

SEPTEMBER 30TH EVENTS AT PIASS

September 30, 2015 will be remembered and treasured in the PIASS records as a day representing the growth and development of PIASS as a higher learning institution. It was a day of many festivities at the Taba-Huye campus: the 4th graduation celebration, the opening of the new library, and the handing over of responsibility to our new Vice Chancellor.

Graduation



Graduands

This year PIASS was pleased to award Bachelor's degrees with honors to 169 graduates. There were 86 graduates in Education [Education Planning and Management, School Psychology and History], 70 in Development Studies [Rural Development, Peace Building] and 13 in Theology and Religious Studies.

The ceremony was well attended by the graduates in cap and gown as well as their proud parents, friends and relatives. The ceremony included the awarding of prizes to the winners of the PIASS Annual Reading and Writing Competition. The competition seeks to promote a culture of critical thinking, reading and writing in English. The two first place winners were awarded laptops and the runners-up received smart phones, a tuition discount, and books.

In his speech, the HEC Executive Director who was representing the Minister of Education as the guest of honor warmly thanked PIASS leaders and member churches for such important contributions towards developing the education sector. He congratulated graduates and encouraged them to become lighthouses in Rwanda, committed to development and equity, and to use their education to serve their society and fellow citizens.

Congratulations to all our graduates and award-winners on their great achievements!

Opening of the New Library



PIASS new Library Official inauguration by HEC Executive Director

The graduation ceremony took place in front of the new library, which was officially opened that morning by the Executive Director of Higher Education Council (HEC). After the ribbon-cutting, guests toured the building which will include academic resources for students and teachers as well as a public section for children and adults. The building has a capacity of 300 people and 60,000 books. It is equipped with Wi-Fi and 40 desktop computers that will provide crucial access to e-journals and other online resources. Thank you to Bread for the World (BftW) for their financial support of this important resource!

New Leadership



Handing over of the academic gown to the new VC

After the graduation ceremony was the official handover of responsibility from outgoing Vice

Chancellor Prof. Dr. Benoit Girardin to Rev. Prof. Elisée Musemakweli.

We bid farewell to Professor Benoit Girardin, who has provided excellent leadership, management and direction since 2011. He has truly shaped and transformed PIASS into an excellent higher learning institution.

We warmly welcomed Rev. Prof. Elisée Musemakweli who has been actively involved in the rehabilitation of the Faculty of Theology since 1995. He contributed to the creation of the Faculties of Education and Development Studies in 2009 and provided important leadership through a post-genocide era of misery and desperation.