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Uganda: UCU Wins Baale Francis News Anchoring Competition

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Uganda Christian University (UCU) has emerged the winner of the first ever Balle Francis News Anchoring Competition (BFRANAC) organized by UMCAT school of journalism.

The competitions were organized in honor of Baale Francis for his tremendous contribution toward news anchoring in this country. Other participating universities were: Makerere University, Islamic University In Uganda, Kampala University, Mutesa I Royal University and UMCAT School of journalism.

Participants competed in both Luganda and English news anchoring. UCU bagged the trophies for: best News Anchor (English), best News reporter (English) and best team (English and Luganda) while UMCAT School of journalism and Mutesa I Royal University took the trophies for best news anchor (Luganda) and best news reporter (Luganda) respectively.

The event on Saturday June 23 2012 at Nsambya Sharing Hall on Saturday drew enthusiastic students most them eyeing the journalism career.

Senoga Godfrey a lecturer at UCU attributed the victory to, the corporation and the zealous efforts that the students demonstrated during the training process.

"The university fully supported us financially and materially. They responded to most of our requests and the students also cooperated and followed what was required." said Senoga.

Kyeyune William (UCU)who emerged the best news anchor in English attributed the victory to the cooperation of team members and the good lecturers. He added that his persistence and the interest toward speaking were among the driving force for his victory.

"I love speaking and I realized that this was a platform for me to perform. The victory has also been a result of team work that our participants exhibited though some of them are shocked at our performance." Kyeyune told the New Vision.

In brief remarks, Mr. Baale Francis remarked, "It was such a privilege to see how young people are struggling to become like you". He added that journalism is a dedication to improving society and added that the future of journalism is bright.

He however expressed his concern about the education system in this country which compels young people to do things that they are not interested in. He urged the education authorities to start mentoring young people at an early stage instead of waiting to do so at the university level.

"The education system must change so that one can select their career at an early stage" said Baale Francis.

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