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Giving back to communities. On September 30, Cavendish University Uganda engaged in cleaning and treating patients in the surrounding communities in what was dubbed "2nd Annual Community Health Day." FULL STORY P.3



Cavendish university students, staff clean the areas of Kasule zone, Water pump zone, Nsereko zone and Kirombe zone during the 2nd Annual Community Health Day. Over two hundred students participated in this year's Community Health Day. PHOTO BY MOSES SERUNJOGI

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# Cavendish students launch Nkobazambogo



New Nkobazambogo Students' Association leaders pose for a photo with Mr Robert Sserwanga (clad in suiet) and Mr Medard Nabaasa the Dean of Students (4th right). Photo by CONSTANCE DRIBERAYO

BY SAMUEL JAMES

The Baganda students at Cavendish University have launched the Nkobazambogo Association.

The launching follows an advice by the Prime Minister of Buganda Mr Charles Peter Mayiga to the students during their visit to the Buganda parliament on May 10.

"Cavendish is an international university with diverse cultures. It's better that you Baganda students establish an association in which you would unite as Baganda," Mr Mayiga

told the students.

The launch of the association took place at Cavendish University main campus at Nsambya. The event was presided over by Mr Robert Sserwanga the Minister for Youth and sports in Buganda Parliament who represented the Prime Minister of Buganda Kingdom.

"The Cavendish Nkobazambogo Association will be the 233rd association to be launched in schools, colleges and universities in Uganda," said Mr Sserwanga.

"Cease the opportunity with dedica-

tion and enthusiasm because you are the future and the world awaits your contributions," Dr Olive Sabiiti the Deputy Vice Chancellor told the new leaders. She also added that: "For the person to be successful, one needs to embrace the 4Cs-Creativity, Communication, Critical thinking and Collaborations."

Nkobazambogo Association is meant to bring students together for a common goal to grow their talents, groom young people to become good leaders who engage in community activities within Buganda region and the neighborhood.

With recommendations and certificates from Nkobazambogo Students' Association, students will be able to get internships, from Buganda Kingdom, Mr Sserwanga said.

The association welcomes all nationalities within the university to show them that Buganda Kingdom is welcoming.

Over 100 students, both female and male attended this launch, clad in Gomasi and Kanzus-the Baganda cultural wear.

Mr Andoniyas Lubowa was swornin as the first chairperson for the Cavendish University Nkobazambogo Association. He will work with a cabinet of 19 people.

"The main objectives for launching the association are; promoting Student's talents through cultural galas, promoting discipline amongst students of Cavendish University among others," said Mr Lubowa.

Asked why it took long to have Nko-bazambogo association at CUU, Mr Lubowa said that there has not been any connection between the Kingdom of Buganda and the University. "However, when CUU students visited the Kingdom in May, the Prime Minister proposed the idea of launching Nkobazambogo Students' Association at Cavendish University," Mr Lubowa said

Ms Sumayah Nnagadya a lecturer at Cavendish University says she is excited with the launch of Nkobazambogo Students Association at the University because it will help foreign students learn about the vibrant Baganda culture and she also hopes that the Baganda themselves will learn more about their norms and values.

# Cavendish gets new Guild President

BY PATRICIA KIHUNDE

n October 3, Cavendish University Uganda went on polls to elect a new guild president for the academic year 2023/2024. Prior to that day, the electoral commission had organised a public debate for all the aspiring candidates on the topic, "The role of higher education in fostering ethical leadership skills and employability." This debate was to help the electorate decide between the candidates. The guild race attracted only two candidates, Mr Brian Aruho, a third-year student of law and Mr Doo Wan Kinumbe, a second-year student Information technology.

The debate was moderated by Ms Elizabeth Namakula a lecturer and Dr Alone Kimwise, dean of the faculty of Science and Technology.

The university first held online elections on September 25, but the process ended prematurely because of technical hitches, forcing the university to organise for a physical election on October 3. The physical elections took place at the Law faculty in Acacia, Kamwokya and at the Kingsgate mall, Kabalagala. Mr Nameer Bappah, the electoral commission chairman declared Mr Brian Aruho winner, making him the 15th CUU guild president. Mr Aruho garnered 334 votes against Mr Kinumbe's 287 votes. The voter turnup was generally low compared to the other years.

