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Editor's Note



Welcome to the inaugural issue of "ZoomIn", the Nkumba University Monthly Newsletter!

As an institution, we made 30 years on 18th June 2024 marking a significant milestone in research, and academic excellence. On that note, we are thrilled to share with you our inspirational story, from humble beginnings as a kindergarten in 1952 to becoming a renowned institution of higher learning in 1994.

This Anniversary Issue is packed with fascinating stories as inscribed and shared by those who saw Nkumba University evolve through the years.

In this issue, you will also find valuable information for students and staff, including announcements, testimonials from our social media community, and captivating photos from the NU archives.

Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and hooked to the pulse of news and information as seen and heard by our prolific team on the noose at every corner of our community.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I invite you to join us on this exciting journey as we zoom in on the latest news, events, and stories that make our University unique.

Because you matter most, we value your feedback, and we look forward to hearing from you, kindly email us at info@nkumbauniversity.ac.ug or talk to the Editor-In-Chief by dialing +256 781 957 183.

Flip the pages and dig into these stories!

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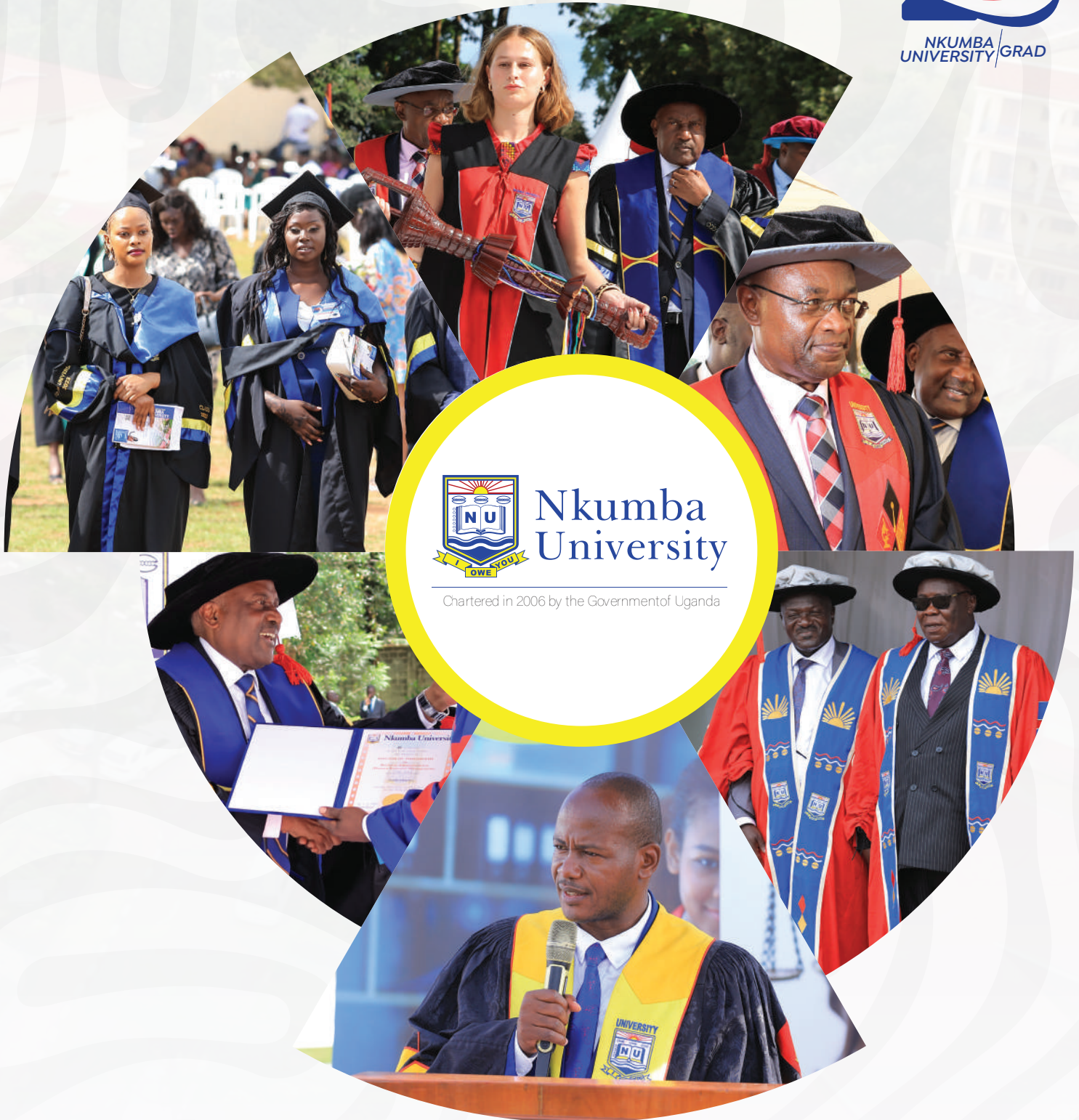
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NKUMBA UNIVERSITY INVITES YOU TO THE 26TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

