committee, and Chairman Board of Trustees/Chancellor Bishop Stuart University.

His unqualified passion has been evident in Evangelism, Counseling, Pastoral Work, Reading and Writing, attending and conducting Fellowship meetings, and helping the needy. That BSU has reached this status in his lifetime is a divinely designed blessing! When widely travelling across Great Britain and noticing that most Britons, even in the villages, were graduates, his heart started burning with the passion to answer the question: 'Why not in Ankole?' This is the question that gave birth to the BSU we now are part of! Bishop Elisha initiated, spearheaded, and advocated for the setting up of BSU with zeal and faith in God, the ALFA and the OMEGA, OUR GOD who REIGNS forever!

When the Lord lifted him to a position of authority as Bishop, Elisha Kyamugambi used every opportunity and every 'mind' that the Lord led him to, to passionately share the vision. He encouraged all the Christians at all levels of church hierarchy to catch the vision. He spoke passionately in the Diocesan Councils and Synod explaining his conviction that there was need for an institution of a difference – to train 'messengers' that would carry out God's message to all the parts of the world.

We honor and credit Bishop Elisha, because of his unstoppable zeal. His love for humanity spared no nerve in his body and heart. He sought for a needle in every stack of hay to ensure that the idea would not trifle. The archives pronounce it that he twisted every lion's tail in both the church and state so that BSU could be born. By carefully using his God-given gifts of articulation and clarity of speech, Elisha's wisdom reached the ears of both the noble and the ignoble. His kindness and soft heartedness melted even the rockiest of hearts, as he pleaded with government officials, educationists, and political leaders that our children could learn, get jobs, and be productive.

We honor Bishop Elisha for his selfless love and care not only for the entire flock, but also for his own family. I personally discovered that he chose to forego his opportunity to do a PhD in the US, for which he both qualified and had a scholarship, when one of his closest friends and a professor made it

clear to him that a wife and children are a blessing from God and failure to cater for their needs is not Christian. "What is paramount is your zeal to serve God", the professor emphatically added. God works in mysterious ways! The day is here, and we are here to unwrap what God had in store for Bishop Elisha. Glory to His Name!

We honor Bishop Elisha because of his endearing spirit. To the indifferent, he became a martinet; to the tough and rough, he employed a sober temperament; at times he and his committees ploughed a lonely furrow. There are moments when they would achieve goals by the skin of the teeth so that BSU could get an unharmed birth.

Bishop Elisha shared with me that one time, along the struggle, he, Professor Sabiiti, and the Late Professor Enock Rukare sat on the verandah of Namirembe Guest House. All hopes to push Bishop Stuart University agenda through had seemed shattered. That same moment Elisha's phone rang. The numbers on the screen looked unusual. "Is this Bishop Kyamugambi?" - a voice from the other side inquired. It was His Excellency the President! He requested that they meet at his home, in Rwakitura, the following day. Elisha's night was cluttered with prayer and supplication!

If given permission to render his name, ELISHA, a mnemonic, I would not hesitate to coin it as follows:

**E** – for **E**ncouraging,  
**L** – for **L**oving,  
**I** – for **I**nspiring,  
**S** – for **S**ociable,  
**H** – for **H**ardworking,  
**A** – for **A**dorable!

In all his carrier and ministry, Elisha's smile and demeanor tell it all that man was never created to be an apple of discord. Mr. Chancellor Sir, I now take the pleasure, on behalf of the Senate and Council, to present to you Bishop Emeritus Elisha Kyamugambi, for an award of Doctor of Letters, of Bishop Stuart University.

# 12th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2016



*The First Lady, Hon. and Minister Janet Kataha Museveni being received by the Chancellor and his wife and the Vice-Chancellor.*

# 12TH GRADUATION SPEECH

Our Guest of Honor, today we are witnessing the graduation of 1651 courageous young ladies and gentlemen who have successfully completed their studies at Bishop Stuart University. Of these 871 (53%) males and 780 (47%) females.



## SALUTATIONS

Hon. Minister of Education & Sports, Mama Janet Kataha Museveni,  
University Chancellor- Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa  
Members of Board of Trustees  
The Chairman BSU Council and Members of Council  
All religious and Political leaders present  
All Distinguished invited guests  
Parents, Guardians, Sponsors and well wishers  
BSU staff, Guild officials  
Our esteemed Graduands today  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Praise God!

On behalf of the University Management and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this 12th Graduation Ceremony. With gratitude and honour, I thank you for honoring our invitation amidst your tight schedule to attend our 12th Graduation Ceremony.

Our Guest of Honor, today we are witnessing the graduation of 1651 courageous young ladies and gentlemen who have successfully completed their studies at Bishop Stuart University. Of these 871 (53%) are males and 780 (47%) are females.

I would like to thank you graduands, your families as well as BSU academic staff for your support through this whole process that has made an enormous impact on your lives today. We have no doubt that we have trained and sent out skilled, self-motivated professionals, leaders, researchers, practitioners and achievers in the wider world to contribute to the entire Nation for the human capital development.

In addition, Bishop Stuart University is honoured to award Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile (Doctorate of Laws Honoris Causa) for the substantive contribution made towards the growth of Bishop Stuart University as indicated in his oration. We are indeed very grateful to God.

This is the 2nd Honorary Doctorate to that awarded to Bishop Emeritus Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi who was awarded (Doctorate of letters Honoris Causa) in 2015 as the Founding Chancellor of BSU.

## Achievements

**1. Increased student enrollment & programs:** Student numbers enrollment at BSU have steadily increased over the years. BSU which started with 5 programs in 2002 now has a Total of 81 programs. Student population has grown from 250 in 2002 to over 4412 in 2016.

The University runs 4 Faculties, namely: Education, Applied Sciences, Business and Development Studies and Law. The Faculty of Law is the latest and it was approved by the Law Council in 2014. Our Guest of Honor, among the graduands today, we have 3 Pioneer Students who have completed a Diploma in Law.

The University runs 4 PhD Programs: Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture and Community Innovations, Doctor of Philosophy in Development Management, Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies and Doctor of Philosophy in Language, Culture and Society and 7 Masters programs.

**2. BSU Science Laboratories and Library:** Our Guest of honor, I take this honor to appreciate the Government of the Republic of Uganda for the generous grant of 967 Million Shillings that was sent to BSU towards the construction of Science Laboratories and the new 6-storey Library out of the 7.38 BN Shillings Presidential pledge made on 23rd April 2011. We appreciate the government for the great support towards Private Universities and BSU in particular.

Management is honored to report to you that the construction of the Library started and for Science Laboratory construction, the foundation stone will be laid today.

## 3. Operation Wealth Creation Centre

We are grateful to the Government for Operation Wealth Creation which has chosen Bishop Stuart University as a demonstration centre for institutions in Western Region. A letter from OWC Coordinator was received in affirmation of this.

**4. BSU Multi Complex Sports Ground:** Bishop Stuart University has embarked on constructing a Multi Sports Complex. (Part of the grounds we are using today) We are estimating to spend 5 billion shillings to finish up this modern Multi Sports Complex that will include: Beach Soccer Pitch, Netball Courts, Football Pitch, Swimming Pool, Basket Ball Courts, Tennis Court, Volleyball Court and Athletics Track. We hope to host Inter-University Games for East Africa in the near future when this complex is complete

**5. Collaboration with other Universities, Institutions And Government Ground:** BSU collaborates with other Universities that include: University of Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania; Merseburg University in Germany; Makerere University; Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). We are part of the team that developed and will participate in the ACE II project to start soon and the University of Technology and Arts Byumba (UTAB) in Rwanda. A Memorandum of Understanding for a research partnership has been signed between the Faculty of Applied Sciences Ethnobiology Laboratory at Bishop Stuart University and Mbarara Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MBAZARDI) under the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) in which MBAZARDI has availed five acres of farm land to the Ethnobiology Laboratory for the establishment of experimental and commercial medicinal gardens of Aromatic crops.

On this land BSU will commercialize the production of Aromatic crops like *Rosemarinus officinalis*, *Mentha piperata*, *Cymbopogon citratus*, *Cymbopogon flexuosus* and *Eucalyptus citriodora* with NARO Grant Cohort IV, World Bank funding of 194 Million Uganda Shillings.

**6. Agro-studies program to Israel under Faculty of Applied Sciences** For the last three years, BSU has sent Agro Studies students to Israel for apprenticeship. In 2014, we sent 15 students, in 2015, we sent 47 students and this year, we have sent 35 students for the Agro-studies program to Israel for apprenticeship. These students travel to Israel for a one year internship through the National Agro Studies program for Agricultural skills development. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence.

**7. Government Loan Financing Scheme (HESFB)** BSU signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Higher Education Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme). So far, 94 Students have benefited from the scheme: 54 students in 2015/16 and 40 students in 2016/17 have accessed the funds. We appreciate the government of Uganda for supporting students who would otherwise not afford to access University Education.

**8. Ethnobiology Laboratory:** Nutritional and medicinal products development has been initiated in the faculty of Applied Sciences within the University. This is in a bid to advance skills #development among our students. Our major target is to have students get out of the university with at least one skill that can make every student self-reliant. Several products, including: herbal teas, diabetic tea, liquid soap, Vaseline Jelly and others have been produced and packaged in the Ethnobiology Lab. Your Excellency a pledge to support this project was submitted to your office.

**9. ISSB Technology:** The University acquired an ISSB Machine to ease the work of construction. We are using ISSB Technology which is environmentally friendly for University construction projects. The first ISSB Lecture Block made of these blocks was unveiled by the then Minister of Education, Technology and Sports, Hon Jessica Alupo. Its now in final completion stage.



*Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSB) building under construction*

## Challenges

1. Lack of Halls of residence/accommodation for students. This has increased insecurity in the hostels outside University where our students stay.
2. Inadequate Lecture Space to accommodate the increased number of students and programs.
3. Inadequate funds to complete the Multi Sports Complex Centre that is estimated to cost 5 Billion shillings.

## Appreciation

- We extend our appreciation to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda, for granting BSU Charter on 25th October 2014. For that matter, BSU has earmarked this date in its calendar as Charter Week that is celebrated annually.
- We wish to express our appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Mama Janet Kataha Museveni, for supporting Private Institutions and spiritual nurture as a mother of the Nation, you are our role model, and a Woman of Substance. We salute you.
- 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 appreciate our Mother and Father: the Ankole Diocese for starting BSU, for their spiritual guidance and more recently 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.
- We thank the University Board of Trustees, chaired by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, BSU Council, well-steered since BSU inception by Prof. Elly Sabiiti; the community; the academic and non-academic staff; BSU Alumni and the student body for all the good work they have done for BSU.
- 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 to where it is now.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- All who have worked tirelessly for the success of this occasion, especially the organizing committee led by Mrs. Peace Tindyebwa, the University Secretary, the Academic Registrar's team led by Lay Canon Alfred Bangirana Rupiha, the Finance Department led by Mrs. Jane Bibangambah and all BSU staff for the work well done in your various capacities.

## Concluding Remarks

Once again, I congratulate all you graduands upon your achievement. I urge you to be our good ambassadors to the community and to the world, continue to know the way, go the way and show the way.

Bishop Stuart University has an Alumni Association that brings you all together, to keep in touch with your friends and your Institution. You are requested to be active members of that body. The Association has pledged to contribute towards the building of the Auditorium at the Sports Complex. We pray that you will participate actively in this exciting undertaking.

To all invited guests, thank you for attending this function. May GOD bless you all! Our God Reigns.

### **Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD) Vice-Chancellor.**

UNAS Fellow (FUNAS). Vice Chairperson Uganda Vice Chancellors Forum  
Executive Member of the Inter University Council of East Africa (Ugandan Private Universities)



*The Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, awards an Honorary Degree of Doctor Laws to the Governor Bank of Uganda, Prof. Emmanuel - Mutebile, on the 12th BSU Graduation held at Riverside Sports grounds on 14th October 2016.*

# **Prof Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile**

*awarded an Honorary Doctor of  
Laws (Honoris Causa)*



## Citation

By: Prof Elly N. Sabiiti, PhD

### Introduction

Mr. Chancellor, Sir

Bishop Stuart University Council together with the University Senate have resolved to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) to Prof Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile. This proposal was tabled to Senate as it was the first time in the History of the University following the grant of the Charter on 25th Oct 2014 by H E President General Y K Museveni. The University took it up and wishes to recognize his outstanding achievements in the banking sector and exceptional contribution to the advancement of humanity through education by supporting Institutions of higher learning and research and his compassion through supporting many young Ugandans to obtain education.

### Background

Professor Tumusiime-Mutebile was born on 27 January 1949 in Kabale District, southwest Uganda as one of nine children into a peasant family. He attended Kigezi College Butobere for his O-Level studies (grades S1-S4). He then attended Makerere College School in Kampala for his A-Level studies (grades S5-S6). He joined Makerere University in 1970 to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science. He was elected Guild President of Makerere University but had to flee to exile due to political turmoil at that time.

Tumusiime-Mutebile completed his Bachelors degree programme at Durham University, UK, in June 1974. His undergraduate dissertation won the first prize in Economics at Durham University.

He successfully completed the first year of postgraduate studies in Economics at Balliol College, Oxford, and embarked on the Doctor of Philosophy by research in Economics at Oxford University.

### Achievements and Significant Contributions to Society

Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile is an economist and banker; and the Governor of Central Bank of Uganda since 2000. He is also the first Chancellor of the International University of East Africa (IUEA).

In 1979 he had to come back home in Uganda and take on multiple assignments in the rebuilding of the then shattered economy. He served in several positions including Office of the President, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, the Prime Minister's Office, the Treasury and Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development. He chaired the national Committee that formulated the Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture (1997-2000) when he was the Secretary to Treasury and Permanent Secretary in MOFPED. This was the time I interacted with him on the Committee. Since 2000 he has served as the Governor of Uganda's Central Bank.

In addition, Prof Tumusiime-Mutebile has also worked as a consultant for many organizations such as World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Central Africa, UK



Department for International Cooperation, Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, Canada North South Institute and for the Governments of Eritrea, Kenya, Nepal, Rwanda and Tanzania. He has chaired very many national and International bodies on monetary policies and socio-economic developments that have led to positive impact on economies of several Countries.

Apart from consultancies, Prof. Tumusiime-Mutebile has been a serious academician and has lectured in a number of Universities. He was a Tutorial Fellow at Balliol and St.Peter`s Colleges of the Oxford University between 1974 and 1977. He was a Visiting Lecturer at Furnham Centre for International Briefing in 1977.

From December 1977 to June 1979, Prof. Mutebile was a Lecturer of Industrial Economics at the University of Dar es Salaam. In December 2006, Makerere University appointed him Honorary Professor in the School of Economics and Management. He was very instrumental in the establishment of Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) at Makerere University mandated for economic policy research geared at informing policies to enhance socio-economic development of Uganda.

Prof Tumusiime was also very instrumental in supporting the Waste Management research project initiated at Makerere University by convincing the Bank to contribute Shs 20,000,000/= towards research and the renovation of the lab. This Centre of Excellence in Waste Management is soon to be launched. The Centre has also received funding from Sida/Sweden and Makerere University.

