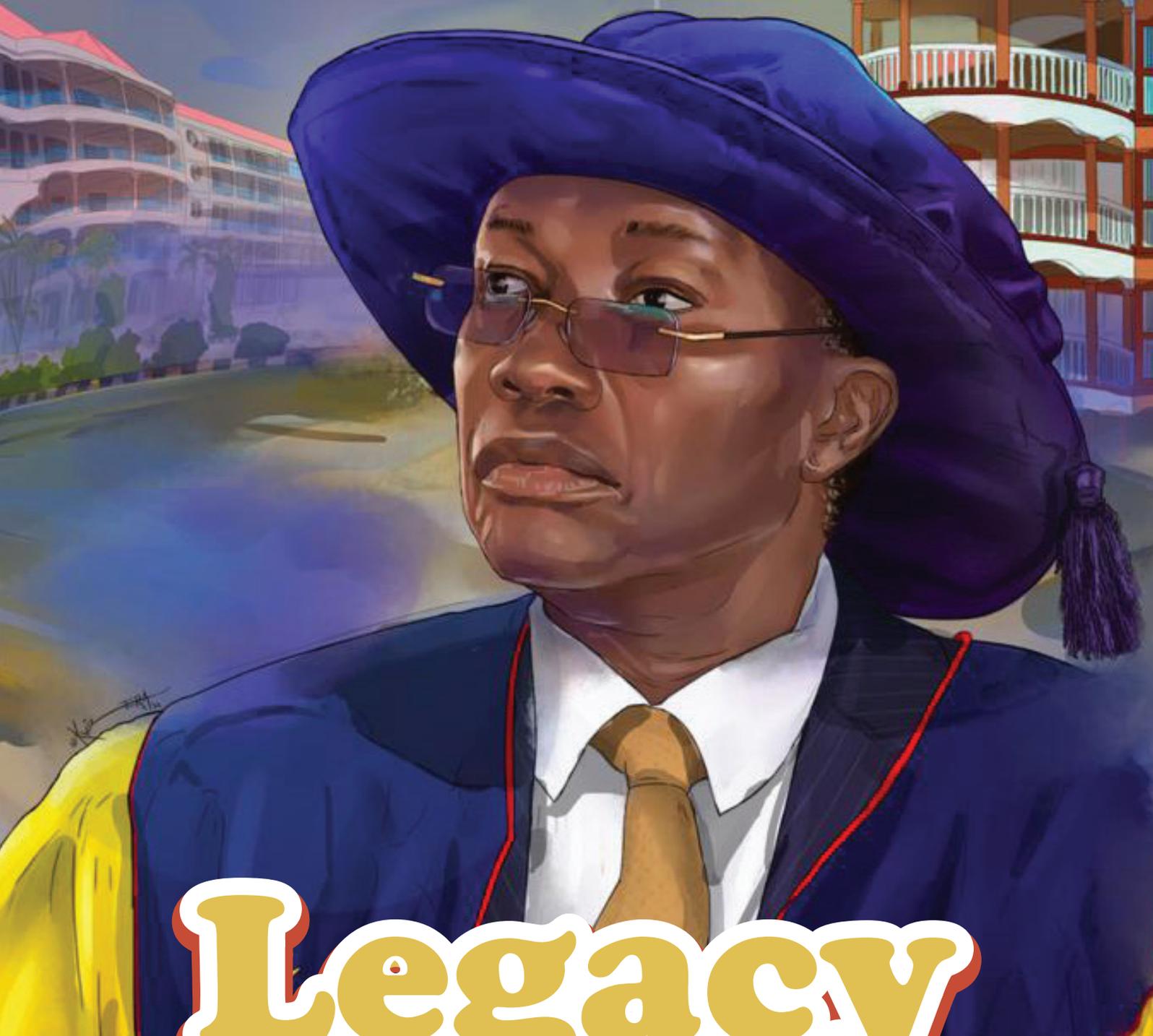


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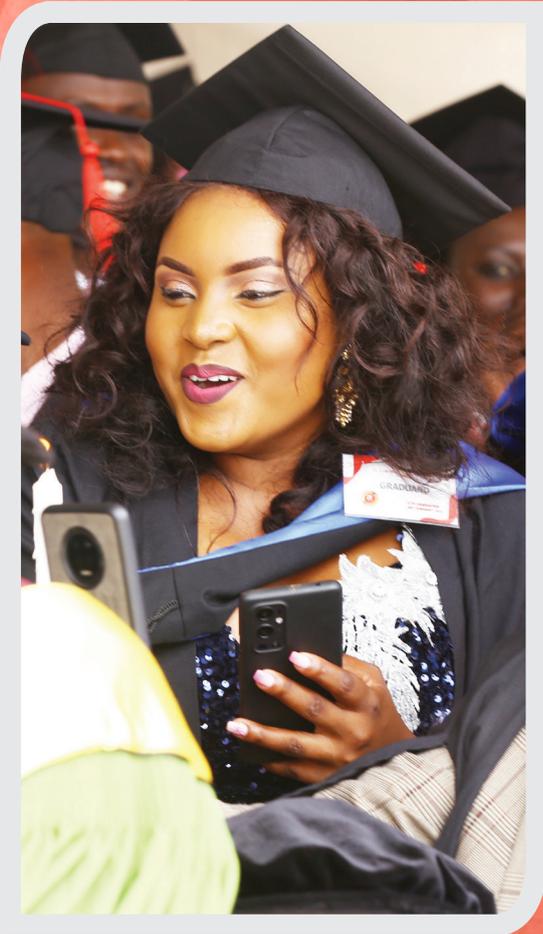
# Legacy

*Entrepreneurial Education*

A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD



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# WORD FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023, all stakeholders in the life of St. Lawrence University converge to celebrate the 30-year legacy of our Founder Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi who left behind an education empire.

The University, schools and colleges of the St. Lawrence fraternity have churned out thousands of students who now occupy strategic positions in Uganda and in several countries in the East African region and beyond.

St. Lawrence University (SLAU) is one of the 54 Universities in Uganda that are making a significant contribution to Higher Education.

The niche of the University, for ICT and Entrepreneurship, is the bedrock for all programmes offered at the University.

This direction prepares students for sustainable livelihood after campus, because every student is given opportunity to excel at a skill relevant in the job market.

The University's Motto "Light your Candle" prepares its products to be responsible for their future by preparing adequately for the challenges in the outer world.

The Founder of the University invested heavily in the physical infrastructure of the institution which now has an academically conducive learning environment. The spacious lecture rooms, the large Library space, office and seminar accommodation makes teaching and learning an enjoyable activity at campus.

The available infrastructure for sporting activities, well equipped computer laboratories and the attraction and retention of highly experienced and motivated staff has led to providing high quality graduates.

The University was licenced to operate in 2007 by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) and has grown in all sectors over time. All the programmes offered have been accredited by NCHE and Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB) in conjunction with the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT). This accreditation

means that certificates awarded by the University are authentic and can be accepted anywhere in the world.

The University applied for a Chartered status in October 2022 and now awaits inspection by our regulator, NCHE, before it gets Chartered. With all the consultations held, we are hopeful that SLAU will be Chartered before the end of 2023. After being chartered, the University is destined to become an academic giant in the region.

This year's theme is – "Entrepreneurial Education, a Pathway to Sustainable Livelihood". The Theme fits in well with the vision of the founder who advocated for a holistic education, ie – for the Head, Hand and Heart. This is aimed at producing a self – reliant, patriotic and morally upright student who fits in well with societal needs.

The University has over time attracted several international students especially from South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Comoros, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo. This is proof that SLAU is an international University of high standing.

The University plans to construct a Beach – Soccer Stadium, develop programmes in sports Science, Ugandan sign language and short courses to address contemporary societal challenges. This addresses the founder's vision of a holistic education.

I wish to appreciate all those who have made a contribution to the successful completion of the Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi Memorial Week and Memorial Lecture.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Lecture and we plan to have it as an annual event and I do invite all well-wishers to contribute towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial lecture.

I wish every stakeholder happy celebrations.

Light Your Candle.

Dr. Charles W. Masaba

**Vice Chancellor.**

# Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi's Career Journey

**P**rof. Lawrence Mukiibi was born on the 20th February, 1948 to parents Mr. Petero Kimuli Ssemakula and Elizabeth Nabawanuka of Kavule Butenga - Masaka District.

He attended St Charles Kyansi Primary School and St. Leo Butenga Primary School for his primary education and St Francis Xavier Villa Maria in Masaka for junior one and two. He joined St. Benard Kiswera for his Secondary Education and between 1973 and 1977; he attended Makerere University where he studied a Bachelor's degree in Education under the mentorship of Prof. JC Sekamwa.

While studying at Makerere University School of Education, Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi taught at Nsambya Girls School and immediately after his graduation, he fled Uganda with some of his friends due to the unfavorable political environment and at that time they settled in Kisi Sub region which is located in Kenya.

Professor Mukiibi's drive for greener pastures made him and his friends move from Kisi and finally settled in the Rift Valley town of Nakuru at a school called Afraha High School. This was a turning point and at the age of 29 years he had already acquired the top most job of a Head Teacher in the same school.

Under the mentorship of the proprietor of Afraha High School, Mr. Karanja Ndune, Prof Lawrence developed several skills such as investment skills, financial skills, management skills, negotiation skills, Human resource management skills, organizational skills to mention but a few. These skills were very fundamental later in his journey while beginning St Lawrence

Schools and colleges.

During his 10 years as the head teacher of Afraha High school in Kenya, he attracted young Ugandans to work with him and among them was Prof Charles Ssekyewa who is now the current DVC at St. Lawrence University.

Professor Mukiibi learnt and embraced some important core values in life that he lived and practiced religiously. These values were; Discipline, Determination, Dedication and they were inculcated into the entire management, staff and students during his reign as a Headmaster. In fact, Lawrence became so much of a symbol of those values in Nakuru town and the entire country at large that he became a celebrated icon who could turn a hardcore undisciplined student into a very responsible and disciplined leader in the community.

He so much embraced the "Spare the rod and spoil the child" proverb. Professor's no-nonsense ways of looking at a growing child earned him hearts of many parents in Kenya and as a result the student's enrollment at Afraha High School increased beyond capacity. His relationship with the shareholders and stakeholders was so much admired by the public to the extent of becoming a novice in Kenya's education sector.

As we all know the famous lyrics by Jim Reeves, that "this world is not my home, I am only passing through it", this applied to Prof Mukiibi and his young family and most of the Ugandans who were working in Kenya by then.

As time went on, a political situation similar to that of the expelled Asian in Uganda in 1972 occurred to Ugandans

working in Kenya in 1988. The Moi government decided to expel many good Ugandans who had fled into Kenya and occupied the Kenya job markets at the expense of the citizens of Kenya.

The situation continued to worsen due to the conflict between the Moi regime and the newly formed Museveni government of which the Kenyan government had not recognized as legitimate. Moi's government began by expelling the Ugandan High Commission to Kenya followed by all Ugandans working in Kenya by issuing a 14-day ultimatum to leave Kenya so that the Kenyans who had no jobs fill those positions.

Following that incident, Prof Mukiibi had to relocate forcefully back to Uganda with his family and settled to work at Kampala Parents school as a head teacher, the only high end primary school by then for the children of the affluent Ugandans including those of the president.

Many of his colleagues regarded his new job as disguised employment having shifted from a high end secondary school more over from Kenya to a primary school in Uganda with all his experience. But Prof Mukiibi knew too well that every dark cloud has a silver lining. He only needed enough time to study the situation so that he could spot the opportunity.

