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Honoring the Chancellor. This memorial lecture was attended by different dignitaries from academia, government, business among others and it was held at Mestil hotel. The theme was "Role of Integrity and Resilient Leadership in Managing Transformation." **PAGE, 3,4**



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Cavendish swears-in new guild cabinet



L-R. Mr Medard Nabasa the dean of students, Mr Banabas Ssekawu the new guild president, and Mr Blessed Atwine Mugisha the former guild president shake hands after the swearing-in ceremony at hotel Africana. PHOTO BY IBRA WAKOLI

BY LINDA LOUISE MWESIGWA

A new guild cabinet was sworn-in after the online elections.

The outgoing cabinet led by Mr Blessed Atwine Mugisha handed over the instruments of power to the incoming guild cabinet led by Mr Banabas Ssekawu. The event was held at hotel Africana.

In attendance were Mr. David Mutabanura, the Cavendish University Executive Director, Mr. Medard Nabaasa, the dean of students and his deputy Ms Sunday Asingwire, Mr Jao Tombong the chairperson of the Cavendish Electoral Commission and other honorable guests.

Prof Omolade Olomola the dean of the faculty of law was the chief guest who represented Prof John Mugisha the Vice Chancellor. In her speech, she encouraged students to always keep and maintain a good reputation because it opens doors and various opportunities.

The new regime will have Mr Barnabas Ssekawu a second-year student of Environmental Health Sciences as the guild president. He was unopposed in the race. In his address, he called upon students to work with his government irrespective of their political differences.

He also said that he will run a government of 'student affairs matter' so as to improve the livelihood of all

through Cavendish University."

In the new government, Hon Hillary Bumba a student of Business Administration is the new Vice President and the new speaker of the guild council is Rt. Hon. Mathius Muhumuza a law student who will be deputized by Hon Precious Awilo Mary.

The cabinet's new General Secretary is Mr Moses Serunjogi a student of Journalism and his deputy is Ms Paula Lela Jeremiah a student of Business Administration.

