**Our Vision**
To be a dynamic, inclusive and competitive centre of excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

**Our Mission**
To provide quality education and training, promote scholarship and innovation for sustainable individual and societal development.

**Our Identity**
A community of scholars committed to the generation and dissemination of knowledge and cultivation of creativity for the welfare of society.

**Our Philosophy**
Sensitivity and responsiveness to societal needs and the right of every person to knowledge.

**Core Values**
- Truth
- Moral Integrity
- Excellence
- Democracy
- Creativity
- Corporate Governance
- Self-Reliance
- Institutional Culture of hard work
- Innovation
- Competitiveness
- Quality & Relevance
- Academic Freedom
- Equal Opportunity
- Respect for diversity
- Professionalism
Renowned fountain of knowledge
Well of learning experience
A bubbling spring of wisdom
A promise of a better tomorrow

A granary of higher education
Seat of literary flowering
Enhancing national culture
Illuminating our future

A beacon of national pride
Tower of learning might
A star shining bright and clear
Ensuring a richer posterity

Kenyatta, Kenyatta
Oh Kenyatta, our nation’s star
Kenyatta our nation’s pride
Kenyatta, the university of our time
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The Editorial Team of the December 2023 Graduation congratulates all our graduands as we celebrate their achievement in this December 2023 Graduation Ceremony. I am delighted to highlight some of the achievements of Kenyatta University since we congregated last on 21 July, 2023.

On 24 and 25 August, 2023, the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Kenya Chapter, in collaboration with various youth organisations and with the generous support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other partners, successfully hosted a two-day Youth Leadership Transformation Summit on Climate Change at Sarit Centre under the theme ‘Meaningful Engagement and Empowerment of Africa’s Youth for Climate Action’. The summit was aimed at preparing and mobilising youth for the inaugural Africa Climate Summit which was held from 4 to 6 September, 2023.

In response to the burgeoning demand for proficient Chinese language professionals, the Confucius Institute at Kenyatta University has worked hard to develop curriculum for the soon to be launched (in the 2024/2025 academic year) B.A/B.ED degree programme in Chinese Language and Culture. A pivotal moment for the Institute occurred in June, 2023 when it hosted the President of Shandong Normal University, (the Institute’s partner University) accompanied by the Governor, Shandong Province of China. The visit culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the development and roll-out of Chinese Language and Culture master’s programme.

The Talloires Network of Engaged Universities, in collaboration with the Mastercard Foundation, presented Kenyatta University with a prestigious plaque in recognition of its steadfast support for the Next Generation Leaders initiative. The award was officially handed-over to Prof. Paul K. Wainaina - Vice-Chancellor on 20 November, 2023 by Kenyatta University student Ms. Halima Dolif.

The recent success at the Kenya Film Summit further underscores Kenyatta University’s prowess in the creative field. During this national event held at the Multimedia University, our students showcased exceptional talent and creativity, securing an impressive 17 out of 22 awards. This remarkable achievement not only sets a standard for the University but also reflects the Department of Communication, Media, Film, and Theatre Studies’ commitment to deliver high calibre training.

On the research front, the 1 Cancer Research Symposium was held from 6 to 8 December, 2023 at the International Language and Culture Centre in the main campus. The symposium aptly themed ‘Capacity Building for Molecular Cancer Research & Care in Kenya’ aimed to spur innovative thinking and foster collaborations to tackle Cancer in the region and beyond.

Dear graduands, the highlights of Kenyatta University’s staff and students are a testament that you have been educated and trained at the heart of academic and research and that you will be a force to reckon with in your chosen careers.

On behalf of the Tribune Editorial Committee, I applaud all our Class of December 2023 graduands for having surmounted numerous challenges, key among them economic hardship, to emerge triumphant. The First Class Honours and the Ph.D graduands deserve special mention for their indefatigable efforts that will today see them graduate at the top of their respective categories. Once again, congratulations to the class of December, 2023!
Dear graduand, it makes me delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to you on this meticulous occasion. Today, we gather to celebrate your phenomenal achievements, and dedication as you sally forth into a new phase of your life.

This day constitutes the culmination of years of unwavering commitment to your studies. You have not only successfully completed your academic journey, but you have also demonstrated great strength of character and determination, a testament to your proficient potential.

As Chairman of the Council, I am profoundly proud of your accomplishments that are being displayed today. This day reflects your individual intellectual growth, and the expertise of our faculty along with the support of your loved ones who have been benevolent throughout your academic pursuit.

Kenyatta University has equipped you with practical knowledge, expertise, and the ability to adapt to the ever-changing world around you. As you prepare to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, remember that the core values and principles instilled in you during your time at the University will serve as a compass to you as you make impactful decisions.

The world needs an individual like you - someone who is not only well-informed but also compassionate, innovative, and eager to make a positive difference. Your graduation is not the end, but a new beginning, a chapter in your life where you can continue to learn, grow, and contribute to society.

I encourage you to remain curious, open to new ideas, and committed to lifelong learning. As William Arthur Ward, a motivational writer stated in his book: ‘Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning,’ Let your enthusiasm guide you toward new horizons. Go forth into the world and embark on your professional journeys. I am fully confident that you will bring pride and honour to yourself and the team players contributing to your success.

As you toss your cap into the air, may it carry with it the dreams and aspirations that have fueled your journey. You have laid a foundation for prosperity. May the road ahead be paved with exciting opportunities and the fulfilment of your deepest ambitions.

The Kenyatta University family is proud of you and we wish you God’s blessings as you explore opportunities. Caps off to you, dear graduand of December 2024!

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~ William Arthur Ward
Dear grad-uand, to-day, you’re not just receiving a conferment; you are gaining a canvas on which to paint your dreams on. Your education is a powerful brush, and your potential is a masterpiece. The academic progression leading up to this day has been marked by numerous challenges and triumphs. Your presence here, today, is valid proof to your unwavering commitment to education. Congratulations to you!

Bear in mind that the cap you wear is not merely an accessory. It represents the transformation you have undergone during your educational cycles here at Kenyatta University. You have not only broadened your pragmatic minds, but also developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that will serve you well as you step into the workforce and in the years to come.

I can confidently state that your time at Kenyatta University has been promulgated by the academic rigour of our programmes, values and ethos that we hold dear.

Our institution prides itself on nurturing holistic individuals, as yourself, who are not only academically proficient, but also socially conscious and ethically responsible. I encourage you to carry these values dearly with you.

The world is undergoing rapid transformations; you are entering a dynamic and ever-evolving landscape. The skills and knowledge you have gained during your time at Kenyatta University will be your most valuable assets as you navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Embrace change, be adaptable, and continue to learn and grow throughout your lives.

Your graduation today also comes with a profound responsibility. You are not just the future leaders of your chosen field. You are an agent of positive change in society. I urge you to actively participate in building a better future for all. Whether it’s in your professional career or as an active citizen, your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of our communities.

As you move forward, remember that success is not measured solely by material wealth or personal achievements. The idea of true success, as evoked by the late US President George H. Bush, is about making a positive impact, being compassionate, and contributing to the greater good. Be your best and rock out wherever you are. I encourage you to purpose to be leaders who are not only successful in their careers but also champions of social justice, environmental sustainability, and equality.

I express my utmost pride in your accomplishments and my belief in the bright future that awaits you. Kenyatta University will always be your academic home, and we are excited to see you flourish in your chosen pathway. Cherish the memories you have created here, and remember that you are part of a larger Kenyatta University family.

Step out with brilliance. The tassel was indeed worth the hassle. Congratulations once again!
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At the helm of this prestigious institution is the Vice-Chancellor’s Office. Tasked with overseeing the University’s strategic initiatives and ensuring the fulfilment of its educational goals, the Vice-Chancellor’s office plays a critical role in shaping the future of Kenyatta University. Here, we explore the multifaceted functions of the Vice-Chancellor’s office, delving into its mandate for providing quality education and training, promoting equity, diversity, and inclusivity, and aligning with the 2016-2026 strategic vision plan.

At the core of the Vice-Chancellor’s mandate is the commitment to providing quality education and training to students. This involves continuous efforts to enhance the curriculum, invest in cutting-edge educational technologies, and foster an environment that encourages critical thinking and innovation. The office collaborates with academic departments to ensure that courses are relevant, up-to-date, and in line with industry demands, preparing students for the challenges of the modern workforce.

