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through Training,
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear reader,

Today, we gather to celebrate not only the academic achievements of the 2023 graduates but also the transformative power of education, research and innovation. Graduates, your dedication to learning, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity has prepared you to be agents of change to a world yearning for progress. As you step into the next phase of your lives, remember the responsibility that comes with your education – a responsibility to uplift communities, bridge divides, and contribute to the betterment of society.

Whether in research, education, or public service, embrace the opportunity to make a difference, armed with the spirit of inquiry, the courage to challenge the status quo, and the determination to transform society through education, research and innovation.

May your endeavours be guided by the principles of knowledge, integrity, innovation and a steadfast commitment to shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

The editorial team wishes to acknowledge and thank all the contributors of this edition.

Once more, congratulations, Class of 2023! We are extremely proud of your achievements!

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CHIEF GUEST

It is with utmost pride that we extend our sincerest congratulations to the graduating class of 2023.

This momentous occasion stands as a witness to your unwavering dedication, resilience, and exceptional achievements throughout your academic journey.

As a Government, we are committed to fostering education's transformative power and we celebrate your accomplishments with heartfelt admiration. Your graduation embodies the pinnacle of our collective investment in education, equipping you not only with knowledge but also with the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

Graduands, today signifies the culmination of a remarkable journey. Your perseverance through countless challenges and obstacles deserves commendation, as does the dedication of the esteemed faculty and the unwavering support of your families. As you step forward into the world, you carry the promise of not just excelling but leading, innovating, and contributing meaningfully to our nation's progress. I stand as a steadfast advocate for education. Our Government believes wholeheartedly in its pivotal role in progress, empowerment, and national development. Your achievements today reflect not only your hard work but also the collaborative efforts of the University staff and the steadfast support of your families.

Laikipia University, a beacon of academic excellence, exemplifies the Government's commitment to providing quality education

and fostering an environment where innovation and research flourish. Under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), our focus remains the preparation of graduates not just for jobs but for leadership roles in an ever-evolving world. The adoption of a Competency Based Curriculum underscores our dedication to holistic education, emphasizing practical skills crucial for success in today's dynamic landscape. Laikipia University's crucial role in championing this approach ensures graduates possess knowledge and practical skills demanded by industry.

The Government's commitment to substantial funding for the extremely vulnerable students signifies an investment in equalizing opportunities and fostering an empowered and equitable society.

The Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda underscores universities' pivotal role in fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and practical skills development. It emphasizes aligning academic knowledge with practical applications and encourages research addressing societal challenges for economic growth. Laikipia University's engagement with the local farming community and support for agribusiness initiatives is commendable. Continued collaboration, research, and support empower local farmers, driving innovation in agriculture and promoting sustainable practices.

Investing significantly in agricultural research initiatives and collaborating with relevant governmental bodies will pave the

way for sustainable solutions and enhance the region's agricultural landscape. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of our economy. I encourage the University to extend its expertise to serve as a catalyst for local economic transformation, especially through outreach services for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the University Council, University Management, faculty, and staff for their tireless efforts in shaping the future leaders of our nation. Your dedication is invaluable and instrumental in realizing our collective vision for a better Kenya. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and work tirelessly towards a future where education is a fundamental right for all. Together, let us support the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda for a prosperous future for our beloved country.

Congratulations once again to the graduates. May your journey ahead be filled with success, purpose, and endless opportunities.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

God Bless you!

God Bless Kenya!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Celebrating Excellence: Laikipia University's 11th Graduation Ceremony

It is with great pleasure that Laikipia University welcomes you to our 11th Graduation Ceremony. Today, we proudly confer degrees and award diplomas upon 1251 graduands, a testament to their incredible dedication throughout their academic journey, that has led to this significant moment of achievement.

Laikipia University has consistently maintained its status as the University of Choice, marked by transformative changes in infrastructure and operational strategies. Notably, our alignment of academic programmes with the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) reflects our commitment to innovation. Additionally, our research and consultancy initiatives have yielded valuable insights, innovations, and practical strategies contributing to societal transformation.

Amidst the challenges faced by universities across Kenya, Laikipia University stands resilient. We are confident in our strategic direction and believe it equips us to overcome these challenges.

The recommendations from the Task Force on Education Reforms report 2023, particularly the New University Funding Model, are instrumental in reshaping University education in Kenya. We express our sincere gratitude to His Excellency the President, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, for initiating this task force, whose recommendations are pivotal in steering University education towards a brighter future.

This momentous occasion would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Ministry of Education, particularly the State Department for University Education and Research.

At Laikipia University, we are dedicated to exceeding the needs of our stakeholders by adhering to ISO requirements. Our commitment to international standards was affirmed by the successful audit of our Integrated Management System conducted by the Kenya Bureau of Standards this year.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the University Council, University Management Board, Senate, both academic and administrative staff for their relentless determination, which has made this event a resounding success for our graduands.

To our graduands, today marks the commencement of your journey as well-prepared champions of Laikipia University, ready to make significant contributions to our country's development agenda. Upholding our core values of Quality, Integrity, and Respect will guide you on this path. The world awaits your exploration, presenting endless opportunities.

Congratulations on your achievements!

We extend warm wishes for a Merry and wonderful Christmas.

MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, C.B.S



It is my honour to join Laikipia University as they celebrate their 11th Graduation Ceremony, in which 1251 graduands will be conferred various Degrees and awarded Diplomas. Those graduating today have done us proud by remaining steadfast in their studies. Much more will be expected from you as we endeavour to realise our national development goals. As a group of highly specialized individuals, the graduates are ready to join the rest of the Kenyan citizens in realising the country's development agenda. The University deserves praise for mentoring the graduates we see before us today. Let me thank most sincerely the Laikipia University Council and University Management Board for their leadership and development of this esteemed University.

My Ministry is cognisant of the fact that institutions of higher learning are struggling to honour their financial obligations. I therefore wish to encourage universities to continually embrace and mainstream reforms that will create diversity and reduce reliance on the exchequer. The reform agenda should enable universities to reinvent themselves and adjust to the challenges being experienced nationally and globally. Additionally, institutions need to prudently utilise the available scarce resources. My Ministry will continually work hand in hand with universities to provide the necessary resources, direction and policy framework within which the institutions can thrive.

I would like to note that Laikipia University's strategic location in the midstream between the Southern and the Northern parts of Kenya presents tremendous opportunities for growth. Your location at a high altitude gives you a niche to become a centre of excellence in Sports Science and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) studies. I challenge you to capitalise on these opportunities at your disposal not only to better the institution but the society around you and the nation at large.

Graduates, we acknowledge that you have been successfully trained. What remains now is for you to exploit the competencies and skills acquired for the benefit of both yourselves and the communities around you to create a positive impact on all. As you go out to start new chapters in your lives, the Government will remain supportive of your endeavours. Your entrepreneurial acumen should speak for itself as you exploit and conquer opportunities.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents, guardians, sponsors, well-wishers and other stakeholders for their contribution towards the success of the graduands.

Once again, Congratulations!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year 2024.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, PhD

I congratulate the graduands and the entire Laikipia University fraternity on this auspicious occasion of the 11th Graduation Ceremony. Your hard work and perseverance has paid off, and this graduation is a testament to the collective efforts of all stakeholders involved. Well done to everyone!

In the face of numerous challenges, education, like other sectors, needs to be re-imagined for innovation, work, and sustainability. The skills the graduates have acquired should prepare them not only for the job market but also to be effective agents of socioeconomic change. I urge them to actively seek opportunities and make efficient and effective use of every available resource.

We appreciate the fact that Laikipia University has steadily strived to expand its academic programmes, alongside physical facilities and recruitment of qualified staff despite many challenges. It is of paramount importance that the scarce resources at your disposal be prudently managed to ensure optimal value and benefit to our stakeholders.

As a nation, and for our institutions of higher learning in particular, we must strive to look for alternative modes of funding university education if we are to realise the benefits expected from university education, which include quality and relevance in the face of increasing competition for government funding. As a Ministry, we remain steadfast in supporting our institutions of higher learning because our social economic aspirations as a nation can only be achieved through a vibrant higher education system, which is responsive to the demands of the knowledge-based economies of the twenty-first century. It is only then that our country will realise competitiveness as a global player.

The Ministry relies heavily on universities to train competent graduates for the new Competency Based Curriculum, which celebrates the creative potential of all our children, teaching them critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and instilling critical social values. I challenge Laikipia University to rethink and re-imagine programmes that are innovative, relevant, and essential for the realization of Kenya's Development Agenda, Vision 2030.

As an institution, I also encourage you to strengthen measures to increase retention and completion, particularly for female students from the vulnerable households. The Government is committed to equity in access to education for all Kenyan children. I urge that you match the programmes offered at the University with the industry and create linkages with the potential job market. Due to changes in technology particularly in Artificial Intelligence (AI), demand for high-level skills will grow, as such, I urge the graduands to keep abreast with these changes in technology. Further, leverage on these technological advancements to increase your employability and empower your innovative abilities to create jobs.

Finally, I thank parents, guardians and sponsors for the resources and other sacrifices they have made in support of the graduates throughout their studies. I implore the graduates to continue re-engineering themselves to seize opportunities and cope with the challenges in the job market.

I wish you all the best in the days ahead.

Thank you, Merry Christmas and God bless you!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Dr. Lemein Korei, PhD

It is with much delight that I welcome you all to Laikipia University; as we gather to celebrate and witness the 11th Graduation Ceremony. On behalf of the Laikipia University Council, I wish to most sincerely thank all those who have made this day possible. Indeed, our guests today are the 2023 graduands. They are the reason we are gathered here today.



