

**ADDRESS FROM THE VICE - CHANCELLOR FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> BSU GRADUATION CEREMONY ON THE**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**SALUTATIONS**

The Guest of Honour, His Excellency Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador of the Netherlands Commission to Uganda;

The University Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa;

Emeritus Bishops and Former Chancellors; Board of Trustees;

The Chairman of the University Council Prof. Kenneth Kagame, and his team;

Distinguished political & religious leaders;

Vice - Chancellors and heads of institutions;

Distinguished and invited Guests;

The entire BSU staff and students;

Alumni, Guild President and Guild Council;

Beloved graduands, parents, guardians and sponsors; our esteemed partners in your various capacities; ladies and gentlemen.

**Praise the living God!**

On behalf of Bishop Stuart University (BSU) community and management and on my own behalf, I take the pleasure to warmly welcome you all to this 15th Graduation Ceremony today the 18th of October 2019. To our graduands, with joy and gladness of heart, we sincerely congratulate you on your successful completion of the different academic programmes. We give thanks to God that you are graduating from a chartered university. Today you are officially joining the BSU Alumni in various professions in different parts of Uganda and the world over.

Our dear guest of Honour, His Excellency Ambassador Henk Jan Bakker, we appreciate you for honouring our invitation and the long standing great relationship with Uganda. Today you are witnessing the 15<sup>th</sup> graduation of **1604 (M-828 52% & F-776 48%)** graduands who have successfully completed their programmes: Masters **38**, Post Graduate Diploma **35**, Bachelors **1,058**, Diploma **450** and Certificates **23**. The increasing number of graduands from BSU is a testimony that the university is meeting the vast demands for higher education in the country and in building human resource for national development and others. The chartered BSU has now both national and international levels of recognition because of its strong cherished Christian foundation values and academic excellence.

## MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1. Renewal of contract for another term as Vice - Chancellor

My contract as the Vice Chancellor was renewed on University Council's assessment and approval. It is my pleasure and joy to serve the university in this capacity to see it grow even bigger. I am thankful to the Board of Trustees and University Council for the trust bestowed upon me.

### 2. Appointment of Vice - Chancellor as a member of UBTEB representing private universities:

I was appointed a member of the Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board for a term of three years by the Honourable Minister of Education, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni.

**3. Increased students' enrollment:** Student enrollment at BSU has steadily increased over the years. BSU started with five programmes in 2002 and currently offers over **106** programmes accredited by National Council for Higher Education. However, Council approved 19 programmes to be rebranded to fit in the market. (4 PhD, 14 Masters, 6 PGDs, 37 Bachelors, 24 Diplomas and 2 Certificates). More new programmes will be introduced that are demand driven. The student population has also grown gradually from **250** in 2002 to **5079** students in the 2019/2020 academic year. The university has **four** Faculties (Education, Applied Sciences, Law, and Business & Development Studies): These fall into **14** Departments and **one** Directorate of Graduate Studies, Research, and Innovations as listed in the graduation booklet.

PROGRAMS	NUMBER
PhD	04
Masters	14
PGD	06
Bachelors	37
Diplomas	24
Certificates	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

**4. Graduation Trend since 2014;** Bishop Stuart University has graduated over **1400** students every year since 2014 when it was chartered as shown below;

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
2014	825	636	1462
2015	854	767	1621
2016	871	780	1651
2017	723	704	1440
2018	833	815	1648
<b>2019</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1604</b>

5. **Restructuring of Faculties and Departments:** We wish to inform this congregation that the Senate set up Technical Committee led by Professor Twinamatsiko Amos on restructuring of Faculties and Departments. This technical team made its recommendations which were presented to the Council which approved that Faculties be increased from 4 to 5 and Departments from 14 to 15 and to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

