



# Nkumba University celebrating 25 years

## Key Achievements

### Historical Perspective

In Uganda, Nkumba University is the only community university that evolved from a Kindergarten in 1952 to a Primary School in 1956. It became a Secondary School in 1962 and a Secondary Modern School teaching Vocation Studies mainly accounting and Secretarial Studies in 1964. The University advanced on the educational pyramid through a College of Commerce and Advanced Studies and finally to the apex of a University on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1994 and was chartered by Government in 2006. This year 2019, the University marks 25 years of Academic and professional excellence in the field of higher education. Since the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, the University commences a series of activities to mark 25 years of service. They were launched on June 18, 2019 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Kafikiro and Minister of Finance, Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa. The climax of the silver Jubilee celebration is happening today 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Main Campus in Entebbe. His Excellency the President Yoweri Museveni Kaguta will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. According to Prof. Wilson Mande Muyinda, vice chancellor, evidently, the University has academically grown over the last 25 years. It has contributed enormously in terms of human resource hence the theme of the Silver Jubilee celebrations: '25 Years of Academic and Professional Service'.



State of the art Library under construction

and the school of education. However, currently, the scope of the academic programs offered by the University has widened and increased over time. Today, Nkumba University boasts of over 120 accredited programs in various disciplines in the six schools at PhD, masters, postgraduate diploma, degree, diploma and certificate.

The six schools include: School of Business Administration, School of Commercial, Industrial Art and Design, School of Education, School of Law, School of Social Sciences and School of Sciences. The University has also cast its nets farther to own distance learning outreach coordinating offices—in Kyegegwa, Kasese, Nakasongola, Amuria and Gulu, Mbale, Kisoro, Tororo districts. The university acquired the Kampala campus premises in 2015 to bring its unique education experience close to the people staying and working in and around Kampala. Elsewhere, due to its commendable image and academic excellence, Nkumba attracts students from all corners of Uganda and beyond to entire East African region, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Besides, the university also has exchange programs with a number of contemporaries overseas like the Erasmus Plus Exchange programme with FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences in Austria.

### When it comes to accommodation and health services, students are assured of unmatched services

All students residing within the university receives meals. The accommodation is very conducive and spacious. One such is the state of the art female hostel called Nnabagereka. Additionally,

the University offers health services to its students through the University clinic which has qualified doctors and nurses who are also committed.

**On quality assurance, Nkumba University** strives to excel through quality assurance practices. The University through its Quality Assurance Directorate has established a strong internal quality assurance system. This is characterized by a number of institutional policies and guidelines that standardize the operations of the University to ensure quality teaching and learning, research and community engagements. The institution undertakes regular monitoring and evaluation of academic and non academic activities and undertakes internal and external assessments of university programs and facilities by National Council for Higher Education (NCH) and the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA). This helps to ensure that the University programs are nationally and regionally accredited and competitive internationally.



Nkumba University administration block

Assoc. Prof. Francis Kasekende, University Secretary says that Nkumba graduates are contributing to humanity in both the private and public sectors worldwide. The Institution has produced over 25,000 graduates over the last 25 years and this year in October, the university will be holding its 22<sup>nd</sup> Graduation ceremony. On the other hand, Nkumba is well known for having an upper hand in the teaching business; it is second to none. This is line with the university's vision of being the leading national, regional, and global hub for academic and professional excellence. Similarly, their mission of providing quality education that cultivates competence, confidence, creativity and high moral character in teaching and learning, research and community engagement has steered them to excellence. The Nkumba University's corporate philosophy is embodied in its motto 'I owe you', which expresses a mutual obligation between members of the university and the community.

### Nkumba University has spread its wings

According to Prof. Mande the Vice Chancellor, the University started with only three schools including; school of business administration, school of commercial, Industrial art and design



Retired Bishop George Ssenabulya of Central Buganda while leading prayers as Hon. Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Katikiro and Minister of Finance of Buganda Kingdom and others plan to cut the cake at the official launch of Silver Jubilee celebrations on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.



Kampala Campus acquired in 2015 located along Kabakanjagala Rd, Mengo in Lubaga division

### HIV/AIDS Institutional Policy

Nkumba University was the first University in Uganda and indeed in the whole of Eastern Africa, Central Africa and Northern Africa to formulate an HIV/AIDS institutional Policy. Special thanks are extended to the former Vice Chancellor Professor William Senteza Kajubi who secured for the University a UNESCO Grant to work on the Institutional Policy. Nkumba University led the way and other Universities followed suit.

### Evening/Weekend Programmes

Nkumba University boasts being the first University in Uganda in 1998 to establish the programmes for students to study in the Evening and on the Weekend After seeing the success of the programmes, other Universities also started the programmes.

### Commencement Lecture

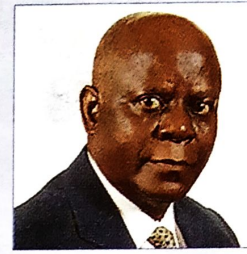
Nkumba University in 1999 started the tradition of holding a Commencement Lecture every Wednesday prior to the Graduation

Ceremony to Usher the graduates into the World of work with skills required of them. Nkumba University had the privilege of flying Professor Ali Mazrui (RIP) all the way from the United States of America to come and deliver the first Commencement Lecture. It also provided an air ticket to Professor David Rubadin all the way from Botswana to deliver the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Lecture. In 2006, the University also provided an air ticket to Prof. Stephen Mukasa to come and deliver the 6<sup>th</sup> Commencement Lecture. We also boast of being the first University in 2009 to host His Excellency Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni as a Commencement Lecture Speaker.

### Sports Department

The Sports Department ensures that every year the University competes in the Inter-University Games, the East Africa University Games, and also sends participants to all the Africa University Games and World University Games and has registered success.

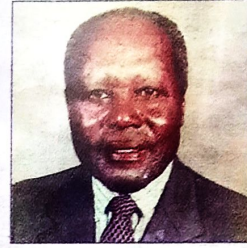
## The University has been led by four distinguished citizens serving as Chancellors as shown below:



Prof. Sir Gordon Babala Kasibante Wavamunno 2010 to date



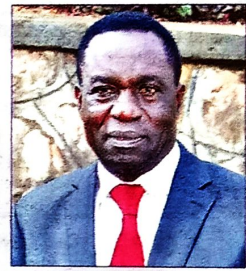
Dr. Maggie Kigezi 2004 to 2010



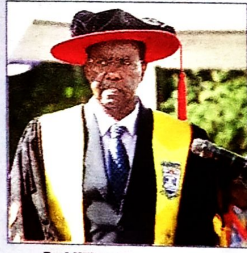
Dr. Martin Alikor 2001 to 2003



The Late Dr. Sufalman Kiggundu 1995 to 2000



Dr. Dalton Elijah Segawa Current Chairperson of the University Council



Prof. Wilson Muyinda Mande Current Vice Chancellor



Assoc. Prof. Francis Kasekende, PhD University Secretary



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