The Vice-Chancellor’s office is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and diverse learning environment. This includes implementing policies and initiatives that promote equal opportunities for all students, regardless of their background. By embracing diversity, Kenyatta University ensures that students learn in an environment that reflects the globalised world they will enter upon graduation. The office actively works towards breaking down barriers and creating a campus culture that celebrates differences.

The Vice-Chancellor’s office serves as the driving force behind Kenyatta University’s 2016-2026 strategic vision plan. This comprehensive roadmap outlines the institution’s goals and aspirations for the next decade. The office is responsible for aligning the university’s activities with this vision, ensuring that each milestone is met. This strategic plan encomasses academic excellence, research prominence, and community engagement, reflecting the university’s commitment to holistic development.

Recognising the importance of real-world connections, the Vice-Chancellor’s office actively cultivates collaborations and partnerships with industry-based organisations. These relationships provide students with opportunities for internships, practical experiences, and exposure to the latest industry trends. Such partnerships contribute to the university’s mission of producing graduates who are not only academically proficient but also well-equipped for the challenges of their chosen professions.

Improving and modernising the campus infrastructure is a key focus of the Vice-Chancellor’s office. This includes projects such as the construction of a link road connecting the Confucius Institute to enhance student access. By investing in state-of-the-art facilities, the university aims to create a conducive learning environment and position itself as a hub for academic and research activities.

The Vice-Chancellor’s office plays a pivotal role in promoting a vibrant research culture within Kenyatta University. It supports faculty and students in their research endeavours, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and seeks to address societal challenges through innovative solutions. The office is instrumental in fostering outreach programs that connect the university with local and international communities, contributing to the public good.

In addition to academic pursuits, the Vice-Chancellor’s office recognises the importance of extra-curricular activities in a student’s holistic development. It supports and promotes performing arts and sporting excellence, providing students with avenues to showcase their talents. This commitment extends beyond the classroom, nurturing well-rounded individuals who can excel in various aspects of life.

The Vice-Chancellor’s office at Kenyatta University serves as the engine that drives the institution towards academic excellence, equity, and inclusivity. With a focus on quality education, strategic planning, industry partnerships, infrastructure development, and a commitment to research and outreach, the office is at the forefront of shaping the university’s future. As Kenyatta University continues to evolve, the Vice-Chancellor’s office remains steadfast in its dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.
Providing quality training, advocating for inclusivity, equity, academic freedom, quality and relevant education, and fostering partnerships and collaborations are a few of the Division’s core mandates. More fundamental objectives are highlighted below:

**Surging Student Population**

The Academic Division has successfully coordinated the admission and registration of over 12,000 students during the recent September 2023 intake. This remarkable increase, compared to the previous year, highlights the University’s dedication to providing quality education and expanding access to a diverse student body.

**Conformance Management in Academic Programmes**

Continuing its commitment to enhancing access to higher education, the Division successfully registered its Mombasa, Nakuru, and Kitui campuses as Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres. This strategic move aligns with the University’s vision of being a competitive centre of excellence through implementing TVET programmes and further diversifying educational offerings.

Additionally, the Division is actively engaged in capacity building for staff in the implementation of Competency-Based Education (CBE). The School of Education and Lifelong Learning has taken the lead by integrating CBE into its curriculum and teaching, setting the stage for a comprehensive shift in educational paradigms.

**Augmenting the Academic Experience**

a. Guided by the strategic objective of training, the Academic Division, through the Directorate of Career Development & Mentoring Programmes, registered and assigned mentors to over 2,300 student mentees across the main and satellite campuses. The mentorship workshops held in August and September 2023 underline the University’s commitment to nurturing future leaders.

b. In a gesture of inclusivity and support, the University, through the Confucius Institute, received scholarship cheques worth USD 9,880.00 from the Chinese Embassy. These scholarships were earmarked for 10 needy students, furthering the University’s commitment to providing financial assistance to students facing challenges.

c. Concurrently, the Class of ‘99 exemplified the spirit of giving back by providing scholarships to needy students. This act of generosity reflects the enduring bond between the University and its alumni.

d. The 2023 KUSA elections witnessed active student participation in choosing their representatives. The 19th KUSA Congress resolved to increase support for needy students through the Somesa Mwenzako and Inua Mwenzako programmes, reflecting the University’s dedication to student welfare.

**Internationalisation through Strategic Partnerships**

Kenyatta University has fortified its global presence through over 400 strategic collaborations. Between July and September 2023, the University partnered with institutions such as Blue Grass Community College, University of Arkansas, Harper University, Black Women in Engineering, and University of Sussex. These collaborations contribute to the diverse international student body, with over 1,000 students from 60 nationalities.

**Co-curricula Empowerment**

a. Kenya Inter-patrol Scouts Competitions: The Kenyatta Panthera Rover Scouts displayed excellence by securing the first position in both male and female categories during the Kenya Inter-patrol Scouts Competitions held in July and August 2023.

b. World U-20 Rugby Tournament: The University’s selection as a sports training centre during the World U-20 rugby tournament marked a significant moment, hosting international teams from the USA, Spain, and Scotland.

c. FISU Football World Cup: The men’s football team represented Africa in the Federation of International University Sports (FISU) football World Cup in China, ending in the fifth position among 12 competing teams from six continents.

d. UHAI FESTIVAL: UHAI FESTIVAL, organised by Signs Media Kenya Limited, was a sporting event for students with disabilities. Kenyatta University actively participated, taking 52 students, 5 volunteers, and 1 staff member to the event, demonstrating inclusivity in sports.

**Active Recognition of Educators**

Celebrating the invaluable contribution of teachers, the Division, through the School of Education & Lifelong Learning, in collaboration with staff and students, marked World Teachers’ Day with a spirited march around the campus. Kenyatta University, being the first institution in the country to train teachers for post-secondary education, takes pride in its role as a leading institution in nurturing skills and producing human resource for educational institutions in Kenya.
The Division of Administration and Finance is charged with the responsibility of the day to day running of the administrative functions in the University. Some of the Administrative functions include:

Recruitment and Placement Training and Development Appraisal and Promotion Disciplinary Matters Medical Services Staff Housing Transport Services Union and Legal Matters Registry Administration Central Services Security Directorate of ICT Services Telephone Services ICT Services

The Division is also charged with the following responsibilities:

◉ Spearheading the development of physical infrastructure in the University to ensure that the University has the required facilities to run its functions smoothly.

◉ Ensuring sound and effective financial systems, policies and procedures within the University are well.

The division has undertaken the following activities:

- Upgrade power cable supply for Hostels and old Administration
- External painting at parklands school of law.
- Overhaul and automation of BSSC generator and transport Yard
- In support of research, the division is currently refurbishing the USAID HERO project offices based at Main Campus, Mombasa Campus and Eldoret Campus.

Cognizant with the Presidential directive on the National tree restoration campaign, Kenyatta University is tasked with planting 90,000 tree seedlings in the financial year 2023/2024.

As part of meeting the target, the University through administration and finance division has planted a total of 17,500 tree seedlings as at 22nd November, 2023 at Kenyatta University main campus, North Coast Beach Hotel, Kifui campus, Mombasa campus, Ruiru campus.

The tree planting and growing exercise will be continuously carried out on a monthly basis to ensure that the University achieves its target of Ninety (90) thousand trees.

In a bid to empower and equip staff with the requisite knowledge on performance appraisal, the department carried out sensitization trainings from 19th to 27th October, 2023 to all non-teaching staff members on permanent, contract and temporary and their supervisors across all University campuses to enable them set targets that are measurable and achievable.
Through the Division of Research, Innovation and Outreach, the University in this 1st half of 2023/2024 rolled out a series of research capacity building opportunities aimed at developing research skills that complement researchers’ expertise in their respective disciplines, ultimately enabling them to undertake and disseminate high-quality research efficiently, effectively and with increasing independence.

Capacity building workshops offered include:

1. Results Based Framework Approach to Proposal Development - which sought to sharpen the skills of researchers in articulating outcome statements; and deepen the understanding of the participants on the link between theory of change and results based framework.

2. Science, Technology and Institution (STI) Mainstreaming Sensitisation - that sought to emphasise STI mainstreaming for sustainable development.

3. Strategies for Writing a Winning Grant Proposal: Budgeting Process - which focused on key components (cost items) in a typical budget allocation of funds to project activities, aligning budget to project timeline and handling other costs, co-funding, administration costs, in-kind contributions, among others.

