

University graduates warned against graft, sectarianism

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University graduates have been warned against using the knowledge acquired to promote, sectarianism or to amass wealth through corrupt tendencies.

Addressing students during the 20th graduation ceremony of Uganda Christian University, Mbale campus, recently the Rev. Prof David Gyang Pam from Nigeria said they should use the knowledge acquired to transform society from poverty and ignorance.

A total of 360 students were awarded diplomas and degrees during the ceremony.

Pam noted that the challenge today is that African leaders and wealthy people think they are above the law.

"It is difficult for anyone to disregard the enormity of this fact. It has been estimated that the poorest two-thirds of the world's population only share a meagre 13% of the world's wealth, while the other 87% is owned by the wealthy," he said.

Pam said the bulk of the

political class enter their positions through rigging, intimidation, manipulation and elimination of credible personalities.

"Leadership in Africa is all about what will I get, not what I will give to the poor citizens that pay taxes," Pam added.

He said it is only in Africa where thieves regroup to loot again.

Mary Manana, the Mbale campus principal, challenged the grandaunds to create their own path by being responsible.

"The future is where you will be spending most of your lives. The real power lies in being responsible for your future," Manana said.

The university vice-chancellor, Prof Dr John Senyonyi, noted that they have set up a business hub to support commitment to cascade the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation in everything they do.

"We are ready to work with the right people, processes and companies, as well as agencies to source a successful future," Senyonyi said.



Students during their graduation ceremony at Uganda Christian University Mbale recently. Photo by Paul Watala