IUIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

7TH ALUMNI DINNER REPORT

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Saturday, 4th April 2026

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Executive summary

The Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) Alumni Dinner 2026 was successfully held on Saturday, 4th April 2026 at Hotel Africana, bringing together over 250 alumni from diverse professional backgrounds. The event attracted a distinguished audience, including the Chief Guest, H.E The Vice President of the Republic of Uganda, Hon. Jessica Alupo, who was accompanied by a Special Guest and an alumnus, Hon. Persis Princess Namuganza, the State Minister for Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Also in attendance were the Rector of Islamic University in Uganda and the President of the IUIU Alumni Association. The dinner served as a platform to celebrate alumni achievements, strengthen networks, and promote collective development. Participants included pioneer graduates as well as representatives from various cohorts, reflecting the strong and growing alumni community.

In his remarks, the Alumni Association President emphasized the importance of active alumni engagement in advancing shared initiatives. Key among these were the establishment of an alumni SACCO to enhance financial empowerment, introduction of a group insurance scheme, and coordinated programs such as group Hijja and Umrah to support members' spiritual aspirations. Overall, the event reinforced unity, collaboration, and a renewed commitment among alumni to contribute meaningfully to the growth of both the association and the university.

Prologue

The Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), founded in 1988, has produced graduates who work across East Africa and beyond. The alumni dinner tradition started to strengthen connections among alumni and support their role in promoting educational and community initiatives that match the university's mission. The event also shows IUIU's dedication to building lasting relationships with its graduates. It creates chances for mentorship and collaboration. This increases awareness of alumni contributions and helps gather resources for educational growth in Uganda's Muslim and broader academic communities.

Dinner Objective

The main objective of the IUIU Alumni Dinner 2026 was to strengthen alumni engagement, foster networking and collaboration among graduates, celebrate achievements, and mobilize support for collective initiatives such as the alumni SACCO, group insurance, and organized Hijja and Umrah, while promoting unity and contributing to the growth of the Alumni Association and university

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Key Achievements

- Development of a comprehensive alumni database with over 34,575 Alumni with contacts and some emails
- Increased visibility through mainstream media engagement.
- Strong participation from pioneer alumni, who committed to organizing the next dinner.
- Hosting the Vice President significantly enhanced the event's profile.
- Improved entertainment compared to previous dinners.

Pre-Dinner Activities

A) Mentorship Camp

The IUIU Alumni Association successfully conducted a comprehensive mentorship program for secondary schools on 29th March 2026 at Gombe Secondary School. The full-day engagement was organized in close collaboration with the school administration and aimed at empowering learners with practical guidance on academic excellence, career planning, and personal development. The program brought together participants from 10 secondary schools, attracting approximately 1,000 attendees. The majority were A-Level students, alongside teachers from the respective institutions, creating a diverse and interactive learning environment. The initiative provided a valuable platform for students to gain insights into real-world experiences and future opportunities.

Facilitation was led by a distinguished team of professionals, including Umar Ntege, Assistant Commissioner for Urban Inspections Ministry of Local Government; Dr. Hamis Mugendawara, Senior Manager for Population and Social Development Planning at the National Planning Authority; and Byango Abubakar Kudi, Director of IUIU Alumni Engagement. Through interactive sessions, motivational talks, and career guidance discussions, the mentorship program inspired students to set clear goals and pursue their aspirations with confidence. The initiative reaffirmed the Alumni Association's commitment to giving back to the community and shaping the next generation of leaders.

Main Objective of the mentorship program

The main objective of the mentorship program at Gombe Secondary School was to guide students in academic excellence, career planning, and personal development, while inspiring informed decision-making, boosting confidence, and

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equipping them with practical knowledge to succeed in future educational and professional pursuits.

Challenges

- Some facilitators confirm their attendance early and later turn down to the extent that some even turned dawn our invitation at the very day of the event which causes mistrust form the hosting institution.

- Limited funds. The committee had ambitions of reaching out to as many schools as possible but due to limited funds we only considered 10 schools.