4. Making your research publishable: Identifying common reasons for rejection in reputable journals

5. Integrating Innovation and Product Development in Research - which reviewed good practices to enhance innovation and also explore where and how to anchor product development in the design of research projects

6. Creating Effective Linkages with Industry - a three-part workshop that aimed at strengthening the capacity of researchers and departments to establish robust and impactful connections with industry in the diverse sectors. The sessions covered

- Policies and legal issues in industry relations
- Market and niche analysis for effective industry engagement
- Branding for visibility

The evolving demands for research training are indicative of broader transformations in the global and domestic contexts in which research and research training are conducted. The pace of change in research has been notable in recent years, with substantial variations in the breadth of human and physical resources required to maintain a competitive edge in research initiatives.

Specifically, collaborative and multidisciplinary research settings are becoming more crucial than ever before, as research challenges are becoming increasingly intricate, transcending the capabilities of individuals, groups, institutions, and, in many cases, countries.

The University is cognizant of the need to continually be intentional and purpose-driven in its efforts to increase the capacity of its researchers to undertake and use research to generate development outcomes.

Furthermore, the distinctions between research and its practical applications are diminishing, enhancing the exposure of researchers to the business realities of product or process development, along with the intellectual property and financial frameworks that surround these activities.

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Communication dynamics are rapidly evolving. Social media, a public relations tool, has emerged as a transformative force, breaking down barriers and connecting diverse audiences. For parastatals, especially educational institutions like Kenyatta University, the recognition of social media’s pivotal role in communication is becoming increasingly evident in this article. We explore the significance of social media, specifically its utility in communication and online communications management within the higher education landscape.

Social media platforms have become indispensable tools for organisations, and Kenyatta University is actively leveraging their potential. Platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram offer immediacy, allowing the University to swiftly share timely information about academic programmes, events, achievements, and critical updates with a broad audience. This proactive approach ensures that students, staff, and the public are well-informed.

Moreover, these platforms serve as dynamic two-way communication channels. Kenyatta University engages its audience on social media, fostering a sense of community and transparency. Addressing feedback, responding to queries, and resolving concerns in real-time creates an interactive space that strengthens the connection between the institution and its stakeholders.

Beyond conventional platforms, innovative channels like WhatsApp and TikTok are employed as promotional tools. Here, the University showcases its achievements, highlights faculty expertise, and portrays vibrant campus life. This not only bolsters the institution’s reputation but also attracts prospective students and partners.

In the realm of higher education, effective online communications management is paramount, and social media provides a dynamic platform for achieving this. Kenyatta University recognises the need for a strategic approach to online communications to engage its diverse audience effectively.

A critical aspect of this strategy is crisis management. Social media empowers the University to address concerns swiftly and dispel misinformation during challenging times. Maintaining an active online presence enables Kenyatta University to control the narrative and provide accurate information to the public.

Furthermore, the University harnesses social media for academic purposes. Faculty members utilise platforms like LinkedIn and ResearchGate to share research findings, connect globally with peers, and participate in academic discourse. This not only enhances the University’s academic standing but also contributes to the broader knowledge-sharing community.

In conclusion, the integration of social media into the communication strategies of parastatals, exemplified by Kenyatta University, is imperative for staying relevant in the digital age. The platform’s multifaceted utility in disseminating information, engaging stakeholders, managing crises, and enhancing academic visibility underscores its integral role in the modern communication landscape. As Kenyatta University continues to embrace the power of social media, it not only enhances its communication effectiveness but also sets a precedent for other institutions navigating the ever-changing currents of the digital world.

Highlights

Harnessing the Power of Social Media in Shaping Modern Communication Strategies
Kenyatta University Department of Fine Art and Design collaborated on a joint exhibition with the Department of Design of the Technical University of Kenya under the theme: ‘Exploring Virtual Culture’ (EVC). The exhibition was held from 25th - 27th July 2023 at the Kenyatta University Fine Art Gallery. The theme of the exhibition revolved around storytelling of gender related issues through visual interpretation of experiences, reflections, and occurrences.

The exhibition featured paintings and design-related work, which involved peers from institutions such as the University of Nairobi and the National Museums of Kenya. It was followed by a digitised version of the same to mount a virtual exhibition which was subsequently held in South Africa in September 2023.

This virtual exhibition culminated in the publication of a booklet of the proceedings and a catalogue of displays including students’ profiles. The students shared their experiences and scholarly approaches to creative thinking and were exposed to creative dialogues within the body of artists under the EVC project.

Additionally, staff from the Department also travelled to the Academy of Art in Szczecin, Poland, in June 2023. Kenyatta University and The Academy of Art in Szczecin have an active Memorandum of Understanding. The mobility was a secondment of the Transcultural Perspectives in Art and Art Education (TPAAE), funded by the European Union under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) Fund.

Transcultural Perspectives in Art and Art Education (TPAAE) is a project that studies contemporary art in Europe and East Africa, as well as systems of art education on both continents. The goals are to persuade people to value cultural diversity, recognise the value of preserving and promoting tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and value transcultural education as a process of self-knowledge and self-education in relation to otherness.

The Department of Fine Art and Design promotes critical thinking, experimentation, and artistic growth. The art academies at Poland have high-tech studios with adequate facilities, traditional and modern technologies. These studios give students a realistic and professional environment to practice.

The Department’s collaborative learning experiences ultimately enhance the quality of education and create a network of support that transcends traditional boundaries. Together, art exhibitions and benchmarking initiatives contribute to the development of well-rounded, globally aware students and Kenyatta University’s commitment to excellence in education.
The Talloires Network of Engaged Universities, in collaboration with the Mastercard Foundation, presented Kenyatta University with a prestigious plaque in recognition of its steadfast support for the Next Generation Leaders initiative. The award was officially handed over to Vice Chancellor Wainaina by Kenyatta University student Halima Dolif.

Kenyatta University is a member of The Talloires Network, a growing global coalition of engaged universities who are collaborating with communities and partners to confront societal challenges such as disease, famine, structural racism, gender oppression, economic inequality, climate change, and political polarisation.

In solidarity, the Talloires Network is building a global movement of civically engaged universities called the Next Generation Leaders Program. Halima has been an active member of the Next Generation Leaders Program since 2021.

She is part of a cohort of 36 students from 18 countries. Halima had the honor of presenting her research findings at the Talloires Network Leaders Conference in 2021, co-hosted by Tufts University and Harvard University.

Her proactive involvement in shaping the future of learning, teaching, and research resonated with over 1,400 conference participants across 53 countries.

This year, Halima’s dedication continued with her participation in the For Youth, By Youth gathering among other Next Generation Leaders from different parts of the world in Boston in August 2023, where she contributed more to the proposal while hosted by Tufts University and Harvard University.

The Next Generation Leaders through the Talloires Network of Engaged Universities will work together in 2023-2024 to ambitiously expand the Next Generation Leaders Programme through the “For Youth, By Youth” initiative with support from the Mastercard Foundation.

The culmination of Kenyatta University’s efforts in solidarity with other member universities has played an integral role in developing a multi-year grant proposal to the Mastercard Foundation, aimed at significantly expanding the reach and impact of Tertiary education institutions.

This programme will scale the efforts of Kenyatta University’s civic engagement and global impact. This award serves as a thank you to the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support thus far and as a symbol of appreciation for the continuing partnership.
of Water Resources from Muon Tomography in the Chyulu Hills, Kenya” (WATCH), aims to map the internal structure of the Chyulu Hills, a critical water source for the region.

This interdisciplinary initiative involves collaboration between Kenyatta University, the Technical University of Kenya, the Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources, and the French CNRS, uniting geographers, geo-hydrologists, geologists, and particle physicists.

The WATCH project is not only an opportunity to advance understanding of water resources but also an opportunity for Kenyatta University students to engage in hands-on learning.

The multidisciplinary nature of the project encompasses physics, electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, data analysis, geology, and hydrology. It aligns with the University’s commitment to addressing societal challenges, particularly in water re-management.

Kenyatta University reaffirmed its commitment to cutting-edge research as it welcomed Prof. Jacques Marteau, a globally recognised expert in muon tomography. The visit which took place on November 20, 2023, marked a significant milestone in fostering international collaborations and expanding expertise in this transformative field.

Muon tomography, a technique rooted in particle physics, has diverse applications, from archaeology to the study of mining resources. Dr. Lydia Roos, a visiting scientist from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), has been instrumental in introducing this advanced research to the Department of Physics at the School of Pure and Applied Sciences.