Mr Kinumbe disputed the results of

the elections saying it was not free and fair. "This election wasn't fair, since there is no enough proof that the votes casted at the law faculty were accurate. The only thing I wanted was to double check on the results but I have not had access," Mr Kinumbe said.

"The election process was unsatisfying for lacking adequate transparency. We would have accepted any of the candidates as the winner but what we wanted was transparency," said a second-year student of Business Administration who preferred not to be named.

However, Ms Swaburah Nalutaaya a first-year student of Business Administration who participated in the tallying of elections said that the process was transparent and smooth.

When asked to comment about his win, Mr Aruho said that he was happy about the results because the students put their trust in him. "The students trusted me because I had the best agenda. As I said, this was a revolution that was all inclusive for students," he

said. "The next thing I have is to deliver what I promised the students," Mr Aruho added.

Mr Barnabas Ssekawu, the outgoing guild president said: "Our generational role is to find ethical leaders.



BY PENINAH NAMARA

On September 30, Cavendish University Uganda engaged in cleaning and treating patients in the surrounding communities in what was dubbed "2nd Annual Community Health Day." This is the second activity of the kind having held the first one in 2019. This year's theme was, "Health for All - University Action for improving urban Health." Over two hundred students participated in this year's community health day.

The day started with a procession led by Prof John Mugisha the Vice Chancellor and Mr David Mutabanura the Cavendish University Executive Director. The team of senior directors, staff and students matched from the University main campus to Nsambya Kirombe playground where the health camp was set.

At the camp, the health team comprising of medical personnel from Kirundu hospital and CUU public health students attended to the local people. They assessed non-communicable diseases, took Body Mass Index (BMI), donated blood among others. The rest of the students and staff engaged in cleaning the areas of Kasule zone, Water pump zone, Nsereko zone and Kirombe zone.

In attendance were community leaders like Mr Ronald Nakabale the Lukuli C Councilor, Mr Paul Kato the Lord Councilor at KCCA, Mr Isa Nkumbwa the Buganda kingdom representative, and Mr John Bosco Ssesanga who is also a local community leader among others.

# Cavendish cleans neighbouring communities, treats patients



A health officer from Kirudu hospital attends to patients during the Cavendish university Community Health Day. On that day, many community members turned up for medical checkups and treatments. PHOTO BY ASHER BAKIIZA

Ms Rose Nakakande the Lukuli parish health officer thanked Cavendish university for organizing this health day. "We are very happy that Cavendish university organized such a big event. I am happy that the university started with a community sanitation and ended with treating people which gave us hope."

Mr Paul Kato another community leader said: "I want to thank Cavendish university for this important community outreach. I want to thank

the University for thinking about us and I hope you continue doing the same."

A Land lord at Kasule zone who only identified himself as Musinguzi said: "I have been here for almost thirty years now yet we have many universities around but Cavendish is the first one I have seen doing this."

Mr Frederick Kizito the LC I Chairman of Kasule zone suggested that the university organizes for a health education seminar to sensitize the local

community because most people are not aware of many diseases in their community.

Mr David Mutabanura the CUU Executive Director said that academic institutions should go beyond teaching to reaching out communities: "We are better known for facilitating teaching, learning and research as a university, but universities should go beyond that and engage communities to be aware of their rights and obligations as citizens to drive civilization."

#### Promote health through community engagements, Dr Kabanda tells universities



Dr Richard Kabanda giving a speech during the event. PHOTO BY ASHER BAKIIZA

BY ROMINET ARIGANYIRA

Prevention at the Ministry of Health has called upon universities and other institutions of higher learning to pro-

mote health, environmental sustainability through community engagement.

He made these remarks on September 30 at the Cavendish university 2nd Annual Community Health Day where he was the chief guest.

"Having many universities and institutions of higher learning engage in community sensitization and awareness in different areas can improve the communities' health and waste management, "Dr Kabanda said.

According to Dr Kabanda, the event organized by Cavendish university falls under the two core areas of the ministry of health, prevention and promotive services.

"We do not have academic institutions engage in health and we thank Cavendish University for this initiative aimed at sensitizing the community," Dr Kabanda added.

The theme for this year's community health day was, "Health for All -University Action on Urban Health." Speaking on that day, Prof John Fran-

cis Mugisha the Cavendish university Vice Chancellor said that the university management wanted to give back to the community. "We wanted the university to be able to give back to the community. The old idea of looking at the university as an ivory tower doesn't resonate with us as at CUU," Prof Mugisha said.