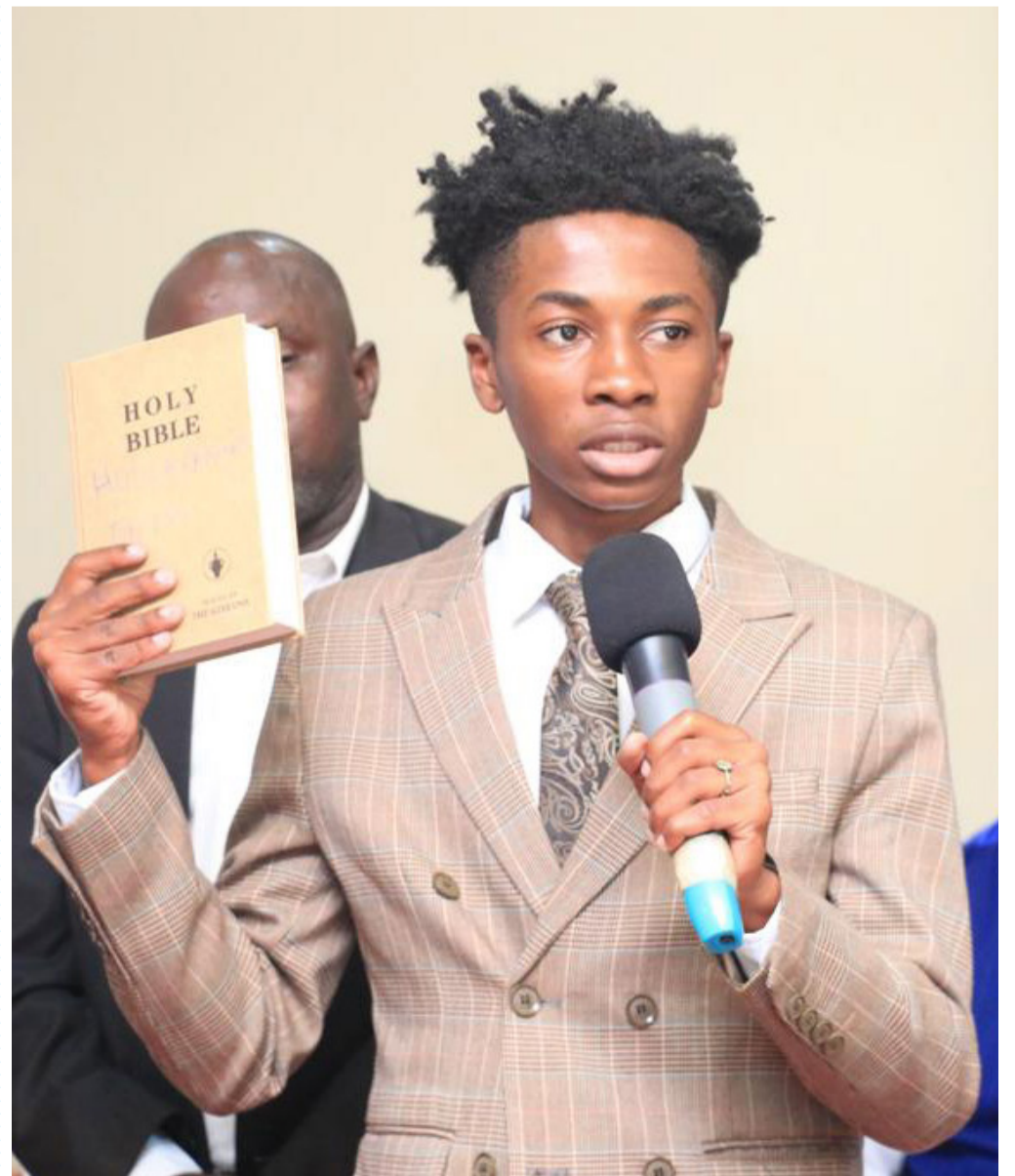
The new guild council will also have Hon Aba Wandjovu Nicaise as the minister for Academic Affairs, Mr Christopher Muwanguzi as the minister for Culture and mobilization, and Ms Hani Abdi as the minister for Foreign Affairs. Others are Mr Matthew Akinwande Segun the minister for Finance and Ms Aleksandra Bozic the minister for Gender, Ethics and Integrity.

The cabinet further comprises of other ministers such as Mr Joseph Zebidaih Sabah the minister of Health, Ms Sharifah Namagoba the minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Mr Mike Ayiko the minister for Post Graduate Student Affairs, Mr Luka Osekeny the minister for Production & Employment and Mr Ernest Musisi the Minister for Student Affairs.

Mr Asher Bakiiza a second-year student of Journalism is the new minister for Information, communication, Re-

search, and Innovation and Mr Innocent Ahumuza the minister for Sports and Games. The cabinet is made up of

14 members. The swearing-in ceremony was held on October 6.



Mr Abba Nicaise takes oath as the minister of Academic Affairs at hotel Africana recently. PHOTO BY IBRA WAKOLI

Cavendish holds Benjamin Mkapa memorial lecture



H.E. Mama Anna Mkapa hands over two books to Prof. John Mugisha during the memorial lecture at Mestil hotel. One of the books was 'My life, My Purpose' the latest book written by H.E. Benjamin Mkapa just before he died. PHOTO BY COLLINS KARUGABA

BY DAVID SSOZI

On November 30, Cavendish University Uganda held the first Benjamin William Mkapa Memorial Lecture.

This inaugural Memorial Lecture was on the theme "Role of Integrity and Resilient Leadership in Managing Transformation." The lecture was attended by different dignitaries from academia, government, business among others and it was held at Mestil

hotel Nsambya, a Kampala suburb.

Over 100 guests attended the physical lecture as thousands watched online since the event was live streamed. In his video prerecorded message to the guests, H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan the CUU Chancellor said that the memorial lecture was primary designed to immortalize the late H.E. Benjamin Mkapa.

