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It has been a fruitful, eventful year

This passing year was memorable one in the history of the university. It saw the accreditation of the School of Medicine and subsequent admission of the first batch of students. It was also the first time when the university held two graduation ceremonies in one year. Students and staff shone in different curricular and co-curricular activities. Our student won the New York Marathon. New centres in Kericho, and Rusizi (Rwan-

da) underlined the ongoing efforts to improve learning infrastructure. Construction at Thika Main Campus (Senate Plaza), Nakuru, Kigali, Mombasa, Lodwar, Kakamega and Eldoret is ongoing. To cap it all, the university's vision carrier Mr. Simon Gicharu became Dr. Simon Gicharu, thanks to a well deserved *Honoris Causa* from Gulu University. No doubt, 2014 will go down in the annals of history as one of the most fruitful, eventful years.

Miss MKU holding one of the ICT Awards won by the university

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SENATE PLAZA



An artist's impression of the upcoming Senate Plaza at Thika Main Campus. The 11-floor building will house some of the key administration offices including those of the Vice-Chancellor, University Council, Pro-Chancellor and Directorates.



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Mount Kenya University-Introductory note

Mount Kenya University is a private university committed to a broad-based, holistic and inclusive system of education. It has an overall goal of promoting human resource development for society's progressive good. The university has adopted several international best practices in its core functions, which have enabled its students and faculty win awards, thus stamping its authority as a centre of academic excellence.

At its main campus in Thika town in the outskirts of Kenya's capital Nairobi, the university is transforming a hitherto industrial town into an educational hub. At the same

time, it is widening access to higher education for the larger East African Community through a well-structured network of campuses. The university also offers a wide-range of academic and professional courses, through various flexible modes that include virtual learning.

The award-winning university library and the imposing Chancellors Tower at Thika Main Campus make the university unique. The university's distinct blue and light yellow corporate colours are a byword for academic excellence to many students and potential employees looking for an increasingly competitive, well-trained manpower.

An empowered division of student welfare services continuously re-engineers and positions itself to unlock any emerging talents among the students through diversified programmes and career orientations, research, international linkages and talent searches.

Put together, these factors have etched Mount Kenya University's position as the leader in quality higher education provision in the region. Indeed, to borrow the tagline coined by an alumnus - "My University, My pride, My future"- the university continues to help thousands of ambitious, discerning people to scale the heights of education.



New Appointments



Prof. Peter Wanderi
Director, Quality Assurance

He was an Associate Professor and Director, University – Industry Partnerships at Kenyatta University. He has over 22 years of teaching experience at the university in the areas of Sport Anthropology, Exercise Physiology, and Pedagogy of Physical Education and Sports.



John Murage,
Library Advisor

The former Senior Assistant Commission Secretary at the Commission for University Education (CUE), Mr. Murage brings a wealth of experience, having worked at CUE for more than 20 years. He has also previously worked at Kenyatta University.



Dr S. Chandrasekhar
Lecturer, School of Pharmacy

He holds a Master of Pharmacy degree from Banaras Hindu University, India and a Bachelor of Pharmacy from the same institution.



Prof. Zadoc Ogutu
Associate Professor

He has a Ph.D in Geography and has over 15 years experience teaching under graduate and postgraduate courses in Physical Geography, Botany and Environmental Sciences. He is a former Chairman of the post-graduate committee at Kenyatta University.



Dr. Juma Rashid

He holds a MBChB certification from University of Nairobi and a Masters in Internal Medicine from the same institution. His work experience spans almost 35 years, having started as an intern at Machakos General Hospital in 1981.



Prof. Joel Kiboss,
Associate Professor

He is a renowned academic, and was previously working at the department of Curriculum Instruction and Education Management at Egerton University. He has published several papers on higher education.



Mark Rachuonyo
Director, Scholarships, Grants & Endowments

The immediate former Dean of Students has a wealth of experience in the fields of marketing, public relations and hospitality. He holds an MBA in Strategic Marketing from Corllins University-USA and a BSC in Hotel and Restaurant Management from USIU-Nairobi.



Dr Mathew Ciira
Associate

He holds a Ph.D in Microbiology from Hiroshima University, Japan. He was previously a senior lecturer at JKUAT and has co-authored nearly 30 research papers.

New Campus Directors

Garissa



Dr Mohamed Yussuf Elmi

He holds a Doctorate in Epidemiology from Kenyatta University and a Masters in Public Health and Epidemiology from the same institution.

Kisumu



Russel Ouma

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) from Egerton University and a Masters from the same institution. He is currently undertaking his Ph.D.

Nakuru



Dr. Pamela Ochieng

She holds a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Moi University. She has previously worked as a Coordinator at MKU Eldoret Campus and as a teacher at several tertiary institutions.



Kitale



Mr Bethuel Sugut

The immediate former Director at MKU Kisumu Centre, he has previously worked at IFAD-GOK, Nakuru and at the Ministry of Agriculture. He holds an MBA in Strategic Management.

Kisii



Prof. Thomas Getabu

He was previously a lecturer at MKU Kisii Campus. His vision for the Campus is to be the leading institution of higher learning in Gusii land, with a mission to deliver high standards of education in training and innovation.

Malindi



Mr Humprey Njuki

A former lecturer at JKUAT, Kenyatta University, and Technical University, Mombasa, he holds an MBA in Strategic Management is currently pursuing a Ph.D.

Kabarnet



Prof. Tom Nyamache

He has over 10 years experience as a lecturer, trainer, researcher and consultant. He is the immediate former Director, MKU Nakuru Campus, and holds a Ph.D in Business Finance from Devi Ahilya University, India.

New Directorate

Want to know anything about the university?

Introducing the office of **Director of Communications & Corporate Affairs**



Dr. Philemon Bureti

A new office has been created in the university management structure. The office of the Director, Corporate Communications is run by Dr. Philemon Bureti, immediate former Director at Kisii Campus. He has previously served as Director, Kakamega Campus and Mombasa Campus. A consummate professional with a gift of the gab, Dr. Bureti is, simply put, the official spokesman of Mount Kenya University. He shares his vision:

Congratulations on your new appointment....

Oh, yes, I'm happy to be at Main Campus after having been in *mashambani* for so long.

I heard you give a talk recently. Man, you are like an evangelical preacher in your delivery.....

(He lets out a hearty laugh). Yes, I'm a preacher and public speaking is my forte. I've been doing it for sometime now.

What's your vision for this newly created office?

I want to sell the good name of Mount Kenya University and enhance its image through utilising the appropriate communication channels, branding, corporate social responsibility and address any issues that may arise, in real time.



University Council



Prof. Grace N. Njoroge, Ph.D
Chair, University Council



Dr. Vincent Gaitho, Ph.D
Vice-Chair, University Council



Prof. Chacha N. Chacha, Ph.D
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Member



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Member



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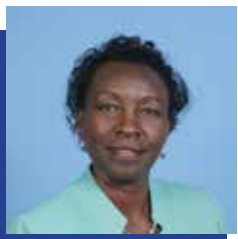
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Member



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Member



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Member



Prof. Stanley Waudu, Ph.D
Secretary

“ If success is determined by characteristics that improve the quality of life of students, MKU shines. MKU leads in maximizing students’ productivity through increased access and improved instruction.”

- Prof. Victoria Wells Wulsin, MD, Ph.D
Chancellor



Nuggets of wisdom from top university officials



Dr. Simon N. Gicharu., CBS
 Founder and Board of Trustees
 Chairman

Over the years, the cornerstone of our success has been focus on improving the academic and physical infrastructure. We strongly believe that delivery of quality higher education is not possible in an environment where there is a paucity of these resources. Therefore, at all our Campuses, we have a sustained focus on acquiring the best facilities. We are already expanding the existing facilities at Thika Main Campus, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kakamega, Lodwar, Kigali (Rwanda), Mombasa and Kisii. My vision is for MKU to be the byword for Science and Research in Africa. I would like to thank my fellow BOT members, Council, Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and all the staff members, parents and students for their unparalleled support in the quest for achieving this vision."

MKU has sustainably remained the most preferred University and a premier institution of higher learning in East Africa. The backbone of our success has been providing the necessary physical and human resources. We have created an enabling environment for realization of our Vision, which is to be a centre of Excellence in training, research and innovation in Science & Technology in Africa. Since the award of the University Charter, the number of students has continued to grow. The university has continuously recruited experienced and highly qualified academic staff in various disciplines to ensure that the high quality teaching and training standards are maintained. The university has also tapped academic talent outside Kenya to strengthen academic staff and boost exchange programmes. We have put in place a Staff Development Fund that has supported a number of staff pursuing Masters and PhD programmes, some of who are graduating today."



Prof. Grace Njoroge, Ph.D
 Chair, University Council



Dr. Vincent Gaitho, Ph.D
 Vice-Chair, University Council

Mount Kenya University is contributing immensely towards the improvement of Kenya's human development index. As the largest private university in East and Central Africa, its impact on the regional human resource capital base cannot be gainsaid. The graduands join a growing list of alumni who honed their talents and whetted their skills at the university, and are now a force to reckon with in various economic sectors ranging from business and economics to agriculture and science. With the university's continued focus on enhancing quality training and high standards of research, we as Council are confident that MKU will continue setting the pace in this arena. Once again, I wish to reiterate our support for all staff and students and thank the parents and guardians for walking with us on this quest for a more knowledge-driven future. "

From this moment on, you will be confronting new horizons and challenges. Some of you may stay closer to home, some may move slightly further away and yet others may find themselves in a totally different continent. Wherever you may find yourselves and whatever challenge you may have chosen to follow and explore, you have to hold true to what shaped your yesterdays; acknowledge and appreciate what you are today and dare to be all that you can be tomorrow. May God bless each of you - not only with health, happiness, and fulfilment - but also with the sense of gratitude for the MKU family that truly enriches our lives as we enrich those of our students."