"We thought of how the university can benefit the immediate neighborhood and that is how we came up with the community health day to bring all people together, hoping to interface with the community and talk about health promotion activities, health education and work out strategies to improve the urban setting," Prof Mugi-

Dr Kabanda promised that the Ministry of Health is committed to work with the university to make sure that this community health programme is institutionalized.

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At the camp, the health team comprising of medical personnel from Kirundu hospital, CUU public health lecturers, and students treated the local community residents. The Cavendish university team also donated blood and cleaned the areas of Kasule zone, Water pump zone, Nsereko zone and Kirombe zone.

#### EDITORIAL

# Why universities need community engagements

With the rise in deepening and expanding public engagement globally, the importance of community engagement has become pivotal for well-functioning, twenty-first century democracies.

Constructive relationships between communities and the institutions of government make community engagement not only desirable, but necessary and viable as it is likely to lead to more equitable, sustainable public decisions and improve the lives of the local communities. This is why community engagement is important for individuals, public organizations, and governments alike.

By giving back to the community, learning institutions must take an active role in community development, help community members succeed, and help foster a deeper sense of unity.

Deeper ties with surrounding communities foster stronger community ties and this, in turn, can help build stronger consumer bases.

The major reason why community involvement should be a priority in organization's list of business to-dos is that it puts a human face to organizations and brings it out there, where it is most visible to consumers.

It makes make organizations visible, allows people to get to know the brand, product, or maked the right informed decision, and helps the organization create a reliable, trustworthy, and generous business image.



### Cavendish empowers, links students to employers

BY CONSTANCE DRIBERAYO

Cavendish University Uganda is dedicated to equip her students with the skills and knowledge needed in the job market. With a firm commitment to employment, entrepreneurship, and ethical leadership, the University strives to ensure that her graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of the job market.

According to Bernard Ochan, the Careers and Employability Officer at Cavendish University Uganda, the institution goes above and beyond to assist students in their career journeys.

Through a range of initiatives, they provide valuable support and guidance to help students navigate the complexities of the job market.

The university does this through hosting a range of events aimed at improving students' personal and professional growth. These include orientation sessions tailored to first, second, and third-year students, ensuring they have a seamless transition into each academic phase.

Furthermore, second-year students benefit from a specialized Internship Preparation program, known as Intern Prep, which equips them with the necessary skills and knowledge before embarking on their internships.

Another noteworthy event organized by the university is Employability Festival (EmpFest), which embraces all students across the campus.

This festival serves as a beacon, illuminating the vast array of career paths available to students. It provides them with vital insights into different industries and professions, empowering them to make well-informed decisions about their future endeavors.

In addition to these events, Cavendish University takes an active role in recommending its students for various job opportunities in the market.

By forging connections with potential employers, the university creates a valuable bridge between her ambitious students wand the professional world, facilitating meaningful employment prospects.

Through these initiatives, Cavendish University truly demonstrates her commitment to nurturing the holistic development and success of its student body.

To further enhance communication and job-seeking efforts, Cavendish University has created a dedicated WhatsApp group. This platform serves as a valuable resource for students and alumni, as job advertisements are shared every Tuesday.

It is an inclusive space that fosters collaboration and enables students to



Mr. Bernard Ochan, Careers and Employability Officer at Cavendish University

stay updated on the latest job openings.

However, Cavendish University's commitment to student employability would not be possible without the collaboration of her valued partners.

The employability office has formed partnerships with organizations such as Brighter Monday Uganda, NFT Consult, Federation of Uganda Employers, TRADCO Services, Goldstone Enterprises and Consulting, Raise of Hope Hospice Jinja, and Side B Partners, Huawei etc.

These partnerships provide fellowship programs and internship opportunities that further enhance the employability of Cavendish University students.

Sadly, the university's efforts to support students in their job search are under threat from unscrupulous scammers. These individuals take advantage of desperate students by falsely claim-

offering false job opportunities.

To address this issue, Mr Ochan emphasizes that the employabili-

ing to represent the institution and

emphasizes that the employability office and the dean students are the sole authorities responsible for providing genuine opportunities to students.

They communicate these opportunities exclusively through official school emails.

Therefore, it is crucial for students to exercise caution and be suspicious of any external calls or communications claiming to be from the university administration. These fraudulent activities are attempts to deceive and exploit students for personal gain.

