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# Cavendish Law Dinner 2025: A Night of Leadership, Mentorship, and Celebration



Ms Mary Maganda (2nd left), Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, (3rd left), Mr David Mutabanura (3rd Right), and Mr Godfrey Ayeranga (Right) pose for a picture during the Annual Law Dinner. COURTESY PHOTO

BY JULIAN AGENO

The prestigious Cavendish University Law Dinner took place on Sunday, April 27 at the Sheraton Hotel Kampala.

This annual gathering is one of the most significant events in the faculty of Law academic calendar, providing an opportunity for students, faculty members, and esteemed guests to come together in celebration of the achievements and success of the Law faculty.

This year's theme, "Living a Life of Service in the Legal Profession," underscored the importance of commitment and integrity in the legal field. The dinner served as a platform for discussion on leadership and professionalism, with distinguished guests sharing invaluable insights.

Among the notable attendees were Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, who serves as the event's patron, and Hon. Justice Stephen Mubiru, the Guest

of Honour. Also present were His Worship Murangira Tana, alongside Assistant Inspector General of Police Dr. Hadija Namutebi, who represented the Inspector General of Police, Abbas Byakagaba.

In his speech, Justice Chibita commended the outgoing cabinet of the Cavendish Law Society (CLS) for their dedication and encouraged the incoming leaders to learn from them. He urged students to work hard, stating that: "Don't wait for the CEO or President position to work hard—shine in all sectors."

Justice Stephen Mubiru emphasized the necessity of continuous learning in the legal profession, warning against complacency. "There are people who stop learning once they leave school, but the legal profession is not that it is a lifetime commitment. There are no shortcuts; it's hard work. Success takes effort and perseverance," Justice Mubiru said.

His Worship Murangira Tana

addressed the need for structured mentorship sessions for law students, encouraging them to actively seek guidance from seasoned professionals. He offered to host mentorship sessions at his residence for both outgoing and incoming CLS cabinet members to ensure they gain deeper insights into leadership and legal practice.

AIGP Dr. Hadija Namutebi praised the CLS for fostering strong relations with the Uganda Police and encouraged students to maintain this collaboration. She highlighted the importance of institutional partnerships in advancing legal awareness and law enforcement cooperation.

The dinner also marked a leadership transition within the Cavendish Law Society, as the outgoing cabinet handed over responsibilities to newly elected members. The new leaders were encouraged to uphold the core values of service, discipline, and professionalism in their respective roles.

The evening witnessed the handover of leadership within the Judicial Council as Chief Justice Felix Adupa and Deputy Chief Justice Linda Mirembe stepped down, paving the way for Leon Sseyange and Edgar Rweneema to take on the roles of Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice, respectively.

In his remarks, Mr David Mutabanura, the CUU Executive Director thanked the faculty of law for its continued excellence, stating that Cavendish University's reputation has been significantly enhanced by its Law faculty. He assured students of ongoing administrative support, affirming that the Law faculty remains close to his heart.

The event concluded with a renewed sense of purpose among students and faculty members alike, inspiring a commitment to service, mentorship, and lifelong learning in the legal profession.



**EDITORIAL**

**Respect cultural diversity in Universities**

Celebrating cultural diversity in a university is vital for creating an inclusive and enriching environment. Universities are microcosms of the world, bringing together people from various backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives. A celebration of cultural diversity helps foster mutual understanding, respect, and a deeper appreciation for global interconnectedness.

One of the most effective ways to celebrate is by hosting cultural festivals, where students can showcase their heritage through food, music, dance, and art. Events like International Week, themed around different countries, allow students to explore new cultures firsthand and learn about global traditions. These celebrations not only highlight different cultures but also promote interaction between students from diverse backgrounds, breaking down barriers and stereotypes.

Additionally, universities can offer workshops or seminars on topics like cultural competence and unconscious bias. These learning opportunities can help students better understand how culture shapes identities and behaviors, promoting empathy and communication across differences.

Supporting international students is another key aspect. Offering mentorship programs or creating cultural exchange platforms where students can share their experiences allows everyone to learn from each other. Language exchange initiatives also help students engage with peers from different linguistic backgrounds while enhancing their own skills.

Furthermore, integrating diverse perspectives into the curriculum ensures that all students have the chance to learn from a variety of viewpoints. Inviting guest speakers, creating global study programs, or including readings from authors of diverse cultural backgrounds can enrich academic discussions and broaden students' worldviews.

