

Freshers welcome to the CEDAT Family

Incoming students for a number of Programs in the College of Engineering, Design Art and technology (CEDAT) have been advised to use their time at the University wisely and avoid engagements and networks that would ruin their future.

While addressing the fresh men and women in the College Conference Hall Tuesday 1st February 2022, the Principal Prof. Henry Alinaitwe informed them that at University unlike in Secondary Schools, the students were expected to guide themselves and that they were expected to know where to go and what to do at all times.

He advised them to access timetables, get to know the valuable websites and learn how to use the online teaching and learning tools like MUELE and Zoom that would be handy in the course of their program.

The principal advised the students to start on their academics with zeal given that the grades at University are accumulated. He urged them to be responsible, protect University property and equipment at their disposal as well as ensure that they kept management informed of their academic progress by reporting issues like missed lectures.

The Deputy Principal, Dr.Venny Nakazibwe informed the students that they were coming in at a time when Makerere University was celebrating 100 years and affirmed that their choice of coming to CEDAT was the beginning of their life changing journey with the academics as the main focus of business.

She urged the students to take their work seriously, avoid getting retakes focus on semester loads and make use of the best of the best lectures available in the respective disciplines in the country who were at their disposal.

She said as students, the college expectations of them was to attend lectures, sit and pass exams, be responsible citizens that adhere to set rules and regulations. ‘You are representing the brand of Makerere University’ she said while emphasizing the need for the students to lead a modest lifestyle taking advantage of the freedoms at the University but conscious of their individual responsibilities as learners.

The orientation event was attended by a number of Deans and Heads of Departments that included the outgoing Dean School of the Built Environment, Dr. Moses

Musinguzi as well as the incoming Dean Dr. Anthony Gidudu. Also in attendance was the Dean School of Engineering, Dr. Dorothy Kabagaju Okello and the team that included Prof. John Baptist Kirabira from Mechanical Engineering and Dr. Robinah Nakawunde Kulabako from Civil and Environmental Engineering.

In their address to the students as they introduced them to the CEDAT Family, all speakers reminded the incoming students that they were the best of the best in the country and urged them to live up to the expectation of the College and the University as a whole. The students were encouraged to make use of the library services that had the best reference materials in the country as well as the best equipment in the various laboratories.

They were cautioned against the use of drugs and other substances which could derail them from their planned academic progress and loss of career. The representative of the Dean of MITSIFA Prof. Kizito Maria Kasule informed the students that their unit had the best Art Collection spanning a number of decades from which a wealth of experience would be derived. He said as students' they were scholars in their own right and that the College was looking forward towards their contribution towards the world of knowledge.

Mr. Nsubuga Henry from the Counselling and Guidance Centre, Makerere University advised the students to utilize the services availed by the University free of charge to address social, personal as well as academic stress related challenges in order to redress the negative impacts of stress on their academics.

The other speakers included heads of departments, the registrar, the Bursar, the systems Administrator as well as student leaders.