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**Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery/ Master of
Science in Global Health Delivery
(MBBS/MGHD)**

Class of 2028

A Letter from the Dean



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery / Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MBBS/ MGHG) class of 2028 integrated degree program. These students have successfully passed a rigorous and holistic admissions process and are now beginning the six and a half year dual degree program.

Learning will take place both inside and outside of the classroom, with a focus on real-world scenarios in the community. MBBS/MGHG students will be trained as leaders and advocates, not only as individuals but also for entire health systems. From their first day at UGHE, faculty and staff will provide them with support and mentorship as they progress through the engaging and rigorous curriculum.

The academic program at UGHE will transform students into changemakers. It will equip them with the skills to investigate complex problems with a fresh lens, one that is multidisciplinary, open-minded, and empathetic yet critical. This will be key to addressing global health issues and concerns in a productive, effective and sustainable manner. I would also like to reaffirm our commitment to equity in education and health care, which our students will exemplify throughout the program and take into their careers.

We are confident that this inaugural class of Lions will serve as global health leaders for Africa and beyond, and we are here to support and accompany them through this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,

Abebe Bekele, MD, FCS, FACS
Dean of the School of Medicine
Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic &
Research Affairs



QUICK STATS ABOUT **MBBS/MGHG '28**

- ▶ **831** Applicants
- ▶ **5.05%** Acceptance Rate
- ▶ **3** Countries Represented
- ▶ **42** Students
- ▶ **29** Female
- ▶ **13** Male

Ada Mola



Why do you want to become a doctor?

At the age of five, I became obsessed with becoming a doctor— all my drawings were about this. It never occurred to me that I'd continue to pursue my ambition even though most of my classmates did nothing but discourage me. In the future, I hope to bridge the gap in health care and contribute to heart and lungs surgery in Rwanda.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am ecstatic to see the lion's traits with staff and students. I can't wait to be in the simulation and scientific labs. I genuinely believe that being in a community with like-minded individuals is the perfect place to be.



**Groupe Scolaire Gahini
Rwanda**



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Adelphine Umugwaneza

Why do you want to become a doctor?

My passion is helping people and putting a smile on everyone around me. As a doctor, I will be able to accompany patients throughout their journey of treatment, making their experience less dreary and more hopeful. I want to become someone who helps and emphasizes with my patients.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

From all the information I have collected about UGHE, I am excited about the gym, food, and some of the Butaro students' activities. I love music so much thus I cannot wait to meet the UGHE's student music club also known as Voz Armonia.



**Gashora Girls Academy of
Science and Technology
Rwanda**



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Adolphe Ndungutse



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My desire to be a doctor stemmed from the incredible work to save my father. He was ill and in so much pain, and the nearby district hospital could not help him. He was transferred to Ndera Neuropsychiatric Hospital, where a specialized doctor treated him. Since then, I have vowed to become a doctor and serve the most underprivileged population.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is a bridge to my success and a bright future. Pursuing an integrated medical program is an excellent opportunity to enhance my skills. This program will further equip me with skills to become a doctor and a health professional who addresses challenges in healthcare settings.



**Groupe Scolaire
Officiel de Butare
Rwanda**



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Adrien Ndeze



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I aspire to stand with vulnerable people with heart conditions. The idea of standing before a patient and their family announcing good news always keeps me motivated whenever discouraged. I believe a grateful person should do something in return. I want to be a source of a second chance to someone.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Stories tell how UGHE is an excellent university with a collaborative community. This makes me want to get to know more about UGHE. I am also excited to join the UGHE community because its mission supports my dreams to be a doctor, helping vulnerable communities.



**Ecole des Sciences Byimana
Rwanda**



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Aime Pacifique Rugimbana



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was privileged to have parents who work as medical practitioners, and I had opportunities to sometimes visit them during their medical practice at work. It is by those visits that I witnessed how imperil and sad patients are, and how some doctors act in ways that do not prioritize the patients. As a result, a spirit of becoming a doctor was instilled in me.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

To reach far, the best partner is needed! After looking at UGHE's mission and vision, I firmly believe that anyone who has a passion for helping people by pursuing a medical career and decides to join UGHE would have taken the right step.



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Aksa Madeleine Nyirigira



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My passion to be a doctor goes beyond just treating patients. I want to be a public health worker who brings positive change to society. I envision working with organizations like Doctors Without Borders to assist children and vulnerable patients. There are still hindrances with accessing healthcare (children in camps, in war-afflicted countries, and those in poverty-stricken countries).

