



Freshmen, Continuing Students Report at MUST for Semester I



On January 5, 2022, the Academic Registrar’s department welcomed and registered first year students

1st Year Registration and Enrollment Summary

Faculty	No of students registered	No of students enrolled
FOM	378	410
FOS	158	177
FIS	81	103
FoBMS	354	403
FCI	253	287
FAST	250	268
HEAC		80

The registration exercise was followed by orientation at the different faculties, conducted by the faculty and the Dean of Students’ office.

Students were briefed about their faculty, training goals, career paths, and life at campus in general. The orientation also included students’ welfare in general, security, academic matters e- orientation and co-curricular activities. Special thanks to all the teams that supported our students settle in well. Succeed we Must.



Department of Medical Laboratory Science



Department of Physiotherapy



Faculty of Interdisciplinary studies

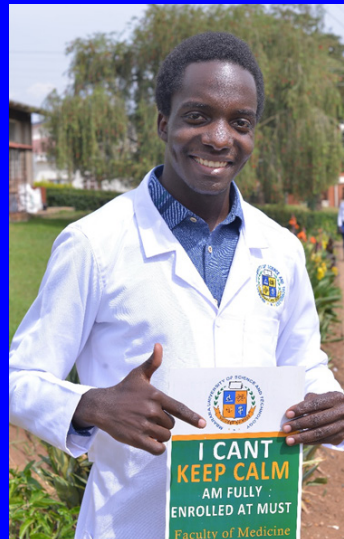
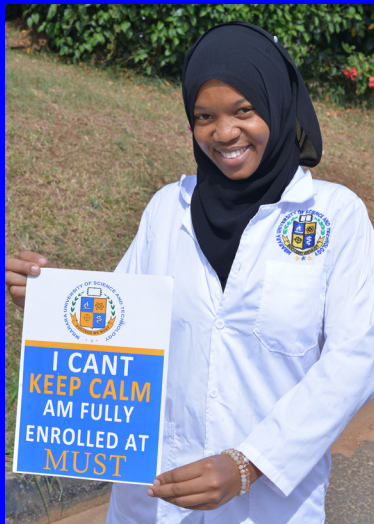


Registration Waiting area



Faculty of Medicine





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MUST, Faculty of Medicine Shines at the Annual Medical Quiz



From January 22nd – 23rd 2022. The Faculty of Medicine participated in the National Medical Quiz competitions which took place at **Busitema University**. This was organized by the Federation of Uganda Medical Students Associations (FUMSA). The team was led by **Mr. Elvis Tamale**, a final year Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

(MBChB) and the president of MBUMSA. He said, the quiz aims at developing technical competence and clinical problem-solving skills among medical students in Uganda. In addition, the quiz acts as a healthy competition to foster co-operation among medical students for future collaborative and better health care delivery during practice. This year's medical quiz competition saw participants from 7 medical schools. MUST emerged as the second-best medical school, just 2 points behind the eventual winner, Makerere University.

Two of our students were selected as part of the team that will represent Uganda in the East African medical quiz due to take place this year- (the venue, and country to be communicated soon). These are **Mr. Kiirya Tevin Walter MBChB V (coach of the team) and Mr. Ssenyonga Edgar Reagan MBChB II**. Congratulations to you all.



On return, the team was welcomed back by the **Dr. Joseph Ngonzi**, the Dean FoM and the **Deputy Dean, Dr. Jonans Tusiimire** in recognition of their outstanding performance and raising the MUST FLAG.

In his remarks the Deputy Dean thanked the students for braving the entire circumstance of handling the entire trip at the 11th hour, (left late for the event, the distance was long, and so on), “to me you were the best. I was overwhelmed when I was told the results”. He urged them to continue with the spirit of determination especially going to the next level. He thanked the dean for the support rendered, and the great teamwork put together by the students and staff. He urged the team that made it to the finals to carry the 3 flags higher, that is the National, MUST

and faculty flags.

Jonans also recognized and thanked the students for being the best in clinical skills and pledged more support to polish this especially in pharmacology. Dr. Ngonzi Joseph in the same vein thanked the students for shining. He said he was informed about the quiz and that he was motivated the theme: **“Medical education as a traditional tool in reducing the burden of non-communicable Diseases”**. MUST is the most competitive medical university in the country and the quiz just highlighted the fact. He thanked the students for being patient in all the tough situations. “We are proud of you and pledge to push you forward and support positive causes” Dr. Ngonzi said. He wished the next team a safe journey and urged them to use Uganda airlines.