#### SUMMARY OF NEW FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

NO.	FACULTY	DEPARTMENTS
1.	<b>Faculty of Business, Economics and Governance</b>	1) Department of Social Work and Social Administration
		2) Department of Business and Entrepreneurship
		3) Department of Secretarial, Records and Office Management
		4) Department of Economics, Statistics and Tourism Management
		5) Department of Public Administration and Governance
2.	<b>Faculty of Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Technology</b>	1) Department of Computing, Library and Information Technology
		2) Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environment
3.	<b>Faculty of Education, Arts and Media Studies</b>	1) Department of Humanities and Performing Arts
		2) Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies
		3) Department of Foundations, Distance & Lifelong Learning (Vocational Education)
		4) Department of Science Education
		5) Department of Visual Arts, Design and Technology
4.	<b>Faculty of Law</b>	1) Department of Law and Ethics
5.	<b>Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences</b>	1) Department of Nursing
		2) Department of Public Health and Biomedical Sciences

6. **Graduands' Commissioning Service:** I want to appreciate our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, for presiding over the ceremony, and the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Can. Dr. Hosea Maate. While commissioning, we prayed to God for good citizens and transformational leaders that will make a difference and become contributing members to our society.

7. **Public Lecture held on 17th October 2019:** We held a public lecture yesterday on 17<sup>th</sup>, October, 2019 at 2:00 p.m, at Lake View Resort Hotel under the theme: **"Innovations and Agribusiness Technopreneuership for institutional Development"**. The guest speaker was

Mr. John Makoha, The Country Representative AVSI Foundation AVSI/SKY (Skilling Youth Uganda) and the discussant was Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, the Executive Director Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM). The function demonstrated that in any university worth its name, a public lecture is a norm and this is an indicator that BSU has gone global.

8. **The Bishop Stuart University old Council achievements from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018:** We thank God for the enormous achievements of 4<sup>th</sup> Council from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. The 4<sup>th</sup> Council was composed of; Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo who was the Chairperson, Prof. James Ntozi-Chairperson Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare, Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba-Chairperson Committee of Finance Planning and Properties, Prof. Johnson Nkuuhe-Chairperson Committee of Audit and Risk Management, Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda-Chairperson Committee of Discipline and Students' Affairs, other members included; Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo, Rev. Dennis Kizinduka and Rev. Richard Mujuni, Notable achievements included among others; policies approved, Recruitment of competent Human Resource, increased student enrolment, over 100 Academic programs accredited by National Council for Higher Education, financials showing asset worth and payables, infrastructure developments, collaborations, partnerships, networks, Memorandum of Understanding other institutions, corporate social responsibility, students and staff welfare services We are grateful for these achievements and may God bless you. On a special note we wish to appreciate Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo who has been on BSU Council since the inception of this University in 2002. We are forever grateful for your selfless service to BSU.
9. **Appointment of new University Council from 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2022:** Our Chancellor the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa appointed the 5<sup>th</sup> Council members and they include; Prof. Kenneth Kagame-the Chairperson, Ms. Kellen Ayebazibwe-the Vice Chairperson, Prof. Elly Sabiiti Nyambobo-the Chairperson Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare, Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba-Chairperson Committee of Finance Planning and Property, Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo Chairperson Committee of Audit and Risk Management, Rev. Dennis Kizinduka -Chairperson Committee of Discipline and Students' Welfare, other members are; Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Rev. Richard Mujuni, Mr. Aggrey Kibenge who was later replaced by Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda, Amb. Francis Butagira who is also Adjunct Professor of Law, Mr. Nuwagaba Elias Elias Kariisa, The Lord Mayor of Mbarara Municipality, His Worship Robert Mugabe Kakyebezi is also Co-Opted member on Committee of Finance Planning and Property and is Alumnus of BSU. We are grateful for such vibrant team that is doing great work already.

**10. Alumni Association:** BSU Alumni Association is now vibrant with an active executive committee led by Mr. Samson Mugabe to ensure that the Alumni are linked to share knowledge and help the University to mobilise resources and students. Advanced plans are underway to complete sports complex and the Alumni will fund the construction of the auditorium. Phase Concept Company Ltd was contracted to work on the Architectural design and plan for the sport complex at the cost of **Shs.39m** funded by Alumni. We pray and believe that they will remain our advocates and good ambassadors in all endeavours. Also to note, the Alumni Association has offered refreshments for all graduands. We appreciate the gesture and implore you to keep the Association vibrant.