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am most excited about engaging with the Butaro community. I liked the fact that classes are also delivered within the community. This aligns well with my long-term goal of working with vulnerable communities. I am excited to become a health care worker dealing with the vulnerable.



**Maranyundo Girls School
Rwanda**



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Alex Ainebyona



Why do you want to become a doctor?

In my region quality medical care has been a taboo for us. As a result, herbal cocktails have been used as a treatment for many. Therefore, I want to integrate modern medical science research with this herbal medicine. Lastly, I want to become a medical doctor to reduce the scarcity of medical doctors. For example, in Uganda, the doctor to patient ratio is 1:25,000 (2019 Uganda Health Demographic Survey).

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Having studied the program content so closely, I am excited about the depth of knowledge regarding the subject matter and extracurricular activities. Learning from fellow students and experienced lecturers who are already doing what I have dreamed of makes UGHE a perfect training hub.



**Mengo Senior School
Uganda**



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Aline Dushimyimana



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to become a doctor because I am strongly compelled in protecting children's dreams and happiness which is affected by different health conditions. By becoming a doctor, I will be offering a contribution to protecting children's dreams from being shattered. Every child deserves a healthy upbringing journey.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Firstly the level of technology that is used in UGHE classes is advanced. I am excited about UGHE's location in Rural Rwanda and as a place, I have never been to and lastly, I am excited about joining the diverse people from different backgrounds and disciplines.



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Angela N. Umugisha



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Curiosity and power of services. I engaged in dietary services in hospitals alongside a charity group at a young age. I met patients with different cases, and that environment stirred up questions about health. As I searched for answers, I became interested in working in the healthcare sector.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The MBBS/MGHD program will enhance my academic and clinical abilities and will prepare me to become a great global health leader. I flourish in an environment where I can explore my intellectual curiosity while also giving back to the community.



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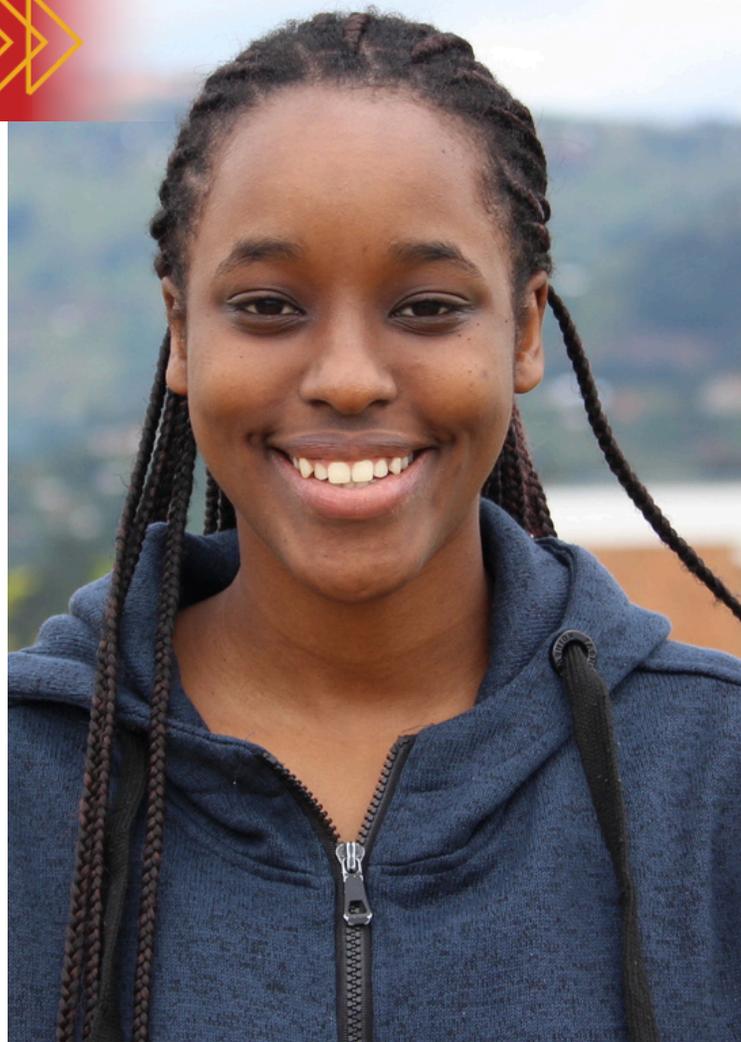
Belinda Nandi Umuruta

