

**A WORD FROM THE OUTGOING CHANCELLOR****Prof. Vinandi Mutakabala Nantulya**

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My tenure as 2nd Chancellor of Busitema University lapsed this month. Over the eight (8) years, I have seen tremendous growth at Busitema University. It gives me pleasure to hand over a more vibrant University today. I warmly welcome my colleague, Eng. Prof. Badru M. Kiggundu and wish him all the best. As we celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony, I give special tribute to the University Council, the Senate and Management for ably managing the challenges of the University. In a special way, I appreciate H.E the President, the Minister of Education and Sports and all the Government organs that have created a conducive environment for me and for the young men and women graduating today.

To the graduands, this day marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life. You have demonstrated zeal towards your studies, showed respect to your Lecturers, the University support staff and your fellow students. This attitude should continue to guide you in your field of work. I give special gratitude to all your teachers,

mentors, peers as well as to your parents and guardians, for the help and counsel and sacrifices they accorded you over the years, making it possible for you to attain this celebrated achievement.

I am confident that your extraordinary experience at Busitema University, the fashion in which you have conducted yourselves over the years, and the knowledge and Innovation tips you have received will promote you to overcome the future encounters.

Today you join the multitude of convocation members, I challenge you to intensify and innovate to create a better country than what we inherited. A spirit of blame does not in itself meet the crying needs we face. But an unwavering willpower to meet needs, even when monetarily undercompensated, can make a remarkable difference in the lives of the people whom God brings our way. Love is not about getting. It is about giving and until we practice and transform love, I believe we shall not be able to turn Uganda and ourselves around.

I implore you to go out and love the world, starting with your family, knowing that our labour in the Lord is not in vain! You will be amazed at God's response to your sacrifices and so "let us do everything as unto the Lord". Remember our country's motto: ***For God and my Country***. This vision of our motto is the way to peace and prosperity.

I wish you great success and excellent health as you leave the gates of Busitema University. Let us continue, together, to ***Pursue Excellence*** in everything we do.

I reiterate my commitment to remain close to Busitema University even when I bow out from the position of Chancellor.

For God and My Country



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