**11. Improving Student Welfare:** In an effort to improve student welfare, the university is working with hostel owners to ensure that they offer the safety and quality services for students.

**12. BSU Debating Club and Mr. Chrispus Munzira winning Scholarship worth Shs.10m from Association of Commonwealth Universities:** The University has a vibrant debating club and one of our former students, Mr. Chrispus Munzira has gone up to international level. In Uganda he was the first at the inter-university debate championship, Statistics House, Kampala, on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and he was the second runner-up in the East Africa Youth Debate Championship at the University of Nairobi on 15 December, 2017. At the University of South Africa Youth Debate Championship from August 21 - 10 September 2018, he emerged as the **Best Orator** and the **second Overall Winner**. For the climax, he travelled to **Birmingham City in the United Kingdom**, this year from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to compete in **Youth Debate Championship in Commonwealth Competitions**. Four countries represented Africa, these were Nigeria, Ethiopia, Senegal and **Uganda, with our BSU candidate.** We are blessed that Mr. Chrispus Munzira is at BSU and a Ugandan as our Ambassador to Commonwealth Debate. We also have a team of students who will be travelling to Accra Ghana for debate competitions in December, 2019.

**13. National Debating Competitions.** BSU hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> National Inter-University Creative Arts Expo and Debating Championship where over 22 universities participated. This ended successfully where one of our own, Joel Mukiza, a Law student emerged as the overall best male speaker.

**14. Membership in Association of Commonwealth Universities:** We wish to inform you that BSU is now a member of Association of Common Wealth universities. This is an indication that BSU is also recognised as an international university. This is an indication that BSU is an international University. For this, we are grateful to God for how far He has brought us.

**15. Hosting Patriotism Training from 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019:** We hosted a team from the President's Office, named the National Secretariat for Patriotism Clubs, from 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. I wish to appreciate the President's office for organising this Patriotism Development Course where our students and staff participated. This positioned us well as good partners with government. A total of **238** (67 female & 171 male) participants were passed out on 23 June 2019 and **30** of them were from BSU. A group of outstanding participants were later invited for further training at the National Leadership Institute at Kyankwazi. The government appreciated the co-operation and pledged to continue running this programme here in partnership with BSU. The National Patriotism Cadres have exceptionally exhibited the skills acquired this morning. We appreciate BSU Patriotism club for the job well done.

**16. Scholarships- Work and Study; Foundation Body & Sports Scholarships**

- (a) **Sports Scholarship Policy:** The University Council approved the Sports Scholarship Policy to support and promote talented students. **Eight students** have since benefited including a student; Kiconco Glorious who was awarded full scholarship for being the best under different sports disciplines. **Seven** more students are also receiving 25 percent support towards their tuition fees. We appeal for more sponsors and partners with BSU to support the scheme because we are still financially constrained.
- (b) **Foundation Body Scholarship:** Three students are sponsored every year and the programme started in Academic Year 2018/19 in the areas of Nursing Sciences and Law to promote professionals in the church ministry. This year, **three** students have benefitted.
- (c) **Work and Study Scheme:** The University Council approved work and study Scheme to cater for needy students. **Five** students were sponsored in the Academic Year 2018/2019. We appeal for partners and sponsors to enable us support more students in this category.

**17. Government Higher Education Students Financing (HESFB) Government Loan Scheme:** BSU signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Higher Education Students Financing Board (Government Loan Scheme) and a total of **329 students** from our university have benefited from this scheme since 2015 and their tuition fees is being paid in time. In this academic year, 2019/2020, we are pleased to note that we received **184** HESFB sponsored students. The pioneers of this scheme graduated during the 14<sup>th</sup> graduation on 12 October 2018.