### **His Association with Bishop Stuart University**

Prof Tumusiime got interested in the development of BSU as early as 2009 when I convinced him to support Agribusiness Management degree programme in order to modernize Agriculture into business and through his influence Bank of Uganda made a contribution of Shs 10,000,000/= and this fund successfully led to the development of new curriculum of Bachelor of Agribusiness Management and Community Development.

In 12/2/2010 he was the Chief Guest of Honour at the groundbreaking for the construction of the new Library building and he laid a foundation stone for the building.

He led a fundraising ceremony and he made total contribution of shs 60,000,000/= from himself, from the bank and his friends. This money went a long way in building the foundation of the library.

In May 2010 he presided over the graduation ceremony of BSU and more recently on 20/3/2015 when he was the chief guest at the commissioning of the library building he laid the foundation stone and fundraised for it.

The University recognized him and he signed in the new Golden Book of eminent people in Uganda who have made a great impact on Bishop Stuart University development.

### **Notable Honors and Awards**

i) 2006 - Makerere University appointed him an Honorary Professor in the School of Economics and Management.

ii) 2009 - Nkumba University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate degree.

iii) 2010 - Appointed first ever Chancellor of the International University of East Africa (IUEA).

iv) 2014 - Prof. Tumusiime-Mutebile was recognized by the Uganda National Academy of Sciences as a Fellow of the Academy.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, I wish to state that: Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile has made exceptional and significant contributions Nationally and Globally for the development of humanity through the support of Institutions of higher learning and the developing of monetary policies that have stabilized the financial sector of Uganda and other nations. He has made significant contributions towards modernization of agriculture in Uganda.

Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile supported innovative degree programmes at BSU whose impact on agricultural development has been turning agriculture into a business and this knowledge has led to the improvement of household incomes and food security. He has supported infrastructural development of the University, such as the Library building and has pledged more support in future. Therefore, we in BSU are delighted to recognize and honour him. This is a clear indicator of how proud we are of Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile

for the exceptional achievements and this bears testimony to the high regard in which Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile is held by all who know him and his several initiatives to support humanity. It is important to note that some of the graduates who benefitted from the Agribusiness Management programme are members of staff and others work in Banks under his supervision. Mr. Chancellor Sir, I have the pleasure and honour of presenting to you,

Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime - Mutebile for the award of Honorary Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) of Bishop Stuart University.

## **OUR GOD REIGNS.**



# 13th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2017



*The Chancellor (L) and Vice-Chancellor (C) give an envelope to the Guest of Honor Prof. Philip Laird (R) Vice-President of Innovation, Global and Academic Partnerships, Trinity Western University, Canada.*

# 13TH GRADUATION SPEECH



*The VC delivers her speech at the 13th Graduation, 2017*

The Guest of Honor- Prof. Philip Laird,  
University Chancellor- Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon  
Mwesigwa,  
Emeritus Bishops/Former Chancellors,  
Board of Trustees, Chairman Council and  
Members,  
Distinguished political and religious leaders,  
BSU Members of staff, Guild President and Guild  
Council,  
Graduands and Students, Parents, Guardians and  
Sponsors,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

## Introduction

Praise the living God! On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU) Community, Management and on my own behalf I have the pleasure to warmly welcome you all to this 13th Graduation Ceremony today, 13th October 2017. We express our gratitude to you for honoring our invitation.

Our Guest of Honor, it is our pleasure to witness the graduation of our graduands who have successfully completed their programs. We have 1440 graduands 704 Females 49% and 723 Males 51%); Masters 23, Post graduate Diplomas 122, Bachelors 927, Diploma 367, and Advanced Certificates 01.

Among the graduands, we have 7 First Class Degree students. BSU Congratulates all graduands for the academic achievement. The bigger number of graduands is a testimony to the role BSU plays in meeting the vast demand for higher education in the country and in helping to build human resource for national development and beyond.

## Achievements

Increased students enrollment: Student enrollment at BSU have steadily increased over the years. BSU started with 5 programs in 2002 and currently has 83 programs. The students' population has grown gradually from 250 in 2002 to 4500 students in 2017/2018 Academic Year.

The University has 4 Faculties and 14 Departments.  
i) Faculty of Education: Foundations of Education, Humanities, Languages and Literature, and Science Education.

ii) Faculty of Applied Sciences: Computer Science, Agriculture and Agribusiness, Public Health, and Nursing Science.

iii) Faculty of Business and Development Studies has Social Work and Social Administration, Psychology and Development Management, Economics and Environment Management, Secretarial Studies, and Business Studies.  
iv) The Faculty of Law.

v) We also have a Directorate of Graduate Studies, Research Grants and Publications.

The University runs 4 Doctoral programs: Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture and Community Innovations, Doctor of Philosophy in Development Management, Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies and Doctor of Philosophy in Language, Culture and Society. We also have 7 Masters programs, and 6 Postgraduate Diplomas.



*Mutungyi Ronald, one of the first class graduands receiving an award plaque from the Guest of Honour at the 13th Graduation witnessed by the VC on the right*

## Alumni Association

BSU Alumni Association is available to enable our graduates remain linked to share knowledge and help the University to mobilize resources from the Diaspora. Advanced plans are underway to construct an auditorium that will house indoor games, a recreation Centre housing, accommodation and a hotel. So far over 60 million shillings has been mobilized by the Alumni. We pray that you the graduands will participate actively in this exciting undertaking and remain advocates of BSU wherever you are and to project a good image of BSU.

## Graduands' Commissioning Service on 12th October 2017

The commissioning service of graduands was held yesterday morning and the Guest speaker was Mrs. Jolly Uzamukunda the Ag. Commissioner for Higher Education. The Chancellor officially commissioned the graduands and 6 students got saved. We praise God for that.

## Public Lecture Held at Lake View Resort Hotel

We held a Public Lecture yesterday, 12th October 2017, under the theme "Partnership and Entrepreneurship Innovativeness in Building a Christian University". The Guest Speaker was Prof. Philip Laird from Trinity Western University, Canada, and he is our Guest of Honor at this 13th graduation. The Discussant was Dr. William Muhairwe a World Bank Consultant. This shows BSU has an International Global network.

## BSU Vice-Chancellor is Ag. Chairperson Uganda Vice-Chancellors Forum (UVCF) & Executive Member of Inter-University Council for East Africa

Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha, the Vice-Chancellor BSU is Ag. Chairperson Uganda Vice Chancellors Forum (UVCF). She is also a member of the Executive Committee of Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) where she is a representative of Private Universities in Uganda.

## Staff Development and Motivation

BSU supports Academic staff for further studies for Masters and PhDs, Competitive Research grants are given yearly, staff salaries are always paid on time and a 13th cheque was approved by Council in 2017 to motivate staff and improve performance. We also have dissemination and research workshops for staff to present their findings.

## BSU Printing Press

BSU Printing Press is now operational and we shall be publishing books, journals and other publishable materials.

## Infrastructure Development

University Library Building: The Library building has gone up to the slab for 5th floor. This is a BSU funded building. We also received a presidential pledge of shs 375M from the Government of the Republic of Uganda through Ministry of Education and Sports.

ISSB Building (Interrlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks): A two-storied building with 8 lecture rooms is now at Terrazzo finishing stage and will be officially commissioned during the 4th BSU Week in February-March 2018. This will house the Faculty of Education.

Science and Research Laboratories: The Government of the Republic of Uganda pledged Ugx. 6.963 BN Shillings. This Presidential pledge was made on 23rd April 2011. So far, we have received Shs 1.17B which includes 375M for the Library building. The Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni unveiled architectural drawings of the Science and Research Laboratories on the 12th Graduation on 14th October 2016. The construction commenced in May 2017 and is now progressing well and at foundation stage.



*The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni unveiling the architectural drawings of the Science and Research Laboratories on the 14th of October 2016. Right is the Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa*

School of Nursing: we acquired two Acres of land from Ankole Diocese and two more Acres were bought at Ruharo hill purposely for the expansion of School of Nursing. The foundation Stone was laid by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda who was represented by Hon. Eng. John Byabagambi on 22nd February 2017 during 3rd BSU Week.

The construction process is at the stage of procuring a contractor.

**Faculty of Law Building:** The Faculty of Law is under remodelling in its new home, formerly Ultimate Hostel, on a 3 Acre space in Rwentondo, Kakoba. The University Council has already endorsed the purchase and remodelling.

**Purchase of Land and Expansion of BSU:** We have purchased 3.073 Acres in Rwentondo Kakoba with the aim of expansion of our University and it is 500 metres away from the University main gate. This is intended to house Faculty of Law. We purchased 2 Acres of land in Ruharo for expansion of the School of Nursing and 0.3 Acres of land in Rwemigina for the University farm.

### **Sports Complex Development and Participation in Sports**

#### **i. Multi Sports Complex**

BSU is constructing a multi sports complex that will have a Beach Soccer Pitch, Netball Courts, Football Pitch, Swimming Pool, Basket Ball Courts, Tennis Court, Volley ball Court and Athletics Track. The University Council approved Shs.200 Million as part of the Multi Sports Complex funding to embark on the construction of the 2nd phase of basketball courts.

#### **ii. BSU Participation in Sports and Games**

BSU has participated in different games both at National and International level. It joined Uganda Football League and has participated and hosted Inter-University football leagues. We have won trophies and medals, especially in Wood Ball Uganda Open where one of our students was the 3rd best female player Injector Plan Netball Inter-regional Tournament where BSU was the best and got a trophy and a set of uniforms. We represented the Western Region and we were the 3rd best, got a trophy, a set of truck suits and 14 medals. One of our students was among the best 7 netballers in the country. In Mbarara Woodball Open 2017, we were the best for both men and women, we got medals and trophies.

#### **iii. Sports Scholarship Policy**

We have drafted a Sports Scholarship Policy for the highly talented but needy students that is under review at Senate and Council Committees of Discipline and Students Welfare awaiting approval by the University Council. We hope the scholarship will begin next Academic Year, 2018/2019.

#### **iv. Donation of Golf Equipment**

BSU received 6 sets of Golf equipment donated by Hon. Eng. John Byabagambi during 3rd BSU week in February 2017 and were officially delivered on 6th June 2017. He has also offered Golf balls and training for the BSU team to participate at international levels.

### **Partnerships, Networks and MoUs**

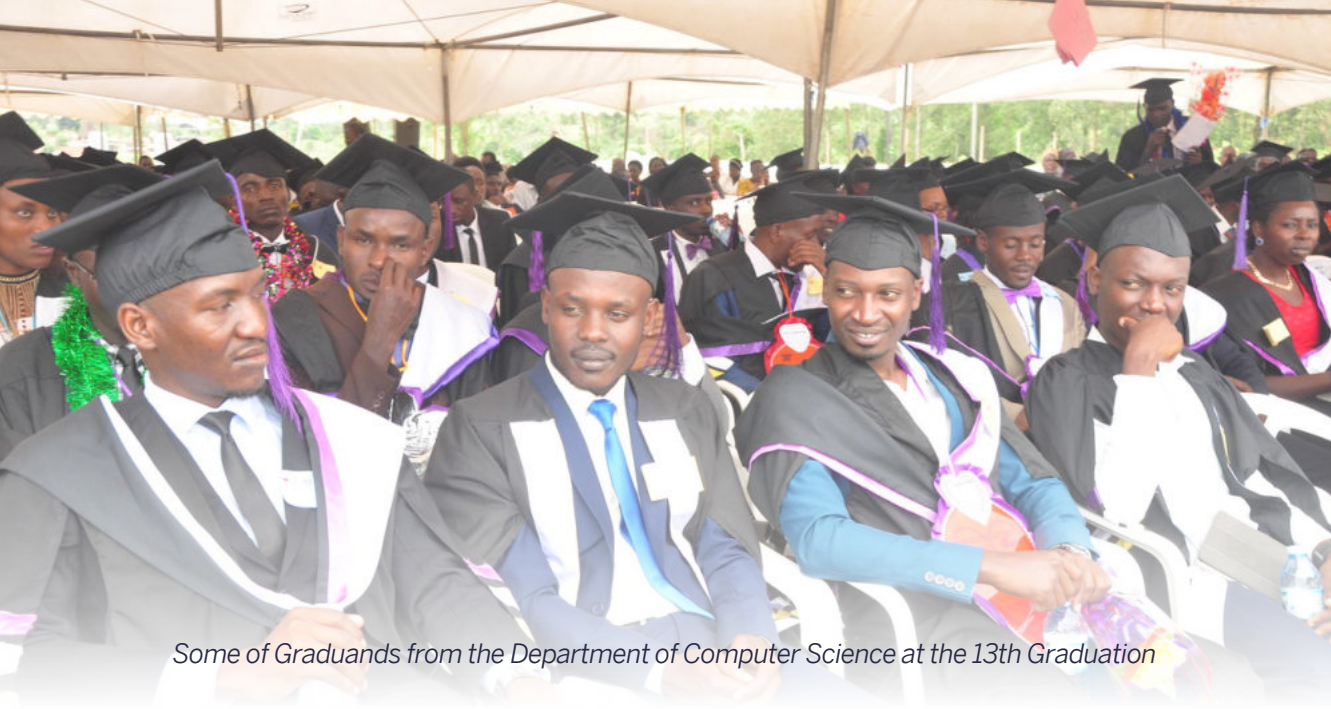
**Operation Wealth Creation (OWC):** BSU is in partnership with OWC, and Bishop Stuart University farm was selected as a demonstration Centre for excellence in South Western Region. We have received agricultural inputs like chicks, chick mash, heifer, mango seedlings, bags of glowers mash, trees, and bags of pasture seeds to enhance farming. This has greatly supported our students for agriculture practical and study skills and will go along way to support farmers in the community.

**Dairy Shade Mechanization Project (DSMP):** BSU is demonstrating mechanized programs to have improved pasture and we have already received a tractor. We shall be offering extension services to farmers using Geometric Position System (GPS) to draw contour maps for farmers in the dry corridor to determine irrigation design on dry cattle area continuously for food production. Farmers partnering with BSU are using the tractor to upgrade their farms. We need more partners.

**AVSI under Skilling Youth Uganda (Sky):** We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under implementation with AVSI under SKY to skill the Youth in Agro-related innovation projects. We are in the process of installing a greenhouse, standard farm structures to a tune of 140 million. Training has already been conducted.

**Drilled borehole water project:** BSU is in partnership with AVSI/SKY project, Dairy Shade Mechanisation to enhance farming and BSU was required to provide a sustainable water source to run these projects. We have invested in a Drilled borehole water project to the tune of Shs. 25M to supply water for these projects. The contractor has already signed the agreement and work has began.

**Naro Ethnobotany Project:** We have partnership with NARO, MBAZARDI Mbarara which has given BSU 5 acres of land Ugx. 194 million for the Ethnobiology Department to establish Aroma Medicinal Plant gardens for exchange of knowledge and commercial skills with the community.



*Some of Graduands from the Department of Computer Science at the 13th Graduation*

**Collaborative Universities:** The University is in partnership with different Universities like Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University, the University of Byumba in Rwanda and the University of Dar-es-Salaam aimed at improving teaching through exchange visits, bench-marking, research and capacity building.

