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Editorial

This edition highlights the vibrant community and innovative spirit of Clarke International University (CIU). From welcoming new students with curiosity and community to launching a new Bachelor of Information Technology program, CIU is committed to nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators. We also shine a light on the critical issue of teenage pregnancy in Uganda, emphasizing the need for a multifaceted approach to address this persistent crisis. Additionally, we celebrate the empowerment of women, the importance of sickle cell awareness, and the impact of community events on fostering connections and driving positive change. Through these stories, we demonstrate CIU's dedication to education, community, and innovation, inspiring a brighter future for all.

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CIU ATTENDS THE 3RD ANNUAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS EVENT IN JINJA

Clarke International University (CIU) is proud to have participated in the 3rd Annual Sickle Cell Awareness Event held in Jinja. This year's theme, "Innovation in Sickle Cell Care, Preventive Medicine, and Wellness," highlights the critical advancements and strategies needed to improve the lives of those affected by sickle cell disease. The event provided a valuable platform for healthcare professionals, researchers, and patients to share insights, discuss innovative treatments, and explore new approaches to preventive care. CIU's team engaged with a diverse group of stakeholders, contributing to the dialogue on how innovative solutions can address the challenges faced by individuals with sickle cell disease.

The event also featured workshops and presentations that focused on the latest research and developments in sickle cell care. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge technologies and preventive measures that can significantly enhance patient well-being. CIU's involvement underscores the university's commitment to supporting health initiatives and fostering collaboration in the fight against sickle cell disease. By participating in such significant events, CIU continues to contribute to the broader effort of improving healthcare outcomes and raising awareness about this important issue

CIU OPEN DAY: WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS WITH CURIOSITY AND COMMUNITY







On July 26th, Clarke International University (CIU) hosted a memorable Open Day, marking a significant milestone as the university welcomed over 100 prospective and newly admitted students. The event was filled with excitement and anticipation, offering these students a glimpse into the enriching academic life at CIU.

Adding a special touch to the day were popular comedians Stuart and Bruno, whose performances brought laughter and camaraderie to the event. Their lively humor set a warm and welcoming tone, making it easy for students to feel at home and start forming connections within the CIU community.

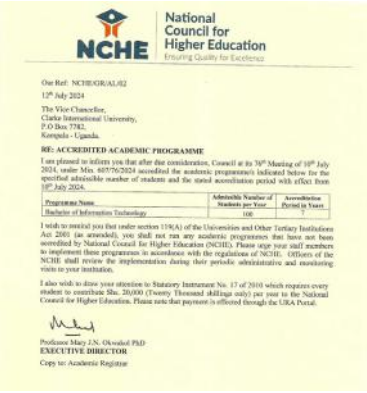
The day's highlight was an inspirational address by CIU's Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rose Nanyonga, who shared words of encouragement with the students. "As a student, your strength lies in your curiosity, resilience, and determination. Don't be discouraged if your journey doesn't look like someone else's. Celebrate your progress, no matter how small," she advised.

Dr. Nanyonga's speech resonated with the students, reinforcing the university's commitment to supporting each individual's unique educational journey. Her words served as a powerful reminder that success is not just about reaching the destination, but also about appreciating the growth and learning that happens along the way.

The CIU Open Day was more than just an orientation; it was a celebration of the university's core values of curiosity, resilience, and community. As the new students embark on their academic journeys, they do so with the assurance that CIU is a place where their potential will be nurtured and their progress, however small, will be celebrated.

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RE: ACCREDITED ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

I am pleased to inform you that after due consideration, Council at its 70th Meeting of 10th July 2024, under Min. 607/76/2024 accredited the academic programme/s indicated below for the specified admissible number of students and the stated accreditation period with effect from 10th July 2024.