I join you all in congratulating our graduands for their resilience and hard work that has borne this great accomplishment. Your choice to pursue your education in Laikipia University has empowered you. Indeed, today is a memorable day for the Laikipia University fraternity. Today's occasion exemplifies your hard work, dedication, and commitment to change not just yourself but the world at large.

I know that the University has equipped you with skills and competencies resonating with our core values of **quality, integrity, and respect**. Further, I wish to appreciate our great team; our able University Management Board, academic and non-academic staff for the hard work and dedication they have put in to prepare these graduands over the last few years. You continue to inspire the Council by the way you are committed to the business of uplifting the standards of this great University even in the years to come. Your excellent performance is a clear indication that institutions are the human resources therein. **Pongezi sana!**

The Council with the support of the Ministry of Education, has continued to ensure structures and processes are in place for achievement of the University mission and provide the required oversight. Today, the University boasts of a student population of 8568 students including those from our TVET Institute. I wish to thank the Ministry of Education for the financial support that has enhanced infrastructure that has facilitated in offering quality education to the increased student population. Despite the low capitation for capital projects, the University has prudently utilised the allocated financial resources and as a result we have continued to implore our contractors to redouble their efforts to complete the projects within the agreed timelines. As our parent Ministry however, we cannot shy away from asking for more financial support to complete our pending capital projects notably the Science Complex, Tuition Block and improvement of the existing road network within the University. We cannot forget to appreciate our partners, friends and stakeholders whose input has continued to steer this institution to greater heights.

As Laikipia University fraternity, we appreciate the support of the County Government of Laikipia which has assisted in putting up road-side pathways and street lights along the Nakuru-Nyahururu road which has enhanced security of the students. We appreciate the contributions from our neighbouring community as well as our indefatigable parents, sponsors and guardians whose support has seen the University grow over the years. **Asanteni sana!** This University shall continue to play its rightful role of producing human resource capital needed to drive the development of our nation.

In observing the National Tree Planting Day which was held on 13th November, 2023 the University launched a three-day tree planting exercise from 15th – 17th November, 2023. The theme for the exercise was in line with the directive of His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 to combat climate change and improve forest cover. The event was a success whereby over 10,000 tree seedlings were planted by staff, students and other partners.

Let me also appreciate the Council members for the commitment they have demonstrated to seeing the University make strides. For the short period we have worked together, I can attest that the commitment of my colleagues in the Council has been unrivalled.

As we celebrate today, let us remember that graduation is not the end, but the beginning of a new journey. I hope that as you venture into the world, you will use the knowledge and skills you have acquired here to make a positive impact in your communities and beyond. Further, always remember the people who have sacrificed to make you come this far. Remember to touch them in a way that will remind them that their contributions and support to you were not in vain.

Finally, as we look forward to the future, let us continue to uphold the values of Laikipia University. Be good ambassadors of your *Alma Mater* always. To make greater impact, we encourage you to consider joining the Laikipia University Alumni Association (LUAA) through which you can make your contribution to the University's development. Strive for excellence, uphold integrity, and promote innovation.

Once again, congratulations to all the graduates.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Prof. Kibett Rotich, PhD, M.B.S

Professor of Biostatistics and Informatics



It gives me much delight on behalf of the Laikipia University fraternity to congratulate the class of 2023, and welcome guests, parents, guardians and friends to this great institution. The graduands have worked hard to attain this great achievement. Today, we are not just celebrating their academic achievements, but also their personal growth and the valuable experiences they have gained during their stay at Laikipia University.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend all our academic and administrative staff. To our partners, well-wishers, neighbours and stakeholders, I sincerely extend our gratitude to you. We look forward to enhancing and sustaining our cordial relationships.

The growth and development in the University has been made possible through the support of the Ministry of Education and the synergy exhibited in the University Council, the University Management Board, Senate, staff and students. Our university has always been committed to providing quality education and fostering an environment that encourages innovation, critical thinking, and transformative leadership. Being ready to step into the world as professionals, leaders, and change-makers, is evidence of the realization of our vision, '*A University for the valued transformation of society*'. The graduates have not only gained the necessary knowledge and skills to contribute to the realization of the national development goals and agenda, but also imparted with the University's Core Values: **Quality, Integrity and Respect**. These values resonate with the national values that should drive your aspirations as you move out to the world of work.

I am confident that our graduates stand out above their peers in the job market and industry due to the unique knowledge acquired in the course of their studies. The University has experienced a steady growth in student numbers.

Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has increased the number of students placed to Laikipia University from 2528 in 2022-2023 to over 3000 in the 2023-2024 Academic year. Within these numbers, the placement of TVET students is a great indicator that Laikipia University is working towards achievement of national goals and the University's mission. Indeed, Laikipia University is the *University of Choice*.

Remarkable developments and achievements have been realised this year; firstly in terms of **Financial Stewardship**; there has been prudent absorption and expenditure of the allocated funds by the Government. With the increased number of new admissions and the new funding model we anticipate a favourable variance in fee income. For this, we are grateful to the Ministry of Education. Secondly, through our Income Generating Units (IGUs) that is, University Farm (dairy, poultry, crops), Cafeteria, Water bottling, Lease/Rent and the Bookshop, the University

has managed to reduce historical pending bills. However, the institution has accrued additional pending bills to suppliers and part-time lecturers as a result of challenges with our cash flow. It is our hope that these challenges will continue to be mitigated so that we can meet our obligations more efficiently and effectively. In this regard, I request the Government through the Ministry of Education to consider increasing budgetary allocation to Laikipia University.

In terms of **Service Delivery**, Laikipia University has embraced technology by digitalization of citizen-facing services. In a world driven by technological advancement, our institution stands at the forefront, leveraging innovation to enhance the overall experience for our valued members. Through digitalization, we have streamlined processes making them faster, more accessible and tailored to meet the evolving needs of our community.

With regard to the Core Mandate of the University, Laikipia University has achieved several milestones among them; enhancement of Student Completion Rate, Community Outreach Programmes and student mentorship programmes. I note with appreciation that the Division of Academic, Research and Student Affairs held a Research and Innovation Day on 23rd March 2023 on the theme '*Research and Commercialization*' to showcase staff and students' innovations. This was part of Science, Innovation and Technology (STI) and outreach activities.

To enhance collaborations and partnership, the University has renewed its collaboration with Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands and Karlstad University, Sweden. The University has also entered into a new MoU with Alliance of Bioversity International and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). This new collaboration

will help to undertake, Research & Outreach activities, capacity building programmes for both our staff and students and also help in curriculum development. Laikipia University also, has a new partnership with Teaching Through Technology (T3) Alliance.

Through this partnership, the University undertook capacity building in retooling of academic staff in Competency Based Curriculum development and the use of technology in teaching.

Further, Laikipia University signed an MoU with Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) and hosted the KIPPRA Mentorship Programme for Universities and TVETs on the 20th and 21st September, 2023. In collaboration with University Institute of Public Finance (IPF) and Old Mutual, the University also held capacity building workshops for students on public finance decision making process. We continue to work with Cisco and Huawei Academies. Our students have participated in Huawei ICT competition in China and performed extremely well. We continue to work with St. Martin Catholic Apostolate and KALRO among others.

This year, the University held the Cultural week in November 2023. The University also held the 5th biennial International Conference on 24th-26th May, 2023. The conference attracted both local and international delegates with the conference keynote address delivered by Dr. Katrine Soma, PhD, Senior Researcher at Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands; and Ms. Nancy Mudeny Hunt, CEO – NASIO Trust Organisation, Kenya.

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To enhance innovation and commercialization activities, Laikipia University is implementing the Laikipia University Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Mainstreaming

The Academic Division has spearheaded workshops and capacity building programmes for both staff and students to equip them with skills on the public policy making process, role of research in public policy as well as to bridge the gap between academia and industry. These included; training academic staff; International Deans' Course training in Germany 19th-30th June attended by Dean, School of Education; mainstreaming Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education attended by 2 staff from School of Education on the 9th-10th March 2023; International Conference of Chaplains in Higher Education in Malawi attended by the University Chaplain from the 6th-11th August, 2023.

The University has also undertaken several other activities as part of meeting our core mandate which include; trainings to enhance CBC readiness, compliance with government circulars and reviewing a number of our academic programmes, equipping our science laboratories, improvement in the library services, and improvement of student welfare. We have also undertaken major renovations in the students' halls of residence and done installation of Wi-fi on campus and in two hostels outside the campus. Further, we have enhanced the bursary and work-study programmes to assist vulnerable students. I want to thank our Honoris Causa awardee Mohammed Jaffer and the Jaffer Foundation Charitable Trust, Laikipia University Alumni, Laikipia University Students Union (LUSA) and Rattansi Foundation for offering the much needed bursaries for our students. However, much more still needs to be done to help the needy students. Feel welcome to come in and partner with us and make the dreams of these

young stars become a reality.

Institutional Quality Assurance has been enhanced through continued implementation of an Integrated Management System based on ISO 9001:2015 (QMS) and ISO/IEC 27001:2013 (ISMS) Standards.

The University has also developed the Strategic Plan (2023-2027) to chart the University's strategic direction for the next five years, and a productivity management framework to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in University operations.

Amidst all these achievements, we have also faced some challenges. The biggest challenge remains funding. To be able to complete our capital projects and continue running the business of the University successfully, we need additional funding and it is my plea that the Ministry of Education will continue supporting us.

As we look forward to the future, let us remember that learning is a lifelong journey. We look forward to having most of you back here for your postgraduate studies. There is still a lot to glean from the University, this is just the beginning. May you continue to seek knowledge, embrace challenges, and strive for excellence in all your endeavours. Remember, you are not just graduates of Laikipia University, you are its ambassadors too. Carry our vision "*A University for valued transformation of Society*" beyond the gates of Laikipia University to wherever far and wide your destinies will lead you to.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2023! We are proud of you. May you continue to shine and make Laikipia University great!