**Visiting Scholars:**

BSU has an international recognition with Fulbright scholars that is Prof. Dinesh G. Sarvate Fulbright scholar from the college of Charleston South Carolina, Prof. Hellen Nabasuta Mugambi a Carnegie Fellow from USA, Prof. Cathy Sigmund a visiting scholar from Geneva College, Switzerland, who also offered support to Nakivale Refugees through a donation of clothes, training of pastors and Nigerian Corps Volunteers aimed at improving teaching, research, capacity building, community service and innovations. BSU is now a member of the International Association of Law Schools which will boost our Faculty of Law through interaction with other Law Schools internationally.

Membership of the Regional Universities Forum For Capacity Building In Agriculture (Ruforum); BSU joined RUFORUM as a full member effective from 18th October, 2016. RUFORUM is now sponsoring 2 staff members in Agriculture for their PhDs.

**Agro-Studies Program To Israel;**  
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Agro-Studies program. For the last four years, we have sent Agriculture students to Israel for apprenticeship. In 2014, we sent 15 students, in 2015, we sent 47 students, in 2016 we sent 35 students and this year, 2017, we have sent 32 students for the Agro-studies program to Israel for apprenticeship. A total of 129 students have benefited from this program. These students travel to Israel for a one-year internship through the National Agro Studies program for Agricultural skills development. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence and our students have demonstrated a mindset change in transforming Ugandan Agriculture.

**Students Loan Scheme Under Hesfb (Higher Education Students Financing Board):**  
BSU signed an MOU with Higher Education Students Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme) and a total of 145 students from our University have benefited from this scheme since 2015 (1st years-50, 2nd years-41 and 3rd years-54) and their tuition is always paid in time.

**Community Outreach Projects:**  
Since 2014, BSU has been in partnership with the International Partners/ Donors through a Visiting Senior Lecturer, Dr. Toruun Stangeland from Norway who has participated in Community Outreach projects. She also worked with Mothers Union in Kibingo and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in Mbarara District since 2007. A Rotary project has provided tanks for rain water harvesting.

Together with Women Solidarity Network for Environment and Development (WoSNED) they have funded a residence for nurses at Health Centre (HC) II in Kibingo, donated solar panels to TBAs, and provided fruit trees and goats to women. In January this year 70 TBAs, Village Health teams and local leaders were given training in Maternal and Child Health Care (M&CHC). The Future plan is to establish a mobile clinic on preventive M&CHC to be housed at BSU Clinic which is to be elevated to a Health Center III. Dr.Toruun, we recognise your presence and thank you for your continued support.

#### Pharm-Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine (Pharmbiotrac) ACE II:

BSU is in partnership with Mbarara University of Science and Technology under PHARM-BIOTRAC ACE II housed at MUST, funded by the World Bank Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centre of Excellence.

#### Recognition at international level:

BSU collaborating with International bodies is a testimony that it has grown from strength to strength and it is no longer at local level but International level.

### Challenges

i. Lack of Halls of residence/accommodation for students. We appeal to partners to build hostels for BSU.

ii. Funds to complete the Multi Sports Complex Centre that is estimated to cost 5 Billion shillings. It is phased due to income flow as advised by the Board of Trustees (BOT) and Council. Alumni are urged to give generous support to accomplish this task.

### Future Plans

1. Establishment of vocational and skilling study courses to produce more job creators.
2. More Academic Programs are under development and review at undergraduate and graduate levels.
3. Construction of houses for staff and a house for visiting scholars.
4. Completion of on-going construction projects.
5. Winning more competitive grants projects
6. Bishop Stuart Demonstration Primary School to be re-tooled to a level of a standard University Primary School.

### Appreciation

• Today is a day to celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of God. We sincerely appreciate His love and sustenance. This 13th Graduation is a clear testimony of what He has done through His servants who heard His voice saying, “Whom shall I send and who will go for me?” and they in humility and simplicity answered; “Here we are, send us”. We shall forever praise the Lord for them.

• We appreciate our parents: Ankole Diocese led by our Chancellor Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa and Mama Dr. Alice Mwesigwa for their guidance and support BSU.

• Our former Chancellors, The Emeritus Bishops, Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi and Dr. George Tibeessigwa for their firm foundation. May God continue to bless you as you enjoy your retirement.

• Grateful to the Founders of the University, especially the Founding Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Ambassador Francis Butagira, Prof Elly Sabiiti, Prof. Jossy Bibangambah, Canon Alfred Bangirana Rupiha and all of you who worked tirelessly to get this University started.

• Appreciation to The President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency General Kaguta Yoweri Museveni, for all the support rendered to Private Institutions of Higher Learning.

• Appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Mama Janet Kataha Museveni for supporting Private Institutions and especially for giving us funds towards the construction of BSU Science and Research Laboratories and Library.

• Gratitude to the National Council for Higher Education for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision, and timely accreditation of programs.

• We thank the University Board of Trustees, led by our Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa with the chairpersons of committees: Emeritus Bishop Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi Chair Ethics and Values Committee and Mr. Tumusiime Godfrey, Chair Resource Mobilisation Committee and all other BOT for the governance support to BSU.

• The strong and able University Council led by Prof. Elly Sabiiti with the Chairpersons of Council Committees: Prof. James Ntozi, Chair Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare; Prof. Tushabeomwe Kazooba Charles Chair Committee



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- We recognize the expert and legal advice from Amb. Francis Butagira (Prof. Adjunct of Laws) our Legal Advisor and his dear wife, Can. Lady Lydia Butagira.
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- To the parents, spouses, guardians, and sponsors: this is your day. You are the heroes of the day. One missionary Professor stated that: "Education in Uganda is like a hidden treasure. To find that treasure, the family digs so deep by selling all they have, including; land, cows, and goats". You have sacrificed a lot to have your children and your spouse's dress the way they are today. May the Lord reward your selfless efforts.
- All who have worked tirelessly for the success of this occasion, especially the organizing committee led by Mrs. Peace Tindyebwa, the University Secretary, and all BSU staff.



*Right is the BSU Band in their distinctive attire during the 13th Graduation*



*Chancellor's procession led by the Mace bearer to the 14th graduation ceremony*

# 14th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2018

# 14TH GRADUATION SPEECH

## Salutations

The Guest of Honor- HE. Dr. Etubom N. E. Asuquo, Amb. Nigerian High Commission to Uganda; University Chancellor- Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa; Emeritus Bishops/Formers Chancellors; Members of Board of Trustees; Chairman Council Prof. Elly Sabiiti and Members; Distinguished political and religious leaders; Vice Chancellors and Heads of Institutions; Distinguished Invited Guests; Entire BSU staff and students; Guild President and Guild Council; Beloved Graduands, Parents, Guardians and Sponsors; our esteemed partners in your various capacities; Ladies and Gentlemen.



*The VC delivers her speech at the 14th Graduation, 2018*

Praise the living God! On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU) Community, Management and on my own behalf, I take the pleasure to warmly welcome you all to this 14th Graduation Ceremony today the 12th October, 2018. To our graduands, with joy and gladness of heart we sincerely congratulate you upon your successful completion of the different academic programmes. We give thanks to God that you are graduating from a chartered University. Today you will officially join the BSU alumni in various professions in different parts of Uganda and the world over.

Our dear Guest of Honor, H.E. Amb. Dr. Etubom Asuquo, we appreciate you for honouring our invitation and with the long standing great relationship with Uganda.



*The Chancellor (L) at the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Guest of Honor, H.E. Dr. Etubom N.E. Asuquo (R)*

Today you are witnessing the 14th Graduation of 1630 graduands who have successfully completed their programs. (Females 805 (49%) and Males 825 (51%). Masters 34, Postgraduate Diplomas 20, Bachelors 1105, Diploma 468, Advanced Certificates 03 and 12 First Class.

The increasing number of graduands from BSU is a testimony that the university is meeting the vast demands for higher education in the country and in building human resource for national development and beyond. The Chartered BSU now has both national and international levels of recognition because of its strong cherished Christian foundation values and academic excellence.

## Major Achievements

### 1. Increased students enrolment:

Student enrollment at BSU has steadily increased over the years. BSU started with 5 programs in 2002 and currently we have over 100 programs (4 Doctoral, 16 Masters, 07 PGDs, 46 Degrees, 29 Diplomas and one advanced certificate) the student population has grown gradually from 250 in 2002 to 4,600 students in 2018/2019 Academic Year. The University has 4 Faculties (Education, Applied Sciences, Law, Business & Development Studies) and 14 Departments and one Directorate of Graduate Studies, Research, and Innovations (List in Graduation booklet).

**2. Graduands' Commissioning Service held on 11th October 2018:** The commissioning service of graduands was held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at BSU Chapel of Good Shepherd and we were pleased to host (Second Photo Below) Chief Commissioner and Guest Speaker, Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura on the Theme "Launching out as a Christian Professional." The Chancellor and Bishop of Ankole Diocese officiated the graduands. We prayed to God for useful citizens and transformational leaders.



*The Chancellor speaks to the congregation during the service*



*Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura (C) together with her husband (R) and the Vice-Chancellor (L) praising at the commissioning service*



*Joyful celebrants in the University Chapel during the service*

**4. Pioneer Faculty of Law Dinner on 11th October 2018:** The Dinner was held at Lake View Hotel at 6pm. The Guest of Honour and Guest speaker was Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura under the theme "Launching out as a Legal Practitioner in Uganda; A Christian Perspective." We thank God that our Pioneer Law Class (LLB) that did well with 40% passing the Law Development Centre (LDC) pre-entry examinations. The entire Faculty staff and particularly the founding Dean, Associate Professor George W.K Kasozi and your team, we salute you.



*Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura officiating during BSU Lawyers dinner at Lake View Hotel on October 12th 2018*



*(L-R) Chancellor - BSU, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Obura, her husband, Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (VC- BSU) and Prof. John VC, Cavendish University.*



*Bachelor of Laws students enjoying their meal at the Dinner*

**5. Alumni Association:** BSU Alumni Association is now vibrant with active executive committee headed by Mr. Samson Mugabe; Alumni office and staff to handle alumni matters, enable Alumni linked to share knowledge, help the University to mobilize resources and welcome students from the Diaspora. Advanced plans are underway to construct an auditorium that will house Indoor games, Recreation Centre, housing, accommodation and a hotel. We pray and believe that you will remain our advocates and good ambassadors.

**6. Student Guild 2018/19:** The student Leadership under the Guild President, His Excellency Chrispus Ayesigye, an old student of Mbarara High School is a testimony that BSU is attracting quality students from within the region and beyond. The Guild leadership's participation in conducting this graduation is in harmony with the spirit of dialogue, working together and growth of utmost magnitude. Student leadership is non-partisan. BSU respects students' views and rights that don't contravene code of conduct and norms as a Christian University. Thus, the Guild president is a member of Senate, SMT and Council for corporate governance.

**7. BSU Debating Club:** The University has a vibrant Debating Club and one of our Students, Mr. Chrispus Munzira, has gone up to international levels. In Uganda he was the 1st at the Inter-University Debate Championship, Statistics House, Kampala, on 19/12/2016 and he was the 2nd runner-up in East Africa Youth Debate Championship at the University of Nairobi on 15/12/2017; at the University of South Africa Youth Debate Championship from August 21st to 10th September 2018, he emerged as the Best Orator and the 2nd Overall Winner. He travelled to London in 2019 for the climax to compete in Youth Debate Championship in Common wealth Competitions. Four countries represented Africa and these include Nigeria, Ethiopia, Senegal and Uganda (BSU). We are blessed that Mr. Chrispus Munzira is now at BSU and Uganda at large Ambassador to Common wealth Debate.

### **8. Scholarships - Work and Study; Foundation Body and Sports Scholarships**

(a) Sports Scholarship Policy: The University Council approved the Sports Scholarship Policy to support and promote the most talented students has been rolled out this Academic Year 2018/2019 and one student, Ms. Grace Kiconco was awarded

a full scholarship. We appeal to more sponsors and partners with BSU to support the scheme.

(b) Work and Study Scheme: The Foundation Body Scholarship: Three students will be sponsored every year, 2018/19 with Nursing Sciences and Law, to promote professionals in the Church Ministry.

### **9. BSU participation in sports and games**

BSU has participated in different games both at National and International levels and we are winning. BSU joined Uganda Football League and has participated and hosted Inter-University Football Leagues. We have won trophies and medals, in Wood Ball Uganda Open, Netball, Beach Soccer, Football Soccer. We are advancing in sports and games. BSU will be hosting National Woodball Open Tournament from 20-21st October 2018.

### **10. Golf game**

This was launched in February 2018 by Hon. Minister Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu. We appreciate Hon. John Byabagambi, Prof. Gakwandi who donated golf kits and golf balls. Chairman LCV Mbarara Hon. JB Tumusiime and Chairman LCV Ibanda, Hon. Kajwengye, municipal Engineers, Town Clerk, Mayor Hon. Robert Kakyebi are indeed appreciated.



*The VC swings at the golf ball after the launch*



(L-R) The VC, Hon. John Byabagambi, Prof. Elly Sabiti and Hon. Minister Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu

### 11. Agro-studies Internship Program to Israel

BSU has an MOU with Israel for Agro-Studies internship program and for the last four years, since 2014, we have sent 151 Agriculture students to Israel for apprenticeship and skills development and in 2019/2020, we shall send 50 students. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence and our students have demonstrated a mindset change in transforming Ugandan Agriculture and most of the returnees are doing well in various enterprises.

### 12. Government Higher Education Students Financing (HESFB) Loan Scheme

BSU signed an MOU with Higher Education Students Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme) and a total of 145 students from our University have benefited from this scheme since 2015 (50 in 2015, 41 in 2016 and 54 in 2017) and their tuition is always paid in time. In this academic year 2018/2019 we are pleased to note that the number of HESFB sponsored students has increased to 117. The pioneers of this scheme are graduating today.

### 13. BSU Missions/Exhibition Week

In February 2018, we had our 4th BSU Week, an annual event which was characterized with mission, Academic Exhibition, launching of Agricultural projects, Mobile Clinic in Kijungu-Mbarara, cleaning of Mbarara and Ntungamo towns, painting Zebra crossings in Mbarara, Kasese and Rukungiri, launching of Golf Game, Cultural Gala, Alumni Dinner and Research Dissemination by staff and students. TCultural Gala at Mbarara Sports Club was excellent and it was an impressive show to continue organizing yearly.

## 14. Partnerships, Networks and MoUs

(a) Community Outreach Projects: BSU in partnership with International Partners/Donors through BSU Visiting Senior Lecturer Dr. Toruun Stangeland from Norway, has Community Outreach projects which gave 125 rain water harvesting tanks to women in Kibingo Mothers Union and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in partnership with friends in Norway.

(b) We have other partners for Nakivale refugee camp, and BSU Social Work and Social Administration community engagements.

(c) Mother and child Mbarara Mobile Clinic: BSU is in partnership with Friends from Norway, Ankole Diocese Health Department and Ruharo Mission Hospital to offer mobile clinic services to the communities in: nutrition assessment, screening for non-communicable diseases (Diabetes, Hypertension), family planning counselling, raise awareness on malaria and good sanitation. As BSU we have taken the university to the communities.

(d) Operation Wealth Creation (OWC): BSU is in partnership with OWC and Bishop Stuart University farm was selected as a demonstration Centre for excellence in South Western Region. They have given us an opportunity of rearing poultry which has provided students with practical skills. On September 22nd 2018, we were also given 100,000 coffee seedlings.