Armed with all the experience, beliefs and values he brought along from Kenya, it didn't take long for him to network with the notable of this country like Hon. Amaama Mbabazi, the first lady, Sam Kuteesa, Rt Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda, the Safaris, Hon. Francis Babu, Rt Margret Zziwa and many more.

Prof Lawrence was born and raised up in the Catholic faith both at home and throughout the schools he attended. No wonder during some of his free time outside the place of work, he attended to church related charitable activities.

Soon he was a member of Lubaga Cathedral development foundation, an organization that was overseeing the funding and developments at Rubaga church. Little did he know that through this organization he would wine and dine with the notables of the Catholic Church who would later be useful in the starting of St. Lawrence Schools and Colleges. Msgr Wynand Katende who was the Rubaga Cathedral administrator by then was very supportive.

Mr. Juuko Stephen who happened to be the founder of Progressive Secondary School and also an old Boy of St. Bernard Collage Kiswera was very instrumental in sharing his ideology with Prof Lawrence which acted as a springing board for the launching of St. Lawrence Schools and Colleges on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1993 at a place previously known as Aggrey Memorial School and today known as St. Lawrence University Lubaga Campus. This is how St Lawrence Schools and Colleges were born.

Just to take our readers aback, for the sake of appreciating Prof Lawrence Mukiibi entrepreneurial journal, it was during his days while still working in Kenya when he started nurturing ideas and thoughts of starting a school. He really admired his boss then by the name of Karanja Ndune now the late, whose education background was far much less than professor's but had huge investments in various sectors of the economy education inclusive.

Prof Lawrence strategically decided to befriend his boss so as to tap into his wisdom, ideology, philosophy, vision and mission. The one important lesson he learnt from his boss, is that whatever one is doing, there must be an alternative and

therefore one must think outside the box.

He also learnt that "Procrastination is the thief of time" therefore no excuse for postponing any scheduled activities. Professor learnt how to allocate finances to priorities first and leave out those activities with less impact. The values of discipline, determination and dedication were most likely inherited from the late Karanja Ndune.

Having observed religiously and ingrained with Karanja's vision, Prof Lawrence Mukiibi would spend sleepless nights, putting his concept of the state-of-the-art school on to paper. This school would soon be built somewhere on a yet to be acquired piece of land in Kenya. He would name his school "Citizen High School". It is little wonder that in 1993 when he was breaking the ground for his school, he named it Progressive Citizen High School located just near Kabaka's lake hence becoming Kabaka's lake campus. This started purely as a day school but later it phased into a purely boarding school.

Occupying 10 acres of land, one may wonder how Prof Mukiibi acquired this strategically located piece of land formerly belonging to Aggrey Memorial Schools. This piece of land stretched between the Lubiri Palace and the Kabaka's lake and Many individuals including the elites believed that this land belonged to Buganda Land Board. The truth was that in the early days of 1940's the registered proprietors of this private mailo land by the name of Mukubira decided to donate this piece of land to a faction of teacher's who had broken away from the main stream Bazungu- led administration of Kings College Buddo, a colonial school due to a cultural misunderstanding.

This organized group of teachers settled on this donated piece of land and established a primary school called Aggrey Memorial School. But the management of this school was ignorant of the fact that once the land was



donated to them, they had to get the land title legally registered in their name, which they didn't do.

While the land title was still in the names of the donor, the land donor died before they could transfer the land into their name. It was rumored that the heir to the late Mukubira mortgaged the land titles with the bank and failed to pay the loan as per payment terms and the bank had no option but to auction the entire land that was hosting the school.

It so happened that the late Sebana Kizito's state wide insurance company that bought it from the bank in 1985, hence statewide insurance became the new landlord of the then 45 years old Aggrey Memorial Primary School. This school started the journey to extinction and this was catalyzed by the insecurity in the place brought about by the soldiers who resided in Lubiri Palace during the war that ousted Obote II who looted everything from the school until it was abandoned.

When Sebana offered to sell to Prof Mukiibi this abandoned piece of land on good price terms, Professor saw that as a golden opportunity. He



wasted no time but to accept the offer and bought this land from Statewide insurance in installments until he completed the full pay in 1997.

Riding on various skills already acquired from his previous engagement and having been exposed in life, Prof Mukiibi started unpacking his already written concept into physical action.

With his little savings made from his previous employment, Professor begun renovating and improving on the then 50 year old dilapidated mud and wattle buildings that once belonged to Aggrey Memorial Primary school.

Very excited with his newly acquired premises, he brought in all his love for a spotless clean and the beautiful environment full of beautiful flowers. The cool and fresh breeze from Kabaka's lake made the environment so serene and conducive for academic work. He originally named it



Progressive O level which began with 'O' level classes only. With little marketing, the school attracted over 300 students when it opened its gates for the first time and soon the students' enrollment increased exponentially due to many factors but above all was the marketing astuteness of Prof Lawrence Mukiibi.

He would change colours of his behavior like a chameleon and his administrative skills were impeccable. I will never forget one moment when a

certain mother brought to Prof Mukiibi her son for admission in senior three who had been expelled from another school. He listened carefully to her while she narrated the ordeal she was going through with her son which prompted Prof Mukiibi to immediately swing into action. He ordered the boy to lie down, as he administered the caning. As the caning started, the boy jumped up and took off like a mad tiger and left her mother to conclude the admission process.

The truth is the boy was not admitted since he failed that interview by scoring nine strokes out of the intended 10 strokes. The mother pleaded with Prof to consider him but all in vain. That was the order of the day for all cases of admission with background of expulsion from other schools. Throughout his administration, Prof never entertained any form of indiscipline whatsoever from students and his staff. This value of discipline acted as the cornerstone for St. Lawrence Schools and colleges.

St. Lawrence was publicly known as the only school where the new comers, senior one and senior five were treated like kings and no incidents of bullying were registered in the school up to date. It was in fact a written rule that an old student would be expelled if he didn't make a new student happy.

Soon the students' enrollment grew beyond capacity and this necessitated the Prof to think outside the box to start a new Campus in 1997. While purchasing land at Nabbingo to give birth to the second Campus, Prof deployed his analytical skills and concluded that land as a factor of production was still available and cheap but it would soon be in short supply and expensive in the near future due to an increase in demand brought about by the increasing population.

He named his second school Creamland campus. But why did

he name it "Creamland"? There can be many answers guessed by the public but his naming philosophy stemmed from the fact that this campus was purely an 'A' level campus whose uniform colour was purely cream hence the name Creamland. Many upcoming schools in Kampala and Wakiso henceforth started naming their schools Cream land due to the attractive nature of this campus without knowing the philosophy behind the Professor's naming.

At the inception of Creamland campus, Professor Mukiibi was also harboring the idea of turning Creamland campus into a university one day and so he added on the sign post of Creamland campus a reminder to the public that it was the proposed site for St. Lawrence University which vision dates back as far as 1997.

After the creation of Creamland campus there was an urgent need to register it with the Ministry of Education with a new exams UNEB center. But then there was a situation that posed a challenge to the process of registration. It so happened that Prof Mukiibi's two schools at that time were headed by one Headmaster contrary to the policy by then at the Ministry of Education which required one headmaster to head one school at a time.

Fortunately, after a very long and tedious bargaining process, the Ministry of Education revised the policy to accommodate the revolutionary schools in the making and this helped Cream land campus to be given a UNEB centre.

After carrying out a thorough analysis on the population growth in Uganda and in the entire world, Prof Mukiibi spotted another gap in the education sector of the need to start a girls' campus since the girls' population growth rate worldwide was almost three times that of boys. It coincided with the political sentiments of that time led by Hon Miriam

Matembe and others. The commonest word spoken during that time in the political space was the girl child and women emancipation.

With his novelty in designing beautiful artistic buildings, the third school was built in 1999 and named it Horizon campus to accommodate only girls from S.1 to S.6 and to really emphasize that the campus was for the girl child, Prof Mukiibi invited the First Lady of Uganda to open it. He further appointed his daughter who had graduated from Makerere University School of Education to be the first head teacher of this campus. This is non other than Maria Justine Tulina now the current Chair person Board of Director St Lawrence University and The Rector St Lawrence schools and colleges.

The Mighty London College was constructed in 2002 and it was a class apart. London college soon rose to popularity when it started rubbing shoulders with academic giants of this country. Many upcoming schools which started in Uganda after the birth of our London College, picked the name 'London College' to take a pie of the market share that our London college had amassed.

Prof Mukiibi was a man well-endowed with many linguistic skills. Besides his mother tongue Luganda, he was a trained teacher of literature and English. His stint in Kenya introduced him to Kikuyu and Kiswahili languages but he loved French during his high school days. Palais Paris the French campus was constructed in 2005 in memory of his high school days and to cater for the French speaking countries of this world.

In 2007, Kabaka's Lake campus was to be shifted with all its students' staff and movable assets to its present location at Kavule in Mpigi district, to give room for the newly hatched St. Lawrence University. With a motto 'light your candle', St. Lawrence University came to answer the

question "after university what next" and its niche is "ICT and Entrepreneurship."

In 2013, the Academy of St. Lawrence was born to cater for the bright but needy student and Lorencia Junior School was conceived to complete the equation.

Today we are celebrating 30 years of vivid existence where we take stock of the achievements and challenges that we have gone through. We have remained visionaries in the education sector and we have changed its outlook to look attractive for more players in the market. The traditional set up of schools has changed tremendously and new schools have come up emulating the example of the St. Lawrence for the last 30 years as leaders in the market.

The "Beauty by Works" competition in St. Lawrence universities has changed completely the whole land scape and context of Mr. and Miss universities in Uganda.

Professor Lawrence Mukiibi will be remembered for assisting his peers in to set up schools for themselves. Here I can mention the following schools that Prof added value at their inception.

Migera secondary school in Nakasongora, Saku secondary school in Wobulenzi, Baptist High School in Nyanama, Makindye Secondary School, Cambridge High school in Gayaza to mention But a few.

Prof was the first Chair person of National Private school Association, an organisation that was started to form a formidable force to lobby for equality in the education space.

He was a Rotarian.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Common Wealth University London and a Honorary Professorship from Jevine-Afrique University France.

He was awarded National Hero status, the Nalubaale medal in 2014 and the Independence medal of Uganda



for participating in various educational projects by the President of Uganda, H.E Museveni.

Prof. Mukibi won the Global leadership award and was voted Investor of the Year by Uganda Investment Authority (UIA). He was also the winner of the Presidential Transformers' awards in the education sector in 2006.

He was voted by the Buzz teeniez for the best principal and his St. Lawrence schools and colleges were rated in Uganda's top 50 brands during the golden Jubilee. The schools were ranked four star schools, the highest category in Uganda. Prof. Lawrence Mukibi was also given by the President of Uganda an Appreciation award for UPE & USE funds when he served as a commissioner in the Judicial Inquiry into mismanagement of UPE funds between 2010-2012.

Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi's story still lives on, he was a true educational icon and his dream has sparked the new breed of young people who have emulated his narrative of being out standing and providing solutions in societies through entrepreneurship and we shall forever remember him.

**By Semakula Peter.**

**Resident Director St. Lawrence University**



Hon. Mike Ssebalu  
Chairman SLAU Council

# SLAU LEADERSHIP TALKS CONTINUITY TO PROF MUKIIBI ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ICT MISSION

## By Our Writer

St. Lawrence University will stick to the mission and the vision of the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi of creating graduates that are relevant to the job market.

According to Hon. Mike Ssebalu the Chairman SLAU Council, and the university strategic leaders have the mission to keep the vision alive by producing and graduating students who are job creators.

