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Shining on the International Stage

by Brian Dennison

Uganda Christian University's 2013 Jessup Moot Court Team performed impressively in Washington, D.C. The team from UCU had the best scores of any team from Africa and its 41st place finish was the best ever for a team from Uganda.

2013 marked the fifth consecutive year that Uganda Christian University has had a team of law students compete in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (hereinafter "The Jessup"). The Jessup is the largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the world. Each year approximately 600 teams from all over the world compete in the Jessup. If you want to learn more about the competition please visit this link: www.ilsa.org/jessup/.

For the uninitiated, a moot competition is essentially a written and oral debate competition for law students where one team of students brief and argue one side of various legal issues against another team. The Jessup competition concerns international law and teams present as if they are appearing before the International Court of Justice in the Hague.

In order to reach the International Round of the Jessup, a team must first earn the right to represent their nation. Due to the relatively small number of law schools in Uganda there is only one spot for a Ugandan team in the International Round. The UCU team of undergraduates earned their way to Washington, D.C. by prevailing in the national round over graduate level students from Uganda's Law Development Centre this February.

In Washington, D.C. the team from UCU experienced their greatest success so far. The team won three of its four rounds with victories over the teams from Guatemala, Ethiopia and China. The team's lone defeat came against France.

The UCU team was the only team from Africa that finished in the top fifty teams world wide. This is no small feat. You can visit our website to see the list of the Universities that made the Jessup top fifty.

The UCU team was hosted by church members from All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland and was coached in the United States by Shane Kelly. Moot coach and UCU law faculty member Brian Dennison stayed behind this year and relied on Shane and the team to get the job done in D.C. The team came back to Uganda raving about the kindness and hospitality shown to them by friends of UCU in the D.C. area.

This year's Jessup team consisted of fourth year students Silver Kayondo, Roland Yongyera, Herman Tuhairwe and third year students Maurice Muhumuza and Uwizera Franklin. As in past years, support for the team through Uganda Partners helped to make the trip possible. In addition to support from the United States, the team's trip was financed by donations from legal professionals in Uganda, a hotel scholarship provided by the Jessup Competition organizers White and Case, LLP and internal funds from the law school's activity budget.

The UCU Faculty of Law and the Jessup team would like to express their sincere thanks for everyone who made this year's experience in Washington, D.C. possible. We believe that our team's performance demonstrates that UCU is a Centre for Excellence in Africa in an outward and tangible way. Thank you so much for the support!

Remarkable Graduates: Andrew Twinamatsiko



"My life at UCU is the personification of Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

My name is Andrew Twinamatsiko. I was born and raised in Kabale, a district in the southwestern part of Uganda. I come from a very humble family. My father worked for the church of Uganda and my mother was a housewife and part-time teacher. When I was growing up, I never dreamt that I would get where I am at right now.

In 2003, I applied to attend the law program at Uganda Christian University (UCU), even though I did not know how I would pay for my education there. I was blessed to be admitted to UCU Honors College program through which I received a scholarship that catered for my tuition and other bills. UCU inculcated within me values I still hold dear today. My life at UCU is the personification of Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

I met my wife, Diane, at UCU, where she studied abroad through the Uganda Studies Program. We have been happily married since October 17, 2009. When I came to the United States in 2009, I wanted to achieve my dream to become an attorney, so I joined law school at the University of South Dakota. The skills and values that I obtained from UCU have helped me sail the rather uncharted sea of legal scholarship. I have received various honors and awards. Last month, the Hagemann Center for Legal & Public Policy Research at the University of South Dakota School of Law announced me as

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the winner of this year's writing and research competition. On May 4, 2013, I graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Juris Doctorate degree. I thank the Lord so much for His blessings upon my life and using me for his glory. I am thankful for my life at UCU. UCU laid a foundation in life upon which I will continue to build.

I will be taking the South Dakota Bar Examination this July and will be seeking to be a licensed attorney in the United States. In the future, I hope to be working with legal aid organizations or other entities that champion the cause of social justice. My long-term plan is to return to Uganda someday and take up a teaching position at UCU Department of Law.



The Hagemann Center for Legal & Public Policy Research at the University of South Dakota School of Law announces the results of the 2013 May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP Writing and Research Competition. Receiving first-place honors in this year's competition is Andrew Twinamatsiko for his paper on the Government-Speech Doctrine. The center studies the ways in which law actually affects individuals and society, particularly the people and institutions of South Dakota.