Mr Ochan strongly emphasizes that all job opportunities offered by organizations are thoroughly vetted by the employability office before being shared with the students.

The Cavendish University's unwavering commitment to empowering her students in employability is evident through her comprehensive support system.

By organizing informative events, recommending students for job opportunities, and maintaining a dedicated communication channel, the university strives to ensure that her graduates enter the job market with confidence and competence.





Prof. John Mugisha the Vice-Chancellor Flags off the 2nd Annual Community Health Day. Photo by ASHER BAKIIZA



Cavendish students marching during the 2nd CUU Annual Community Health Day. They matched from Cavendish university main campus to Nsambya playground.



CUU staff, non-staff and students head to Lukuli-Kilrombe Zone for the cleanup



Mr. David Mutabanura, Executive Director was also present.



Dr. Richard Kabanda, the guest of honor giving his speech



Cavendish students collect rubbish around Nsambya Playground



Prof. John Mugisha preparing to test his Body Mass Index (BMI)



David Mutabanura, Executive Director tests for blood pressure



Cuu student donates blood during the event



Students cleaning roads at Nsereko zone



Cavendish university staff and students pose for a photo with the local community members after the community cleanups.



A local community member donates blood



The proccurement officer carries rubbish to the collection point



These ladies did not miss out



he sound of the trumpet as students match to the communities.



Nsambya Primary School band did a good job that day.

# Cavendish students trained on child protection



Cavendish university students attend a training on child protection on October 14. Photo by ASHER BAKIIZA

BY ASHER BAKIIZA

On October 14, Cavendish university students were trained on child protection. This training was conducted by the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU), an organization that brings together professional Social Workers in Uganda, Social Work Teaching Institutions and Social Work Agencies.

The training covered the general protection aspects, with a particular focus on ISPIRE global package for child protection.

Child protection being a cross cutting area for social science course and with increased physical, sexual, and emotional violence against children in our communities today, NASWU found it necessary to hold this child protection training at Cavendish University to enable students and staff gain deeper insight and practical skills on child protection.

INSPIRE is based on seven technical strategies of ending violence against children. It is an acronym. I stands for implementation and enforcement of laws; N for norms and values; S for safe environment; P for parent and caregiver support; I for income and economic strengthening; R for response and support services; and E for Education and life skills.

INSPIRE technical package highlights an analysis of nationally representative survey data on the prevalence of violence against children in 96 countries and it estimates that 1 billion children globally – over half of all children aged 2–17 years – have experienced emotional, physical or sexual violence in the past year.

Despite its high prevalence, violence against children is often hidden, unseen or under-reported. Its hidden nature is well documented – for example, a meta-analysis of global data finds self-reported child sexual abuse 30 times higher and physical abuse 75 times higher than official reports

would suggest.

Exposure to violence at an early age can impair brain development and damage other parts of the nervous system, as well as the endocrine, circulatory, musculoskeletal, reproductive, respiratory and immune systems, with lifelong consequences.

INSPIRE technical package is a globally tested technical package for everyone committed to preventing and responding to violence against children and adolescents from government to grassroots including civil society and the private sector.

Asked why the organization organized for this training, Mr John Mary Ssekate National Coordinator NAS-WU said it was meant to increase public knowledge on child protection: "To enhance students' knowledge, appreciation and utilization of the INSPIRE technical package for the wellbeing of children in different contexts to better protect children against violence in families, schools and communities," Mr Ssekate said.

At the end of the training, students received Advanced Certificates in Child Protection based on INSPIRE tool.



Mr John Mary Ssekate, National Coordinator NASWU delivering his presentation.

### Cavendish staff, students sensitize communities on domestic violence

BY TEOPISTA NAMUWAYA

Cavendish university law students, staff together with the Women Probono Initiative, a legal aid organization providing access to justice, sexual reproductive health and rights of women carried out a street campaign against domestic violence.

The street campaign involved movement of administrators and students to neighboring areas of Nsambya and Kabalagala where they interacted with the community, sensitizing them about the need to speak up and report cases of domestic violence. The even took place on September 15.

Asked why the faculty organized for this event, Prof Olomola Omolade, the dean of the faculty Law said that when dealing with human life issues, interaction with the members of the society is important in that when they become professiona lawyers, they are able to socialize properly with their clients to know them better and make society a better place. "This event was to enable young lawyers be socially relevant." Prof Omolade said.