Prof. Victoria Wulsin, Ph.D
 Chancellor



Bits & Pieces



Prof. Chacha N. Chacha, Ph.D
Pro-Chancellor

In many years of my university engagement, I have learnt that Life Long Learning is no longer a concept, but a reality of the modern world. This way, knowledge creation and application remains cornerstone in the history of a university. The notion of pursuing the frontiers of knowledge can in its simplistic form, mean expanding the boundaries of knowledge. To pursue means you are not running aimlessly but there is a target of your pursuit. Mount Kenya University is now focusing on expanding the boundaries of knowledge."

Knowledge acquired through research, conferences and publications is only helpful when applied. Likewise, embracing free thought in social economic development demands application of knowledge. In this regard, it has been acknowledged that one of the major challenges is how to develop citizens who not only possess 'up to date' knowledge but are able to actively apply such knowledge as part of their lives and that of others. In pursuing application of knowledge, Mount Kenya University operates in the realm of developing graduates and citizens who possess the competency not only to serve, but also broaden knowledge creation."



Prof. Stanley Waudu, Ph.D
Vice-Chancellor

“ *The Role of the University in Steering Freedom of Thought for Socio-Economic Development.* ”

- Theme, 7th Graduation



Why the 6th Graduation Ceremony was historic as it was memorable

graduands opened a new chapter in their professional lives; a chapter defined by academic prowess and expertise. Hon. Dr. John Muingo,

In the history of Mount Kenya University, the July 25th graduation event was the first to be held mid-year. Over 5,000

Minister of State, Higher Education, Republic of Uganda, was the chief guest. The event was graced by Chancellor Prof. Victoria Wulsin, Chief Executive of Commission for University Education Prof. David Some, Uganda High Commissioner to Kenya H.E Agnes Wapakhabulo, and Hon. Ahmed Noor Fahie, Minister of State for Education, Republic of Somaliland among other dignitaries.



Vice Chair of the MKU Council Dr. Vincent Gaitho (left) chats with Hon. Dr. John Muyingo, Minister of state, Higher education, Uganda. Dr. Muyingo who was the chief guest mentioned four routes through which universities contribute to development processes:

1. Providing academic leadership through high quality research into critical areas of national development (knowledge creation).
2. Providing professional development through the teaching and training of students for the labour market and other endeavours.
3. Providing advisory or outreach services to government, private sector organisations, non-governmental organisations.
4. Providing general higher education through the development of analytical skills, critical and creative thinking.



Dr. George Njoroge and Chancellor Prof. Victoria Wulsin after he received an Honorary Doctorate in Pharmaceutical science. Dr. Njoroge's academic achievements belie his humble beginnings.

ABOVE: Graduands during the ceremony. Dr. George Njoroge, a world-renowned researcher received an Honorary Doctorate in Pharmaceutical Science. Dr. Njoroge is a Senior Research Fellow at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and one of the brains behind Victrelis™, used in the treatment of Hepatitis. He is also a recipient of the Heroes of Chemistry Award (by the American Chemical Society).

“Setting trends in nurturing innovators and entrepreneurs for achievement of Vision 2030.”

- Theme, 6th Graduation



News Brief

Continous improvement of physical infrastructure

LODWAR | Best Science and Research Institution in Northern region of Kenya



The new Science and Technology complex at Lodwar Campus is near completion. It will house the upcoming Institute of Petroleum Studies and Renewable Energy.

KIGALI | Kicukiro Centre



Construction of the Ksh300million Science Centre in Kicukiro, Rwanda, has begun in earnest. The project comes at a time when the university is rolling out the Clinical Medicine programmes.

INOONERO | School of Law



Following the acquisition of the building that housed Inorero University in Parklands, the MKU School of Law will relocate from MKU Towers, Moi Avenue to here.

KAKAMEGA | Butsotso Ward



MKU Plaza in Butsotso Ward in the outskirts of Kakamega town. The five-acre prime location was once Sir Humprey International Teachers College.

NAKURU | MKU Plaza



The upcoming MKU Plaza in Nakuru town. The Campus is currently located at Resma Plaza.

MOMBASA



MKU Plaza is now 11 floors. The Campus is along Nkrumah Road at the heart of the coastal city.

MKU UNION TOWERS

MKU Union Towers is now home to Virtual Varsity, Equip Africa Institute and Institute of Justice and Security Studies.



State-of-the-art buses



In a bid to enhance student mobility, the university has acquired three additional buses at a cost of Ksh26 million. Two are 52-seaters, while the other is a 62-seater.

KISUMU CENTRE



Kisumu Centre has relocated to a modern four-storey building within Kisumu City, as it trudges forth to becoming a fully-fledged Campus.

KERICHO CENTRE



Operating under the ambit of Eldoret Campus, the centre is the latest addition in the MKU stable. Kericho is a rich agricultural area and the demand for human resource to driving the vibrant economy necessitated the establishment of this Campus.



News Brief

MKU wins national ICT awards

Coveted annual awards recognise the university's successful roll-out of a world class ICT infrastructure that has greatly enhanced service delivery

Mount Kenya University scooped four prizes in the annual ICT Value Awards held recently in Nairobi.

And for the second year running, the institution walked away with the Overall Award for ICT Excellence in the annual event organised by the Information and Communication Technology Association of Kenya (ICTAK). The university beat a strong field that included other institutions of higher learning, media houses, government ministries, county governments, parastatals, non-governmental organisations and private companies. Besides the overall ICT award, MKU also won the Digital and Virtual Learning Excellence award (for the success of the Virtual Campus, which has now rebranded to Virtual Varsity), Best Use of ICT in Education, and ICT Manager of the Year award, which went to Joseph Mworia, the ICT Director.

"This is an historic day," said Prof. Chegge Mungai, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Student Welfare and Marketing, who represented the university's Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudo at the glamorous event. "We are humbled with the recognition from industrial professionals through these coveted awards."

MKU has in the last three years been gradually rolling out a comprehensive and integrated ICT platform that harmonises the delivery of services to all its clients. Though initiated at Thika Main Campus, the ICT platform has been replicated at all 14 Campuses, thus improving efficiency, cutting costs, and enhancing the overall user experience.

"Our digital learning platform, delivered through the Virtual Varsity was also among the first to be rolled out in Kenya," said Prof. Chegge. "In only



MKU staff and students celebrate with the awards won by the institution during the annual Information and Communication Technology Association of Kenya event.

RIGHT: Prof. Chegge Mungai, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Welfare and Marketing (in brown) receives the overall prize from Amb. Prof. Julius Bitok who was the chief guest.



ICTAK VALUE AWARDS, 2014

- i) Overall Winner- Award for ICT Excellence** - Mount Kenya University
- ii) Best Use of ICT in Education** - Mount Kenya University
- iii) Digital and Virtual Learning Excellence**- MKU Virtual Varsity
- iv) ICT Manager of the Year** - Mr. Joseph Mworia, ICT Director, MKU



News Brief

Vision carrier's star shines even brighter

With the award of honorary Doctorate, Dr. Simon Gicharu's achievements in the academic front have finally received the recognition they deserve

Mount Kenya University founder Simon N. Gicharu has been awarded an Honorary (PhD) Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) by Gulu University. The award, which he received on Oct 25, 2014 in Gulu, Uganda, was in recognition of his contribution in field of science education in the East African region. During the colourful event, Mr. Gicharu (now Dr. Gicharu) narrated his tortuous journey towards establishing the largest private university in East and Central Africa. "Of all the awards I have received before, this Doctor of Science Degree is perhaps the most precious for me, since it addresses two important areas in the story of my life. These areas are Education and Science," he told an attentive congregation during Gulu University's 10th graduation ceremony. Prof. J.H. Nyeko Pen-Mogi feted Dr. Gicharu, who was accompanied by his wife Jane Nyutu and senior MKU

officials including Dr. Francis Njonge (council member) and Prof. John Nderitu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Linkages and Resource Mobilization. Dr. Gicharu started MKU with a seed capital of only Ksh20,000. The university now has a infrastructural capital of about \$400 million. "Every struggle I have gone through has been a lesson in the journey towards success," said Dr. Gicharu in his acceptance speech. MKU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudu congratulated Dr. Gicharu on his award. "We as the MKU fraternity feel collectively honoured through this award. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to congratulate Dr. Gicharu and his family, and thank Gulu University for the esteemed honour." Dr. Gicharu dedicated the award to his mother, Alice, who urged him to study hard in school, and to all researchers and innovators at Mount Kenya University and other institutions of higher learning in East Africa.



HONORIS CAUSA: Dr. Simon Gicharu, robed in the academic raiment after he received the honorary doctorate of Science degree from Gulu University. With him is Prof. J.H. Nyeko Pen-Mogi, the VC, Hon. John Muyingo, Uganda minister for Higher Education and other senior officials.

Other awards Dr. Gicharu has received previously

Date	Awards & Distinguished Appointments
April, 2014	Appointed Chairman of Rural Electrification Authority by H.E the President of the Republic of Kenya Uhuru Kenyatta.
Jan.4, 2013	1st Class award of the Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS) by H.E 3rd President of the Republic of Kenya, Mwai Kibaki.
Nov.11, 2011	Superlative Trailblazer award - Marketing Society of Kenya

Congratulatory Message



The Mount Kenya University Chancellor, **Prof. Victoria Wulsin**, Pro Chancellor **Prof. Chacha N. Chacha**, Chairperson of the University Council, **Prof. Grace Njoroge**, the Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Stanley Waudu**, the Council, Senate, Board of University Management, Staff and Students congratulate Mount Kenya University founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees **Dr. Simon N. Gicharu** on his award of an **Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa)** by Gulu University, a public university in the Republic of Uganda. Your visionary leadership and unparalleled commit-

ment and support in providing quality and affordable higher education in East Africa indeed merits this honour. We give **gratitude** to **Gulu University, Council, Senate and Management** for the award. Since 2009 when we entered into a collaborative agreement, you have believed in our dream, tested our resilience and now, you've crowned it by honouring our founder. May your philosophy of community transformation blossom for many years as you serve mankind. As Mount Kenya University, we will be forever grateful to Gulu University for this gesture.



