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Letter from the Principal



Welcome to Uganda Nursing School Bwindi first newsletter. This issue provides an overview of student and faculty accomplishments, alumni achievements, and various activities that occurred since the inception of the school.

Uganda Nursing school Bwindi – UCU affiliate, was started by Bwindi Community Hospital to respond to the critical shortage of health workers. After the vision was shared with two Americans; Stephen Wolf and James Jameson. With their generosity and many partner organization, Kellermann foundation, Abercrombie and Kent Philanthropist, Reno rotary international, individual partners and partnering university, the premier institution in training health workers at diploma/registered level, has continued to excel since 2013. UNSB's excellent education is rooted in the state of Art technology, coupled with 24/7 internet, use of smartboards, I pads and kindles and one of the best practicum site in the country- Bwindi Community Hospital, very

keen, highly committed and highly trained teaching staff, strategic collaborations with universities like Scranton, USF, Dominican, and a shared commitment to the core values of excellence, community, collaboration, Christ centeredness and research and innovation.

With the heavy support from Aberkrombi and Kent Philanthropist, the Kellermann foundation and Marvin Foundation, the students who are unable to pay but yet academically excellent are able to achieve scholarships. Best and distinction students receive a scholarship every semester.

UNSB community welcomes and respects members of all areas across the world and we are able to work together to achieve excellence. We started with 100% pass and this was known only internally, but now we are known across the whole country as a model health training institution. We are proud of this achievement. We have set the bar above other schools in performance and now we will continue with the standard set.

Our culture of togetherness has made the students feel at home and happy with our environment.

The team spirit is evident among staff looking at the level of interaction.

We are very happy for that every single support. I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter!

Sincerely,
Jane Frances Anyango.
Principal UNSB

Our Vision

An outstanding institution in healthcare training to solve health challenges in the community.

Our Mission

To improve the health of the community through excellent nursing education, research and practice.

Vision 2025

University College of Health Sciences

Support our work by making a tax deductible donation through our charities:

In the USA

The Kellermann Foundation

P.O. Box 832809

Richardson, TX 75083-2809

www.kellermannfoundation.org

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www.health-for-all-uganda.com

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REACH BWINDI

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or directly to our bank account

Stanbic Bank Uganda Ltd

Branch: Kihiki

Account Name: BCH Nursing

School Project

Account Number: 9030008015936

Sort Code: 045061

Swift Code: SBICUGKX

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UNSB shines again in Academics

Uganda Nursing School Bwindi-UCU Affiliate (UNSB) has again registered excellent performance in the National exams. In the recently released Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examinations Board (UNMEB) results, UNSB students, contributed over 50% (12 students out of the 22) of the total distinctions countrywide. To move to the next class, nursing students all over the country are subjected to a national promotional examination at the end of the year which usually comes in July.

UNSB which started in November 2013 has been progressively excelling in these national exams. "I applaud and commend the outstanding job of our nursing students," said Jane Anyango, Principal UNSB. "This accomplishment demonstrates the hard work and the commitment of our school and the quality of our students and we shall continue to excel"

The students jubilated with excitement when they received the news.

Contrary to the perception that



UNSB Students jubilate after receiving the results

schools situated in urban areas, are the powerhouse of academic excellence, UNSB has beaten all the odds to become a top notch training school for nurses and midwives in Uganda. UNSB

was mainly established to respond to the critical shortage of the human resources for health in Bwindi Area, an area of high disease burden of which most are preventable.

BCH and UNSB recognized again

Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) and Uganda nursing school Bwindi (UNSB) have been awarded by Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB) for outstanding performance and where they were ranked the best performing general hospital and nursing school of the year 2017/2018 at the national level.

The two institutions were awarded during the annual UPMB symposium held in Kampala in December last year.

Over the years, the hospital has turned out to be a model facility to all health facilities at the national level and not only

to those that subscribe to UPMB umbrella but also public facilities.

This is based on the quality of care offered and being innovative in areas of; maternal health, community and mental health and championing the community health insurance initiative.

Similarly, UNSB has turned out to be a model facility in the region in areas of technology with use of Kindles, Ipads smart boards and internet to enhance learning and also offers sonography courses to its Diploma students.





Alumni corner: One on one with Muhwezi Aaron the first student to report at UNSB



Aaron in the TB Clinic at BCH

When did you graduate from UNSB

I graduated from Uganda Nursing School Bwindi in March 2017 with a diploma in nursing, but in October 2016 I had graduated from Uganda Christian University with the same diploma. The reason is, at UNSB you graduate with two diplomas since the students do two exams one from the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examination Board and the other from Uganda Christian University; which UNSB is affiliated to.

What made you choose nursing as a career path?