In essence, celebrating cultural diversity in university settings not only enriches the campus experience but also prepares students for a globalized world by equipping them with the skills to navigate and appreciate diversity in all its forms.



(L-R): Edgar Rweneema, Marysent Abiine Kihembo, Lindah Mirembe, and Mr Godfrey Ayeranga. COURTESY PHOTO

**Cavendish heads to South Africa for Space Law Moot**

BY BRIAN OTOKE

Cavendish University Uganda is celebrating a major milestone after qualifying for the Africa Regional Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, to be held at the University of Pretoria from 22–23 May 2025. The university earned its place after finishing as the second-best team in Uganda during the national rounds on 22 March 2025, also taking home the award for Best Written Memorials.

The victory was not just a triumph of skill, but of hard work, determination, and faith. Representing Cavendish were three passionate law students, Edgar Rweneema, Lindah Mirembe, and Marysent Abiine Kihembo, who spent weeks preparing legal arguments, memorising space law precedents, and refining their oral advocacy. Their efforts paid off as they stood shoulder to shoulder with Uganda's top law faculties, including Makerere University, Kampala International University, and the Islamic University in Uganda.

"It was a tough road, but we trusted in God, our team, and the process," said Marysent Abiine. "We gave it our all, and we're proud of what we've achieved."

The team was mentored by Mr Godfrey Ayeranga, a Law Lecturer and Moot Coordinator at Cavendish, whose experience and commitment guided the students through every stage of the competition. He was joined by

Mr Echo Mugisha, President of the Cavendish Moot Society, who offered practical support and peer-to-peer training.

"The competition is more than just winning," Mr. Ayeranga shared. "It's about preparing future lawyers who can think critically, argue effectively, and represent their country with confidence on global platforms."

The Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot is an international competition that challenges students to debate cutting-edge legal issues involving space exploration, satellite use, and international treaties. It's one of the few opportunities where young African legal minds get to discuss the future of space governance, a field that is becoming increasingly relevant.

For Cavendish University, this qualification is more than a win, it's a sign of growing academic strength. The Faculty of Law has been steadily building its moot program, and this recent success shows that its students are ready to take on both regional and global challenges.

Lindah Mirembe, reflecting on

the journey, said: "There were moments we doubted ourselves, but with each practice session, we grew stronger. Winning Best Memorials meant a lot, it showed that our research and writing were world-class."

The news has sparked excitement across the Cavendish community. Social media has been abuzz with congratulatory messages, and the Faculty of Law has pledged its full support as the team prepares for the regional competition.

"It's just the beginning," said Edgar Rweneema. "We're going to Pretoria not just to compete, but to represent Uganda and show what Cavendish can do."

With just a few days to go before the Africa Regional Rounds, the team is intensifying its preparations, diving deeper into international space law, honing their public speaking skills, and mentally preparing for the high stakes ahead.

As Cavendish University Uganda steps onto the continental stage, their story is one of growth, grit, and the quiet confidence that comes from being ready.



Mr Godfrey Ayeranga

BY NASHIM NANTEGE

# Cavendish celebrates diversity in style

On May 2nd, Cavendish University Uganda organized her much-anticipated Cultural Gala, a vibrant event that brought together students from 11 different countries to celebrate and showcase their cultures. This year's theme is, 'beauty of our roots.'

The event that started around 10:30 A.M was a true celebration of diversity, unity, and tradition, filled with music, dance, food, and colourful attire that reflected the beauty of Africa's heritage.

Represented at the gala were students from Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Comoros, Buganda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Eritrea, and Nigeria. Each team proudly introduced its national flag and shared its meaning and symbolism.

The air was filled with songs from each country, creating a moving moment of unity and pride that brought everyone together in appreciation and respect for one another's identities.

The event was honoured by the presence of special guests, including a delegation from the Ethiopian Embassy. Notable faces from CUU senior management were, Mr. Medard Nabasa the Dean of Students, Dr. Olive Sabiiti the Vice Chancellor, and Mr David Mutabanura the Executive Director.

The university senior management in attendance thanked the students for showcasing Africa's rich cultural diversity and encouraged them to embrace their heritage with pride. Mr Mutabanura said that CUU is special because of her student diversity. "Cavendish University Uganda is special in the sense that it has East Africa's largest international student population," he said.