"This foundational lecture is a project designed to immortalize our Chancellor who has done so much for Caven-

dish University, his country Tanzania and for Africa. President Mkapa will continue to be remembered for his tremendous work of strengthening Tanzanian democracy and development," said the former Nigerian President H.E. Goodluck Ebele.

He also described the late Benjamin Mkapa as a hero who left a solid foundation others will continue to build on.

"To us Cavendish University Uganda, the late Mkapa was a hero. He left a solid foundation upon which we will join to build a greater future for Cavendish and the continent. His memory will prepare all of us to seek and do more in improving learning and advise the course of humanity," H.E. Goodluck Johnathan added.

Prof. John Francis Mugisha, the Cavendish University Uganda Vice Chancellor said that he had both personal and institutional memories about H.E. Mkapa.

"The experiences and memories I have are both personal and institutional. H.E. Mkapa was a great mentor, planner, father, reformer, passionate leader, an advisor, a role model and down-to-earth man. In spite of his status, he was a personification of purity of the heart, full of good intentions for humanity, concerned about the weak and the suffering," Prof. Mugisha said.

Furthermore, Prof. Mugisha said that H.E. Mkapa helped in transforming of Cavendish University Uganda, making it a competitive institution. "He was transformational, he presided over university restructuring and rationalization of programs to create more efficient operations," Prof. Mugisha said, adding that: "During his term, Cavendish University installed a learning platform in 2017 to get Distance Learning students to study better. The learning platform enabled Cavendish University to transition students to virtual learning when Covid-19 struck the country."

Cavendish University Uganda was among the first two universities to be cleared by the National Council for Higher Education to run online learning and to administer online exams.

During his tenure as the Chancellor, H.E. Mkapa was loved by many staff who worked under him at Cavendish University because he kept a low profile and interacted freely with the staff he could meet. "He always asked to take dinner with Senior Management Team, the faculty deans, and also took time speaking and listening to them," said Prof. Mugisha as he described the personality of H.E. Mkapa.

Having studied in Uganda, H.E. Mkapa did not forget about the friend he had made. He occasionally travelled to Uganda to check on his friends. "He was a man of family and valued friendship. He always travelled with Mama Anna Mkapa and made time to

visit his old university friends of the 1960s," Prof. Mugisha recalled.

Mr. David Mutabanura, the Cavendish University Uganda Executive Director also remembers his personal encounter with H.E. Mkapa and he gives a unique memory of their interactions. "I remember our former Chancellor as a very passionate family man who always travelled with his wife everywhere. I cannot forget the very key encounter that I had with him, his identical firm handshake that he gave me. He was a man who also had causal friends that were kin to him whenever he traveled," Mr. Mutabanura said.

H.E. Mpaka was a great listener, speaker and above all, calm. "He spoke in a way that was very calm, bold and encouraging. I remember in a conversation; he always listened so intently and spoke so passionately. I guess it was because he had studied Journalism and Communication, English, and also practiced as a writer and editor," Mr. Mutabanura recalled.

Besides being highly knowledgeable, a former head of state, significantly down-to-earth, among other attributes, H.E. Mkapa was also an advocate of the female gender representation. "He always looked out for appropriate representation of the female gender and was always keenly interested in the learners and inspired them to remain humble but of value to society even with high educational achievements," said Dr. Olive Sabiiti the Deputy Vice Chancellor.

Her Excellency Mama Anna Mkapa also attended the Memorial Lecture alongside other Tanzanian diplomats in Uganda. In her speech, she said that her late husband H.E. Mkapa loved Cavendish university and devoted his time to serve it.

"I know how much the late H.E. Benjamin Mkapa loved this University and how much he appreciated the opportunity that was given to him to serve and make his contribution to it. While his body is gone, his soul and inspirations remain in the battles he left behind," said the former third first Lady of Tanzania, H.E. Mama Anna Mkapa.

"H.E. Benjamin Mkapa was the epitome of moral change, his deep convictions driving him to do what he knew was right to be despite the risks associated with transformation including unpopularity in the political sphere," said Ambassador Ombeni Sefue, Chair Uongozi and Tanzanian Diplomat, the Keynote Speaker of this inaugural memorial lecture.

