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## NationsUniversity Student Awards

### Alumnus of the Year 2022: Graduate Studies



#### NATIONSU IN GHANA



**Benjamin & Bernard Baffour Awuah**

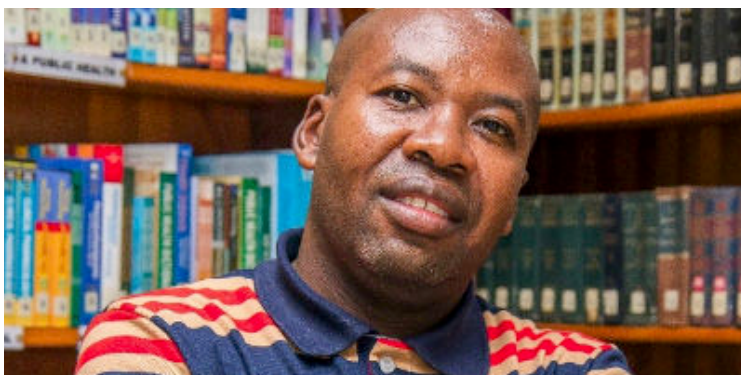
NationsUniversity proudly announces two winners for the 2022 Graduate Alumni of the Year award: twin brothers Benjamin and Bernard Baffour Awuah of Ghana.

Bernard says, "The master in theological studies gave me a competitive edge in a job application, and to the glory of God, I am now the main preacher of a local congregation in one of the urban areas in Ghana's capital city." He goes on to say that his studies immensely helped him prepare for the ministry. Being a part-time pastor, father, and student while working a job was challenging.

His brother Benjamin says, "One of the greatest decisions of my life is the enrollment at NationsUniversity for further studies. Since completing the master's in theological studies, I have gained greater recognition and influence in the church circles in Kuamsi. Our ministry has trained many young professional Christians for Christ and His Church.

### Alumnus of the Year 2022: Undergraduate Studies

#### NATIONSU IN KENYA



**Kamau Samuel Muturi**

My experience at NationsUniversity has been a source of blessings in various ways. One of these is that it has allowed me to acquire accredited and recognized biblical knowledge at no cost. Undoubtedly, earning a bachelor's degree was more complicated due to the many obstacles I had to overcome. One of them is that writing academic papers for every course was frequently beyond my abilities, given that English is my third language.



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YOUR  
WORLD**

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Again, I found completing the reading tasks for every module challenging because I did not come from a culture of reading lengthy assignments. Certainly, my pastoral responsibilities are, in point of fact, at a higher level than they were before I attended NationsU. The lessons learned from exegetical and hermeneutical courses have made me aware of the key principles that should be applied when approaching a specific biblical text. Scheduling time to take online courses while fulfilling my other obligations as a breadwinner, husband, and father was also challenging and frequently led to conflicts. Nonetheless, all works for good for those who trust in the Lord.



**NATIONSU IN CAMEROON**

**Change Your World Distinction**



**Bigda Oum Rufus**

I am Bigda Ouf Rufus, a 44 years old Cameroonian, married, and a father of three children. Graduating with a Master of Theological Studies from NationsU has opened many windows and opportunities of service besides my primary job as a government vice principal and high school teacher.

I was appointed as the Country Director for Open Christian Ministries for Cameroon in November 2022, a position I got thanks to the degree I received. The greatest challenge in my studies has been the poor internet connection in my country and the fact that I use a second-hand laptop whose battery cannot last 5 minutes after a power failure (a frequent phenomenon in Cameroon).

One needs to be extra motivated to study with NationsU in Cameroon. And this is why most of my friends who enrolled with me are lagging behind. Time management is also a major challenge for someone who has to blend time between family life, public service, voluntary services, and ministries. Currently, I am studying in the Master of Divinity program with NationsU.



# Overcomer Awards 2022



## NATIONSU IN RWANDA

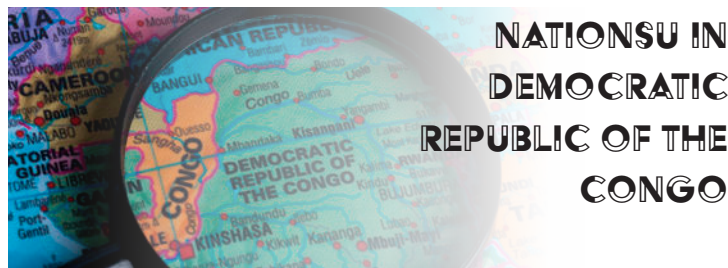


**Dominique Mukurarinda**

When I registered with NationsUniversity, I was in the ministry and teaching at the Faculty of Theology of the Pentecostal Church of Rwanda. I wanted to study regularly and obtain my master of theological studies with NU, but my faculty responsibilities made this problematic. In the middle of my studies, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2017 and hospitalized for months.

While recovering, my heart was always on my MTS studies. I informed my advisor about this, and she helped me by putting me in contact with her friend in America with the same disease. Her encouragement and prayers are very appreciated because they led me through my studies to the final point of graduation on December 1st, 2022.