Mr. and Mrs Gicharu

“In life, everything is possible but nothing is guaranteed. Success or failure is purely a matter of choice.”

This is an abridged version of Dr. Simon Gicharu’s acceptance speech. For a complete version of this speech, log on to www.mku.ac.ke

I wish to share with you a short story of my life, hoping to demonstrate to you that in this world, everything is possible but nothing is guaranteed. Success or failure is purely a matter of choice; the story of your life is yours to write. These are the lessons I have learnt:

1) Develop a savings culture

There is a saying that if you take care of your coins, the pounds will take care of themselves. This has been my secret of converting a US\$220 loan into a US\$400 million institution with a regional footprint. Invest all the money you make, always postpone personal gratification and you will prevail.

2) Persistence and Focus

The road to success is paved with many challenges. It is never easy. And

once you surmount one challenge, you always encounter another. But the desire to continue pressing on is the single most factor that will enable you overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. During most of my working life, I have focused on providing education. I have persisted even when all hope seemed lost. I could have easily quit and looked for a teaching job when things became tough. I could have sold the university and retreated to a remote island. Success is in your hearts. Do no fear. Go for it.

3) Change is the only constant

In life, the only constant is change itself. To remain relevant, you must continuously re-invent yourself in your line of work. Developing Mount Kenya University from Thika Institute of Technology and Thika School of Management studies wouldn’t have been possible if I did not embrace change.

4) Humility

One of the most important ingredients of success is humility. It is the queen of all attitudes and the soul of discipleship. Humility will open doors for you and win you many hearts.

5) Do not die with your potential

Every human being is created with in-born potential that can reach one into great heights of success. But harnessing this potential takes a whole lot of factors, some of which I have listed above. In any area of work or talent that divine providence has found for you, exploit it to the fullest. You only live once. Do not die with your potential.”



News Brief

National Water Summit 2014 lives up to its billing



The National Water Summit 2014, an initiative of Mount Kenya University, was held between Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 this year.

International water experts assembled at Kristine's Camp, Lake Turkana for the two-day event, which was officially opened by H.E Mwai Kibaki, former president of Kenya. Among the high profile participants were MKU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudo, H.E Josphat Nanok, Governor, Turkana County, Amb. Titus Ekai, Principal Secretary, State Department of Sports and Culture, James Teko, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Dr. Michal Mlynar, the Ambassador of Slovakia to Kenya, and

Dr Mohamed Djelid, the UNESCO Regional Director. The summit was attended by representatives from Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Germany, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Rwanda and Slovakia and USA. "Water for Socio-Economic Development" was the key theme of the summit, which had seven sub-themes. H.E Kibaki called on summit participants to explore best uses of water to effectively boost agricultural production, mining, manufacturing and recreation. He called for upping of awareness for people to boost rainwater harvesting to reduce the pressure on existing water sources. "This Summit marks a new beginning in the road map of water management in Kenya and the region", said H.E Kibaki, who is the patron of the Millenium Water Alliance-Kenya. "It provides the perfect moment to retool policies related to water management

in general. We should critically examine our efficacy in utilising water, particularly ground water, as a catalyst for development." In his address, Prof. Waudo observed that there are several socio-economic issues inherently intertwined with water. These include poverty eradication, education, gender equality, reduction of child mortality, improved maternal health, and environmental sustainability. "A dedicated water goal is critical as part of the development agenda with measurable targets and indicators in support of life, well-being, economic development and the environment," he said, adding, "Mount Kenya University will continue to explore and nurture knowledge, skills, attitudes and research that support and contribute to Water Sustainable Development Goals and further encourage progress to achieve reasonable water security not only in Kenya but in the world as a whole."



What they said.....



H.E Mwai Kibaki
Former President of Kenya and Patron of Millenium Water Alliance-Kenya

This Summit marks a new beginning in the road map of water management in Kenya and the region. It provides the perfect moment to retool policies related to water management in general. We should critically examine our efficacy in utilizing water, particularly ground water, as a catalyst for development. For the purpose of planning, it is important to

know the locations, quality and quantity of groundwater particularly in the arid areas. This will in turn determine the kind of technology the country requires to extract, replenish and preserve the resources in such areas. The Constitution has made Turkana regain its rightful position. It can now exploit its resources for the development of its citizens and that of our nation."

Scenes from the historic event



LEFT: H.E former President Mwai Kibaki arrives in Turkana. **ABOVE:** Summit participants follow the proceedings. **BELOW:** H.E Kibaki receives a gift from Turkana County Governor Hon. Josphat Nanok.



Dr Vincent Gaitho Ph.D
Chairman, Summit Organising Committee

"The long road we took to reach here in Turkana is symbolic of the collective efforts and policies we must put in place to ensure availability and sustainable utilization of this resource. The road ahead is long and bumpy, but this Summit is no doubt a first step towards achieving this."



Hon. H.E Josphat Nanok,
Governor, Turkana County

"This forum will not only provide new direction in formulation of water policies but also networking opportunities that will lead to more informational and professional exchanges/collaborations in future."



Prof. Stanley Waudo, Ph.D
Vice-Chancellor, MKU

"At MKU, we subscribe to the fact that access to safe drinking water and sanitation is a prerequisite for Poverty eradication, Education, Gender equality, reduction of child mortality, improved maternal health, combat against major water-borne diseases and achieving environmental sustainability. These issues are inherently intertwined with water, as this crucial resource is a vehicle for diseases, and its lack of access brings additional burden on socio-economic inequalities."

News Brief

Don wins continental award



From left: Prof. Didier Pittet (WHO), Jackline Nyaberi (MKU), Prof. Shaheen (ICAN President) and Prof. Valerie Robertson (Vice president, ICAN).

Ms. Jackline Nyaberi of the School of Health Sciences won the first prize for the oral presentation on Infection Control during the 5th Infection Control African Network conference held recently in Harare, Zimbabwe. "I feel so humbled. There were many universi-

ties from around the world and to have represented Mount Kenya University and won this award was quite gratifying," she says. She adds that the award, which is accompanied by a bursary is "evidence that the university is carrying its mandated activities of research and teaching."



Anne Kariuki of the School of Business and Economics

Scholarship grant

A lecturer from the School of Business and Economics has won a Ph.D scholarship grant from Aalborg University, Denmark. Anne Kariuki of the Department of Management, School of Business and Economics, was awarded under the AfriLics Visiting Ph.D scholarships

Sandwich Program. She will be based at Aalborg East, which is university's main campus, for a period of six months, commencing January, 2015. Ms. Kariuki is among the six AfriLics scholars who will participate in the DRUID Scholarship Academy between January 21 and 23, 2015. She will also be part of the AfriLics Ph.D Academy to be held in Mombasa Kenya in March the same year.

"This is a great opportunity to increase my scholarship and subsequently share the same with my students at the School of Business," said a jovial Ms. Kariuki. Earlier this year, the MKU School of Business and Economics won the World Congress Universities Award for excellence in business training, in an event held in India.

Varsity shines in moot court competition

Mount Kenya University School of Law received the "Best Respondent" memorial award during the Save The Child 4th Annual Moot Court Competition held at Strathmore University. Five universities participated in the event held at Strathmore University Law School. Besides MKU, the others were Makerere University, University of Rwanda, Strathmore University and University of Nairobi. Each of the participants had to accomplish four rounds, two as respondents and two as applicants. In the first round, MKU squared

it out with University of Rwanda, while in the second and third rounds, it faced Uganda Christian University and Dar es Salaam University, respectively. Makerere University was the final challenger. While MKU scooped the Best Respondent Memorial award, the University of Rwanda walked away with the Best University Award. University of Nairobi was runners-up with Makerere University and Strathmore University shared the Best Oralist Award. The Best Applicant Memorial Award went to Makerere University.





Head of Department Emily Wahome (second right) and lecturers Mercy Mwenda (right), Esther Muriuki and Rachel Wanjiru (extreme left) with the KNDI certificates.

Regulatory body accredits the MKU department of Nutrition and Dietetics

The university's department of Nutrition and Dietetics scored highly in all areas of inspection, notably Educators, Facilities and equipment, Standards related to clinical practice, and Standards related to the curriculum.

The department of Nutrition and Dietetics has received full accreditation by the Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI) to train nutritionists and dietitians. The accreditation builds on the interim licence issued by KNDI in 2011. Since 2005, the university has been offering Diploma programmes in Dietetics Management, examined by the Kenya National Examinations Council. Now, the university is offering Bachelors, Diploma and Certificate programmes in Nutrition and Dietetics. The training of Nutritionists and Dietitians is supported by the state of art infrastructural investment on facilities such as well-equipped specialised nutrition laboratories and highly qualified trained nutrition technicians, lecturers and clinical instructors to facilitate learning in theory and practical based subjects. The department of Nutrition and Dietetics admitted its first lot of students in April 2005.

Thika Institute of Technology, the forerunner of MKU was the first private institution to start training Dietetics at the Diploma level using the new curriculum from The Kenya Institute of Capacity Building, formerly Kenya Institute of Education. Mount Kenya University developed its own curricula for Certificate and Diploma in Clinical and Community Nutrition and their implementation commenced in 2008. In 2011, the institution received an interim licence to train nutrition by the Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitian's Institute, KNDI (a regulatory body established by an ACT of parliament in 2007 whose mandate include regulation of training and conduct of Nutrition and

Dietetics professionals). In January 2014 Mount Kenya University admitted its first lot of students under the harmonised KNDI curricula for BSc Nutrition and Dietetics, Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics and Certificate in Nutrition and Dietetics. Strengths The university received full accreditation on 17th October 2014 to train Nutritionists and Dietitians at Bachelors, Diploma and Certificate levels. The training of Nutritionists and Dietitians is supported by the state of art infrastructural investment on facilities such as well-equipped specialised nutrition laboratories and highly qualified trained nutrition technicians, lecturers and clinical instructors.