“SLAU puts a lot of emphasis on entrepreneurship and ICT, the two very important tools in the modern setting for any person to be able to create jobs. They are the fulcrum of St Lawrence university and many products have created jobs through enterprise creation,” he said.

Ssebalu said that the university founder was a product of those very tools and he believed in entrepreneurship and rolled out and established an academic empire in Uganda ranging from nursery to university.

“Apart from the academies, colleges up to university and applied other innovations, basically that’s what SLAU stands for, we encourage innovations and creativity and we allow our students to engage that’s why we have Mr. SLAU and Miss SLAU, that’s beauty with purpose,” explained.

He added that the winners of the competitions turn out with how beautiful their ideas and innovations are and many of them have

come up with business concepts and are helped to implement their creations.

The university is in the final stages of acquiring the charter and the leadership says that they have covered a big ground in acquiring the charter.

The mandate of the university council regime for the next 5 years and among the takings that one of the university deliverables for the council will be the achievement of the charter status

“I want to promise that this year, we have had in the first year of the first 5 years. We are already in the advanced stages and we have already submitted our request for the charter, we have been able to put all the instruments together and everything that is required of us,” he pointed out.

Ssebalu says that what is remaining is an official visit by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) to come and inspect the physical permanent structures. He says that they have built up a formidable capacity and the council hopes that the university will pass the task and very soon SLAU will be a chartered university.

He added that the university is packaging its products to meet the competitive aspects in the market, he said that based on the formation of the economy which is largely packaged with demand

in business and start-ups, SLAU is preparing graduates to meet the best standards according to the demand in the market.

“We need people who can work in their homes, those who can work remotely, those who can take advantage of the global economic order through internet and connectivity. We are preparing students for the global market using their potential to create enterprise and capacity that can be competitive globally and in order, to do that you need capacity in ICT,” Ssebalu explained.

He added that ICT and entrepreneurship cutting across all programs and disciplines is mandatory.

In the next 5 years, SLAU intends to expand across the metropolitan area and the country by creating satellite campuses and massive online learning and creating outreaches through a wide scope, and inventing practical ways of teaching the students.

From the corporate world, the council plans to come up with programs that respond to the needs and demands of the prevailing problems. The university is driven by the demands and needs of the market, business, and the corporate world.

The university has been able to attract students from across Africa from East Africa, West Africa, and Central Africa.

# Tribute to Professor Lawrence Mukiibi, A man with a Big Heart.

In my first career journey as a teacher, I was deployed in Nakuru, Kenya in February 1982 and I was blessed to meet Professor Lawrence Mukiibi.

I had been deployed from Nairobi and I knew nobody in Nakuru, but I had been re-assured from Nairobi that I shall find some Ugandans. I was posted at Lake Nakuru Secondary School across the road and here was Prof. Mukiibi, the Headmaster at Afraha High School.

Luckily in my school, there were several Ugandans, two from the Paidah district and others from Busoga eastern Uganda. I was posted with instructions to work closely with the headmaster to change the school from a riotous state into a habitable school in the true sense of an educational institution.

As I was working hard to turn Lake Nakuru Secondary School into a reputable school, my Ugandan colleague informed me, that there was a Ugandan headmaster in the opposite school who had just transformed it.

I was beginning to see some semblance of order. I looked for Professor Mukiibi who welcomed me warmly together with the late Mr. Ssemakula and his wife.

I met them in the evening and they took me to their home. It was the best evening I had in the two months I had been in Kenya.

We exchanged professional experiences, and his first statement amidst laughter was “Mr. Kalule Dan, I am welcoming you aboard amidst the challenges of running a mad school.” He laughed and said he had heard about me and had wanted to look for me much earlier.

He narrated to me how he had struggled in Kenyan schools. He started in Kisii working under a Ugandan headmaster, a one Mr. Kisitu, who later joined to be his staff in Afraha.

He felt pity for me because my school was very rowdy, but from what he had heard me doing and with him and other Ugandans, we shall have to succeed.

They later escorted me to my home after exchanging a lot of pleasantries. I was encouraged and that meeting contributed to my success later.

### **My First Meeting with Prof. Mukiibi**

Before our first meeting, we continued to meet very often. Usually, it's I who mostly sought his advice because had been much longer in Kenya and administration.

Prof. Mukiibi was a guy who never believed in failure. Whatever challenge you presented he would usually say, “Shaaaah.... we cannot fail, we shall never fail, and we did not come here to fail”. He was a very determined guy and would

always ask you whether you believe you like him.

He would always see success and would say “I push into success” He would advise you wholeheartedly. I remember one time he told me not to allow my headmaster Indian to fool around because it was me who was running the school.

He said as an Indian, he had the title but the operations and actual running of the school was me because he has heard the comments in the town. He, therefore, said “Dan, stand your ground the Indian colleague has to bow to your demands and policies”

Professor Mukiibi has greatly contributed to my success; he was a good listener, professional, and mentor. Sometimes would go on till a little late in the evening.

My being close to him and a willing heart to share made my stay in Nakuru a wonderful experience. He connected several Ugandans in teaching and other professions.

Through his connections, another Ugandan doctor managed to connect with Makerere University and this guy a few years later graduated. We convinced him later to come back to Uganda to graduate and later went to South Africa and he is in Australia now.

Prof. Mukiibi was always encouraging people to stand firm

and give the challenge at hand a try.

He was so ambitious and charismatic, I once heard a challenge from my fellow Ugandan teachers in my school. The two guys from Paidah would drink themselves silly, fight and end up in police custody.

He would just say “Dan, abo be bantu baffe genda obajjeyo tunayogera nabo (Those are our people, I am going to speak to them)”. And once they came out, he would ask them “you guys why don’t you get sober; don’t you know we are foreigners here?”

He would try to create space for any stranded Ugandan but because his school had a strict Management Board of Directors but he would maneuver at my station, or elsewhere to ensure our fellow citizens get started somewhere.

### **His Role in the Liberation Struggle of Uganda**

Dr. Andrew Lutaakome Kayiira was the leader of the Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM). He realized all of us cannot be combatants and he needed some external wing to preach the gospel of the resistance to the Obote-two regime.

This external wing needed professionals who would be able to carry the message of the struggle. They were to work and raise funds for themselves and mobilize others. It’s in that spell that I introduced Prof. Mukiibi, the late Ssemakula, and others to the liberation struggle in Nakuru.

I had connections with Prof. Badru Kateregga who was based at Kenyatta University. He was one of the top people in the struggle. He organized and established a branch in Nakuru after Hon Henry Kajura came with a team that made the message sink in our heads.

Meetings were consequently held at my house and it ended up being named Uganda House.

We later joined the Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM) which later became the National Resistance Movement (NRM) to date. Prof. Mukiibi through his many connections contributed wholeheartedly.

We used to have combatants that would be going abroad or returning from training.

They needed to be kept somewhere as arrangements were made for them to go to their next destination, either back home to the struggle or on for training professor would always give a hand in this area.

He had the connections and would help out either financially or in kind. He was cautious about the security of everybody who was part of the movement.

Prof. Mukiibi would never ask you for any information about the bush or front line as we used to call it. He would always wait for his turn to know what he was supposed to know. He would confine the movement issues to only those concerned.

Some of these exercises used to be risky and Prof. Mukiibi would always first establish security boundaries before handling anything, be it meeting or disbursement of information. He would ask whether due diligence is made about new arrivals reminding me and Mr. Ssemakula we have children to look after.

We used to participate in marking Kenya National Examination for both “O” and “A” levels. He used to mark English. Prof would inquire about our fellow Ugandans who were not yet on board.

### **Prof. Mukiibi was a generous man defying the mysterious odds**

He was a lobbyist; he would negotiate for people for training as examiners. In these marking sessions, he would always ask himself whether all our people have arrived. You would hear him

asking people to call those who haven’t arrived yet these people were to come and make their monies.

Prof. Mukiibi had very articulate and prompt. Since there were regulations to sometimes make you wait for allocations for more script, he would help out those who were slow to clear their allocation but also help them make money in the process.

He was always asking whether it is fair to all concerned more so for fellow Ugandans. His efforts saw many people turning into examiners.

He also time and again helped people who wished to go down to Southern Africa. He never wanted to go down South but had connections. He made contacts and would guide us as to where best people could get to South Africa where at the time our Ugandan passports were not taking us there.

You had to get to Lesotho or Botswana and then sneak to South Africa. He willingly connected our Ugandans to have easy access. Without such a guide many people landed into problems. He had a big heart and wished people well.

### **Father to all children**

Back home after the exile, he began by heading one of the few good schools in our capital. He had a barrage of demands from the returnees who wished to have their children under his custody.

In his St. Lawrence schools, I cannot count how many people he helped, my cousin’s children all went through the schools and colleges and he footed their bills. Not one, not two but all. Where do you get such a person?

Indeed, not only for my relatives but I continually bothered him with issues of pupils, students, and parents but he would willingly give a hearing. He would say “Dan, we have grown

up we cannot run away from responsibilities and problems” He would add “we do what we can as GOD has enabled and blessed us to do so”.

He would always get people’s issues sorted out. He told me to take my son to ‘Cream Land’ and assured me the boy had to go to University on government sponsorship.

He knew the boy, talked to him quite often and he made it. The boy told me that he often encouraged him by telling him not to let him (prof) down minus earning him a government sponsorship.

While others were beating the students to get good marks, for him he had the magic and motivation talk that produced results.

Professor liked and cherished his students. He would make sure they get what he felt they deserved. He would counsel them on how to reconcile studies and social life.

He, like Father Grimes of Namasagali, produced great souls. I happen to have had children going through the hands of Father Grimes. I was not disappointed neither were the children. The two produced children that could maneuver their way in society courageously and with dignity.

Professor was a great man with a good sense of humor which you might not be able to read off his face. You needed to associate with him and share some moments to know what he was.

I joined SLAU close to its inception in 2008. He welcomed

me and said he was confident he will get value out of me.

Posterity is yet to tell whether his anticipation has come to pass. He could always assure me that I should tell my colleagues and the staff that shall never fail to pay in case of delayed pay Cheques. He would respond by paying for two months and another to follow soon.

I cannot enumerate the many good things I know and he did, I have mainly concentrated on the education sector but he was a good man in the church. Both Rubaga Cathedral and Mutundwe- Kirinyabigo Parish can tell their tale.

**He was great and had a Rotarian heart.**

**Kalule Daniel Kaggwa {Dr}**





# The Faculty of Business And Management Studies

## *Anchored on Entrepreneurship*

St Lawrence University was anchored on entrepreneurship and ICT, the proprietor Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi once commented that he used to get several graduates going to his office looking for jobs.

He wondered whether there was a problem with the kind of education that was being offered in the country.

As a result, he decided to start a university based on entrepreneurship education as one of the core subjects in order to give students a head start in life.

According to Jonathan Potter, Entrepreneurship is the willingness and ability to seek out investment opportunities and run an enterprise for profit.

Entrepreneurial Education was first proposed by Myler Mace at Harvard University. Today many universities including St. Lawrence University have introduced entrepreneurship education as a way of curbing

high unemployment.

Entrepreneurship education as part of the total educational system that involves the acquisition of skills, Ideas and management abilities necessary for job creation.

Quality Entrepreneurship education is a tool that can be used for fighting the war against poverty and unemployment in Uganda.

The best gift any university can give its students is to expose them to entrepreneurship courses.

Entrepreneurial education can equip individuals with the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to start and grow sustainable enterprises that provide a path to long-term livelihood. Top of Form

Entrepreneurial education focuses on developing the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to identify, create, and grow new ventures. This type of education can be delivered in various forms, such as through

academic programs, workshops, mentoring, or online courses.

