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EMBRACING EXCELLENCE: CIU'S NEW CHAPTER UNDER THE CHARTERED ACADEMIC YEAR

Clarke International University (CIU) has entered a landmark phase, officially starting its "Chartered Academic Year" following the granting of a charter from the President of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, on July 3, 2025. This achievement validates the university's credibility, stability, and quality, affirming its status as a full, independent university. According to Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rose Clarke Nanyonga, the charter is a collective victory earned through years of hard work, persistence, and sacrifice by the entire university community, whose "fingerprints" are on the achievement. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized that this milestone is both a "crown and a contract," honoring the university's past while demanding a future defined by excellence.

During a staff meeting, the Vice-Chancellor laid out a clear vision for this new era. She urged staff to embrace excellence by mastering their roles, building a strong brand identity, and fostering collaboration to break down internal silos. The university's mission statement has been updated to "prepare students for global leadership and generate knowledge for social transformation" through values-based and transdisciplinary education, lifelong learning, research, innovation, and service. This new mission underpins the CIU Thrive Strategy 2025–2029, which focuses on five key areas: enhancing teaching and learning, promoting holistic research and innovation, strengthening partnerships, ensuring institutional sustainability, and visionary program expansion.

In line with this strategic vision, the university is already implementing significant changes and forging new alliances. The Simulation Laboratory has been enhanced with advanced equipment, including high-fidelity mannequins and patient monitors, to strengthen hands-on learning for health sciences students. The third and final module of the student information system, the Human Resource Information Management Module (HRIS), has also been installed to streamline operations and enhance institutional efficiency. Furthermore, CIU is expanding its global reach through new partnerships, including one with KenyanNurse Consultants LTD to launch a ReMar NCLEX Training site and an engagement with The Education Collaborative, a pan-African network aimed at advancing student-centered education.

The Vice-Chancellor also stressed the importance of adapting to the new TVET Law 2025, which demands a radical rethinking of academic priorities. She called on staff to embrace new norms in both what and how they teach. This includes mainstreaming entrepreneurship,

innovation, climate resilience, and health systems thinking across all disciplines. The university must shift from traditional, lecture-centered delivery to active, experiential learning, and adopt competency-based assessments that measure what students can apply and create. By focusing on lifelong learning and creating micro-credentials, CIU aims to become a platform where alumni can return to re-skill and where curricula remain dynamic and market-aligned. The university is determined to build a lasting legacy as a reference point in East Africa for generations to come.







NEW STUDENTS SETTLE IN AS CIU KICKS OFF TWO-DAY ORIENTATION

Clarke International University (CIU) officially launched its new academic year with a two-day orientation event in August 2025 for its newest students. The program was designed to help the incoming class transition smoothly into university life, providing them with key skills for success while introducing them to the campus community.

Over the course of the two days, students had the opportunity to meet and interact with a range of campus leaders. Deans and Heads of Departments (HODs) addressed the students, offering insights into their respective fields of study and the academic expectations at CIU. This direct engagement was a key component of the event, helping students feel at ease and connected to the academic administration from day one.

The orientation was filled with practical activities to help students get accustomed to their new environment. Students were seen

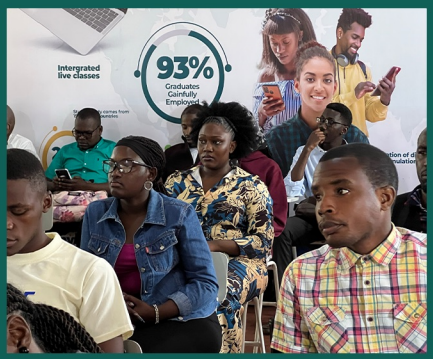












moving around campus, familiarizing themselves with the layout and key facilities. A crucial part of the process was the formal registration, which students began during the event. This administrative step allowed them to officially enroll and start their journey as CIU students.

