



VIVA COLLEGE AND FIDELIS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CONNECT VIVA COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH **OVER 50 PROFESSIONALS AT CAREERS DAY**

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Viva College, in partnership with Fidelis Leadership Institute (FLI), successfully hosted a Careers Day on Sunday, 27 September 2026 at Viva College bringing together approximately 50 professionals from over 20 organizations to engage students on career opportunities, skills development and the world of work.

The Careers Day provided students with an opportunity to interact directly with professionals from diverse industries, hear real-life career experiences, ask questions and gain practical insights to help them make informed decisions about their education and future careers.

Students Connect with Professionals across Four Career Clusters

To make the engagement more relevant to students' interests, participants were grouped into four career clusters, allowing them to interact with professionals in areas aligned with their preferred fields of study and career aspirations:

- *Biologicals: Medicine, Nursing , Pharmacy, Dentistry*
- *Physicals: Engineering, ICT,Architecture, Construction Management*
- *Humanities: Law, Accounting, Banking, Marketing ,Human Resource Management Journalism*
- *Vocationals: Art & Design, Agriculture ,hands-on skills*

Through presentations, interactive discussions and question-and-answer sessions, students gained practical insights into different professions, the realities of the workplace, and the skills and qualifications required to pursue various career pathways.

The conversations went beyond academic qualifications, highlighting the importance of practical skills, professionalism, adaptability, networking, continuous learning and personal character in preparing for the changing world of work.

Chairman Board of Directors Viva College and the Director Viva College School Encourage Students to Maximize Careers day

Mr & Mrs. Kisaame expressed appreciation to all the institutions and professionals who took time to participate in the Careers Day.

They encouraged the students to recognize the unique opportunity they had to interact with professionals from different industries and learn directly from their experiences.

“You are extremely fortunate to have all these professionals here with you, willing to share their knowledge, experiences and lessons from their different careers. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, ask questions, learn from them and begin thinking seriously about the future you want to build.”

Their remarks encouraged students to actively engage with the professionals, seek guidance and take responsibility for preparing themselves for their future careers.



Mr. Kisaame
Chairman of Viva College
on the left



Mrs. Kisaame
Director of Viva College
on the right

Creating Pathways beyond the Classroom

Speaking during the event, the Principal of Viva College highlighted the institution's interest in creating more opportunities for students to gain practical workplace exposure during their vacation periods.

“We want to create opportunities for our students to gain practical experience through internships during their vacation periods. Careers Day has given us an important opportunity to connect with the right brands and professionals who can support our students with exposure, mentorship and internship opportunities as they prepare for their future careers.”



The Careers Day therefore served not only as a platform for career guidance but also as an opportunity to begin building relationships between the college, students and organizations that can potentially support future internships, mentorship and workplace exposure.

Michael Edunyu Adoa
Principal of Viva College

Starting Leadership Development Early

The Executive Director of Fidelis Leadership Institute (FLI), Pheona Wall SC, MCI Arb, connected the initiative to FLI's ASPIRE Programme, which focuses on nurturing young people into future leaders.

"As Fidelis Leadership Institute, through our ASPIRE Programme, we aim to raise Faithful, Available and Teachable leaders. And why not start with them while they are still young? We believe leadership development and career readiness should begin early, by giving young people the right exposure, guidance and opportunities to learn from those already working in different fields."

She further emphasized that young people need opportunities to connect what they learn in the classroom with the realities of the professional world.

The Careers Day forms part of FLI's broader commitment to youth leadership, career readiness and developing young people who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world of work.



Students Gain New Perspectives on Their Future Careers

For the students, the Careers Day provided an opportunity to move beyond classroom learning and engaging directly with professionals working in the fields they are considering.

Students asked questions about career journeys, educational requirements, workplace experiences, challenges and opportunities within different professions.

The students appreciated the opportunity to interact with professionals from a variety of industries, with many noting that the experience helped them better understand the connection between their studies and the world of work.

