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#MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A NIGHT OF CINEMATIC MAGIC: CIU HOSTS YET ANOTHER SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

The Rock Arena was transformed into a unique sanctuary of cinema and sound on Friday, March 6th, for an innovative Silent Movie Night & Disco organized by the CIU Guild Office. Breaking away from the traditional loud cinema setup, the Guild Office introduced a personalized, high-fidelity experience where every attendee utilized wireless headsets to enjoy the film. This creative initiative allowed the student body to "Lead, Innovate, and Transform" their Friday night, blending the nostalgia of a big-screen movie with modern, immersive technology.

As the film played, the arena was filled with the rhythmic crunch of free popcorn and a captive audience lost in their own private sonic worlds. Once the credits rolled, the Guild Office kept the energy high by transitioning seamlessly into a Silent Disco, where students and guests toggled between multiple music channels to keep the party going until midnight. The event was a massive success, showcasing the Guild's commitment to fostering a vibrant campus culture and proving once again that #CIULife is at the forefront of unique student experiences.







COMMUNITY DAY 2026: SERVICE, SYNERGY, AND CELEBRATION AT CIU

Clarke International University (CIU) once again proved that its heart beats for the community through a two-day "Community Day" activation. The initiative kicked off on Friday, March 6th, with "dirty hands and clean hearts" as the CIU Guild Cabinet and Rotaract Club descended upon Katongole Market for a massive pre-event cleanup. Beyond sweeping stalls and clearing waste, our student leaders spent the day sensitizing local traders about the importance of environmental hygiene and mobilizing them for the free medical services to follow. This grassroots effort set the stage for a Saturday defined by the CIU spirit of #MakingADifference.

The main event on Saturday, March 7th, transformed the campus into a bustling hub of health, hope, and high energy. While the music played, lives were being touched through a comprehensive medical camp hosted in partnership with industry giants. Major medical partners including C-Care (IHK), UNCDA, Kisugu Health Center, the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI), and the UPDF provided critical services ranging from HIV and Hepatitis B screenings to Breast and Prostate cancer exams. The impact was bolstered by corporate partners like Paxtel and DTB, alongside others like Standard Chartered, Absa, and Sanlam, who provided financial literacy and insurance services, ensuring a holistic approach to community empowerment.

The day was far from just a clinical exercise; it was a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultures that make CIU a continental melting pot. The Cultural Competition saw spirited performances from the Baganda, Southern Sudan, Eritrea, and India, with the Northern Uganda community

ultimately taking home the trophy for their exceptional showcase. Between the rock climbing, bouncing castles for the children, and dental check-ups by Tells Dental Services, the event seamlessly blended professional service with family fun. At its core, Community Day 2026 was a powerful reminder that at CIU, we don't just educate; we Lead, Innovate, and Transform the society we call home.















LEADING THE FUTURE: CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND C-CARE FORGE STRATEGIC INNOVATION ALLIANCE

In a sun-drenched room filled with the next generation of Uganda's medical elite, a quiet revolution was signed into existence. It wasn't just a contract; it was a manifesto for a "borderless" Uganda. As Clarke International University and C-Care Uganda joined hands to launch the Health Innovation Nexus—a powerhouse collaboration between The Foundry (CIU) and C-Care Uganda—marks the end of "second-rate" medical standards. By merging the intellectual fire of Clarke International University students with the clinical muscle of C-Care's 30-year legacy. the air was thick with the realisation that the traditional ways of teaching and treating are no longer enough. The launch of The Foundry—a high-octane innovation hub—marked the end of the era where African healthcare waited for the West to lead.