Programme Name	Admissible Number of Students per Year	Accreditation Period in Years
Bachelor of Information Technology	100	7

I wish to remind you that under section 119(A) of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001 (as amended), you shall not run any academic programmes that have not been accredited by National Council for Higher Education (NCHE). Please urge your staff members to implement these programmes in accordance with the regulations of NCHE. Officers of the NCHE shall review the implementation during their periodic administrative and monitoring visits to your institution.

I also wish to draw your attention to Statutory Instrument No. 17 of 2010 which requires every student to contribute Shs. 20,000 (Twenty Thousand shillings only) per year to the National Council for Higher Education. Please note that payment is effected through the URA Portal.

Professor Mary J.N. Okwakol PhD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Copy to: Academic Registrar

Clarke International University (CIU) is launching a new Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) program, accredited by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) for 7 years. This program addresses the growing demand for skilled IT professionals, equipping students with critical skills and knowledge in areas like software development, network management, data analytics, and cybersecurity.

The comprehensive curriculum balances theoretical knowledge with practical experience, including hands-on learning opportunities and collaborations with industry partners. Students will have access to modern computer labs and experienced faculty members.

Graduates will be prepared for various IT careers, including software development, IT consulting, network administration, and data analysis. The program emphasizes both technical and soft skills, ensuring
students are job-ready and adaptable to the evolving technology landscape.



CIU is now accepting applications for the upcoming academic intake. Prospective students are encouraged to apply early due to expected high interest in the program.

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MTN PULSE HOSTS A THRILLING MOVIE NIGHT AT THE ROCK ARENA

MTN Pulse hosted a movie night at The Rock Arena, bringing together students from various universities (CIU, Cavendish, KIU, IUEA, and more) for an unforgettable evening. The event featured the action-packed film "A Mad Max Saga," which captivated the audience with its intense action, stunning visuals, and gripping storyline. The diverse gathering showcased the strong connections among student bodies, united by a shared love of cinema. The movie night was a social event that allowed students to network, relax, and enjoy a break from academics. MTN Pulse demonstrated its commitment to creating memorable experiences for young people, fostering a sense of community through entertainment. The event's success highlighted the collaborative spirit among participating universities and MTN Pulse's dedication to youth engagement. The night was a perfect blend of entertainment, community, and youthful energy, leaving a lasting impression on attendees and anticipation for future MTN Pulse events.





CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SHINES AT INAUGURAL UGANDA DEVELOPER SUMMIT

Clarke International University (CIU) participated in the inaugural Uganda Developer Summit (UG DevSummit) at the National ICT Hub in Nakawa. The summit, themed "Positioning Uganda's Tech Talent for Digital Economy Growth," brought together tech experts, employers, developers, regulators, and industry leaders to foster collaboration and learning. CIU showcased its cutting-edge programs, including the newly licensed

Bachelor of Information Technology, and engaged in interactive sessions, technical demonstrations, and networking opportunities.

Highlights from CIU's participation include:

- Engagement with industry experts to explore potential collaborations
- Student showcases of projects and innovations
- Networking opportunities for faculty, students, and alumni
- Demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies
- Panel discussions on digital economy growth, tech talent development, and education's role in driving innovation

CIU's involvement aligns with its mission to nurture the next generation of tech leaders and innovators, positioning itself at the forefront of Uganda's educational institutions. The university looks forward to continued collaboration with stakeholders to shape the future of Uganda's tech industry.







CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SHINES AT GREENHILL ACADEMY'S CAREER DAY

Greenhill Academy – July 19 – Clarke International University (CIU) was thrilled to participate in and exhibit at Greenhill Academy's recent Career Day event. The occasion was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore future career paths and connect with potential educational institutions.

The event provided a vibrant platform for students to engage with CIU representatives. Our team was on hand to share comprehensive information about the diverse programs offered at CIU, including insights into our Bachelor of Information Technology program, and to discuss the various scholarship opportunities available.

Students eagerly interacted with our team, taking the chance to ask questions and learn more about how CIU can support their academic and professional aspirations. The engaging discussions and exchange of ideas were a highlight of the day, reflecting the students' enthusiasm for their future careers.