One student shared:

"I have learnt that choosing a career is not only about the subjects you are good at. It is also about understanding your interests, developing the right skills and being willing to learn from people who have experience in the field. The professionals gave us advice that we can start applying now while we are still students."

Another student said:

"What stood out for me was being able to ask professionals questions directly. Sometimes we hear about different careers but we don't really know what people in those careers do every day. Hearing their experiences helped me understand what I should expect and how I can prepare myself."

For other students, the Careers Day provided exposure to career paths they had not previously considered.

"I came here knowing the career I wanted to pursue, but after interacting with professionals from different fields, I realized there are many opportunities and different ways I can use my skills in the future. The event opened my mind to careers I had not thought about before."

The students were encouraged to take advantage of the relationships and knowledge gained from the event and to begin building the skills, character and networks that will support them as they transition from school into further education and the workplace.

Building Stronger Connections between Education and Industry

The participation of approximately 50 professionals from 20 organizations demonstrated the value of bringing education and industry closer together.

The professionals shared practical experiences from their respective fields, giving students an opportunity to understand not only what different professionals do, but also the pathways, skills, attitudes and commitment required to build successful careers.

The event also provided organizations with an opportunity to engage with young people and explore potential avenues for mentorship, internships, career guidance and future collaboration.

The organizers expressed their sincere appreciation to all the professionals and organizations that invested their time, knowledge and experience in the students.

The participating organizations were:

1. *Liberty Insurance Uganda*
2. *Kira Motors*
3. *Her Working Women*
4. *Uganda Society of Architects*
5. *Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers – Jinja*
6. *Pan Dental Surgery*
7. *Guaranty Trust Bank (GTCO)*
8. *Uganda Editors Guild*
9. *Metropolitan Republic*
10. *Nabasa Co Advocates*
11. *Study Net*
12. *K-Roma Bella Juice*
13. *Locs and More*
14. *Henrison Basketball Academy.*
15. *Uganda National Association Of Builders, Suppliers And Engineering Contractors (UNABSEC)*
16. *Aviation School,*
17. *Global Study Uganda,*
18. *Metropolitan Uganda*
19. *Pepsi*
20. *Kakira Sugar works*



Architect Komakech Stephen from the Uganda Society of Architects presenting to the students in the Physics cluster



Viva College Students watching a presentation from Liberty Assurance Uganda



The Guaranty Trust Bank team at their stand



Viva College students exploring the Kayola electric bus by Kiira Motors Corporation



A team from Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers Jinja and Uganda National Association of Builders, Suppliers and Engineering Contractors (UNABSEC)



A representative from Kakira Sugar works



Students at the K-Roma Bella Juice Tent



Coach Henrison from Henrison Basketball Academy



The proprietor of Locs & More - Mr. Louis



The Kayoola E- bus designed and manufactured by Kiira Motors Corporation



A special appreciation to Pepsi for providing free soft drinks for the students during the Careers Day



The Metropolitan team at their stand



Students at the Nabasa Co Advocates Stand



Students in the Humanities cluster listening to presentations from different professionals



The Study Net team at their stand promoting study-abroad opportunities



Dr. Caleb From Pan Dental Uganda speaking to the Biologicals cluster



FLI team with the Liberty team



A team from the Uganda Editors Guild

Participating organisations also shared highlights of the Careers Day on their own social media channels. A selection of these posts is included below, as evidence of the event's wider reach and the enthusiasm of our partners



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The future becomes clearer when young people are exposed to the opportunities ahead of them.

Liberty Uganda was pleased to take part in the VIVA College Careers Day, arranged with the Fidelis Leadership Institute (FLI), where we engaged over 200 students in conversations about careers in insurance, professional pathways and the skills they can start building today.

We also brought in our Financial Fitness Academy for a practical conversation about money and the choices that support long-term financial wellbeing. Using our wealth framework, we explored saving and investing, living and enjoying, planning and protecting, and creating and building.

For us, these conversations are about planting the seed early. Academic and practical excellence gives young people a strong foundation, and early exposure to careers and financial knowledge can help them see more clearly what their potential could become.