CFE Dr.Milka Singh The Deputy Vice Chancellor Clarke International University set the tone with a stark warning about the speed of the modern world. He invoked Moore's Law, the principle that computing power doubles every 18 months, to remind the faculty that if technology is moving that fast, our human ideation must quadruple just to keep pace. For Dr Singh, the classroom can no longer be a place of repetition. He spoke of a "triple pyramid" of learning that moves from basic understanding to deep knowledge, and finally to the rare air of wisdom. He illustrated his point with a fascinating story of a simple water bottle lid—a minor engineering tweak that cost millions but saved a company sixty million dollars by defeating counterfeiters. It was a masterclass in the idea that small, disruptive changes in "process and product" are what will ultimately save lives in the healthcare sector.

The energy shifted as the CEO of C-Care Uganda , Azhar Sundhoo , took the floor. For him, the partnership is a vehicle to take Ugandan excellence across the borders of East Africa. His vision is one of radical simplification and decentralisation. By leveraging Artificial Intelligence and the raw data from C-Care's vast clinical network, he aims to move healthcare away from the crowded city centres and into the "last mile" of rural communities. The goal is a world where technology makes the most advanced clinical outcomes accessible to a farmer in a remote village just as easily as a patient in a high-end Kampala ward.

Dr Ian Clarke , the pioneer whose name is synonymous with the university, brought the room back to the "mental grit" required to sustain such a vision. In a moment of raw honesty, he confessed to being "mediocre" in his university classes, but argued that success in a resource-poor country isn't about being the smartest—it's about having the "risk" to push forward when others sit back. He recalled the early days of scrubbing floors to maintain standards, a testament to his belief that "resource-poor" should never mean "second-rate." He challenged the young leaders in the room to reject the typical "it will do" attitude, reminding them that the AI tools available in Kampala today are the same as those in London or New York. The only barrier left, he insisted, is the mental one.

Finally, Dr David Jolly Muganzi , the director of The Foundry, gave a face to this new era. A medical doctor who spent seven years self-studying AI and public health, he is proof that the modern practitioner must be a polymath. He shared the story of winning global awards in Washington D.C. while studying at a small local university to prove a singular point: world-class talent is not dictated by geography. Under his leadership, The Foundry isn't just looking for software or gadgets; it is hunting for "virgin thinking." It is a place where students are treated as a "think tank," tasked with solving the most complex clinical puzzles.





CIU LAUNCHES LANDMARK RESEARCH & INNOVATION CLUB: A NEW ERA OF STUDENT-LED DISCOVERY

On March 11, 2026, Clarke International University (CIU) marked a significant milestone with the official launch of the CIU Research & Innovation Club. In an event attended by both student visionaries and University Management, the campus celebrated the beginning of a new era dedicated to discovery and practical problem-solving. This initiative serves as a strategic launchpad for students, empowering them to transition from theoretical learning to active participation in solving real-world challenges through data-driven innovation and creative thinking.

At CIU, we believe that research should not be confined to the lab; it belongs in the community where it can drive tangible change. The Research & Innovation Club is designed to be a multidisciplinary hub where students across all faculties can collaborate to address societal gaps. By focusing on evidence-based solutions, our students are being prepared to act as lead innovators who can transform complex data into impactful social and economic interventions.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the CIU Management team for their unwavering support in fostering an environment where ideas are nurtured into impact. Their commitment to providing the necessary resources and mentorship ensures that our students are not just spectators of the future, but active architects of it. As we move forward, the club stands as a testament to our core values: to lead, to innovate, and to transform the world around us.







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EAST MEETS WEST: CIU AND ASHESI UNIVERSITY EXPLORE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

On March 12, 2026, Clarke International University (CIU) had the honor of hosting a distinguished delegation from Ashesi University in a landmark engagement that signals a powerful step toward continental transformation. This visit represents more than a meeting of institutions—it embodies a shared commitment to bridging the geographical and academic divide between East and West Africa through purposeful collaboration.

At the heart of this partnership lies a vision to harmonize the unique strengths of both universities. By integrating Ashesi University's renowned focus on ethical leadership and entrepreneurship with CIU's excellence in health sciences education and community-based research, the collaboration sets the stage for a new standard in African higher education. Together, the two institutions aim to cultivate a generation of professionals equipped not only with academic expertise but also with the integrity and innovation required to address Africa's most pressing challenges.