I can't remember the exact time I wanted to become a nurse, but as a child I had always wanted to be in health care. I had always wanted to help the sick and vulnerable, but also when I was growing up, people in the health care system were always respected. This dream, however became almost just a dream during my senior six vacation after my sponsor in compassion dropped out of supporting me. I had been a Compassion International project child and they had taken care of my fees until high school. My family could do little or possibly nothing to raise my

tuition fees despite passing well my PCB/AGRIC combination that I had in high school. Lucky enough, I was immediately picked up the ever loving and caring Bubolz family- people of God from Fremont, Wisconsin USA who after sharing with them my dream to become a nurse ignited it by accepting to pay my tuition fees at Uganda nursing school Bwindi.

What drew you to UNSB as your school of choice for your nursing? What are your favorite memories of UNSB?

During my high school vacation, I decided to search about nursing schools that were in Uganda, and soon I heard on the radio about a school that was starting in rural Uganda in Kanungu district. I tried my application and was admitted. On the reporting date I was very disappointed as I was welcomed by staffs with no any student. I was new in Bwindi and I didn't know anyone around.

I later started to smile as I saw a couple of students being off loaded from a pick-up car which was the only means of transport publically by then. The eleven never forgettable students joined me and we started the journey for our future.

I liked the way we lived, as one family caring for each other. Of course in everything we were doing, we were naïve; we formed our own leadership as I was chosen as the first Minister of Sports and Entertainment. There were many huddles that came our ways, but God was always amidst us.

The twelve pioneer class were like the disciples of Jesus Christ; Yonas, Frank, Austine, Moses, Herbert,

Precious, Kuule, Kamarha, Shamirah, and me finally graduated in October 2016 at UCU main campus and are all doing well in their career.

Many thanks to the school administration for directing us, the teaching staffs who gave us such nice lectures, the partnering Universities that contributed to our learning experience and most especially University of Vermont for the Ultra sound scan lecturers. The skill we got can not be compared to any other.

Can you tell us about your career since graduation?

During my time at UNSB, they always told us that we were being trained to work in rural setting of Uganda. Immediately after my graduation, I decided to look for money and start a clinic in another rural area in Rakai district Uganda that has a high burden of HIV, but my heart was always in Bwindi. After two years, there was a job vacancy, and I decided to go back home to Bwindi Community Hospital as the supervisor of the HIV/TB department helping in the implementation of the Bwindi community Hospital Integrated project with USAID RHITES to achieve the global 95,95,95 targets. I want to thank My dear Bubolz family supporting me while I studied at UNSB. I will live to remember you for the love and support you gave me.

What advice do you have for UNSB students

Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way you never know what it will yield.

A one-year sponsorship at \$1,500 can provide a full year of training at Uganda Nursing School Bwindi to help ensure that a student persists in college and ultimately graduates. You can support a student for 3 years (a student's entire training career) with a \$4,500 sponsorship.



UNSB SKILLS LAB TAKES SHAPE



The Skills Laboratory that is under construction.

The UNSB skills Laboratory has started taking shape. The construction of the three storey building started in September last year and is now on the third level.

The of state-of-the-art skills laboratory is estimated to be in the order of \$220,000, and will house state of the art equipment and manikins for live simulations and experiences, and an Information Communication Technology (ICT) hub. The Principal of the school, Jane Frances Anyango, is optimistic the new lab will give students and faculty a new experience to soar higher in academics.

The construction work was jointly financed by the school's benefactors Steve Wolf and James Jameson and The Kellermann Foundation.

Faculty spotlight Lucy Ezatiru



Ezatiru Lucy receives a certificate of excellence from the Minister of Education and Sports Janet Museveni during UNSB's first graduation.

UNSB Skills laboratory boosted



Uganda Nursing School Bwindi has been boosted by a donation of two manikins valued at US \$1000 from University of Scranton. The advanced Chloe Manikins, will be used for training students in general nursing skills including IV training, CPR, heart/ lung auscultation,

blood pressure reading, ostomy care, catheterization and gynae examination to the nursing students at UNSB. The equipment will enable Uganda to have skilled and competent workforce which will increase skilled attendance in the country.

Lucy Ezatiru rose from an outstanding pioneer female student in a class of only two females to a lecturer at UNSB. Her assertiveness and capabilities made her stand as the role model for all the female students at the school. Born in a polygamous family of 22 siblings from different mothers, Lucy has beaten all the odds to become a person she had always wished to be. She believes the process of learning is a shared responsibility of both the instructor and student and that learning never stops. Lucy is currently doing her Bachelors degree in Nursing at Mbarara University She is very grateful to Dr Forat who sponsored her education and Uganda Nursing School Bwindi for making her dream come true.