None else in my family holds either a bachelor's or a master's degree. Few faculty where I serve even hold master's degrees in other branches besides theology. God who calls us is faithful to what he purposed for our lives and will fulfill it despite all opposition. I can't thank my advisor Mrs. Gail enough, the lecturers, and all NU Staff.



## NATIONSU IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



**Fabien Mukadi Bwadia**

It was in 2012 that I felt the urge to serve God. This was consecutive to three years of financial difficulties that paralyzed my life and caused skepticism about God's existence and His presence in my life. Instead, God was breaking me, destroying my self-reliance, and teaching me to trust Him. Meditating on the scriptures daily and praying helped me to reconnect with God and to receive baptism in 2015. That same year, I launched the first Community Bible Study in Lubumbashi and preached the Gospel.

However, I felt insufficient in delivering the Gospel and needed a sound theological education though I had no finances. Later, I was introduced to NationsUniversity. During this same period, I was often entrusted with the pulpit in two local churches, and my first courses with NU helped me. I had to overcome the language barrier in addition to the issues of reliable internet and electrical power availability. Nevertheless, I was determined to complete my MTS since I believed God wanted to equip me. Also, every daily event in the church and in my life teaches me to put into practice my Biblical education to be a shepherd like Christ.



## Joseph Sloan Lifetime of Kingdom Service Award 2022: Stephen Philip Dampier

Philip began preaching the gospel in South Korea in 1958. He continued to preach until the end of 2018. He has taught in preaching training schools in Ghana, Belarus, South Korea, and fourteen states. Philip has taught an adult Bible class since 1960. He has served as a full-time minister and deacon and as an elder of the Lord's church for twelve years. Philip served six years in the Air Force and nineteen years in the Naval Reserves.

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# NationsUniversity Graduates May 2023

## Certificate In Biblical Studies

Mark Jürgen Haux, *Germany*  
Isaac Gandau Molonaa, *Ghana*  
James Anena, *Kenya*  
Alfred M. Shimekha, *Kenya*  
Igboke O. Alloysius, *Nigeria*  
Victor Olukayode Yusuf, *Nigeria*  
Kevin Dee Clark, *United States*  
Phillip P. Credeur, *United States*  
Dwight Loving, *United States*  
James D. Stinchcomb, *United States*

## Certificate in Christian Ministry

Curtis Abraham, *Dominica*  
S. Nathaniel G. Johnson, Jr., *Liberia*  
Nhlanhla Nkosi, *South Africa*

## Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Francis Brown, *Ghana*  
Kophye Kofi Chissah, *Ghana*

Isaac Asare Poku, *Ghana*

Mezgebu Getachew Mammo, *Kenya*  
Priscilla Wambui Thiga, *Kenya*  
Stephen K. Wakinyango, *Kenya*  
Peter Thiga Waweru, *Kenya*  
Adeogun Amos Adebayo, *Nigeria*  
Joel Samuel, *Nigeria*  
Henning H. Munemo, *South Africa*  
Kolton Blanda, *United States*  
Jamie Chambers, *United States*  
Jaime E. Curtis, *United States*  
Joseph Earl Jones, *United States*  
Michael P. Kelly, *United States*  
Philip Knodel, *United States*  
William Arthur McIntosh, *United States*  
Timothy Richards, *United States*  
James Clayton Spencer, *United States*  
Forest Vance, *United States*  
Moses Chimwaji, *Zambia*  
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## Master of Theological Studies

Patricia Tex Azenabor, *Gambia*  
*B.A., College of Education Agbor*  
Michael Gou, *Ghana*  
*H.N.D., Kumasi Technical University*  
Kamau Samuel Muturi, *Kenya*  
*B.R.S., NationsUniversity*  
Mauricio Javier Vanegas Carvajal, *Nicaragua*  
*B.R.S., NationsUniversity*  
Edmund R. Prizeman, *Switzerland*  
*M.B.A., Ohio University*  
Benjamin Franklin Brooks, *United States*  
*B.S., University of Arkansas*  
William Arthur McIntosh, *United States*  
*B.R.S., NationsUniversity*  
Jonathan Dae Paden, *United States*  
*M.Ed., University of Alaska Southeast*  
Winston Chirwa, *Zambia*  
*B.A., Global University*

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Philip currently resides in Dothan, AL, and still blesses Westgate Church of Christ, where he has served in leadership in recent years. He and his late wife, Grace A. Peck Dampier, were married for over sixty years and raised five faithful children who brought up 16 wonderful grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His oldest son Skip Dampier writes, "I cannot think of anyone who has done more with their life for God than my Dad. Elder, Teacher, Mentor, Coach, Friend, Servant, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather. I am proud to call him Dad."



## Upcoming Calendar Events!

- June 10 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni and students
- July - Official Admissions is Closed this month, Official Transcript Orders Still Filled in 5 Business Days
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 8 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni and students
- July 15 - Apply with Advisor for September 1st Graduation Date
- July 15 - Orientation Class Zoom - Study Skills / Keeping Motivation
- August 6 - PASS Quarterly Peer and Alumni Academic Support Meeting
- August 12 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni and students
- August 15 - Deadline for Completing Academic Graduation Requirements and Paying Graduation Fee
- September 1 - NationsU Summer Graduation Day
- September 4 - Labor Day NU Holiday

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