



# SPOTLIGHT

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# UCU Set to Construct Senate Building



In July 2025, the Uganda Christian University (UCU) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi unveiled the design of a new Senate Building that would serve as the administrative hub of the university. He presented the four-storey plan, designed by

Keije Architects and Developers Limited, to University Council Chair Rt. Rev. Prof. Alfred Olwa at the Main Campus in Mukono. The facility was planned to accommodate offices for top leadership, a 500-seat conference hall, Council chamber, and several boardrooms.



# FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

As Uganda Christian University continues to flourish in academics, faith, and community service, we are reminded of our mission to be a Centre of Excellence in the Heart of Africa. This edition of our newsletter highlights significant milestones including our commitment to quality education, outreach initiatives, and the successes of our students and staff.

From global platforms where our students represent the university, to local engagements that uplift our communities, UCU continues to embody values of integrity, service, and excellence. These stories remind us that our vision is alive, growing stronger with every semester.

I invite you to read this publication with gratitude for what has been achieved and with renewed commitment to the work ahead. May it inspire us all to keep building an institution that nurtures minds, transforms lives, and glorifies God.

**Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi**

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# FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

This second edition of our newsletter captures the heartbeat of UCU, a vibrant community of learners, leaders, and change-makers. Within these pages are stories that reflect all-round progress, resilience, creativity, and faith in action. From academic innovations and partnerships to cultural and spiritual engagements, our goal has been to bring you a holistic picture of the university's life and growth.

Our team has worked to ensure that these stories are not just to inform, but also to connect and inspire. Our prayer is that every reader sees themselves as part of this journey, contributing to the Vision and Mission of UCU.

Special appreciation goes to all contributors and colleagues who made this publication possible. May this newsletter serve not just as a record of events, but as a mirror of who we are becoming together as Uganda Christian University - a Centre of Excellence in the Heart of Africa.

Enjoy reading and please revert back to us with stories to inform our next Newsletter.

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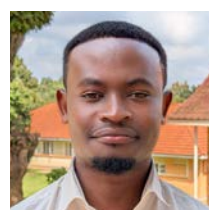
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## UCU Strengthens Ties with Belmont University to Boost Research and Innovation

In August 2025, UCU hosted a meeting with the University of Belmont to explore research and innovation collaborations. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aaron Mushegyezi and the Director for Research Partnership and Innovation, Prof.

Elizabeth Kizito welcomed the team, highlighting the potential for a long-term partnership that builds on Belmont's 15-year engagement with UCU through the Uganda Studies Program.

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## Director of ICT Services Advocates for Embracing Blended Learning



In August 2025, the Uganda Red Cross Society launched the First Aid Blended Learning (FABL) tool at Serena Hotel, Kampala. UCU Director of ICT Services, Rebecca Kangabe, urged staff and students to embrace blended learning, highlighting its flexibility and educational impact.

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## Dr. Ryken Inspires UCU Community to Embrace the Vision of Faith and Learning

In July 2025, Dr. Philip Graham Ryken, President of Wheaton College (USA), delivered UCU's Annual Public Lecture under the theme "A Home of Faith and Learning." He underscored how Christian education often thrives in adversity, urging students and faculty to become faith-integrated scholars.

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## Daystar University MoU Boosts Exchange and Research



On July 12, 2025, Uganda Christian University (UCU) and Daystar University in Nairobi signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen international collaboration. Signed by Vice Chancellors Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi and Prof. Laban Ayiro, the partnership covers student and faculty exchanges, joint research, dual-degree programmes, and shared academic initiatives. [Read More](#)

## ACE Training Equips Educators in Holistic Christian Education



On May 19, 2025, UCU launched a nine-day ACE Training of Trainers workshop to equip facilitators with skills for the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. The DVC-Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof. John Kitayimbwa highlighted the university's commitment to faith-based, holistic education and excellence in teaching. [Read More](#)

## Save the Mothers To Expand Mukono General Hospital Labor suite



On August 5, 2025, Uganda Christian University (UCU) hosted a stakeholder engagement meeting at Principal's Hall to discuss the expansion of Mukono General Hospital's labor suite. The project, led by Save the Mothers East Africa, aims to improve maternal and neonatal health outcomes and enhance UCU's community impact. [Read More](#)

## Mbale University College Hosts Holistic Ministry Workshop



On August 13, 2025, UCU Mbale University College, in partnership with UCU Partners, held a workshop for theology students to equip them for holistic ministry. The training combined theological formation with practical skills, including business evangelism and personal development. [Read More](#)



## 1,524 Graduates Celebrate 26th Graduation at Main Campus

On July 4, 2025, Uganda Christian University (UCU) held its 26th Graduation Ceremony (Part One) at the Main Campus, Mukono, celebrating 1,524 graduates. Guest speaker Dr. Philip Ryken urged graduates to uphold faith and integrity, while university leaders emphasized service and leadership.