Merry Christmas.

Thank you.



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Congratulations class of 2023!

It gives me profound pleasure to join you in celebrating this important milestone.

I want to applaud you for making it to the 2023 graduation list. Evidently, it was not easy and we appreciate the effort, the long study hours, and the sacrifices that went into acquiring your degree. This is an outstanding achievement you have accomplished and you will accomplish many more in future.

We hope you enjoyed Laikipia University as your home for the period you have been here. I believe you carry with you unforgettable memories and experiences of a lifetime gained during your stay in the University.

The Division of Academic Research and Student Affairs prides itself in this significant accomplishment. Your graduation is indeed the Division's most valued occasion.

From now on, you become our esteemed member of Laikipia University Alumni. You have gone through the University and I believe you are well transformed to make positive impact in the world of work. Be our ambassadors out there. The Laikipia University label you carry will open great opportunities. Take advantage of them and whenever you are given a chance to perform a task, demonstrate your prowess by being competitive and excellent in what you do. Go out and transform the society with respect, integrity and professionalism.

We release you confident that you are going to make a difference in peoples' lives out there through the knowledge, skills and competencies you have gained.

I am proud and appreciative of the enduring efforts and the continuing support and commitment of our highly qualified staff to mould globally acceptable graduates and citizens.

ABOUT THE ACADEMIC DIVISION

The Academic Division continues to take lead in its Research mandate. To this end, The Division successfully held its **5th Biennial International Conference** between 24th to 26th May 2023. The conference attracted both local and international delegates.

The Division has facilitated publication of peer-reviewed manuscripts through the online publication platform. The two journals; Laikipia University Journal of Social Sciences, Education and Humanities (JSSEH) and Journal of Science and Applied Technology (JSAT) and

are published as open journals. The Second Volume of the LU online journal was published on 23rd June 2023 and next series review publication is in the process.

Innovation and Outreach Activities continue to take centre stage in the University. The Division held a Research and Innovation Day on 23rd March 2023 on the theme '*Research and Commercialization*' to showcase staff and student innovations as part of Science, Innovation and Technology (STI) and Outreach activities. The Division further held a sensitization workshop for staff and Postgraduate students on Intellectual Property Rights on 1st November, 2023.

As part of its outreach activities, the University through its MoU with The Alliance for Bioversity, CIAT, organized a training in December, 2023 for farmers in Rumuruti, Laikipia County on **Climate Smart Agricultural Technologies**. The same training will be extended to farmers in Nyandarua County.

Partnerships and Collaboration for Research and Outreach –The Division has continued to strengthen collaborations, linkages and outreach activities so as to enhance research activities as well as improve the students' industry experience through signing Memoranda of Understanding. In the course of this year, the University has signed MoUs with Teaching Through Technology (T3) Alliance, International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA).

The Division has ensured renewal of the MoUs with Karlstad University in Sweden and Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands.

The Division has enabled the establishment of a repository for staff publications on the University website. Uploading of lists of publications, proposals and innovations on the University Website is done on a quarterly basis.

Academics Activities

The University has successfully implemented an online student admission and registration system.

The division offers a wide variety of programs and has also spearheaded the development of **New Academic Programmes**. Among the programmes developed this year are;

School of Business and Economics

- Bsc in Economics
- Bsc in Economics and Finance
- Msc in Economics
- Msc in Agricultural Economics
- PhD in Economics

School of Science and Applied Technology

- Msc Statistics
- MSc Plant Pathology
- MSc Public Health
- BSc Climate Smart Agriculture
- MSc Geography and Sustainable Resource use

The Division has spearheaded mentorship programmes for both staff and students to equip them with skills on the public policy making process, the role of research in public policy as well as to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

Career Mentorship for High School students - In an attempt to market the University programmes, in February 2023, the Division through the Deans of Schools, conducted Career mentorship to fifteen (15) Secondary Schools in Naivasha, Nakuru County. The Division also organized a career mentorship event for Secondary Schools in Laikipia County and the surrounding community in September, 2023. The Division continues to receive requests from Secondary Schools from within and outside the County for student career mentorship sessions within the University.

The University through the School of Education has conducted retooling of all members of academic staff on Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) to align with CBC reforms. Efforts to **equip the library continue in earnest**. The Division acquired additional resources in form of text books and renewal of subscription to online resources. The University has also acquired Turnitin anti-plagiarism software. The Anti-plagiarism guidelines have also been developed.

The University is in the process of developing a University Anthem and Alumni Pledge of Allegiance – The Anthem is expected to help evoke feelings of patriotism among students and staff, and remind them of their University's glory, beauty and rich heritage. Further, it will emphasize the University's organizational culture as espoused in its vision and mission

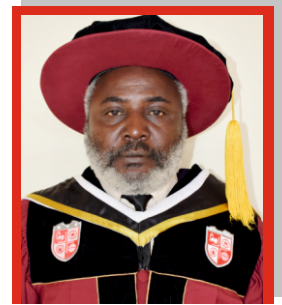
statements The Alumni Pledge of Allegiance is expected to help students and staff to develop a sense of loyalty, respect and belongingness to the University and to develop a sense of unity among themselves.

On behalf of the Division, we once again congratulate the class of 2023 and welcome you to register for our postgraduate studies.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor,
Administration Finance and Planning



On the auspicious occasion of our 11th Graduation Ceremony, I wish on behalf of the Division of Administration, Finance and Planning to convey our warmest congratulations to the 2023 graduands for bringing their four-year journey to a successful finale.

As a Division, we are charged with, among other things, the responsibility of ensuring a conducive learning environment for our students. The University, through the support of Government, has continued to improve the teaching and learning environment by putting in place the necessary human capital and infrastructure. Currently, the University is certified to two ISO standards in Quality Management Systems and Information Security Management System ISO 9001:2015 and ISO/IEC 27001:2013, respectively.

In addition, the University works closely with regulatory authorities to ensure that its programmes meet the requisite quality standards. This guarantees the seamless flow of operations but also that the graduates the University releases to the market are adequately prepared for the increasingly competitive workplace.

As we congratulate our graduates today, we would like to assure them that the University is confident in their preparedness for the challenges of the future. There will be challenges but we encourage the graduates to go boldly into the world.

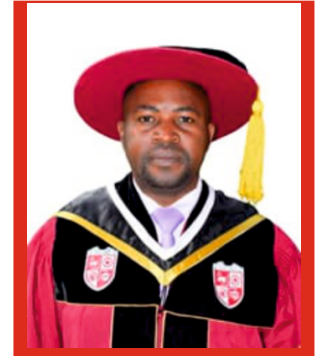
We are confident that what they have learnt over the last four years will not only help them confront whatever challenges but that it has also given them the withal to turn the challenges into opportunities that may propel them into the next phase of their lives. The only thing we ask of our graduates is that you should always be good ambassadors of your alma mater. Please join the alumni association, give back to society, and remember that you must continually re-engineer yourselves if you are to remain relevant in the current competitive world.

Congratulations and best regards!

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Prof. Robert Bisonga Mwebi, PhD
Registrar

On behalf of the office of Registrar Academic Affairs, I wish to convey my hearty congratulations to the class of 2023 for achieving this great milestone. Nelson Mandela once said that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. Arising from the aforesaid wisdom, it is important to note that today's convocation marks the beginning of yet another phase in your life as you join either the world of work or further education. I believe that the University has fully transformed your world view through the academic discourses and interactions over the past four years of your academic journey.



As your Registrar in charge of academics, I am glad to have midwived your transformative journey from the time you joined this University, four years ago, notwithstanding the raft of challenges that you may have faced. Many may have faltered along the way but you remained focused and overcame the challenges to realize your achievements which we are celebrating today. Indeed, the journey was exciting and challenging but nevertheless a rewarding experience. My accolades to you all for making it this far!

I encourage you to join the Laikipia University Alumni Association which provides a platform for networking, sharing opportunities and overcoming challenges. Wherever you will be, always think about connecting to your *Alma Mater* as a way of keeping with the networks you have established over the last four years. Be our good ambassadors and always keep the name of Laikipia University on the map by living in accordance to the Laikipian spirit of transforming the society through value creation.

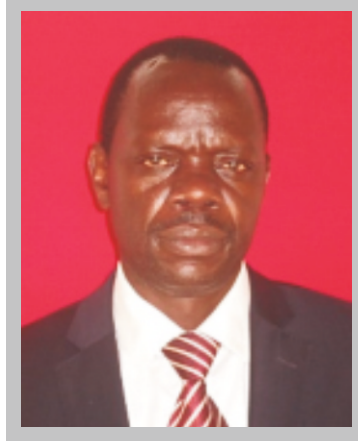
The Office of the Registrar Academic Affairs is committed to continuously implement policies, procedures and guidelines in compliance with set legal and regulatory frameworks for the satisfaction of our clients in order to improve students' life experiences on campus. As such, we always embrace an open door policy in engaging with all our stakeholders and encourage client feedback for continual improvement. Through this initiative, I encourage both continuing students and alumni to be giving us feedback and suggestions on how to improve students' life experience for the betterment of the University.

I thank the parents, guardians and sponsors, without whose support, we would not have any of you seated here to celebrate today.

Finally, I am confident that having gone through this university, you have been effectively equipped with the tools necessary to face the world of work. Once again, Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes in your future endeavors.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL (AHC)

Dr. Hezron N. Nyamwega, PhD, O.G.W
Registrar



It is an honour and a great pleasure to celebrate this important occasion with you; to enjoy seeing the pride on the wonderful faces of both young men and women graduating from our university today: that sense of accomplishment mixed with no small measure of relief too, I am sure. I know that feeling. I wish you every happiness in your well-earned achievement and I hope that you will each rightly celebrate in style.

