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PROFESSOR AARON MUSHENGYEZI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE



On July 1, 2026, UCU Vice Chancellor Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi delivered his Inaugural Professorial Lecture, a formal public address marking a major academic milestone for a newly appointed or promoted full professor. The lecture celebrated his career, introduced his scholarly work, and outlined his future research direction to colleagues, students, and the broader community...[Read More](#)

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FROM THE **VICE CHANCELLOR**

PROF. AARON MUSHENGYEZI



Dear UCU Family,

The Trinity Semester has come and gone, and what a semester it has been. Between May and July, our University community had much to celebrate, from the graduation of 1,274 students at our 27th Graduation Ceremony, to leading the national Anglican celebrations for Uganda Martyrs' Day, to our Lady Canons successfully defending their FASU Afro Varsity 3×3 Basketball title in Ibadan, Nigeria.

We also marked significant academic milestones this semester, including my own Inaugural Professorial Lecture, the signing of a new partnership with the University of the West of England, Bristol, and continued recognition of our research community's growing global footprint.

None of this happens by accident. It is the result of a university community; students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of UCU, that remains committed to our mission of developing servant leaders for Christ and society. As I engaged with our year one students at Induction, university life is a race that must be run with purpose, discipline, and focus. I am proud to say that this semester, our community ran that race well.

As we delve more into our new semester and look towards our October Graduation, I want to thank every one of you; our staff, our students, our alumni, and our partners, for your continued dedication to this institution. Together, we continue to build a university that is truly a light on the hill.

God bless you, and God bless Uganda Christian University.



Mrs. Harriet Adong Atuyambe

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FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this edition of the UCU Spotlight, covering our Trinity Semester from May to July 2026.

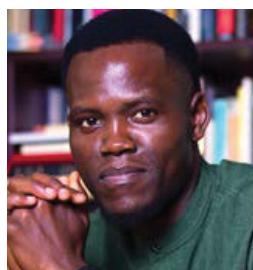
Trinity Semester remarkable for Uganda Christian University. We celebrated the graduation of 1,274 students, led the national Martyrs' Day celebration at the Anglican site, and celebrated continental success from our basketball teams among others.

We also highlight research shaping Christian higher education, staff retention and children's ministry, alongside alumni achievements and stories of faith, community and service. We also remember with gratitude the late Rev. Canon Lusaniya Kasamba, a cherished member of our academic and spiritual community.

Thank you for being part of the UCU family and for your continued support.

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UCU Held Its 27th Graduation Ceremony (Part 1)



Uganda Christian University (UCU) held its 27th Graduation Ceremony (Part 1) on Friday, July 3, 2026, at the Recreation Ground on the Main Campus in Mukono. A total of 1,274 students graduated with master's

degrees, postgraduate diplomas, bachelor's degrees, and diplomas. An upcoming graduation ceremony is scheduled for October...

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UCU Led National Uganda Martyrs' Day Celebrations



UCU successfully led the planning, coordination, and hosting of the national Anglican celebrations for Uganda Martyrs' Day at the Namugongo Anglican Shrine on June 3, 2026... [Readmore](#)

UCU Wins International Humanitarian Law



UCU emerged as the Overall Winner of the International Humanitarian Law National Moot Court Competition, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ... [Readmore](#)

Archbishop Hands UCU the Mantle for 2027



The Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu, officially received the completed renovation and construction projects UCU undertook as lead organizer of the 2026 celebrations. Commending the University for a job well done, the Archbishop authorized UCU's request to serve as lead organizer... [Readmore](#)

Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches Visits UCU



On July 19, 2026, the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches visited UCU and applauded the University for its continued growth and development... [Readmore](#)

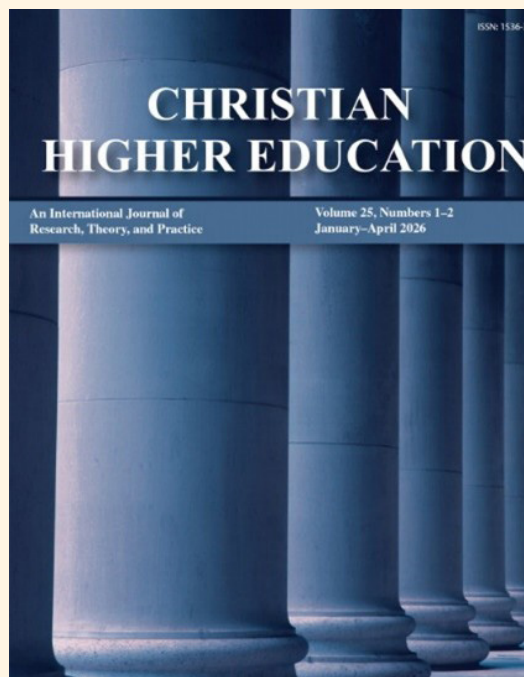
A Tribute to the Late Rev. Canon Lusaniya Kasamba



Rev. Canon Lusaniya Kasamba stands out in my memory and in the collective memory of my classmates as one of those rare servants of God whose life... [Readmore](#)

Study Reveals UCU as a Beacon for Christian Higher Education

A new academic article published via a Taylor & Francis Open Access Journal presents UCU as an exemplary model of Christian higher education in Africa, offering a scholarly account of how the institution forms what the author terms “redemptive change agents”... [Readmore](#)



What Makes a Lecturer Stay at a University?



