

## WELCOMING NOTE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

As we initiate this new academic year, that is 2023-2024, I am delighted to welcome both the new and the continuing students to the St. Augustine University of Tanzania- SAUT.

I am equally delighted to welcome new and continuing members of staff. Most of you have been there at the Campus carrying on with your duties but all the same allow me to say “**KARIBU**” and together welcome the new academic year.

Again, let me extend my warmed welcome to the new students to SAUT. I together with my colleagues are thrilled that you have chosen SAUT as your home for studies in the next one year and up to the next four years depending on the nature and demand of your programmes.

SAUT is supportive and will always remain supportive to your positive aspirations and efforts to gain and command higher education knowledge.

SAUT has a unique teaching and learning environment for both staff and students. We have an experienced academic and non-academic staff to nature you and thus realize your dreams. They are enthusiastic committed and ready to facilitate your learning and training all the time. You will be most comfortable with them if you are disciplined, committed and attentive all the time. They will surely lead you and guide you to achieving your targets.

In this regard, I urge both the returning students and the new students to make full use of the opportunities provided by the University in order to realize your educational goals, you have to be circumspect.

You will be taught, trained and mentored by those lecturers, whose main wish, actually aim, is to transform you into citizens who posses sound knowledge, a higher analytical ability as well as respect for humankind. It is the priority of SAUT to make you contribute effectively in the building of our nation.

In order to fulfill this noble mission, SAUT is determined to provide relevant education in such a way that when you are through with your programme of study and graduate, you are a truly fully equipped with critical thinking as opposed to passive reproducers of what you have been taught in the lecture rooms.

It has been SAUT’s mission to strongly focus on effective teaching and learning that is student centered. It is the aspirations of SAUT, actually major objectives, to impart relevant knowledge to you so that you are prepared to function effectively and properly in a competitive and rapidly changing world of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Now, as we commence the new academic year let me kindly call upon the new students not to be intoxicated by the freedom you will be experiencing as university students. This kind of freedom is associated with your new status as university students. It is always a right to enjoy such freedom at the Campus and as an adult. Let me caution you, such a freedom is most useful if it is enjoyed or exercised with some form of discipline. Without any form of self-discipline, such a freedom will actually ruin your future. As persons who have attained the majority age, you are bound to observe the national laws. You are thus supposed to observe the University By-Laws which tend to regulate your behaviour, without infringing any of your rights, here on Campus.

You must all read and understand the University By-laws. I call upon new and continuing students, to exercise your freedom with discipline.

Un conclusion, let me state that we are initiating the new academic year with a challenge that has been facing us all the time. The challenge is in the form of an aspiration to design teaching and

training activities which would make education to become a front for socio-economic transformation of our communities, SENECA, a Roman Philosopher, comes with a Latin proverb, which states.

**“NOW SCHOLAE, SED VITAE DISCIMUS”**

which means,

**WE DO NOT LEARN FOR THE SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE**

This emphasizes the reality that you did **NOT** come to the University to learn and train for passing examinations only. You are basically here to get knowledge that you will apply for your self-development and that of your nation. This means therefore, you are here to be educated for a lifetime responsibility of critical, independence thought and committed to personal and community goals.

AND - on behalf of the entire community of SAUT, I would like to again extend my warmest welcome to all new students as they join us in **“BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD”**

Again, thank you for choosing us to be part of the SAUT Community.

**KARIBUNI SANA**

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**Vice Chancellor**