THEME 30 years of
Transforming
dreams into
Knowledge and skills





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Nkumba University welcomes you to the 26th Graduation Ceremony that will be held on Saturday 26th , October 2024 at which **Mr. Emmanuel Katongole**, the University Chancellor will confer Doctor of Philosophy, Masters and Bachelors' Degrees; as well as award Diplomas and Certificates.

FOREWORD

FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Dear Nkumba University Community, Friends, and Family.

I am delighted to introduce the inaugural issue of “ZoomIn”, our University’s Monthly Newsletter.

This is a new drift sought to enhance our communication and information-sharing landscape. This Anniversary issue captures our rich history, from our humble beginnings in 1952 to becoming a reputable University in 1994.

As we commemorate 30 years of university status, “ZoomIn” will provide a platform for sharing our impeccably unmatched stories, achievements, and experiences. In this way, we will not only be bridging the information gap but also fostering a sense of belonging and connection among students, staff, and stakeholders.

In this issue, you will discover inspiring stories, valuable information, and captivating visuals dug deep from the NU archives showcasing a hero’s journey that dates way back to the 1950s.

“ZoomIn” is here to cement our inherent commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and excellence. Let us embrace this new chapter in our communication journey together.

Happy reading!

Prof. Jude T. Lubega

Vice Chancellor, Nkumba University





Top: Dr. Mayanja (L) Shaking hands with The Dean of Student, Mr. Christopher Kimuli (R). Photo by Japheth Godwin

Council Chair Tours Nkumba University as 30th Anniversary Celebrations Closes-In

Entebbe, Uganda – Dr. Christopher Samuel Mayanja, Chair- University Council, embarked on a comprehensive tour of Nkumba University's facilities on Wednesday 26th June, 2024 to ascertain the state of the University, before convening a meeting with the University Management later that afternoon.

Accompanied by University Secretary Prof. Francis Kasekende and Director Planning and Infrastructure Mr. Eddy Lule Kamya, Dr. Mayanja was given a firsthand look at the institution's infrastructural development.

The tour encompassed various establishments, including the E-Learning Hub, Mpanga Library, Finance Department, Dean of Students Office, Nabagereka Hostel, School of Science, Radio and TV studios, Petroleum Engineering Skills Lab, and the Office of the Dean of Commercial Industrial Art and Design.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Mayanja commended the University Management for their dedication and hard work that continue to propel the University's Academic, Research, and Sports efforts.

In retaliation, Prof. Kasekende thanked Dr. Mayanja for taking a keen interest in the affairs of the institution, a move he believes will guide the day-to-day running of the University.

His tour later informed discussions at a meeting he convened with University Management, focusing on the institution's expansion and the proposed activities leading up to Nkumba University's 30th-anniversary celebrations.

Nkumba University was fully established on June 18, 1994, having

evolved from a kindergarten founded in 1952, which later expanded to become a Junior School, Secondary School, and eventually the College of Commerce and Business Studies. On 18th June, the University made 30 years. Management has lined up a series of activities to commemorate this milestone.



Top: University Management and Staff During the Meeting.



Top: Mr Dan Ssebugwawo (L), Prince Besweri Mulondo (C), Mr. Kasolo Kimuli (R)

How Ssalongo Kintu Rallied Community to Start the then Kindergarten and now Nkumba University

On 18th June 2024, Nkumba University made 30 years since its inception in 1994.

According to Prince Besweri Kiwanuka Lusse Mulondo, around 1951, in a village called Nalulemu, the present-day, Abayita-Ababiri, there was a shop that sold groceries and other sundry items.

The shop belonged to two gentlemen, Ssalongo Erisa Kintu and Yolamu Kiwanuka. They had named their business, 'Abayita- Ababiri' interpreted as 'the two who move together'.

Both Ssalongo Erisa Kintu and Yolamu Kiwanuka were very popular in the area, and eventually, their business name took over the village name, Nalulemu to become Abaita-Ababiri.