This alliance is rooted in the belief that transformative solutions emerge through the exchange of ideas and perspectives. As such, the partnership will foster a dynamic, pan-African platform for students and faculty to engage, learn, and co-create. Through joint initiatives, knowledge-sharing frameworks, and collaborative programs, both institutions are committed to empowering learners with the skills and mindset needed to lead sustainable change across borders.

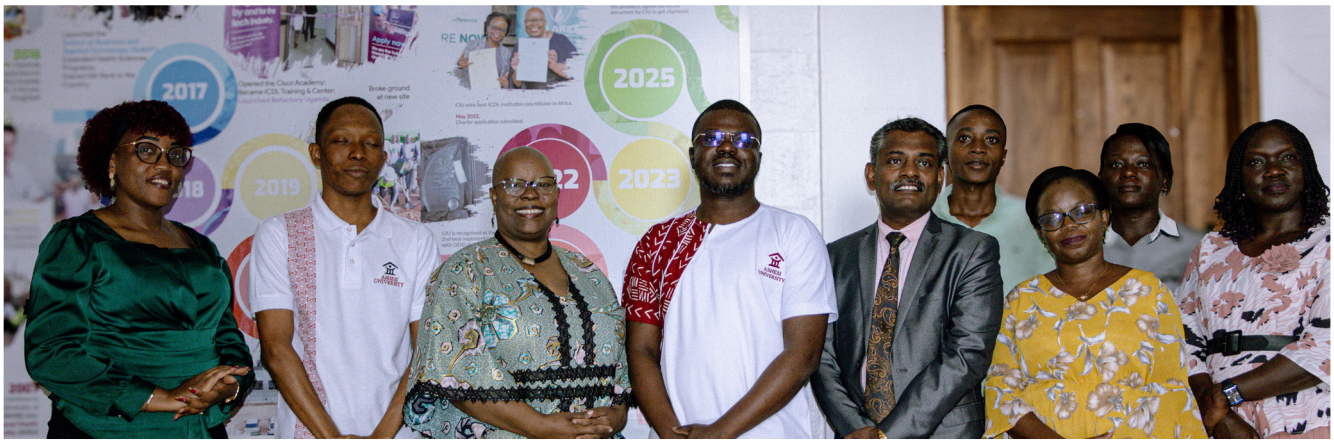
The engagement also reinforces CIU's commitment to its mission to "Lead, Innovate, and Transform" by building high-impact regional networks that extend beyond national boundaries. By creating meaningful pathways for student empowerment and professional development, this collaboration will ensure that graduates are not only academically proficient but also ethically grounded and globally competitive.

As CIU and Ashesi University look to the future, this partnership marks a significant milestone in redefining what is possible for higher education in Africa. It is a bold step toward developing sustainable, innovative solutions for the continent's evolving healthcare and leadership needs.

More updates will follow as this exciting journey unfolds—one that promises to shape the future of African education and drive lasting impact across the continent.







REVERSING DEATH IN THE WORKPLACE: DR. UMAL SSENKUBUGE DELIVERS A MASTERCLASS AT THE CIU LIT SERIES

March 12, 2026 — "The heart needs the blood you are losing," Dr. Umal Ssenkubuge emphasized to a captivated audience during the latest installment of the CIU LIT Series. In a powerful masterclass focused on reversing death in the workplace, Dr. Umal broke down the thin line between life and death, providing participants with the critical knowledge needed to intervene during three life-threatening emergencies: cardiac arrest, severe bleeding, and stroke. The session served as a profound reminder that conditions often viewed as final are frequently reversible with immediate, proper intervention, particularly when following the "Chain of Survival". This chain consists of five critical links—recognition, high-quality CPR, rapid defibrillation, advanced life support, and post-cardiac arrest care—where each step strengthens the next to prevent brain damage and death.