(e) Dairy Shade Mechanization Project (DSMP): The Government through Operation Wealth Creation gave us a tractor. Farmers partnering with BSU are using the tractor to upgrade their farms. Allow me to inform you that the tractor is here for hire at a small cost,

(f) Agribusiness Incubation Hub at BSU: The project to establish an Agribusiness Incubation Hub (AIH) started in March, 2018 with a two-year funding arrangement worth \$50,000 from MasterCard Foundation offered through the Regional Universities Forum (RUFORUM) was won by Ms. Rebecca Kalibwani (Principal Investigator) and team. The project is being implemented at BSU, in partnership with Excel Hort Consult (EHC) Ltd, an agribusiness incubator, based in Koranorya, Mbarara. The AIH aims at enhancing the development of entrepreneurial skills for innovative employment

opportunities of young University graduates and showcases agribusiness innovations for up-scaling.

(g) AVSI under Skilling Youth Uganda (SKY): We have an MOU under implementation with AVSI under SKY to skill the Youth in Agro-related innovation projects to the tune of 140 million. We have a greenhouse planted with tomatoes, rainwater harvesting, zero grazing Unit for dairy animals, piggery, Shade net and many more innovations on the farm.

(h) NARO Ethnobotany Project: We have partnership with NARO, MBAZARDI Mbarara which gave the University 5 acres of land for the Ethnobiology unit to establish Aromatic Medicinal Plant gardens with a grant of 194 million from NARO-CGS Cohort IV under Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha as PI and Mr. Waisindye Noah as project coordinator. Oil Extraction Unit has been installed and is working. The unit is used to extract essential oils from several plants mainly lemon grass, rosemary and lemon eucalyptus and each liter is sold at 250,000 UGX.

i. Pharm-Biotechnology and Traditional Medicine (PHARMBIOTRAC) ACE II: BSU is in partnership with Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) under PHARM-BIOTRAC ACE II funded by the World Bank Higher Education Centre of Excellence. BSU has funding and staff development.

## 15. Staff Development, Capacity Building and Visiting staff:

a. Staff training in-house bonding scheme: BSU supports Academic staff for further studies for Masters and PhDs. Competitive Research grants are given yearly, staff salaries are always paid on time to motivate staff and improve performance. We have dissemination and research workshops for staff to present their findings.

b. The Nigerian Technical Aid Corps (TAC Volunteers): On 3rd February, 2018 the University received four Technical Aid Corps from Nigeria for a period of two years from February 2018. These are; Ms. Comfort Anthony Ekanem and Ms. Okeke Onyekachukwu, Lecturers in the Department of Public Health, Mr. Obenta Emmanuel, Lecturer in the Department of Business Education and Dr. Joseph Ochigbo Ochotukpo in the Faculty of Law.

c. Visiting Lecturers under Academic Staff Mobility Programme IUCEA: Three staff were received in July, 2018 from Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) namely; Dr. Kabemba Maneno (PhD) in Linguistic and Literature (French), Mr. Rukundo Jean Premier Bienvenu Lecturer in Information Technology and Mr. Muhwezi Moses, a Lecturer in Business Administration.

d. Staff Sponsorship and Membership RUFORUM: BSU joined Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) as a full member effective from 18th October, 2016. RUFORUM is now sponsoring 2 staff in Agriculture to pursue PhDs ie. Deborah Akatwetaba and Wycliffe Tumwesigye.

e. Collaborative Universities: The University is in partnership with different Universities like Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University, University of Technology and Arts Byumba in Rwanda and University of Dar-es-Salaam, Merseburg University Germany, Trinity Western University, Canada, to share and host their programs. The aim is improving teaching through exchange visits, bench marking, research and capacity building.

## 16. Infrastructure Development

a. University Library Building: The Library is a 6-storied building undertaken by Skib Technical Services as the contractor and the shell is completed. The remaining activities are completion of the parapet wall, cleaning and walling. BSU is funding the building. We also received a presidential pledge of Shs. 375M from the Government of the Republic of Uganda through Ministry of Education and Sports towards the library construction.

b. ISSB building (Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks): I'm pleased to inform you that a two-storied building with 8 lecture rooms is completed and is housing the Faculty of Education.

c. Science and Research Laboratories: The Government of the Republic of Uganda made a presidential pledge of 6.963 BN Shillings on 23rd April 2011. We have so far received Shs. 1,092,367,568.

The Minister of Education and Sports, the Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, unveiled architectural drawings of the Science and Research Laboratories on the 12th graduation on 14th October, 2016. The construction commenced in May 2017, the ground slab is done and we are progressing to the first-floor construction that is undertaken by Ugawood Company Ltd.

d. School of Nursing Construction: Nursing students have increased and this Academic Year (2018/2019) we admitted 89 students. On 1st October, 2018, the contractor Byabeki Technical Services Ltd, was handed over the site for construction to commence.

e. Faculty of Law New Home and LDC pre-enry exams: The University finished the remodelling of the Faculty of Law's new home (Below) on a 3 Acre space in Rwentondo, Kakoba. This was launched by Hon. Chief Justice Bart Magunda Katureebe on the 25th July, 2018. He gave the cash contribution of five million. The University received cash contributions from other guests and well-wishers totalling UGX 46,897,000 we have ordered for books for the Law Library. We also appreciate those people that have given us physical books.



The Chief Justice of Uganda, Justice Bart Katureebe laying a Foundation stone at the new site for the Faculty of Law as witnessed by the Chancellor on the left.

17. Development of Western region: BSU is contributing to the development of western region and Mbarara municipality in particular. The establishment of the Faculty of Law at BSU has added value to the government development that has seen the creation of LDC in Mbarara. This is a testimony that BSU contributes towards national development.

18. IEF. BSU is praised for hosting the 3rd Regional conference of International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) under the theme "Unity in Diversity" at Lake View Hotel on 8-9th August 2018.

### Challenges

- a) Lack of Halls of residence/accommodation for students. We appeal to partners to build hostels for BSU.
- b) Funds for the completion of the Multi Sports Complex Centre needed.
- c) Delays in Payment of tuition is a challenge and it affects planning for the University.

### Future Plans

- a. Working on vocational, technical and skilling courses to produce more job creators.
- b. More Academic Programs are under development
- c. Construction of houses for staff and visiting scholars.
- d. Completion of on-going construction projects and multi-sports complex.
- e. Winning more competitive grants projects and research grants.
- f. Drilled borehole water project applied to get a license.
- g. Agribusiness innovations hub (AIH) in the region.

### Appreciation

- a. Our special thanks go to our Guest of Honour, H.E Dr. Eutubom for the 14th Graduation and the Keynote speaker during the Public Lecture.
- b. We sincerely appreciate Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Abalu Obura who was the Guest Speaker on 11th October, 2018, during the Graduands' Commissioning Service and Law Dinner Guest of Honour.
- c. More thanks go to Prof. Opuda Asibo who was the Discussant during the Public Lecture. We are forever indebted for your continued support.
- d. We appreciate Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB) for giving the Nursing school over 500 new and relevant books for the School of Nursing Library. Other former staff have donated Law books, and Rotary too has donated books to Nursing Faculty



e. We thank Assoc. Prof. George Kasozi the founding Dean who helped us in the establishment of the Faculty of Law and Ms. Kana Grace Laska who were the first Lecturers, all lecturers of law and our pioneer students of Bachelor of Laws.

f. We appreciate our parents: Ankole Diocese, led by our Chancellor Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, and Mama Dr. Alice Mwesigwa for their parental guidance and support to the University.

g. Our former Chancellors, The Emeritus Bishops; Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi and Dr. George Tibeessigwa for the firm foundation.

h. Grateful to the Founders of the University, especially the Founding Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Ambassador Francis Butagira, Prof Elly Sabiiti, Prof. Jossy Bibangambah, Canon Alfred Bangirana Rupiha and all of you that worked tirelessly to get this University started.

i. Appreciation to the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency, General Kaguta Yoweri Museveni, for all the support rendered to Private Institutions of Higher Learning.

j. Appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Mama Janet Kataaha Museveni for supporting Private Institutions and especially for giving us funds towards construction of BSU Science and Research Laboratories and the Library.

k. Gratitude to the National Council for Higher Education for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision, and timely accreditation of our programs.

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## **Message to our Dear Graduands, Parents, Sponsors and Guardians**

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To all the graduands today congratulations! Let me emphasize that studying in a Christian University like BSU gives you an advantage ahead of your peers, with regard to appreciating the value of integrity which is one of our core values. These values enshrined in our core values, mission, vision and motto, should enable you live a purposeful and “meaningful” life that makes a difference at the work place and in the community.

My advice is to BE PATIENT, BE OBEDIENT AND WORK HARD, Deuteronomy 28:1-14)! Rome was not built in one day! You will succeed in life. To the parents, spouses, guardians and sponsors; this is your day for you are the heroes of the day because of your support. You have all sacrificed a lot to obtain this victory. May the Lord reward your selfless efforts and extend your boundaries and territories.

### **Conclusion**

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Once again, I congratulate all of you graduands upon your achievements. We recommend this verse: Proverbs 14:23 “in all toil, there is profit, but mere talks tends only to poverty”. I urge you to be our good ambassadors to the community and to the world, continue to know the way, show the way and go the way of Jesus Christ.

To all our dear guests and graduands, thank you for attending this function. May GOD richly bless you all! Our God Reigns!

**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice Chancellor**

# 15th Graduation *Vice Chancellor's Speech, 2019*



*The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, HESFB representatives and HESFB sponsored students cut cake at the 15th graduation ceremony*

# 15TH GRADUATION SPEECH



*The VC delivers her speech at the 15th Graduation, 2019*

## Salutations

The Guest of Honour, His Excellency Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador of the Netherlands Commission to Uganda;

The University Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa; Emeritus Bishops and Former Chancellors; Board of Trustees;

The Chairman of the University Council Prof. Kenneth Kagame, and his team;

Distinguished political & religious leaders; Vice - Chancellors and heads of institutions; Distinguished and invited Guests;

The entire BSU staff and students; Alumni, Guild President and Guild Council; Beloved graduands, parents, guardians and sponsors;

Our esteemed partners in your various capacities; Ladies and Gentlemen.

Praise the living God!

On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU) community and management and on my own behalf, I take the pleasure to warmly welcome you all to this 15th Graduation Ceremony today, the 18th of October 2019.

To our graduands, with joy and gladness of heart, we sincerely congratulate you on your successful completion of the different academic programmes. We give thanks to God that you are graduating from a chartered university. Today you are officially joining the BSU Alumni in various professions in different parts of Uganda and the world over.

Our dear Guest of Honour, His Excellency Amb. Henk Jan Bakker, we appreciate you for honouring our invitation and the long standing great relationship with Uganda.

Today you are witnessing the 15th graduation of 1604 (M-828 52% and F-776 48%) graduands who have successfully completed their programmes: Masters 38, Post Graduate Diploma 35, Bachelors 1,058, Diploma 450 and Certificates 23.

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## New Developments

**1. Renewal of contract for another term as Vice - Chancellor:** My contract as the Vice-Chancellor was renewed on University Council's assessment and approval. It is my pleasure and joy to serve the university in this capacity to see it grow even bigger. I am thankful to the Board of Trustees and University Council for the trust bestowed upon me.

**2. Appointment of Vice - Chancellor as a member of UBTEB representing private universities:** I was appointed a member of the Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board for a term of three years by the Minister of Education, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni.

**3. Increased students' enrollment:** Student enrollment at BSU has steadily increased over the years. BSU started with five programmes in 2002 and currently offers over 106 programmes accredited by National Council for Higher Education. However, Council approved 19 programmes to be rebranded to fit in the market. (4 PhD, 14 Masters, 6 PGDs, 37 Bachelors, 24 Diplomas and 2 Certificates). More new programmes will be introduced that are demand driven.

The student population has also grown gradually from 250 in 2002 to 5079 students in the 2019/2020 academic year. The university has four

Faculties (Education, Applied Sciences, Law, and Business & Development Studies): These fall into 14 Departments and one Directorate of Graduate Studies, Research, and Innovations as listed in the graduation booklet.

PROGRAMS	NUMBER
PhD	04
Masters	14
PGD	06
Bachelors	37
Diplomas	24
Certificates	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

**4. Graduation Trend since 2014:** Bishop Stuart University has graduated over 1400 students every year since 2014 when it was chartered as shown opposite:

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
2014	825	636	1462
2015	854	767	1621
2016	871	780	1651
2017	723	704	1440
2018	833	815	1648
<b>2019</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1604</b>

**5. Restructuring of Faculties and Departments:**

We wish to inform this congregation that the Senate set up Technical Committee led by Professor Twinamatsiko Amos on restructuring of Faculties and Departments. This technical team made its recommendations which were presented to the Council which approved that Faculties be increased from 4 to 5 and Departments from 14 to 15 and to be effective 1st November 2019.

**Summary of New Faculties and Departments**

FACULTY	DEPARTMENTS
Faculty of Business, Economics and Governance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Department of Social Work and Social Administration</li> <li>2) Department of Business and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>3) Department of Secretarial, Records and Office Management</li> <li>4) Department of Economics, Statistics and Tourism Management</li> <li>5) Department of Public Administration and Governance</li> </ol>
Faculty of Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Department of Computing, Library and Information Technology</li> <li>2) Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environment</li> </ol>
Faculty of Education, Arts and Media Studies	1) Department of Humanities and Performing Arts
	2) Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies
	3) Department of Foundations, Distance & Lifelong Learning (Vocational Education)
	4) Department of Science Education
	5) Department of Visual Arts, Design and Technology
Faculty of Law	1) Department of Law and Ethics
Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences	1) Department of Nursing
	2) Department of Public Health and Biomedical Sciences

**6. Graduands' Commissioning Service:** I want to appreciate our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, for presiding over the ceremony, and the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Can. Dr. Hosea Maate. While commissioning, we prayed to God for good citizens and transformational leaders that will make a difference and become contributing members to our society.

**7. Public Lecture held on 17th October 2019:** We held a public lecture yesterday on 17th, October, 2019 at 2:00 p.m, at Lake View Resort Hotel under the theme: "Innovations and Agribusiness Technopreneurship for institutional Development". The guest speaker was Mr. John Makoha, The Country Representative AVSI Foundation AVSI/SKY (Skilling Youth Uganda) and the discussant was Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, the Executive Director Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM). The function demonstrated that in any university worth its name, a public lecture is a norm and this is an indicator that BSU has gone global.

**8. The Bishop Stuart University old Council achievements from 5th December 2014 to 4th December, 2018:** We thank God for the enormous achievements of 4th Council from 5th December 2014 to 4th December, 2018. The 4th Council was composed of; Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo who was the Chairperson; Prof. James Ntozi, Chairperson Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare; Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba, Chairperson Committee of Finance Planning and Properties; Prof. Johnson Nkuuhe, Chairperson Committee of Audit and Risk Management; Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda, Chairperson Committee of Discipline and Students' Affairs; other members included; Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo, Rev. Dennis Kizinduka and Rev. Richard Mujuni.

Notable achievements included among others; policies approved, Recruitment of competent Human Resource, increased student enrolment, over 100 Academic programs accredited by the National Council for Higher Education, financials showing asset worth and payables, infrastructure developments, collaborations, partnerships, networks, Memorandum of Understanding other institutions, corporate social responsibility, students and staff welfare services. We are grateful for these achievements and may God bless you. On a special note we wish to appreciate Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo who has been on BSU Council

since the inception of this University in 2002. We are forever grateful for your selfless service to BSU.