He also added that: "It also has the distinction of having the biggest cultural diversity in Uganda at any time having in excess of 40 nationalities. I think one time we had 46 nationalities, but at any rate, we are always in excess of 40



Dr Olive Sabiiti hands over a certificate to Ahwasa Madra for her outstanding performance in the cultural gala.

PHOTO BY EMMANUEL MAFABI

nationalities at Cavendish proudly from six continents and because of that, we need to celebrate this diversity. It is heartening to note that many universities don't have this opportunity."

Given the day's theme, Mr Mutabanura said that culture is important since it helps to understand our roots. "Today's theme is reflecting about the beauty of our roots and culture is very important because it helps us to understand where we have come from, what food we were eating, our predecessors, our ancestors, how they were dancing, how they were singing, how they were dressing," he emphasized.

"I'm very excited because I've seen a great display of talent, a great display of collegiality here this evening. All throughout the day, the whole compound has been alive with beats and the sounds from all our different countries," said Dr Olive Sabiiti the Vice Chancellor.

Mr Medard Nabasa the Dean of Students said: "Showcasing culture and diversity is one of the strengths of

Cavendish University," adding that, "such events help students connect to their roots and celebrate the strength of their origins. He emphasized that the university's strength lies in the diversity of its students.

One of the participants from Gambia Mr Abubakar Mbaye was very excited to take part in this gala. He told this writer that they worked day and night to put together the presentation.

Irma Mohammed a student representative from Comoros said that she was really happy to share with her fellow students the Comoros culture.

A touching segment of the gala featured poetry presentations from each country. These poems spoke about the strength, beauty, and resilience of their homelands, giving the audience a deeper insight into the history and values that shape each nation. The words resonated deeply, stirring emotions and admiration among the attendees.

Furthermore, other anticipated parts of the day was the traditional fashion show. Students walked the stage in stunning traditional outfits, proudly representing their countries through colourful flags, intricate designs, and symbolic accessories. Each outfit told a story, and together they painted a dazzling picture of Africa's diverse fashion and culture.

The celebration continued with a food exhibition where every country shared traditional dishes. From Eritrean Injera (a flatbread) to Nigeria's famous Jollof rice, Egusi soup, and pepper soup, the smells and flavors created an unforgettable culinary experience. For many, it was

a chance to try meals they had never tasted before, and the food brought people together as they laughed, shared, and celebrated each culture's unique Flavors.

As the sun began to set, the crowd eagerly gathered for the traditional dance performances. Drums echoed through the grounds as students showcased energetic and joyful dances. One of the standout moments was the Congolese dance, which had the audience clapping and even joining in on-stage, turning the performance into a true celebration of community.

The event ended with closing remarks from Dr Sabiiti who thanked the students for participating in this year's colorful cultural gala. "I want to thank very much the nationalities that have participated today. So you imagine if all the 46 were here, sharing with us the rich tapestry of their culture, it would have been even a greater evening. I want to thank so very much the organisers," she said.

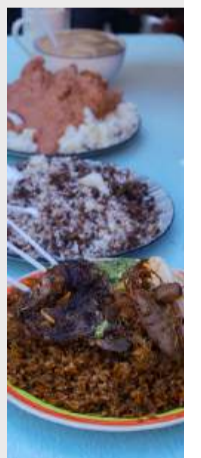
Dr Sabiiti later handed over certificates to the best performers who included; Julian Ageno (Uganda), Abubakar Mbaye (Gambia), Irma Mohammed (Comoros), and Deborah Iyasu (Eritrea) among others.

Student leaders, including the Vice President of the Cavendish University Guild, Miss Cavendish, and the Minister for Student Affairs, were also acknowledged for their contributions.

This year's gala was more than just an event. It was a reminder of the strength in unity, the beauty in diversity, and the power of young people coming together to celebrate their roots.



Ms. Pamela Ayany giving a speech in the cultural gala



# Chevening Alumni Association hosts leadership lecture at Cavendish

BY TEOPISTA NAMUWAYA

On April 29, the Chevening Alumni Association Uganda organized a leadership and governance lecture at Cavendish University Uganda, bringing together student leaders from various institutions to acquire valuable leadership skills. The event was attended by the 16th Guild Cabinet, esteemed faculty members, and distinguished speakers.