This graduation only marks a transitional phase of life for all those graduating today. Graduands, we freely let you go in search of fortunes, fame, properties, love, innovativeness and leadership. Always be kind to humanity, do those things that incline you towards the achievement of your dreams.

Laikipia University remains the apex of solutions to the dynamics of the world. The University has continued to heavily invest on the requisite skilled man-power to ensure quality teaching and learning. In supporting the Government's agenda, the

University has offered attachment, internship, and locum programmes to sixty three (63) youths in the last one year as an enabler for gaining practical workplace experience thus, creating a suitable pool of employable candidates.

To the University staff who spent considerable time amidst many challenges to ensure a remarkable graduation, I salute you for your resilience towards this very end.

Once again, allow me to congratulate and celebrate the graduates, parents, guardians and the sponsors who enabled the attainment of the academic advancement witnessed today.

Finally, May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2024.

God Bless Laikipia,

God Bless you all!

THE FINANCE OFFICE

CPA Geoffrey K. Langat
(MBA, BBA, CPA (K))
Finance Officer



On behalf of the entire Finance Department, I would like to congratulate the class of 2023 on this joyous occasion that is the culmination of hard work, resilience, and unwavering determination. I can't wait to hear and see what's next in your life journey. Go into the world and do good so that you can transform the society.

The Finance Department's responsibilities include: collection and management of University fees, payment for goods supplied and services rendered and preparation of budgets and annual financial statements.

I truly wish you the very best in your future endeavours. Always be critical in your thinking and constantly bring your authentic self to every conversation. Let

your dream be your wings to carry you into the future. From when you were a child until today, you have given your family and the society reason to hold their heads up in pride. Take honour in how far you've come and have faith in how far you can go.

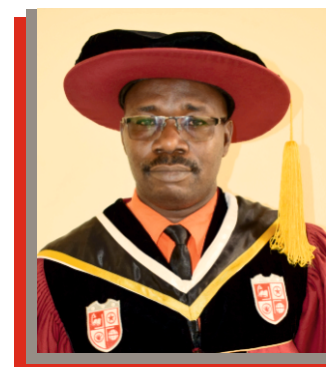
I wish to thank the parents, guardians, sponsors, and the Higher Education Loans Board who guaranteed that your financial obligations were met.

Finance Department is proud to be associated with you; the graduates.

May God bless you all.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Prof. Enos Barasa Mukadi, PhD
Dean



The School of Education is thrilled to celebrate this 11th graduation ceremony with the graduands, their parents, guardians, and invited guests. A special mention is given to the graduands in particular for their diligence, fortitude, self-control, and persistent commitment to clearing their various programmes.

The School is the largest with an enrolment of more than 4000 (four thousand) registered students in various education programmes. This enrollment forms 50% of the University's student

population. The enormous growth in student population is based on the School's popularity that is attributed to the tradition of quality education programmes offered through its two departments namely Curriculum and Educational Management as well as Psychology, Counselling and Education Foundations.

The School envisions itself as an internationally competitive centre for training expert educators, counselors, extension agents for agriculture, and researchers to advance human welfare.

The School offers the following programmes:

The Doctor of Philosophy programmes are:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Education Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Guidance and Counselling

The Master of Education programmes are:

- Master of Education in Educational Management
- Master of Education in Guidance and Counselling

The School trains its students to be flexible, creative, and critical thinkers in addition to providing them with the practical experience necessary to succeed in this rapidly evolving labor market.

The Bachelor of Education Curricula is undergoing review to ensure compliance to the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). In addition, the staff members attend and host international conferences, write books and research articles, and engage in educational research in collaboration with partners

The Bachelor of Education programmes are:

- Bachelor of Education (Arts)
- Bachelor of Education (Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Education and Extension – AGED)
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Development Education – ECDE)

Diploma

Diploma in Education (Arts) programme

Postgraduate diploma

Post graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

The post graduate diploma programme is meant to provide further education and training to those aspiring to be senior educators

throughout the world. As a School, we uphold the values of good governance and make consistent effort to act professionally, while passionately pursuing our vision and mission in the service to humanity.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Dr. Sheila Pamela Wandera-Simwa, PhD
Dean



On behalf of the School of Humanities and Development Studies, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our esteemed graduands upon successful completion of their studies. The school is proud of their achievements, and we are glad to have been part of it.

We pledge to continue supporting them in their endeavours especially to further their studies as they proceed to employment and entrepreneurship.

Vision

A School for the valued transformation of society in Humanities and Development Studies.

Mission

The School will contribute to generating and disseminating relevant knowledge in the Humanities and Development studies through education, training, research, innovation, consultancy and outreach for prosperity and sustainable development.

Aim

To provide education and training in the areas of Humanities and Development studies.

General Objectives

1. To bi-annually develop and offer demand-driven programmes that address market needs.
2. To conduct research and develop outreach programmes to enhance the capacity of local communities in resource utilisation, management and conservation for wealth creation and sustainable livelihoods.
3. To provide opportunities for academic advancement and skills development.
4. To provide opportunities for local and international linkages.
5. To conduct seminars, workshops, and conferences in Humanities and Development Studies and other related areas.

The School was founded in November 2008 as the second Faculty at Laikipia University. It has two academic departments: the Department of Literary and Communication Studies and the Department of Social Studies.

Currently, the school has twenty-four (24) degree programmes. These are.

1. Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
2. Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Security Studies
3. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development
4. Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

5. Bachelor of Arts in Sports Science and Sports Management
6. Bachelor of Arts in Kiswahili and Communication
7. Bachelor of Arts in Communication and English Language Studies
8. Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media
9. Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies
10. Master of Arts in Kiswahili and Communication
11. Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics
12. Master of Arts in Communication and Media
13. Master of Arts in Literature
14. Master of Arts in Religion
15. Master of Arts in History
16. Master of Arts in Community Development
17. Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics
18. Doctor of Philosophy in Literature
19. Doctor of Philosophy in Communication and Media
20. Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
21. Doctor of Philosophy in History
22. Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili and Communication
23. Doctor of Philosophy in Community Development
24. Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Science and Management

The School offers two common core courses to all first-year undergraduate students. These are:

1. Human Rights
2. Communication Skills

There are also standard core courses offered to various departments in the University by the School:

1. Government and Society
2. Law and Society
3. Critical and Creative Thinking
4. Introduction to Sociology

The School offers various diploma and certificate programmes. These are as follows:

Diploma Courses

1. Diploma in Police Science
2. Diploma in Sports Science and Management
3. Diploma in Library and Information Studies
4. Diploma in Community Development
5. Diploma in Criminology and Security Studies

Certificate Courses

1. Short Certificate Courses (modules) for Sports Sciences
2. Certificate in Sports Science and Management
3. Certificate in Police Science
4. Certificate in Public Administration and County Governance

5. Certificate in Community Development
6. Certificate in Library and Information Studies
7. Certificate in French
8. Certificate in Communication Skills for Community Leaders

Proposed Certificate Courses

1. Certificate in Kiswahili & Cultural Studies
2. Certificate in Functional Writing in English
3. Certificate in Theology
4. Certificate in Film and Theatre Arts

The School also offers service courses to the School of Education in various teaching subjects namely English, Literature in English, Kiswahili, History, Geography and Religious Studies.

Currently, the School has a growing student population taking various degree courses as we strive to offer market-oriented courses.

Collaborations

There is a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between Laikipia University and the Administration Police Department of the National Police Service. Under this agreement, the School, on behalf of Laikipia University, offers the following courses to Administration Police Officers: a Certificate in Leadership and Management, a Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership and Management, a Certificate in Police Science, and a Diploma in Police Science. Additionally, the School is developing two programmes: Bachelor of Police Science and Master of Police Science to be offered to the Police Officers.

A First in the World

On behalf of the University, the School offers a course on Human Rights as a Common Core Course for all first-year students. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations sponsored this initiative. In this respect, seven school members went to the University of Cape Town in South Africa for training on Human Rights in August 2013, thereafter, forty (40) more staff members were also trained on the same. Laikipia University is the first University in Kenya, in Africa and in the world to offer a Human Rights course to all undergraduate students regardless of their academic disciplines (non-law undergraduate students). This is a milestone in the history of Laikipia University through the School of HDS.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Poti Owili Abaja, PhD
Dean

On behalf of the staff of School of Science and Applied Technology, it is my pleasure to congratulate all our graduands in the class of 2023!

I am certain, as you look back, you will see that there is a long and wavy path that has led you to this great moment. We know that our graduating class has overcome extraordinary circumstances to forge that path to get to this graduation day.

This is a time for all of us to celebrate and honour your accomplishments. As you move forward into your careers and life-long journeys, remember that learning continues, know that you can accomplish anything, and do great things with the knowledge you have acquired.

You have shown adaptability, resilience and good humor that will stand you in good stead as you begin to chart your professional lives. I know you are headed for great success in the future.

Congratulations on your many achievements and please keep in touch with us!