**9. Appointment of new University Council from 5th December, 2018 to 4th December, 2022:** Our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa appointed the 5th Council members and they include; Prof. Kenneth Kagame, the Chairperson; Ms. Kellen Ayebazibwe, the Vice Chairperson; Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo, the Chairperson Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare; Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba, Chairperson Committee of Finance Planning and Property; Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo, Chairperson Committee of Audit and Risk Management; Rev. Dennis Kizinduka, Chairperson Committee of Discipline and Students' Welfare. Other members are; Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Rev. Richard Mujuni, Mr. Aggrey Kibenge who was later replaced by Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda, Amb. Francis Butagira, who is also Adjunct Professor of Law, Mr. Nuwagaba Elias Kariisa and Mr. Denmark Adios, the Guild President, The Lord Mayor of Mbarara Municipality, His Worship Robert Mugabe Kakyenzi is also Co-opted member on Committee of Finance Planning and Property and is Alumnus of BSU. We are grateful for such vibrant team that is doing great work already.

**10. Alumni Association:** BSU Alumni Association is now vibrant with an active executive committee led by Mr. Samson Mugabe to ensure that the Alumni are linked to share knowledge and help the University to mobilise resources and students. Advanced plans are underway to complete sports complex and the Alumni will fund the construction of the auditorium. Phase Concept Company Ltd was contracted to work on the Architectural design and plan for the sport complex at the cost of Shs.39m funded by Alumni.

We pray and believe that they will remain our advocates and good ambassadors in all endeavours. Also to note, the Alumni Association has offered refreshments for all graduands. We appreciate the gesture and implore you to keep the Association vibrant.

**11. Improving Student Welfare:** In an effort to improve student welfare, the university is working with hostel owners to ensure that they offer the safety and quality services for students.

## **12. BSU Debating Club and Mr. Chrispus Munzira winning Scholarship worth Shs. 10m from Association of Commonwealth Universities:**

The University has a vibrant debating club and one of our former students, Mr. Chrispus Munzira has gone up to international level. In Uganda he was the first at the inter-university debate championship, Statistics House, Kampala, on 19th December 2016 and he was the second runner-up in the East Africa Youth Debate Championship at the University of Nairobi on 15 December, 2017. At the University of South Africa Youth Debate Championship from August 21 - 10 September 2018, he emerged as the Best Orator and the second Overall Winner. For the climax, he travelled to Birmingham City in the United Kingdom, from 20th August to 9th September 2019 to compete in Youth Debate Championship in Commonwealth Competitions. Four countries represented Africa, these were Nigeria, Ethiopia, Senegal and Uganda, with our BSU candidate. We are blessed that Mr. Chrispus Munzira is at BSU and a Ugandan as our Ambassador to the Commonwealth Debate. We also have a team of students who will be travelling to Accra Ghana for debate competitions in December, 2019.



*Mr. Chrispus Munzira moves forward for an award from the Chancellor at the 15th Graduation Ceremony*

**13. National Debating Competitions:** BSU hosted the 5th National Inter-University Creative Arts Expo and Debating Championship where over 22 universities participated. This ended successfully where one of our own, Joel Mukiza, a Law student emerged as the overall best male speaker.

**14. Membership in Association of Commonwealth Universities:** We wish to inform you that BSU is now a member of Association of Commonwealth universities. This is an indication that BSU is also recognised as an international university.

This is an indication that BSU is an international University. For this, we are grateful to God for how far He has brought us.

## **15. Hosting Patriotism Training from 12th - 23rd June, 2019:**

We hosted a team from the President's Office, named the National Secretariat for Patriotism Clubs, from 12th – 23rd June 2019. I wish to appreciate the President's office for organising this Patriotism Development Course where our students and staff participated. This positioned us well as good partners with government. A total of 238 (67 female and 171 male) participants were passed out on 23 June 2019 and 30 of them were from BSU. A group of outstanding participants were later invited for further training at the National Leadership Institute at Kyankwazi. The government appreciated the co-operation and pledged to continue running this programme here in partnership with BSU. The National Patriotism Cadres have exceptionally exhibited the skills acquired this morning. We appreciate BSU Patriotism club for the job well done.

## **16. Scholarships - Work and Study; Foundation Body and Sports Scholarships**

(a) Sports Scholarship Policy: The University Council approved the Sports Scholarship Policy to support and promote talented students. Eight students have since benefited including Kiconco Glorious who was awarded full scholarship for being the best student under different sports disciplines. Seven more students are also receiving 25 percent support towards their tuition fees. We appeal for more sponsors and partners with BSU to support the scheme because we are still financially constrained.

(b) Foundation Body Scholarship: Three students are sponsored every year and the programme started in Academic Year 2018/19 in the areas of Nursing Sciences and Law to promote professionals in the church ministry. This year, three students have benefited.

(c) Work and Study Scheme: The University Council approved Work and Study Scheme to cater for needy students. Five students were sponsored in the Academic Year 2018/2019. We appeal for partners and sponsors to enable us support more students in this category.

### **17. Government Higher Education Students Financing (HESFB) Government Loan Scheme:**

BSU signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Higher Education Students Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme) and a total of 329 students from our university have benefited from this scheme since 2015 and their tuition fees is paid in time. In this academic year, 2019/2020, we are pleased to note that we received 184 HESFB sponsored students. The pioneers of this scheme graduated during the 14th graduation on 12 October 2018.

### **18. Agro-studies Programme to Israel: BSU has a five-year MOU with Israel for Agro-Studies programme.**

A total number of 169 students have benefitted from the programme since 2014. In the last four years, we have annually sent Agriculture students to Israel for apprenticeship. These students travel to Israel for a one-year internship through the National Agro Studies programme for skills development. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence and our students have demonstrated a mindset change in transforming agriculture in Uganda. However, we are faced with a serious challenge of students disappearing overseas and not returning home after completing their study programme.

### **19. Fifth BSU Mission/Exhibition Week:**

The fifth BSU Week was held from 24th February, 2019 to 3 March 2019 under the theme "...Let the Lord go with us" (Exodus 34:9)". The Chief Missioner was the Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda His Grace Stanley Ntagali. During the 5th BSU Week many activities took place including among others: Mission, Confirmation of Christians, Matching through Mbarara town, Corporate Social Responsibility, Mobile Health Clinic, launching of Associations and new Academic programs, commissioning of Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks (ISSB) Lecture Block and the opening exhibitions by The First Lady and Hon. Min. Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni, who was represented by Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda. The function was also attended by the Hon. Min. Peace Regis Mutuuzo, Minister of Gender and Culture, development partners, among others Prof. Adipala, the Executive Secretary RUFORUM; the Country Representative Foundation, Mr. Samuele Otim Rizzo and the area Member of Parliament, Hon. Micheal Tusiime.

### **20. BSU Mini Mission Week was held from 12th – 15th September 2019:**

This was officially opened by the Chancellor and Bishop of Ankole Diocese, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa. Guest preachers included: Rev. Muwonge Samuel from Namirembe Diocese, the Rev. Jasper Tumuhimbise from St. John's Kitara C.O.U and Mrs Margaret Opol who preached the word of God that saw over 300 students and three staff members receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

### **21. BSU participating in the National Agricultural Show at Jinja Show Grounds:**

This event was held from 12 - 21 July 2019 in partnership with Mbarara District Farmers Association in Mbarara District Local Government under the theme "Agricultural Technologies and Innovations for farmer-led Agro Industrialisation". The purpose of our participation in this national event was to partner with other farmers in exhibiting our technologies and innovations but also as a marketing strategy for our products as an institution.



*BSU's Senior Public Relations Officer Ms. Kuribakanya Rose Rwankore and Mr. Katumba James (exhibitors) receiving a Certificate of Recognition during a breakfast meeting held at Kamukuzi District a months after the exhibition.*



## 22. Partnerships And Networks:

- The Agribusiness Incubation Hub: We are currently establishing an Agribusiness Incubation Hub (AIH) with a grant from the TAGDev Programme; partnership between the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and the Mastercard Foundation. This is aimed at transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development. Early this year, BSU signed a memorandum of understanding with PUM Netherlands senior experts to train and mentor business coaches in setting up business incubators. In this two-year agreement, signed in February 2019, BSU staff and students will benefit from capacity building activities to start businesses in the AIH, as well as Small and Medium size Enterprises.

- Memorandum of Understanding with AVSI: We also have a running an MOU with AVSI Foundation in Skilling the Youth (AVSI/SKY) for employment in Agribusiness programs. The overall goal of the SKY program is to enhance sustainable creation of employment of youth in the agribusiness sector.

- Operation Wealth Creation: We have also continuously benefited from government Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) programme through agricultural farm inputs that have not only boosted the university farm but have also enhanced teaching and learning with hands-on skills in the Department of Agriculture. We sincerely appreciate the Government for this immense support.

- NARO Ethnobotany Project: We have partnership with NARO, MBAZARDI Mbarara which has given the university five acres of land for the Ethnobiology Department to establish Aroma Medicinal Plant gardens. The intention is to exchange knowledge and commercial skills between the communities surrounding us and our students. The National Agriculture Research organisation (NARO) Competitive Grant Scheme (CGS) Cohort (IV) funded project implementation which commenced in September 2016. The project activities are implemented in collaboration with project team members from Pharmaceutical Science Department of the Faculty of Medicine, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). Essential oils are distilled at the oil factory are used for the manufacturing of health products at Ethnobiology Laboratory and the oil production

capacity of the essential oil factory shall serve the growing industrial sector of Uganda's pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

- Collaborative Universities: The University is in partnership with different universities like Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University, Trinity Western University (TWU). The University of Byumba in Rwanda and the University of Dar es Salaam aimed at improving teaching through exchange visits, benchmarking, research and capacity building.



*Prof. George Imbenzi (6th L-R) of Trinity Western University posing for a photo with the Chancellor (6th R-L), Vice Chair Council, Vice-Chancellor and some University Top Management officials after the official virtual launch of the BSU-TWU FAR Center on 01 Oct. 2021*

- The East African Kiswahili Commission and Inter-University Council for East Africa Staff Mobility Programme: We applied for the experts for the Kiswahili curriculum review and we received two Kiswahili Scholars, Dr. Olivia Kanwa from St. Marist University College Mtwara in the Republic of Tanzania and Khadijah Abdalaah from Zanzibar. They were hosted for one month to review the Kiswahili language programmes. Two BSU staff, Mr Kubakurungi Abraham at Moi University Kenya and Mr Agume Anthony at the University of Nairobi - Kenya under the same arrangement.

- Hosting External Examiner from Inter-University Council for East Africa; BSU also hosted an external examiner from the Inter-University Council for East Africa who assessed our programme for quality and compliance and the report was commendable and informative. This will help in making necessary improvements as recommended and to enhance our programmes so as to continue to conform to the desired standards.

## 23. Infrastructure Development:

- University library project: The six storeyed library building is being undertaken by Skib Technical Services and Engineering Company Ltd as the contractor and it is at the completion stage. Roofing has been finished and structural completion activities are going on for the exterior finishing.

- Science and Research Laboratories: The project has been going on very well in a phased manner with funding from the Government under the Presidential pledge. The ground floor was completed and works for the next phase are going on. We indeed appreciate the President of the Republic of Uganda for his support.

- Ruharo School of Nursing; the construction of a multipurpose building for expansion of Nursing School is going on and is nearly complete.



Ruharo School of Nursing under construction

## Challenges

- Lack of Halls of residence and accommodation for students. We appeal to partners to build hostels to accommodate male and female students.
- Construction of houses for staff and visiting scholars.
- Funds for the completion of the multi sports complex centre is needed.
- Delays in payment of tuition fees is another challenge which affects planning for the university.

## Future Plans

- Working on vocational, technical and entrepreneurship skills courses to produce job creators.
- More academic programmes are under development, especially masters in specific programmes.
- We are starting a language centre hosted in the Department of languages.
- Continue winning more competitive Research Grants and Projects.
- Scale up Agribusiness Innovations Hub (AIH) in the region.

## Appreciation

- Our special thanks go to our Guest of Honour, H.E The Ambassador Henk Jan Bakker for honouring our request and invitation for this 15th Graduation ceremony.



Guest of Honour at the 15th Graduation - H.E Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador of the Netherlands Commission to Uganda

More thanks go to Mr. John Makoha who was guest speaker during the Public Lecture and Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, the discussant during the public lecture for honouring our invitation. We are forever indebted for your continued support.

c. We appreciate our parents; Ankole Diocese led by our Chancellor the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, and Maama Dr. Alice Mwesigwa for their parental guidance and support to the university.



Mr. John Makoha speaking to the audience during the public lecture at Lake View Hotel on 17 October 2019

d. Our former Chancellors, The Emeritus Bishops; Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi (**Pic. 1 below**) and Dr. George Tibeessigwa (**Pic. 2 below**) for the firm foundation they laid for us to build on.

e. 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, Prof. Jossy Bibangambah (**Pic. 3 opposite**), and all of you that worked tirelessly to get this university started.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi  
1st Chancellor (2006-2007)



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Prof. Jossy R. Bibangambah  
2nd Vice-Chancellor November  
2005-2014.



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Rt. Rev. Dr. George Tibeessigwa  
2nd Chancellor (2007-2010)



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f. Appreciation to the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency General Kaguta Yoweri Museveni, for all the support rendered to private institutions of higher learning and particularly BSU.

g. We appreciate the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni for supporting private institutions and especially for giving us funds towards the construction of BSU science and research laboratories and the library.

i. We are grateful to the National Council for Higher Education for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision, and timely accreditation of our programmes.

j. We thank the University Board of Trustees, led by our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, with the chairpersons of committees; Emeritus Bishop Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Chair Ethics and Values Committee and Mr. Tumusiime Godfrey Chair Resource Mobilisation Committee and all Board of Trustees for their governance support to BSU.

k. Appreciation for the old University Council, we would like to appreciate the old University Council for the enormous achievements during your term of office. May God richly bless you for your love, commitment and relentless service for BSU.

l. The strong and able new University Council, led by Prof. Kenneth Kagame, with the chairpersons of Council Committees; Prof. Elly Sabiiti, Chair Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare, Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba, Chair Committee of Finance, Planning and Property, Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo Chair Committee of Audit and Risk Management, and Rev. Dennis Mwine Kizinduka, Chair Committee of Discipline and students Welfare and all Council members for all the support regularly rendered to Management. We also appreciate the community, academic and non-academic staff, BSU alumni and the students' body for all the good work they have done for BSU.

m. We thank Mbarara District Local Government that has often assisted us in many ways. In the same spirit we acknowledge the support of Mbarara Municipal Council for all the relentless support rendered to BSU especially for the road to be upgraded to the Sports Complex.

n. More appreciation goes to BSU students' sponsors; HESFB, State House, Father Bash Foundation, Madhvani Foundation, Juna Amagara Ministries, Compassion Assisted projects, Rose Marie and Darly Kingston from Canada and all our partners and supporters from Norway and others.

o. We also wish to appreciate all staff and the wider BSU family for your relentless service to the university as we celebrate these many achievements.

p. Lastly, we sincerely appreciate the organising committee for this graduation ceremony led by University Secretary and Academic Registrar for the work well done. All those who have participated, especially Top management, staff, Guild President and other student leaders, Alumni, Patriots, Red Cross BSU Chapter and the entire student body, thank you. May God bless you abundantly!