List of schools participated

SN	Name	Contact Person	Contact
1	Gombe SS	Haj Sekitto Jingo. D/HT – Administration Haj Zimbe Abdul –HT	0752427092 0759499641
2	Kayenje SS	Head Teacher	0755800218
3	Mpigi Light College	Head Teacher	0704705225
4	Sayidina Abubakar	Head Teacher	0777778595
5	Wamatovu Muslim SS	Head Teacher	0772671170
6	Kibibi SS	Head Teacher	0703553070
7	Kibibi Muslim SS	Head Teacher	0758577962
8	Budde SS	Head Teacher	0702987768
9	Magezi Ntake	Head Teacher	0758582698
10	Mpigi mixed SS	Head Teacher	0704563961

B) Medical Camp

Introduction;

Gombe Secondary School (GSS) is a prominent government aided, co-educational secondary school in Uganda located in Butambala district providing secondary school education offering both Arts and Science subjects at both O and A levels to both local and international students. Founded in 1955 by the Ugandan government primarily to provide education to the children for the local chiefs and disadvantaged Muslim families in Butambala region.

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GSS does not only provide formal education but also provides education and skills in all aspects of life including faith/religion, sports and recreational activities, leadership and technical skills empowering both boy and girl child to face this highly changing world.

Background;

Despite improvements in the health infrastructure and government initiatives in health, Uganda's healthcare system still faces various challenges to provide quality healthcare services to all Ugandans needing them including shortage of healthcare workers, insufficient drugs and medical supplies; and long distances to health facilities thus affecting health service delivery.

In the same context, students in secondary schools and tertiary institutions face a multitude of health challenges that are unique; which affect their physical, mental and social well-being, academic potentials and their quality of life. These challenges include, poor menstrual hygiene; lack of psychosocial support from parents, guardian and teachers; lack of health education and awareness on sexual reproductive health, Sight, dental challenges and other commonest health conditions.

Mental Health and well-being and psychosocial challenges such as stress, depression, future uncertainties thus anxiety are very prevalent due to academic pressures, societal expectations, stigma surrounding mental health and puberty stage hence boy-girl relationships that are unsafe.

It is on this background therefore that IUIU Alumni in collaboration with GSS Administration organized a one-day outreach to offer mentorship and counselling, health education and awareness, diagnosis and treatment of the commonest health conditions in GSS community for both students and staff.

Main objective:

To enhance health and well-being of student community, staff of GSS and the nearby community.

Scope of the Outreach;

The outreach aimed at enhancing health and well-being of students, staff of GSS and nearby community through professional career guidance and mentorship for

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students, health education and awareness, diagnosis, treatment and referral of commonest health conditions.

Figures from the Medical Camp

Name of station	**Number of students and staff**
Triage	586
Dentistry services	102
Optometry services	92
Psychiatry services	53
General Consultation	486
Gynecology services	60
Deworming and Pharmacy Pharmacy Deworming	 124 453

A comprehensive report on medical camp was compiled and shared with the Administration of Gombe S.S.

Key Observations

- The selection of medical professionals was appropriate and we recommend that we maintain the standards moving forward.
- Initial coordination challenges arose due to illness of the appointed coordinator.
- Future coordinators should always present detailed plans and budgets in advance and present activity report with contacts for future use.
- Need for proactive planning and contingency measures just to be ready for anything and always keep a copy on file.
- Strengthen partnerships with medical bodies to ease future coordination.

C) Financial Literacy Program

The IUIU Alumni Association successfully organized a one-day financial literacy workshop that attracted over 300 participants, largely comprising university student leaders. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' financial management skills, investment awareness, and responsible decision-making. It featured a strong lineup of facilitators, including Mr. Rashid Musisi, Chief Manager Corporate Banking at Centenary Bank; Mr. Danniel Ayebare President Financial Literacy Association of Uganda; and Mr. Hussein Isingoma, Ag. Commissioner

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Internal Audit, Ministry of Finance. Their expertise provided practical insights into financial planning, saving, and investment, making the workshop impactful and relevant.

Overview

Saving and investing responsibly remains a significant challenge for many people, regardless of their level of exposure to money or financial systems. Even individuals who handle cash daily, such as bank tellers and cashiers, often struggle to translate access to money into sound personal financial habits. This highlights a critical gap between income, financial knowledge, and disciplined financial behavior. In Uganda, this gap is reflected in the low ratio of financial savings to GDP, which stands at approximately 9 percent, compared to Kenya's average of about 13 percent. This disparity underscores the limited culture of saving and long-term financial planning, despite the growing availability of formal banking and digital financial services.