This two-day event underscores CIU's commitment to setting a strong foundation for its students' success. By providing a comprehensive introduction to campus life, leadership, and essential administrative processes, the university is not only helping them settle in but also empowering them to "step up" to the academic challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE: CIU AND THE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARTNER TO REVOLUTIONIZE LEARNING











Clarke International University (CIU) has initiated a new partnership with The Education Collaborative, a pan-African initiative focused on transforming higher education. This collaboration was formalized during a recent visit from a delegation that included the Vice Chancellor of Cavendish University Uganda, Dr. Olive Sabiiti, Mr. George Mugabe, Director of the East Africa Regional Hub, and Mr. David Mutabanura, Executive Director of Cavendish University Uganda.

The meeting provided a platform for CIU and The Education Collaborative to explore potential partnerships and share insights, strengthening their mutual commitment to promoting impactful, student-centered education in Uganda and across the African continent. This strategic engagement is closely aligned with CIU's Thrive Strategy 2025/29, which aims to enhance the quality of education through innovative teaching methods and a learner-centered approach.

By joining The Education Collaborative's network, CIU aims to gain access to a wealth of shared knowledge, innovative practices, and collaborative opportunities. This partnership will help CIU to further its goal of moving away from traditional, lecture-centered learning and mainstreaming experiential and digital learning models. This is a crucial step in preparing graduates with future-ready skills such as digital literacy, data analysis, and cross-cultural communication.

This new collaboration also underscores CIU's commitment to building a university that serves as a platform for lifelong learning, where alumni and professionals can return for ongoing education and upskilling. The partnership will help ensure that CIU's curriculum remains dynamic and market-aligned, allowing knowledge to flow both to and from the industry. The university's leadership encourages all stakeholders to leverage these new opportunities to help achieve its aspirations and make a lasting impact.

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CIU AND SAMARITAN HEALTH SYSTEMS PARTNER TO PROVIDE CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING TO STUDENTS



Clarke International University (CIU) has signed a one-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samaritan Health Systems (SHS) LTD. This strategic collaboration establishes a framework for SHS to provide Cardiac Life Support Training to CIU's final-semester and one-year postgraduate students. The primary goal of this partnership is to equip students with critical emergency care skills before they begin their clinical practice, thereby enhancing their readiness for the professional world. This agreement marks another step in CIU's commitment to providing a holistic and practical education that extends beyond traditional classroom learning.

The training package offered by SHS is comprehensive, covering several key areas of cardiac care. It includes Basic Life Support (BLS), which is available to all students. Additionally, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Electrocardiogram (EKG) & Algorithms training are offered exclusively to Diploma and Bachelor-level students. Under the terms of the MoU, SHS will be responsible for providing experienced and certified instructors, along with the necessary training materials and simulation equipment. Upon completion, students will receive official certificates, documenting their new skills.

For its part, CIU will play a crucial role in facilitating this training. The university is responsible for marketing the program to eligible students through its communication channels. Furthermore, CIU will provide adequate classroom space and access to its simulation labs for the training sessions to take place. The university will also handle scheduling to ensure the training aligns with the academic calendar and student availability. These responsibilities highlight the collaborative nature of the partnership, where each party contributes to a seamless and effective training experience.

Beyond the immediate training, this MoU represents a significant benefit to both CIU and its students. It not only ensures that students graduate with essential, in-demand skills but also strengthens the university's reputation for producing highly competent, practice-ready

professionals. The partnership is a testament to CIU's focus on innovative and relevant education, particularly in the health sciences. By providing these specialized training opportunities, CIU is better preparing its students to make a real difference in their communities and careers.

CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSTS EAST AFRICA UNIVERSITY TO FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIP





Great minds have met, as Clarke International University (CIU) recently hosted a delegation from Jaamacada Bariga Afrika (East Africa University - EAU) from Garowe, Somalia. The visit, which took place on August 12, 2025, served as a platform to explore a new era of collaboration between the two institutions. The EAU team was represented by Dr. Abdirahma Ibrahim Dirie and Dahir A. Hersi.