The lecture featured a panel of experts, including Mr Edwin Wabomba, a Chevening scholar, Mr Henry Nsubuga from Makerere University, and Dr. Huthaifah Abdallah Busulwa from Cavendish University, who shared their expertise on various aspects of leadership. The event provided a significant opportunity for student leaders to learn from experienced professionals and network with peers.

“The Chevening Alumni Association Uganda’s initiative aligns with its mission to empower future leaders,” said Innocent Arinaitwe, Minister of Finance of the Guild Cabinet. “It was awesome, informative, and a networking event,” he added.

Following the lecture, the Chevening Alumni Association Uganda extended an invitation to Cavendish University’s representatives to attend its public annual lecture at Hotel Africana. Cavendish University was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Chevening Alumni Association, recognizing its partnership and support.

Madra Akwasa, the Deputy Speaker of the Guild Cabinet, reflected on the events, noting that they broadened her understanding of leadership, governance, and service. “We hope



Panel discussion of the key participants during the Chevening Alumni Association Uganda leadership and governance lecture at Cavendish University. PHOTO BY MOSES SERUNJOGI

to apply the valuable lessons learned to make a positive impact in our communities,” she said.

Prof. Olutayo Osunsan, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Cavendish University, highlighted the benefits of the collaboration, stating that; “The Chevening Alumni project ‘Shaping Leadership and Good Governance’ has provided Cavendish University Uganda with a valuable opportunity to partner with a like-minded institution that shares our commitment to ethical leadership. This collaboration offers numerous benefits to CUU, including strategic alignment, student engagement, access to expertise, institutional visibility, and networking opportunities.”

Mr Wabomba, said that Cavendish played a critical role in that they provided a venue for them to host the lecture and also during that same week they were provided with three team members who participated in their X-spaces and helped to teach and make the people know what is

happening in the country’s leadership and governance.

“Cavendish sent in professionals to tutor the mentees which was a very crucial role”, says Wabomba.

Prof. Osunsan further emphasized the importance of ethical leadership, saying; “Students attending the event are encouraged to come with an open mind and a readiness to engage critically with the realities of unethical leadership across Uganda and the African continent. He also added that: “We hope they leave inspired and empowered, understanding that leadership is not about position or power, but about service. By choosing to be the kind of leader who prioritizes integrity and the common good, they can help shape a better future for all.”

The event marked a significant milestone in the partnership between Cavendish University Uganda and the Chevening Alumni Association Uganda, highlighting the importance of collaboration in promoting leadership development and good governance.



Prof Olutayo Osunsan, the Deputy Vice Chancellor



Dr Alice Wabule, the Dean of the faculty of Socio-Economic Sciences



Ms Sandra Nabagereka



Mr Richard Watenyera



# Cavendish gets new home, starts with Health Sciences



Ms Sarah Namazzi (L) poses for a picture with a group of students of Public Health at Cavendish University main campus, Mukono. PHOTO BY MOSES SERUNJOGI

BY BUSHIRAH NAKKAZI

Cavendish University Uganda has officially shifted to her new permanent home in Mukono, marking a major milestone in the institution's expansion and its commitment to offering quality education in the world. The newly launched campus now serves as both the university's main campus and the home of the School of Health Sciences, having state-of-the-art facilities aimed at enhancing the learning environment for current and future healthcare professionals.

The Mukono campus houses modern laboratories, advanced medical equipment, well-furnished lecture halls, and spacious open areas all designed to provide an immersive and hands-on educational experience. These enhancements are expected to accommodate the increasing number of students interested in medical and health-related courses.

When you reach the campus, the impressive scale and quality of infrastructure stand out. The laboratories are fully equipped with up-to-date medical tools and technology, enabling practical training that aligns with current industry standards. The lecture halls are organized to foster interactive and student-centred learning, while the overall environment promotes academic comfort.

Students have already started to

settle in and are enthusiastic about the learning opportunities that come with the new setting. "The environment here is very conducive for learning, and the equipment available will give us hands-on experience," said Stella Oba Elisa, a student of Health Education and Communication (HEC-B).

Patrick Tangishaka Eric, another HEC-B student echoed similar sentiments. "The facilities at this new campus are a dream come true for any student in the health sciences. We now have the tools and space to truly practice what we are taught. It's motivating to study in such a professional setting," he said.