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was once diagnosed with flu, while in reality, it was cerebral malaria. I once saw a patient faint at a hospital because he had been waiting in line for hours to see a doctor. My mother once had surgery, and they left surgical sponges in her that made her sick for months. Back then, I wasn't able to help myself, my mother, or the other patient that fainted. I want to be able to provide better healthcare for vulnerable.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Joining a community that trains people global leaders is a great reason to be excited about joining UGHE. I know that there is an incredible team of lecturers who will be great mentors throughout my journey as a medical student.



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Bertrand Dushimumuremyi

Why do you want to become a doctor?

My interest in Medicine is currently a bit broad, though I have a more profound interest in Neurology, Cardiology, and Pathology. I aim to improve diagnosis and find cures, and treatments for various diseases. Becoming part of the cause is always my highest gratification.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Learning from and interacting with great faculty and colleagues is one of my top aims at UGHE. I look forward to learning from all the brilliant minds in this beautiful community of medical enthusiasts.



**Lycée de Kigali
Rwanda**



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Catia Ishimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

When grandma was admitted to the hospital, one of the things I admired was seeing how the healthcare providers took care of her. During this time, I witnessed patients getting assistance from the doctors from their various conditions. This taught me lessons I can now use on anyone and this gradually made me interested in practicing medicine as my career.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

My desire in attending UGHE is to contribute to an already thriving community, bringing my own unique story to add to the canvas of stories that walk the paths of campus. I believe that my journey can be an inspiration to others and I am confident that I will become a better human because of learning about the journey of those who call UGHE home.

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Chance L. I. Mukundwa

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I aspire to be an orthopedic one day. I have always been passionate about ensuring that everyone has access to quality health care; my enthusiasm stems from how my grandmother's muscle diseases kept her bedridden from 2010 to now. Seeing her dreams crushed and the anguish, she felt made me vow that I would not let anyone go through the same simply because they cannot afford proper treatment.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to have the opportunity to learn from experienced faculty and brilliant classmates. I am excited about joining the medical profession that has been male-dominated. By attending UGHE, I am confident that I will be in the best possible environment to achieve my goals.



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Clarisse Umugwaneza

Why do you want to become a doctor?

At birth, my deceased brother was diagnosed with an atrial septal defect. My brother's illness worsened a few months before his fourth birthday. It was impossible to find a doctor within Rwanda who specialized in my brother's condition. This circumstance fueled my desire to become a doctor and help children with congenital disorders, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am delighted to join UGHE because it offers high-quality education with experienced faculty. They educate us to understand our communities' issues and needs as well as to serve the most vulnerable people who cannot readily obtain proper health care.



**Riviera High School
Rwanda**



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Denise R. Umuhoza



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Even though medicine has brought many significant revolutions that I want to be part of, very few people can receive help. I want to use my knowledge and skills as a doctor to deliver the best quality health care to people who barely experience the quality of health care due to financial constraints.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am most excited about the world-class support I will receive during my academic journey at UGHE and extensively learning about community-based education.



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Rwanda



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Elie Habiyambere



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I am a first-generation college student whose father died of Malaria in 2000 due to a lack of medical care in our community. I got this information when I was in primary 6 after asking my mother why other children had fathers whilst I did not have one. From there, I developed an ambition of saving people's lives.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join the University of Global Health Equity to be trained about global health issues to become a health professional whose aim will be to save the lives of the vulnerable and poor people in my country and beyond.



**Rusumo High School
Rwanda**



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Ella Keith Isimbi



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I have always wanted to become a doctor because it is my way to help, inspire and make a change regardless of the dedication it demands. I want to become a doctor who will impact the Rwanda health system and address the existing flaws I have witnessed.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is a family, and I am happy to join it. I am also excited to dig into the program resources that will support me as a future doctor and global health leader. I am also excited to see the beautiful Butaro campus.



Lycée Notre-Dame de Cîteaux
Rwanda



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Elyse Irakoze



Why do you want to become a doctor?