He also said that H.E. Mkapa provided a global ethical leadership amidst challenges. He was a good leader who denounced corruption in his own country and in Africa at large.

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EDITORIAL

Why the Benjamin Mkapa memorial lecture is important

Holding the Benjamin Mkapa memorial lecture will provide a forum for dynamic academic debates and the exchange of ideas in academia, democracy, economics, ethics, research and innovations among others.

Having served at different positions in and out of Tanzania, H.E Mkapa's legacy is worth celebrating.

He was an administrative officer in Dodoma and the Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education. Mkapa was the head of the Tanzanian mission to Canada in 1982 and to the United States in 1983–84. He was the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1977 to 1980 and again from 1984 to 1990.

In 1995, Mkapa was elected as president based on a popular anti-corruption campaign and the strong support of former president Julius Nyerere.

Mkapa's anti-corruption efforts included creation of an open forum called the Presidential Commission on Corruption (Warioba Commission) and increased support for the Prevention of Corruption Bureau. His second five-year term of office as president ended in December 2005.

During this term in office, Mkapa privatized state-owned corporations and instituted free market policies. His supporters argued that attracting foreign investment would promote economic growth. His policies won the support of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and resulted in the cancellation of some of Tanzania's foreign debts.

Therefore, a legacy of such a great man should not be left to die. Many people learnt from his leadership and many more people will still learn from his leadership through these continuous memorial lectures.

Cavendish holds Benjamin Mkapa memorial lecture

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“We live in a period of ethical challenges in politics, governance, business and no country is immune, no country is spotlessly clean but Mkapa showed that even in the context of this global and moral abasement scenario, it is still possible to provide ethical leadership,” Ambassador Ombeni added.

He also described H.E Benjamin Mkapa as a teacher who wanted people to follow him on a transformation journey not because they are fearful of him but rather because

they trusted him and he earned their trust.

In his leadership as the head of state, H.E Benjamin Mkapa disproved the notion that politics has to be a dirty game. He hated the cult of personality refusing to be called a ‘Mtukufe’ (exalted person) or have his picture in the national currency, thereby earning the people's trust in his sight.

The key invited guests included Professors from Uganda and Diplomats from Tanzania; Her Excellency Mama Anna Mkapa, Ambassador Ombeni Sefue – Board Chairman Uongozi Institute Tanzania, Dr. Aziz

Ponary Mlima – High Commissioner of the Republic of Tanzania, Prof Tarsis Kabwegyere, Prof. Paul Mugambi - Executive Director, Uganda Vice Chancellor's Forum, Prof. Mouhammad Mpezamihigo–Vice Chancellor Kampala International University, Prof. Rose Nanyonga – Clerk International University, Prof. Eddie Tukamushaba – Uganda Technology and Management University, Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha-Vice-Chancellor, Bishop Stuart University, Dr. Balaam Mugisha Guests from St. Augustine university of Tanzania among others.

Who was H.E Benjamin Mkapa?



His Excellency Mkapa was born on November 12, 1938. He served as the 3rd President of the United Republic of Tanzania for a decade from 1995 to 2005. He was also Chairman of the Revolutionary State Political Party Chama Cha Mapinduzi, CCM).

H.E Mkapa graduated from Makerere University in Uganda in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and went on to study at Columbia University, where he earned a Master's Degree in International Affairs.

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He led the Tanzanian mission to Canada in the year 1982 and the United States of America from 1983 to 1984.

He started his work as the Cavendish University Uganda's second Chancellor after Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the former President of the Republic

of Zambia. In December 5, 2014 in an event presided over by the chancellor of Makerere University by then, Professor George Mondo Kagonyera, his Excellency Mkapa took up the significant role in the development and strengthening of Cavendish University Uganda's Academic model, teaching and the learning way of life.

He served for six years as the University Chancellor. H. E. Benjamin Mkapa died on July 24, 2020 after a short illness at a hospital in Dar-es-Salaam where he was receiving treatment at the age of 81 years and was laid to rest in his hometown of Lupaso, Masasi.