## Message to Graduands, Parents, Sponsors and Guardians

To all the graduands today: Congratulations! I congratulate all of you and your parents, guardians and sponsors on attaining this noble achievement. The time and resources invested have paid off and that is the cause for our celebration today. Allow me to specifically thank our dear parents, guardians and sponsors who have selflessly financed your studies to this level. They have sacrificed a lot to give you a good future and they deserve to be appreciated. Please, join me in expressing our gratitude by giving them a thunderous round of applause.



*A graduand being congratulated at the 15th graduation by his mzee who made sacrifices towards his education*

To the parents, spouses, guardians and sponsors; this is your day for you are the heroes of the day because of your support. You have all sacrificed a lot to obtain this victory. May the Lord reward your selfless efforts and extend your boundaries and territories.

Let me emphasize that studying in a Christian University, like BSU, gives you an advantage ahead of your peers, with regard to appreciating the value of integrity which is one of our core values. These values, which are enshrined in our core values, mission, vision and motto, should enable you live a purposeful and "meaningful" life that makes a difference at the workplace and in the community.

## Conclusion

Once again, as you struggle to find your place in society, you might stumble and fall, but always have the courage to stand up and try again with dignity. Your success is our pride. Avoid vain ambitions and keep away from corruption.

Love and respect your parents and God will open doors for you. As you go through the gates of BSU, hold your head high and always hold your *alma mater* in high esteem and please, do not forget the gates of BSU.

I once more congratulate all of you graduands on your achievements. Finally, as you go into the world, we urge you to be honest in hard work. This is something God seeks from all of us. God's words tell us that working hard, but with faith in mind, can lead to the great things He has planned for us (Colossians 3:23).

We beseech you to be our good ambassadors to the community and to the world, continue to know the way, show the way and go the way of Jesus Christ.

To all our dear guests and graduands, thank you for attending this function. May GOD richly bless you all! Our God Reigns!

**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice - Chancellor**



*Students performing a traditional dance at a Cultural Gala during the 3rd BSU Week*

# 16th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2021



(L-R) The VC, Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha; Guest of Honour, H.E. Ishta Asimwe Muganga, Honorary Consul of the state of Isreal, the Chancellor, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa and the Chaperson University Council, Prof. Kenneth Kagame at Igongo Cultural Centre during teh 16th Graduation

# 16TH GRADUATION SPEECH

Our dear guest of Honour, His Excellency Ambassador Henk Jan Bakker, we appreciate you for honouring our invitation and the long standing great relationship with Uganda.



*The VC gives her speech at the 16th Graduation, 2021*

## Salutations

The Guest of Honour, Honorary Consul Ishta Asimwe Muganga, The Envoy of Israel to Uganda, The University Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, Emeritus Bishops, Former Chancellors and Board of Trustees, The Chairman, University Council Prof. Kenneth Kagame, and Council Members, Distinguished Political and Religious Leaders, Vice-Chancellors and Heads of Institutions, Distinguished Invited Guests, The entire BSU Staff and Students, Alumni, Guild President and Guild Councils, Beloved Graduands, Parents, Guardians and Sponsors, Our Esteemed Partners in your various Capacities, Ladies and gentlemen.

## Salutations

Praise the Almighty God! On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU), Management and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you all to our 16th Graduation Ceremony today the 26th March, 2021 and our first ever virtual Graduation Ceremony.

To our graduands, we sincerely congratulate you upon your successful completion of the different academic programmes. We thank God that you are graduating from BSU - a Chartered University. Today, you are officially joining the BSU Alumni and world of work in various professions in different parts of Uganda and the world over.

Bishop Stuart University (BSU) is a private, not-for-profit education institution established 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. We thank God for the far he has brought us as a Christian University. BSU was founded in 2002, received provisional license in 2006 and was chartered on the 25th October, 2014.

The University has since its inception graduated 16,977. This number is inclusive of today's graduands, and majority of whom are employed both in the private and public sector.

To date, the University has grown into five faculties, namely: Faculty of Business, Economics and Governance; Faculty of Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Technology; Faculty of Education, Arts and Media Studies; Faculty of Law; and Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences.

BSU was graded as one of the best and fastest growing Universities in Uganda. It was ranked 10th by Webometrics between June, 2020 - January, 2021 (Web Ranking of Universities). We have also grown in terms of student enrolment from 200 students in 2002 to over 5,000 students in 2021. Our Guest of Honour and invited guests, what we are witnessing today are the fruits of numerous contributions and sacrifices over the last 18 years by Ankole Diocese, the Government of Uganda, Development partners, Organisations, Staff students, various individuals and well-wishers. We are grateful, especially to parents, guardians and partners, that you have chosen to share your time with us this day as we celebrate our 1st ever virtual Graduation with 1901 students graduating in different disciplines.

Our Guest of Honour, we are delighted to warmly welcome you on your first visit to BSU. We extend our appreciation to the Israel government for the collaborations we have in internship training in Agrostudies and skills enhancement to our learners and Ugandans generally for over 5years.

BSU is among the few Universities in Uganda that were approved by National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) to conduct on-line class through Open Distance and e-Learning (ODEL). The transition from face to face classes to ODeL and on-line classes has been a painful labour. It is therefore impossible to mention a rose without a thorn, thus challenges of the outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdown in the country and world over hit us badly. However, diamonds are best made under pressure, thus BSU has emerged stronger under “The New Normal, New Foundation and New Me”.

Indeed, this 16th Graduation is a demonstration that the capacity of BSU is unquestionable in terms of services delivery to our learners, parents, guardians and Society. The resilience of BSU Board of Trustees, Governing Council and unwavering Management, Staff and Students can now proudly be celebrated. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Covid-19 has also brought up new opportunities that we can copy from and manage public affairs as we move forward. We cannot go back to where we were. BSU Governing Council approved online policy and so our teaching materials are now in VLE. We are ready to teach students all over the world now as BSU.

Our Guest of Honour, Chancellor, Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honour to present today 1901 graduands (Males: 49.9%, Females: 50.1%). Out of these, 34 are Masters, 45 Postgraduate Diplomas, 1249 Bachelors, 515 Ordinary Diplomas and 58 Certificates. This is a crowning moment for you graduands/parents/guardians/sponsors for all the sacrifices you have made in pursuit of knowledge. We are very proud of you and congratulations on your achievements. We urge you to maintain the intellectual curiosity and extend your horizons and take over territories (Joshua 1: 1-9).

Please unravel the next discovery and pursue your dreams to make this a better world to live in and fly high the flag of BSU.

## Some Key Achievements

1. Adoption of Open Distance and e-Learning (ODEL); BSU has wholesomely embraced the guidelines from NCHE and developed an e-learning system that was approved by the Governing Council and entire BSU. BSU established an On-line teaching and learning system; the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), social media platforms, emails for delivery of teaching and learning materials to students in this COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, we are studying under ODeL with Fresher’s (Novices) and Continuing Students for 1st Semester of Academic Year 2020/2021. All our 89 programs are accredited by NCHE to run under ODeL.



*NCHE visits BSU in regard to emergency ODeL preparedness and establishment of FAR Center. Above: ODeL team posing for a photo with NCHE officials in the FAR Center building*

2. BSU e-learning programmes with Trinity Western University (TWU) Canada: The University signed a memorandum of Understanding with Trinity Western University for online teaching and learning systems powered by Moodle. BSU has established a Facilitated Academic Resource (FAR) learning Centre to house and support the learning community of TWU at BSU. We appreciate TWU for the generous donation of 15,000 USD that helped us to quickly adopt to ODeL. Our Programs of study have been submitted to NCHE for accreditation, and once approved you will study in Canada while here at BSU. TWU also organised a Leadership Conference on Generative Change for a stronger Africa post – pandemic yesterday where our Vice-Chancellor was one of the panellists. This was an opportunity to showcase the University’s achievements and progress at an international level and strengthen our partnerships.



3. Purchase of the ZeeVasity under ZeeNode Ltd. This is an integrated AR and Finances Records system. Now all our Finances and Academic records are integrated. We are therefore able to process academic documents on time and students are able to view their marks and financial statements on their own - Self Service. Lecturers are inputting their marks too in the system.

4. Webinars versus BSU Strategic Plan: We held various webinars with experts on how Universities should strategize themselves in the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR), and Opportunities of online learning under lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic. Immense contributions in the development of our strategic plan were given and we have a Strategic Plan for 2021-2025. We applaud our renowned expert panellists and discussants namely; Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi (VC UCU); Dr. Patrick Bitature (Founder & CEO Protea Hotels); Prof. Balunywa Wasswa (Principal MUBS); Prof. Philip Laird (Provost, Trinity western University Canada); Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda (Director ESA, MOES); Prof. Betty Ezati (Mak); Prof. Jude Lubega (DVC Nkumba University); Prof. Birevu Muyinda (Mak); Prof. William Bazeyo (Mak) and our Chancellor and Bishop of Ankole Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa and all Friends of BSU.

5. Agro-studies Programme to Israel: BSU has an MOU with Israel for Agro-Studies programme. A total number of 210 students have benefitted from the programme since 2014. BSU annually sends Agriculture students to Israel for apprenticeship through the Agro Studies programme for skills development. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence and our students have demonstrated a mindset change in transforming Agriculture in Uganda.



*Bishop Stuart University sends more students to Israel*

6. Government Higher Education Students Financing (HESFB) Government Loan Scheme: BSU signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Higher Education Students Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme). A total of 513 students from our University have benefited from this scheme since 2015 and their tuition fees is being paid in time. In this academic year, 2020/2021, we are pleased to note that we received 85 HESFB sponsored students. The pioneers of this scheme graduated during the 14th graduation on 12 October 2018.



*HESFB loan scheme beneficiaries at BSU sign offer letters*



*Mr. Bob Nuwagira one of the HESFB staff sensitising students on the loan scheme*

7. Collaborations and partnerships with other Universities: The University is in partnership with different Universities like Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University, The University of Byumba in Rwanda, Trinity Western University - Canada and The University of Dar-es-Salaam aimed at improving teaching through exchange visits, bench marking, research and capacity building. We also recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Kyambogo University.

This is aimed at promoting the newly introduced technical courses and engineering programmes. This will also go a long way in strengthening partnerships that will certainly yield great results where both students and staff will benefit to improve teaching and learning through exchange visits, benchmarking, research and capacity building.

8. MOUs with Farmers' Cooperatives: We have signed MOUs with Farmers' cooperatives and the purpose is to collaborate with them in areas of offering program of study, work based learning to provide students with real-life practical experiences where they can apply academic, technical skills to develop their employability capabilities and also for apprenticeship.

9. Alumni Auditorium: BSU alumni is in the process of making plans for the construction of the auditorium. We wish to commend them for the good work and pledge full support in the projects being undertaken in pursuit of the objectives of the association.

10. Donation of Paint by Sadolin: we received a donation of fifty five (55) buckets and 16 jerry cans of paint towards our construction projects from Sadolin paints through Kash General Hardware, Mbarara.



*Handover of paint donation from Sadolin Paints to BSU*

17. BSU Patriotism Club: This is an existing and functional club working with government of Uganda. In 2019, there was a patriotism training and a number of students have since been trained in patriotism courses at our campus, Kabalye and Yankwanzi. We held a training under the theme "Mindset change among University students" on 6TH March, 2021 where the Guest of Honour was Brig Gen. Patrick Mwesigye and Brig Gen. Kulaigye the Commissioner, National Secretariat of

Patriotism Corps; Office of the President. We appreciate government for the continuous support for such programmes aimed at promoting the love for our country and transformation of youth and society.

12. Recognition and Registration of Public Health Programme: The Allied Health Professionals Council conducted an inspection of our facilities for offering a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. The programme was gazetted and the University recognized in training of professionals of Public Health and our students will be able to register as health practitioners. We are grateful to God for attaining this status and we appreciate Allied Health Professionals Council for the approval.

13. Zero Rating Access to BSU Websites: MTN Uganda has zero-rated our online learning platforms. This means that our students and staff can now access and utilize these platforms at no or reduced cost. This is a big step towards actualising online studying in this "new normal". We wish to appreciate RENU; our service providers for this achievement.

14. NITA-Uganda Donation of Zoom Accounts: National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U) gave us a free zoom licence with fifty-five (55) accounts for individual lecturers as a supplement to online platforms. This has significantly boosted our e-learning and teaching for both our lecturers and students as key beneficiaries. We are therefore so grateful to NITA-U for this immense support especially in this post Covid -19 era.

15. Donation by Bank of Uganda: Bank of Uganda gave us a grant worth 10 million shilling to establish an Economics Chair to enhance and harness Agribusiness, Agriculture and herbal medicines. We are very grateful to the Governor, Bank of Uganda.

16. Research Grant from Makerere University Research and Innovation Fund, (Mak-RIF); BSU is a partner on two projects funded by Mak-RIF; Enhancing virtual adaptability to boost post Covid-19 education system in Uganda; and Essential oil crops' commercialization for public health products development and rational promotion We appreciate Prof. William Bazeyo and Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe for their immeasurable support to BSU through these projects and

providing us with opportunities for research grants proposals. Appreciations go to the PIs - Dr. Peace Musiimenta and Dr. Savina Asimwe. Our partnership with Makerere University is a reality and productive as we Build for the Future and Our God Reigns.

17. Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) awarded funding to BSU for a project on “Assessment of the Ethno-systematics of Nutraceutical natural remedies used in management of viral - related infections in Uganda”. This will be implemented in partnership with Prof. George William Bazirake from Kyambogo University.

18. Agribusiness Incubation Hub (AIH) at BSU This project started in March, 2018 with funding from MasterCard Foundation through the Regional Universities Forum (RUFORUM). The AIH aimed at enhancing the development of entrepreneurial skills for innovative employment opportunities of young University graduates. This has since provided skills to our young graduates and develop their business ideas into strong enterprises for their future employment and the community development through creation of jobs. Some of these graduates have been able to start up their own business enterprises.

19. MOU signed with The Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS), Epeditia Africa and Bixter: This is a company in Denmark that provides advanced traineeship programs in various agricultural areas in different European countries to foreign students coming from various countries. We have also entered a partnership with the European Commission aimed at exchange of students and/or staff under higher education and staff mobility programme with funding from Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Implementation of the program will focus on young female and male University and College students with a goal of capacity building and transfer of knowledge and skills to contribute to transforming agricultural linked development in Uganda.

20. AVSI under Skilling Youth Uganda (SKY): We have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under implementation with AVSI under SKY to skill the Youth in Agro-related innovation projects. They installed a greenhouse, constructed farm structures, offered trainings and bought for us dairy animals. A shed has been donated in providing

avenues for students’ hands-on agriculture practical skills and also continuously provided funding opportunities for prospective youth empowerment projects.



*On campus greenhouse installed by AVSI*

21. UBTEB Technical Courses. These have been embraced by BSU at Diploma Level. Role and value of skills enhancement is crucial.

