KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

Transforming Higher Education...Enhancing Lives



49th GRADUATION CEREMONY

FRIDAY 23RD JULY, 2021

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Theme: Promoting Education and Research in a Rapidly Changing World

Congratulations on your Accomplishment



PROF. GEORGE A. O. MAGOHA, CBS,
CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, I congratulate Kenyatta University graduands, staff, Management and Council on the occasion of the 49th Graduation Ceremony.

This year's graduation ceremony is yet again an incredible milestone coming at a time the country is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic. The event if proof that all the measures that the university put in place to ensure continuity in learning and research ere successful. Congratulations to all those who have made this possible.

I urge the university to enhance the innovating approaches, including blended teaching and virtual graduations to ensure that academic programmes progress uninterrupted or even become better.

We will keep monitoring the status of COVID-19 and work with universities to ensure we keep making necessary adjustments whenever it becomes necessary.

I wish to congratulate all the July 2021 Kenyatta University graduands on your remarkable accomplishment. We celebrate your parents, guardians, and friends for their unwavering support throughout your academic career.

The Ultimate Measure of a Students' Success



AMB. SIMON W. NABUKWESI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Graduation ceremonies are the ultimate measure of a students' success. I'm delighted to join the graduands, parents, guardians, and all well-wishers in celebrating this 49th Graduation Ceremony, which is being held virtually.

As an institution of higher learning, Kenyatta University has played a pivotal role preparing students who are ready to respond to national challenges. This includes coming up with a ventilator in response to COVID-19, swabs or innovative students with the next tech gadget that will change the way we live.

As we march towards newly industrialized country status in 2030, I recognize that KU has prepared you holistically for the road ahead in tandem with its core mission, objectives and vision namely: To provide quality education and training; promote scholarship; service; innovation and creativity; and inculcate moral values for sustainable individual and societal development."

I challenge all graduates to apply what you have learned, continue to be innovative and to aim for even higher academic goals in your future careers. Congratulations!

Go Forth and Bring About Positive Change to the World



DR. BENSON I. WAIREGI, EBS
CHANCELLOR

The 49th Graduation Ceremony gives us an opportunity to celebrate your hard work and excellence. Congratulations to all the graduands who have qualified for the conferment of degrees and award of various diplomas and certificates from Kenyatta University. This year, the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic again require us to make changes to how we traditionally celebrate our graduating class. While we cannot laud your many accomplishments and milestones in person right now, we can celebrate them virtually.

Today's event signals a very significant change of direction in your life. You have earned a certificate and also grown intellectually. You have also matured emotionally and socially. Your newly acquired education will serve you well throughout your life, and the Kenyatta University friendships and memories are ones I hope you will return to often.

My considered words of advice to you: pursue your passion; even though the path may sometimes seem convoluted. Work hard, have fun, but remain aware of the unavoidable and perpetual changes in the world around you and the new opportunities they create. Always remain open to new possibilities.

Provide Real Solutions and Transform Livelihoods



PROF. SHEM E. MIGOT-ADHOLLA
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

On behalf of the University Council and on my own behalf, I extend my congratulations to all the graduands of Kenyatta University's 49th Graduation Ceremony. We are here today to acknowledge the great work you have done, to honour you and to send you on your way to the next steps in your life with the blessings and good wishes of the Kenyatta University Community.

I am certain that you have acquired relevant knowledge and skills while at Kenyatta University. With these qualities you are empowered to seek out new opportunities with the confidence that you can contribute, with the knowledge that you are ready, that you can overcome challenges and unexpected setbacks. That is the power of a university education.

As the world continues grappling with the challenges occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic, I am pleased to note that our students have been at the forefront in responding positively and providing solutions to alleviate suffering and transform livelihoods. **Congratulations!**

Council Members



Prof. Shem E. Migot-Adholla
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Ag. Chief Finance Officer

Celebrating Prof. Fatuma Chege



Prof. Fatuma Chege receives a gift from Kenyatta University Chair of Council Prof.Shem Migot-Adholla and The Vice-Chancellor Prof.Paul Wainaina during celebrations to mark her appointment as the new Principal Secretary, State Department for Implementation of curriculum reforms in the Ministry of Education . Before her appointment Prof. Chege served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) at Kenyatta University. She was the chairperson of the CBC task force charged with providing a road map as the country transitions from the 8-4-4 system. Prof. Chege teaches Philosophy and Sociology of Education. She holds a Doctoral Degree in Education with specialization in Gender and Education from the University of Cambridge (UK).