Two Teams to Uganda... Come and See!

by Diane Stanton

With two trips planned in October this year, the Vice Chancellor of UCU, the Rev. Dr. John Senyonyi is looking forward to welcoming both teams to the campus and says: "The best way to get to know Uganda Christian University is to experience it first-hand by visiting it. I invite new and old friends in the USA to come to UCU and learn about the university, meet our students and faculty, participate in special events going on surrounding the Centenary celebrations, and explore your university-related interests." There is room on both trips so if you have been thinking that this is a good year to finally go to Uganda, please "come and see"!



UCU is a welcoming place!

MISSION UGANDA, the first team leaving for Uganda, will depart on October 11, 2013 on a whirlwind tour first to visit the newly built Uganda Nursing School in Bwindi (affiliated with UCU) and UCU's Bishop Barham University College in Kabale – both in the southwestern region of Uganda. Then on to UCU in Mukono to spend several days meeting Uganda Partner's Scholarship recipients, visit with administrators, officials and faculty on campus, participate in worship, attend classes, and have a campus tour highlighting the beautiful new Library! In addition, since our team is traveling so far and many will be first time visitors to Uganda, we will see a few other sites including a game park and the beautiful and historic town of Jinja which is the "source of the Nile River". The tour can be divided into two parts – the first team going to Bwindi (October 11-16: 8 days) and the second part with an emphasis on UCU (October 17-27: 11 days). Most team members will participate in all venues. The total trip cost is \$3,500 plus an add-on for Bwindi of \$675 (double occupancy). The leader of this team is Diane Stanton.

CONNECT WITH UCU, the second team will be leaving on October 27 and returning on November 7, 2013 and will be focused primarily on visiting UCU. A wonderful program is planned of community worship, orientation sessions, tour of the campus and meeting with special interest groups. The team will also visit a few historical sites such as the Uganda Martyrs Shrine, the source of the Nile River in Jinja, and the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre in Entebbe. The trip is designed to allow team members to get to know UCU from the inside, investigate parts of the university that are of special interest, and help people get more involved with the university. The cost for the trip is \$2,500 (double occupancy) plus an add-on trip is available to Murchison Falls for those who want to extend their stay at a cost of \$486 per person. This trip is being organized by the Anglican Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (northern Virginia – Washington, DC metro area) and the team leader is Jack Klenk.

Please consider participating! Contact me by email: dianestanton@ugandapartners.org for information about either trip or visit our website for more details. We hope you will come and see for yourself this amazing place!

Mac and Cheese, Mud Pies, and the Cha Cha!

by Tiffany Gathers,

Uganda Studies Program Assistant

The Uganda Studies Program, hosted by Uganda Christian University, is a study abroad program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. Students live in campus dorms and also experience two short home stay experiences. Students also have



the opportunity to serve at a practicum site.

As the school year wraps up, this year's USP students had an opportunity to shine on campus. The last week of

March was International Student week. The United States was not the only international country represented. Countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Congo (DRC), and Nigeria were also represented. USP students made Macaroni and Cheese and "Mud Pies" to represent the United States and also showed off a cultural dance from America—the Cha-Cha slide.



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ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, make this University a real community, and may whatever is just, pure, lovable and gracious abound here. Keep for the University an unspoiled name; develop it for wider usefulness; and may we value it as an instrument for bringing glory to your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

UPdates by Abby Bartels

- Sabiti Hall Phase II (Dormitory) is under construction and scheduled to open the beginning of August 2013.
- A new five-room classroom block is being designed with construction beginning in July 2013 and the opening in September 2014.
- UCU will host a summer study abroad program for American law students that will be conducted by Regent Law School.
- Medard Ruyendo, Dean the Faculty of Arts and Education, is speaking at IAPCHE (International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education) hosted by Calvin College. He will present a paper on the relevance of partnerships between American universities and universities in the developing world.
- Mark Bartels, Uganda Studies Program Director, will be on a panel about studies abroad at the same IAPCHE conference.
- Bethel University will send 18 nursing undergraduates to study at UCU fall 2013.
- UCU's Institute for Faith, Learning & Service (IFLS) is hosting a faculty training conference with John Brown University in Mukono this month.

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