This education can be a pathway to sustainable livelihood because it helps individuals develop the skills and knowledge necessary to create and grow businesses that provide long-term income and employment opportunities.

For example, entrepreneurial education can help individuals learn how to identify market opportunities, conduct market research, develop business plans, secure funding, and manage resources effectively. By mastering these skills, individuals can start and run their own businesses, which can provide a pathway to sustainable livelihood.

Individuals develop a mindset that is conducive to entrepreneurship. This mindset includes traits such as creativity, innovation, resourcefulness, resilience, and a willingness to take calculated risks. By cultivating this mindset, individuals can develop the

confidence and perseverance needed to overcome the challenges that often arise when starting and growing a new venture.

Finally, entrepreneurial education can emphasize the importance of social and environmental responsibility in business practices. By encouraging individuals to consider the social and environmental impacts of their ventures, entrepreneurial education can help create businesses that have a positive impact on society and the environment, leading to a more sustainable future.

The university is confident that with entrepreneurship education students can effectively sustain themselves.

Sustainable livelihood can involve various activities, such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, small-scale businesses, or other forms of self-employment. The key is to ensure that these activities are carried out in a way that is environmentally sustainable, socially just, and economically viable over the long term.

At the Faculty of Business and Management Studies, we offer entrepreneurship courses in both 1st year and 2nd year.

During the training students visit incubation centers in the country, different exhibitions with a major intension of exposing them to business ideas, we invite guest speakers that have moved the entrepreneurial journey and ably discuss how

they started, what successes have they achieved and the anticipated challenges in the business environment.

Our students are expected to organize an exhibition where they show case of what they have learnt in the courses during the two years. As a way to enhance our training, we train them in the production of products such Candles, Vaseline, Soap etc.

We are ever proud of our students that are doing amazing work!

By,

Leticia Nakimuli Irumba(Mrs)

Dean- Faculty of Business & Management Studies

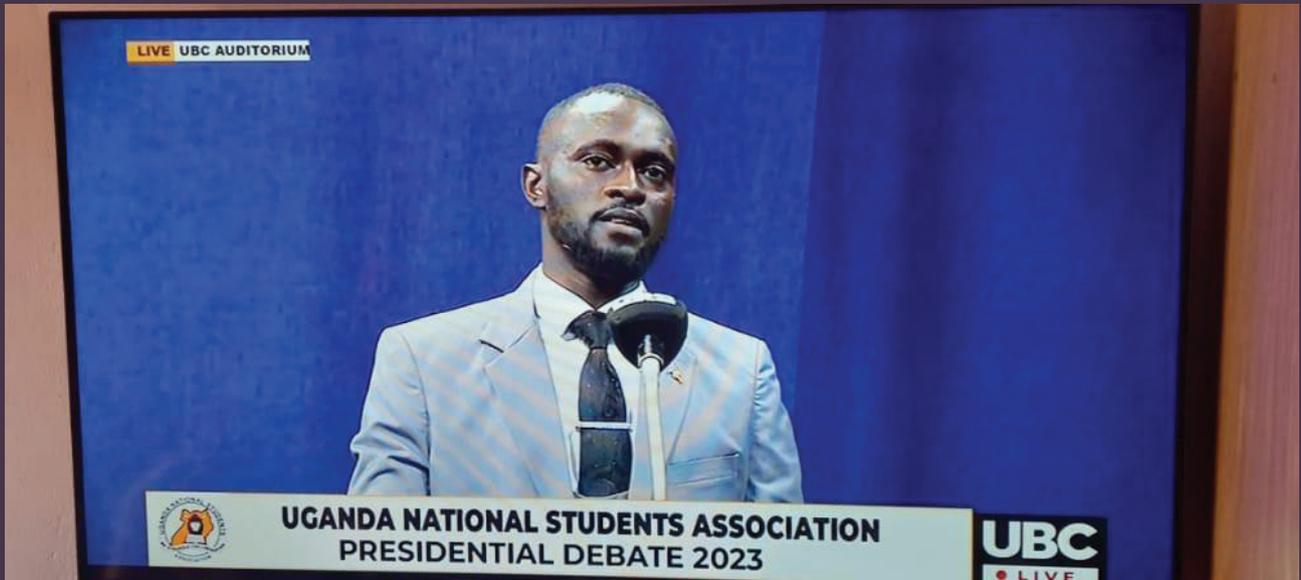


Students after their exhibition



Students displaying their work in 2022

# MY PRESIDENCY HAS EMULATED THE VISION OF THE FOUNDER- MUTABAAZI



## **Special Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord!**

I'm so humbled to share my article on the Legacy of the Great Academic Giant's Vision and mission

I want to thank God for the life of the late Professor Lawrence Mukiibi for he enabled him to live a purposeful life that is still blessing generations.

He will be remembered for lifting the Academic status of this Country because he innovated St. Lawrence Schools, colleges and as well the University with a unique idea of ICT & Entrepreneurship.

This Niche has really produced amazing citizens not in Uganda but also in Africa at large because the University attractions students from all parts across Africa.

The Late Professor supported Leadership which is a great tool in making communities better, this gave a platform to stand as

Guild President in 2022 which I won with the aim of making St. Lawrence University better.

By the time I came into office, Student's community was facing a number of challenges that's to say No WIFI, poor Library, Latrines were in poor shape, Loss of Marks, Results delay, SLAU was not involved in other student's programs outside, there was no life at campus apart from Lectures, lack of charter, delay in paying lecturers among many more challenges

I bless the Lord for in my term as Guild President I have been able to change the image of St. Lawrence University in and outside its walls, I Have been hosted on more than seven TV stations which I used to market the University, With the help of the University management we were to build a new Library with on international level and install WIFI which helps our students to make research. Through engaging the office of the Academic Registrar, the

issues loss of marks and results delay have been worked on and this has lifted our standard as an institution outside.

Furthermore, Slauians has successfully engaged in other student's programs outside the University during my term of office according to the following;

Our Tourism students won the Best Inter-University Innovative Tourism Competitions

Our Students of the Faculty of Science and Technology won two Inter-University Cyber competitions.

Our teams have well represented us both in Inter-University Football competitions and in Uganda Beach Soccer competitions where we have won trophies all the time- This has been a great tool for marketing.

I also represented the University in the Inter-University Media Challenge Competitions where I emerged as the Best News

Anchor. These have been well represented our Niche in Public spaces.

In addition to the above, Last year in October we were able to have the Cultural Gala where over ten Associations from St. Lawrence University competed showcasing their cultures and the Congolese Students Association emerged winners and took a bull with a trophy. The purpose of the Cultural Gala was Uniting many differences into one community SLAU. This attracted public attention to the feedback that we later received as a good representation of the Late Professor's Vision.

I was able to represent the University at the National Level where I competed as President Uganda National Students Association (UNSA), It was a very competitive race that involved Presidential debates on UBC TV which I believed I used well to bring St. Lawrence University to the Public space.

In conclusion therefore, I want to appreciate those that are standing right now in the shoes of the Professor Lawrence Mukiibi for upholding his Great Vision towards the Entrepreneurial Education for last 30years. We Shall Live to Celebrate Your Impact towards the Education Sector of Uganda.

I Once again make a special call to everyone of us to rethink and build an Entrepreneurial mind into the Next Generation at all levels, For Africa we desire for today and tomorrow is only alive through Entrepreneurship and ICT guarded by the Spirit of Patriotism and Pan-Africanism.

Long Live St. Lawrence University

Light Your Candle

I thank you

**H.E Mutabaazi Elijah**

**15<sup>th</sup> Guild President**

**St. Lawrence University.**

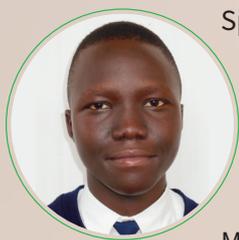


# CROWN CITY CAMPUS



## You Lit So Many Candles No Wind Can Blow

## 'At Crown City We call Him Papa'



Speaking of an institution no contenders would match, St. Lawrence Academy, Schools and Colleges defines it all. An epitome of a visionary man, the Lt. Professor Lawrence Mukiibi who started the very first, Kabaka's Lake Campus now known as Crown City Campus.

Determination and dedication all through, Papa Lawrence never retaliated on his dreams so he once again brought up more mighty campuses like CreamLand Campus, Horizon Campus, London College, Paris Palais and the Academy of St. Lawrence.

Papa Lawrence Mukiibi never got himself in a dither therefore he never hesitated to set up a university, the St. Lawrence University (SLAU).



He always made the students feel as though they were in seventh heaven because they never daunted life. Their tails were never between the legs because their smartness gave them the vigor to move with their heads up like a peacock, and with their noses kissing the air more like Jerusalem women.

Since the first day I stepped foot in the St. Lawrence Community, my belt was never below the belly. Indeed, St. Lawrence is a home away from home. Papa Lawrence's legacy shall forever reign.

**GRIFFIN JAPHETH, MUKISA CATHY,  
SENIOR 3N, CROWN CITY CAMPUS.**

Poem

The great one with immaculate art  
One with great ideology  
That changed Uganda and the world  
A man with positive example  
A role model to many.

A philanthropist  
A father to the fatherless  
A voice to the voiceless  
One who wiped tears off many  
One that opened a door of success.

Sopranos and altos are not enough  
To appreciate him  
To appreciate him, our own  
The late Professor: Lawrence Mukiibi  
The one we remember  
As a hero.

We your kindred will forever  
Cling onto your fatherly offer  
Of education and light our candles  
We will always remain firm  
And fond of your memories.

**By JADA SISTO (CROWN CITY)**

# THE VISIONARY PROFESSOR LAWRENCE MUKIIBI

No better words can describe your worth but the Late Professor Lawrence Mukiibi was cup full of generosity, visionary, hardworking, caring, classy, risk taker and courageous.

His legacy will live on forever, and for that we shall always remember him: The selfless consideration to go an extra mile to provide quality educational facilities that offer a great sense of belonging for all kinds of races around the world.

He was stylish with a great and

unique setting with a modern way of building and luxurious structures. The outstanding dressing styles reflecting those of the queen's guard.

Indeed, Professor was a visionary. We shall always appreciate his work and goal to make this world a better place. His hard work and courage to start a small campus near Kabaka's lake paved way for the establishment of other campuses.

This has inspired other



businessmen to do the same. We the students of Crown City campus and the entire St. Lawrence fraternity will forever be grateful for having the opportunity to study in such a great environment and enjoying the fruits of his great work.

**MAY GOD BLESS HIS SOUL**

**KUTEESA HASHIM. SENIOR SIX SCIENCE, CROWN CITY CAMPUS**



## He was An Angel on a Mission

The doubter always made themselves heard but from obscurity to a visionary, a revolutionary the late Papa Dr. Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi accomplished what many thought impossible.

The year 1993 was the year it all begun, he built St. Lawrence Citizens' High School [Kabaka's Lake Campus] laying a foundation for a legacy that is unmatched.

He came up with six more academic institutions; Cream land Campus ,Horizon Campus, London College, Paris Palais, The Academy, Lorencia Junior School and to put the cherry on top St. Lawrence University.