The challenge is largely behavioral and structural. Saving requires delaying gratification, prioritizing future needs over immediate consumption, and making deliberate financial choices and habits that are difficult to cultivate without targeted financial education. As a result, many Ugandans continue to live beyond their means year in, year out, relying on short-term borrowing, informal debt, or unstable income streams to sustain consumption. This pattern weakens household financial resilience, limits capital formation, and exposes individuals to economic shocks. Strengthening financial literacy is therefore not optional but essential. It equips individuals with practical tools to budget effectively, build a savings culture, invest prudently, and shift from consumption-driven lifestyles to financially sustainable culture that supports not only personal stability but also family, community and national economic growth and it's against the background above that the IUIU Alumni Association organized a one-day workshop on Financial Literacy on 2nd April 2026 at IUIU Females campus where several student leaders from different universities were invited to attend.

The Main Objective

The main objective was to equip participants with practical financial knowledge and skills that enable informed decision-making, responsible saving and investing, effective money management, and long-term financial planning for personal and economic empowerment.

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Challenges

- Some facilitators failed to attend due issues beyond their control.
- Centenary Bank did not fulfill its financial commitment. However, they contributed at least two million (2 million)
- Low student turnout due a wrong time as some universities were doing tests including the hosting institution.

General Recommendations

- The University should encourage alumni staff to always participate in alumni activities.
- Enhance feeding arrangements to avoid long waiting periods during the dinner though it comes with a budget.
- There should be a robust plan aimed to increasing visibility so as to attract more participants at the dinner.
- Increase occurrence of Alumni activities including activities that engage continuing students of IUIU (Alumni in transit).

Conclusion

The 7th IUIU Alumni Dinner 2026 was a significant milestone for the Alumni Association, demonstrating growth in participation, organization, and impact. Despite a few challenges in pre-dinner activities, the overall success of the dinner highlights the strong commitment of the alumni network and provides a solid foundation for future events.

Dinner Accountability

Income

TICKET	**NO OF TICKETS SOLD**	**UNIT COST**	**TOTAL COST**
Table of 5 people	16 (80 people)	1,000,000	16,000,000
Silver	132	100,000	13,200,000
Gold	6	200,000	1,200,000
VIP	4	500,000	2,000,000
Student Ticket	2	70,000	140,000
Student Discounted Ticket	9	50,000	450,000
Total			**32,990,000**

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Other Income

SOURCE	AMOUNT	REASON	SUB TOTAL (Shs.)
Centenary Bank	2,060,000	Financial Literacy Workshop	2,060,000
IUIU Alumni Magazine	200,000	Sold 20 copies @10000 each	200,000
IUIU AA Vice President	100,000	Donation	100,000
Total			**2,360,000**

Income Summary

SN	Income source	Amount
1	Ticket	32,990,000
2	Magazine	200,000
3	Centenary Bank	2,068,000
	Total	**35,258,000**

Expenditure

Item	Expenditure
Lunch (DOC, a day before Dinner (Friday)	135,000
Hotel (Venue	17,390,000
Deco Platform	700,000
Flowers	400,000
Executive Chairs (5) @ 70000 each	350,000
Platform Tables (4) @20000 each	80,000
Entertainment	700,000
Transport	60,000
Sweats (Table)	34,000
Cake	500,000
Public Address	300,000
MC	100,000
Banner	250,000
Pre-Dinner Activities	5,493,000
Transport in the last 2 weeks to dinner	246,500
Evaluation Meeting (meals. 8ple)	200,000
Ushers (10)	100,000
TOTAL Expenditure	**27,038,500**

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Income and Expenditure Summary

Ticket sales	32,990,000
Magazine sales	200,000
Centenary Bank	2,068,000
Total income	**35,258,000**
Expenditure	- 27,038,500
Available Cash	**8,219,500**

Note;

It was quite Challenging for us to organize the dinner because tickets were paid very late. This resulted into delays to contact service providers which also delayed venue setup

Previously, the pre- dinner activities were not managed using money from Ticket sales, however, this time round, we used money sold from Tickets to manage both the medical Camp, mentorship program and the Financial literacy workshop, which consumed 5,493000/= from ticket sales. However, 2,060,000 has been recovered from what the Centenary bank promised.

More so, previous organizing committees have been getting money to kick start the Dinner preparation. This time round, money was borrowed from individuals and Association committees. A total of 7,500, 000 was borrowed from; President, Scholarship fund, welfare and Chairperson Dinner Organizing Committee 2026. We paid back 1,000,000 to welfare committee during Ramadhan, leaving us a debt of 6,500,000 to be paid as listed below.

Debts to Clear.

S/No	Name	Amount
1	President IUIUAA	4,000,000
2	Welfare Committee	1,000,000
3	Scholarship Fund	1,000,000
4	Chairperson DOC 2026	500,000
	TOTAL	**6,500,000**

The dinner would have made Profits of 11,400,000 if we had not borrowed seed money and financed pre-Dinner activities. As a result of that. The Dinner Organizing committee 2026 gets nothing as allowance because of the need to pay back the debts.