The masterclass was intensely practical, detailing the two primary types of cardiac arrest: Sudden Cardiac Arrest, typically caused by electrical disturbances , and Asphyxial Cardiac Arrest, often triggered by breathing problems and a lack of oxygen. To combat these, the LIT Series emphasized the necessity of high-quality CPR and the rapid use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). High-quality CPR requires pushing hard—at least 2 inches in adults—and fast, at a rate of 100-120 compressions per minute. By maintaining a ratio of 30 compressions to 2 breaths and allowing for full chest recoil, responders can keep vital blood flowing to the brain and heart until professional help arrives.

This masterclass also paid homage to CIU's roots in nursing, a discipline the university has championed since 2005. By equipping healthcare professionals and workplace leaders with evidence-based skills, CIU continues to ensure that its community members are the heartbeat of the healthcare system. Whether it is the 15-minute window to save a victim of severe arterial bleeding or the relentless persistence required in CPR until a patient wakes, the message was clear: at Clarke International University, we Lead, Innovate, and Transform by empowering our community to make a life-saving difference when every second counts.





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REDEFINING GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR THE UGANDAN YOUTH

Clarke International University (CIU) continues to solidify its position as a hub for global innovation through its recent strategic engagement with SEAMK - Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences Finland. This collaboration focuses on a "Demographic Exchange," designed to leverage Finland's advanced strategies in automation and workforce sustainability to empower Uganda's vibrant, youth-driven economy. By examining how Finland manages its ageing population and labour shortages, CIU aims to adapt these high-tech solutions to optimise local resources and transform our youthful population into a primary economic asset.

The partnership places a heavy emphasis on integrating work-based learning with academic excellence, particularly within CIU's core strengths of Nursing, Public Health, and Business. With SEAMK's expertise in applied research and entrepreneurial studies, including specialised fields like AgroFarm Engineering, #CIU is set to enhance its curriculum to better address business succession and the scalability of small family enterprises. This alignment ensures that CIU students are not only academically proficient but are also prepared to navigate the complexities of global leadership and ethical business practices.

To address the pressing challenges of unemployment and the evolving demands of the African labour market, CIU and SEAMK are developing pathways for student and faculty exchanges. These initiatives will allow the CIU community to study international demographic models firsthand and participate in joint research focused on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By piloting small-scale innovative programs, CIU is proactively creating a blueprint for workforce training that bridges the gap between traditional education and the agile requirements of the 21st-century global economy.

Ultimately, this collaboration reinforces CIU's mission to produce graduates who are "Values-Based" and "Industry-Ready." By blending Finland's tech-driven insights with Uganda's entrepreneurial spirit, CIU is positioning itself as a leader in educational reform. We are excited for a future where our students are equipped to lead with integrity, utilising global best practices to solve local challenges and drive meaningful growth across the continent.



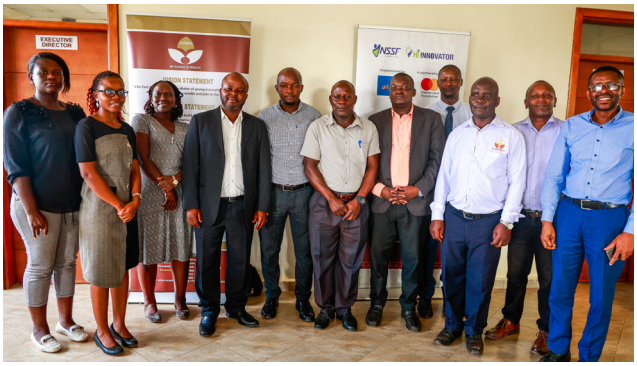






CULTIVATING THE FUTURE: CIU AND CURAD PARTNER TO REVOLUTIONIZE AGRIBUSINESS IN UGANDA

Clarke International University (CIU) has solidified a strategic partnership with the Consortium for enhancing University Responsiveness to Agribusiness Development (CURAD) to transform Uganda's agricultural landscape. This collaboration, cemented through reciprocal visits to CIU's Muyenga campus and CURAD's Namanve headquarters in March 2026, aims to equip a new generation of "agripreneurs" with high-level business and technological skills. By bridging the gap between traditional classroom learning and the requirements of a global economy, both institutions are working to ensure that academic excellence translates directly into sustainable industry innovation.