The School offers the following programmes:

1. PhD Programme

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science

2. Master's Programme

Master of Science in Environmental Science

3. Degree Programmes

- a. Bachelor of Science in Statistics



- b. Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and Technology
- c. Bachelor of Science in computer Science
- d. Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry
- e. Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management
- f. Bachelor of Science in Geography
- g. Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology
- h. Bachelor of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics)

4. Diploma Programmes

- a. Diploma in Information and Communication Technology
- b. Diploma in Analytical Chemistry (KNEC)
- c. Diploma in Community Health and Nutrition
- d. Diploma in Applied Statistics
- e. Diploma in Modern Chemistry Laboratory Technology

5. Certificate Courses

- a) Certificate in Computer Application
- b) Certificate in Science Laboratory Technology
- c) Certificate in Data Analysis
- d) Certificate in Statistical Package (Advanced Excel/TATA/SPSS/Python Programming)
- e) Certificate in Environmental Impact Assessment
- f) Certificate in GIS
- g) Certificate in Yoghurt Production

6. Proposed Programmes for the academic year 2024/2025

- a) MSc. Applied Statistics
- b) MSc. Plant Pathology
- c) MSc. Public Health with Information Technology
- d) MSc. Geography and Resource Management
- e) MSc. Analytical Chemistry
- f) MSc. Information Technology
- g) BSc. Medical Laboratory Sciences
- h) BSc. Climate Smart Agriculture
- i) BSc. Data Science
- j) BSc. Computer, Forensic and Audit

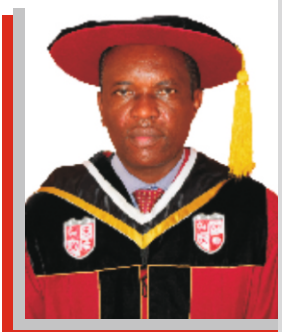
Thank you

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Dr. Peter Mwaura, PhD
Dean

It has been my great privilege and pleasure to get to know many of you students who have carried out your studies for the past four years in the School of Business and Economics. I



I have taught some of you, seen others at various events and activities around the School, and held discussions with many of you. I am glad to report that, as a School we have been deeply enriched by your diverse abilities and healthy interaction in the learning process that have made us all change for the better.

As I release you to the world, I count on you to continue practicing in the community what you have learnt at Laikipia University. I hope you will keep in touch with us to celebrate your every achievement. The sky is the lower limit!

I also take this opportunity to thank all stakeholders; the parents/guardians, sponsors, faculty, non-academic staff and others.

Today, we are very proud of releasing graduates into the job market in the following programmes;

1. Department of Commerce

- a) Master of Business Administration
- b) Bachelor of Commerce
- c) Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
- d) Diploma in Business Management
- e) Diploma in Procurement and Logistics Management

2. Department of Economics

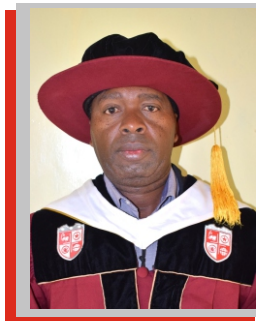
- a) Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics
- b) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics
- c) Bachelor of Arts in Economics and History
- d) Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Sociology

May this graduation day and the work that you have done bring great joy and happiness to you all. I wish you all the best in your careers and entire lives. I believe you will do your best to make us proud that you trained at Laikipia University.

God bless you all!

TVET INSTITUTE

Dr. Alexander Mbeke, PhD
Coordinator



Congratulations to the class of 2023 graduates. We are so proud of you and your achievements and it is our sincere hope that you will make good use of the skills and competencies learnt to innovate, work and create employment opportunities both locally and globally.

In line with the growing industrial demand for technical skilled manpower Laikipia University (LU) established a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institute in September 2021. The institute in line with Government-led initiatives has embraced the Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) approach of training in all of our programs. The Institute is accredited by the TVET Curriculum Development Assessment and Certificate Council (CDACC) and our students are examined by CDACC, KASNEB and KNEC.

The Institute has identified Diploma in General Agricultural and Diploma in Horticultural Production as its niche technical programs. It is indeed a Centre of Excellence.

The Institute offers the following programmes in both Certificate and Diploma levels:

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| 1. Corporate Governance | 9. Medical Laboratory technology |
| 2. Social Work and community development. | 10. Human Resource Management |
| 3. Library and Information Science | 11. Applied statistics |
| 4. Horticultural production | 12. Analytical Chemistry |
| 5. General Agricultural | 13. Nutrition and dietetics |
| 6. ICT Technicians | 14. Accounting Technician |
| 7. Cyber security | 15. Psychology and Counseling |
| 8. Business Management | |

Once again congratulations on your outstanding achievement!



OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Ms Beatrice Yogo
Dean



The Student Affairs Department wishes to welcome you to the 11th graduation Ceremony of Laikipia University. Congratulations to all the graduands. The department is happy to share in your joy as you celebrate the successful completion of your studies. It has been a complex journey with a lot of challenges, ups and downs but by the grace of God you have finally made it!

We are proud to have mentored you in non - Academic areas which indeed have made you holistic persons. The Clubs and Associations, Games, Chaplaincy and Counselling have made all of you much better people who are mentally prepared to face the challenges of the world ahead.

We release you into the world today to go and be part of the society and to contribute to making it a better place. We are confident of the product we are sending to the job market from this graduation ceremony. As you venture out into the society, remember to be good ambassadors of Laikipia University. The University hopes that as you go out you will be responsible Alumni that will give back to your Alma Mater. The greatest gift you can give to society is to give back to society in whichever way you can.

Congratulations once again. May God give you a bright future.

God bless you

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Dr. Peris Kiilu, PhD
Senior Assistant Librarian

Congratulations for having come this far. I appreciate that getting a diploma, a bachelor's, a Master's or a PhD degree requires commitment and dedication to the cause. Hence HONGERA is in order to all of you graduating. You are not only our pride as Laikipia University but also to the Nation, and your communities and families.

Walking with you through your academic journey here in Laikipia was our joy and privilege. Kindly become our ambassadors out there. Those intending to pursue higher degrees are certainly welcome to engage us with us. The Library Department remains committed to ensuring that your information needs are met. We are growing each day as we continue to increase both our print and electronic collections. We have also enhanced our capacity to enable access to our print collection through the Online Public Access Catalogue to facilitate users who visit the library physically and remotely.

We expect to relocate to the New Library early next year (2024) where there will be space to accommodate more users. This will also give us room to be innovative as we seek to enhance the library use and user experience.

On behalf of the Laikipia University Library Department we say **CONGRATULATIONS.**



GRADUATE SCHOOL

Prof. Wendo Nabea, PhD Director

Dear Graduands,

On behalf of Graduate School and myself, I would like to extend my congratulations to you all on reaching an important milestone in your lives. We are privileged and glad to celebrate this special day with you. Laikipia University's experience has definitely been of self-discovery, transformation and achievement. You spent time with fellow students, staff and industry mentors who nurtured you through attachments and internships. I am persuaded that these are memories that you will always keep and cherish for long!

As you celebrate this day, I urge you to pursue your dreams and contribute to society through knowledge and skills accrued at LU. Whether you wish to take your career path or pursue further studies, always be ready to exploit your academic journey at LU and shape the path of life accordingly.

We acknowledge with delight the growing number of international postgraduate students at our institution. The students have helped the University to foster a diverse Campus environment, while enriching it with a variety of cultural perspectives for both students and staff. We also laud the Board of Graduate School for striving to remain accountable to the University Senate through monitoring and making crucial decisions on graduate studies in the University. We would also like to express our gratitude to our regular boards of examiners (internal and external) for



guaranteeing quality in graduate examinations. We are also indebted to the University's Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee for partnering with us in the advisory role on ethical values especially in the conducting research.

About the School

The purpose of Graduate School is to nurture excellence in postgraduate studies, research and other scholarly activities. The School is focused on offering graduate students opportunities to earn post-graduate diploma, Masters and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. We work with other divisions in the University to provide research and service to the community around, the country and the world at large. Graduate programmes at Laikipia University arise from a combination of departmental and schools strengths, consummate lecturers and hardworking students. Our graduate students are expected to develop an excellent grasp of literature in their fields of study, cultivate critical thinking and analytical approaches to knowledge, for application in a professional aura. Our endeavour is to meet the markets demands for postgraduates with the requisite skills and abilities to address needs that are critical to the country and the world.

The Graduate School is regulated through a Postgraduate Studies Policy that sets the guidelines and the standards of service rendered to our postgraduate students, staff and stakeholders. It sets out the principles underpinning the management of admissions, course durations, examinations, proposal

evaluations and examination of theses and/or projects. Through this policy, Graduate School is committed to the provision of quality service to all our clients and stakeholders. This commitment is made possible through the Board of Graduate School whose members are appointed, in accordance with Laikipia University Statute XXI.

As we wish you good luck while you chart your new beginnings, kindly note that we look forward to welcoming you to the Laikipia University Graduate School all the time. We invite you to connect with us through our various addresses including the social media platforms. Once again congratulations, and all the best in your endeavours.

DIRECTORATE OF EXAMINATIONS AND TIME TABLING

Dr. John Wahome, PhD
Director



On behalf of the staff at the Directorate of Examinations and Time-tabling (DETT), I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate our 11th Laikipia University graduands on this momentous occasion.

The Directorate is proud to be associated with your long journey at Laikipia University since you enrolled as callow freshmen to today, when you stand tall and proudly as decorated graduands. This was done by striving to ensure that your examinations were delivered in a timely and secure manner. Your success is indeed the evidence of DETT's critical role in the transformation and growth of Laikipia University students.

Under the direction of the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (ARSA) and constant consultation with the office of the Registrar Academic Affairs (RAA), our job is to produce University Examinations in strict conformity to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) of the University. This long process involves: desk-top publishing, mass duplication, safe-keeping, publishing, disbursing and archiving of all University Examinations.

Additionally, we create the teaching and examination timetables for the University, and oversee the periodic Examination External Moderation exercises, among other assigned responsibilities.