The memory of his passion and achievements will remain an inspiration to all who continue in the struggle to achieve a better life through education.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

Mental health: The growing public health burden in Uganda



A student shares mental health problems with a counsellor. INTERNET PHOTO

BY RASHID BAKKABULINDI

On July 2021, Ms Christine Kayeesu a residents of Kampala city aged 29 was found along Kampala Road speaking un-coordinating words and loudly singing. She was all stained, very dirty and wearing rugged clothes.

She was rescued by Mental Health Uganda, an indigenous nongovernment organization based in Lungujja a Kampala suburb. Although Ms Kayeesu was not in her right state of mental order, she was able to at least understand when talked to.

The organization proposed to take her to one of their three 'satellite' rehabilitation centers, either at Mental Health Uganda secretariat, Kiswa Health Center III or Komamboga Health Center IV.

Ms Kayeesu refused but rather proposed to be taken to her friend's home at Bwaise, a Kampala suburb.

The organization accepted to take her to Bwaise but frequently offered counselling services. After seven weeks, Ms Kayeesu was back to her normal state of mind. She had lost her small job during Covid 19 and she was no longer able to meet cost the living.

After recovery, the organization enrolled her to vocational training which is usually for their resettled clients.

She is now self-employed, making liquid soap and able to earn at least Shs. 80,000 every week. She is one of the few Ugandans openly willing to share their stories.

Why mental health is a concern

Mental health is the pivot of human life. However, despite its importance, it is often the least prioritized amongst health conditions in many third world countries. In 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) published that close to one billion people globally have a mental disorder.

Countries like Uganda where disease, ignorance, and poverty are common, a demand for a steadfast mental healthcare can seem a luxury, thus being neglected by the government. According to the WHO, Uganda ranks among the top six countries in Africa with high rates of depressive disorders.

What is mental health?

According to American Psychological Association (APA), mental health is defined as an active state of mind which enables a person to use their abilities in coordination with the common human tenets of society.

Dr. Kenneth Kalani a Psychiatrist and a Coordinator of Mental Health Services at the Ministry of Health says that mental illness are conditions that

majorly affect the brain and interrupts the way we feel, think, and communicate together with the way we behave.

In May, the Ministry of Health and Uganda Counseling Association released a report indicating that at least 14 million Ugandans had reported acute conditions of mental illnesses to health facilities.

The report further showed that every 35 out of 100 Ugandans are battling a mental health problem of which 15 percent of these cases require urgent treatment. Women are the most affected with 5.1 percent as compared to 3.6 percent effect on men.

Common types of mental disorders in Uganda

Dr. Kalani says that depression is one of the common major types of mental disorder in Uganda. He says that depression is a mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest. "It affects how you feel, think, behave and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems," said Dr. Kalani.

Dr. Kalani also added that anxiety is another type of mental disorder. "This is a kind of mental illness that comes with excessive fear and worry about problems of everyday life characterized by significant feelings of anxiety and fear," he said.

As a mental health expert, Dr. Kalani also noted that there are many other types of mental disorders, including; autism spectrum disorders found in children, attention deficit disorder, psychotic disorders, bipolar disorders, personality disorders, and eating disorders among others.

Common causes of mental disorders

According to Ms Elizabeth Okello, a Counseling Psychologist and President of Uganda Counseling Association, poverty is one of the major triggers of mental disorders in Uganda. "We have got people in Uganda living below the poverty line and they are struggling to make ends meet," she said in a telephone interview.

Dr. Kalani attributes mental health disorders to high alcohol consumption, a reason that Ms Okello agrees with. "Uganda is being ranked among the top African countries with high alcohol consumption. These are interlinked with depression and anxiety," he said.

In addition, Ms Okello also said that: "As people drink more, the impact on their brain function increases. And re-

gardless of the mood they are in, with increasing alcohol consumption, it is possible that negative emotions will take over, leading to a negative impact on mental health."