Uganda's faith-based universities educate a significant share of the country's graduates, but holding on to good academic staff is a constant contest with better-paying employers. A new study by UCU researchers asked 48 professors, lecturers, and teaching... [Readmore](#)

UCU Celebrates Another International Research Milestone



Congratulations to Ms. Comfort Mpiriirwe, Head of the Department of Postgraduate Studies at UCU's School of Business and a PhD student in Business and Management, on winning the Overall Best Paper Award at the 2026 CARISCA Supply Chain Research... [Readmore](#)

Invest More in Children's Ministry, Researchers Urge Church of Uganda Leaders

In a new study published in June 2026, Rev. Dr. Alex Kamoga, a theologian from UCU, makes the case for why children's ministry needs greater attention and investment within the Church... [Readmore](#)



New Partnership: UCU & University of the West of England, Bristol

UCU and the University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol signed an MOU covering joint teaching, research collaboration, community engagement, and staff and student mobility. The agreement was signed by UWE Bristol Vice Chancellor Prof. Sir Steve West and UCU Vice Chancellor Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, alongside university leadership from both institutions. [Readmore](#)



Bishop Orombi Honoured with Road Naming at Main Campus



Archbishop Emeritus Henry Luke Orombi officially launched the Henry Orombi Road, running from the Bishop Tucker

Gate to the Main Gate, in a ceremony celebrating both his legacy and the University's ongoing Campus... [Readmore](#)

Church Relations Department Hosts Clergy Children's Mentorship Program



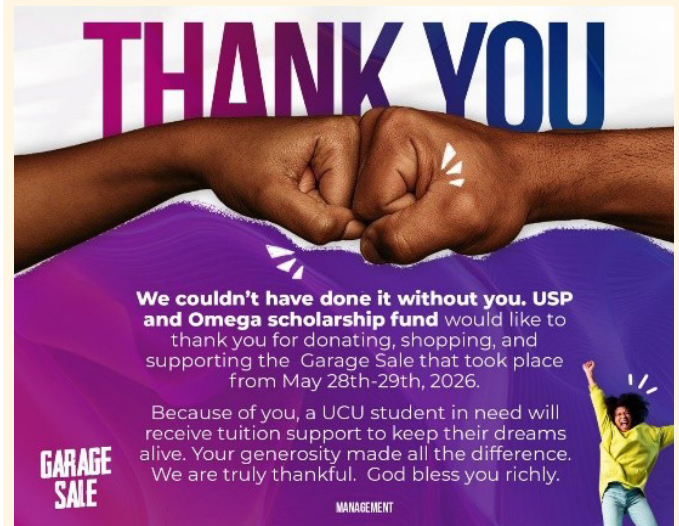
The Church Relations Department hosted the Trinity Semester Clergy Children's Mentorship Program, bringing together more than 70 clergy children (PKs) for a time of reflection, mentorship, learning, and fellowship. Held at Kingdom View in Mukono, the session was facilitated by

Rev. Dr. Richard Mulindwa, Head of Church Relations, under the theme "My Identity and Authority as a Clergy Child." The program offered participants a safe, engaging space to reflect on their identity, calling, and the responsibilities of growing up in a clergy family... [Readmore](#)

UCU Media Expo 2026



UCU hosted its Media Expo 2026 on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Nkoyoyo Hall, Main Campus, under the theme “Redefining Human Journalism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence...” [Readmore](#)



Annual Garage Sale Supported Student Scholarships

The UCU-USP & Omega Scholarship Fund held its Annual Garage Sale on May 28–29, 2026, at the ICMI Conference Room, Main Campus, raising support for students who struggle to pay tuition... [Readmore](#)

UCU Career Fair 2026: It Happened



On July 13, 2026, hundreds of students and fresh graduates met face-to-face with industry leaders shaping their future under the theme “Pathways to Purpose: Empowering Futures Through Career Discovery.” Students networked with top employers, learned from players in Uganda’s employment sector, and showcased their own innovations... [Readmore](#)

Trinity Intake 2026: A Charge to New Students



At the 2026 Students' Induction Ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi shared powerful guidance with incoming students: "University life is a race that must

be run with purpose, discipline, and focus. Do not run aimlessly. Set your targets high, work hard, avoid distractions, and pursue excellence in all that you do... [Readmore](#)

Labour Day Medalist 2026



We proudly congratulated our Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof. John Mulindwa Kitayimbwa, on being awarded the prestigious Diamond Jubilee Medal by... [Readmore](#)



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Uganda's only active Chair in Bioethics

Uganda Christian University has taken a significant step onto the global stage of medical ethics scholarship. The University now hosts an established Unit of the International Chair in Bioethics (ICB) ... [Readmore](#)



UCU Lady Canons Retain Afro Varsity 3x3 Basketball Crown

UCU's Lady Canons successfully defended their Federation of African University Sports (FASU) Afro Varsity 3x3 Basketball Championship title, defeating United States International University (USIU-Africa) of Kenya 21-15 in the final held in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Additionally, both the Men's and Women's teams travelled to Ibadan as reigning champions, flagged off by Vice Chancellor Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi ahead of their departure on May 28, 2026... [Readmore](#)



Daphine Ayebare Elected President of the Uganda Judicial Service Officers' Association



The entire University and Alumni body congratulate alumna Daphine Ayebare on her election as President of the Uganda Judicial Service Officers' Association. She becomes the second female president, succeeding High Court Judge Olive Kazaarwe Mukwaya, who became the first female President in 2024.

Daphine pursued a Bachelor of Laws from 2007–2011 and served as Vice Guild Presi-

dent in the Guild Council from 2010–2011. She currently serves as Chief Magistrate for the Mengo Chief Magistrates Court. Her leadership track record, dating back to her days at UCU, is a strong foundation for the honesty and integrity she brings to the Association.

Congratulations, Daphine!



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