The two universities held a fantastic session dedicated to exploring a new era of collaboration. This meeting is part of CIU's ongoing efforts to strengthen its local and global partnerships , a key component of the new

CIU Thrive Strategic Plan 2025/29. By expanding its network, CIU aims to create more opportunities for knowledge exchange, resource sharing, and collective impact.

This collaboration is expected to lead to fruitful partnerships, including the creation of new programs at CIU. The university is actively broadening its academic offerings to meet emerging market needs and attract a diverse body of learners from across the globe. The partnership with EAU will likely contribute to this visionary expansion and diversification of programs , helping CIU to continue its mission of preparing students for global leadership and generating knowledge for social transformation.

The meeting also reinforces CIU's commitment to being a "reference point in East Africa for generations to come". By building strong regional relationships, the university is not only expanding its influence but also fulfilling its promise to innovate and transform higher education.

CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSTS UGANDAN CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEADACHE EDUCATION TRAINING

Clarke International University (CIU) proudly served as the Ugandan host center for the 5th Annual Education in Headache for Healthcare Professionals (EHHPA 2025), a global training that brought together world-class experts, healthcare professionals, students, and alumni to advance knowledge in headache medicine.

The event attracted over 247 reservations, with attendance capped at 200 participants as per the international organizers' guidelines. Delegates included students from CIU and other universities, CIU alumni, and healthcare professionals representing various organizations and institutions across the country.

A Day of Insightful Learning
The training featured renowned international speakers, including Dr. Tina Charway-Felli, Dr. Peter Goadsby, Dr. Jessica Klein, Dr. Mona Nada, Prof. David Dodick, and others. Sessions covered a wide range of critical topics, such as:
- Headache diagnosis and history taking
- Managing migraines in limited-resource settings
- Pediatric headache care and lifestyle approaches
- Patient empowerment and shared decision-making
- The future of headache medicine on a global scale

Participants engaged in interactive Q&A sessions, gaining valuable insights and practical strategies to improve clinical practice.

Alumni in Action
A highlight of the day was hearing from Dr. Umal Ssenkubuge, a proud CIU alumnus, who shared his feedback in a video testimonial. He emphasized the importance of bridging global knowledge with Uganda's local healthcare realities, while celebrating CIU's role in creating platforms for continuous learning.

Seamless Operations and Impact
The Ugandan host center received USD 400 in facilitation, which was carefully utilized to support logistics, refreshments, and training materials. Thanks to meticulous planning and teamwork, the event ran smoothly, earning praise from both participants and speakers.

Strengthening Clinical Knowledge and Global Links
The success of #EHHPA2025 at CIU highlights the university's growing role in global health education and professional development. By connecting Ugandan healthcare professionals with international expertise, CIU continues to strengthen clinical knowledge, foster innovation, and empower the next generation of healthcare leaders.

"At CIU, we believe that collaboration, innovation, and continuous learning are key to transforming healthcare education in Uganda and beyond."

By: Vivian Ruth Kayaga
Alumni Relations Officer







CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY JOINS ROTARY CANCER RUN 2025

On 31st August 2025, Clarke International University (CIU) proudly took part in the Rotary Cancer Run, an annual event that unites thousands of Ugandans and partners in the fight against cancer. This year's edition, held at Kololo Airstrip and in various locations across the country, brought together over 50,000 participants under the theme of hope, care, and action.

CIU's participation was marked by an impressive turnout from its students, staff, and council members, who laced up their shoes to run for a cause that touches countless lives. The strong representation reflected the

university's commitment to social responsibility and its values of community engagement and service beyond the classroom.

A special highlight was the active involvement of nursing students, who went beyond participation in the run by serving in the medical camps. Their contribution in offering health support, first aid, and care to participants showcased not only their growing professional skills but also their compassion and dedication to humanity.

By taking part in this year's Rotary Cancer Run, CIU reaffirmed its role as a partner in national initiatives that make a difference in society. The day was more than just a run—it was a demonstration of unity, service, and the power of collective action in the fight against cancer.







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