The low doctor to patient's ratio in some areas of Rwanda motivates me to bridge the gap. I want to be part of a team that delivers quality health care. I am also passionate about reducing the number of mental health patients that lack proper health care.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about joining UGHE because of its holistic education that shapes future caregivers into problem solvers. UGHE's close-knit community with an elite, supportive faculty will guide and assist me in the formative journey to become a proficient caregiver.



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Emmanuella Tona

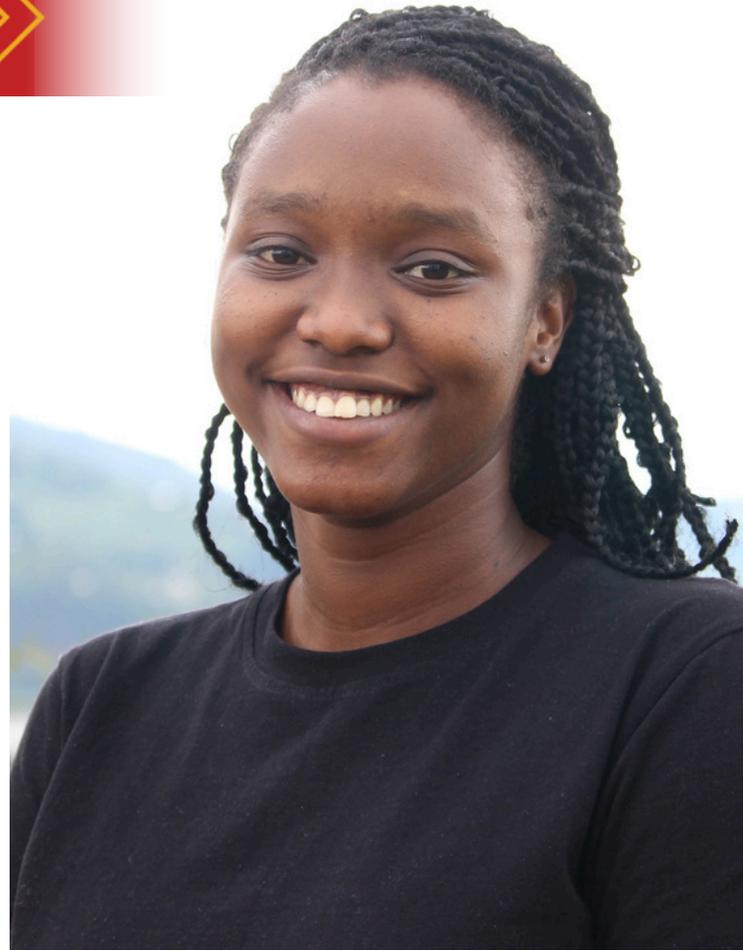


Why do you want to become a doctor?

There appears to be an imbalance between medical practitioners and the public in local communities. This situation made me lose a family member to an illness that could have been treated if diagnosed earlier. I want to help in improving the health of my community and limit the occurrence of similar cases.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to be a part of UGHE's diverse community. There are international students enrolled in the same program as me. I am excited to meet them, exchange ideas, and hear each other's points of view on various topics. I am looking forward to learning from experienced medical faculty.



Excella School
Rwanda



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Erica Umuringa



Why do you want to become a doctor?

All my life, I have been lucky to experience the comfort of good health services and I am fully aware that it is important. I would like the same for everyone else but that's not the case for everyone. For this reason, I have really been intrigued to know ways to treat people, mostly the less privileged ones.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am mostly excited to join UGHE because of the diverse people who will be sharing their different experiences and backgrounds. I am also excited about the community-based programs and visits to the Butaro district community and getting a closer sense of how it feels to become a global health leader.



**Maranyundo Girls School
Rwanda**



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Ernest Aben Oumo



Why do you want to become a doctor?

As a child, I admired doctors, especially how society respected them. I found their command of knowledge and compassion towards helping patients deeply inspiring. This inspiration, coupled with a natural curiosity, drove me to the sciences, a field that will lead me to become a doctor.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE environment will offer rich learning experiences in medicine and cultural diversity. Also, its unique joint degree program will teach me how to be a doctor and change-makers in healthcare. I am excited to be among a generation of African doctors who will champion the continent's dream.



Lugazi Mixed School
Uganda



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Esther Asimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I prioritize helping people and finding solutions. I became more passionate in 2017 when my mother had a severe accident, and we did not have the capacity for her surgery and treatment abroad. It vastly affected my mother and family. From that time, I committed myself to being a doctor to help others, never face my previous experience.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am primarily interested in having a great adventure with my colleagues in working harder to see our dreams become a reality given our strengths, commitment, hard work, determination, and endless support to each other as a family and community.