Managing Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on mental health and wellbeing of members of staff and students. The Directorate of Wellness and Rehabilitation services has endeavoured to address these challenges in various ways such as training members of staff and students on matters regarding mental health, stress and stress management and stigma related to COVID-19 among other issues. The Directorate has managed to train both staff and students as wellness ambassadors who are expected to cascade the trainings to their family members, colleagues and fellow students. They are also expected to offer low intensity psychological therapies to colleagues experiencing mild mental health issues and refer the ones requiring more specialized help to the Directorate of Wellness and Rehabilitation Services for professional counseling and/or further referral.

The Directorate has continued to reach out to students during the COVID-19 period through programmes supported by Basic Needs Basic Rights Kenya an external partner who provided the Directorate with five-toll free lines which were used by counsellors to provide tele-counselling. The directorate has also been able to hold webinar sessions for student wellness ambassadors covering various topics related to students psychological wellness.

The Directorate has also ensured that family members of staff who have passed on during this pandemic have undergone debriefing sessions to help in the healing process.

KU and Uppsala University win Ksh 6.8M Research Grant

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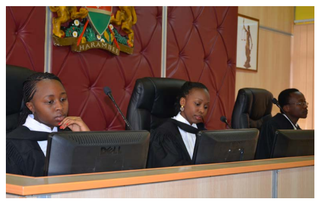
9th Edition of the All Kenyan Moot Court Competition

The School of Law hosted the 9th edition of the All Kenyan Moot Court Competition (AKMCC) on 2nd - 5th June 2021. The annual Conference and Moot Court Competition is organized and hosted by Kenyatta University School of Law students and offers a platform for legal practitioners, industry players and law students from all law schools in Kenya to deliberate and moot on a contemporary legal issue with a view to finding localised solutions.

The theme of the 9th edition AKMCC was 'Combating Corruption for the Highest Attainable Standard of Health in Kenya'. The conference, which was held virtually, brought together the Chief Administrative Secretary Ministry of Health, Dr. Mercy Mwang'ang'i, the Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Governors Health Committee Hon. Sospeter Ojaamong and the Office of the Ombudsman, Commissioner Lucy Ndung'u who provided an appraisal of the Government's efforts towards progressive realization of the right to health in Kenya, in the context of COVID-19. The Conference also brought on board non-state actors, including AMREF, International Justice Mission, Transparency International, IMLU and Amnesty International who pointed out existing gaps in the realization of the right to health.

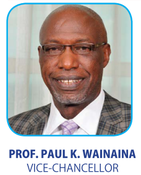
The Moot Court Competition was attended by eleven law schools:

The Competition entailed a hypothetical question on the right to health which the student teams prepared written submissions and made oral submissions before Judges of the Constitution and Human Rights Division. Kabarak Law School emerged the overall winners, with Strathmore Law School taking second position and Kenyatta University School of Law in third position.



Moot Court session at the Kenyatta University School of Law.

Promoting Education and Research in a Rapidly Changing World



PROF. PAUL K. WAINAINA
VICE-CHANCELLOR

To all the graduands, I acknowledge the great work you have done leading to your achievements which we celebrate today. The 49th Graduation Ceremony provides us with an opportunity to recognize your achievements. Though the global COVID-19 pandemic may have disrupted your plans, it certainly did not alter your dreams. You have continued to respond with grace, grit and resilience. I could not be prouder of your ability to adapt and innovate in the face of every challenge that comes your way. You are inspiring examples of Kenyatta University who lead on!

The theme of this year's Graduation Ceremony: **'Promoting Education and Research in a Rapidly Changing World'**, speaks to the various interventions the University is involved IN to address global challenges. The University seeks to promote thoughts, philosophies and interests through research, scholarship and collaborations. As a university, we remain committed to addressing the changing world by intensifying efforts towards academic excellence. These will be achieved by strengthening our Vision and Strategic Plan through continuous monitoring and evaluation to realize our commitments.

To all the Graduands, you have proved yourself equal to the task of fulfilling degree requirements at one of Kenya's finest universities. You have made a lasting and powerful statement about your character. Now go forth into the market with confidence. **Congratulations!**

CLASS OF 2021

	Programmes	Numbers
1	PhD	71
2	Masters	403
3	Postgraduate Dip	34
4	Bachelors	5797
6	Diplomas	395
7	Certificates	46
	Total	6746

Congratulations

KUSA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo 2021

The KUSA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo 2021 was held on 4th March 2021 at Business and Students' Services Centre, where various Innovations from the different Schools were showcased. There was a pitching session where different solutions geared towards solving various problems were presented. The brilliant participants strived to outdo each other and in the process came up with various high quality innovative ideas. The Judging Panel included team leaders of successful start-ups and technical mentors at Chandaria Innovation Centre.