22. Donation of a Braille Bible to Uganda Bible Society: the University donated a braille Bible to the blind in our community. It is my great honour to request the Chancellor to handover this bible to Uganda Bible Society.

23. Recognition of BSU Staff who graduated with PhD and Masters: Dr. Jotham Barugahare (PhD in Education-Dar es salam University), Dr. Charlotte Kabaseke (PhD Laws –Wuhan China), Dr. Robert Mugabe (PhD Business Management-UMI), Dr. Rebecca Kalibwani (PhD Economics-Mak.) and Dr. Dennis Kintu (PhD Technical/Vocational Studies-KYU), Rev. Judith Arinaitwe Ahumuza (Masters Education Management-BSU); Dr. Milton Rwangire (PhD MUST).



*(L-R) The VC, Rev. Judith Arinaitwe Ahumuza, Dr. Charlotte Kabaseke, Chairperson University Council, Guest of Honour, Chancellor, Dr. Rebecca Kalibwani, Dr. Dennis Kintu and Dr. Jotham Barugahare.*

## Appreciation

i) Our special thanks go to our Guest of Honour: Honorary Counsel Ishta Mugaanga, The Consul of Israel to Uganda for honouring our request and invitation for this 16th Virtual Graduation ceremony and all our esteemed Invited Guests we bless you.



*HE. Ishta Mugaanga, Guest of Honour at the 16th Graduation*

ii) Our mother Ankole Diocese led by our Chancellor the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, and Maama Dr. Alice Mwesigwa for the support to the university, our former Chancellors, The Emeritus Bishops; Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi and Dr. George Tibeesigwa for the firm foundation they laid for us to build on.

iii) The President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, for Chartering BSU and the presidential pledge funds towards the construction of Science and Research Laboratory and the library through the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES).

iv) National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision, timely accreditation of our Academic programmes and approval of emergency ODeL that has enabled us continue functioning amidst COVID-19 associated challenges.

v) The University Board of Trustees (BOT), our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, and the University Council.

vi) The University Council Chaired by Prof. Kenneth Kagame and members for support and guidance to Management.

vii) Mbarara District Local Government and Mbarara Municipal Council for all the relentless support rendered to BSU.

viii) All our development partners; AVSI for the incessant support in Skilling the Youth (AVSI/SKY and SAY) for employment in agribusiness sector.

ix) Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) for the partnership under PHARM-BIOTRAC ACE II housed at MUST funded by the World Bank Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centre of Excellence and HEPITUTAH projects.

x) We appreciate Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) for this support in promoting research and innovation.

xi) The Government of Uganda for the Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) programme for providing us with agricultural farm inputs.

xii) BSU students' sponsors; HESFB, State House, Father Bash Foundation, Madhvani Foundation, Juna Amagara Ministries, Compassion Assisted projects, Rose Marie and Darly Kingston from Canada and all our partners.

xiii) BSU Alumni executive for being advocates and good ambassadors chaired by Hon. Samson Mugabe the former Guild President BSU.

xiv) Lastly, we sincerely appreciate the organising committee for this virtual graduation ceremony led by University Secretary and Academic Registrar, academic staff, administrative staff and all of you present on this function.

xv) The Guild Leadership and the entire student body for the work well done, thank you and may God bless you abundantly for keeping BSU a recognized brand of HEIs.

## Message to Graduands

Our theme for 2021 is our Core value No. 5 “Relentless service to Society” and is backed by the scripture; Colossians 3:23-25 “whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for men... God doesn’t show favouritism”.

As you have been officially commissioned to go into the society to serve, BSU argues you to work with humility and excellence because paying attention to detail in a Christian manner and character is Christ like. The Lord Jesus Christ pays well all who work in his vineyard and you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Jesus Christ you are serving, thus no Job Insecurity!

With God given gift of life, combined with the knowledge and skills you have acquired from the training at BSU, “Go and Excel.” To sustain the University, family and personal legacy, be the torch to light the World. Your success is our success.” You need to live up to your dreams if you are to be successful in life.

Restrain yourselves from getting into corrupting modes of work which would ruin your profession, integrity and service. The development and transformation in the Nations require skilled global Leaders/operators that can stand a test of time for which am sure you are. Let nothing divert your attention and energy from executing your duties and fulfilling your assigned responsibilities with a high degree of professionalism and following the acceptable work ethics as our vision statement of; “Producing multi-sectorial leaders/operators, who know the way, show the way and go the way of Christ”.

Finally, our graduands be gentle, noble and focused, you will be elevated to greatness due to your Godly Character and Positive Attitude with Zeal to do any good work (2 Timothy 2:20-23). Blessings and congratulations as you graduate and journey the world of work to the Glory of God.

Our God Reigns!

**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice-Chancellor**



*Graduates raise their mortarboards in celebration of their graduation*



# **17th Graduation Vice-Chancellor's Speech, 2022**

# 17TH GRADUATION SPEECH



*The VC gives her speech at the 17th Graduation, 2022*

## Salutations

The Guest of Honour, The President of the Republic of Uganda,  
The Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa,  
Emeritus Bishops, Former Chancellors & Board of Trustees,  
The Council Chairperson, Prof. Kenneth Kagame & Members,  
Honourable Ministers & Members of Parliament,  
Representatives of Government Ministries, Departments & Agencies-NCHE, MOES, HESFB,  
Vice-Chancellors and Heads of Institutions, Principals, Directors, Development Partners,  
Members of the University Senate and SMT,  
Distinguished Political & Religious Leaders,  
Distinguished Invited Guests in your various capacities,  
BSU Staff Members, Alumni of BSU, Partners, service providers,  
BSU Guild President Mr. Emma Behangana, GRC,  
Student,

Media fraternity and all Friends and Well-wishers,  
Beloved Graduands, Parents, Guardians and Sponsors,  
Ladies and gentlemen.

## Welcome Remarks and Introduction

Praise the Almighty God! On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU) and on my own behalf, it is my great honour to welcome you all to our 17th Graduation Ceremony today.

Our Guest of Honour, H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni Tibuhabwe, the President of the Republic of Uganda, we warmly welcome you to BSU. Your visionary leadership has made BSU to be one of the outstanding Chartered Private Christian-based University in Uganda and beyond. In academic excellence, we globally groom entrepreneurial, transformative leaders and operators. As a fast growing University, BSU strives to be a giant in innovations and action-based research for the fulfilment of Uganda's Vision 2040. Bishop Stuart University started twenty years ago in 2002, it was Chartered in October 2014 and it has since then grown in leaps and bounds, making steady progress and gaining visible growth, a remarkable reputation and a sound public image.



*The Guest of Honour, Vice President Jessica Alupo representing the President of Uganda, H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at the 17th Graduation*

For this 17th Graduation Ceremony, a total of 1773 graduands will be awarded degrees and diplomas and certificates in various disciplines. Of these, 02 will receive PhDs which is a clear testimony of our growth in research capacities. Masters (20); PGDs (57); Degrees (1145); Diplomas (502) and Certificates (47). The females are (841) 47.4% and males (932) 52.6% Graduands.



May I take this opportunity to appreciate our parents, the Ankole Diocese; the Founding Chancellor, Retired Jaaja Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi; the Founding Chair of Council, Prof. Elly Sabiiti, the Founding Legal Advisor, Prof. Ambassador Francis Butagira, and their distinguished Maamas who have done a wonderful job in nurturing us over the years. Our gratuudes are extended to the former Vice-Chancellors: the late Prof. Enoch Rukare, and Prof. Jossy Bibangambah and to all our Staff, Alumni, Synod and Council members for the work well done. We extend our special appreciation to our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa for his fast-tracking and implementation of innovative ideas that have transformed the Diocese and the University.

### **Graduation Statistics**

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Note that these are almost evenly balanced. The national and BSU policies promote equitable access to higher education for the girl child is a revelation being fulfilled. We congratulate all our Graduands inclusive PhDs, and Master's Degrees in various disciplines today. Your hard work is a demonstration of our journey to becoming an innovations and research-led university. Congratulations!

### **Celebration of 20 years of excellence**

Our Guest of Honour and invited Guests, BSU has undergone major transformation in the twenty years since 2002. Biblically, a youth at age of 20 years is mature enough to be appointed to lead others as revealed in Ezra 3:8 which says: "... the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, [were appointed] to set forward the work of the house of the Lord". BSU boasts of having produced over 18,000 graduates in various disciplines, inclusive of today's graduands, a majority of whom are serving

the nation both in the private and public sectors. Liberalisation of education is your "Art Piece" to show to the world. Support to the Girl Child has been our contribution to this fundamental gender empowerment paradigm shift! We are sure you have not been disappointed by your stay at BSU. We shall keep the candle burning! And you shall be the Forerunners and an Icon to the world.

Your Excellency, BSU today is proud to be counted among the key contributors towards the economic and social transformation of our country, Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. We have made a tremendous contribution in the Education sector in general and great progress in research over the past years, but we must do more!

Currently, Africa accounts for only 2% of generation of new knowledge even though it contributes 20% of the world's population. What a paradox! We need more PhDs and we must have more support for the "Higher Education Research and Innovation Fund" to bridge this knowledge gap. That is why at BSU Council resolved that every PhD student from BSU should graduate after publishing 2 articles and every Mastersgraduate should have published one article in a refereed Journal. All these postgraduate students have made publications if you google their names right now. The journey is still long but we are determined to walk all the way to our destination as we implement our Graduate Handbook, Strategic Plan 2020/2025 and NDP III and Uganda Vision 2040. BSU will be found present on roll calling as a Christian University with a clear Vision "To be a Leading University of Recreating Society with Entrepreneurship, Academic Excellence and Christian Values." Almost all districts, banks, schools, private sector in western Uganda, have our Alumni who are doing well. What a joy!



*Graduands from the Faculty of Law at the 17th Graduation*



In the last 20 years, BSU BOT, Council and Management organs have been at the helm of efficient and transparent leadership and improved service delivery, thrusting the university from the lower category into a world class Institution of higher education that we are proud of and shall continue to promote to greater heights. I'm grateful to God that for eight (08) of these years as the Vice Chancellor, I have been among the champions and vision bearers of this great rise and tremendous recognition!

We have also grown in terms of student enrolment from 200 students in 2002 to currently over 5,000 students.

BSU has 05 Faculties and 14 departments; Directorate of Graduate Studies, Research and Innovations (DGSRI); and Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA).

### **Outstanding Students**

We have our ambassadors in BSU to recognize as BSU for their outstanding work.

#### **KICONCO GROLIUS**

She is among the graduands with Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration. Kiconco has excelled in sports. She won a Gold Medal in 400 meters, Silver Medal High jump, Bronze Medal 400 meters by 4th the Inter University Games which took place in Kisubi 2019. She was very active and effective in the Volleyball team and the Netball team. Because of distinguished talent she was on full sports scholarship.

#### **NAHURIRA HILLARY**

He graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor in Agriculture and Community Management. He was also an Incubate in BSU Agribusiness Hub. Hillary is the Founder of Active Living Uganda Limited a company that manufactures natural aftershave that is 100% chemical free, it was incubated at BSU Agribusiness Incubation hub. He has won many medals at the National and Intercontinental level where he was awarded among 2022 Young African Innovators in 2021 by RUFORUM (He was the 4th in Africa, 2nd in East Africa and he was the best in Uganda). He was awarded among top 22 Young African Innovators 2021 at RUFORUM Exhibition which took place in Cotonou Benin.

#### **NAKASITA CATHERINE**

Nakasita is a student on Bachelor of Nursing

completion at BSU. She is currently attached to Kitagata Hospital. Catherine was awarded a medal of Excellence in Palliative Care in November 2021 by the Ministry of Health. She received a Medal of Excellence during COVID-19 by Palliative Care Association of Uganda and Uganda Cancer Institute in September 2021 and a medal in palliative care Association of Uganda for continuity of service during COVID 19 Lock down.

#### **NUWASIIMA ANNITAH**

Graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Nursing Degree. She is now working in Bethany Hospital in Luzira. In March 2020, while on her internship, she was attached to Entebbe Grade B Hospital during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was commended with the other four staff for working on COVID-19 patients while health personnel ran for their lives which attracted the press and she was featured in New Vision.

### **Remarkable Achievements Registered**

**BSU Webometrics Ranking:** BSU webometrics ranking have tremendously improved from over 20s to 10s and we are working hard to ensure we go to single digits in all Universities in Uganda. We also ranked No. 6 of all private universities in Uganda, we are on the right track!

**BSU Covid-19 Lockdown Experience:** We thank God for the favour He has bestowed on us as BSU. Covid-19 pandemic did not bring us down, we only failed to pay salary in June to September 2020, but the second lockdown found us prepared to run our courses online and we continued paying full salary in 2021 inclusive of the 13th Cheque and never defaulted paying our mandatory obligations like NSSF and PAYE. This was due to efficient management of resources by Top management headed by the Vice Chancellor and the good governance by BSU Council Chaired by Prof. Kenneth Kagame, and all esteemed council members.

**Adoption of Emergency ODeL and VLE:** BSU Council, Management and Staff embraced VLE (Virtual Learning Environment-online teaching) and emergency ODeL. We thank Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni, First Lady and MOES, NCHE, Prof. Mary Okwakol and her team; service providers NITA-U, Free 55 zoom accounts, RENU, free data; MTN, Zero-rating; Airtel. Today is the first Post Covid-19 Graduation at BSU.

**Commissioning of the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences (NHS) Teaching and Administration Block:** The building which cost Ugx. 2.1Bn from internally generated funds was completed and commissioned by H.E. Rtd. Maj. Jessica Alupo, The Vice President of the Republic of Uganda on 14th January 2022. Even at the onset of Covid-19 in March 2020, our nurses were among those who were deployed in the Grade B Entebbe Hospital and in Mbarara Regional Hospital (MRRH) that managed Covid-19 pandemic.



*H.E. Rtd. Maj. Jessica Alupo commissioning the new home for the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences in Ruharo*



*Complete building for the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences in Ruharo*

**UNMEB Examinations Centre Number for NURSING Training and Exams:** The Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examinations Board approved BSU as an Examination Centre in 2019. BSU trains the best nurses and Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH) trains and provides extended internships. We thank the Director Dr. Celestine Barigye.

**Academic Excellence of BSU Law Students and Masters of Laws (LLM):** BSU School of Law was ranked the 2nd in the country and some of our

students have always excelled as the best in the country at the Law Development Centre. Our Master of Laws programme (LLM) was accredited by NCHE to commence in next Academic year 2022/2023.

**Academic Programme Accreditation - PhD in Religion and Modernity:** The NCHE accredited our PhD in Religion and Modernity, effective in Academic Year 2022/2023. We call upon Church leaders and others from other religions to come and study at BSU. The course is all-embracing.

**UBTEB Centre for Science-based Diplomas in Engineering, Agriculture and Catering:** We have embraced 5 Diploma programs accredited by Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB), for skills and as a springboard to Engineering and Technology courses.

**Journalism and Mass Communication:** Today, we are also graduating our first cohort of Journalism and Mass Communication cohort.

**Research Ethics Committee (REC) Accreditation:**

BSU has been granted accreditation of Research Ethics Committee (REC) by Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST). REC activities will henceforth be open to BSU students, staff and any other researchers; local, national and international.