Furthermore, Ms Okello added that Covid 19 pandemic worsened the problems of mental health. "The pandemic brought many changes on how Ugandans lived, bringing uncertainty, financial pressures, social isolations among others," she recalls. "During the pandemic, people could experience stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness, she said.

Effects of mental health disorder

Dr Kalani said that mental health problems can cause people to be alienated from their peers due to perceived unattractive personality traits or behaviors.

"They can also cause anger, fear, sadness and feelings of helplessness if the person does not know or understand what is happening, Dr. Kalani said.

"It may even lead to suicidal tendencies in most cases as the affected ones look at death as an alternative to end their lives," Dr. Kalani added.

Prescribed treatments

According to Dr. Moses Ssenkubuge, a Clinical Psychiatrist at the Centre for Disease Control, different medications are prescribed depending on the disorder. "Antidepressants such as Paxil, Zoloft, Prozac and a variety of SSRIs, SNRIs and MAOIs, for example, can be used to treat depression," Dr. Ssenkubuge said in a telephone interview.

"Mood stabilizers such as lithium tablets are used to treat bipolar disorders just as anticonvulsants like Depakote, Dr. Ssenkubuge added.

He also recommends Antipsychotics like Chloromazine, Haloperidol, Clozapine and Ziprasidone for the treatment of Schizophrenia or psychotic depression together with those who lost contact with the reality. "Fluoxetine and Sentaline are also used as anti-depressants because they are somehow cheap," Dr. Ssenkubuge advised.

For addiction treatment, Dr. Ssenkubuge recommends Naltrexone or Buprenorphine.

"Some of the most well-known medications that are used during addiction treatment are Naltrexone or Buprenorphine," Dr. Ssenkubuge said.

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The growing burden of mental health problems in Uganda

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He also added that: “These prescriptions are integral part of the fight against drug addiction and use. Methadon can be used also to treat those affected from alcohol addiction putting into consideration the medication side effects if not properly used.

Way forward

Ms Okello suggests that there is need for licensing of professional counseling organizations in Uganda. “We are crying out loud that the government should come and support the licensing to ensure that we can get that mandate or authority enabling us to deliver our core and embracing the professional

counseling at large,” she Okello said.

She also added that: “We are waiting for that moment where the bill will be passed such that we can have professional mental health teachers in schools, churches, mosques, all healthy center facilities, institutions of higher learning, all social service centers like the children’s homes among others,” a suggestion that Ms Geraldine Kauma, the Communications Officer at Mental Health Uganda agrees with.

“At district level, there should be a line budget that focuses on mental health such that mental health can be prioritized just like maternal health and HIV/AIDS,” Ms. Kauma suggested during a physical interview with

this reporter at Mental Health Uganda head offices. She also added that: “If there is no budget line on mental health, there is no way people are going to put emphasis on it.”

However, Dr Kalani calls for popularization of mental health in the country. “Let’s popularize it and let’s all become mental health advocates out there. Let’s talk about mental health such that we normalize the talk just like we did with HIV/AIDS,” Dr. Kalani suggested.

How to stay mentally healthy

Dr. Kalani recommends the following practices as the best ways of staying mentally healthy; - “Avoid use of alcohol or substances to cope. Once

someone has a problem, he or she should bring in the habit of sharing. Once you talk about a problem, you start to heal. Thus, sharing is caring. A problem shared is halved sometimes. If you refer to keeping quiet, you find yourself resorting to taking alcohol as a means of dealing with the problem.”

“Know your limits through drawing realistic targets as we are all different. We should learn to say no as it is part of self-care rather than being selfish, Dr. Kalani recommends.

He further adds that people should build social cycles by having friends. “Building social cycles by having friends is important because one person can notice that your behaviors are changing and will reach out to support you,” Dr. Kalani said.

Nnagadya returns to work after multiple surgeries



BY LINDA LOUISE MWESIGWA

On March 6, Ms Sumayah Nnagadya, a lecturer of Journalism while on her way home, was involved in a motor accident that left her with various bruises and permanent body injuries. “It was a normal day,” she says when she woke up and

went for her daily activities.

