



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



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MRS. LORNA MAGARA**

**AT THE MAKERERE@100, PROF. SENTEZA KAJUBI FULBRIGHT
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**YUSUF LULE CENTRAL TEACHING FACILITY AUDITORIUM,
THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022.**

- Your Excellency Natalie E. Brown, Ambassador of the United States of America to Uganda
- The Deputy Chairperson of Council, Rt. Hon. Daniel Kidega
- Members of Council
- The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe
- Members of the University Management
- Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michael Pippenger
- Members of the Senteza Kajubi Family
- Distinguished Panelists
- Gallant Alumni
- Our Students
- Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to join the Vice Chancellor and the previous speakers to welcome you all to Makerere University this afternoon as we celebrate a man I describe as one of the founding fathers of Uganda's Education system, Professor William Senteza Kajubi.

Professor Senteza Kajubi's legacy as a teacher, educator, policy advisor, pioneer, and leader of several higher educational institutions, is nothing short of astounding. Today we celebrate a life profoundly lived and a legacy worth emulating.

Prof. Senteza Kajubi's life symbolized hard work, passion for the profession, creativity, innovation, and courage to pursue and carry out a vision.

Indeed, in the words of his former student, the late Rt. Hon. Apolo Robin Nsibambi, another distinguished alumnus, scholar, former Prime Minister, and first non-Head of State Chancellor of this great institution,

"He (Professor Senteza Kajubi) mastered the subject of Geography so well that we were able to understand it very well. His delivery skills were very good. He was, therefore, able to capture and sustain our attention."

It is not surprising that one who captured and sustained the attention of his students was himself a great student. His father, Yoweri Kajubi, was awarded

"The Certificate of Honour" by Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, for his over 40 years of dedicated service to the Uganda Protectorate as a driver for the Public Works Department and Post Office. On the other hand, his mother was an entrepreneur who ran a shop, tailored dresses and wedding gowns, and baked confectionaries. This hard work ethic was reinforced daily by a family motto in the Kajubi sitting room, "**OMULIMU LYE LINNYA LY'OMUNTU,**" which may be translated as **ONE'S WORK IS ONE'S NAME.**

It is safe to assume, and I stand to be corrected, that this family motto served as a daily reminder to the young student and later distinguished Professor of the importance of hard work and the value and honor of a good name.

His passion and pursuit for knowledge can be traced through his education journey, from Mengo Junior Secondary school to Kings College Budo, to Makerere University, and on to the University of Chicago on a Fulbright Scholarship graduating with an MSC. with a concentration in Geography.

Upon return, he embraced the privilege and honor of serving as a teacher, and Administrator. His dedicated service saw him rise through the ranks to serve as Director, National Institute of Education (1964- 1977) and twice as Vice Chancellor, Makerere University (1977-1979; 1990 – 1993).

His service is renowned for the dawn of phenomenal educational reforms. Prof. Senteza Kajubi introduced the private sponsorship scheme opening the door to privately sponsored students to study at Makerere University. In 1987, he chaired the Uganda National Education Policy Review Commission, now known as the Senteza Kajubi Education Commission, which led to the White Paper recommending the implementation of Universal Primary Education. This move set Uganda's Education landscape on a new trajectory.

Makerere University's 100-year journey has been shaped by men and women of the caliber of Prof. Senteza Kajubi, whose distinguished service we are proud to celebrate.

There are many significant lessons to learn from their lives. To live an impactful legacy is to serve with dedication, passion, and diligence. It is to unrelentingly pursue a cause with courage to the end for the benefit of society. As we celebrate Makerere @100, let us commit to transforming our society for the greater good of future generations.

I thank you all for your kind attention and wish you a wonderful afternoon as we commemorate the life and legacy of Professor William Senteza Kajubi.



Lorna Magara