We wish you Godspeed, success and prosperity as you transit into the world of work and public service. Always remember that;

***“God is a sun and shield:
no good thing will he
withhold from them that
walk uprightly.” Psalms 84:11***

Vision: A University for Valued Transformation of Society
Mission: To serve students and society through research, education, scholarship, training, innovation, outreach and consultancy



From right: Registrar Academic Affairs Prof. Robert Mwebi and Deans of School during the Laikipia County Secondary Schools Career Mentorship held at the University's Vision 2030 Hall on 15th September, 2023. Insert: Director TVET, Career Placement, Alumni and External Linkages Dr. Naftal Nyang'ara.



A panel discussion during the Old Mutual and Faulu Bank Financial Education and Career Mentorship forum at Laikipia University on 29th September, 2023.



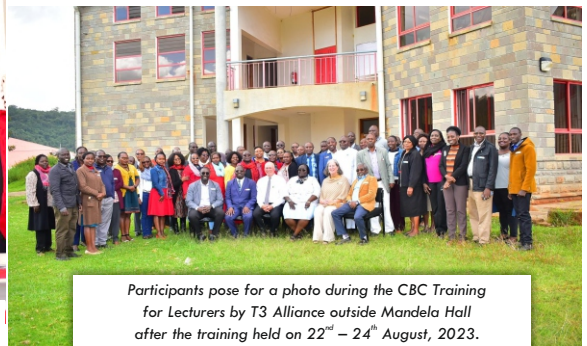
Participants during the Old Mutual and Faulu Bank Financial Education and Career Mentorship forum at Vision 2030 on 29th September, 2023.



Students from Solian Girls High School at the University weather station during the Secondary School Career Mentorship forum at the University on 12th July, 2023.



Laikipia University Vice Chancellor Prof. Kibett Rotich (Middle Right) signs an MOU with T3 Alliance CEO Ms. Roxanne Mourant (Middle left) on 21st August, 2023 at the University Management Boardroom.



Participants pose for a photo during the CBC Training for Lecturers by T3 Alliance outside Mandela Hall after the training held on 22nd – 24th August, 2023.



T3 Alliance CEO Ms. Roxanne Mourant (Middle) plants a tree after an MOU signing between Laikipia University and T3 Alliance on 21st August, 2023. Looking on is the Vice Chancellor Prof. Kibett Rotich (left) and other members of the University Management Board.



Laikipia University study shades donated by the Alumni and Kenya Power.



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DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER

Prof. James Ogola Onyango, PhD Director



Congratulations on your graduation! One of the best parts of being in academics is seeing students achieve one of their goals in life. You are well prepared to face the world and to carry forward the University's mission as an agent of positive social transformation in your communities and in the larger society. We send you out confidently knowing that you are well prepared for the opportunities as well as the challenges ahead. That you are on the graduation list today, is testimony of your hard work and ability to learn and as you go out into the world, I urge you to never lose grip of these virtues. Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

Introduction

As a crucial and core mission of Laikipia University (LU), research is one of the most important duties undertaken by the academic staff. LU is committed to the pursuit of quality and excellence in research performance. Research is central to the realization of the University's vision of valued transformation of society as well as the stated mission to serve students and society through research, education, innovation outreach and consultancy. Established in 2010, the Directorate of Research, Extension and Consultancy create a stimulating environment for students and staff to conduct research, extension and consultancy services that impact positively on the society.

The Directorate is charged with among others:

- i. Strengthening capacity building in research, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)
- ii. Facilitating funding for research
- iii. Motivation of staff and students to conduct research
- iv. Disbursement of research and innovation funds to staff on a competitive basis
- v. Organizing Seminars and Conferences at the University
- vi. Increasing research and funding to income-generating activities (IGAs) aimed at strengthening the University Funds
- vii. Promote University-Community-Industry linkages
- viii. Dissemination of research findings and conference / seminar outputs
- ix. Promoting quality publications in the University supported journals
- x. Human Rights and Gender Mainstreaming

Laikipia University Online Journals Volume I Published

Laikipia University Journal of Social Sciences, Education and Humanities (JSSEH) and Journal of Science and Applied Technology (JSAT) are scholarly and professional journals published by the Directorate of Research, Human Rights and Gender. The journals are dedicated to research outputs. They provide platforms for multidisciplinary and policy related research. They are accessible in the University website at www.laikipia.ac.ke. The journals use Open Journal Systems (OJS) 3.3.0.10, which is open source journal management and publishing software developed, supported, and freely distributed by the Public Knowledge Project under the GNU General Public License. The University has established an Online Journals Publishing Committee to oversee the development of the platform and journal publication management.

DIRECTORATE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND STANDARDS

Dr. Charity Chemnjor, PhD
Director



On behalf of the Directorate of Quality Assurance and Standards (DQAS), congratulations to the graduating class. Your commitment, dedication, and hard work are commendable. Be proud of your achievements and remember those who supported you throughout your academic journey. As both a Lecturer and the Director of Quality Assurance and Standards, I am delighted to have been a part of your lives and journeys at Laikipia University.

The role of our Directorate is to ensure that the education you receive meets high quality standards by ensuring that both Academic and Administrative University Units embrace and maintain Principles of Quality. We achieve this by meeting the standards set by local and international accreditation bodies, ensuring that teaching and learning adhere to these benchmarks, and confirming that the curriculum aligns with relevant requirements.

Laikipia University is committed to review and align the curriculums offered to societal reforms and address the job and market needs. This is done in line with the Commission for University Education (CUE) and the relevant regulatory bodies' requirements for accreditation and compliance to applicable laws.

The Directorate of Quality Assurance and Standards highly values our students and aims to enhance service delivery. To achieve this, we conduct regular audits and surveys to improve customer satisfaction and ensure continual improvement. Our ISO certification places responsibility on monitoring and evaluating our processes, procedures, and policies for adherence. This guarantees the integrity of our systems and ensures that what you have received equips you to face life's forthcoming challenges.

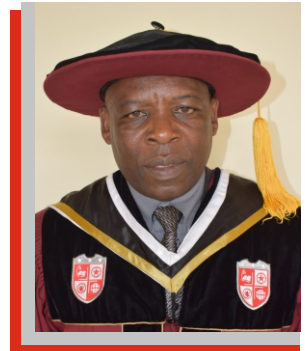
Once again, congratulations on your achievement. I wish you every success as you embark on the next exciting stage of your lives and careers. God bless you all!



DIRCTORATE OF TVET, CAREER PLACEMENT, ALUMNI AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES

Dr. Naftal Michira Nyang'ara, PhD
Director

Graduates, congratulations! As you enter into the new world of networking, collaborations and linkages in search of opportunities during this time when the world has embraced a blended way of doing business, the Directorate of TVET, Alumni, Career Placement and External Linkages welcomes you to utilize the Laikipia University alumni platform as your launch pad to easily connect and network to new opportunities available both within and without during this time when the world is quickly moving to working virtually.



In order to better, operationalize and sustain the university's vision for valued transformation of society, Laikipia University established this Directorate. The core functions include: initiating, promoting, facilitating and coordinating international programs and links, staff and student exchanges and mobility, collaborative research projects and worldwide networking in order to enable our students to be positive change agents in the society. Through this, the University has been able to benchmark with the best institutions in the world of academia and industry on matters of career placement and technical vocational training.

Consequently, we are proud that our students participated in the entrepreneurship Oscars Olympiad 2023 and received various accolades in recognition of their exemplary performance.

The Directorate therefore, recognizes you as one of our very important ambassadors; surely you will be our ears, eyes, hands and advocates to every corner of our planet where opportunities for work or study may arise. As a Directorate, we shall truly remain committed to networking with you as we have always done during your period of study at Laikipia University, likewise we expect you to portray a positive image of our university in various fields of your endeavours.

The office has established academic collaboration with local and foreign universities in form of student exchange programmes and joint research. Additionally, the Directorate has enabled the University develop strong links with industry, Government, universities and research institutions locally, regionally and internationally. Most of these links and collaborative activities are in form of institutional capacity building, research, book donations, joint publications, journals, international and local conferences, workshops, seminars, students and staff exchange and scholarships among others.

Hongera!

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Samuel O. Onyuma, PhD



On behalf of the Directorate, I take this opportunity to congratulate all Laikipia University graduates on this great achievement. The Directorate has continued to play its vital role of coordinating the planning and monitoring of activities in the University. These activities are derived from the Laikipia University Statutes, Strategic Plan, and other Government of Kenya development Blue Prints such as Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, the University priority projects and programmes, whose outcomes are aligned to the University's Core Mandate, Sustainable Development Goals and Higher Education Sector Performance Standards.

The performance contracting system is fully integrated across the university, promoting coordinated development, transparency, accountability and results-oriented performance. Additionally, the Directorate is actively involved in the customizing and mainstreaming of National Cohesion and Values; Disability Mainstreaming; Road

Transport and Safety; Corruption Prevention; Public Complaints and Access to Information; Gender Mainstreaming; Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse prevention; and HIV/AIDS Prevention activities in the University and the surrounding community. We report periodically to state agencies on the progress achieved in the mainstreaming of these activities. In this regard, it is worth noting that Laikipia University earned a top slot in the mainstreaming of national values and principles of governance in the last financial year.

The Directorate is proud to be associated with the achievement of the graduates, and it is indeed an honour to celebrate this occasion with them. As you get empowered and embark on your journey of serving the nation, we encourage you to cherish and uphold the 17 national values and principles of governance as you manoeuvre through your profession. The Directorate would like to challenge you to be good ambassadors of the University and actualize the University's Vision – *A University for Valued Transformation of Society*.

The Class of 2023 is a special class. You have had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and its global impact. Despite this global pandemic, uncertainty in the job market, transition to a virtual reality, and shifts in your academic and personal lives, you all have made it having shown great fortitude, resilience, and perseverance. Take time to celebrate as your hard work and

determination has lead you to this point. You should feel proud of your accomplishments and perseverance in the most uncertain of times. Now is the time to take that same determination and apply it to your next chapter, and seize the future as you venture in a new normal as there are numerous opportunities available to you all.