On her way back in the evening, things changed. She boarded a motorcycle commonly known as ‘boda-boda’ but little did she know that she would end up in the gang of boda-boda thieves along Sentema road, Namungoona a Kampala suburb.

The memory of that fateful night is quite blurry; however, she remembers waking up in the hospital bed in deep pain as the nurses and doctors attended to her injuries.

It was the most shocking and heart-breaking thing she had encountered and still can’t come up with clear words to describe it. She cannot fully recall how she got to the hospital but she partially remembers being driven to the hospital by a Good Samaritan who found her dumped in the middle of the road.

Her right leg was fractured multiple times, one of her ribs too got a fracture and her bum. “I cried like baby day and night because the pain was too much,” she told handful of journalism students who had visited her at her home.

“I could cry loudly whenever a doctor entered my ward, wanting to run away but I could not. I saw people dying in the hospital every time,” she narrates as she sobs.

It was a tough moment while at Mulago hospital. Every day was a battle to strive to get better and she had to learn how to trust her doctors, their judgment, advices, and counseling in order to quickly recover.

“Cavendish university has been of great support to me. The university offered me financial support. Some of the staff and students regularly paid me visits even when I was in the hospital,” she recalls. She also added that the university’s system of blended learning was very good because she could sometimes teach online when she resumed work this semester.

Ms Nnagadya resumed work in September. In that month, the second-year students of journalism surprised her when they made a cake, bought sodas and cut the cake with her. They also presented an envelope with little money to her.

“The surprise party made me speechless, and I couldn’t believe the love

that the students showed me,” she said with a deep smile.

A staunch believer and practitioner of Islam, Ms Nnagadya said she is alive because of God. She said that God can make a way, even where seems to be no way. She attributes her recovery to the Almighty Allah, good doctors and the love from my family, friends, and support from Cavendish University Uganda.

“I want to greatly thank the Almighty God, the institution of Cavendish and the students that welcomed me back with open arms, supported me financially, physically, and mentally,” she said.

Ms Nnagadia also credits the social media app TikTok for keeping her entertained while in the hospital. “I didn’t know about these social media things but while I was admitted in the hospital, I was introduced to them and I liked them. I liked the funny videos because they could force me to laugh and they killed my boredom,” she said.

Undergoing physiotherapy has helped her start walking again. She is currently unable to walk on her own but uses crutches that aid her movements.

For now, her main goal is to recover. However, in the future, Ms Nnagadya dreams of attaining a PhD in Mass Communication or Journalism, naming people like Prof. John Mugisha the CUU Vice Chancellor and Dr. Olive Sibiiti the Deputy Vice Chancellor as her academic role models.

She also advises her students to seek opportunities to further their education especially those with the dream of teaching.

Despite all the recovery process made, Ms Nnagadya still has surgeries to undergo since the doctors have to remove the implants placed in her leg. However, she says that this doesn’t scare her anymore.



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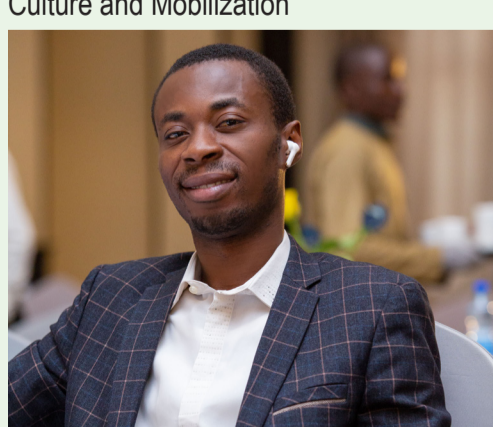
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Meet Barnaba Ssekawu, the new guild president



Having been sworn-in as the 14th guild president of Cavendish University Uganda, Mr Barnabas Ssekawu is determined to serve the students more than other former guild presidents. **Asher Bakiiza** had a one-on-one interview with Mr. Ssekawu and here are the excerpts.