Although our Papa left us in 2017, his legacy has continued to date. His vision of making St. Lawrence an academic giant has come to pass over the last three decades and

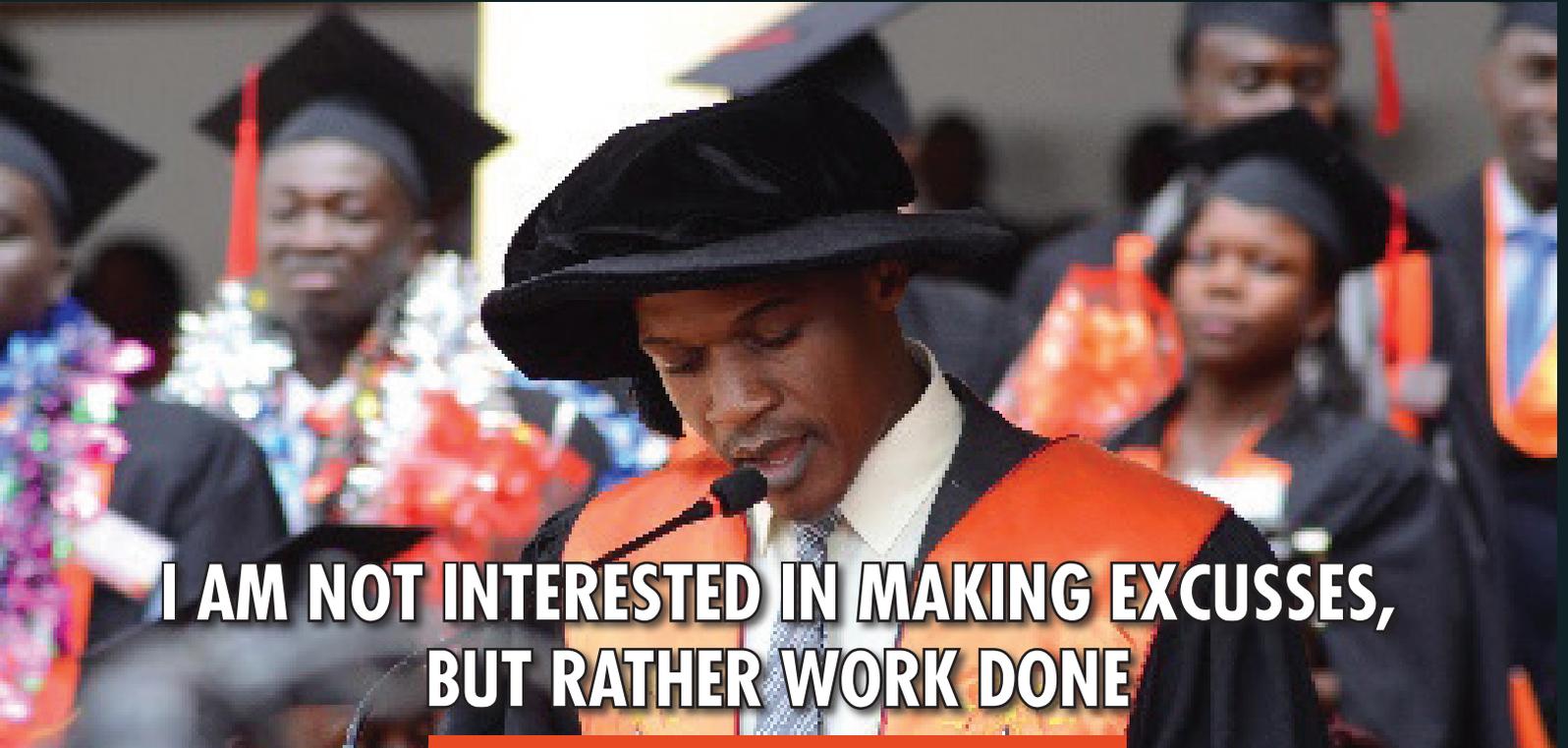
magnificent UCE performance of the 2022 candidates epitomized it. His hard work truly revolutionized the education sector of Uganda producing many self-reliant, responsible and prosperous citizens of our country.

In two words, I would describe him as a mercurial genius. What a man! The world truly lost one of the grand ones. The St. Lawrence schools can bear witness to it.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**Ikotot Francis, Ogik Jeremy and Kimbugwe Shadrack Senior 3 North, Crown City Campus.**





# I AM NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING EXCUSES, BUT RATHER WORK DONE

The above quote and among other statements that can be vividly remembered being regularly used by late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi when he was overseeing his subordinates. We are writing about a complete Entrepreneur of his Epoch.

So passionate to his work, who could give hope even when the margin seemed very faint. Very creative with a unique character, a test of quality and smartness. In his endeavor to keep lighting the candle, he introduced Beauty By Works” commonly referred to as Mr. & Mrs. in other Universities”, Dinner parties, giving out cars to best Students and Teachers among others, which aimed at motivating Staff, Marketing his brand and empire, as well as customer retention.

For every success, he could call for a celebration together with his staff. During high celebrations, he would remind us to be on our serving points the following day. We cannot forget this great man who could stand with his staff both in sorrow and happiness. Through his vision, Entrepreneurship and ICT became the University NICH, through ICT the Faculty of Science and Technology was borne. Following the same footsteps, the Faculty has been able to grow into three Departments. The Department

of Informatics and Engineering, Department of Life Science and Natural Resources, and the Department of Industrial Art and Design; and our mission is to make the Faculty of Science and Technology a center of academic excellence, a center of Technological Knowledge, by Advancing and Applying the Fundamental Scientific skills and knowledge in the area of Informatics, Engineering, life sciences to academia, business and the government, as we look ahead for greater horizons, as we intend to become Leaders in Data Science in the country and beyond.

The Faculty has graduated over 5000 students since its birth, many of whom are serving in different capacities across the World. Successes are continuously being registered and different programs which are tailored to the emerging needs on the globe have been developed. To mention a few of these successes, Cyber Stars of Uganda (Cyber Security) Competitions were organized by Uganda Communication Commission (UCC), a government body, having realized that there is a high demand of Cyber Security professionals in the country and worldwide. All Universities in Uganda were invited and examined in Forensics, Ethical

hacking, Vulnerability analysis, pen testing, and we emerged 1st Runners-up. MILIMA Cyber Academy together with IUEA organized yet a Cyber Security awareness month and we emerged best in Uganda by far. Being known as a University that produces excellent Software Developers and Entrepreneurs, anyone who is interested in Cyber Security and Data Science you are as well invited to join us and shape your future in these areas.

Nowadays, the economic and social changes in society show the importance of developing entrepreneurship and creativity skills. The Late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi foresaw that Universities would be mentors, and the successful entrepreneurs as role models for students, therefore adapting Entrepreneurial Education and ICT is a valuable approach for sustainable Livelihood.

We shall always live to remember the contribution of Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi to the country as an Educationist, Entrepreneur and Investor.

For God and My Country.

**John Bosco LUBEGA**

**Dean Faculty of Science and Technology**



Prof. Charles Ssekya  
Deputy Vice Chancellor SLAU



# This article is presented in honour, remembrance and celebration of Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi,

by Prof. Charles Ssekyewa

It is indeed honourable to celebrate a person whose life was devoted to active promotion of entrepreneurial education with eyes on and hands on practices at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. I first met Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi in 1985 at Afraha High School at Nakuru, Kenya. Afraha High School was the best Private Secondly School in the centre of the Rift Valley based city. Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi was the Head Teacher then.

The School was well equipped and very clean. It had a talking environment. Teachers and students were very smart. Having come from the University at a time of scarcity and instability in Uganda, I was highly impressed by this experience. I came to learn that those high school standards had been the effort of Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi. Shortly, I was to prove, for I got recruited to serve as a Biology Teacher and Head of Girl Guides and Scouts.

The high level of innovativeness was the basis for a sound business at Afraha High School. The culture of parade by Girl Guides and Scouts was excellent and the Head Teacher was always present to inspect the parade. Academically, I was always facilitated to have both key text books and laboratory materials. Salaries were timely paid. I cannot forget having my salary meeting all my needs and with a surplus for saving. The school blended both academic and social life. It was the place to be.

Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi, as a smart and organized Head

Teacher, inspired both students and staff. As would be a business man, most of his time was spent networking and benchmarking. There was always something new at school. This attracted and boosted student enrollment, which added to the business sustainability of Afraha High School. Though a private school, every staff had adequate livelihood. Teachers could often afford to party and even have evening social outings without affecting their overall personal budgets.

On open days, both students and parents happily come to school. I remember a girl student (Kamau) who came from a poor family, but was always encouraged to improve her smartness. In a year, she was one of the most clean and presentable students, in spite of her humble background. The enabling and admirable school environment had a positive influence on her.

The Board of Governors was always in the life of the School. I cannot forget the day the Chairman of Board, Chief Karanja Nduune invited us to his country home in the ranges of Mount Kenya. We ate and drank. It was a social outing with far reaching consequences regarding motivation and performance of staff at Afraha High School. Both Management and Governance together built a Secondary School System which was enabling for entrepreneurial education. This is reason why the best performance of Afraha High School.

In conclusion, for education to be a viable business that leads to sustainable livelihoods, all actors must work together in a cohesive system. System principles of coordination, team work, participation, collaboration and networking must be applied (Ssekyewa and Namanji, 2020; Namanji et al. 2022). A jovial and networking staff attracts and motivates both parents and students, hence a multiplier factor and catalyst for high levels of enrollment. A sound moral exposition together with motivation and facilitation breeds a culture of trust, innovativeness and excellent performance. Consequently, every actor attains sustainability in their tasks, hence the overall sustainability of the particular academic institution. Parents gain pride and trust in the institution, and as such endeavor to meet their obligations as they also market their school. Students will also do the same and positively create a positive image about their school. The staff will never have tools down, and their good performance shall be realized. Management will see their sweat yielding results to the impression and satisfaction of owners. This was always the aim and outcome of Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi's contribution to entrepreneurial education. It is reason why we must remember and celebrate him.

**ADDRESS BY OWEK. AMB AL-HAJ PROF BADRU DUNGU KATEREGGA,  
THE FOUNDING VICE CHANCELLOR OF KAMPALA**



It gives me great honour and pleasure to address you at such a time as this; to all our Graduands, today marks a defining moment of triumph and significance as you celebrate the climax and completion of a journey that started over a decade and half ago. It is a journey that has taken several years of labour and sacrifice from you and those who contributed to your success along the way. I congratulate you all upon this milestone and momentous achievement.

It is a great privilege for me to be with you as the Guest Speaker of today as we celebrate this auspicious occasion marking the 13<sup>th</sup> Graduation ceremony of St. Lawrence University. Whenever I come here, I feel delighted and pleased with the love, care, and trust the leadership of this University has in me. All this brings back the fond memories and valuable time I spent with my late brother Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi whom I taught at Makerere University in the early 1970'S, and with whom I worked for many years within and outside the country. Indeed, we had a lot in common. **May his soul rest in peace!**

The Late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi was a practical visionary who always dreamt big, acted big, and fulfilled his big mission. He was a man of firm convictions who lived in the future of his times; a man who taught thousands of lives, who always made a difference, added value, and created a lasting impact on humanity.

I vividly recall the day he consulted me about the idea of starting his own University in 2000: I looked into his eyes and he seemed determined, committed, focused, enthusiastic and ready to do business.

I just asked him about the nature of the university he had in mind, and he confidently answered that he wanted to set up a modern state-of-the-art entrepreneurial

and transformation university driven by computer technology. Indeed, he achieved his mission by setting up a university of his choice, a university that has stood the test of time, covid-19 notwithstanding, which is the very reason why we are here today.

In the person of the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi, we see a magnification of a man with the **“Magic of thinking big”**, which also helped him to live big, associate with big people like myself, and achieve big!

Mr Chancellor, Sir, permit me at this juncture to recommend to the Family, Leadership and Management of SLAU to set aside a special day on the University calendar for a Mass, and Memorial Lecture(s) to be held annually in commemoration of the life and contribution of the Founder of SLAU University and St. Lawrence Colleges and Academies, the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi. That will be one sure way of maintaining his Legacy.