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## 27th Guild Government Empowers Students on Civic Responsibility



On August 20, 2025, the 27th Guild Government held its General Assembly at Nkoyoyo Hall, urging students to engage in civic matters ahead of national elections. The Chief guest, Justice Simon Byabakama emphasized informed voting and ethical leadership, while alumni and campus leaders encouraged active participation and community impact.

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## VC Charges New Students to Pursue Excellence and Responsible Freedom

On May 20, 2025, UCU welcomed its newest students at Nkoyoyo Hall. The VC, Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi urged them to pursue academic excellence, uphold discipline, and embrace responsible freedom, highlighting the importance of balancing intellectual, spiritual, and social growth during their university journey.

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## VC Pledges UGX 50M for Clergy Conference, Launches Thornycroft Chapel Construction

On August 19, 2025, Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi pledged UGX 50 million towards the Church of Uganda's Provincial All Clergy Conference, underscoring UCU's support for clergy development. On August 20, 2025, he launched the construction of the Thornycroft Chapel at

UCU's Main Campus in Mukono. The chapel, designed to seat over 1,000 worshippers, aims to enhance the university's spiritual infrastructure and serve the broader community.

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## Prof. Mushengyezi Addresses Educational Leadership Summit



From August 4–7, 2025, UCU VC, Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, addressed over 400 Christian leaders and educators at the Educational Leadership Summit in Drakensberg, South Africa. He emphasized transformational and servant leadership, strategic resource use, and collaboration to build lasting centers of excellence centered on God.

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## UCU Joins INCHE 50th Anniversary to Promote Faith and Learning

On July 25, 2025, Uganda Christian University participated in the International Network for Christian Higher Education (INCHE) 50th Anniversary Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. Led by The VC, Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, UCU joined global delegates in promoting the integration of faith and learning in African higher education.

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## Canons and Lady Canons Defend AfroVarsity 3×3 Titles, Qualify for World Cup

On June 7–8, 2025, UCU successfully defended its AfroVarsity 3×3 Basketball Championship titles at Hamz Stadium, Nakivubo. The Lady Canons and Canons defeated Kenya’s USIU in thrilling finals, showcasing skill and teamwork,

and earned the honour of representing Africa at the upcoming FISU 3×3 World University Cup in China.

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## UCU Doves Win Bronze, Lady Doves Fall Short in Playoffs



In May 2025, UCU Volleyball teams secured mixed finishes in the 2024/2025 playoffs. The men’s UCU Doves secured the bronze medal by defeating KCCA 3-2. However, the UCU Lady Doves concluded their season without a medal after being swept 3-0 by KCCA in their own third-place playoff match.

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## UCU Wins Best Memorial Award at 34th All Africa Human Rights Moot

UCU won the award for Best Memorial/Written Submissions at the 34th All Africa Human Rights Moot Court Competition, which took place in Cape Town, South Africa, from June 29 to July 5, 2025. The competition featured over 104 universities from across Africa, and UCU’s team was recognized for their exceptional written work.

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# Upcoming Sports events

## SEPT 2025 28 Sun

### Provincial UCU Sunday

The annual UCU Sunday, established by the Church of Uganda in 2017 and held every last Sunday of September, unites Anglican churches nationwide to pray for and raise funds for Uganda Christian University. Proceeds support projects like infrastructure, clergy training, and tuition aid for clergy children.

**Host:** UCU Church Relations Department

**Venue:** All COU sites



## OCT 2025 08 Wed

### Media Executives 'Meet and Greet'

The UCU Media Meet-and-Greet is a networking event aimed at strengthening ties with the media, sharing key updates, and fostering partnerships that promote accurate and impactful storytelling about the university.

**Host:** Department of Communication and Public Relations

**Venue:** Main Campus



## OCT 2025 18 Sat

### The Annual UCU Tuition Run

The Run is a charity event that raises funds to support students with tuition challenges while promoting fitness, unity, and access to quality, Christ-centered education.

**Host:** Uganda Partners | Guild | Honours College | Alumni Association

**Venue:** All Campuses



## OCT 2025 22 Wed

### The Annual UCU Public Lecture

The Annual UCU Public Lecture is a forum for dialogue on key issues, promoting knowledge-sharing and showcasing the university's thought leadership.

**Host:** Directorate of Research, Partnerships, and Innovation

**Venue:** Main Campus



## OCT 2025 24 Fri

### 26th Graduation Ceremonies

**PART 2**

**Venue:** Main Campus, Mukono

### 14 Fri. NOV 2025

**PART 3**

**Venue:** Bishop Barham University College

### 28 Fri. NOV 2025

**PART 4**

**Venue:** Mbale University College



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