William Bol Ayieny, a second-year student of Bachelors of Public Health expressed his appreciation for the learning environment. "Being here at the Mukono campus gives us the chance to experience what it means to work in real medical settings. The technology and structure of the classes allow for both theory and practical knowledge. This will definitely prepare us for the workforce," he remarked.

The positive reception of the campus is not limited to students. Ms Sarah Namazzi, a Laboratory Technician, praised the development, emphasizing the impact the new facilities will have on students' practical skills. "With these upgraded labs, students can now engage in real-world simulations and

practical exercises that are crucial for anyone entering the medical field," she said.

Ms Namajja Khawa, the Head of Department Health Sciences,

highlighted the institution's broader vision, including plans to construct a Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre within the new headquarters. "This facility will not only enrich student learning through real-life case exposure but will also serve the surrounding community by offering much-needed mental health services," she explained.

She further noted that this expansion reflects Cavendish University's commitment to aligning education with community service and national health priorities. "Our goal is to produce graduates who are not only academically qualified but also capable of meeting Uganda's and the region's healthcare demands," Ms Khawa added.

The establishment of the Mukono campus signals a new chapter for Cavendish University Uganda. As the new home of the university, it represents the institution's long-term investment in health sciences and its resolve to equip students with skills that go beyond the classroom.

With the operation of this campus, Cavendish University Uganda positions itself as a leading player in health education, offering a model of how academic institutions can contribute directly to the development of both professional competencies and community well-being. Meanwhile, CUU continues to run the other three campuses; Kings gate Kabalagala, faculty Law at Acacia in Kamwokya, and Siyani in Nsambya.



# DRC wins Cavendish annual sports gala



Congolese students celebrate after winning the 2025 CUU sports gala competition. PHOTO BY CONSTANCE DRIBERAYO

BY CONSTANCE DRIBERAYO

Cavendish University Uganda successfully held its annual sports gala on April 29 and 30. The two-day event brought together students from different nationalities, fostering unity and collaboration through sports.

Unlike the previous years, where teams were based on faculty, this year's football tournament was organised based on nationalities.

The event featured six committed teams representing various nationalities: South Sudan combined with Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Eritrea combined with Ethiopia and Gambia, and Tanzania combined with Kenya and Somalia.

Due to a lack of full teams from some nationalities, smaller groups were merged with mixed teams. Unfortunately, Somalia was expelled from the tournament due to violent behaviour, though no injuries were reported.

The competition followed a round-robin format, with teams divided into two groups, leading to semi-finals and finals. In a thrilling championship match, the D.R.C emerged victorious

after a tense penalty shootout against South Sudan, scoring 4-2. South Sudan, previously dominant in past tournaments, was dethroned, marking a significant moment in the gala's history.

In addition to football, the gala also recognised the university's participation in the bridge game at Kyambogo University, where Cavendish University emerged fourth among other competing institutions.

Amani Ntasharha Albin, the D.R.C's goalkeeper, praised the event, expressing appreciation for fair refereeing throughout the matches. Meanwhile, South Sudan's goalkeeper, Naye Francis Lolar, acknowledged the strength of both teams and the intensity of the final match though to him, the tournament lacked some discipline.

Spectators, including South Sudanese student Fredrick Lokorai, found the final match exciting, noting the resilience of both teams. The champions, D.R.C received a cash prize of Shs 500,000 while South Sudan claimed the second position, winning a cash prize of Shs 300,000. Additionally, the top scorer, Jacob Wuor Gatluak, and the man-of-the-match, Jumah Adam Humaida, all

from South Sudan were recognised for their outstanding performances during the matches.

The Sports Coordinator Mr Emmanuel Ofoyuru emphasised that the primary goal of the event was to unite students regardless of their backgrounds, encouraging networking and national pride. He also noted that football remains the dominant sport due to the challenge of forming full teams for games like netball.

As Cavendish University continues its tradition of organising this sports gala, the competition not only showcases athletic talent but also serves as a platform for fostering unity among students from different nationalities.



Prof Olutayo Osunsan the CUU Deputy Vice Chancellor hands over a cash prize of Shs 500,000 to Bruno Mongoy a Congolese captain.



Mr Fred Mufta hands over a cash prize to a player