Awarding Ceremony held at MUST, MLS Boardroom



The entire team after receiving their medal

Dr. Joseph Ngonzi
Dean, Mr. Kiirya
T Walter MBChB V
& Mr. Ssenyonga
Edgar Reagan MB-
chB II (to represent
MUST & Uganda
in East Africa)



MUST launches a Technology Laboratory

On January 21, 2021, The faculty of Computing and informatics launched the a technology Laboratory. This is/was in response to the desire for technical skills in higher education institutions and industry, MUST opened the technology laboratory on. The laboratory was equipped by the Applied Curricula in Technology for East Africa (ACTEA) project co-funded by Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. The initiative focuses on improving cooperation with the local industry while increasing the employability of graduates. During the launch, MUST students demonstrated and exhibited their industrial automation skills already gained from the initial training. The function was presided over by Mr. Koen Van Acoleyen, the Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Belgium in Uganda and South Sudan. This is a visible milestone of creating an enabling environment that will facilitate the graduates with adequate skills needed by the industry.

The participating countries under the ACTEA project are: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda. European participating institutions are AP University of Science and Arts, Howest University, Fachhochschule Dortmund, Technical Educational Institute and Hellenic Mediterranean University while East African Partners are MUST, Muni University, Research and Education Network of Uganda, Mekele University, Jimma University, Ardhi University, Mzumbe University and Tanzania Education

Research Network.

Mr. Koen van Acoleyen thanked MUST and the partners for upholding the banner to address Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Uganda has 78% of the population as youth which is the 2nd largest in the world and 36.8% youth unemployment according to the Uganda National Health Survey 2019-2020, providing an opportunity for skilling students and lecturers is vital to fight unemployment. He further said women empowerment is key in science and technology field and their creativity and input make a big difference.

Giving his remarks, Dr. Evarist Nabaasa Dean Faculty of Computing, and Informatics (FCI) and the University Project Coordinator noted that through support of ACTEA, MUST has established the technology laboratory with virtual and remote accessibility, established learning tools and provided academic staff with additional training on technology and developed technologic course materials according to European Union standards.

Emphasizing the strategic direction of MUST and the linkage with MUST's unique identities of a multidisciplinary and community-oriented approach to teaching, Prof. Celestino Obua the Vice Chancellor MUST, appreciated the partners especially the Belgium kingdom that has enabled the success of the ACTEA project. Prof. Obua pledged that MUST shall build on the foundation that ACTEA has set to further improve its operational capacity to produce

locally trained engineers for the long-term gain of our community and region at large. "We can never take for granted our researchers, they always come up with practical projects that address the needs of current challenges" Prof. Obua said.

Representing Ministry of Education, Mr. Timothy Sejjoba, Assistant Commissioner, University Education and Training (public universities) said, "Uganda is so grateful to the kingdom of Belgium, especially in support of the education sector. Notwithstanding imparting of practical skills, bridges the gap between university and industry relations, we cannot thank you enough for supporting us having employable graduates, have a relevant and usable curriculum thus able to address any upcoming challenges". Other speakers included Eng. Dirk Van Merode (ACTEA Project Coordinator) and Mr. Abdi Businge Weere (Project Coordinator for East Africa) who emphasized hands-on skills needed for the labour market.

Sheila Niinye Twinamatsiko the International Relations Officer and program director of the day thanked the Belgium government for the support that has been offered to MUST through long-standing partnerships and collaborations with Belgian universities. She noted that recently, a 12-year Institutional Cooperation Project has been awarded to MUST and is funded by VLIR-UOS.



L-R Mr. Timothy Sejjoba, Prof: Obua Celestino Mr. Koen van Acoleyen Eng. Dirk Van Merode. R. Courtesy call to the Vice Chancellors office



Students presentig to the delegates



Dr. Evarist Nabaasa Dean (FCI)



Sheila Niinye Twinamatsiko IRO



Prof. Charles Tushabomwe Kazooba for the courtesy call in the VC's office.