As the Future Ready Insurer, Liberty Uganda remains committed to creating opportunities for young people to learn, ask questions and prepare for the lives and careers they want to build.

From the classroom to the choices that come next, we are In It With You.

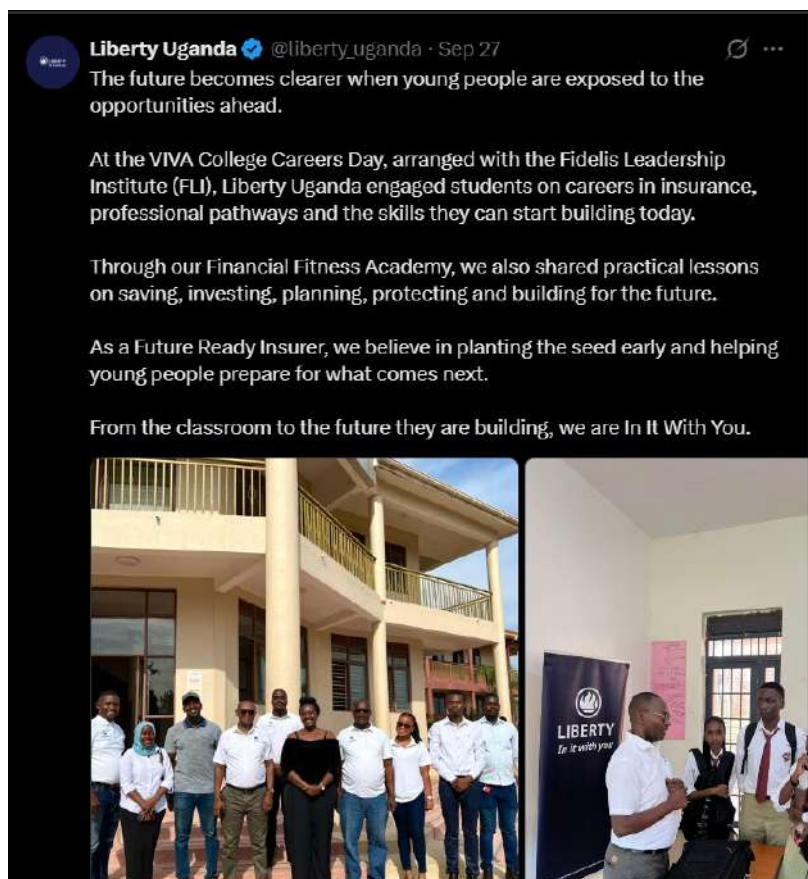
[Pheona Wall SC. MCI Arb](#)



Post by Liberty Assurance Uganda on LinkedIn



Post by Kiira Motors Corporation on LinkedIn



Post by Liberty Uganda on twitter

These posts reflect the value our partners placed on engaging directly with students, and their enthusiasm for the Careers Day well beyond the event itself.

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UGANDA NEWS LINE

Students urged to look beyond subject combinations when choosing careers



Home Education

Students urged to look beyond subject combinations when choosing careers

by Chely Nsubuga
October 1, 2022
Education
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KAMPALA, Uganda (UGANDA NEWSLINE) – Students have been urged not to allow their secondary school subject combinations to limit their career choices, but instead explore the wide range of professions that exist. The call was made during a Careers Day organized by Viva College in partnership with the Public Leadership Institute (PLI), bringing together more than 50 professionals from over 25 organizations to interact with students.

The event brought together professionals from banking, engineering, medicine, law, media, insurance, architecture, advertising, construction, agriculture and vocational sectors.



The Careers Day is part of PLI's AGRIPE Programme, which focuses on preparing young people for the world of work while developing them into future leaders.

PLI Executive Director Pheme Wali said students need to understand that taking particular subjects does not necessarily mean they must pursue only the careers traditionally associated with those subjects. "If I study Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, it doesn't mean I can only become a doctor. I could also become a chemist, a forensic psychologist, or a criminal forensic expert," Wali said.