**18. Agro-studies Programme to Israel:** BSU has a five-year MOU with Israel for Agro-Studies programme. A total number of **169 students** have benefitted from the programme since

2014. In the last four years, we have annually sent Agriculture students to Israel for apprenticeship. These students travel to Israel for a one-year internship through the National Agro Studies programme for skills development. The BSU contingent has been highly commended for their diligence and our students have demonstrated a mindset change in transforming agriculture in Uganda. However, we are faced with a serious challenge of students disappearing overseas and not returning home after completing their study programme.

**19. Fifth BSU Mission/Exhibition Week:** The fifth BSU week was held from 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 to 3 March 2019 under the theme “*....Let the Lord go with us*” (*Exodus 34:9*”). The Chief Missioner was the Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda **His Grace Stanley Ntagali**. During the 5<sup>th</sup> BSU week many activities took place including among others: Mission, Confirmation of Christians, Matching through Mbarara town, Corporate Social Responsibility, Mobile Health Clinic, launching of Associations and new Academic programs, commissioning of Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks (ISSB) Lecture Block and the opening exhibitions by **The First Lady & Hon. Minister. Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni** who was represented by **Dr. Kedrace Turyagyenda**. The function was also attended by **Hon. Minister. Peace Regis Mutuuzo, Minister of Gender and Culture**, development partners, among others; Prof. Adipala, the Executive Secretary RUFORUM; the Country Representative Foundation, Mr. Samuele Otim Rizzo and the area Member of Parliament, Hon. Micheal Tusiime.

**20. BSU Mini Mission Week was held from 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019:** This was officially opened by the Chancellor and Bishop of Ankole Diocese; The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa. Guest preachers included; Rev. Muwonge Samuel from Namirembe Diocese, the Rev. Jasper Tumuhimbise from St. John’s Kitara C.O.U and Mrs Margaret Opol who preached the word of God that saw over 300 students and three staff members receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

**21. BSU participating in the National Agricultural Show at Jinja Show Grounds:** This event was held from 12 - 21 July 2019 in partnership with Mbarara District Farmers Association in Mbarara District Local Government under the theme “**Agricultural Technologies and Innovations for farmer led Agro Industrialisation**”. The purpose of our participation in this national event was to partner with other farmers in exhibiting our technologies and innovations but also as a marketing strategy for our products as an institution.

## 22. PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS.

- I. **THE AGRIBUSINESS INCUBATION HUB:** We are currently establishing an Agribusiness Incubation Hub (AIH) with a grant from the TAGDev Programme; partnership between the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and the Mastercard Foundation. This is aimed at transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development. Early this year, BSU signed a memorandum of understanding with PUM Netherlands senior experts to train and mentor business coaches in setting up business incubators. In this two-year agreement signed in February 2019, BSU staff and students will benefit from capacity building activities to start up businesses in the AIH, as well as Small and Medium size Enterprises.
- II. **Memorandum of Understanding with AVSI:** We also have a running memorandum of understanding with AVSI Foundation in Skilling the Youth (AVSI/SKY) for employment in agribusiness programs. The overall goal of the SKY program is to enhance sustainable creation of employment of youth in the agribusiness sector.
- III. **Operation Wealth Creation:** We have also continuously benefited from government Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) programme through agricultural farm inputs that have not only boosted the university farm but have also enhanced teaching and learning with hands-on skills in the Department of Agriculture. We sincerely appreciate the Government for this immense support.
- IV. **NARO Ethnobotany Project:** We have partnership with NARO, MBAZARDI Mbarara which has given the university five acres of land for the Ethnobiology Department to establish Aroma Medicinal Plant gardens. The intention is to exchange knowledge and commercial skills between the communities surrounding us and our students. The National Agriculture Research organisation (NARO) Competitive Grant Scheme (CGS) Cohort (iv) funded project implementation which commenced in September 2016. The project activities are implemented in collaboration with project team members from Pharmaceutical Science Department of the Faculty of Medicine, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). Essential oils are distilled at the oil factory are used for the manufacturing of health products at Ethnobiology Laboratory and the oil production capacity of the essential oil factory shall serve the growing industrial sector of Uganda's pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.