MUST- Mulago ENT Skills Enhancement

On January 28, 2022, the department of ENT (Otolaryngology) concluded a 3 day Temporal bone dissection course that was attended by MUST and Mulago residents. Due to the Pandemic challenge, the training was limited to only nationals as compared to the previous years. The event was graced by the **Deputy Dean-FOM Dr. Jonans Tusiimire** who appreciated the effort by the seniors in the ENT department. Dr. Tusiimire also recognized and **thanked Dr Amina Seguya** (MUST alumna) for being one of the co-facilitators in the training. He added that this was a good indicator that she received great hands on skills from MUST and is now making a difference in the community



Deputy Dean FOM being briefed about the Temporal bone lab by Dr Doreen Nakku the course director and HOD



Attendees, facilitators, and deputy dean



Dr Amina instructing one of the MUST residents on bone drilling technique



Deputy Dean officiating at closing ceremony and handing out certificates

Meet the New Staff in MUST



Irene Ahebwe (Mrs) is the new Deputy Secretary (A). Irene replaced **Mr. Zadock Beebwa** who recently retired after serving MUST for 24 years and 11 months Who is Irene? A MUST alumnus in the Faculty of Development studies, now Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies. This was for both undergraduate and postgraduate

ate in the same faculty.

Before Joining MUST, Irene was working with **Isingiro District Local Government** as a Principal Assistant Secretary.



CPA: Geoffrey Mutebi is the new internal auditor Who replaced **Mr. Felix Magyezi** currently working as the University Bursar.

Who is CPA: Geoffrey?

He holds:

- A Master's degree in Management Studies (Finance Option) UMI
- CPA: 2010

- Postgraduate Diploma Finance
- Bachelor of Commerce

The MUST community welcomes you both with open arms, and ready to work with you for the magnificence of the university. Congratulations

MUST wins a Mega grant from UNESCO

MUST won a 3-year grant from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) titled "Higher Technical Education in Africa for a Technical and Innovative Workforce". The project focusing on enhanced capacity of MUST in skills development and relevant/quality curriculum implementation for increased graduate/youth employability and entrepreneurship abilities.

The grant will be implemented in Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Senegal and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Overview of the project

This 3-years project responds to the urgent challenges of youth unemployment and underemployment, a skills mismatch and technological disruption. The project will empower youth through higher technical education and training focusing on Agrobotechnology and will link the current training at MUST to the emerging labour market/industry demands for increased graduate employability.

The key strands are: supporting purposive curriculum review and implementation; upskilling and reskilling of graduates and youth

through entrepreneurship and innovative short courses and periodic engagement between MUST and industry/other employers through innovation hack-a-thons, exhibitions and cafes. The project will work closely with the Academic Registrar's office and various Faculties/Institutes.

The Principal Investigators are: Prof. Nixon Kamukama and Dr. Medard Twinamatsiko

Congratulations to MUST and the winning team! You have done us proud as an institution.



Prof. Nixon Kamukama



Dr Medard Twinamatsiko

MUST Shines Brightest duiring the 36th NRA/M Liberation Day 2022



The MUST flag was raised by our own **Prof. Patrick Engeu Ogwang.** Congratulating proffessor, upon this noble recognition that has created visibility of our alma mater. In his words
“MUST is a place of great blessings and great potential. am grateful to the leadership and colleagues in MUST. God bless MUST more.”
Once again congratulations Prof. Ogwang we are so proud of you.



MUST President-Elect



Congratulations to the Guild President- elect, **H.E JASTUS MUGYENYI KIZITO** the University Community looks forward to your dedicated services “Succeed We Must”

Details about the new president will be shared in the next edition of the MUST mirror

Mbarara University of Science and Technology

2nd Prayer BREAKFAST
Theme
“The faithfulness of God”

15/02/2022 07:30AM

PLT - Pharmacology Lecture Theatre

PREACHERS OF THE DAY

 Sheikh Haji Abdu Mohammed Mukwaye District Khadi - Mbarara	 Rt. Rev. Johnson Twinomujuni Bishop of West Ankole Diocese	 Fr. Vincent Tumwebaze Archdiocese of Mbarara	 Pastor Amwine David SDA Chaplain
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Dress Code: Sunday, Juma, Sabath Best “Come let us be blessed”

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Breakfast is free

EDITORIAL TEAM



Ms. Maureen Kahima



Mr. Solomon Agum