**Staff Development and Capacity Building:**

BSU has a partnership with Regional Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) under which many staff members have been supported to pursue further studies at Masters and PhD level. To date, ten (10) staff members have been supported under this programme. Great thanks to Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Vice Chancellors of Hosting universities in Uganda and Africa. We also appreciate Prof. William Bazeyo for the Innovations and Dr. Bitature, the Promoter of Innovations.

**BSU Gratuity Scheme:** The University also has a gratuity scheme which supports staff to pursue their academic careers. Our staff are trained and empowered to handle the demands of dynamic academia in the 21st Century.

**BSU and TWU Canada, Establishment of FAR Centre:** BSU in collaboration with Trinity Western University (TWU) Canada established a Facilitated

Academic Resource (FAR) Learning Centre to house and support learning in Trinity Western University which was launched on 1st October 2021. Master of Arts in Leadership and Master of Arts in Education Leadership, both programs were approved by NCHE are running and has attracted 7 students from Uganda.

Our Covid-19 recovery was enhanced by external support, local networking and benchmarking. Thanks to Prof. John Mugisha, VC Cavendish University; Prof. K.M Mathew, VC ISBAT University; Prof. Jude Lubega, VC Nkumba University and others including Prof. Betty Ezati and Prof. Paul Birevu Muyinda of Makerere University.

### **BSU Excelled at RUFORUM Triennial Conference and 7th African Higher Education Week:**

The RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Program (RECAP) and Agribusiness Incubation at BSU, Mr. Hillary Nahurira, BSU incubatee and Winner of the RUFORUM Young African Entrepreneurs Competition in Africa 2021 attended the events in Cotonou, Benin, from 6th-10th December 2021. He also won AVSI award. Mr. Nahurira Hilary emerged the 4th out of 22 African Young Innovators in the whole of Africa and the 1st in Uganda. He is our BSU Ambassador.

### **15th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting from 2nd to 6th December, 2019:**

BSU was the best exhibitor exhibition out of 121 African member Universities that participated in the exhibition during the RUFORUM Annual General Meeting and exhibition at University of Cape Coast, Ghana in 2019.

### **Participation in Annual Agriculture Awards by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) UN:**

Our alumni Mr. Nahurira Hillary was recognised as the 3rd National Youth Champion in Agribusiness for his outstanding contribution towards the growth and development of the Agriculture Industry in Uganda.

### **Membership in Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU):**

We wish to inform you that BSU is now a member of Association of Commonwealth Universities, an indication of its being an International University.

**State House Sponsored Students:** We have 19 sponsored students for the Academic Year 2021/2022. We appreciate the Government of

Uganda under your leadership for supporting children from vulnerable families to access higher education.

### **Higher Education Students Financing Board (HESFB):**

We thank HESFB for the tremendous support that has seen many academically brilliant students from challenged backgrounds access quality higher education. A total number of 513 students from our University have benefited from this scheme since 2015 and this academic year 2021/2022, we received 85 HESFB students. Thanks to the Director.

### **Medicinal Plants Project at Ethnobiology Laboratory:**

We have partnership with National Agricultural Research Organisation/WB (NARO-ZARDI, Mbarara); PHARMBIOTRAC; MUST; AVSI Say Project; Makerere University &GOU, Mak-RIF Projects; Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNSCT) and Frevasema Limited with Prof. G.W. Bazirake implementing essential oil crops commercialisation project. The project of aromatic crops, essential oils for development, incubation and commercialization. We have demonstration-garden (10 acres) at NARO-Mbarara ZARDI of aromatic crops and the mother garden at BSU. We have established a living gene bank of some medicinal plants and we promote an inclusive outgrowers scheme, An oil Extraction Unit and Laboratory for Value addition. The Ethno-Lab was founded by Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha and has a LaboratoryTechnologist, Mr. Noah Waisindy (MPH).

### **Agribusiness and Ethnobotany Chair by Prof. Dr. Tumusiime Mutebile:**

We thank Former Governor, Bank of Uganda, Prof. Dr. Tumusiime Mutebile (RIP), for the chair and equipment in Agribusiness and Ethnobiology. He contributed enormously to the establishment of BSU Library, establishment of the Agriculture and Agribusiness program. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws (Honoris causa) of BSU. We have since lost our Hero in academia and development.

### **Greater Ankole Agricultural Exhibition at Kakyeka and the signing of an MOU with UDB:**

BSU participated in the exhibition from 21st-23rd February 2022 and signed the MOU with Uganda Development Bank (UDB), to cooperate in mandates of Research, Agri-business, Value Addition, and Entrepreneurship to Commercialization of our innovations to the market. We hope to see fruition of this MOU in the near future.



*Signing of an MoU between BSU and UDB witnessed by the VC (2nd Left) and the Chancellor (R)*

**Agro-Studies Programme to Israel:** BSU students are benefiting from the skilled based Israel Internship; a collaboration that was harnessed by the Government of Uganda under the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) annually. A total of 255 students have benefitted from the programme from 2014 to-date.

### **Signing of MOUs with Farmers' Cooperatives:**

BSU has signed MOUs with Farmers' Cooperatives for purposes of collaboration, study and work-based learning to provide students with real-life practical experiences for skills development, employment capabilities and also for apprenticeship.

### **Infrastructural Developments:**

BSU has made strides in infrastructural development. This includes the Faculty of Business building renovation, Faculty of Education ISSB Building which was commissioned by Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni in 2018, Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, NARO-World Bank for the Essential Oils Extraction Unit and Oil Production House; Equipment for Agribusiness and Nutri-medicinals, AVSI donations (Poultry unit, Zero-grazing unit, Silage chopper and banker, soil testing kits, and shed-net, etc.)

as well as the construction of Science Research Laboratories and Library projects which are ongoing.

### **Hosting the Pan African Women's Organisation (PAWO):**

BSU hosted the Secretary General of the Pan African Women's Organisation delegation on 26th April, 2022 and Ms. Grace Kaboyo who is also the Presidential Advisor on Special Duties. The SG said that Africans need to unite and work as a team and promote humanity "Ubuntu" on the African continent. She echoed PAWO support for Pan African Clubs and support to BSU Students' Guild activities.

### **BSU Public Lecture:**

On 5th May, 2022, BSU held a Public Lecture under the theme: "Higher Education in Uganda's Growth and Management in Post Covid-19 Era". The Guest Speaker was Prof. John F. Mugisha, Vice Chancellor, Cavendish University and the discussant was Mr. Mugumya Herbert, Senior Regional Director, Population Action International (PAI). Indeed, BSU has metamorphosed into a classic 21st Century University that meets the demands of this epoch in the Education Sector. We thank staff, students, Alumni and our invited Guests, Council and BOT members who attended.



*Prof. John Mugisha, VC, Cavendish University (L) and Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha during the Public Lecture*



## 7th BSU Mission and Exhibition Week

**Celebrations:** BSU 7th Mission and Exhibition Week is scheduled for 12th – 19th June, 2022. The purpose of this event is to not only showcase University innovations and achievements but also to promote the propagation of the Gospel of Christ in a holistic manner. We therefore, take this opportunity to invite you to attend the celebrations and contribute to publications, innovations and exhibitions.



## The 13th Inter-University Human Rights Competitions

**Competitions:** The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) conducts inter-university Human Rights competitions hosted by universities in Uganda on rotational basis. BSU is the host this year, following our performance as the 2nd Runners-up at the 12th FHRI competitions that were held in Gulu University from 18th to 19th November, 2021. The competitions will take place from 20th to 21st June, 2022.



## Winners in Eastern Africa Universities Women's Games Competition

**Competition:** BSU participated in the Eastern Africa Universities Women's Games hosted by Busitema University from 15th-17th April, 2022 and were 3rd (2nd Runner up) with Gold Medals in Football and Volleyball, a Silver Medal in Woodball and a Bronze Medal in Netball. They qualified to participate in the same games at the United States International University, Kenya in February, 2023.



## Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) Projects

BSU is a Regional Centre for OWC who presented a tractor to us. However, we need a full set, with all the equipment and demonstration support of trained technicians and staff to fight the war of poverty in Western Uganda, "The Food Basket of Uganda." We, therefore, request for support so as to step up our University Farm activities to include food processing and value addition as well as job creation. We appreciate, Cornel Sam Karogo; Cornel Joram Bashaija; Mr. Robert Tumwesigye Production Officer Mbarara District; Dr. Amanyire Production officer Mbarara City.

## Government Programs on Job Creation

Our BSU programs are on high demand and are focused on community needs and solving problems of development such as Animal Health and Production, Community Development and Education, Health Workers, Political and Society Leaders in our country.

## Rev. Kamujanduzi Award of Academic Excellence:

Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru offered an award to the best student of Bachelor of Theology in memory of his late father, Rev. Kamujanduzi. The award is presented on the day of graduation effective from the 15th graduation in 2019. The first winner of the award was Ven. Rev. Patrick Atuhaire. The year 2021 virtual graduation award is for First Class 2021, namely (i) Atwebembeire Amon CGPA 4.53 and (ii) Tunanukye Boaz CGPA 4.45.

## Signing MOUs for Research and Development:

BSU signed Memoranda of Understanding with Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and Muni University for research in various areas and development of HEIs in Uganda.



*The VC and the University Secretary, BSU, with IUIU representatives display a signed MoU on 6th May 2022*

**Corporate Social Responsibility:** BSU values giving back to the community such free Medical Health Camps and Mobile Clinics; construct houses for vulnerable families; Rwakishakizi, Health Centres II now to be HCIII; Zebra crossings painting; Legal Aid clinics; relief materials (disaster stricken areas, refugee centers, Covid-19 lockdowns; schools and churches); preaching the Gospel of Christ; Games and Sports scheme, Work and Study, Alumni and the Chancellor's Scholarships; exhibitions; Discipline and Christian values drivers; etc.

## BSU appeal to the Guest of Honour

We thank Your Excellency for all that you have done for us and also request for more support from you. In particular, permit me to mention the following:

1. Support of Science Lecturers: Your Excellency, since you really support us with Government students under the Loan Scheme HESFB and State House Scholarships, similar support towards postgraduate studies for BSU lecturers will bear much fruit in skilling Uganda.

2. Construction of Science and Research Laboratories: The construction of Science and Research Laboratories is ongoing. We have received Ugx. 2,990,689,918 on the 2011 Presidential Pledge and we await the outstanding Ugx. 4,347,310,082. Your Excellency, the balance of the pledge will enable us to complete the project, conduct advanced research and start more high-tech degrees in Sciences and Engineering.

3. Parish/Village Development Model: a BSU node to coordinate Agribusiness innovations, Nutri-medicinal plants and products and Technology would be ideal.

4. Staff SACCO Support and Boost: Your Excellency, we request for UGX Two Billion financial support for our staff SACCO to improve our livelihoods. We promise you that we shall innovate. "The mother of innovations is the needs gap."

5. Meritorious Awards: Your Excellency, we request this in honor of our fallen hero, Governor Prof. Dr. Tumusiime Mutebile, who BSU honoured with Honoris Causa Honorary Doctorate of Laws). The Agribusiness and Ethnobotany Chair created by him needs your support to perform its roles and continue his Legacy in the development of Uganda. "Heros don't die, rather they get transformed and live on in action."

6. Construction of the Sports Complex: The construction of the sports complex at BSU stopped with the clearing of the grounds. We pray that it meets your benevolent support in promoting sports and athletics in the Region and in Uganda as a whole for this venture which will enhance competitive sports.

7. Construction of BSU Road and Taxes compliance: We requested Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) to support us to tarmac our University Road Network. BSU is one of the biggest and compliant Tax Payers in Mbarara City. We pay on average Ugx. 1.4 Bn/Yr and in the last four years we have paid Ugx. 5.8 Bn in PAYE. BSU is among the top ten tax payers in the Education institutions in Uganda and under the Medium Tax Payers transferred to Head Office. Also BSU on average pays over UGX 54 million per month to NSSF and in the last four years, BSU paid UGX 2.6 Bn and we are among the top 5 contributors to the NSSF Fund in Mbarara.

We also deduct withholding taxes (WHT) on behalf of Government for the supplies/service providers of BSU and remit it to URA. We have always promptly remitted our tax obligations to URA. It is therefore our humble request that the University road network is tarmacked to improve its aesthetics and accessibility.

8. Recognition and Security in HEIs: Your Excellency, the role of foot soldiers with no guns but who are determined to mentor, promote good discipline, wholly support Government programs and uphold our country's dignity, deserve your recognition. We are the "unsung heroes" as we groom leaders in academic institutions and especially in Higher Education Institutions and young Leaders' dialogues. It is a mammoth task to promote National peace, security, unity in

purpose and keeping focused on academia, is mouthful workload. The National security agencies, RDCs, RCCs, DPCs, DISOs, etc, are witnesses to our sleepless nights as we work together for the good of our motherland.

### A word to our Graduands

Our Esteemed Graduands, we congratulate you once again, your parents, guardians/ sponsors upon this noble achievement. Bravo! Bravo!

We have trained you to be critical thinkers, entrepreneurs with integrity, a work force that is ready to face the world of work, please work hard, be Godly, resilient and focused. You will succeed!

For the Masters and PhDs, the word to you is that, potentially, you are global citizens. Hence, go and change the situation in Africa! Provide noble skills to Uganda, the Africa we want and the world to the Glory of God! Be reminded of our theme for 2022 which is our Core Value No. 3: Pursuit of Knowledge and ingenuity derived from 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9 which says: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Go and sow generously, God will give you blessings at harvest time. **BSU@20years** Wawoo! You are great Leaders and Supervisors!



*The Chancellor (Left) confers a PhD upon Ms. Alice Jossy Kyobutungi at the 17th Graduation Ceremony on 6th May 2022 at Riverside Sports grounds*

## Vote of Thanks

1. Our special thanks go to our Guest of Honour, the President of the Republic of Uganda, for honouring our invitation and gracing our 17th Graduation Ceremony.

2. Our sincere thanks to our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa for his far-sighted leadership and for constituting the 17th BSU Graduation Ceremony. You have done a wonderful job.

3. Chairperson Council, Prof. Kenneth Kagame and all members of the University Council. Thank you for your wise leadership.

4. Thank you to all BSU students' parents/guardians and sponsors: HESFB, State House, Father Bash Foundation, Madhvani Foundation, Juna Amagara Ministries, Compassion who assisted projects, Rose Marie and Darly Kingston from Canada and all our partners.

5. We appreciate all our Government and Development Partners; AVSI, RUFORUM, UNCST, WB, MOES, NCHE for their incessant support.

6. We appreciate all members of Staff (Academic, Administrative and Support) and Management for the Job well done.

7. The Guild Leadership and the entire students' body for the good discipline. Keep BSU's good brand supreme and globally recognized

Finally, on behalf of Bishop Stuart University and on my own behalf, I thank and give praise to the Good Lord who has made it possible for us to prepare and successfully conclude this 17th Graduation Ceremony. To our Graduands, your Academic Documents (transcripts and certificates) are ready today for picking from Academic Registrar's team after this 17th Graduation Ceremony has been Dissolved!

Thank you and God bless you!  
Our God Reigns! For God and my Country!

**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice-Chancellor**



*The Chancellor (Left) confers a PhD upon Mr. Atwiine Johnson at the 17th Graduation Ceremony on 6th May 2022 at Riverside Sports grounds*



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