“KNDI is determined to ensure that all graduates are competitive and will address challenges relating to Nutrition and Dietetics.”

Dr. Julia Ojiambo,
Chairperson, KNDI



News Brief

MKU Virtual Campus is now Virtual Varsity

Powered by the best e-learning platform in the world, MKU Virtual Varsity has embraced a philosophy of “One world, One education”. With 40 online learning centres throughout the world, the Virtual Varsity is providing cutting edge services in Open, Distance and e-Learning.

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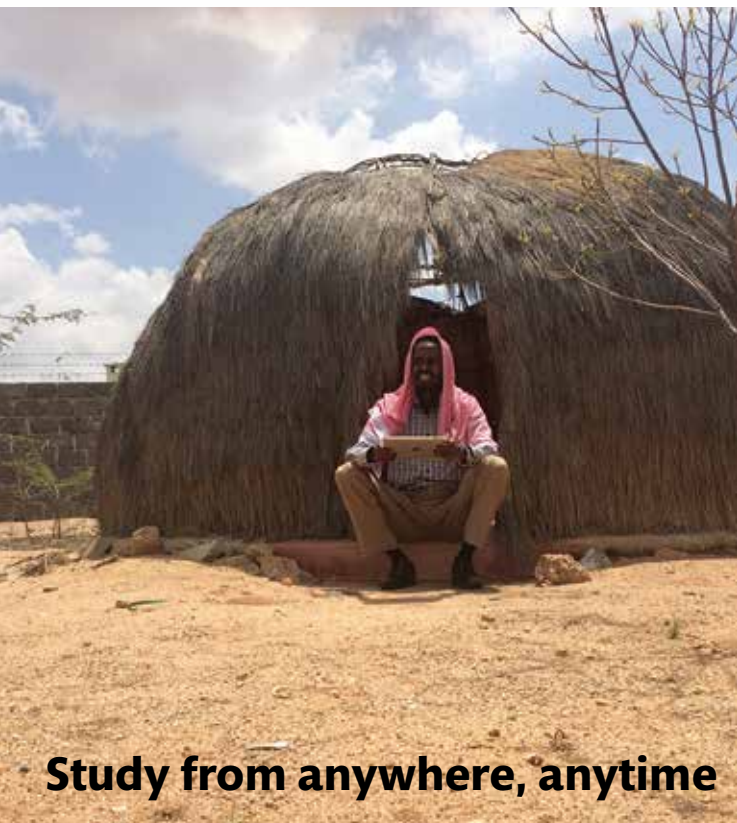
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- **Maralal**, Kenya
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Mount Kenya University



ENTERPRISE & MENTORSHIP ACADEMY – THE ALUMNI AWARD SCHEME “Supporting Youth Employment Creation”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - 2015

About Mount Kenya University

Mount Kenya University is a holistic, all rounded, inclusive and enterprising University that is forward looking and committed to promoting human resource development for society's progressive good. The University has adopted International Best Practices in all its core functions which has enabled its students and faculty win awards, thus stamping its authority as a centre of Excellence as it scales the heights of education.

With its main campus in Thika township, the university is slowly transforming the former industrial Birmingham of Kenya into a university city which at the same time widening access to Higher Education for the larger East African communities through a well-structured network of campuses, career- diversity, professional short courses, as well as virtual education. The award winning university library and the towering Chancellors building makes the university distinctive and preferred choice of many students and also potential employees looking for an increasingly competitive trained man power.

The empowered division of student welfare services that continuously re-engineers and positions itself ready to unlock any emerging talents of our students through diversified programmes and career orientations, research, international linkages and students Associations that has redefined the emerging position of the university as a leader in Higher Education in the Region. Indeed one of our alumni students christened Mount Kenya University as **My University, My pride, My future, the university that has greatly shaped my future.**

The Enterprise Academy

The University is committed to job and wealth creation through nurturing an entrepreneurial culture among its alumni. The University has established a Ksh.40 million fund spread over 5 years, to catalyse and support enterprise development. The fund will be administered through the MKU Enterprise and Mentorship Academy.

The Academy is designed to complement the Government of Kenya efforts aimed at fostering entrepreneurship among the youth including Uwezo Fund and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund.

The Academy is a well-researched, high level one-of-a-kind incubation programme in the region under the ambit of MKU Research, Enterprise and Innovation Development Centre (REIDC). The Academy equips its graduates with adequate practical skills that aid them unleash their entrepreneurial potential, essentially transforming "job seekers", to "job and wealth creators".

The Ksh.40 million fund will provide financing to discerning and promising entrepreneurs who cannot access funds from financial institutions due to lack of collateral. Fifteen contestants will be admitted to the Academy to undergo a three-month residential entrepreneurship training benchmarked to international standards.

MKU Enterprise Academy – The Alumni Award Scheme

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The Enterprise Academy 2014 graduation ceremony was graced by among others Dr. Simon Gicharu, CBS, who is the Patron and Sponsor of the Academy, and one of the Academy's Professional Mentors Mr. Vimal Shah (CEO, Bidco Oil Refineries Ltd).

The Call for Enterprise Academy 2015 Deadline Extended

The Enterprise Academy is now recruiting 15 MKU Alumni who will undergo a rigorous three-month residential apprenticeship programme in early 2015. The training will involve various practical aspects of entrepreneurship through interaction with leading local and international entrepreneurs. The 10 most promising business ideas will be funded up to Ksh. 800 000 based on the viability of their business plans and monitored for up to one year.

THE GRADUATING CLASS FOR DECEMBER 2014 IS ALSO INVITED TO APPLY AS LONG AS THE POTENTIAL APPRENTICES WILL PROVIDE PROOF OF GRADUATION BEFORE JOINING THE ACADEMY!

The three-month business apprenticeship programme will start from **May 1, 2015** through to **July 31, 2015**.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant for the above fund **MUST**:

- Be a Mount Kenya University Graduate
- Be available for a three-month residential apprenticeship
- Have a viable business idea

All applications **MUST** be received by close of business, on **Monday March 2, 2015**. For application and further information, please visit <http://www.mku.ac.ke/research/enterprise-academy>.

Only **online applications** will be accepted.

Further inquiries can be sent to enterpriseacademy@mku.ac.ke or call **0729 160202** during office hours.

Mount Kenya University ascribes to supporting enterprise growth in Kenya and the region.

For more information contact the office of the Director, Research and Development:

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For profiles of some of the graduates of the Enterprise Academy, see Page 26



The 2014 MKUSA team from left, VP Winnie Kivingo, Abdi Mahmoud (Secretary General), Marvin Kimathi (President), Isaac Munyao (Academic Affairs) Majid Noor (Finance) and Naftali Mwai (Social Welfare).

The reign of the 2014 MKUSA officials has now entered the home stretch. As the team prepares to hand over the reigns to new officials who will be elected next year, President Marvin Kimathi shares the successes.



Mr & Miss MKU

“We organised the Mr. and Miss MKU 2014/2015, which happened to be the biggest entertainment event ever held here. Mr. and Miss MKU were awarded laptops while 1st Runners up won Tablets.”

Casual work for students

“We facilitated a close working relationship with the office of the Associate Dean of Students and through this cooperation we came up with a work study programme, whereby students get casual jobs at the University.”



Security

“We advocated for installation of scanners at our gates to beef up security. MKU Chairman also provided a special car for conducting night patrols in and around MKU.”



National TV

“We went out of our way to market our institution on national television. We appeared on KISS TV, K24 and on 91.5FM.”



Cultural night

“In the quest to promote our cultural diversity, we organised a cultural night that brought together students from different communities. They showcased their different cultural orientations.”

Inter-faiths forum

We organised a Peace and Unity Forum that brought together students from the Muslim and Christian communities. The message was that regardless of our religious beliefs, we are one community.”





News Brief

MKUSA President represents Kenya in Continental Summit on curbing terror

Mount Kenya University Students Association President Marvin Kimathi attended the fourth annual African Students and Youth Summit in Accra, Ghana. The Summit, whose theme was “*Curbing Terrorism Insurgence in Africa Students/Youth to the Rescue*” was held between July 28 and August 2, 2014. “Recent terrorist attacks, including Nairobi’s Westgate shopping centre, which left more than 70 people dead, abduction of more than 270 defenseless Nigerian female students by Boko Haram and other intermittent spates of violence being committed by terrorist sects across the continent tells the story of how these hard line extremist terrorist groups are flourishing in Africa,” said All-Africa Students Union (AASU). “These recent developments raise serious questions about the effectiveness of the AU’s counterterrorism legal instruments, including a 1999 Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, a 2002 Protocol to the Convention, and a 2004 Plan of Action.” Mr Kimathi says AASU is aiming to mobilise the students across the continent in a joint effort to stifle the growth of these terrorist groups.



ABOVE: Mr Kimathi makes a point during the Summit in Ghana, and below, with fellow participants. Kimathi represented private universities in Kenya, in the event organised by All Africa Students Union.



Cabinet Secretaries fete MKU Kabarnet Campus

Kabarnet Campus won the Best University Stand during the recently concluded Kabarnet Agricultural Society of Kenya Show. “We are humbled to receive this accolade said Prof. Nyamache. “This, by extension, is indicative of the unparalleled quality of academic programmes

we offer at the Campus.” The Campus won the runners-up position in use of advanced technology among institutions of higher learning. The ASK event attracted about 60 exhibitors. MKU Kabarnet Campus, located in Baringo County, offers a 20% school fees waiver.