I, also call upon the Government to appreciate and accord due recognition to the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi for his great contribution to Uganda's education sector.

**Theme of the day, “Entrepreneurial Education, a Pathway to Sustainable Livelihood”.**

The challenges facing universities before and after covid-19 have not gone away and will continue now that we have new mutations. However, the pandemic has also shown that the education sector can still adapt at pace.

Therefore, institutions including SLAU should move towards sharing resources and collaborating with the so-called competitors, building networks, creating borderless higher education, embracing the digital platforms, promoting

blended learning and teaching, and conducting digital research and innovation if they are to sustainably manage the pandemic and cope with the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

I commend the Management of SLAU for their resilience, wise guidance and proper direction taken to sustain the institution through the challenging times of the “new normal”.

On the same note, I also congratulate the University for holding two successful blended graduation ceremonies during the covid-19 pandemic.

### **WISE COUNSEL TO THE GRADUANDS**

As you prepare for life after school, the life in the real world, and the life of party after party. I would like to leave you with a few important tips that will hopefully help you think positively and cope with the real challenges of world;

#### **Positive attitude;**

Whereas the labour market is not lacking knowledgeable and skilled individuals graduating from these institutions of higher learning, it's however, struggling to find individuals who have the right attitude and character to sustain employment or make an impact at the work place.

Although it's your qualifications, which will get you into a position, it's your attitude and character that will sustain you there, make you advance in your position, or even drop you from there. It's attitude that determines altitude.

A positive attitude can be built by choosing to listen to the right advice and seeking to improve yourself by the people you associate with, the kind of books you read, and the places you go to.

#### **Character of integrity;**

A character of integrity can only be built by discipline and consistency. People of character

continue to do the right thing even when they feel like not doing it. The path to Mastery is discipline and this constitutes a character of integrity.

### **Faith and Values;**

For those who believe in God, I encourage you to continue to practice your faith and live by the values that it teaches. Without a moral campus we are bound to get lost in the maze of evil and selfishness that pervades human kind. Having faith and values will help you to treat people well and think about the well-being of others. It will also safeguard your emotional and social life from the many dangers that life may throw your way. Endeavour to be a good example and to live a lasting legacy of hope and good will for those who will come across you.

### **Success;**

Success means winning, and success leads to achievement. Always believe you can succeed and indeed you will. The size of your success is determined by the size of your belief.

### **Identify true friends from fake friends;**

Seek advice from people who know; create a good network because your network will determine your net worth. Make new friends, but select friends who have different views from your own; friends who want to see you succeed and breathe encouragement into your plans and ideas; friends who will critique you in private and defend you in public.

### **Live quality life;**

Go first class in everything you do, and always opt to have fewer things but with high quality.

### **Think Big;**

Have positive thinking which will help you change your life. Learn to think big, which will help you live big. Also remember that big things start small. Don't let small

thinking people hold you back. Jealous people want to see you stumble, don't give them that satisfaction. Get your advice from successful people. Your future is important never risk it with freelance advisors who are living failures. Regard a setback as a lesson, learn from it, research it, and use it to propel you forward.

### **Never stop learning;**

While school years may end, there are always more opportunities to grow and learn. Approach the future with an open mind and willing to learn from people you meet. Whether it is your boss, a co-worker, or mentor, always be open to learning from others.

### **Remember everyone's path is different;**

Everyone's journey is different and no one has the same destination in the end, don't be scared about what others say, continue knocking the door until God opens for you.

### **Don't compare your beginning to someone else's middle;**

Dear graduands, sometimes comparing yourself to others can motivate you to work harder, but there's a thin line. It can easily drive you to become jealous, stressed out, sad, and more. Remember, you're just starting out. Everything takes time, and practice makes perfect.

### **Learn something new as often as you can;**

There is so much to learn in the world, and it is so easy to do so. There are classes, articles, books, Google and many more things that are so easily accessible. I know you may want to take a little break since you've just graduated, but my best advice for you is to make learning a life-long passion. If you avoid learning you're likely to graduate into secondary ignorance. Islam also teaches believers to learn from "the Cradle" to "the Grave".

### **Do things that make you uncomfortable;**

Some people never leave their comfort zone to explore the unknown because they are afraid of what may happen. The Arabs have a saying that, "Man is an enemy of what he doesn't know" However, you'll never know what your future holds unless you try new things and welcome different experiences. Many of the best things in life are probably going to make you feel uncomfortable. Staying in your box all the time, while it can feel easier, may actually prevent you from living up to your full potential.

### **Help others;**

Helping others can completely change your life and change other people's lives as well. Whether you do something big or small, do something to help those around you. Try to live for the sake of others. Something very small to you, can completely change someone's life.

### **Make yourself a top priority;**

The future is in your hands. Moving forward, you control your destiny. Make sure to do what is finest for yourself.

I am proud to say that because of your relentless efforts, it has been possible for SLAU Management to hold this ceremony. You now have the knowledge, skills and wisdom to begin your journey of career development. Be true to the values

and virtues you have obtained from this institution. You have the St. Lawrence University blessings to light your candle. Go yonder and make everyone proud.

With that, I once again thank you for the invitation and audience. I wish you a very cheerful day as you enjoy the rest of the function.

**Asalam Alaikum.....**

# Congolese Student's Association Eulogise Prof. Makiibi

Congolese Student's Association (CONGOSA) was created since 2013 after the inauguration of St. Lawrence University, the purpose of creating that association, was to put all Congolese from SLAU together.

In that time, there were a small number of Congolese students at St. Lawrence University. Since 2016 the number has started to increase little by little people coming from different corners of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

After that time, in 2017 Congolese has been rejected from taking Admission at St. Lawrence University, it has affected all of us in the association and the big number of Congolese has been totally reduced, even all activities of CONGOSA has been off.

After the Advice from the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) in 2018, SLAU started to register Congolese again, and we have restarted again the Association, and now the movement has started as we expected. Now we expect for the coming years to receive a good number of Congolese at SLAU.

In the January intake 2023 we have received 5 new Congolese students, The association's mission is to maintain the cohesion of the Congolese students within the university by promoting the Congolese culture, assisting students in need (Lost of parents etc.), also to face together as a community the challenges in different fields of the life of the Congolese student in Uganda.

We can mention for example the language of communication, the equivalence of school documents, their translation, integration within academic

activities, integration within the different cultures in Uganda, etc.

## The association's organs are:

- The General Assembly, the supreme organ gathering all the students and
- The government executes the decisions of the general assembly and holds the daily management of the association.
- A circumstantial election board is appointed every year to conduct the elections of a new president of the association for a one-year non-renewable term.

The President shall designate or appoint ministers to serve in the government. There are the Ministries of Academic Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Events, Sports, Finance, and the General Secretariat.

The current President of the Association is:

Mr. UNEN UCHANDA, a student entering Year 3 Semester 1, came to do the BLIS especially. But due to contextual circumstances, he balances between BLIS-BRIM-BRAM.

- Student recommended by the University Shalom of Bunia ([www.unishabunia.org](http://www.unishabunia.org)) to do the studies because he is a staff of the university library since 2000
- Deputy Coordinator of Congolese Students in Uganda
- Vice President for International Students at St Lawrence University still in the making
- Founding member of the Consortium of Academic Libraries of Congo Kinshasa (COBAC): 2014

- Deputy Executive Secretary in charge of activities, programs, and events, and Treasurer of the Consortium of Academic Libraries of Congo Kinshasa

- Country representative of Electronic Information For Library (EIFL) for access to electronic resources based in the Netherlands: 2019 to date.

Among the achievements of the association, we have held several ordinary and extraordinary general assemblies, have assisted students who have lost parents and family members here in Uganda and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

We have helped students with different challenges, participation in international soccer activities at St Lawrence University (Vice-Champion), two soccer matches with the Congolese student associations of Bugema University and Uganda Christian University, the brilliant participation in the Cultural Gala Competition organized on October 30, 2022 by the 15th Guild Council led by H.E. Elijah Mutbaazi of St Lawrence University under the guidance of Dean of Students, Simon Peter Mabira and the patronage of the Management of University, DR Charles W. Masaba. During which we won the cup and the prize (a bull) and had three Certificates (Participation, Recognition of Best in FASHION and Recognition of Best in FOLK SONG)

St Lawrence University is a truly international and hospitable university. The management of the university quickly facilitates the registration and integration of Congolese students within it while authorizing freely and in a coordinated way the activities of our association.

It is our duty to shine the lamps of St Lawrence University in our country, DRC to bring in several new students.

We failed to make a student continue to study a student who had a problem with academic fees.

CONGOSA commends the efforts of management for the good services provided to students at the academic level. As the association, we recommend improvement in stock of the library by providing necessary equipment, internet connection and the maximum use of academic management

by putting the semester results directly online...

**UNEN UCHANDA**

**Congolese Student's Association Chairperson**  
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## ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD.

**Our Beloved Liberator**, nearly three decades ago, you gave us the opportunity to instil moral values, the pillar of social economic empowerment and unity as we eradicate poverty through educating various generations in this great, Great lakes region of East Africa and globally at large when you had a vision to start the St. Lawrence Academy, schools and colleges as well as St. Lawrence University.

This most gleeful vision marked the beginning of a new era that would, years later, yield great **Achievers** who have impacted their forever footprints in all works and walks of life, transformed not only their social economic livelihood but also sustained their nation as a whole.

It was your anticipation of what Entrepreneurship education in St. Lawrence fraternity would give birth to, that you dedicated your whole life while still with us to give it your best shot. As a beloved Principal and father, you made sure the young generations get the opportunity to be able to create their own pathway to a sustainable livelihood.

By attracting students from all neighbouring nations i.e. South Sudan, Kenya, Eritrea, Tanzania, Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, South Africa, Ethiopia, Botswana, Comoros, Nigeria, Sudan, Zanzibar, United Kingdom and the United States of America etc, you quickly embraced the vision for quick integration of Africa and creation of a global village.

Your legacy has become a trademark of excellence in economic growth and eradication of poverty because with your vision, came a more formidable, charismatic and a blissful economic remedy, and for this, we will always be grateful as we continue to strengthen entrepreneurship education.

Rest in peace Professor Lawrence Mukiibi, Founder, Principal and Chairman St. Lawrence conglomerate of Education Institutions.

**Ruth Mirembe Sseninde (Mrs.) Academic Registrar- SLAU.**





# A GREAT FIGHTER

It is not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog (Mark Twain)

He established a standing nuclear “Brain Power” on which we are standing and continue building.

It is the source of knowledge and employment cited by St Lawrence schools and St Lawrence University (SLAU)

We can not shy down to say that he was an educationist and a entrepreneur and the person is quotes in no other than PRO LAWRENCE MUKIIBI.

We are here today because he created employment.

When you look at SLAU and the faculty of Education in particular we have the;

1. Post Graduate school which offers
  - a) Masters in Education management and Administration
  - b) Post graduate Diplomas
2. Bachelors of Education (Arts)
3. The Inservice program with
  - a) Bachelors in Secondary Education
  - b) Bachelors in Primary Education
  - c) Diploma in Primary education
  - d) Early Childhood Education
4. High Education/ certificate
5. Short courses
  - a) English Proficiency
  - b) Sign language

All this reflects the works of Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi

The fruits yielded from any of those programs are accorded to him of which we already have

1. Lecturers like Mr Ekirapa Samuel, Mr Ziwa Eric, Mr Kayongo Masereka Wilson, Mr Isaac Ahimbisibwe
2. News Editors, Publisers, Public Orators from the department of language
3. Still in the Faculty of education SLAU has MPs like Joel Senyonyi from the schools

Headteachers

Deputies in various schools

Teachers and other education personnels

We have business men and women who did education with entrepreneurship not forgetting the intellectuals with practical skills who did education with Art and design and MPs the list is endless

Of course, beauty is in the eye of the he Holder but personally see some good work out of the late and my mother used to tell me something you can lie down for people to walk on you and they will still complain that you are not flat enough.....