**FAWE Girls School
Rwanda**



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Etienne Manirarora



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My mother once had severe problems during childbirth. Fortunately, the doctor worked very hard to save her life. From that day, I held the highest regard of that doctor. Once, I also saw a patient who lost his life due to a delay in getting assistance because the number of patients outnumbered the doctors. These scenarios stimulated my urge to be a doctor.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about being part of UGHE's mission and vision. I prayed to God to give me opportunities to gain medical skills and my prayer has been answered. I am also eager to meet people from different areas to share ideas and skills.



**Groupe Scolaire Runaba
Rwanda**



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Gentile A. Ihimbazwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I have a genuine interest in becoming a doctor so that I can be part of a team that change lives. I have an interest in becoming a cardiologist so that I can treat patients with cardiovascular diseases.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am very excited to see my dreams come true while pursuing my studies at UGHE. I am also excited about becoming a doctor after gaining medical skills from UGHE.



**Groupe Scolaire Janja,
St. Jerome, Rwanda**



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Ghislain I. Habiyambere



Why do you want to become a doctor?

When I learned that my grandfather died of a heart attack, I became furious. I started researching about cardiac related deaths in my country and to my surprise, I realised they were very common throughout the country. Since then, I started seeking a way to address the situation through becoming a medical professional. I believe that my hard work and dedication will save lives.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is one of the leading medical schools in Africa with well-equipped staff, and a great environment for learners who are in the process of becoming medical doctors. I am also part of the students who are willing to use this opportunity to become great global health leaders.

**Ecole des Sciences Byimana
Rwanda**



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Gloria K. Iradukunda



Why do you want to become a doctor?

The reason I want to become a physician has to do with spending time with my grandmother, who has been ill for many years but is still alive today because of the hard work of physicians. I want to be a person who gives patients hope and a second chance at life, as well as bring them as much joy as I can.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to meet the whole community because, to be honest, it is not easy to interact with my classmates online, and to know them personally is challenging. I am looking forward to meeting the whole UGHE community in person for eg, the faculty, supporting staff and current students.



Collège du Christ-Roi
Rwanda



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Henriette Uwurukundo

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to become a doctor to enhance medical facilities for vulnerable communities. Growing up, I was saddened by many people in my neighbourhood who died of curable diseases because they did not have access to medical services. I joined the medical field to contribute to saving the lives of people.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to meet great people who are part of the UGHE community, who are purposeful and determined to change the Rwandan health system and the world at large.



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Ian Kaweesi



Why do you want to become a doctor?

To change the poor Healthcare service delivery in Africa through quality leadership affairs like advocacy, policymaking, and yielding research in oncology, virology, and genetics. I want to build Africa's biggest international hospital that handles both simple and complex illnesses and specializes in cancer therapy, HIV treatment and research [virus infections].

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The MBBS program is what I call the "century" Vision of UGHE. UGHE is the perfect place to nurture Africa's and the world's leaders in healthcare delivery and the right social alignments like advocacy for equity.



Kasubi Secondary School
Uganda



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Isaac Kibalama



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I almost lost a brother who suffered a fatal asthma attack. He was rushed to the hospital however, there wasn't a doctor who could attend to him immediately. When the doctor eventually came, he received treatment later since we couldn't afford a bribe. I was young but the situation hit me, and I immediately aspired to become a reliable health professional.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Because this is the only university that is dedicated to supporting and training me in becoming a global health leader who is ready to fight for equity and social justice. UGHE has continuously pushed me to work hard in my studies.