Cabinet Secretaries Phylis Kandie (East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism) and Felix Koskei (Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock) hand over the trophy to Prof. Tom Nyamache, Director, Kabarnet Campus.



Profile

At the tender age of 24, Patrick Mutahi, a Bachelor of Business Management student at MKU Nairobi Campus is already a millionaire. But how did he do it? For starters, he credits his success with a challenge he received from one of his lecturers. This is his spellbinding story.

One sunny morning in February 2013, Patrick Mutahi walked into the offices of the Coalition on Reforms and Democracy party in Lavington, Nairobi. He had a little more than Ksh100 in his pockets, loads of confidence, and one killer marketing idea.

It was during the heat of the general elections campaign season and the party and its key rival, The National

shillings advertising industry.

"I was travelling by Citi Hoppa to The Junction, Ngong Road, to buy a phone when I noticed that every passenger was silent throughout the journey, lost in their own thoughts," Mutahi reminisces. "Then it struck me, 'why not erect TV screens inside these buses to entertain the passengers, and at the same time use them as a medium of advertising?'"

The idea was Philmax Media Agencies, a digital marketing, advertising and brand-

ing company. The bus advertising was the idea he was selling to Raila Odinga Jnr., son of then CORD Presidential candidate Raila Odinga, that sunny morning. "He just sat there and listened with rapt attention," recalls

Mutahi. "He asked me very many questions. But I was prepared. I had done my homework. I knew my business well. I had been to the TNA offices but the campaign secretariat didn't buy my idea. Nairobi has a population of about four million. Up to 80% of this use public means of transport. I was convinced that this was the best medium for political parties to advertise their manifesto."

Odinga Jnr. was convinced too.

After the business pitch, Mutahi was asked to wait outside for a short while. The short while became a tense seven-hour wait. Patience pays. In mitigation, he walked away with a Ksh240,000 contract to advertise CORD's manifesto for a period of two weeks.

"I was besides myself with joy," he recalls. "That was certainly one of the happiest days of my life."

Mutahi used the money to install more screens inside more buses, and gained the confidence to approach even more clients. "My overheads were basically very low. So, I managed to make a healthy profit margin."

His journey from a wimpy lone ranger trying to make it in Nairobi's cutthroat and unforgiving business environment to a magnate-in-the-making reads like fiction. His story begins in 2010, when he enrolled for a Diploma in Banking and Finance at MKU Nairobi Campus. "My lecturer used to tell us that there is a lot of money to be made from bill-

Archetypal job creator scales the heights of entrepreneurship

Alliance, were going hammer and tongs at each other.

A few months before, Mutahi had stumbled upon a business idea when his lecturer at Nairobi Campus repeatedly harped on the multi-million



He dreams big. And takes the right steps to actualise these dreams. Here, he poses with an exotic sports car in the streets of Helsinki, Finland, last November. Mutahi owns two 'City Shuttle' buses.



boards and advertising. He often used an example of a local company that has 1,000 billboards throughout East Africa. The monthly cost of advertising on a billboard is Ksh150,000. Do the maths."

Upon hatching the idea for on-board advertising inside Nairobi buses, Mutahi sought to make it a reality.

He needed a capital of Ksh1 million but through friends and family, he could only raise Ksh70,000. "I chose not to focus on what I didn't have. So I started small."

The money was barely enough to erect two screens. He walked around the city, selling the new advertising concept office to office. "Many laughed and scoffed at me." His first contract from a commercial college- brought in Ksh18,000.

Mutahi has also branched out to not only advertising inside buses but also outside - by way of branding. He counts several high profile clients including Safaricom, Broadways, Ebro TV, KCA, Huawei and YuMobile. A true entrepreneur has a nose for opportunity. From his dealings with proprietors of the Nairobi buses, Mutahi had learnt that one could mint a pretty penny in

A portfolio that spans from billboards to branding, matatus to marketing defines Mutahi's thriving enterprise



Mutahi in Finland, where he attended the Sijoitus Investment Forum, 2014. He was invited to attend the forum due to his advertising and marketing skills.

the Matatu business. Using his savings and with the help of a local bank, he purchased two buses. They ply the Ki-kuyu, Kawangware, Utawala and Airport routes.

"I'm not done yet. I really want to venture into billboards, and in a very big way," says Mutahi, who is only 24. At his advertising company - he directly employs four people, three in the sales department and one manager. The sales people are former students at MKU, while the bus manager, John Moguche, is a BBM student. "I want to reiterate

that if I didn't encounter the lecturer who tutored me at Diploma level, I would not be where I am today. I will be eternally grateful to Mount Kenya University. By extrapolation, choosing to study at MKU has been the best decision I have made in my life so far."

Last November, Mutahi participated in the Sijoitus Investment Forum 2014 held in Helsinki, Finland. Mutahi was one of only seven Kenyans who showcased the country's investment potential in real estate, agriculture and transport, among other sectors.



Patrick, who is also MKUSA chairman, Nairobi Campus.

Lucrative sectors: Numbers that tell a story

Ksh50 billion: Amount of money spent on advertising in Kenya every year.

Bus branding and advertising

20,000: Estimate number of PSVs in Nairobi

Ksh10,000: Estimate daily income of a commuter bus.

Public transport buses

Ksh10 billion: Amount of money spent on outdoor advertising, such as billboards.

Billboards



Our man conquers New York

Wilson Kipsang Kiprotich is a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Security Management at Eldoret Campus. Last month, he brought the Campus and country glory when he won the New York Marathon.

His achievements on the open road and track belie his humble demeanour. Unassuming but confident, Kipsang takes his studies very seriously. Never mind that one afternoon in November this year, he pocketed a cool Ksh44 million when he won the New York Marathon.

"Knowledge is power," he says. He specialises in long-distance running, competing in events ranging from 10 km to marathon. During the 2012 Summer Olympics, he won Bronze. During the 2013 Berlin Marathon, he set a world record time of 2:03:23. He has run under 2 hours, 5 minutes on five

separate occasions. "Always work hard and be determined in whatever you do," he says. Kipsang is a two-time winner of the Frankfurt Marathon (2010 and 2011) and has also won the London and Berlin Marathons. "The high quality of education attracted me to this university. I plan to study up to Masters level."



Nakuru Campus student now member of

Diploma in Community Health student Owillla Omondi Martin is flying the MKU flag high, as a member of the Kenya 7s rugby team. Owillla was among the Kenya 15s players who represented the country in the African World Cup 2015 qualifiers match in June. Thanks to his sterling performance, he received a call up to the Kenya 7s. Though he had been picked as part of the Kenyan team for the

Common Wealth games in Scotland, he missed the chance due to delays in the processing of his visa. Owillah, a 100-kilogram power force featured in the 2014 Safaricom 7s. He also represented Kenya in the Gold Coast 7s, an international rugby tournament. Aside from that he was 2013 -2014 Kenya cup top scorer while playing for Top fry Nakuru RFC.



Testimonials

Eldoret Campus has helped our business club flourish

My name is Christopher Kagori from MKU Eldoret Campus. I am in my fourth year student, undertaking a Bachelors in Business Management (Supplies and Procurement Management). I am the founder and chairman of the MKU Business Club. The club has been instrumental in carrying out various activities at the University and in Uasin Gishu County. I am also a class representative, and the executive chairperson of all clubs and societies at the Campus.

Some of the activities that the Business Club has undertaken are:

- Purchase and maintenance of the Campus' indoor flowers and decorations.
- Organisation and coordination of the MKUSA 2014 aspirants' debate.
- Organising several management and entrepreneurship trainings for the members.
- Organising indoor games tournaments.
- Participation in the 'First Lady Half Marathon'.
- Participation in MKU Eldoret Campus Marketing Campaigns as well as student outreach programmes.
- Street adoption and street washing in



AMBITIOUS: Christopher Kagori, chairman and founder, Business Club, Eldoret Campus.

Eldoret town.

- Participation in World Environment Day activities for the last three years.

We have also engaged in some income-generating projects, notably making of calendars, success cards, certificates for other clubs and associations, design and printing of logos, and selling bottled water among others.

As the Chairperson I endeavour to mentor other students to exploit their entrepreneurial talents as they scale the heights of education. I encourage them to not only get academic certificates but also recognition at the university and in the community out of outstanding performance, diligence and dedication.”

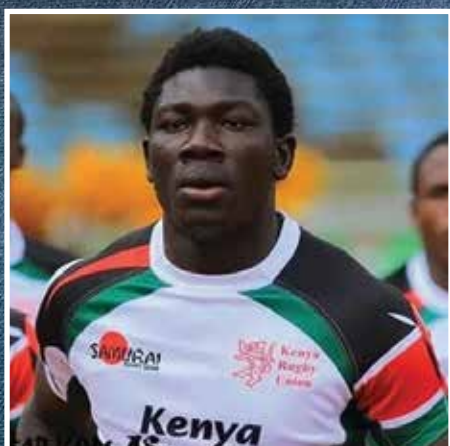
“How MKU helped me realise my dream”



Philip Kipchumba, an alumnus of Nakuru Campus with tourists in Baringo

My name is Philip Kipchumba. I completed my O-Levels at Njoro High School in 1980. Though I scored a Second Division, I was not able to continue to owing to financial constraints. After getting a Certificate in Agricultural Engineering, I worked as an agricultural extension officer for over 25 years. I always had an interest in birds and wanted to study zoology. MKU enabled me to pursue my dream and I graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Biology, Agriculture) in December, 2012. It was a happy moment in my life. I now work promoting bird watching and tourism in Baringo and I look forward to continuing my studies in conservation biology. Recently, a birdwatchers team from Nature Kenya visited our County and we took them to Katimok Forest. This indigenous forest is home to many bird species. I have also participated in the Migratory Bird Festival and Awareness Week. Nakuru Campus library has up-to-date Biology books especially new editions of Campbell /Reece and Johnson and Raven. I will be forever grateful to Mount Kenya University for helping me achieve my dream.”

the Kenya 7s rugby team



Owilla in action (Left), and with Kenya Rugby Union Chairman Mwangi Muthee (Right)





Enterprise Academy

From job seekers to job creators

Six months down the line, four beneficiaries of the MKU Enterprise Academy are about to break even. They share their experiences.