The ongoing project, “Assessment of Water Resources from Muon Tomography with Prof. Jacques Marteau” (WATCH), aims to map the internal structure of the Chyulu Hills, a critical water source for the region. Following a public lecture, Professor Marteau conducted a practical session, providing students with valuable hands-on experience using a portable muon detector.

Kenyatta University sees this collaboration and research initiative as a pivotal step toward enhancing its capabilities in particle detection techniques and positioning itself as a leader in muon tomography research. The partnership exemplifies the University’s dedication to advancing knowledge, fostering global connections, and contributing to solutions for pressing societal issues.

Kenyatta University is strategically positioning itself as a leader in particle detection techniques, aiming to elevate its profile in muon tomography research. By engaging in this research initiative, Kenyatta University demonstrates its dedication to staying at the forefront of scientific innovation.
The recent success at the Kenya Film Summit underscores Kenyatta University’s prowess, particularly that of Department of Communication, Media, Film, and Theatre Studies. During this national event held at the Multimedia University, students showcased exceptional talent and creativity, securing an impressive 17 out of 22 awards. This remarkable achievement not only sets a benchmark for the University but also reflects the Department’s commitment to providing high-calibre training and embracing cutting-edge digital filmmaking techniques.

In a groundbreaking venture into the realm of digital innovation, a team of five academic staff members from Kenyatta University embarked on a transformative research project focusing on Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in the Arts. This project, spanning from October 12th to December 12th, 2023, is part of a European Union-funded initiative set to unfold over four years. The aim is to foster collaboration, innovation, and cross-cultural engagement, bringing together scholars and educators to explore the vast potential of VR and AR in artistic expression, education, and cultural enrichment.

Led by Prof. John Mugubi, an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication, Media, Film, and Theatre Studies, the Kenyatta University delegation actively participated in workshops, collaborative ventures, and cultural experiences in Greece, the host country of the European Union-funded initiative. This hands-on engagement not only enriched their academic pursuits but also provided invaluable insights into the practicalities and limitations of VR and AR technologies.

The significance of academic staff mobility in this context is considerate. It serves as a driving force for advancement in both the academic and artistic spheres. By amalgamating expertise from various domains and institutions, the project cultivates an environment ripe for shared learning and cooperative innovation. This collaborative approach is essential in enabling researchers to access a wider spectrum of knowledge and expertise, paving the way for groundbreaking projects and expanding the horizons of what can be achieved at the intersection of the arts and technology.

As Kenyatta University continues to champion excellence in the field of digital filmmaking and scientific research, it stands not only as a beacon of inspiration for its students but also as a key player in shaping the future landscape of the Kenyan creative economy. With its multifaceted approach to innovation, dedication to fostering creative talent, and embracement of technological advancements, Kenyatta University is poised to leave a lasting impact on both academia and industry.
he Kenyatta University Confucius Institute stands as a beacon of excellence, recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Chinese language and culture. Offering a spectrum of courses, including Proficiency, Certificate, and Diploma programmes, the Institute’s tailored courses for Kenyatta University students are notably subsidised, providing a competitive edge to students in the labour market upon graduation.

In response to the burgeoning demand for proficient Chinese language professionals, the Institute is set to introduce the B.A/B.ED degree in Chinese Language and Culture in the coming Academic Year 2024/2025. This strategic move aligns with market needs, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for the evolving landscape.

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Maintaining its commitment to fostering partnerships within the university, the Institute collaborates with various schools, such as the Department of Hospitality and Tourism. Here, Chinese language teachers offer tailor-made courses for students aspiring to work in the Chinese tourism and hospitality industry, thus demonstrating the Institute’s adaptability to industry needs.

As an internationally recognised exam centre for Chinese International Standard exams, the Institute hosted 56 students undertaking HSK exams and 25 pupils for YCT exams in October. These exams serve as a testament to the Institute’s dedication to maintaining high academic standards.

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Focus on Students

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Moulding the Next Generation of Legal Eagles

Parklands Campus School of Law

Parklands Campus accommodates the School of Law. Located at Parklands, off Chemelil Road, it is a beacon of legal excellence. The students achieved unprecedented success, securing top honours in a series of Moot Court competitions spanning national, regional, and international arenas.

Moving into October 2023, Mr. Emmanuel Kirimi, Ms. Faith Mahinda, and Ms. Immaculate Wandia claimed victory in the National Rounds of the AAIHL Competition, sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Their exceptional performance secured them a coveted spot in the upcoming AAIHL Competition in Arusha, Tanzania, scheduled for 19th to 24th November 2023.

In a monumental achievement, the School’s team, led by Mr. Daniel Giichi Murakaru and Ms. Martha Bowen, both fourth-year students, outshone over 61 universities across Africa.

This remarkable victory unfolded at the 32nd Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition held at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, from 3rd to 9th September 2023.

Beyond the legal contests, the School of Law illuminated legal discourse with a symposium on Civil Litigation.

The event also marked the launch of the book “Civil Litigation in Kenya,” a scholarly work authored by Ms. Gladys Mwangi, a distinguished member of the School’s teaching staff.

As the year 2023 concludes, Kenyatta University School of Law stands not only as a national legal powerhouse but also as a global force in the legal frontier.
dates. These collaborative efforts have included visits to institutions such as Karoti Girls, Bahati Girls, Moi Girls Eldoret, and the Director, Dr. Caroline Mutwiri’s representation in visiting Solai Boys’ High School.

These visits demonstrate our commitment to connecting our students with real-world teaching experiences and engaging with the broader educational community to share and connect intellectually, thereby adding value to our communities.

As we move forward, we remain committed to pushing the boundaries of education, redefining standards, and nurturing the teachers of tomorrow. The centre’s journey toward excellence and innovation is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our students, faculty, and administration. We stand at the forefront of educational transformation, and our story is one of continuous growth and achievement.
During a cultural exchange, the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, in collaboration with the Institute of Korea under the Languages Department, organised a Korean Food event on 6th November 2023. Students and staff from both Departments immersed themselves in Korean culture and cuisines, guided by a skilled Chef from Korea.

Fourth-year students from the Department of Recreation and Sports Management embarked on a challenging expedition—scaling the heights of Mt. Kenya. Beyond the physical feat, this endeavour aimed to instil curiosity, self-discovery, leadership skills, tenacity, teamwork, environmental conservation, sociability, and tolerance to discomforts.

The Kenyatta University Business Students Association (KUBSA) organised an investment talk. Corporate partners, including Family Bank, ABSA Bank, Old Mutual Insurance, Mwalimu National Saving and Credit Cooperative Society Organisation (SACCO), and Kenyverse SACCO, participated in this event, enlightening students on diverse investment opportunities.

120 students from the Kenyatta University Economics Students Association (KUESA) visited Happy Life Children’s Home in Juja Farm. The objective was not only to donate essential items, but also to provide mentorship to the children in the home, and thus positively contributing to their welfare.

Members from the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) paid a visit to the School of Business, Economics, and Tourism with the goal of strengthening research collaboration networks and identifying exchange programmes for both staff and students.

The School’s Executive Dean, Prof. Perez Onono, actively participated in various international engagements, including a panel discussion on solidarity economy at the University of San Bonaventura on 22nd September 2023. Additionally, visits to other international institutions demonstrated collaborative efforts in education and development.

In June the seminar on “Tracking the Leakage of Development Goods Using iBeacon Technology” was held. In collaboration with the University of California, this project aims to address the issue of aid diversion and leakage in development assistance.

The School continues to be a dynamic, inclusive and collaborative centre for knowledge that gives students the guidance they need.
The School of Pure and Applied Sciences extends its academic arm beyond its confines, catering to students not only within its domain but also from other schools, including the School of Education and Lifelong Learning, School of Health Sciences, and School of Engineering.

The School thrives on international collaborations and grants, fostering partnerships with entities such as the African Development Bank, Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority, and Black Women in Engineering (BWEng).

The Chemistry Department proudly hosted Prof. A. Jean-Luc Ayitou from the University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, under the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme. The collaboration resulted in a co-supervision arrangement for an MSc student, fostering international ties for expanded research initiatives.

In another engagement, Prof. Moses K. Lang’at from the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, United Kingdom, graced the department with insights into “Useful Biochemicals from African Croton Genus,” opening avenues for future collaborations.

The School of Pure and Applied Sciences in collaboration with Black Women in Engineering (BWEng), Department of Mechanical Engineering, and others, organised the Engineering Outreach Programme (EOP). This initiative, held between 7th and 10th August 2023, aimed to empower female engineering students from various Kenyan universities.