It has been an honor to see you grow personally and professionally while pursuing your career development here at Laikipia University. All of your hard work and determination has led you to this proud moment in your lives. From all the staff at the Directorate, we say congratulations on your graduation and we are really proud of you, and cannot wait to see all your accomplishments in the next phase of your life. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your journey. Once again, congratulations for realizing your dreams.

Bravo!



Laikipia University Vice Chancellor Prof. Kibett Rotich and KIPRA Executive Director Dr. Rose Ngugi sign an M.O.U during the KIPRA Mentorship Program for Universities and TVETs held at Laikipia University on 20th -21st September, 2023



Members of the University Management board during the Laikipia University 2023/2024 Performance Contract Signing Exercise on 27th July 2023.

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PICTORIAL



Laikipia University ICT Team, Mr. Sammy (Centre) and students participating in a demonstration training at Computer Laboratory during the T3 Alliance Training held at the University from 22nd - 24th August, 2023.



A section of lecturers participating in a group discussion during the CBC Training for lecturers held at Mandela Hall on 23rd August, 2023.



Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration Finance and Planning Prof. Nicholas I. Kamau plants a tree in observance of the National Tree Planting day during the 3-day tree planting exercise held on 15th - 17th Nov. 2023 at the University



A section of farmers from Ndaragwa Sub-county and The University Farm receive PPE Kits from Alliance for Bioversity & CIAT representative Mr. Alex Nderi (Right) during the Environmental and Social safeguard sensitization exercise at the University Demonstration Farm on 13th October, 2023.



Students from Solian Girls High School keenly follow a talk by one of the mentors during one of the mentorship forums at the University on 12th July, 2023.



Laikipia University Students perform a traditional dance during the 2023-2024 Cultural Week event held on 21st to 24th November 2023



Laikipia University is ISO 9001:2015 and ISO/IEC 27001:2013 Certified



DIRECTORATE OF RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND INVESTMENT

CPA Sophia Muchiri
Director

On behalf of the Directorate of Resource Mobilization and Investment, I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to all graduates for their focus, commitment, dedication, and resilience throughout their academic journey at Laikipia University. As you embark on your future endeavors, strive to become exemplary ambassadors of Laikipia University by prioritizing God in every aspect of your life while working diligently towards becoming valuable citizens.

The Directorate of Resource Mobilization and Investment is responsible for securing resources that aid in advancing the Vision and Mission of the University. Recognizing that exchequer funding alone cannot sustain university operations, we have implemented innovative financing options such as establishing the Laikipia University Investment Service to revitalize existing Income Generating Units (IGUs) alongside



creating new ones. Additionally, the Directorate is finalizing plans on establishing the Laikipia University Endowment Fund which will provide support to needy students.

As you prepare to leave this prestigious institution, it is imperative that you actualize our vision by being problem solvers within each sphere of life. It is my sincerest wish that you excel in all your future endeavors.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL SCIENTIFIC ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (LU-ISERC)

Prof. Charles Nguta, PhD
Chairman



On behalf of the Laikipia University Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee (LU-ISERC), I take this opportunity to congratulate all graduands during the 11th graduation ceremony for the successful completion of their academic programmes.

Laikipia University Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee (LU-ISERC) is accredited to operate and conduct ethics

review of research proposals in Social, Biomedical and Environmental Sciences being undertaken by members of Laikipia University who include undergraduate and postgraduate students, the staff, and also the community within the surroundings of the University. Through LU-ISERC, the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Garissa University for affiliation. The University is committed to being in the forefront in ensuring that the country realizes its dream of having research of high ethical standards and seeing to it that all research is conducted in a manner that respects the dignity, rights, and welfare of all participants.

LU-ISERC operates under the umbrella of the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). It is charged with ensuring compliance with all regulations, policies, and standards that concern animal and human welfare. It also engages in monitoring the implementation of approved research, as well as preparing and submitting annual reports to NACOSTI. The Committee shall at all times safeguard the dignity, rights, safety, and pay special attention to investigations that may involve vulnerable groups. In this regard, the Committee shall review all submitted applications in accordance with the procedures established by LU-ISERC. It shall review every research proposal before actual research is initiated. The Committee shall evaluate, with proper justification, all possible risks to participants and subjects, as well as the expected benefits and adequacy of documentation for ensuring privacy, confidentiality and justice issues. It is expected that in the future, the Committee shall develop mechanisms of networking

with other Institutional Ethics Review Committees (ISERCs) within the region and internationally.

We are glad to inform the general public that the LU-ISERC is now fully operational and a number of proposals from students and staff of both Laikipia and other Universities have already been reviewed. We are privileged to have received and reviewed a research proposal from Royal College of Art Kensington Gore, London in collaboration with Dedan Kimathi University. Additionally, we have also received and reviewed proposals from Nairobi University. The committee, in collaboration with Graduate School, held a blended Research Ethics workshop for academic staff and postgraduate students on 29th August, 2023.

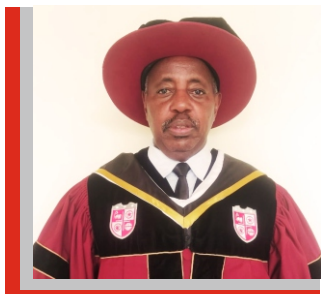
The committee sits every first Wednesday of every month. Applicants are requested to hand in their documents before the 15th day of every month in order to give the secretariat enough time for processing. We welcome all of you to LU-ISERC, we look forward to working with you.

Once again, congratulations to the class of 2023!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024.

OPEN DISTANCE AND e-LEARNING CENTRE

Dr. Isaac G. Gitogo, PhD
Coordinator



Dear Graduates,

On this momentous occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey. Graduating from Laikipia University is a testament to your hard work, dedication, and resilience, and I am immensely proud of your accomplishments.

As Coordinator of Open Distance and e-Learning (ODEL) at Laikipia University, I want to take this opportunity to highlight the exceptional opportunities that Open Distance and e-Learning provides. It is an innovation that offers flexible learning, offering a dynamic platform for students to pursue their education at their own pace, regardless of geographical constraints. The newly established Laikipia's ODeL Centre is determined to empower students with the flexibility to balance their studies with other commitments, providing an accessible path for academic growth.

As you embark on the next phase of your lives, you will have to continue up scaling your knowledge and skills for you to remain relevant in the ever changing global social and economic landscape. Laikipia University ODeL team encourages you to consider the possibilities that our ODeL Centre opens up to you. Whether you are seeking to further your education or acquire new skills, our dedicated team is committed to supporting your journey.

Once again, congratulations on your remarkable achievement. Your success is a reflection of your determination, and I have no doubt that you will continue to excel in your future endeavours.

Best wishes for a bright and fulfilling future!

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

Dr. Alex Kibet, PhD
Ag. Chair of Department

To the Graduating Class of 2023, I am delighted to witness your graduation on this colourful and auspicious occasion. Congratulations to every graduand on this achievement. It has taken strength, perseverance, hard work, sacrifices, courage, commitment, and much more for you to realise this day, we are very proud of you. Laikipia University has taught you to live by good societal principles that are envisaged in our core values of Quality, Integrity, and Respect. These



principles and values form the foundation of your growth and development and will influence the decisions you make and how you influence others. I am confident that your foundation is well laid and you are ready to exploit the opportunities ahead of you. You are indeed seasoned enough for the next phase of life.

The Department of Computing and Informatics within the School of Science and Applied Technology aims to establish itself as a premier department for teaching, research, and community engagement in the fields of Computer Science and Information Technology. This goal is pursued through strategic planning, efficient systems, and processes that harness innovative ideas to generate dynamic outcomes. Recognizing the pivotal role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as a catalyst for socio-economic development, our department is committed to integrating ICT seamlessly into various economic models.

We acknowledge the versatility of ICT, providing practical solutions such as Health Information Systems (HIS), Internet of Things (IoT), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications. These solutions find applications in diverse areas such as smart farming, healthcare, process digitization, and more. Consequently, our department takes the lead in training learners who are poised to assume roles that contribute to the development and implementation of these innovative solutions.

The Department is divided into two sections;

- The Academic Section
- The ICT Section

ACADEMIC SECTION

Academic Programmes

- BSc Computer Science (CS)
- BSc Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Diploma in Information and Communication Technology (DICT)

Proposed Courses

- PhD Information Communication Technology
- MSc Information Communication Technology
- BSc Computer Security Forensics and Audit (BSc. CSFA)

Industry engagement and partnerships

The department acknowledges the significance of industry collaboration in nurturing talent, and we are proud to have established partnerships with the following organizations:

- Huawei Academy - 2018
- CISCO Academy - 2017
- T3 Alliance (Retooling of lecturers, Resources,) - 2023
- Microsoft Academy – 2020
- Zalego – 2019

ICT SECTION

The ICT section operates as a service section with a mandate to address various ICT-related responsibilities for both students and staff. Leveraging Information and Communication Technologies, Laikipia University has undertaken a rapid expansion strategy, aspiring to attain world-class status and broaden its array of service offerings. Initially focusing on enhancing ICT infrastructure, hardware, and administrative systems, the University has evolved to integrate technology for e-learning purposes.

Laikipia University has adopted e-learning through the Moodle platform, marking a significant step in embracing modern educational methodologies. In response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which underscored the importance of technology, the University conducted training sessions for over 100 lecturers on the Moodle e-platform. Furthermore, all incoming students received training in computer literacy, Internet technology, and proficiency in navigating the platform. This strategic approach reflects the university's commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements in education.