In his book, Nkumba University's Evolution and Development, Prince Besweri narrates that, "Then, the nearest Primary Schools to Nkumba were Chadwick Primary School in Entebbe town and Kisubi Primary School at Kisubi Catholic Parish, these were about seven miles away from Nkumba curtailing Children of tender age to access schools and so, quite a good number of children were not going to school!"

Concerned about the state of affairs, Ssalon-

go Erisa Kintu began hatching ideas of starting a school in Nkumba village.

Inclined to propel his community academically, he shared his idea with his close friends Mzee Zefaniya Mpanga and Mzee Charles Kisitu Ffulu who bought into the idea and embarked on the hunt for more people to join hands in this venture. Meetings to this effect commenced.

The first recorded meeting was held on 29th July, 1951 and was attended by only four people: Ssalongo Erisa Kintu, Charles Kisitu Ffulu, Zefaniya Mpanga and Kaboga. The meeting was chaired by Ssalongo Erisa Kintu and Zefaniya Mpanga was Secretary. From that meeting several others were held and the number of participants gradually increased.

Regarded as a milestone in the history of Nkumba, the second meeting was held on 5th February 1952 and was attended by; Ssalongo Erisa Kintu-Chairman, Charles Kisitu Ffulu, Zefaniya Mpanga-Secretary, S. Kaboga, Y. Semakula, Besweri K.L.Mulondo, Yosamu Mugejjera, S.L. Sempagama, E.K. Mukasa, Wamungo, Mulyowa, Taiibu Lwanga.

This meeting was particularly important because it decreed the venue where the school would be erected, and it preceded the opening of the school. All the founders

were expected to bring their children and indeed, on the 6th of February, 1952 the school opened with only twelve (12) pupils.

"The venue agreed upon was a result of a kind donation by the late Mr. Charles Kisitu Ffulu who in his capacity as a local chief of the area offered his 'Kitawuluzi' (Courtroom) and home compound which became the site of what is now Nkumba University." Writes Prince Besweri.

Adding that, "The following I recall, are the names of the pioneer pupils and their parents or guardians: Damali Nanteza and Eflansi Nakku daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Zefaniya Mpanga, Samusoni Sinabulya and Ibrahim Sseggirinya sons of Ssalongo and Mrs. Erisa Kintu, Kigozi son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ffulu, Kayaga and Nakiruta daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ffulu, Abby Mutanda son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Mukasa, Livingstone Mayanja and James Kaddu sons of Mr. & Mrs. Yosamu Mugejjera, Peter Batasi son of Mr. & Mrs. Lwanga and Es-eza Nagawa, my niece."

Prince Besweri further Narrates that, "It was decided, the tuition fee per child would be Shs. 6/- per term plus a building fee of Shs. 5/- paid in the first year only.

The school had only one teacher at the time of its establishment and he was to be paid a 'very fat' salary of Shs. 84/- per month.

“Right from the beginning, the proposal was to start a Kindergarten to enable children of school-going age start school at an appropriate age.” – Prince Besweri Mulondo.

As the years went by, the small kindergarten grew into a primary school, then a junior secondary school, and later a senior secondary school.

In 1969, the secondary school transformed into a vocational institute, and in 1974, it became Nkumba College of Commerce and Advanced Studies.

Through dedicated efforts and academic excellence, Nkumba was cleared by the Government to operate as a university in 1994.

Who is Prince Besweri Mulondo?

Born Besweri Kiwanuka Lusse Mulondo on March 12, 1926, in his native Kyankowe Village-Mityana, Prince Besweri went to Kyankowe Primary School before joining Mityana Secondary School and later Agrey Memorial School in Kampala.

He served Nkumba University as the Chairperson, Board of Trustees, member University council and later appointed the Chairperson, Planning and Development committee.

Mulondo joined the civil service in 1947 as an assistant regular registrar of titles in the ministry of Land quitting civil service in 1974 when President Idi Amin ordered all civil



Dr. Paul Kawanga Semwogere (in gown) with some members of the University Management during a graduation in early 2000s

servants who had worked for more than 20 years to retire.

He fled to Kenya that very year only to be returned by President Godfrey Binaisa to head Uganda Land Board until Obote was elected President. After serving as the Chairperson, Lint Marketing Board, Prince Besweri joined the constitution commission of Benjamin Odoki

as a member in 1994 before being named a ‘sabalangira’ of Buganda by the Kabaka of Buganda.

President Yoweri Museveni later appointed him presidential advisor on Buganda until his death in 2016.