CIU's presence at the event underscored our commitment to nurturing and guiding the next generation of professionals. The interactions were not only informative but also inspiring, providing students with the clarity and motivation needed to make informed decisions about their educational journeys.

As the day wrapped up, it was evident that Greenhill Academy's Career Day had been a success in fostering valuable connections between students and educational institutions. Clarke International University was proud to be a part of this initiative and looks forward to continuing to support students in achieving their dreams.







EMPOWERING WOMEN, LEADING CHANGE: HERSEA'S IMPACTFUL VISIT TO CIU

on the 16th of July Clarke International University (CIU) hosted an event with Higher Education Resource Services East Africa (HERSA) titled "Empowering Women, Leading Change: Women Empowering Women." The session aimed to promote women's leadership and empowerment in higher education, aligning with CIU's commitment to gender equity.

Highlights:

HERSA shared insights on challenges and opportunities faced by women leaders, Emphasis on mentorship, professional development, and supportive network, Successful case studies and best practices were shared, Interactive sessions and workshops focused on "Women Empowering Women" and developing actionable strategies

Impact: Participants left inspired and equipped with new ideas, Discussions fostered a sense of unity and commitment to advancing women's leadership, CIU looks forward to continued collaboration with HERSA and other partners in promoting gender equity and empowering women leaders.

EMPOWERING FUTURES: ROSE'S JOURNEY FOUNDATION HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL MEETING FOR TEENAGE MOTHERS

The Rose's Journey Foundation recently held its second annual meeting for teenage mothers this year, focusing on essential topics such as pregnancy, conception, and birth control. This well-organized event provided a valuable opportunity for the mothers to deepen their understanding and engage in important discussions about their reproductive health.

The day featured inspiring speeches from Dr. Rose Clarke, Nanyonga, and Stella Dorah Lamunu . Dr. Clarke, a leading advocate for women's empowerment, shared her insights on resilience and overcoming challenges. Nanyonga offered an honest account of her own experiences, while Stella Dorah Lamunu provided a compelling perspective on navigating the realities of teenage motherhood. Their talks aimed to motivate and empower the attendees, setting a strong foundation for discussions on pregnancy and preventive care.

In addition to the motivational speeches, the event included practical workshops on preventing unwanted pregnancies and managing reproductive health. Each participant was also given a hamper with essential items to support their daily lives. This thoughtful gesture, along with the foundation's commitment to ongoing mentorship and follow-up, highlights its dedication to empowering teenage mothers and supporting their path to a brighter future.





CIU LIT SERRIES: ADDRESSING TEENAGE PREGNANCIES IN UGANDA: INSIGHTS AND SOLUTIONS FROM DR. SABRINA KITAKA

Here's a rewritten version of the text in a more fluid, article-style format:

Teenage pregnancy remains a critical issue in Uganda, with one in four girls aged 15-19 having had a child or being pregnant. This trend endangers young mothers' health and futures, imposing economic and social burdens on families and the nation.

Dr. Sabrina Bakeera-Kitaka, an expert on adolescent health, notes that teenage pregnancy rates have remained stagnant at around 25% for several years. This issue is compounded by high rates of child marriage and new HIV infections among young people. Tragically, 28% of maternal deaths occur among girls aged 15-25.

In 2021, over 31,000 teenage girls became pregnant each month, averaging 1,052 daily. This crisis has significant economic implications, with families spending $290 million on sexual and reproductive health services in 2020. The health facility expenditure on teenage mothers amounted to $70 million, representing 43% of the Ministry of Health's 2019/20 budget.

To address this issue, Dr. Kitaka emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach focusing on individual, relational, community, and societal factors. This includes education and family support, community awareness and policy reforms, addressing health risks faced by adolescent mothers and their newborns, and strengthening family support and raising community awareness.

By implementing evidence-based interventions and fostering a collaborative effort among various stakeholders, it is possible to transform the lives of countless young Ugandans and secure a brighter future for the nation.