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Appendixes

A) List of Dinner Organizing Committee 2026

SN	NAME	Position on Committee	Institution	Contact
1	Ibrahim Sserebe	Chairperson	NIRA	0779104250
2	Amina Nangonzi	Vice Chairperson	IUIU	0701114006
3	Nambafu Sophia	Member	IUIU	0701095327
4	Nakate Sarah	Member	Business	0772403821
5	Nantale Ruckia	Member	IUIU	0705568329
6	Imochu Umar	Member	IUIU	0706044052
7	Kigonya Erias	Member	Centenary Bank	0700181158
8	Dr Ssaka Mustafa	Member	IUIU/MUK	0779218952
9	Muawiya Kabuye	Member	Admin IUIUAA	0776179404
10	Dr Byango Abubakar	Ex Official	Director Alumni Engagement IUIU	0701844318
11	Ssejjemba Bashir	Ex Official	Former Chairperson DOC 2025	0702984853

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B) Program – Alumni Dinner

Time	Activities
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Arrival and Registration
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Reconnecting & Documentation
4:00pm – 4:30pm	MMaaaaa Prayers
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Opening i. Anthems ii. Prayer by Imam IUIUFC
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Nominations for the award
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Entertainment
7:00pm – 7:10pm	Magrib prayers
7:10pm – 8:00pm	Arrival of Chief Guest Anthems **Speeches;** 1. Director Alumni engagement 2. Welfare Com & Scholarship Fund 3. Chair Dinner Org Committee 4. Executive Secretary 5. President, IUIU AA 6. Rector IUIU 7. Rt. Hon. Rukia Nakaddama 8. Guest of Honor 9. Awards 10. Cake cutting
8.00pm – 9.00pm	**Dinner**
	Anthems and Closing prayer

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B) Program – Mentorship at Gombe SS

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
8:00am – 9.00am	Arrival	Guest and students
9:00am – 9:05am	Opening prayer	School Sheikh
9:05am -9:45am	Opening Remarks i) Head-teacher, Gombe S.S ii) Alumni Association iii) Brief from Medical Camp	Hajji Zimbe Abdul Alumni Representative Medic
9:45am – 10:25am	Health break	**All to note**
10:25am -11:15am	1st Facilitator	Mr. Umar Ntege, Asst Commissioner Urban Inspection, Min of Local Government
11:15am- 11:30am	Q&A	All Facilitators
11:30am – 12:20am	2nd Facilitator	Dr. Hamis Mugendawala. Senior Manager Population and Social Development Planning at NPA
12:20am – 02:0pm	Lunch/Swalah	All to note
02:00am -02:50pm	More Q&A	All Facilitators
02:50am -03:05pm	Q&A	QA
03.05pm – 4:30pm	Closing remarks from student representative	H/ Boy
	Closing remarks from Alumni Representative	IUIU Alumni representative
	Vote of thanks from host school	Head prefect
	Closing prayer	School Sheikh

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B) Program – Financial Literacy Workshop

TIME	ACTIVITY	READ PERSON	MODERATOR
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration & Arrival	Participant registration and networking	Mr. Afan Afan Wakinyankali. Head Marketing IUIU Females Campus
9:00 – 9:05 AM	Opening Prayer	All to note	
9:05 – 9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks a) Director IUIUFC b) IUIUAA c) Centenary Bank d) Rector IUIU	Director IUIUFC Chairperson DOC Centenary Bank Rector IUIU	
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Strategic Personal Budgeting and Cash Flow Management for Student Leaders	Mr. Rashid Musis, Chief Manager, Corporate Banking, Centenary bank	
10:15 – 10:30AM	Q&A	Moderator	
10:30 – 11:00 AM	**Breakfast**	**Organizers**	
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Savings, Investment Planning, and Early Wealth Formation.	Mr. Daniel Ayebare, President Financial Literacy Association of Uganda	
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Q & A	All Facilitators	
12:45 – 1:45 PM	**Lunch Break**	**Lunch & networking**	
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Financial Leadership, Accountability and Transparency in Student Governance	Mr. Hussein Isingoma Commissioner Internal Audit, Ministry of Finance	
2:45 – 3:30 PM	NSSF Smart_Life for financial independency	NSSF	
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Health Break	Refreshments	
3:45 – 4:15 PM	Experience Sharing	TBA	
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Closing	Organizers	

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