My humble prayer to all of us is to keep the candle burning

**Sylviah Lubwama**

**Associate Dean Faculty of Education**

# We eulogise the educationist

It is now 16 years of service and growth of St. Lawrence University (SLAU) and still growing.

This special edition of the SLAU Legacy magazine reflects the contribution of an education giant and the proprietor of the St. Lawrence group; University, Schools and Colleges that provide holistic education to its students paying equal attention to academics and co-curricular activities.

As we celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> Graduation ceremony this year, we as well commemorate the life of the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiiibi whose visionary mind has had a great impact in the Education Sector not only in Uganda but the world at large.

SLAU, the strong hold of ICT and Entrepreneurship well thought of by the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiiibi 17 years ago still lives valid up to date. No one can reverse the fact that the World has gone digital. One of his desires was to produce pragmatic graduates through research and ethical application of technology for the benefit of society.

His philosophy was not to just to pass out students but to produce products to unleash entrepreneurial potential to the rest of mankind even when the darkness is quite thick, they light the candle, enhance growth and development in this globalized world and meet the immediate needs of the society.

Emblematically, he sowed a mustard seed. This seed germinated into a large tree which produced food, shelter, joy, beauty, medicine, fuel to different creatures.

Unlike many Entrepreneurs, the Late Prof. Lawrence Mukiiibi shared his vision and success story which inspired and motivated many members of the St. Lawrence fraternity to start small enterprises so as to achieve financial independence.

Throughout his life, Prof. Lawrence Mukiiibi was determined and dedicated to better the lives of others through education. It is no doubt that his vision has already had a positive impact to millions and thousands of men and women, young and the old alike.

His legacy lives on and serves to inspire all of us to emulate.

Light your candle.

# FROM THE LECTURE ROOM TO THE NEWS ROOM



It has always been a pleasure and profound honour to contribute to the *Legacy Magazine*, as student about five years ago and now, as an alumnus. Dear reader, the fact that, St. Lawrence University has aimed at creative and innovative-based university education, through ICT and entrepreneurship, is typical to the agenda for the **Legacy Magazine's** editorial direction. With his fortune space, allow me take you fleetingly away from Lubaga.

Lately, I have been making research for an autobiography of a distinguished person I hold in high regard. In his mid-80s, he has literally “*seen it all*”. The process took me virtually into the archives of Leicester University library. He had been a student there in the early 60s and led the University students’ union/guild, as the first black man.

his was rather honourable, given the epoch of open racism and the evening days of direct imperialism. His life as a politically engaging student is well documented and achieved, through a local university newspaper and now, researchers, his family and current students can access his collections and ponder in admiration. But allow me save his bigger story for another day.

The well kept records at Leicester University for a student, who left school, more than 60 years ago, is fundamentally the lifeblood of journalism. To be the first of history. This observation reminds me the clear vision, SLAU proprietor, the Honorary Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi, who lived to see his vision and wished to be upheld.

One day, while attending a Saint Catherine’s day at my former school in Nabbingo, I interfaced, with Prof. Mukiibi, for the first time. He was there to be part of the fundraising drive for the school library. I had written a somewhat critical article in

the school Magazine the *Pearl*, literally cantankerous about everything and nothing at the time. when I approached to him at the fall of the afternoon, he didn’t take long to connect his mind back to the article he had just read, and a deep- as in deep conversation ensued.

On the same day, SLAU was crowning her *Mr. and Ms. Entrepreneurs*, an initiative that has defined the education agenda at SLAU, since it’s inception. Mukiibi was true and clear to his vision, underscoring it to a mere sophomore if not just a freshman! But, his punchlines were clear, start journalism now, and start at SLUA. With guidance and encouragement from Mr. Daniel Ssettema, I would later make my mind to join **The Slauian**, a University Newspaper, formally, prepared and published by a section of Mass Communication students, at the commencement of the 2015-2016 guild leadership.

The professor was committed to provision funds for its bi-weekly publication and the technical support needed. Profoundly, this was a training ground to best prepare for professional journalism deployments in the near future as well as accentuating the gist of ICT and Entrepreneurship as the bedrock of the University. But also, as I indicated early, a lot was, and still happening in our midst, with little attention to it.

The stories in and around SLAU, are rarely told in the prestigious spaces, of the mainstream media, yet their importance to the people attached to them cannot be disdained. Who else, should therefore, tell these stories, if not people, training to be journalists, those influencing the academic and students’ interests in the University as well as those influencing policy. Such simple and low-profile stories, are the reasons, I have been engaging archivists at Leicester university to trace the presence

of a former student, more than 60 years later.

This mode of hands on education can be replicated in other departments to better answer the question of employability of fresh graduates. Out of the lecture room into the newsroom, to me, is simply a meeting of opportunity and preparedness. The able and willing kind of matrix. Industrial training, can potentially give you that space, but only the prepared, able and willing folks will fill the needed gap. The opportunity we seize and how we take advantage of it, determines how far we can dream.

Perhaps the desires of Prof. Mukiibi came to pass and I, do believe my responsibilities at *The Slauian* as, a sub editor - current affairs, prepared me to meet the national demands at the 2017 inter-university media challenge competitions. This was my graduating year, and indeed, the tournament was a breakthrough, from lecture rooms into the desired newsroom, at NBS Television. The news competition, saw #TeamSlau winning about 7 awards at night that pleasantly, escorted me into the job-market. Dear slauians, and the reader of the Legacy Magazine, like Amanda Gorman noted in her US Presidential inauguration poem, the hills we climb, “the dawn is ours before we knew it”. May we indeed, “brave the belly of the beast” as we light our candles.

**Author: Kayonga Paul**

Mass Communication: 2014-2017

Slau Alumni Male Media personality of the year: 2020

Best Political reporter: Uganda National Journalism Award 2021

Best Works and Infrastructure journalism: Uganda National Journalism Awards 2022

M.A: International Media Studies, 2021-2023

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# SLAU IT STUDENTS NAMED CYBER STARS OF UGANDA



In the 2022 cyber security competitions organized by the Uganda Communication Commission UCC, IT students of St Lawrence University emerged winners and were crowned **Cyber Stars of Uganda**.

The students competed against other participants from different universities including; Makerere University, Kampala University, Uganda Christian University, among others, and three students of the six participants from St Lawrence University were awarded certificates and scholarships in **“CompTIA Security Training which is worth 600 USD.”**

Based on the theme “Building and inspiring cyber security Talents,” the UCC Cyber competition aimed at providing solutions to cyber scenarios in the computer security department and as well mitigate the rising cybercrimes in the country. The participants were tested in fields like Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Ethical Hacking, Web security and Penetration Testing.

Expressing his joy, Tumuhimbise Karinkiza, the team lead for SLAU revealed, “We were delighted to be part of the competitions which exposed us to the world but as well tasked us to showcase what we have been learning in class.”

Through the IT department and faculty, SLAU supported students in the preparations through different investments like providing unlimited internet and sponsoring IT seminars which were fundamental to the competition’s success.

“The management of SLAU extended support by providing the necessary requirements that enabled us to participate and compete favorably. The win consolidated the university’s niche of producing graduates who are self-reliant, versatile, and who will answer the usually disturbing question of “After University, what next?”

In addition, the IT students also showcased their skills in cyber security competitions that were organized by Milima security organization in partnership with the International University of East Africa. They emerged winners and were also presented accolades.

Internet is exponentially growing resulting in the exposure of data and information to vulnerabilities, which is exploited by cyber attackers making technology a double-aged sword. The most affected sectors are Bank and mobile finance technologies.

“Such competitions enhance skills and provide a platform for learners to innovate solutions that can defend SLAU IT systems and the country at large. Through the SLAU Science & technology students’ Association, supported by Dean, IT systems manager and the SLAU management, IT will continue to seek solutions and answer difficult questions in the IT space not only at SLAU but at a national level.” Tumuhimbise concluded.

**Compiled by Mwebe Ivan Darlington**



## The legacy of a SLAU alumnus (An open letter to the SLAU alumni community)

### ***Dear SLAU Alumni,***

Legacy, within a university context, is probably nothing more than the success of its alumni. The best universities of the world, name them, Harvard, Yale, Michigan State and Cambridge etc. are often judged no less than the impact their alumni make in all life spheres.

These universities' names remain enshrined on every alumnus's invention, innovation, or discovery. Even the strongest nations of the world today harness the power of exchange alumni to drive diplomatic relations, strengthen cooperation and back mutual interests.

Alumni in the postmodern era are the soft power which may likely become the centerpiece upon which global diplomatic tensions are resolved as these alumni help shape public discourse, policy, narratives and knowledge.

St Lawrence University (SLAU) has a unique opportunity to emulate the best universities of the world- incidentally and on purpose solve not only formidable challenges faced by many graduates after university but also contribute positively towards efforts that help provide answers to the often disturbing question "After university, what's next?"

Alumni are more likely to have met each other on campus during their studies or have common acquaintances. These interactions grow into social and later professional networks which are critical to creating an enabling environment where every alumnus can connect, network and thrive in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In the words of the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi, "No school is better than its students". As SLAUIANS, we understand each other and have a solitary sense of belonging and pride. We are built

to be the little light that shines in our families, communities and countries especially when all is dark. When we choose to remain engaged, productively challenge and learn from each other we are bound to become a beacon of light that shines for all men, everywhere.

Since 2010, when SLAU graduated its first students, the SLAU legacy has been to light our candles through the beauty by works. This SLAU legacy which is an embodiment of the late Prof Lawrence Mukiibi's vision "*Light your candle*" will only live on through our intentional, and coordinated effort to be light and also shine this light brighter together!

Light your candle!

**Raymond Musiima**

***The writer is the founder of Michigan Fellows Africa Initiatives (MFAI) & Member of the Council at SLAU***



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# SOMALI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IN St LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

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**S**omali students' association was started in September 2007 when St. Lawrence University was officially opened by the president of Uganda H.E GEN. Yoweri Museveni, in an attempt to keep all Somali students at St. Lawrence University united and collaborating academically together in order to achieve a common goal which is to excel academically. One of the co-founder of this association **Mr. Mahmud Ahmed Said** did a very great job at bringing Somalis together which inspired me also to contest for this position (President Somali Students Association).

***The following are the some of the achievements we celebrate in our one year of leadership;***

- a) ***Building a Stronger Community;*** As the President, I created a more robust and supportive community for Somali students. We organized events and activities that bring students together, such as my inauguration event which attracted many students to join the university, networking events, and study groups.
- b) ***Advocating for Student Needs;*** I worked towards advocating for the needs of Somali student's association, such as increased funding for scholarships and grants, better representation on campus, and improved resources for mental health support.
- c) ***Strengthening the Association;*** we focused on strengthening the Somali Students Association by increasing membership, improving communication channels including platforms of social media like WhatsApp group and Facebook page, and creating a sustainable structure for the organization. This helped to ensure the continued success of the Association and its impact on Somali students.
- d) ***Hosting football matches among Somali students;*** which had a range of benefits for both physical and mental well-being include promoting physical activities, developing

teamwork and leadership skills and improving mental health, as well as for building social connections and fostering important life skills.