The initiative not only addressed real-life problems through engineering solutions but also provided a platform for interaction with accomplished professionals in the engineering sector.

The Department of Mathematics and Actuarial Science demonstrated a commitment to global academic exchange through the Erasmus International Credit Mobility Inter-institutional agreement. This facilitated a research visit to Linnaeus University, Sweden, by a PhD student, demonstrating the Department’s dedication to fostering international research collaborations.

Addressing the critical issue of crop pollination in the Kenyan landscape, Dr. Rebecca Karanja initiated a project in Sagana, Murang’a County, in collaboration with Cambridge University. Prof. Beverley Glover’s visit from Cambridge University further enriched the project by sharing breakthroughs in flower evolution and development, emphasising the potential for improved crop pollination through genetic and molecular approaches.

In the spirit of transformative learning, the School of Pure and Applied Sciences, in collaboration with the Association for Faculty Enrichment in Learning and Teaching (AFELT), hosted a workshop on Critical Reflective Thinking. The workshop, held on 28th July 2023, aimed at enhancing teaching methodologies, exemplifying the School’s commitment to progressive education.

The School of Pure and Applied Sciences is committed to the generation and dissemination of knowledge and cultivation of creativity for the welfare of society, as the University’s identity promulgates.
At Kenyatta University, the Graduate School stands as a cornerstone in the institution’s mission to provide accessible high-quality education, foster research and innovation; nurture entrepreneurship to meet the dynamic demands of our ever-evolving world. With an unwavering commitment to support postgraduate students, the Graduate School has become a hub for expert guidance, administrative support, and an enriching environment for learning and research.

A noteworthy development since July 2023 has been a significant shift in the approach to postgraduate seminars. The Graduate School has moved away from the previous practice of conducting PhD seminars only two weeks before the graduation. Master’s seminars that are organised by Schools and Departments. The current policy, already in effect, mandates continuous seminars within departments and schools. This platform allows candidates to present their accomplishments, providing a forum for igniting productive discussions.

Candidates are now required to present at least two seminars at both school and department levels before submitting their theses for examination. This approach facilitates the dissemination of findings and encourages constructive feedback from faculty members.

The KUSA elections on October 24, 2023, marked a pivotal event for the Graduate School. During these elections, Andrew Okambo Nyaundi was elected as the Graduate School Congressperson, Sharon Chepkemoi as the Graduate School Female Congressperson, and Naomi Mwikali as the Graduate School Delegate. It is anticipated that the newly elected team will maintain the same level of diligence in disseminating information, orchestrating events, and providing leadership to the postgraduate student body.

A significant stride in administrative efficiency is the ongoing development of the Graduate School Management System by the ICT Directorate. This system, once fully operational, promises to revolutionise administrative processes within the Graduate School, streamlining and automating various aspects for the benefit of students and staff alike.

In conclusion, the Graduate School at Kenyatta University is making impressive strides in enhancing its educational and administrative services. The reshaped policy on seminar, the recent student elections, and the upcoming Graduate School Management System all attest to an institution committed to excellence and innovation.

These developments underscore the University’s dedication to providing a conducive environment for learning and research, aligning with the demands of an ever-evolving world. The future of the Graduate School is indeed promising, offering a beacon of hope for prospective and current postgraduate students seeking an enriching educational experience.
In a forward-thinking initiative, the Directorate of Disability Services at Kenyatta University recently welcomed the CEO of Signs Media to showcase the revolutionary AssistALL, a digital sign language interpretation mobile phone service app. The impactful demonstration unfolded at the Senate Boardroom in the Central Administration Complex (CAC), with the Registrar Academics representing the University’s management alongside representatives from various key sections.

Developed by Signs Media, the AssistALL app emerges as a transformative tool fostering communication between non-verbal and hearing individuals. This ground-breaking app provides real-time virtual sign language translation, facilitated by skilled interpreters catering to the needs of Deaf users. The service, exclusively booked through the app, marks a significant leap in bridging communication gaps.

Subscribing organisations can seamlessly access the service by topping up their wallets through popular payment methods like Mpesa, PayPal, and the Visa card. Once funds are loaded and approved, users can instantly benefit from the sign language interpretation services. A notable feature is the assignment of specialised interpreters to KU students based on their subjects, ensuring a deep understanding of academic concepts before relay to students.

Following the compelling demonstration, the University has committed to a three-month pilot period to assess the impact of the AssistALL app on service delivery. If the trial proves successful, plans are underway to expand this innovative service within Kenyatta University, amplifying accessibility and inclusivity.

Dr. Mbogu wa Mungai, the Director of Disability Services, engaged in discussions with Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) to explore avenues for bolstering the bank’s Diversity and Inclusion agenda. The discussion culminated in an agreement that the bank would fulfill this agenda by consistently offering internships to KU students with disabilities, particularly at entry-level positions.

These proactive steps exemplify Kenyatta University’s commitment to embracing innovative solutions for communication inclusivity and fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. As the University continues to explore ground-breaking initiatives, it stands poised to lead in accessibility and equal opportunities within the academic realm.
The mandate of the Directorate of Security Services at Kenyatta University is clear: to provide round-the-clock security services, creating a safe learning and working environment. Comprising plainclothes police officers (seconded officers), uniformed security officers (internal and outsourced), and investigators. This dedicated team is committed to preserving an atmosphere where students, staff, and visitors can study, live, and work without security concerns.

The Directorate collaborates closely with the National Police Service, particularly focusing on enhancing the security of students residing in off-campus accommodation facilities. The synergy between the Directorate and law enforcement entities ensures a comprehensive security approach.

The Directorate’s mandates encompass various critical aspects:

**Physical Security:** Ensuring the security of all University assets, including human resources, critical facilities (such as the CAC, library, old administration block, and laboratories), hostels, residential areas, lecture halls, and offices.

**Access Control:** Vigilantly managing access at all gates thorough screening of both pedestrians and motorists.

**Security Surveillance:** Utilising CCTV cameras, patrols (both vehicular and on foot), and intelligence collection and sharing.

**Crime Investigation:** Investigating crimes and compiling investigation reports within defined timelines.

Successful Security Coverage: A Record of Major University Functions. The Directorate has demonstrated its prowess in ensuring security coverage for various major university functions, including:

- **53rd Graduation Ceremony** (23rd July, 2023): A smoothly secured event where safety was paramount.
- **Registration, Orientation, and Matriculation of New Students** (September 2023 Intake): The Directorate played a crucial role in ensuring a secure on-boarding process for new students.
- **KUSA 2023 General Election** (17th October 2023): Security measures were in place to facilitate a peaceful election process.
- **Culture Week Events** (21st - 27th October 2023): Ensuring security at various locations, including Bishop Square and the Amphitheatre.

In conclusion, the Directorate of Security Services operates tirelessly, both day and night, to ensure that Kenyatta University remains a safe and secure learning and working environment. Our motto “Your Security, Our Concern” reflects the unwavering commitment of the Directorate to prioritise the safety and well-being of the entire University community.
At the helm of Kenyatta University’s academic prowess is the Timetabling and Scheduling of Units section, steered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, and led by the meticulous Director, Prof. Willis Ambusso.

This critical section plays a central role in orchestrating the seamless operation of the University’s academic programmes. Let’s delve into a snapshot account of the pivotal functions and noteworthy accomplishments that underscore the Directorate’s impact on the University’s overall success.

The effectiveness of the University’s academic programmes hinges on the intricate planning and coordination of timetables. The Timetabling and Scheduling of Units section, in the current academic year, has demonstrated unparalleled efficiency in managing the timetabling and scheduling of all units.

Despite a surge in student admissions, the section has adeptly accommodated the increased workload, ensuring a seamless integration of every unit into the timetable. This accomplishment speaks volumes about the section’s adaptability and unwavering commitment to delivering a quality academic experience.

This Directorate’s influence extends beyond its primary function, harmoniously interacting with various other subsystems within the University. Its ability to synchronise with different facets of the academic ecosystem underscores its pivotal role in maintaining the University’s operational efficiency.

Looking back at the preceding academic year, the Directorate’s showcased remarkable proficiency in both the timetabling of classes and the scheduling of examinations. Their meticulous planning and flawless execution significantly contributed to the overall success of the semester, setting a high standard for academic excellence.