A Whole-of-Society Approach is Key to Universal Health Coverage in Uganda’s nationalized health Insurance



By Talibita Moses, Patient Rights Campaigner, Uganda National Health Consumers Organization, mtalibita@unhco.or.ug, Lecturer at Nkumba University.

It is imperative to reflect on the collective commitment made by nations across the globe enshrined in the 2017 UN declaration and further solidified at the 2019 UN High-Level Meeting aiming to ensure that “everyone has access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.”

To the realization of the above, a whole-of-society approach, engaging patients, caregivers, advocates, and civil society organizations, is

essential. This participatory approach, supported by strong social mechanisms, ensures the healthcare system responds effectively to the needs of the people it serves. Uganda’s recent National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) Bill 2023 marks a significant step towards International Universal Health Coverage (UHC). This comprehensive framework aims to ensure financial protection and access to healthcare for all Ugandans.

However, the journey towards UHC cannot be solely undertaken by the government. Achieving the ambitious vision of Uganda Vision 2040, which envisions a healthy and productive population contributing to

economic growth, requires a collaborative effort. This collaborative responsibility extends to health professionals, civil society organizations, and all Ugandans who must actively promote health, advocate for quality healthcare, and hold institutions accountable.

A healthy population is not only a moral imperative but also the foundation of economic prosperity. Poor health undermines individual well-being and restricts economic gains associated with UHC and Vision 2040. Therefore, improving service delivery, ensuring equitable access to quality care, and investing in preventive measures are not just moral obligations but sound economic investments.

The success of the NHIS hinges on the active engagement and collaboration of all stakeholders within Ugandan society. By leveraging the diverse perspectives and expertise of patients, healthcare professionals, and civil society organizations, Uganda can create a resilient and sustainable healthcare system that truly serves the needs of its people.

Through a whole-of-society approach, Uganda can unlock the full potential of its nationalized health insurance scheme and move closer to achieving UHC. This journey requires commitment, collaboration, and a shared vision for a healthier and more prosperous future for all Ugandans. By harnessing the power of collective action, Uganda can build a more equitable and sustainable healthcare system for generations to come.

Nkumba University Lines Up Series of Activities to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

Nkumba University will be celebrating 30 years of research and academic prowess after hitting the 30-year mark since its inception on 18th June 1994.

To that effect, Management has lined up a series of activities to commemorate this achievement. The activities will run between July to December 2024.

Under the theme “30 Years of Transforming Dreams into Knowledge and Skills,” the university already launched its digital space and now plans to conduct community outreaches, conduct a medical camp to the benefit of the surrounding community, a marathon sought to rally the community in the fight against Malaria, among other activities.

The celebrations will also include a Sports Gala, Public Lecture, Fashion show, Student and Staff engagements.

Management now calls upon students, staff and the general public to join in as they celebrate 3 decades of academic excellence.

“We have a rich history spanning a solid 3 decades, and we are proud of our achievements. We call upon everyone to join us in this celebration as we look forward to many more years of transforming dreams into knowledge and skills.” – Prof. Jude Lubega, Nkumba University Vice-Chancellor.



Vice Chancellor's Message to New Students

Dear August 2024 Intake I am pleased to welcome you to Nkumba University!

While here, be assured of an environment that nurtures, Competence, Confidence, creativity, and High Moral Character.

Here are a few pointers that may be key in your acclimatization journey here.

1. Know Why You Are Here

Reflect on your purpose for being here. Understand your aspirations, and let them guide your academic and personal journey. This clarity will help you make the most of your time at Nkumba University.

2. Set Goals

Establish both short-term and long-term goals. This will provide direction and motivation for your academic and personal growth.

3. Abide by the University Rules and Regulations.

Adhere to the established rules and regulations. They are designed to create a conducive learning environment and ensure the well-being of everyone within our community.

4. Stay Positive about Academics.

Embrace the challenges of your academic pursuits with optimism. Your dedication and positive attitude will pave the way for success.

5. Behave Right

Uphold a standard of good conduct. Your behavior not only reflects on you but also on the entire University community.

6. Use the Availed Support Systems



Take advantage of the support systems in place, including the Office of the Guild President, the Dean of Students, and others. We are here to help you navigate challenges and enhance your university experience.

Remember, my office will always be open to address any concerns or queries you may have.

I wish you a successful and fulfilling academic journey at Nkumba University.