- e) **Celebrating Somali culture;** cultural gala hosted by St. Lawrence university provided an opportunity for Somali students to showcase and celebrate their unique cultural traditions including dancing, folk songs, music and dressing. This brought together Somali students in Slau to celebrate their cultural heritage. And also built intercultural understanding among non-Somali students to learn more about Somali culture.

**Although we achieved more than we planned during the writing of our manifesto, we also faced various challenges during our term of office as stated below;**

- a) **Acknowledging different factions of Somalis;** We've

encountered conflicting views on issues such as culture, politics, and more. To overcome this challenge, we created a platform for open dialogue and invite diverse voices to share their opinions.

- b) **Coordination:** University students including Somalis each have a different timetable, as a president, I could organize a meeting to talk about very pertinent issues but some members don't attend because they are busy in other things. To overcome this challenge, we delegated responsibilities to other members, so meetings can be held at intervals.

- c) **Funding:** Another significant challenge we faced was securing funding for the Association's activities and events. Somali students may come from low-income

backgrounds, making it challenging to generate the necessary funds. To overcome this challenge, we explored various fundraising opportunities, such as contribution among students, grants, and partnerships with other organizations.

In conclusion, as our motto for Somali students' association states, "**Knowledge is light**", as a president, I thank the management of St. Lawrence University for the work they do to deliver quality education not only to Somalis, but also to all international students in St. Lawrence University, on behalf of my fellow Somalis, we also appreciate the hospitality provided by the management during our stay at Slau.

I call upon the coming president for Somalis to build on the legacy we left and not repeat the mistakes we did.









## USING ICT IN ENHANCING TEACHING/ LEARNING AND MANAGING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

In this 21st century, the term “technology” is an important issue in many fields including education. This is because technology has become the knowledge transfer highway in most countries. Technology integration nowadays has gone through innovations and transformed our societies that has totally changed the way people think, work and live (Grabe, 2007). As part of this, Universities and other educational institutions which are supposed to prepare students to live in “a knowledge society” need to consider ICT integration in their curriculum (Ghavifekr, Afshari & Amla Salleh, 2012).

Universities use a diverse set of ICT tools to communicate, create, disseminate, store, and manage information, which is acceptable to all stakeholders. In some contexts, ICT has also become integral to the teaching-learning interaction, through such approaches as replacing chalkboards, whiteboard with interactive digital whiteboards, using students’ own smartphones or other devices for learning during class time, and the “[flipped classroom](#)” model where students watch lectures

at home on the computer and use classroom time for more interactive exercises.

The Covid 19 pandemic swept away all traditional forms of learning which brought in the new era of using technology in our day-to-day lives for instance the education system. Universities like St Lawrence University in particular greatly welcomed this system. The university has an online system, the SLAUELE that has accommodated over 8000 students and lecturers who use it for online classes.

The SLAUELE is a system highly certified and recommended by the National Council of Higher Education and it has helped in a number of ways which include; teaching and learning, student discussions among others. The system provides creative and individualized options for students to express their understandings, and leave students better.

A number of students and lecturers are handled through this portal, which could not have been physically possible during the pandemic. The university also set up a team and a learning center where the students can

consult while using the platform.

ICT has removed geographical barriers, and teachers’ containment within specified classrooms has changed to open teaching. In addition, ICT has helped society by facilitating the type of education called “[education on wheels](#)” or “[mobility in education](#).” Therefore, Ugandan Universities should explore the importance of ICT and its inclusion in academics to surge the boundaries of traditional education for more productive outcomes with greater levels of accessibility and better student engagement. Since there is a growing population in ICT worldwide,

Having seen the beauty of the SLAUELE and online education system, key departments in the university are also advancing to improve the communication systems of SLAU for example finance and accounts, resource Centre, admissions, and results to give the students a better service supported by ICT.

**Mr. Olivier Uwiragiye**

**IT MANAGER**

**ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**

# Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi Made SLAU a Power House in the University Sports - Sseguya



The late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi heard that the SLAU team was eliminated on the quarter finals, he was so happy about the performance of the team because it was there first time to participate in the inter-university game, therefore he gave out an envelope of sh.100,000 and a get together party to each participant to welcome them back home.

**Peter Sseguya**, a Sport Tutor at St. Lawrence University talked to *SLAU LEGACY Magazine* about the legacy of Prof. Mukiibi in the university sports games in Uganda.

**Tell us about the St Lawrence in the history of university football league?**

SLAU had no sports attachment nor sport activities in and outside Uganda. I joined

St. Lawrence university in 2007 to date, by that time the university was in search for a solution,

**We started university football team with seven students those include Nonno Davis who's now the SLAU coach, Makanga Joseph, Mugabi Jamil and many others, later more students also joined.**

In 2008 students increased on the university team and we had to apply to the body or association that was governing sports for universities in Uganda that was National University Sports of Uganda (NUSFU).

**What role has Prof. Mukiibi played in the University football in Uganda**

After applying SLAU was allowed to participate in the inter-university games that were hosted by Nkumba university in 2009.

All these were done by the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi assisted by Mr. Ssemakula Peter and Mr. Ssali Andrew. Jerseys and balls were bought for the SLAU team to train for the inter-university games.

On 16th december,2009 SLAU went for the inter-university games at Nkumba university and that was its first participation in all games in Uganda, SLAU team managed to reach the quarter finals where SLAU team was eliminated by the hosts (Nkumba university).

### How did Prof. Mukiibi react to this success?

When the late prof. Lawrence Mukiibi heard that the SLAU team was eliminated on the quarter finals he was so happy about the performance of the team because it was there first time to participate in the inter-university game, therefore he gave out an envelope of sh.100,000 to each participate on addition, he organized a get together party for welcoming back the team.

In 2010 SLAU participated in the East African games hosted by the university of Kenyatta and SLAU reached quarter finals.

When SLAU team came back from Kenya the late prof. Lawrence Mukiibi sent Mr. Mabira Peter to call me. it was my first time to meet the late Prof. Mukiibi face to face, he asked me why we didn't bring the trophy home.

**I told him we tried our level best but other universities had more potentials than us in terms of sports bursaries and scholarships, here universities recruit good sports men and women to play for their universities and also studying as well, he asked me on bursaries and scholarships what should you like me to give to the players. I decided scholarships then he granted my decision therefore we started achieving what your seeing now.**

### How do you Describe Prof. Mukiibi in this context?

The prof. Lawrence Mukiibi was a good entrepreneur, a sport lover and very happy in receiving achievements whereby he built sport grounds like crown city campus, London college, Paris and others.

unlikely he had promised us many things, but the Almighty took him therefore I wish to thank the late Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi for his contributions during his life hood in terms on finances, scholarships that have contributed to the success and achievement that SLAU have and still achieving more and more without him it wouldn't have been the same.

we shall continue praying for you and also pray for us though Mother Mary.

### MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE.

Among the people that I have been with in this success include;

**NNONO DAVIS**

**BAKISULA FRED**

**KAYIMA HARUNA**

**KATUSIIME BRIAN PAUL**

**WALUGEMBE JOHN**

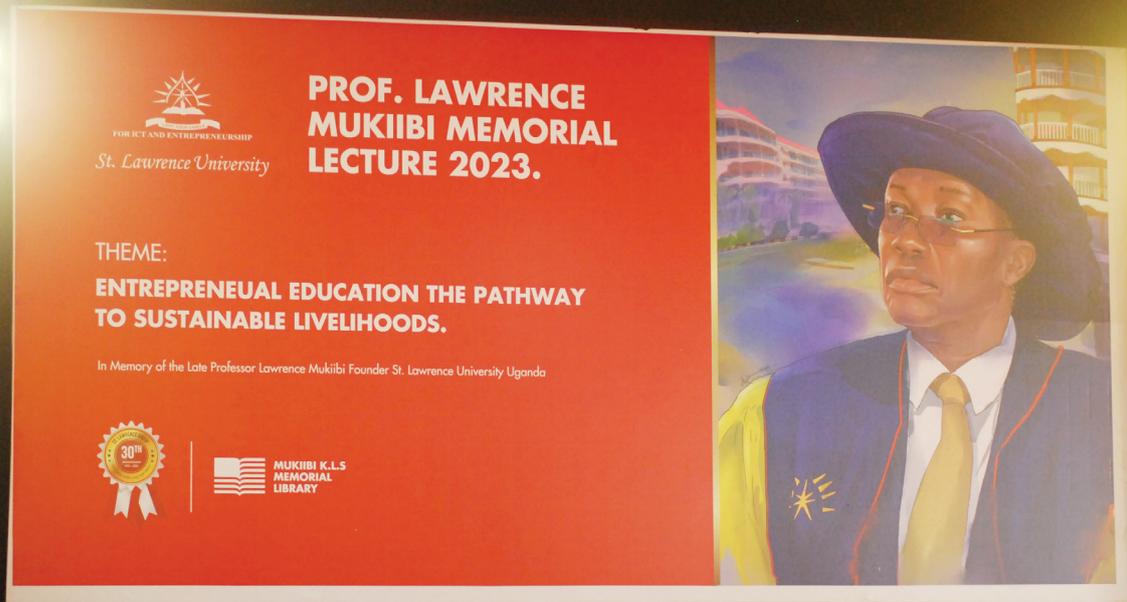
**NATONGO MARIAM**



<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TORNAMENTS</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENTS</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>Inter-university games</b>	<b>Quarter finals</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>East African games</b>	<b>Quarter finals</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>Beach soccer championship</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>East African games TZ</b>	<b>Semi finals</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Beach soccer league</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>University championship</b>	<b>Semi finals</b>
<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>University championship beach soccer</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>University football league</b>	<b>Bronze medalist</b>
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>National beach soccer league</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>University football league</b>	<b>Silver medalist</b>
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>National beach soccer league</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>National beach soccer league</b>	<b>Champions</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>University football league</b>	<b>Silver medalist</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Super four beach soccer cup</b>	<b>Champions</b>









# 1<sup>ST</sup> PROFESSOR LAWRENCE MUKIIBI MEMORIAL LECTURE FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023.

**Theme: Entrepreneurial Education, a Pathway to Sustainable Livelihood.**

## **PROGRAMME**

01:30pm – 02:00pm	Anthems.
02:00pm - 02:10pm	Introductory Remarks - Master of Ceremonies.
02:10pm – 02: 30pm	Remarks from the Vice Chancellor – Dr. Charles W. Masaba.
02:30pm – 02:40pm	Brief remarks on Prof. Lawrence Mukiibi – Family member – Mr. Ssemakula Peter.
02:40pm – 02:50pm	Remarks from the Chairperson University Council – Hon. Dr. Mike Ssebalu.
02:50pm – 03:00pm	Introduction of speakers - Masters of Ceremonies.
03:00pm – 03:20pm	Presentation on Vocational Education: The Germany Experience - Dr. Elmar Wolff.
03:20pm – 04:15pm	Keynote Lecture Entrepreneurial Education, a Pathway to Sustainable Livelihood – Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba.
04:15pm – 04:20pm	Music Interlude
04: 20pm – 05:20pm	Panel Discussion

### **Moderator**

1. Mr. Ambrose Mukiibi

### **Panelists**

1. Prof. Badru Kateregga – VC Kampala University
2. Prof. Maggie Kigozi
3. Prof. Charles Ssekyewa - DVC SLAU
4. Ms. Leticia Nakimuli – Dean Faculty of Business and Mgt

05:20pm – 05:40pm	Questions and Answers
05: 40pm – 05:50pm	Closing Remarks – Chairperson University Council
05:50pm - 05:50pm	Anthems – MC.





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