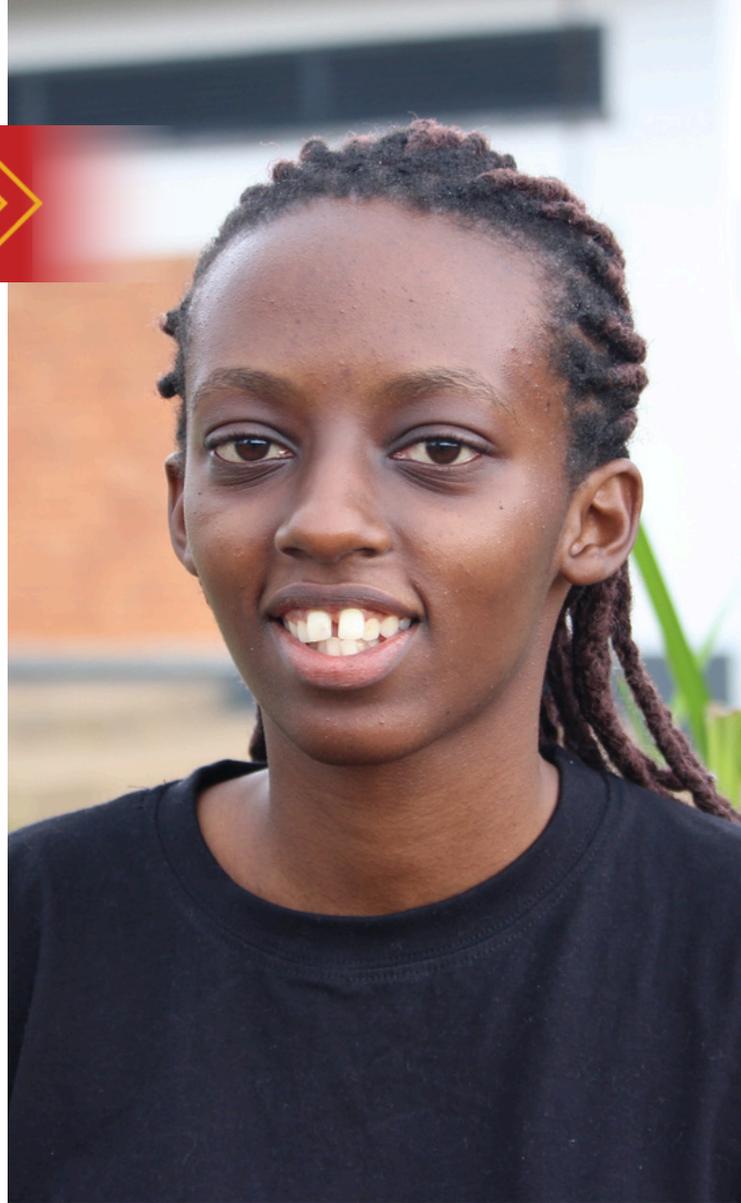


Mengo Senior School
Uganda



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Janet Uwase Asimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I and my siblings have been constantly visiting doctors since my childhood, and my relatives were sick all the time, mostly with various diseases e.g cancer. I eventually lost my aunt to cancer. The daily torture of seeing patients suffer, fueled my desire to be a doctor because one can treat the pain by giving medication and fully understanding patients.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The joy of joining UGHE resides in meeting others who share the same aim of guaranteeing equity in health, something I have seen many people give up on; another excitement is in making new friends and gaining valuable knowledge.

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Rwanda**



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Jennifer D. Mkunde



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Growing up, I spent a lot of time at the hospital as a doctor's daughter. I witnessed Muhimbili National Hospital issues such as staff shortage, poor equipment, and patients' inability to pay. Those issues inspired me to devote my life to improving them. I want to create a change in Tanzania's healthcare system and provide free-ethical healthcare to the vulnerable.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to be a part of a close-knit community of change-makers. Through the Humanities classes, I look forward to furthering my understanding of the context I live in. Overall, I cannot wait to arrive in Butaro, create lifelong friendships and reach my full potential!



Dar es Salaam Independent
School
Tanzania



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Kendra N. Isaro



Why do you want to become a doctor?

At first, I was curious about science, especially in the medical field. But as I grew up, I discovered a lot and had many experiences through the years. This made me realize that I had a pivotal role in my community, and I have so much to give. I concluded that I wanted to do this by becoming a doctor.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The most exciting part of joining UGHE is further achieving my studies, and interacting with people (classmates, instructors). I also look forward to engaging with the Burera community and getting practical experience alongside classroom learning.



**Saint Ignatius High School
Rwanda**



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Marie Josee Tumukunde

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I am becoming a medical doctor to create smiles on people's faces. The desire started when a medical specialist treated my aunt, and she was brought home safe after many painful nights in the hospital, pleading to die. This remarkable moment inspired me to create similar moments for many families throughout my career.



What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am most excited about the community. I love to be in an environment filled with people working day and night to achieve change in the world. I am excited to be with all the great minds and bring the change needed in health delivery systems.