- V. **Collaborative Universities:** The University is in partnership with different universities like Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University, Trinity Western University (TWU). The University of Byumba in Rwanda and the University of Dar es Salaam aimed at improving teaching through exchange visits, benchmarking, research and capacity building.
- VI. **The East African Kiswahili Commission and Inter-University Council for East Africa Staff Mobility Programme:** We applied for the experts for the Kiswahili curriculum review and we received two Kiswahili Scholars, Dr. Olivia Kanwa from St. Marist University College Mtwara in the Republic of Tanzania and Khadijah Abdalaah from Zanzibar. They were hosted for one month to review the Kiswahili language programmes. Two BSU staff, Mr Kubakurungi Abraham at Moi University Kenya and Mr Agume Anthony at the University of Nairobi - Kenya under the same arrangement.
- VII. **Hosting External Examiner from Inter-University Council for East Africa;** BSU also hosted an external examiner from the Inter-University Council for East Africa who assessed our programme for quality and compliance and the report was commendable and informative. This will help in making necessary improvements as recommended and to enhance our programmes so as to continue to conform to the desired standards.

### 23. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- a. **University library project:** The six storeyed library building is being undertaken by Skib Technical Services and Engineering Company Ltd as the contractor and it is at the completion stage. Roofing has been finished and structural completion activities are going on for the exterior finishing.
- b. **Science and Research Laboratories:** The project has been going on very well in a phased manner with funding from the Government under the Presidential pledge. The ground floor was completed and works for the next phase are going on. We indeed appreciate the President of the Republic of Uganda for his support.
- c. **Ruharo School of Nursing;** the construction of a multipurpose building for expansion of Nursing School is going on and nearly complete.

## 24. CHALLENGES

- a) Lack of Halls of residence and accommodation for students. We appeal to partners to build hostels to accommodate male and female students.
- b) Construction of houses for staff and visiting scholars.
- c) Funds for the completion of the multi sports complex centre is needed.
- d) Delays in payment of tuition fees is another challenge which affects planning for the university.

## 25. FUTURE PLANS

- a. Working on vocational, technical and entrepreneurship skills courses to produce job creators.
- b. More academic programmes are under development, especially masters in specific programmes.
- c. We are starting a language centre hosted in the Department of languages.
- d. Continue winning more competitive Research Grants and Projects.
- e. Scale up Agribusiness Innovations Hub (AIH) in the region.

## 26. APPRECIATION

- a) Our special thanks go to our Guest of Honour, **H.E The Ambassador Henk Jan Bakker** for honouring our request and invitation for this 15<sup>th</sup> Graduation ceremony.
- b) More thanks go to Mr. John Makoha who was guest speaker during the Public Lecture and Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, the discussant during the public lecture for honouring our invitation. We are forever indebted for your continued support.
- c) We appreciate our parents; Ankole Diocese led by our Chancellor the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, and Maama Dr. Alice Mwesigwa for their parental guidance and support to the university.
- d) Our former Chancellors, The Emeritus Bishops; Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi and Dr. George Tibeessigwa for the firm foundation they laid for us to build on.
- e) We are grateful to the founders of the university, especially the Founding Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Ambassador Francis Butagira, Prof Elly Sabiiti, Prof. Jossy Bibangambah, and all of you that worked tirelessly to get this university started.
- f) Appreciation to the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency General Kaguta Yoweri Museveni, for all the support rendered to private institutions of higher learning and particularly BSU.
- g) We appreciate the Ministry of Education and Sports, headed by Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni for supporting private institutions and especially for giving us funds towards the construction of BSU science and research laboratories and the library.