The Careers Day was organized around four clusters: Biological, Physical, Humanities and Vocational, giving students an opportunity to interact directly with professionals about their career journeys, workplace experiences, and the skills required for success in those fields.

The event also sought to make different careers more practical and accessible to students. Kileleshwa Corporation showcased its Kileleshwa electric bus, while professionals from organizations including Guaranty Trust Bank, KPMG, and the Uganda Revenue Authority gave presentations on their respective fields.

Wali said early exposure to professionals can help young people make informed decisions about their future.

"We believe leadership development and career readiness should begin early, by giving young people the right exposure, guidance and opportunities to learn from those already working in different fields," she said.

Viva College said it is seeking to bridge the gap between education and the workplace by creating opportunities for students to gain practical experience through internships, mentorships and interaction with experts.

Students who participated in the Careers Day said engaging directly with professionals gave them a better understanding of different careers and exposed them to opportunities beyond the professions they had previously considered.

Wali said the response from the students was encouraging.

"The turnout is impressive, and the questions are insightful. We believe these young individuals will make better career choices in the future," she said.



Students Urged Not to Let Subject Combination Limit Career Goals

By Dennis | Human rights

Majority of Ugandan secondary students, tend to focus on the familiar handful of professions, doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant. Few mention forensic science, insurance, architecture, agribusiness or editing. That narrow list of dreams was the target at today's Fidelis Leadership Institute (FLI) Career expo at Viva College, under the theme "What you study is not the same as what you must become."

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Professionals from across fields, have urged students to look beyond class room subject combinations, for career goal determination.

Traditionally, for Ugandan students, the subjects chosen at A-Level, are a strict path follow, and now professionals have something new.

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"If I study Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, it doesn't mean I can only become a doctor. I could also become a chemist, a forensic psychologist, or a criminal forensics expert," said Pheona Wall, former Uganda Law Society president, and the FLI Executive Director.

The point speaks to a deeply rooted habit in Uganda's education. Students are often asked to settle on a subject combination at A-Level, sometimes based on what their school offers, what friends are choosing, or what parents consider safe and respectable.

Once chosen, the combination this must be religiously followed up to the end. Conference, is designed to show that the track has many branches.

More than 20 organizations from banking, engineering, medicine, law, media, insurance, architecture, advertising, construction, agriculture and vocational work, were represented.

"This was intended such that a student interested in numbers could meet a banker, but also an insurer," Wall revealed "A student drawn to science could talk to a dentist, an engineer or an agricultural specialist."

Among the organizations present were the Uganda Editors Guild, and the Uganda Society of Architects, Corporation brought something students could actually touch, Kira motors came with Kayoola electric bus, a locally developed vehicle that turned abstract talk about engineering into a machine parked in front of them.

Students asked questions like How did you get into this job? What does a normal day look like? Which qualifications do I need? What skills will actually help me succeed? questions that textbooks rarely answer, and that many school career talks only address in general terms.

According to the organizers, hearing the answers from people who have lived them, students said, made careers feel real rather than distant.

Learners who attended said the conversations is eye-opening, saying they now saw possibilities they had never considered, and that their view of how a subject connects to a job had widened.

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Early exposure, Wall argued, is part of the remedy. "We believe leadership development and career readiness should begin early, by giving young people the right exposure, guidance and opportunities to learn from those already working in different fields," she said.

Employers often add that academic results alone are not enough. Communication, teamwork, problem-solving and a sense of workplace expectations tend to be learned through contact with people already in the profession, which is exactly the kind of contact the careers day tried to create.

The event is part of FLI's ASPIRE Program, which prepares young people for their careers and develops them into future leaders. The program's thinking is that choosing a career and leading in it are linked skills, and that both are best started young.

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The Careers Day reflects the shared commitment of Viva College and Fidelis Leadership Institute to equip young people with knowledge, exposure, practical skills and opportunities that can help them prepare for meaningful careers and leadership.

Through continued collaboration between schools, professionals, businesses and organizations, young people can gain greater access to the information, mentorship and practical experiences needed to navigate an evolving world of work.

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