Tell us about yourself

I am Barnabas Ssekawu. Am a medic by profession and registered by The Allied Professions Council. Let me start with my education background. I started my education journey at Namugongo Boys Primary School, a Catholic school and later joined Kiwangu Umea Primary School, a Muslim where I sat for my Primary seven.

I later joined St. Mary's SS Namugongo for my Ordinary Level and in 2013, I was able to sit for my Uganda Certificate Education (UCE). Later on, I joined St. Lawrence SS Sonde for A Level.

After this, I was able to join Medicare Health Professions College Medical School Mengo for a Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Community Health.

In 2021, I enrolled for my Bache-

lor's Degree in Environmental Health Sciences at Cavendish University Uganda. And as of now, am in my second year, second semester. I am also a Youth Chairman in Namugongo and a Councillor in Namugongo Municipality.

What inspired you to join Cavendish university and its Leadership?

Cavendish is one of the universities that have various cultures that make it interesting to join.

It really doesn't require me to go to those particular countries so as to know all that is there, but having different interactions with international students helps me have a good experience, unity and diversity with other students.

How did you become the Guild President?

I longed so much to attain a platform that would help serve and cause an impact on various students regardless of their origin and status.

I happen to get this dream of serving before even joining Cavendish. To take you aback, when Emeritus Mr Blessed Atwine Mugisha was voted

into power in June 2021, I had the zeal and desire to join the race but I came in late due to the inability of achieving the standard requirements that were needed.

That helped me reach the point of becoming much more resilient, passionate and zealous to all that would be required to successfully work out the dream that I had at some point. Indeed, I thank the students that gave a hand in driving me to the right direction of later becoming their leader.

What did ELCOM consider to clear you for the guild race?

One should be a fully registered student of Cavendish University and with a CGPA of at least 3.0 to prove that one has a good intellectual stand.

An aspirant or candidate in this line should have paid an effective percentage on his/her tuition including a registration fee of Shs. 250,000 to the Electoral Commission of Cavendish University 2022 (ELCOM 2022).

What inspired you to join the guild race?

My goal has always been to impact various students through servant leadership, and with this, I believe that 'I am because you are.' In this same spirit of "Ubuntu", I find it wrong to see something inappropriate going on and I move on with it, but rather I stand up to speak up or act where need be.

For example, I managed to realise that information dissemination and communication at all levels of administration to different Cavendish students is a great challenge. So, I felt like it would be much more important to come up as a leader that can be able to bridge such gaps or provide effective solutions where need be.

What does your PASSI manifesto stand for?

I managed to come up with a manifesto abbreviated as 'PASSI.'

P stands for Policy Review and Promotion of talents for the good of students. This is the time where I and my team highlight out and put all the important policies into great consideration and monitoring for the good of the students and the university at

large.

It's really bad for one to hold onto a notion of education as the only key to success in life. Very many people have fallen into the ocean of success just because of the various talents they possess. It's my team's capability to fully give a hand where need be to students so as to make these productive uplifts.

A stands for accountability, and here am looking at accountability of guild fees in a transparent way. Many if not all the students pay for guild fees but have never even been clearly notified on the value of this money.

S represents sustainable service delivery. The main objective of student leaders is to help bridge the gap between students and the university administration which helps in timely responses to both parties for the purposes of conformity and ability of having a peaceful mood of work.

In this same regard, we are looking at forming an APP that is to help students bring forward all that might be troubling them or any issue, and it will be in our modest power to positively react to them accordingly.

Lastly, S stands for student security both on and off campus. The guild is to help lay a good hand in ensuring that students' property is safely monitored while on the campus premises.

It came to my notice that, my fellow students go an extra mile of facing some insecurities off campus. I believe if we give them attention and get to hear out there burning issues that can be solved or handled out, they can be fully helped out.

How do you think Cavendish University students can help your government to achieve your goals?

I humbly request all the students to take the guild as part of them and most importantly, a full team that is there to serve them.

The guild is the mirror of your concerns and if you don't look into it, we shall be away. I also urge them to participate in all the activities that the guild is able to organise since they are all set in the interest of the student's body at large.