In summary, the Timetabling and Scheduling of Units section bears the responsibility of ensuring that teaching and examinations for all approved University programmes run seamlessly. Their meticulous organisation of the academic timetable is instrumental in guaranteeing a cohesive and successful academic experience for students and faculty.

Under the astute leadership of Prof. Willis Ambusso, the Timetabling and Scheduling of Units section stands out as a linchpin in the University’s academic ecosystem. Their dedication to precision and adaptability is evident in their accomplishments. As the University looks to the future, there is anticipation of even greater strides in the pursuit of academic excellence.

In essence, the Timetabling and Scheduling of Units Directorate is not just an administrative entity; it is a driving force propelling Kenyatta University towards greater heights in academic efficiency and excellence.
In the period from July to September 2023, the Wellness and Rehabilitation section conducted insightful sessions to sensitize our staff on a range of critical topics, including mental health and stress management, Alcohol and Drug Abuse prevention (with a focus on Cannabis and its effects), personal financial literacy, and the policies related to alcohol and drug abuse Prevention and HIV/AIDS prevention.

The Wellness and Rehabilitation Services at Kenyatta University is dedicated to nurturing the overall health and wellbeing of both our esteemed staff and students. Our multifaceted services encompass psychological counselling, prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, HIV/AIDS prevention, and referral services for individuals grappling with psychiatric symptoms or substance dependence challenges.

The pivotal focus of our efforts has been facilitating a seamless transition for first-year students into University life. We recognize the unique challenges that new students face, and are committed to equipping them with coping mechanisms for their new environment.

For those who voluntarily chose rehabilitation, whether in-patient or out-patient treatment, our section has been steadfast in providing comprehensive support. This includes not only psychological assistance but also aftercare to ensure a sustained and positive recovery journey.

As part of our commitment to preventing HIV infections, our section consistently offers counselling and testing services to both staff and students. This initiative aims to encourage those who test negative to maintain their status; and supports those who test positive in enrolling at the comprehensive care unit at Ghana IV Clinic for necessary medication and follow-up.

The Wellness and Rehabilitation Services act as a vital resource for psychological support, and our office, conveniently located in the BSSC Building, 1st floor room 143, remains open to serve the needs of our valued staff and students. We aspire to be that well of wellness that all in need can drink from.
PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HOLISTIC SUCCESS

Career Development and Mentoring Programmes

Since the last graduation in July 2023, the Directorate has intensified its efforts in promoting career development and mentorship, extending its reach to students in our Main and Satellite Campuses, as well as engaging with high schools nationwide. Several impactful initiatives have been implemented to achieve these objectives.

In collaboration with the University Management, a seminar titled “Effective Holistic Mentoring” was organised on 25th July 2023. Subsequently, we successfully registered and assigned mentors to over 2,300 student mentees across our Main and Satellite Campuses. To ensure broad coverage, mentorship workshops were conducted on 25th August 2023, and 20th September 2023, benefiting first-year students from the School of Engineering and Architecture; and the School of Health Sciences.

The Directorate actively participated in 10 high school career fairs in Kiambu, Nairobi, Mombasa, Bomet, and Nakuru Counties, providing one-on-one career counselling and guidance to more than 2,900 high school students, along with their parents and guardians who visited our University.

Our recruitment efforts of mentees have yielded fruitful results, with partnerships forged with prominent companies such as Vivo Energy, KCB, NBK, Godrej Kenya, CIC, and Ponty Pridd Holding Ltd. These collaborations have opened doors to internship opportunities for 353 of our students. Noteworthy training sessions were conducted by Total Energies (one-week training) and Yusudi and CIC (job preparedness training).

As for the First Semester of 2023/2024, we are proud to report that the Directorate has registered and is actively training 8,181 final-year students through the Growing Leaders programme.

The Directorate plays a pivotal role in providing comprehensive support to both prospective and current students, and ensuring their holistic development. Our commitment extends across social, emotional, academic, and career realms.

Through various initiatives, the Directorate orchestrates student attachments, facilitates internships, sources job placements, organises career talks, and hosts the highly anticipated annual Career Week. We further invest in the leadership and life skills of our final-year students through the Growing Leaders Programme, equipping them for success in the competitive professional landscape.

These collective endeavours underscore our unwavering commitment to nurturing our students for success, ensuring they are well-prepared to thrive in their future careers. We eagerly anticipate celebrating their achievements during the upcoming 54th graduation ceremony.
In the pursuit of enriching the student experience, the Directorate of Accommodation Services at Kenyatta University stands unwavering in its commitment to providing high-quality and affordable accommodation. The focus remains the creation of serene and conducive living environments that complement the academic journey.

Our accommodation facilities are carefully designed to offer a tranquil haven for students, fostering an atmosphere conducive to focused learning. The commitment extends beyond the University premises, with the Directorate actively forging partnerships with off-campus accommodation providers to ensure safe lodging for non-resident students.

The Directorate has taken significant strides in fortifying the safety of resident students. In the Eastern and Nyayo zones hostels, the installation of CCTV cameras adds an extra layer of security. Furthermore, streetlights have been strategically fixed in these zones (as they are all around the campus), illuminating paths and enhancing overall safety within the accommodation areas.

In alignment with the University’s commitment to inclusivity, the Directorate collaborates closely with the Directorate of Disability Services. This collaboration ensures that accommodation facilities are designed and equipped to cater for the needs of persons with disabilities, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive.

Recognising the holistic nature of student well-being, the Directorate actively collaborates with other key units such as Wellness and Rehabilitation, Health Services, and Student Affairs. This collaboration facilitates the referral of students, promoting psychological well-being and proactively addressing challenges related to mental health and substance use disorders among resident students.

The Directorate extends its services beyond students, offering accommodation to University guests during conferences or events. The Kenyatta University Conference Centre, nestled amidst 1000 acres of lush greenery, provides an ideal in-house accommodation service. Situated in the quiet and exclusive Upper Zone of the Campus, the Conference Centre offers a perfect setting for conferences and events, epitomising the essence of “Confer in Quiet Comfort.”

In essence, the Directorate of Accommodation Services plays a pivotal role in shaping a holistic and supportive environment for students, ensuring their well-being and contributing to a vibrant University community.
The Directorate of Catering Services at Kenyatta University is dedicated to delivering affordable, quality, and accessible catering services to the entire University community, including students, staff, and other clientele. With a commitment to excellence, the Directorate not only caters to daily needs but also extends its services to functions and events hosted by the University.

The primary goal of the Directorate is to ensure that every guest and client experiences top-notch catering services. This commitment translates into the provision of safe, nutritious, and delicious meals. Over the past year, the Directorate has played a pivotal role in catering for key University events and functions, solidifying its reputation of culinary excellence.

In the past year, the Directorate has successfully provided catering services for several notable University events, including:

i. **Book Launch in August 2023 at Kenyatta University Parklands Campus:**
   An event celebrated with the presentation of quality culinary delights.

ii. **African Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AFIHC) in August 2023:**
    Hosted at Kenyatta University’s main campus with 150 participants, where the Directorate ensured an enriching culinary experience.

iii. **Office of the Auditor General Recruitment Drive in August 2023:**
    A significant event catering to over 1500 guests, showcasing the Directorate’s capacity to handle large-scale functions.

iv. **Matriculation Ceremony for New Students in September 2023:**
    An event that welcomed 900 students, where the Directorate served delightful meals, setting a positive tone for the academic journey.

v. **Professional Parents and Children with Special Needs in October 2023:**
    A heart-warming event with 200 participants, where the Directorate’s culinary expertise contributed to the success of the occasion.

These events have not only met the catering needs of diverse gatherings but have also allowed the University to showcase the breadth and quality of its culinary offerings.

As the Directorate of Catering Services continues to play a vital role in enhancing the overall experience of the University community, it remains steadfast in its commitment to providing top-notch catering services. With each event, the Directorate reinforces its dedication to culinary excellence, contributing to the vibrant and thriving atmosphere at Kenyatta University.
A strategic move towards advancing research capabilities at the Directorate of Research, Capacity Building, and Consultancy Services (KU-RCBCS) saw Kenyatta University organise a comprehensive six-day training session on Grant Proposal Writing. The beneficiaries of this skill-enhancing initiative were five senior staff members from the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) in Tanzania.

Led by a proficient team of seasoned researchers and academics from Kenyatta University, the training aimed at equipping participants with the skills to develop compelling, successful, and sustainable grant-based research proposals. The programme adopted an interactive and practical-oriented approach, integrating case studies and insightful site visits.