I Owe You

Prof. Jude T. Lubega

Vice Chancellor

Nkumba University





Embracing Our History

Established in 1994, Nkumba University has a profound history rooted in a commitment to education that dates back to a visionary kindergarten in 1952. In 1951, Ssalongo Erisa Kintu convened a meeting with Mzee Charles Kisitu Ffulu, and Mzee Zefania Mpanga to chat ideas of what would eventually become today's Nkumba University.

The three were later joined by other community members and so, on February 6th, 1952, the journey began with the establishment of a kindergarten at Ffulu's home and a pioneering cohort of only twelve pupils. Records indicate that within two years, the number rose to over 150.

As the years went by, the small kindergarten grew into a primary school, then a junior secondary school, and later a senior secondary school.

In 1969, the secondary school transformed into a vocational institute, and in 1974, it became Nkumba College of Commerce and Advanced Studies before transforming into a university in 1994.

Over the years, the institution has positioned itself as a one-stop

center for high-quality education and research within the country and beyond with its mission tailored to providing an environment that enables the "cultivation of competence, confidence, creativity, and character in academic professional, and social interactions."



Former Dean of Student, Mr. David Christopher Kasasa as a choral leader During the 1993 Nkumba College of Commerce Graduation



Nkumba University Tips Local Schools' Directors of Studies on Customer Service Excellence

To enhance learning, Nkumba University's School of Education hosted its 4th Community Engagement seminar, bringing together nearly 100 academic practitioners from secondary and primary schools around Entebbe area.

The event focused on promoting customer experience, with Professor Francis Kasekende, the Nkumba University Secretary, as the main presenter.

While dissecting the topic; 'Promoting Customer Experience', Prof. Kasekende noted that "Creating a good customer experience provides answers to short-term bottlenecks and proactively creates long-term solutions geared towards customer success," Prof. Kasekende emphasized, highlighting the crucial role of Directors of Studies (DOS) and staff in achieving this goal.

He appealed to the Directors to adopt professionalism, patience, and a "people-first attitude" to meet the expectations of their customers. "By doing so, we can deliver high-quality services that transform the lives of our learners," Prof. Kasekende added.

Dr. Esther Namugumya, the Dean of the School of Education, revealed that the seminar targeted Directors of Studies because they are the custodians of learners' academic pro-



University administrators pose for a photo with the school directors

possible to approach and handle learners' academic dilemmas with utmost swiftness and relevance," she said.

The event was part of the activities organized by the School of Education to commemorate Nkumba University's "30 Years of Transforming Dreams into Knowledge and Skills." By engaging the Director of studies, Nkumba University



Professor Francis Kasekende during the workshop

aims to enhance student/pupil experience and improve the quality of education in the area.



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Dr. Bbosa Named Best Coach as Nkumba University Takes Home Top Honors



Nkumba University made a clean sweep of the Pepsi University Football League (UFL) awards, taking home top honors in multiple categories during the UFL awards ceremony on 4th June, 2024.

The University's football team was crowned Best Performing Team, while Dr. Bbosa was named Best Coach.

Nkumba University also claimed the Best Defender and Best Goalkeeper awards adding more silverware to their cabin. To cap off an incredible season, three of the team's players were listed among the Season's Best 11.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega, was quick to praise the team's achievements, congratulating the winners and chal-



University Football League 2023/2-24 Best XI Obwana GK (Nkumba), Lubega Isma (Nkumba), Kitabwa Uganda Martyrs), Alijole (UCU), Abura Micheal (SLAU), Gagganga Geoffrey (UCU) Ssewankambo (Nkumba), Sudhir bin Saidi (MUBs), Ssenyunja (Bugema), Ssentongo Akbar (UMU), Ofoyrwoth (UCU)

lenging the sports tutor to bring home more trophies.

Prof. Orach Meza, another senior University official, also extended his laudatory message to the team, "Congratulations to the entire team for making the Nkumba Universi-

ty community proud. Your recognition is highly appreciated."

This latest success comes hot on the heels of Nkumba University's thrilling victory over Uganda Christian University in the Pepsi University Football League final in April this year.

With this impressive haul of awards, Nkumba University has firmly established itself as a sports powerhouse in the country and will now represent Uganda at the All-African University Games in Lagos Nigeria come September 2024.

While Nkumba University's sports tutor, Mr. Joseph Muyiira, and team captain, Kennedy Ssewakambo, may not have taken home the Sports Tutor of the Year and Best Midfielder of the Season awards respectively, they were key in the team's Outstanding performance throughout the season.

As the team looks to build on this success, one thing is clear, the future of Nkumba University football has never looked brighter.