Ms Lorna Nagawa, a Legal Officer at Women Probono Initiative said that this street campaign was to enable young lawyers relate closely with house wives and women in markets and talk to them about their rights.

During the street campaign, young lawyers interacted with both men and

women in their communities in which they sensitized them on the need to report cases of domestic violence. They also shared contacts with the local community members to make it easy for them to seek legal assistance if need be.

"I learnt that our presumptions regarding certain things are not always true. Things we presume people know, are the things they don't know," said Neville Lwanyaga a student of Law referring to public ignorance about their rights.



Cavendish university staff, students conducting community sensitization on domestic violence. Photo by CONSTANCE DRIBERAYO

#### Cavendish comes second in moot court competition



Cavendish University students receive a cheque of Shs. 1,000,000 after emerging the second in the Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition. COURTESY PHOTO.

#### BY ROMINENT ARIGANYIRA

Cavendish University Uganda finished second in the 2023 Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition. The Unwanted Witness Privacy Moot Court Competition is an annual inter-University event organized by Unwanted Witness, a leading digital rights organization in Uganda. Islamic University in Uganda emerged the best in this competition.

Mirriam Lawoko and Echo Mugisha were the two students who represented CUU and they won Shs.1,000,000. The inter-university competition took place from September 21 to September 22, with 15 teams from various institutions. Participants were from Cavendish University Uganda (CUU), Makerere University, Bishop Stuart University, Gulu University, and International University of East Africa (IUEA).

Others were, Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), Nkumba University, King Ceasor University, Kampala International University (KIU), Uganda Christian University (UCU), Uganda Martyrs University (UMU), and Uganda Pentecostal University (UPU).

The competition had a panel of judges comprising of Justice Kiryabwire, Lady Justice Prof Lillian Tibatemwa and Her Lordship Eva Luswata.

The finals were intense since we were submitting before real judges of the courts of Uganda especially Hon Lady Justice Prof Lilian Tibatemwa which I can say was a beautiful experience," Mugisha said.

Asked about his experience with

the preparations, Mugisha said they had to do extensive work so as to win. "We prepared for almost a month. That week we gave it all. Me and my partner Mirriam Lawoko read extensively because we wanted to win it for us, for Cavendish Law faculty, for the entire University and for our coach Mr Godfrey Ayeranga," Mugisha said.

"As a coach, I am proud of my stu dents for the excellent performance and hard work they exhibited during the competition that made them to emerge as the first runners up out of 15 teams." Mr Ayeranga said, adding that: "Their performance is another testament of how university education at Cavendish is transforming our students and preparing them for the outside world."

"We give glory to God for the excellent performance because without Him, such great strides would be only a dream. We also appreciate the university administration, faculty of Law and the students that supported the team throughout the competition," Mr Ayeranga added.

The unwanted witness privacy moot court competition provides a unique opportunity for young legal professionals to gain expert knowledge of data protection laws, policies while improving their oral, written, logical skills thus serving as a training ground for legal leaders of tomorrow.

The theme of the competition was "Balancing Privacy Rights and National Security: Navigating the Impact of Surveillance Laws on Individual Freedoms," aimed to address the complex issues surrounding data protection and privacy, in relation to the ever-growing concerns of surveillance laws.

Asked about the relevance of the moot court competition, Mugisha said that it is a learning platform to him. "It is for learning and improving on my advocacy skills as a student interested in pursuing a career as litigation and advocating for human rights, also engaging and learning from other law students from other universities," Mugisha said.

Mirriam Lawoko and Echo Mugisha were among the three Law students who were recognized during the 12th Cavendish University graduation ceremony held on August 10 for their effort in winning the 2022 Henry Dunant Award at the 21st All Africa International Humanitarian Law Moot Court competition hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Nairobi Regional Delegation in Arusha, Tanzania.

#### **About Unwanted Witness**

It is a leading digital rights organization in Uganda that advocates for an open, secure and inclusive use of technology that contributes to the realization of human rights and good governance.

Established in 2012, Unwanted Witness also works through collaborations and networks for synergy building. Ensuring that negative effects of technology are minimized and maximizing the positive potentials. Since its establishment, it has been at the forefront of advocating for the right to privacy.



Cavendish University students (back right) and IUIU students (back left) pose for a picture with a panel of judges after emerging as the best performers. COURTESY PHOTO

### Meet Oscar Amanyangole: The creative writer, author



Oscar Amanyangole, the creative writer, author and budding Journalist with great passion to tell stories. COURTESY PHOTO.