Stellamaris Kathomi

Stejos Tours

“My late father used to tell us that in this world, you don’t count your success by the amount of money you make, rather, by the number of people you make smile. This has been my guiding philosophy and my commitment to service is my way of remembering him. At my company, I arrange events/holidays/team-building exercises for which I either charge a fee or earn a commission from the host - be it a hotel or guesthouse. I stumbled upon this business idea after realising that on all the excursions we undertook as BBIT students at Nairobi Campus, I was always the one in charge of transport, accommodation and catering for the students.”

Monthly Turnover: Ksh20,000-50,000

Employees: Five travel agents, on commission basis.

Challenges: Industrial down turn due to threats of terrorism etc.



Peter Buluma

Royal Family Cleaners

“I don’t mind getting my hands dirty for a pretty penny,” says this humble, soft-spoken entrepreneur. When you see him brandishing a vacuum cleaner, you cannot guess that he has a Masters in Governance and Ethics under his belt. Peter’s office provides a distinct service-home cleaning. “I noticed that most of the cleaning companies focus on the commercial clients - offices, hospitals, hotels, etc.” Besides home cleaning (the whole array from landscaping to fumigation), he also runs a carwash in Eldoret town. Peter is also the Secretary of Kaparet Constituency Pioneer Bodaboda Sacco. He manages three motorbikes and is paid a commission of about Ksh900 per week.

Turnover: Ksh20,000-40,000

Employees: One permanent, seven casuals.

Challenges: Competition, Costly marketing.



Godfrey Ngotho

Kipacha Web Factory

“There are two factories in Limuru town. One is the Bata Shoe Factory, and the other Kipacha Web Factory. I opted to establish my office here because Mr. Vimal Shah (Bidco CEO), one of our mentors at the Enterprise Academy mentioned that though he operates from Thika town, it has never been a hindrance to success. I offer a wide range of ICT consultancies and count some reputable clients including Sisters of Mercy, The Itotia & Itotias Medical Clinic and WoodVille Furnitures Ltd. I will be eternally grateful to MKU for enabling me achieve my entrepreneurial dream. Looking forward, I hope to increase my IT skills and integrate the same in my business to take Kipacha Web Factory to the next level.”

Turnover: Ksh20,000 -Ksh200,000

Employees: Two

Challenges: Competition, slow adoption of novel ideas in IT.



John Murei
Classic Errands Services

“Management consultants will tell you that as an entrepreneur so early in the game, the only principle is ‘follow the money.’ The secret to my success has been diversification. Therefore, besides running errands for individuals and companies, I also provide landscaping and cleaning services, event organisation, secretarial services and also collect debts at a commission. One of my clients in this area of debt collection is Rivatex. Eldoret is a large, cosmopolitan town and there are many opportunities if you look hard enough. In my operations, I have learnt the hard way that location of your office/premises is paramount. I started off in an area that had very poor mobile net-

work reception and I lost a contract that’d be earning me Ksh15,000 per month. It is also important to keep records so as to monitor your income against expenditure.

Turnover: Ksh40,000

Employees: Two

Challenges: *Machines for cleaning are capital-intensive. So is transport for deliveries wherever I’m commissioned for a large task.*

“How I turned my life around”

Expelled from high school, Abraham Gim (‘Genius In a Million’, if you like) turned his life around to become a published author at 25

Who is Abraham Gim?

I am a motivational speaker and author. By the time I finished my KCSE in 2006, I had already jotted down my dreams. My high school years were very difficult.

What had made them difficult?

When I joined Narumoro Boys in 2002, I was among the top 10 students. But by Form Two, I had changed. It was downhill; the best position I ever attained was 78 out of 90. Due to indiscipline, I was eventually expelled from school.

After the expulsion?

While going home, it hit me that I was all alone, not with the other 12 boys who had also been kicked out of school. The truth dawned on me that my life was mine alone, not with the ‘gang’. My father bought me two goats, since education had proven difficult. I pleaded with him for a second chance and luckily, he agreed.

What did you do with your second chance?

I scored a B at a private secondary school, and was just one point shy off a Government scholarship. I was intermittently employed as a untrained teacher at this school but the post-election violence forced my family to relocate. We became IDPs in Nyeri.

Worst experience yet?



Abraham Gim receives a certificate from Dr. Francis Muregi, Director, Research. Gim, a Journalism student at Virtual Varsity is the author of “Awaken your Genius”

I have several, but top on the list has been joining a university for the first time and studying for only one month because of lack of fees. The other one has been organising for a fundraiser but nobody showed up.

Best experience?

Completing my first book and getting funds to print the first copies. Also, getting sponsorship from Chandaria Foundation to study at MKU. I have also got the chance to represent Kenya and Africa in the Global Youth Summit in 2013 and lastly, being admitted in MKU’s Incubation Centre.

Future plans?

I have scripted a TV show called ‘Breaking the Box’. I also plan to host a writing competition called the ‘Story of My Shoe’.

Message to fellow youth?

Perseverance is the town you arrive before prosperous city. It’s through endurance that success muscles are empowered. It is also important to note that mentorship is not giving cash to an individual but instead it is to show the individual the best way to do what they are supposed to do.

EQUIP AFRICA receives Ksh89 million to develop executive training programmes

The money, which is a Danish International Development Agency Business Partnership grant, will support the knowledge transfer of the Institute's EMBA programme.

Equip Africa Institute, the executive training arm of Mount Kenya University, will receive US\$ 1 million (Ksh88million) from the Royal Danish Embassy to develop executive training programmes. At the same time, MKU has signed a memorandum of understanding with Copenhagen Business School-Executive of Copenhagen, Denmark. The deal, which was signed by the university's Chairman and Founder Dr. Simon N. Gicharu on behalf of Equip Africa Institute, will see the two institutions share best practices on professional training,

among others. "This MoU accentuates Equip Africa's reputation as the best provider of executive training courses in East Africa," said Dr. Gicharu. "We will continue developing capacity among individuals, mostly middle-to-high level managers, governments and non-governmental organisations."

Equip Africa Institute's mission is to impart skills, competencies and expertise that enhance self-development and continually breed creativity and innovation. Dr. Jane Njuru, Executive Director, Equip Africa Institute, said the MoU asserts the Institute's reputation as the best for executive training. Equip Africa Institute is offering an Executive MBA (EMBA) programme in partnership with CBS-E. "This programme is a game changer for how African busi-

ness leaders develop personal leadership skills and build competitive organizations," said Dr. Njuru. The EMBA model has three modules, namely Post Graduate Diploma (on Leadership, Business and Competition), Post Graduate Diploma (on International Business Expansion) and Executive MBA Degree (Leading Business Development).

Executives who have undertaken this EMBA programme are full of praise. "I made a decision to improve myself and the company I work for, so I looked for the right intellectual challenge that would equip and offer me the right innovation and leadership insights," said Abdallah Ngovi, Head of Corporate Banking, Gulf African Bank. "The MKU-EMBA program has offered me the best in class management practices and strategies to sustain a competitive edge. It's learning from real life."

Anna Nyimbo, the Managing Director of Cartrack Tanzania Ltd. said the decision to take up the program was one of the best she has made in her life. "Realising that organizations are operated through good leadership has been the highlight of this program. No other program can enlighten you in such skills."

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, but the speed is determined by what you do. The MKU-EMBA places emphasis on a problem-based approach coupled with highly knowledgeable and industry-sharpened faculty, ensuring you study for improved on-the-job performance," said Brian Sing'ora, managing director, Inventure Africa Ltd.



Equip Africa Institute patron Dr. Simon Gicharu shakes hands with Dr. Mogens Bjerre, Academic Dean, CBS-E after signing the deal in Copenhagen, Denmark. On his left is Kim Pedersen, Program Director, CBS-E, Bibiane Waiganjo, DVC-Academic & Research Affairs and Ms Linda Mwangi, Program Coordinator. Others are Dr. Niels Anfred, Advisor, Equip Africa Institute and Dr. Jane Njuru, Executive Director of the institute.

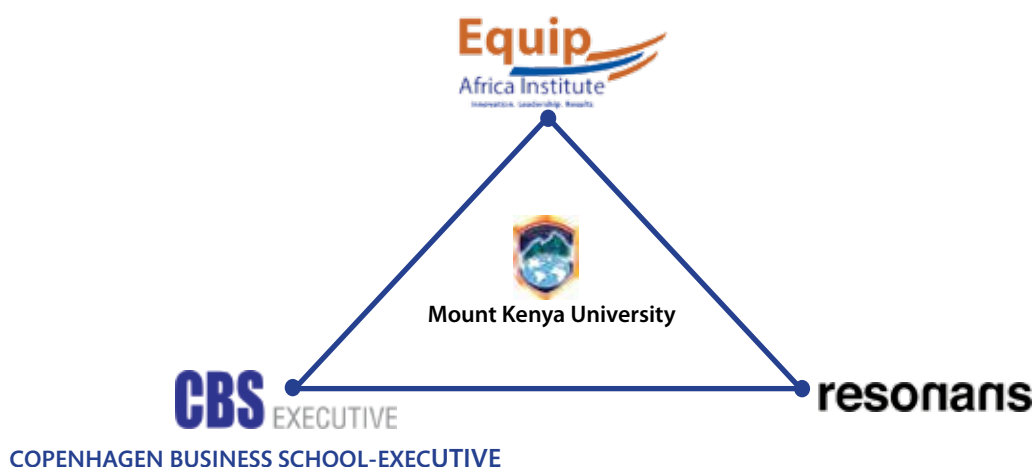


Partnership deal that gave rise to the unique CBS-E/MKU Executive MBA program

CBS-Executive (Denmark), Resonans Ltd (DK), and Equip Africa Institute (K) have formed a partnership to secure the international quality of the MKU-EMBA and other executive programs to be offered by the Equip Africa Institute.