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University Secretary Roots for 50 New Computers to Boost Digital Infrastructure

Seeking to enhance its digital capacity, Nkumba University has acquired 50 new computers. The new additions comprise Intel Core i5-12th generation and Dell Vostro 3910 Core i5 12th Generation Desktops.

According to the University Secretary, Prof. Francis Kasekende, the purchase is a strategic investment in the institution's digital infra-



structure, aimed at bolstering IT services for staff and students.

"We recognize the importance of embracing technology to stay ahead in today's fast-paced academic environment. These new computers will significantly enhance our digital capabilities, enabling us to provide top-notch services to our community," Prof. Kasekende emphasized.



The new computers boast impressive specifications, including powerful performance, compact design, and excellent connectivity options.

Mr. Mustafa Kato, Director, Nkumba University Information and Communications Technology Department, highlighted the benefits of the

new additions, revealing that, "With Intel Core i5-12th generation processors, these desktops ensure smooth multitasking, fast processing speeds, and efficient power usage. The Dell Vostro 3910 Core i5-12th Generation Desktop, in particular, stands out as a robust, versatile, and future-proof choice for anyone seeking a dependable desktop solution."

The acquisition is expected to improve access to IT services across the university,

“We are committed to providing our community with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world

facilitating a more seamless and efficient learning experience for students and staff.

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Nkumba University Sets Date for 26th Graduation Ceremony



Dr. Frank Pio Kiyangi, the Academic Registrar, Nkumba University, released a circular on 18th June 2024 confirming dates for the 26th graduation ceremony.

According to the circular, the ceremony is slated to take place on Saturday, 26th October 2024.

"This notice serves to remind and clarify that the 26th Graduation Ceremony of Nkumba University will be held on Saturday, 26th October 2024 at Nkumba University Ceremonial Grounds," reads part of the letter.

Held annually, the Ceremony will see students awarded Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees, Master's degrees, and Ph. D.s in various study disciplines.

The circular further stipulates that clearance for graduation will commence on 31st August 2024 and is set to run until October 12, 2024, while the collection of graduation regalia and invitation cards will take effect from September 25 and run through October 12, 2024.

Important to note is that the final graduation lists will be generated on October 18, 2024, and will be available for verification and review by the Senate before the draft printout on the 19th and subsequent final print out on the 20th of October 2024.

Dr. Kiyangi emphasized that all graduands should present original certificates to the Admissions Office during clearance for verification. He also reminded students to pay the graduation and alumni fees

promptly to avoid any inconveniences caused by last-minute rush.

Bot Graduation and Alumni fees are to be deposited in the Nkumba University **Stanbic Bank Account number 9030005915995**.

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH, STUDENT'S CHOICE



Congratulations John Bosco Walusimbi upon being cited as the Team Member of the Month – student's choice!

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your exceptional dedication to championing the element of customer care at Nkumba University.

Your warm and welcoming approach has made a significant impact on our new students, particularly during the registration process.

Your ability to use humor to calm nerves and make students feel at ease is truly commendable. One of the students testified that you made her feel "relaxed and reassured" when she was anxious about her admission.

Thank you for being an exemplary ambassador of Nkumba University's values and for making a positive difference in the lives of our students. Keep up the fantastic work, and we look forward to seeing your continued excellence in customer care.

I Owe You

Nkumba University Student of the Month

Mwanje Gideon is the Student of the Month of July having been at the forefront of representing the University at National and regional level.

Elected President of the Law Students Association of East Africa, Gideon's leadership prowess has earned him a coveted spot on the regional stage, where he continues to fly the Nkumba University flag high.

His active participation in school tours and presentation at the Drugs Happana Secondary Schools debate highlights his unwavering commitment to academic rigor and community engagement. "We are because you are".

I Owe You





Nkumba University's School of Business Administration Takes Skills Training to Kajjansi Market

As part of its 30th-anniversary activations, the School of Business Administration at Nkumba University spent the day at Kajjansi market, empowering the local business community with essential 21st-century soft skills.

According to Dr. Byamukama John, Dean of the School, the decision to hold the training at the market was deliberate, as it falls within the school's teaching mandate. "We wanted to bring these valuable skills directly to the business community because this is where we fall" he explained.

During the training, vendors were urged to be intentional and exercise utmost care when dealing with customers. Emphasizing that a "people-centered approach is crucial for building strong business relationships and driving growth."