The awards ceremony was held on 9th June 2021 and was attended by the Registrar Research, Innovation and Outreach (RIO), Prof. Vincent Onywera and the Director Innovation, Incubation and University Linkages, Dr. George Kosimbei. All the projects were given incubation opportunities where the top innovations received a shield and prize money.

Kenyatta University takes this opportunity to congratulate students and staff working on innovations and encourages them to commercialize them for the good of the society.

Jicho Smart By Derrick Ngigi **Shield and Kshs: 5,000**	**1st Runners Up: Innovations Poultry Cake** By Berryl Nyabok **Shield and Kshs: 3,500**	**2nd Runners Up: Innovations Microwings** By Emmanuel Mwaniki **Shield and Kshs: 2,000**
Winner: Art Exhibition Mary Wambui **Shield and Kshs: 5,000**	**1st Runners Up: Art Exhibition** By Yvonne Okumu **Shield and Kshs: 3,500**	**2nd Runners Up: Art Exhibition** By Kennedy Munya **Shield and Kshs: 2,000**



Modern Competencies for Academic Teachers Project

The Modern Competencies for Academic Teachers Project in the School of Education started in 2018. It is coordinated and implemented by the Department of Educational Communication and Technology. This is a consortium of 8 universities including KU, the only university from Africa, under Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) fund. Ten online courses have been developed for university lecturers, to provide pedagogical and technological support, especially for those who did not have initial training in pedagogy and those who need retooling. The project covers online teaching and training, development of interactive course materials and uploading of content on the online MOCAT Moodle Platform.

Bukura Agricultural College Books Donation



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor hands over books to Bukura Agricultural College Acting CEO Mr. Paul K Njogu. Kenyatta University donated 209 copies of Agriculture and related books from the Post Modern Library on Friday 4th June, 2021 to Bukura Agricultural College. The college provides middle level training in agriculture and related fields and was started in 1974.

Research Study on Transitioning from Academia to Industry

The Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor's Research Grant supported a team of researchers carry out a study in response to numerous complaints from industry decrying the failure by job applicants to communicate effectively in job application letters (JALs) and curriculum vitae (CVs). The Principal Investigator, Dr. Phyllis Mwangi, worked with 5 other researchers namely Dr. Esther Mbithi, Dr. Adelheid Bwire, Dr. Purity Nthiga, Dr. Gatitu Kiguru and Dr. Caroline Mutwiri from: Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages; Education Communication Technology; as well as Library Science and Information. The researchers set out to examine whether the curricula and the syllabi, teaching materials, the actual teaching, and samples of CVs and JALs met the expectations of industry.

The researchers administered questionnaires to final year students in tertiary institutions in Kenya. They also observed lessons in which JALs and CVs were being taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions. In addition, they interviewed teachers, lecturers, curriculum designers, material developers and Human Resource Managers.

The findings of this study suggest discrepancies between the different players, leading to a weak link between the process; the product of teaching; and the expectations of industry.

So far, the research findings have been disseminated in the electronic media and in a workshop at the Kenyatta University Conference Centre on Friday 28th May 2021. The project has also created potential collaborations with external organisations.



A team of JALs and CVs researchers and research assistants during a dissemination workshop at KUCC.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science



Prof. Jane Catherine Ngila, Acting Executive Director, the African Academy of Sciences, adresses participants during International Day of Women and Girls in Science held at Kenyatta University.

Kenyatta University, Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, in collaboration with Kenyatta University Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) club and the office of the Gender Secretary Kenyatta University Students Association (KUSA), celebrated the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** on **Thursday, 11th February 2021**.

The celebration is a reminder that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology, strengthening their participation. This year's theme was 'Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19.

Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, noted since some gender barriers are sometimes invisible, thus dangerous, the struggle for women and girls' liberation remains urgent. He assured the University community that through the Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, that Kenyatta University would continue striving to minimise socio-cultural, institutional barriers and stereotypes that disadvantage girls and women in STEM.

Current statistics show that girls' low enrolment in STEM subjects at high school and university levels and a low completion rate of **11%** by females compared to **21%** by males at the university level. These circumstances deny women chances of securing lucrative jobs in technical careers like engineering.

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Jane Catherine Ngila, the Executive Director, The African Academy of Sciences spoke on the theme: **Innovation and Technology in the New Era.** Prof. Ngila stated that other skills are needed for the future apart from science and technology. Human skills like creativity, leadership, responsible citizens and empathy will also be in demand.

Cutting-edge Training and Advancement in Security Studies

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