The partnership guarantees that in these programs, faculty will have business experience and apply a practical approach to learning. The joint vision of the three partners is that learning for executives must add direct value not only for the individual participant but

also for the involved organization. We need to strengthen the competitive positioning of Kenyan companies in the global market place and thus develop the leadership skills required to innovate and grow Kenyan business organizations to the next level.



MKU embraces Problem Based Learning Methodology

The Division of Academic and Research Affairs in collaboration with Equip Africa Institute organized a consultative workshop on principles of Problem Based Learning (PBL) methodology. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Mona-Lisa Dahms, an Electronic Engineer by Training from Aalborg University, Denmark. Prof. Dahms explained that PBL is a student-centered pedagogy in which students learn about a subject through the experience of problem solving. She emphasized that through this approach, students learn the domain knowledge and gain thinking strategies as the role of the instructor changes from a “sage on the stage” to a “guide on the side”. More importantly, students work collaboratively in small groups toward



Prof. Mona-Lisa Dahms, of Aalborg University, Denmark and MKU officials during a session.

the problem’s resolution. Bibianne Waiganjo, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Research Affairs, in her welcoming remarks expressed the University’s commitment to quality education and assured members of her Division’s dedication to support the implementation of PBL to ensure that University education

responds to relevant societal issues and produces graduates that are employable as well as job creators.

MKU is already using PBL in delivery of Executive MBA, which is a partnership between Copenhagen Business School-Executive (CBS-E), Equip Africa Institute and Mount Kenya School of Business and Economics.

Linkages

Ties that bind

Varsity forges mutually beneficial partnerships

Rafiki Bank



VC Prof. Stanley Waudo exchanges copies of the signed MoU with Daniel Mavindu, CEO, Rafiki Bank.

Mount Kenya University is the official knowledge partner of an upcoming East African "Chama" competition administered by Rafiki Bank. The university is working with the bank in the activities, preparations and arrangements required to achieve the desired objectives of the project.

MKU is developing the criteria for selection of best competitors as well as be part of the judging panel for the winners. The university will provide training and guidance to some of the top finalists of the competition, prior to the final presentation.

And in a move that mirrors the struc-

ture of the university's own Enterprise and Mentorship Academy, the Chama competition will provide incubation for at least three of the ideas judged to be the best. Prof. Waudo commended Rafiki Bank for the role it continues to play in boosting entrepreneurship, especially among young people.

"At MKU, we have strengthened our focus on inculcating a spirit of entrepreneurship, as evinced by our Enterprise Academy. This partnership is another opportunity for us to share this knowledge. We are glad that Rafiki Bank chose us as their knowledge partner."

Jinggangshan University

The university will establish a Confucius Institute at its main campus in Thika. This follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the institution and Jinggangshan University of the People's Republic of China. The Institute will equip students with knowledge on the Chinese language and customs. "This is particularly timely considering the degree of engagement with the East, and in almost all sectors of the economy," said the MKU Vice Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudo.

Chinese is spoken by about 1.2 billion people in the world. The two universities will also partner in provision of formal credit courses and professional development in Humanities & Social Sciences, Economics & Business, and Engineering. MKU and Jinggangshan University will also collaborate in research.



Prof. Waudo receives a gift from Jinggangshan University President Prof. Zhang Taicheng



CfBT Education Trust

Twenty-six Somalia refugees from the Dadaab Refugee camp will undergo training in Project Management, Public Relations and Diplomacy at Mount Kenya University.

A partnership with the CfBT Education Trust, an education charity headquartered in the UK, will support the Somalia Wide Education Synergies project. The project is a EU -funded scholarship scheme implemented by CfBT. It targets secondary school graduates access to higher education for their individual growth and for positive contribution to the society.

The 26 students will undertake Diploma and Certificate courses. "CfBT and MKU shall establish a mechanism for reporting on the progress of the Project," says the MoU.

The initiative by CfBT and the European Union was a positive step towards



One of the refugees receives his scholarship from the Somalia Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Mohamed Ali Nur.

enabling people living in refugee camps transform their lives positively through education.

Dadaab, located in Northern Kenya, approximately 100kms from the Somalia boarder is the world's largest refugee camp. It is believed to hold up to 300,000 refugees, mainly from Somalia.



Chulaimbo Hospital

The MoU with Chulaimbo sub-District Hospital will see collaborative arrangements in the Health Sciences training programme offered in Mount Kenya University. The MoU appreciates the necessity of sharing resources available at both institutions in enhancing training of manpower in the areas of Health Sciences. The MoU is conscious of the various needs, requirements, constraints and changes taking place in medical field and the need to keep abreast with these changes.

Machakos Level 5 Hospital

Staff and students from the MKU Schools of Medicine, Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Nursing and Pure and Applied Sciences, will use Machakos Hospital for teaching, research, clinical and public health practice. Students will also get practical attachment at the Hospital. In return, MKU will support the Hospital in staff capacity development, as well as grant access to its facilities notably the library, laboratories, classes, sports field and other amenities.



GT Bank

Top graduates from MKU will be absorbed and trained at the GT Bank Training School. Students will also be granted internship opportunities yearly. The MoU will also see the establishment of a Collaborative Framework between the two institutions with regards to Capacity Building in the Banking Services Sector through the Equip Africa Institute's Executive Education and Training, Research and Consultancy. The two institutions will also jointly hold public speaking sessions for both staff and students. The MoU will also see opening of subsidized student accounts, sharing of industry best practice through regular talks, granting of loan facilities for MKU staff and the establishment of a GT Bank branch at MKU Thika Main Campus.

Kiambu County Assembly

Members of the Kiambu County Government are undertaking various academic programmes at MKU. The knowledge acquired will enhance service delivery as well as enable the County achieve its development goals. "This training has been long overdue," said the Kiambu County speaker Mr Gathii Irungu when he led a delegation of Members of the County Assembly in a courtesy call to MKU officials at Thika Main Campus. "These courses will help us improve service delivery to our people." The courses are mainly on governance and ethics, devolution, security, food security, management and social welfare.



Research

Fighting Cancer using Green Bullets

Cancer is an age-old disease. In fact, it is a class of over 200 diseases, characterised by abnormal proliferation of cells. The disease has been there for ages mostly in the Western world. In Africa, infectious diseases have for many years constituted the greatest healthcare burden. In the recent past, rise of cancer related cases in Kenya has left health practitioners worried since the country is still engaged in combating HIV/Aids, malaria and other infectious diseases.

Treatment of cancer either through a single drug or a combination of drugs is an expensive affair and only a few patients can afford. The side effects of chemotherapy are also undesirable and effective cure is not guaranteed particularly when the disease is diagnosed at advanced stages.

A sizeable number of cancer patients have therefore resulted to the use of herbal medicines. Plants have for a long time been used in the treatment and management of cancer. Some of the plants have been documented while many others are yet to be. In the recent past, there has been a surge of interest in the use of alternative medicine in Kenya.

Consequently, a wealth of knowledge is now available on undocumented plants that are 'effective' against tumours. Proper scientific validation of the healing effects of the documented plants regiments as well as their safety is highly desirable.

In this regard, in a collaborative project between Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and Mount Kenya University, several medicinal plants used in the management of 'cancer-like' symptoms were collected from Kilifi, Ngong, Limuru, Gilgil and Kakamega regions of Kenya. The project funded by the National Commission for Science and Technology is aimed at developing



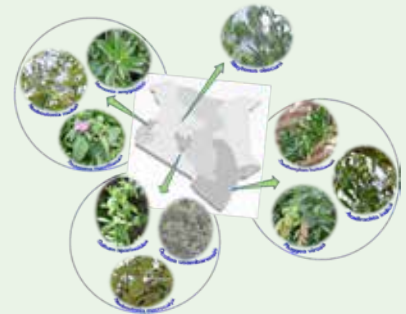
Dr. Peter Kirira, lead scientist in the MKU-KEMRI research project inspecting Maytenus Obscura, a herbal plant at Gilgil, off Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

safe and effective herbal alternatives in the management of cervical and prostate cancer. Dr. Peter G. Kirira, Deputy Director in the Directorate of Research & Development and the Lead Scientist in this project is hopeful that this project will lead to identification of potential natural remedies that are affordable to Kenyans.

In describing the project, Dr. Kirira explained that the collected plants will be processed and extracted using water and other solvents to obtain different natural chemicals. These chemicals will be tested against human cancer cell lines that will be procured from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), the world premier biological materials resource and standards organisation. Natural chemicals that fight cancer cells while not harming normal cells will be selected for further tests and consequently formulated into herbal drugs. This work will be carried out at both MKU Research Centre and KEMRI.



Dr. Kirira processing some stem barks of anti-cancer medicinal plants at Kilifi area, Mombasa. With him is Ms. Margaret Muthoni a technician at KEMRI.



Some of the anti-cancer plants collected from different parts of the Country.



Varsity acquires multi-million shilling equipment for research

These state-of-the-art machines accentuate the university's profile as the best equipped academic institution in East Africa. They will enable faculty and students to conduct groundbreaking research. Dr. Peter Kirira, Deputy Director, Research & Development, expounds on the research capabilities of these gems.

Automated High Performance Liquid Chromatography



APPLICATION: In Kenya, most drugs we use are imported. This machine enables us to determine how much of the required ingredient is in a particular drug, thereby ensuring quality assurance.

Gas Chromatography Machine



APPLICATION: Recently our country has immensely been affected by consumption of illicit brews containing toxic chemicals such as methanol. The Gas Chromatography equipment can be used to detect traces of methanol in suspected alcohol.