A cornerstone of this vision is the integration of hands-on exposure and academic incentives, highlighted by CIU's offer of a 50% tuition scholarship to CURAD staff and their families for graduate and postgraduate programs. During a tour of CURAD's state-of-the-art production units and packhouses, the CIU delegation explored how these facilities support local entrepreneurs in meeting international export standards. This practical foundation is critical as CIU prepares to launch its own School of Agriculture within the next five years, an initiative that will be supported by CURAD's technical expertise and incubation services.



The partnership extends into long-term empowerment through joint research proposals, scholarly publications, and specialized student internships led by Dr. Fiona Atim. Students will also gain unique opportunities to participate in prestigious competitions like the AyuTe Africa Challenge 2026 and benefit from entrepreneurial models inspired by global standards in Finland. By leveraging CIU's research capabilities and CURAD's infrastructure, the collaboration is creating a sustainable ecosystem that transforms innovative ideas into scalable businesses for Uganda's future leaders

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A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES STUDENTS IN UGANDA

On, Saturday March 21st, 2026 a significant chapter was written in the history of student leadership and collaboration across Uganda's private universities.

As Guild President of Clarke International University and in partnership with the Private Universities Students Association Uganda, I had the honor of leading PUSUA to hosting the first Inter-Private Universities Sports Gala held at I.U.E.A

This event was more than just a sports gala it was a unifying platform that brought together students from diverse institutions under one shared vision: strengthening solidarity, leadership, and collaboration among private universities in Uganda. The energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day reflected the immense potential within our private student communities.

Most notably, this gathering marked the official launch of the Private Universities Students Association Uganda (PUSUA) which signifies a new era of structured representation and collective advocacy for students in private institutions. PUSUA aims to amplify student voices, address common challenges, and create opportunities that transcend individual campuses.

The choice of sports as the launch platform was both symbolic and strategic. Sports break barriers, foster teamwork, and cultivate mutual respect values that align perfectly with the mission of PUSUA. Students competed passionately yet respectfully, demonstrating unity in diversity and the power of shared purpose and most importantly power of unity in sports and leadership

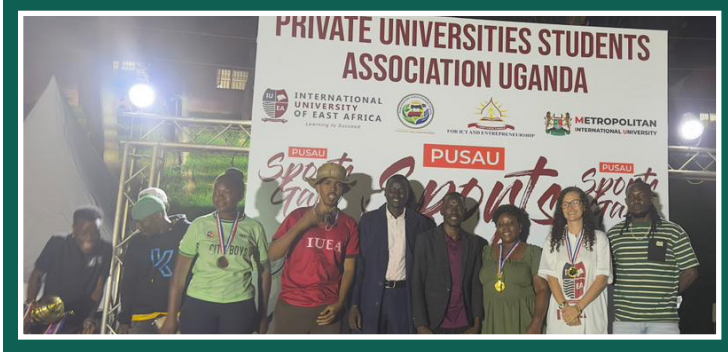
As President PUSAU, I firmly believe that this initiative will redefine student leadership across private universities. Through PUSUA, we now have a stronger, more coordinated framework to champion academic excellence, joint advocacy, innovation, welfare, entertainment and national development among others

I extend sincere appreciation to all participating universities, organizers, and student leaders who made this event a success. Special recognition goes Prof. Emeka VC IUEA for rendering support of facilities and venue. Special Appreciation also goes the different Deans of Students for supporting their students financially and allowing them be part of this landmark event. Credit also goes out to organising committee led by Mr. Faisal Mubiru ,guild presidents of different universities , our sponsors ,players and all the fans that made the event very successful.