As part of the practical exposure, participants were guided through the Biotechnology Research Laboratory, showcasing the tangible outcomes and benefits derived from successful research grants. Additionally, KU-RCBCS, in collaboration with the Department of Security, Diplomacy, and Peace Studies (SDPS), conducted two short capacity-building courses at the Kenya Military Academy (KMA). The courses, focus on Peer Counselling and Basic Library Management, were conducted in July 2023, benefiting a total of 62 participants.

Further extending its impact, KU-RCBCS organised a specialised skills training on Pedagogy and Andragogy for lecturers and researchers affiliated to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Graduate School. Conducted in September 2023 at the KEMRI Headquarters in Nairobi, the training successfully upskilled 27 KEMRI lecturers and researchers.

These initiatives underscore Kenyatta University’s commitment to continuous improvement and high-impact interventions in research, consultancy, training, and capacity building. In-house training series, focusing on the Mainstreaming of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) and Results-Based Framework Approach to Proposal Development, target ed Kenyatta University staff and students.

These efforts align with the Directorate’s overarching goal of providing quality education and research that fosters values, knowledge, skills, competencies, and innovations, for sustainable living and active societal participation.
In a proactive move to foster collaboration with key decision-makers, the KU-WEE Hub recently organised an impactful advocacy workshop with various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). Recognising the dynamic landscape of policy development, particularly in gender-related areas, the half-day workshop, held at La-Mada Hotel, aimed at facilitating dialogue and understanding around gender data.

As many MDAs are in the process of either developing or revising policies, the workshop underscored the vital role of continued dialogue.

This event is part of a broader Advocacy strategy orchestrated by the Kenyatta University Women’s Economic Empowerment (KU-EE) Hub. The strategy extends its reach to both county and national-level dialogues, intending not only to disseminate but also to advocate for the application of evidence generated by the Hub’s research initiatives.

Prof. Judith Waudo, Leader of the KU-WEE Hub, emphasised the pivotal role of quality data in her opening remarks. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Caroline Thoruwa, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Innovation and Outreach (RIO), representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina. Prof. Thoruwa underscored the existing gaps between research, policy, and practice, stressing the need for stronger stakeholder engagement.

Hub researchers seized the opportunity to present findings from ongoing studies in three thematic areas: Women’s Roles in the Public and Private Sectors; Women’s Skilling and Mentoring; and Violence, Crises, and Women’s Work. These insights, drawn from robust research, aim to inform and influence gender-sensitive policies across government levels in Kenya and beyond.

This workshop is one in a series of advocacy and policy engagement activities undertaken by the Hub over the past year. Notably, the Hub’s advocacy strategy has already yielded policy impact at both county and national levels, with findings incorporated into significant documents such as the Revised Tourism Policy; Tourism Sector Induction Manual; and Tourism Sustainability in Kenya White Paper.

The KU-WEE Hub continues to be a catalyst for change, actively shaping policies to create a more inclusive and equitable future.
In the continuous campaign to achieve gender equity and equality and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, the Centre continuously sensitisises and trains members of staff, students, and the general University community on gender issues and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and encourages both genders to partake as agents of change and take action against negative stereotypes and behaviours that perpetuate gender inequalities. During this period the following 5 events were held:

The Centre organised training on the Kenyatta University Sexual Gender Based Violence App (KU-SGBV App) and general gender issues for the members of the Gender Mainstreaming Technical Working Team and the Sexual Harassment and Sexual Gender Based Violence Committee.

As part of advocacy against gender-based violence, the Centre was invited by the Office of the Country Representative of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, UN Women Kenya Office, to attend an event themed “African Girls Can Code.” The initiative training launch took place at the Kenya High School, Nairobi, with the inclusion of an impactful presentation on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence.

The CGEE also held training for the academic staff on gender mainstreaming into the curriculum. Gender mainstreaming in the curriculum involves the integration of a gender perspective into the preparation, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, regulatory measures and spending programmes, to promote equality between women and men and combat discrimination. The Director, CGEE, orient ed 1st year students on the Gender and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence policies during the orientation programme at the Graduation Square.

The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated on the 11th of October each year. This year’s theme was “Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being.” The theme served as a reminder of the importance of recognising and supporting girls’ potential and rights, both for their benefit and for the betterment of society as a whole.

The theme calls for concrete actions to promote gender equality and create a world where every girl can thrive and lead. To mark this day, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, shared a circular with the University community affirming his commitment and support to empowering the girl child by preventing gender-based violence and promoting gender equity.

The Director CGEE sensitised the University Senate on Gender and Sexual and Gender Based Violence policies. The senators were urged to familiarise themselves with the two policies as custodians of departments and schools.

In collaborations and linkages, Kenyatta University and the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to carry out capacity building and training, research and innovation, community outreach, and policy evidence uptake activities.

With Prof. Waudo taking the lead, it continues to play a key role in creating a platform for conversation on matters that promote gender equity and equality at Kenyatta University and firmly supports the safe spaces for all initiatives, for the effective transmission of gender-responsive knowledge and skills.
The National Phytotherapeutics Research Centre (NPRC) has been unwavering in its commitment to advancing research and catalysing the commercialisation of ground-breaking products and processes stemming from Kenyatta University and beyond.

NPRC serves as a dynamic hub for diverse research endeavours, engaging undergraduate and postgraduate students, investigators, and micro-enterprises. The centre’s collaborations extend to small businesses, fostering growth and impactful partnerships. Current research initiatives involve the processing of essential oils, herbal teas, and fixed oils, along with robust screening processes ensuring quality and safety.

The profound impact of NPRC transcends borders, benefiting local and international stakeholders, research institutions, traditional medicine practitioners, entrepreneurs, and students seeking hands-on experiences. NPRC’s participation in exhibitions and conferences, such as the Nairobi International Trade Fair and the Health Products and Technologies Expo, showcases its contributions to universal health care.

Looking ahead, NPRC is poised for transformative enhancements, including the commencement of Phase three renovations. This phase will revolutionise processing capabilities of the centre and introduce a solar drier, reinforcing NPRC’s dedication to accreditation and certification by relevant standardisation bodies. To address material sourcing challenges, NPRC plans to implement In-situ conservation and cultivation initiatives, ensuring a sustainable and traceable supply of quality herbal materials.

Led by Prof. Nicholas Kamindũ Gikonyo, the Founding Director, NPRC envisions not only overcoming current challenges but also commercialising its innovative products within both the Kenyan and regional markets. The centre’s trajectory aligns seamlessly with Kenyatta University’s commitment to transforming higher education and enhancing lives.
In a commitment to advancing Kenyatta University’s global standing, the Centre for International Programmes and Collaborations (CIPC) continues to play a crucial role in executing the University’s internationalisation agenda.

With a primary focus on coordinating international activities, collaborations, linkages, and partnerships, CIPC aims to propel Kenyatta University to new heights on the world stage of internationalisation.

Since its inception, Kenyatta University has cultivated over 450 collaborations with partners worldwide, fostering advancements in research, teaching, learning, and cultural integration.

This robust network has resulted in a significant influx of international students, currently numbering over 1,000 from 60 different nationalities.

More than 40 international students are poised to receive degrees, diplomas, and certificates during Kenyatta University’s 54th graduation ceremony.

Undergoing a successful transition of leadership, the International Students’ Congressperson office recently witnessed a highly contested election race, reflecting the vibrant engagement of the University’s global community. This transition sets the stage for continued advocacy and support for international students.

Support by Erasmus+ mobility grants from the European Union, have strengthened ties with universities in Lithuania, Switzerland, and Turkey. The CIPC plays a vital role in facilitating the application of travel documents and coordinating all travel arrangements for these exchanges.

In alignment with the objectives of partnerships and collaborations, CIPC actively engages in marketing Kenyatta University’s facilities, including Guest Houses, the Kenyatta University Conference Centre (KUCC), and the North Coast Beach Hotel.

These world-class facilities are recommended to our partners for accommodation, conferences, and workshops, further enhancing the University’s global reputation.

As the CIPC continues to spearhead these initiatives, Kenyatta University remains steadfast in its pursuit of global excellence and international prominence.
The Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Kenya Chapter, in collaboration with various youth organisations and with the generous support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other partners, successfully hosted a two-day Youth Leadership Transformation Summit on Climate Change. This Summit, held on the 24th and 25th of August 2023 at Sarit Centre Araboku conference hall under the theme “Meaningful Engagement and Empowerment of Africa’s Youth for Climate Action,” aimed at preparing and mobilising youth for the Africa Climate Summit.