Incubator



APPLICATION: In order to understand the micro-organisms that cause infectious diseases, scientists have to grow them in a controlled setting. The incubator is the appropriate environment for the micro-organisms to flourish. Scientists are therefore able to study their strengths and weaknesses.

Atomic Absorption Spectrometer



APPLICATION: The prevalence of lifestyle diseases in Kenya has risen of late. Presence of heavy metals has been closely associated with some of these diseases such as cancer. This equipment will help determine presence of heavy metals in water, human and animal foodstuff, and other areas.

Hemocytometer



APPLICATION: This equipment has a wide variety of uses. For example it can be used to count the number of red and white cells in the blood, sperm count, cell culture amongst others.

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer



APPLICATION: In forensics, this equipment can be used to detect presence of certain compounds through functional group determination. Such information can be used by law enforcers to solve complicated crimes.



News Feature

School of Pharmacy to build a model pharmaceutical manufacturing plant

Initiative coincides with the acquisition of multi-million shilling drug testing and research equipment

The School of Pharmacy will build a model pharmaceutical manufacturing plant at its Main Campus in Thika. The model pharmaceutical manufacturing plant will be used for:

- Hands-on industrial training of Pharmacy students at diploma and degree levels.
- Pharmaceutical Research and Development activities including product formulation development and manufacture.
- Problem based learning of Industrial pharmacy.
- Short course industrial pharmacy training of Pharmaceutical manufacturing personnel.

The model pharmaceutical plant will position the School of Pharmacy at Mount Kenya University as the premier Pharmacy training and research institution in the region. The Pharmacy students will gain industrial exposure in all the pharmaceutical unit operations notably Milling, Mixing Granulation, Drying, Tablet Compression Filling of hard gelatin capsules, Packaging and Syrups, Suspensions and Emulsion preparation. The pharmaceutical manufactur-

ing sector in Kenya has for a long time relied on importing skilled labor in Industrial Pharmacy due to a severe shortage of this skill in the local market.

“Our graduates will have a seamless entry into the Pharmaceutical manufacturing industry by virtue of having been exposed to production scale equipment in their training.

- Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudo



Model drugs plant



Dr Humphrey Muyelee, Industrial Attachment Coordinator at the School (left). RIGHT: Some of the equipment that will be used in the drug manufacturing process.



About the MKU School of Pharmacy

The School of Pharmacy is accredited by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, the Pharmacy regulatory authority in Kenya. The School offers the following programmes:

Bachelor of Pharmacy

This is a five (5) year intensive programme consisting of two (2) years pre-clinical training followed by three (3) years clinical training. The B.Pharm programme at Mount

Kenya University is structured to produce a pharmacist that meets the World Health Organization (WHO) stipulated benchmark of the ‘seven star pharmacist’. The graduates of the MKU B.Pharm programme therefore possesses the following seven qualities as advocated for by the WHO:

- ✓ A care-giver
- ✓ A decision-maker
- ✓ A communicator
- ✓ A leader
- ✓ A manager

- ✓ A life-long-learner
- ✓ A teacher

Diploma in Pharmaceutical Technology

This is a three-year intensive programme consisting of one-year pre-clinical training followed by two-year clinical training. The programme aims to produce pharmaceutical technologists that can assist the Pharmacist in the delivery of quality pharmaceutical care.



Feature



Morris Ndonge and Neila Ngina Khalid are Mr and Miss MKU 2015. We sat down for a tete-a-tete

Tell us about yourselves

Mr: I'm a simple guy who doesn't do simple things. I do not give excuses for failure. I'm a first year Diploma student in Journalism & Mass Communication.

Ms: I'm a principled young lady who is humble, always. I'm pursuing a Bachelors of Travel & Tourism Management and I am in my second year.

What plans do you have as Mr & Ms MKU?

Mr: I envision carrying out various CSR activities among them clean-up exercises. I will also be an MKU ambassador.

Ms: I plan to do charity events, improve and uphold the image of MKU.

Have you participated in modelling before?

Mr: I have done very little in modelling but I believe there is a start for everything.

Ms: I started modelling after high school but winning the Ms MKU title was a major breakthrough.

Do you plan to take modelling as a career?

Mr: I will continue with fitness modelling as a part time career.

“

Winning this title is a major breakthrough”

Neila Ngina Khalid - Ms MKU, 2015

Niqs Blue taps her singing talent

Antoninah Kimani alias Niqs Blue Kim is a second year Diploma in Hospitality management student. She has a latent talent for singing. After completing her secondary education in 2011, she joined Homeboyz Academy where she learned music production and live sound engineering, and thereafter joined MKU. “I discovered the talent during my primary school days and later started singing in secondary school during the music festivals and other events,” she says. She is currently working under

Benali Entertainment, recording her music. Some of her well-know tracks are ‘Baba’, ‘Rise up and shine’, and ‘Everything’. Juggling music and education hasn't been a hike in the park, but her determination keeps her on her toes. She performed during the Tuko Rada gig, MKU Fresher's Nite, and the launch of MKU band equipment. “Airplay on radio is one of the main challenges facing up-and-coming artistes,” she says. Niqs Blue counts Kanji Mbugua and Willy Paul as some of her role models.

–By Muthaura Gitonga



Rise up and shine..... in everything: Niqs is introduced on stage by Mc Lafta to perform during the MKU Fresher's Nite. RIGHT: She poses for a photo after a performance at Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi.



Ms: Yes, but as I a side job as I concentrate on my studies.

Who is your role model and why?

Mr: Lazar Angelov. He has whatever it takes to be a fitness model and he has inspiring quotes.

Ms: Ajuma Nasenaya. She have overcome many

obstacles to be where she is today. She has also proven that being a Kenyan/African is not a limitation.

What do you do during you leisure time?

Mr: I swim and frequent the gym.

Ms: Watch movies, skate at the STC roof top and also swim.

PICTORIAL NEWS



Nkubu Campus Choir shines at ASK Show

MKU-Nkubu Campus students perform during ASK Meru Show

Quality programmes



Nkubu Campus Director, Karen Mungania and the Assistant Registrar-Marketing at the MKU Stand during the Meru National ASK Show.

Hargeisa Campus

Hargeisa Campus, one of the youngest in the MKU stable has received a van to aid staff and student transport. The Campus in Somaliland is serving the higher education needs of a country on the rebound -after years of war and anarchy. So-maliland saw its first university inaugurated in 1998 and has been steadily building its higher education system ever since.



Makali ya Nyamboga Chavakali



Kakamega Campus Director Prof. Constantine Nyamboga, makes a presentation during AGM Chavakali High School 2014. He was the Chief Guest.



Global Handwashing day

The School of Health Science Department of Public participated in the Global Hand Washing Day at Limuru Model Primary School, Kiambu County on September 15, 2014. The Department sensitised the public on the importance of washing hands and hygiene in general. A number of health workers were motivated to take Masters in Public Health programmes at MKU.

In aid of a church



Dr. Robert Mindila, Director, Eldoret Campus, gives a speech during a fundraising ceremony at PCEA church in Langas on 31st August, 2014. The event was graced by the Chairman, BOT Dr. Simon Gicharu.



Brenda Epur, Miss MKU-Lodwar Campus 2015 (left) is congratulated by Ms Pauline Akiru, the Associate Dean of Students.



Dr. Simon Gicharu (right) paid a courtesy call on the Kenyan High Commissioner to South Africa H.E. Amb. Patrick Wamoto, EBS, in his office in Johannesburg. Dr. Gicharu, who was accompanied by Mark Rachonyo, Director, Scholarships and Grants also visited University of Pretoria, University of Johannesburg and Eduloan head office in Johannesburg.



Kakamega Campus Director Prof. Constantine Nyamboga and students clean up Mumias Street, Kakamega.



Did you know?

The Kakamega town clock, branded by MKU as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility was erected on 8th May, 1935 in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the accession of his Majesty King George V.



CSR: Marketing Director Boniface Murigi and Bernard Otieno (Nairobi Campus) stand beside some of the toilets constructed by MKU Lodwar Campus at Canaan Primary School, Kanamkemer.



Sports

The shining soccer stars of Kitale Campus

Football team is reigning champion of the Kenya Universities Sports Association league

Kitale Campus football team is the reigning Kenya Universities Sports Association national champion. Since the team won the title late last year, it has successfully participated in several other tournaments. Last July, the team represented Kenya in the 7th All Africa University Games held at the University of Nairobi. The team won the runners-up position, losing to Ghana 2-1 in a hotly contested final. The team received 22 silver medals in addition to Ksh200,000 donated by Wilson Sossion, the Secretary General of the Kenya National Union of Teachers. The team members are Amos Tonui, Benjamin Wasilwa, Brian Mangeni, Robert Otieno, Hebert Adung'o,

Andrew Wafula, Euguene Songoi, Kelvin Kirui, Felix Shako, Erick Mungatia, Joram Walukana, Erick Juma, Cedrick Wekesa, Johnse Ndombi, Alfred Otieno, Patrick Wassary, Isaac Biwott, Victor Ndubi, Chebor Sakong', Watson Kyule, Phillip Wanjala and Laban Nyongesa. Campus Director Bethwel Sugut congratulated the team and reiterated the administration's commitment to assisting students harness their talent in co-curricular activities. "We expect the team to perform even better. In addition, we plan to introduce other sports so that our students can have a variety from which to choose from." MKU students continue to excel in other sporting activities ranging from athletics to rugby.



Campus Director Bethwel Sugut with the national championship trophy. With him are Mackton Wanyama, Deputy Director-Finance (left) and Simon Nyakora, Associate Dean of Students.





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PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY

The road to the Happy Valley Graduation Grounds in Thika. The immaculate walkway is a metaphor of the rosy future that beckons MKU graduates.