

Busitema Vice Chancellor Addresses First Year Students

Embrace culture of student to student learning, or student to book learning. Take up the initiative of using the available resources like e-resources to acquire new knowledge in addition to traditional lectures. University education is a two process which requires contribution from both the Lecturer and Student, said the Vice Chancellor.

As per the University traditions, students stood up as the Vice Chancellor's procession comprising the Academic Registrar, University Secretary, Dean of Students, University Librarian and Deans of Faculties fully dressed in their academic regalia walked into the room.



Prof. Paul Waako, the Vice Chancellor (L) and Dr. Banson Barughare, Ag. Dean, Faculty of Science and Education (R) arriving for the Admissions Ceremony

Unlike the Orientation week held in the second week of semester one, where the Academic Registrar and other University officials shared with student's vital information to their academic and social wellbeing, the Admissions ceremonies held from 4th - 6th September 2019 provided an opportunity to the students to receive a special message from the Vice Chancellor.

The Academic Registrar, Mrs. Lillian Nabaasa Gimuguni introduced the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Paul Waako to the First Year students, "dear students, you recall that when I addressed you during the orientation week, I informed you that within a month's time you would be fully prepared by the Faculty Deans and various academic units in order to officially be admitted

into the University by the Vice Chancellor. I am pleased to introduce to you the Vice Chancellor; an accomplished academic who is presiding over the Admission ceremony.

The Faculties of Engineering, Science and Education, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Management Sciences and Agriculture and Animal Sciences presented students. As per the University procedure, the Academic Registrar called upon the respective Faculty Deans/ representatives to present students to the Vice Chancellor. The students from the faculty being presented stood up and listened to the Academic Registrar read the statement: “Do you solemnly promise to seek the truth, to study diligently, to obey the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and those in authority in the University, to observe the regulations of the University, to exercise discipline and to promote its good as far as in you lies”

As expected, the First Year students replied, “All this I solemnly Promise to undertake” and the Faculty Dean read the statement: “Mr. Vice Chancellor, Sir, I Present to you for admission into the University these new undergraduate students of the Faculty who have duly subscribed their names to the declaration they have made”



Some of the First Year students at the ceremony

Addressing the First Year students, Prof. Waako urged the students to live harmoniously and treat one another well while at the University. He emphasized to students that they had the responsibilities and obligations to adhere to the University rules and regulations as stipulated in the joining instructions. The Vice Chancellor encouraged students to concentrate on their studies, be mindful of the choices they make, associate with the right people, embrace a culture of dialogue with those in authority and above all observe utmost discipline.

Your success depends on your attitudes and the choices you will make. I urge you to use your time productively while at University. I urge you to make genuine friendships, those that will have a position impact to your life. You need to make wise choices and live responsibly. As we pledge to provide you the best services possible, you too need to take responsibility as students, said Professor Waako.



Students of Faculty of Engineering pose with the Vice Chancellor and his entourage

At the climax of the ceremony, all the students stood up and listened to the proclamation of the Vice Chancellor; “by virtue of authority entrusted in me, I admit the new students to Busitema University, and congratulated the students upon being admitted to various academic programmes of Busitema University.