Once again, congratulations to the class of 2023.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr. Kennedy K. Maru, MBChB
University Medical Officer



To the class of 2023, hearty congratulations on your graduation! Your journey of success is steadily taking shape; with continued determination and discipline, your dreams will take you to the corners of your smiles and to the highest level of your hopes. You are all stars in the making. Shine on!

The Medical staff fraternity takes this opportunity to wish all our graduands the best in their careers ahead. As you graduate from Laikipia University today, may it mark the beginning of a bright future and a lifetime of fulfilment.

Laikipia University Medical Centre is glad to have contributed to your academic endeavours and ultimate success. As a Level Three (3) and NHIF Accredited Public Facility, the University clinic will always strive to provide quality in-patient, out-patient, emergency care and effective referral services to Laikipia University fraternity and members of the surrounding community.

In addition, the department underscores the need to continually strengthen the provision of preventive services through the Annual Health Week, which entails free Health Education, screening for Non-Communicable diseases including common cancers, Nutritional counselling, Voluntary Counselling and Testing for HIV, Dental and Ophthalmic checkups as well as Mental Health wellbeing services.

Thank you. I wish you good health.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THE LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mr. Jesse Ndegwa Mwangi Chairman



It is both an honor and a privilege to join Laikipia University on the 11th graduation ceremony as the Chairman of the Laikipia University Alumni Association (LUAA) and as a proud alumnus of this esteemed institution. LUAA celebrates this significant milestone in the lives of our graduates.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have brought you to this opportune moment. You have proven that with determination and commitment you can achieve your goals.

Today, I am reminded of the countless memories that bind us all together. From the iconic Lake Chacha to the camaraderie fostered in our hostels, the delectable chapati madondo lunches from Mama Sammy, Antoh, to the contemporary University Business Centre. I am also reminded of our interactions with the dedicated staff members, and the various engagements in sports, clubs, and associations such as the Presidential Award Scheme, the Gender Coffee Hour, and the renowned Division F: all these memories are etched in our hearts. In view of the foregoing, Laikipia University is home and not just a place; it's a feeling and a sense of belonging.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the University Management for nurturing me and countless other alumni. As the Chairperson of the Alumni Association, I am a witness of the University's growth and development. Our association sees a strategic opportunity to foster networks, partnerships, and linkages that propel Laikipia University to visionary heights.

I urge all graduates to preserve the unique relationship between students and staff that defined our days at the University. Accessibility, approachability, and friendliness should remain the hallmarks of Laikipia University.

Laikipia University consistently produces outstanding individuals across various fields. As evidence of our graduates' preparedness for the professional arena, we take pride in the successes of alumni like Prof. Robert Mwebi, the current Registrar Academic Affairs, who undertook his undergraduate studies in Laikipia University. Employers who seek excellence should look no further than the graduating class of 2023.

I urge the graduates to consider advancing their studies in Laikipia University.

The Laikipia University Alumni Association will continue to provide a platform for networking, mentorship, and continuous learning. We believe in the power of collaboration and the sharing of experiences to foster personal and professional growth.

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As alumni, you are now ambassadors of Laikipia University. Carry the values and principles you have learned here with pride. Strive for excellence, uphold integrity, and serve your community with compassion.

In recent years, the LUAA has collaborated with the University in various meaningful endeavours. We have constructed state-of-the-art reading sheds, facilitated mentorship sessions, participated in community initiatives, and awarded student bursaries. Our commitment to enhancing the university experience is unwavering.

As we look ahead feel free to share your ideas and suggestions on how we can best serve you through our LUAA office and follow us on our social media pages for updates and information.

On behalf of the alumni, I welcome all the graduates to the Laikipia University Alumni Association.

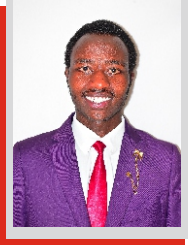
Thank you, God bless you.



A section of the Laikipia University Alumni Association during the Alumni AGM and Fun day at the University, February 2023.

LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Dennis Kipkemoi Tuikong.
Chairman



This 11th graduation ceremony marks a monumental milestone in the journey of each and every graduate of the 2023 class.

We celebrate your achievements and also commemorate the countless hours of hard work, determination, and resilience that have led you to make such a great achievement.

The world that you are about to step into is dynamic, challenging, and full of endless opportunities. As you venture forth, armed with the knowledge and wisdom imparted by our esteemed institution, remember that your education does not end at this level of the academic ladder. It is merely a stepping stone; a foundation upon which you will build the edifice of your future endeavors.

In the face of uncertainty and adversity, always remember the values and principles that Laikipia University has instilled in you. Embrace the spirit of curiosity, the thirst for knowledge, and the willingness to embrace change. Be bold in your pursuits, yet compassionate in your actions. Let integrity and honesty guide all your decisions, and let empathy and understanding be the compass that steers your path.

Remember that success is not solely defined by material wealth or professional achievements, but by the positive impact you have on the lives of those around you and the communities you are a part of. Strive to be the change you wish to see in the world, and let your actions reflect the values of compassion, inclusivity, and respect for all.

As you embark on this new chapter, embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and failures as lessons that pave the way for success. Remember that the journey towards greatness is not always smooth, but it is the trials and tribulations that mould us into being the resilient and adaptable individuals we are meant to become.

Carry with you the memories and experiences from your time here in Laikipia University, cherish the friendships you have formed, and let the lessons learned within these walls guide you in your future endeavors. As you leave this institution, know that you are not alone. You are part of a network of alumni who have walked this path before you, and who are always available and willing to support and guide you as you navigate the complexities of life beyond these gates.

This is the top university among the two universities that exist in the world, that is; “*Laikipia University and others.*”

Congratulations Laikipia University 2023 graduates for achieving this significant milestone. As you spread your wings and soar to new heights, may you continue to make us proud and may your endeavours bring you joy, fulfillment, and prosperity. Always remember, once a part of Laikipia University, you will forever be a part of its legacy. May you go forth and make your mark in the world.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024.
Thank you and May God Bless you all!



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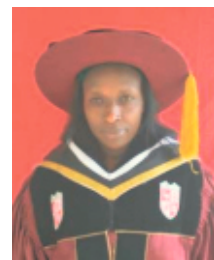
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Dr. Isaac Gitogo, PhD
ODEL

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Mr. Franklin Langat
Ag. Transport Officer



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Legal Officer



Rev. Fr. Dr. Peterson T. Kabugi, PhD
University Chaplain

LIST OF OFFERED ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

BACHELORS

1. Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
2. Bachelor of Agricultural Education and Extension
3. Bachelor of Arts (Communication and Media)
4. Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Security Studies)
5. Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Sociology)
6. Bachelor of Arts (History and Economics)
7. Bachelor of Arts (Peace and Conflict Studies)
8. Bachelor of Arts in English and Communication
9. Bachelor of Arts in Kiswahili and Communication
10. Bachelor of Commerce
11. Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood
12. Bachelor of Education (Arts)
13. Bachelor of Education (Science)
14. Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies
15. Bachelor of Psychology
16. Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry)
17. Bachelor of Science (Community Development)
18. Bachelor of Science (Economics and Statistics)
19. Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)
20. Bachelor of Science (Geography)
21. Bachelor of Science (Information and Communication Technology)
22. Bachelor of Science (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics)
23. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics
24. Bachelor of Science in Utilization and Sustainability of Arid Lands
25. Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Sciences and Technology)
26. Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
27. Bachelor of Science (Statistics)
28. Bachelor of Sports Science and Management

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

1. Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling
2. Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics
3. Master of Arts in History
4. Master of Arts in Kiswahili and Communication
5. Master of Arts in Literature
6. Master of Arts in Religion
7. Master of Business Administration (MBA)
8. Master of Education in Measurement and Evaluation
9. Master of Education in Education Management
10. Master of Education in Guidance and Counselling
11. Master of Journalism and Mass Communication

DOCTORATE PROGRAMMES

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics
2. Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
3. Doctor of Philosophy in Communication and Media
4. Doctor of Philosophy in Community Development
5. Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum Studies
6. Doctor of Philosophy in Education Psychology

7. Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management
8. Doctor of Philosophy in Guidance and Counseling
9. Doctor of Philosophy in History
10. Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili and Communication
11. Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
12. Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Education
2. Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Science and Management

DIPLOMA

1. Diploma in Accounting Technicians Diploma
2. Diploma in Analytical Chemistry
3. Diploma in Applied Statistics
4. Diploma in Business Management
5. Diploma in Christian Ministry
6. Diploma in Community Health Nutrition
7. Diploma in Corporate Governance
8. Diploma in Counseling Psychology
9. Diploma in Credit Management
10. Diploma in Cyber Security
11. Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education
12. Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation
13. Diploma in General Agriculture
14. Diploma in Horticultural Production
15. Diploma in Human Resources Management
16. Diploma in ICT Technician
17. Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication
18. Diploma in Library and Information
19. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology
20. Diploma in Public Relations
21. Diploma in Social Work

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

1. Certificate in Accounting and Management Skills
2. Certificate in Conflict Management
3. Certificate in Primary Teacher Education
4. Certificate in Supply Chain Management
5. Certified Credit Professionals
6. Certified Investment and Financial Analysis
7. Certified Public Accountants
8. Certified Secretaries

National Values and Principles of Governance

- Patriotism
- National Unity
- Sharing and devolution of power
- The Rule of Law
- Democracy and Participation of People
- Human Dignity
- Equity
- Social Justice
- Inclusiveness
- Equality
- Human Rights
- Non-discrimination
- Protection of the Marginalized
- Good Governance
- Integrity
- Transparency and Accountability
- Sustainable Development

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