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Melissa F. Mbabazi



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to be part of health care providers, who ensure change, promote health care accessibility to all people and create sustainable solutions to existing problems within the sector. I also want to save people and restore hope within their lives.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join other health workers in the quest of delivering quality health care to everyone in the country and the world at large. There are problems and challenges that need to be addressed in the medical field and I am excited to be a supporting hand in solving these problems.



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Merci Uwingeneye



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I always dreamed of joining a medical school. I grew up in a disadvantaged environment: a refugee camp, and health equity was an issue. Becoming a doctor will be my path to fostering health equity and giving back to the community, which I am passionate about. I also want to specialize as a gynecologist and Obstetrician to reduce the maternal death rate as a global health concern.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I was excited to know that I got admitted into UGHE. I was astonished by how the university cares for its students by providing Food, Accommodation, study space, and school materials. I met some of my classmates, they were new to me, but they were humble.

**Ecole Secondaire APAKAPE
Rwanda**



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Nadia M. Nsengiyumva



Why do you want to become a doctor?

At the age of 12, I had to stay with my sick sister in a hospital room for a month. I witnessed patients recover and regain hope. Alternately I saw patients struggle to pay for medicine, and others were neglected due to their socio-economic status. All this pushed my zeal to become a medical doctor.



What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is an amiable family in a beautiful environment. I am so excited to meet everyone at UGHE particularly my classmates because virtual lectures increase the excitement to meet them in person and spend more time with them.

**Ecole des Science de Musanze
Rwanda**



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Why do you want to become a doctor?

One of the many PIH documentaries I watched, reminded me why I wanted to become a doctor. I lost my grandmother because of the unavailability of a neurosurgeon. Those reasons instilled in me the need to become a reliable doctor. Above all, I am committed to helping the vulnerable.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am pursuing a program that I have wanted since childhood and I am glad that I will be pursuing this program at one of the elite medical institutions in Africa. I look forward to learning from experienced faculty, and I cannot wait to participate in Butaro community activities.

**Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology
Rwanda**



Samuel Ishimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to find solutions to the challenges facing my family, country, and the globe. This will drive sustainable development and enable changes to bring better health to people. As a community servant, I believe providing biopsychosocial care, health equity, social justice, advocating for patients, and giving words of comfort are primary treatments and necessary in social and community medicine.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Being educated about treating patients while gaining exceptional health care skills, and learning from experienced faculty, what excitement! I will participate in the UGHE mission united by the belief that health is a basic human right.



Nyagatare Secondary School
Rwanda



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Secret Atukunda



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Being a doctor has always been my dream as I have always been passionate about health care. This is because I want to support the helpless, especially the vulnerable who often lack the financial resources to access health care. I also want to help in combating health disparities when it comes to access to care in low-income countries.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am looking forward to meeting fellow UGHE students and staff in general and acquiring new skills and knowledge that will equip me in dealing with various health concerns after graduation. I can not wait to have in-person conversations with my classmates about equitable healthcare systems.



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Rwanda**



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Sonia Mutima



Why do you want to become a doctor?

There are still some gaps in health care services provision in my country. To fill the gaps, well-educated medical doctors who are aware of community issues are needed. Becoming a doctor has been my dream since I was a little child.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

In joining UGHE, I am most excited about the knowledge I will be provided with virtually or in person. Overall, pursuing my studies in a good medical university will create an opportunity for me to reach my goals.



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Sylvie Ikuzwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My grandmother suffered from long time sickness, which constantly pushed her to seek treatment from traditional healers. Unfortunately, this did not cure her. When she was eventually taken to the hospital, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer which was at an advanced stage and eventually lost her life. Her death made me want to be a doctor so I can help my community by providing proper medical, counseling and treatment.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

One thing that excites me about UGHE is that learning happens inside and outside the classrooms. Medical students engage with the community and learn about real-world situations. Additionally, acquiring two degrees, in the end, will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. Sharing this experience with other great minds at UGHE will be my greatest motivation.

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Winny Stella Abera



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Regardless that it was my dream, I grew up not knowing the full potential and capabilities of women in healthcare because there was little to no representation. I want to be an outstanding feminist doctor and become a role model. I hope my progress becomes the reason for someone's success, a gift I have to offer.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

What excites me most about UGHE is that it exposes me to global health challenges and avails me of an opportunity to work with professionals across the globe who have diverse experiences and expertise.



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