Market vendors welcomed the, "I'm so glad you're here," said Nalongo Nabisekese, a Matooke vendor. "We desperately needed guidance on good customer service practices, your guidance on effective customer service skills comes at just the right time, as many businesses in this market are struggling due to a lack of expertise in this area. I will use the skills acquired to better my business and improve my relationships with customers

The school leadership emphasized its commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs as a contribution to the nation's economic development



Nkumba University Kicks Off Semester with Orientation of New Students

Nkumba University started the August 2024 semester with a weeklong orientation exercise targeting new students.

According to the Dean of Students, Mr. Christopher Kimuli, this is done at the beginning of every semester to guide new entrants on how to navigate university terrains.

The orientation commenced on Monday, 9th September 2024, featuring addresses from key university officials followed by min-university tours.

Speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University Secretary Prof. Francis Kasekende welcomed the new students and assured them

tendence. "Following the guidelines and attending lectures regularly are crucial for attaining top academic honors," he said. He also elaborated on the university's grading framework, spanning from A to D, and encouraged Hotel Management students to learn German, citing attractive opportunities.

The University Librarian, Madam Florence Ssebaale, emphasized the importance of utilizing the library's resources. "If you come to the library, be intentional. Identify resources that suit your demands, and where there are problems, ask the library assistants for guidance. Our library is fully stocked with books and e-services to meet your academic needs," she advised.

University Accountant Malunda Vincent also addressed the students, highlighting the importance of financial responsibility and planning.

Dr. Anne Abaho, the Dean - School of Social Sciences petitioned students to set realistic academic goals. "There will be times when you will be overwhelmed with tasks, I appeal to you, set goals and avoid situations where you find yourself in a fix."

Dr. Ester Namugumya, Dean of the School of Education, advised students to stay focused and avoid diversionary practices. "We owe you an environment that will propel your academic goals. Stay focused and avoid anything that may deter you from attaining your academic ambitions," she said.

University Secretary, Prof. Francis Kasekende later launched the Nkumba University Annual Trade Bazaar, lauding the Guild Government for organizing the event. The Trade Bazaar, which aims to help new students easily access essential start-up merchandise started on Monday, 5th August 2024 and closed on Sunday, 18th August 2024.

Some of the students during orientation

of an academically enabling environment. "Congratulations on your admission to Nkumba University. We are thrilled to have you join us. As our norm, we will provide you with an environment that cultivates competence, confidence, creativity, and high moral character," he stated.

Nkumba University Academic Registrar, Dr. Frank Pio Kiyingi, urged students to adhere to the guidelines as stipulated in their student code of conduct manual and stressed the significance of regular lecture at-



NKUMBA UNIVERSITY GET TOGETHER

Nkumba University Vice-Chancellor Confirms Plans for South Sudan Campus

Yesterday, nearly 300 South Sudan based former students of Nkumba University convened at Dembesh Hotel in Juba, to reminisce about their heydays while at the higher institution of learning.

The event, attended by friends, family, and university officials, including Vice-Chancellor Professor Jude Lubega and Alumni Association President Mr. Jackson Ssonko, marked a significant step in the direction of the university's expansion plans.

"The unity exhibited here today should be the same effort exerted to enable university management to consider expanding to South Sudan," urged Deng David, a former Master's student in International Relations and Diplomacy.

His sentiment resonated with the gathering, who unanimously endorsed the idea of establishing a Nkumba University campus in South Sudan.

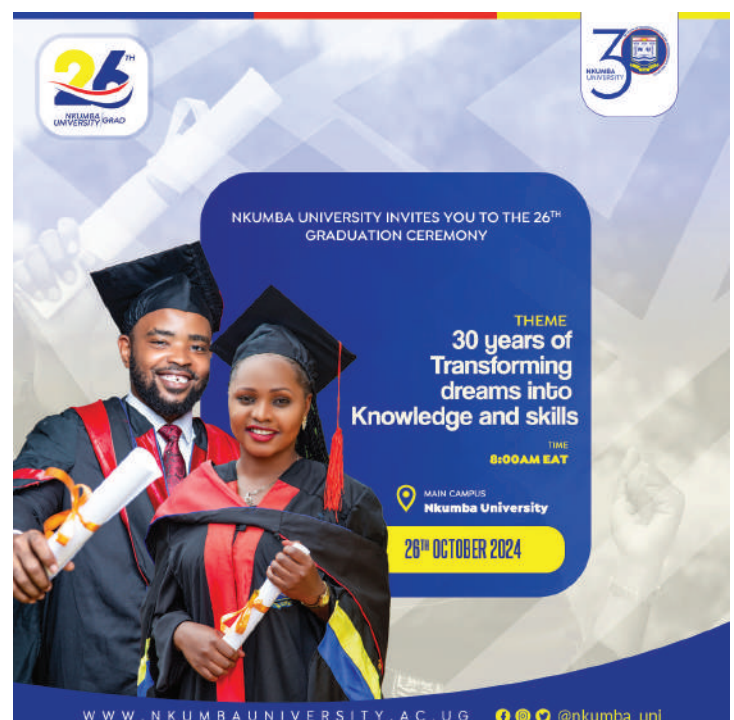
In his address, Professor Jude Lubega revealed that the concept of a South Sudan campus dates back to 2013, when Dr. Anne Abaho and Deng approached him with the proposal. "Deng's appeal to me was to start a campus in South Sudan, and I can now confirm that we are ready to start," he announced, eliciting applause from the audience.