- h) We are grateful to the National Council for Higher Education for providing us with the necessary guidance, supervision, and timely accreditation of our programmes.
- i) We thank the University Board of Trustees, led by our Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa, with the chairpersons of committees; Emeritus Bishop Dr. Elisha Kyamugambi, Chair Ethics and Values Committee and Mr. Tumusiime Godfrey Chair Resource Mobilisation Committee and all Board of Trustees for their governance support to BSU.
- j) Appreciation for the old University Council, we would like to appreciate the old University Council for the enormous achievements during your term of office. May God richly bless you for your love, commitment and relentless service for BSU.
- k) The strong and able new University Council, led by Prof. Kenneth Kagame, with the chairpersons of Council Committees; Prof. Elly Sabiiti, Chair Committee of Appointments and Staff Welfare, Prof. Charles Tushabeomwe Kazooba, Chair Committee of Finance, Planning and Property, Hon. Dr. Medard Bitekyerezo Chair Committee of Audit and Risk Management, and Rev. Dennis Mwine Kizinduka, Chair Committee of Discipline and students Welfare and all Council members for all your support regularly rendered to Management. We also appreciate the community, academic and non-academic staff, BSU alumni and the students' body for all the good work they have done for BSU.
- l) We thank Mbarara District Local Government that has often assisted us in many ways. In the same spirit we acknowledge the support of Mbarara Municipal Council for all the relentless support rendered to BSU especially for the road to be upgraded to the Sports Complex.
- m) More appreciation goes to BSU students' sponsors; HESFB, State House, Father Bash Foundation, Madhvani Foundation, Juna Amagara Ministries, Compassion Assisted projects, Rose Marie and Darly Kingston from Canada and all our partners and supporters from Norway and others.
- n) We also wish to appreciate all staff and the bigger BSU family for your relentless service to the university as we celebrate these many achievements.
- o) Lastly, we sincerely appreciate the organising committee for this graduation ceremony led by University Secretary and Academic Registrar for the work well done. All those who have participated especially Top management, staff, Guild President and other student leaders, Alumni, Patriots, Red Cross BSU Chapter and the entire student body, thank you. May God bless you abundantly.

## **27. Message to Our Dear Graduands, Parents, Sponsors and Guardians**

To all the graduands today: Congratulations! I congratulate all of you and your parents, guardians and sponsors on attaining this noble achievement. The time and resources invested have paid off and that is the cause for our celebration today. Allow me to

specifically thank our dear parents, guardians and sponsors who have selflessly financed your studies to this level. They have sacrificed a lot to give you a good future and they deserve to be appreciated. Please, join me in expressing our gratitude by giving them a thunderous round of applause.

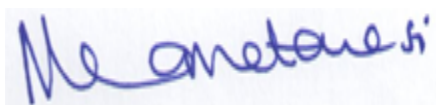
To the parents, spouses, guardians and sponsors; this is your day for you are the heroes of the day because of your support. You have all sacrificed a lot to obtain this victory. May the Lord reward your selfless efforts and extend your boundaries and territories.

Let me emphasize that studying in a Christian University, like BSU, gives you an advantage ahead of your peers, with regard to appreciating the value of integrity which is one of our core values. These values, which are enshrined in our core values, mission, vision and motto, should enable you live a purposeful and “meaningful” life that makes a difference at the workplace and in the community.

You are going out to the world, which expects a lot from you. We have trained you to be critical thinkers and not mere job seekers. Go out there and create the jobs the country is yearning for. With a degree from a chartered and one of the international universities in the world, there is no reason why you cannot succeed.

**Conclusion;** Once again, as you struggle to find your place in society, you might stumble and fall, but always have the courage to stand up and try again with dignity. Your success is our pride. Avoid vain ambitions and keep away from corruption. Love and respect your parents and God will open doors for you. As you go through the gates of BSU, hold your head high and always hold your alma mater in high esteem and please, do not forget the gates of BSU. I once more congratulate all of you graduands on your achievements. Finally, as you go into the world, we urge you to be honest in hard work. This is something God seeks from all of us. God's words tell us that working hard, but with faith in mind, can lead to the great things He has planned for us (**Colossians 3:23**). We beseech you to be our good ambassadors to the community and to the world, **continue to know the way, show the way and go the way of Jesus Christ.**

To all our dear guests and graduands, thank you for attending this function. May GOD richly bless you all! **Our God Reigns!**



**Prof. Maud Kamatenesi Mugisha (PhD)**  
**Vice - Chancellor**