You do not need to wait until you graduate to start making footprints in society. Oscar Amanyangole is a second-year student of Journalism at Cavendish University. He is a creative writer whose book is currently selling in Jumia. He caught up with Raphaela Kemigisa Majugo and here are the excerpts of the interview.

### You describe yourself as a Journalist, Creative writer, and author. What inspired you to pursue these paths?

I have always had a passion for writing and storytelling from a young age. Growing up reading folktales and fables from my culture, I developed an appreciation for the power of words to educate, entertain, and inspire. As I got older, I knew I wanted to harness that power and share stories that could make a positive impact.

My journalism studies at Cavendish University Uganda have equipped me with research, interviewing, and reporting skills to uncover and present compelling narratives. Writing creatively allows me to bring my imagination to life.

As an author, I am to produce thought-provoking stories that engage readers.

#### You recently published a book. What made you decide to write it?

I was inspired to write "A Royal Faction" after hearing a speech by Honourable Norbert Mao during my 'O' Level about the significance of Acholi folktales and stories in shaping our culture and modern educational system. It made me realize these narratives that have been passed down for generations contain important lessons and ideologies.

#### From where did you draw inspiration for the story?

The inspiration for "A Royal Faction" came from a blend of sources. A lot of it was inspired by actual Acholi

oral traditions, fables, songs, dances, and customs that have been ingrained in our culture. I also drew ideas from historical chieftains and landmark events that shaped our people.

The fictionalized narrative thread was inspired by my desire to put a spotlight on women's perspectives. I wanted to highlight the role of women, who have often been overlooked in history. The book creatively explores the fight for women's emancipation by weaving Acholi folklore with fictionalized accounts of monumental events and characters. Writing it allowed me to pay homage to my heritage while commentating on social issues.

A lot of people today do not know that a few women ruled as chiefs in some parts of Acholiland, for example, the Regency of Aroko. These monumental events in our history rolled around my head each time I held a pen to write. My time at Cavendish University exposed me to ideas about gender roles and equality that informed the story as well.

#### As a student of Cavendish University, how do you balance time between your work and studies?

It is certainly a challenge balancing my studies and my work as a writer. The rigorous coursework at CUU keeps me quite busy. However, I am committed to maintaining a consistent writing practice. I set aside time each morning before classes to work on my stories and books. CUU has also taught me invaluable time management skills and I take advantage of pockets of time between lectures or on weekends to write.

### The Bachelors of Mass Communication and Journalism at CUU teaches writing skills. How have studying these skills impacted your personal writing?

The writing instruction I have received in CUU's Bachelor of Mass Communication and Journalism program has tremendously improved my skills. However, there's a thin line that separates newswriting and literary works of art. Advanced writing and more have refined my ability to communicate ideas clearly and effectively.

I learn practical techniques for crafting compelling stories, conducting interviews, and researching factual information—all skills that strengthen my creative writing. The feedback from professors and peers helps me view my own writing more critically. I have also gained knowledge about

journalism ethics, media law, and content creation that informs my approach.

#### What additional skills has CUU taught you that have benefited your work?

CUU has enhanced my fact-checking skills. I now have a blogging website where I normally publish my fact checks to try and fight misinformation in the media spaces of Uganda.

I have had opportunities to gain practical work experience with the school newspaper. These co-curricular activities allow me to report on current events and turn stories around on real deadlines. The well-rounded education at CUU has shaped me into a multifaceted author and journalist.

#### Are there any more books or projects you are currently working on?

I'm thrilled to be working on a number of books at the moment which include children's books that will bring African folktales to life with engaging illustrations and narrative.

My goal is to showcase the brilliance of our storytelling tradition while promoting literacy and moral values. I'm also developing a collection of short stories and a collection of poems titled 'diary of a whisperer,' proverbs and other poems respectively. On the journalism front, I'm honing my writing to produce compelling fact checks.



#### Where can we find your published book?

A Royal Faction is currently available in print format and on Jumia here: "https://www.jumia.ug/generic-a-royal-faction-by-amanyangole-osar-76324436.html." It will also be available on Amazon soon. Ebook versions will soon be available for purchase directly through my website at: "https://amanyangoleoscar.com/my-books/." I appreciate all the support for this passion project as I continue pursuing my dreams of being an author.