The Vice-Chancellor outlined plans to commence with six programmes leveraging the university's robust ICT infrastructure. "We are moving toward starting a campus here in Juba, and given preliminary research, we will commence virtually with 6 programmes and when

we open a physical campus, we will start with the School of Agriculture, School of Education, and the School of Computing."

The annual gathering of Nkumba University's South Sudan Alumni is a platform for former students to reflect on their academic experiences and explore ways to harness their achievements.

This year's event marked a significant step forward, as the alumni collectively presented their vision for a South Sudan campus to the Vice-Chancellor, who nodded to the call.





Unlocking Research Success: 5 Key Strategies for Undergraduate Students

1. **1. Clearly define your research question:** Ensure your research question is specific, focused, and answerable. This will guide your entire research process and help you stay on track.
2. **Conduct a thorough literature review:** Read and analyze existing research on your topic to identify gaps, debates, and areas for further investigation. This will help you develop a robust theoretical framework and methodology.
3. **Use appropriate data collection and analysis methods:** Choose methods that align with your research question and design. Ensure you collect and analyze data rigorously, using techniques suitable for your study.
4. **Pilot-test your research instruments:** Test your data collection tools (e.g., surveys, interviews) with a small group to ensure they are valid, reliable, and effective.
5. **Maintain meticulous records and documentation:** Keep detailed records of your research process, including data collection, analysis, and findings. This will help you track your progress, ensure transparency, and facilitate replication.

Additionally, consider using multiple sources and triangulation to enhance validity, ensure participant confidentiality and anonymity, Address potential biases and limitations, Stay organized and manage your time effectively, and Seek guidance from your supervisor and peers.

The Research Defense Toolkit: 6 Areas Students Should Be Prepared to Present before the panel.

6. **Research Design and Methodology:** Be able to explain and justify your research design, sampling strategy, data collection methods, and data analysis techniques.
7. **Literature Review and Theoretical Framework:** Demonstrate a clear understanding of the relevant literature, theoretical frameworks, and conceptual underpinnings of your research.
8. **Data Analysis and Results:** Be able to interpret and explain your findings, including any statistical analysis, data visualizations, and results.
9. **Research Limitations and Potential Biases:** Acknowledge and discuss the limitations of your study, potential biases, and areas for future research.
10. **Implications and Applications:** Explain the practical implications and applications of your research, and how it contributes to the field or addresses a real-world problem.
11. **Research Ethics and Validity:** Be prepared to discuss how you ensured the ethical conduct of your research, including participant consent, data privacy, and validity of your methods and findings.

With the above, you will be able to defend your research findings and demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the research project.

New Blood for the Beach Boys: Nkumba University Football Team Holds Trials



As the university Football resumes in August, Nkumba University football team has carried out a three days trials with an aim to boost their camp.

During the university trials that took place on 24th - 27th July 2024, different players were given an opportunity to exhibit their talents in hope to join the university team. "The beach boys"

According to assistant coach Roch Somoka, the trials are aimed at replacing players that are to graduate this year.

"We target to replace the players that are about to graduate in Octo-



ber and I believe we shall be able to get competent players that will play for the university in the coming competitions" he said.

Mr Fred Katambala believes that these trials marks the first preparation stage in their battle to defend the 2024/2025 university football league championship.

"These trials marks the start of the preparations for the 2024/2025 University football league session. And we are hopeful to add in new players in our team.

Many players have turned up for these trials and we are confident we shall manage to recruit the right players that will help us in our flight to retain the trophy we won last season." He said.

He further assured the beach boys fans that he will make sure that the team recruits the highest quality players that match their standard as defending champions.

Apart from the University football league, the beach boys also have to travel to Nigeria to represent Uganda in the African university games and also in Nairobi Kenya.

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