The journey has just begun. The launch of PUSUA is not an end in itself but the beginning of greater collaboration, impactful programs, and a stronger, united student body across Uganda's private universities.

For Inclusion , Empowerment and Integrity

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FROM CLASSROOMS TO CHANGE - MAKERS: HONORING THE LEGENDS AND LEADERS OF CIU'S CLASS OF 2026

The 16th Graduation Ceremony of Clarke International University (CIU) was a historic and celebratory event, marking a monumental turning point as the university hosted its first graduation since receiving its official Charter. Under the inspiring theme of "Lead, Innovate, Transform," the Class of 2026—affectionately known as the "Charter Class"—was honored for their resilience and academic excellence. The atmosphere was one of profound thanksgiving, with Chancellor Prof. Moses Galukande describing the day as a season of harvest. He emphasized that the granting of the Charter is the university's greatest milestone to date, serving as a state-sanctioned "stamp of excellence" that confirms CIU as a self-governing, world-class institution whose degrees now carry global prestige and credibility.

In a stirring address that challenged the graduates to look beyond their certificates, Vice Chancellor Prof. Rose Clarke Nanyonga reminded the congregation that while a degree is evidence of learning, being a change-maker is evidence of applying that knowledge. She urged the new alumni not to wait for opportunities to come to them, but to have the courage to build new doors for others to walk through. This call to action was further reinforced by the university's commitment to industry relevance, highlighted by the historic appointment of its first Professor of Practice, Dr. Charles Olaro, and a strategic global partnership with SEAMK Finland. These initiatives ensure that CIU graduates are not just academically proficient, but are "Industry-Ready" leaders prepared to navigate the complexities of the 21st-century global economy.

The ceremony was also a touching tribute to the pillars who have built the institution's legacy. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mama Wafula, the university's longest-serving staff member, who received a standing ovation for her decades of selfless service and motherly care. Recognition was also given to founders Ian and Robbie Clarke for their visionary spark, and Prof. Deirdre Carabine for her pivotal role in the Charter process. As the approximately 450 graduates across Health Sciences, ICT, Business, and Education transition into the professional world, they do so as pioneers of a Chartered institution, equipped to lead with integrity and transform communities across the globe.















A NIGHT OF TRIUMPH: CIU CELEBRATES THE OFFICIAL CHARTER IN GRAND STYLE

After the colorful and emotional 16th Graduation Ceremony earlier in the day, the atmosphere at Clarke International University shifted from academic solemnity to pure celebration. As the sun set, the CIU community gathered for an unforgettable evening to commemorate our most significant milestone yet: the attainment of the Official University Charter.

The event brought together the full spectrum of the CIU family, including the University Management, students, and alumni. We were especially honored to have the Clarke Group CEO, Mr. Sean Clarke, and his wife join the festivities, adding to the sense of shared achievement that defined the night. It was a moment to exhale and reflect on the years of hard work, late nights, and rigorous standards that led to this historic recognition.

The evening was a true "thank you" to everyone who played a part in this journey. Amidst a spread of plenty—with great food, drinks, and a lively atmosphere—the university took the time to formally recognize the "Charter Heroes." Special awards were presented to the dedicated staff and partners who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to navigate the Charter process. Their commitment has ensured that CIU now stands as a self-governing, world-class institution, providing a future-proof education for all who walk through our gates.

As the music played and stories were shared between alumni and current students, the sense of "Lead, Innovate, Transform" was palpable. The Charter isn't just a document; it's a promise of excellence that we celebrated with laughter and camaraderie. This evening wasn't just a party; it was a tribute to the resilience of the CIU spirit. Here's to the Charter Class, the dedicated team behind the scenes, and a future where we continue to shine as a beacon of light in global education!