This Summit brought together African leaders, investors, experts, and civil society to discuss and showcase the continent’s climate action and solutions.

Kenyatta University’s School of Agriculture students actively participated in the summit, securing 80 slots to showcase their projects at the summit. Engaging in panel discussions, the students contributed to topics such as climate financing, the role of governments in climate financing, the influence of culture and religion in climate change, and amplifying the voices of communities.

The summit had five key objectives:

1. To amplify voices of communities, fronting young people as ambassadors of climate resilience.
2. To strategically develop pathways to influence and catalyse sustainable climate change and development policies.
3. To facilitate authentic dialogue and boost investments in youth-led businesses addressing climate change.
4. To mobilise local climate financing to assist vulnerable communities in Kenya and East Africa.
5. To offer a platform for alumni, partners, and other climate stakeholders to showcase their innovations in climate solutions.

In another initiative, Kenyatta University students actively participated in the celebration of World Rivers Day on 24th September. This global event aims at raising awareness and inspiring action to protect rivers and water catchment areas. In Kenya, the focus was on Kandisi River in Kajiado County, specifically in Oloolua forest, where clean-up efforts were undertaken.

Kandisi River, heavily polluted with plastics, chemical waste, and sewage, posed a significant threat to wildlife in the Oloolua nature reserve and Nairobi National Park downstream.

A total of 120 students from the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, joined by peers from institutions such as Strathmore University and University of Nairobi, collaborated with various stakeholders, including the Kenya Air Force, nearby primary schools, and the County Government of Kajiado. The clean-up aimed at addressing the high pollution levels in Kandisi River.

"This global event aims at raising awareness and inspiring action to protect rivers and water catchment areas"
Mr. James Keter Chumba, Director General Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority during the launch of Post-graduate Education in Radiation Protection and Safety

Kenyatta University medical students during a clinical session at Kenyatta University Teaching Research and Reference Hospital (KUTRRH)

Prof. Paul Wainaina, Vice-Chancellor and Ms. Mirriam Waigwa, Teacher, Jomo Kenyatta Girls High School during their insightful career talk and guidance session at the University

Mr. Luo Zicheng, General Manager China Wuyi, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, Vice-Chancellor, and other University officials walking along the Confucius Institute Link Road at the launch ceremony

Kenyatta University Hardnunts football team in action against University of Split in Jinjiang China

Mr. James Keter Chumba, Director General Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority during the launch of Post-graduate Education in Radiation Protection and Safety

Prof. James Koske, Executive Dean, School of Agriculture and Environmental Science (front row, 2nd left) and Prof. Daniel Westervelt from New York USA (front row, 1st left) who led the team of international trainers in the East Africa Air Quality Management training. Also in the photo is Dr. Godwin Opinde, Ag. Chairman, Department of Spatial and Environment Planning (front row, 1st right) along with members of the delegation from New York, USA.
Prof. Zeng Qinglian, President, Shandong Normal University, together with his delegation and KU Staff during a memorial tree planting to mark their visit to KU-Confucius Institute.

Kenya University Students, Wahito Mwai, Timmonah Daisy and Trevor Aseri during Kenya Universities Performing Arts Association (KUPAA) Drama Festival.

Participants during the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice (NSSCJ) Conference at the Amphitheatre grounds.

A visiting Girl’s High School noting insights attentively during a benchmarking and career guidance session.

Prof. Paul Wainaina together with Management Board and the 2023/2024 Student Governing council during their induction workshop.

Prof. Aggrey Wasunna, Lecturer, receives a plaque, imprinted with his name from Prof. Caroline Thoruva, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Outreach (RIO).
EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TOURISM LEADERS

Following a United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Conference in 2017 in Jamaica, member states collectively established the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC).

Two years later, in 2019, the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre - Eastern Africa (GTRCMC-EA) was inaugurated, finding its home at Kenyatta University. The KU regional centre, covering 14 countries, focuses on research, capacity building, and communication concerning resilience issues within the tourism industry.

The Centre has been steadfast in creating an expansive network of stakeholders, conducting research, and disseminating findings that plays a pivotal role in shaping decisions within the tourism industry, not only in Kenya but across the Eastern Africa region.

GTRCMC-EA has been a catalyst for numerous capacity-building forums, both locally and internationally, benefiting both Kenyatta University students and staff. These forums not only enhance knowledge but also foster collaboration and the exchange of ideas within the global tourism community.

In July 2023, as part of the Capacity Building - Staff Mobility Programme, GTRCMC-EA facilitated three members of Kenyatta University staff to visit Greece in collaboration with Panteion University.

The mission was to explore the initiation of a cultural/summer week involving four collaborating universities from four different countries. The envisioned rotational hosting of this event is aimed at promoting cultural exchange and enriching the academic experience of students.

During the Capacity Building - Coaching and Mentorship Event, through GTRCMC-EA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Global Partners and Purpose Network (GPP).

As a result of this collaboration, eight delegates from the Top Talent Agency, USA, engaged in a mentoring and coaching event at Kenyatta University. The main event, held in the KU Amphitheatre, brought together over 600 students from various specialisations, providing them with valuable insights and guidance.

In conclusion, GTRCMC-EA stands as a beacon in the region’s tourism landscape, driving resilience, fostering international collaborations, and empowering the next generation of tourism leaders.

As the Centre continues to forge ahead, the future holds promising initiatives and partnerships, further solidifying the Centre’s role in advancing tourism resilience and excellence.
In 2017, the Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering (ABE) at Kenyatta University marked its official establishment, yet its roots trace back to 2013 when the inaugural cohort of students enrolled in its programmes under the Department of Civil Engineering. Since achieving departmental autonomy, a deliberate shift in course facilitation has taken place, aligning with the Department’s mission to equipping students with the skills and knowledge to transform their innovative ideas into reality.

This commitment mirrors global best practices, where innovation holds a central position alongside research and teaching in the University setting. Through targeted course facilitation and student mentorship initiatives, the Department has successfully cultivated a vibrant knowledge-innovation-practice ecosystem.

The Department’s success is not solely its own; it thrives on strategic collaborations with industry partners who contribute valuable resources. The Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre has played a pivotal role in facilitating these partnerships. Besides supporting students in patent registrations, the Centre connects them with industry-based mentors, potential customers, and investors. As a result, ABE students have emerged as proactive innovators, with several patented products to their credit.

The collaboration extends to crucial platforms such as the Nairobi International Trade Fair 2023, where five ABE products earned recognition, showcasing great commercialisation potential. Notable innovations include Tiba Vent, Intelligeg Incubator, Panda gun (a Seed planter), and a Stone Rebating Machine, demonstrating the Department’s diverse and impactful contributions.

MARPCAD Ltd, specialising in the development of an affordable egg incubator from recycled plastic waste, is a shining example of the Department’s commitment to innovation. With support from the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre, MARPCAD secured a grant, won awards at local and international competitions, and emerged as the 2nd runner-up at the IEK Climate Summit in Diani. The success story underscores the department’s dedication to producing innovative solutions with real-world applications.

Shamba Assistant, a soil testing kit empowering farmers with real-time soil parameters, is another testament to the Department’s impact. Piloted in Muranga and Kiambu counties, with Kisii County as the next launch pad, Shamba Assistant is poised to transform soil and water management. The innovation not only empowers the youth but also aids farmers in making informed decisions for enhanced crop yield.

Individual achievements within the ABE Department add further distinction. Mr. Jeff Ayako’s accomplishments, including the Presidential Commendation (FSC) and the “Top 40 under 40” men in Kenya awards, highlight the Department’s commitment to fostering innovations and contributing positively to society.

Underlining the Department’s commitment to holistic development, students recently inaugurated the Kenyatta University Biosystems Engineering Club (KUBECS). The Club has successfully organised events exposing students to state-of-the-art technologies through industrial visits, mentorship programmes, and presentations by industry experts.

In essence, the Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering at Kenyatta University is not just an academic entity but a dynamic hub for innovation, collaboration, and excellence. As it continues to empower students with skills that transcend traditional boundaries, the Department stands as a beacon of progress in the realm of agricultural and biosystems engineering.
In a span of just a few months, the Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Centre East Africa (YALI RLC EA) has achieved remarkable milestones in its mission to empower and uplift young African leaders. From June 2023, the Centre successfully trained Cohorts 50, 51, 52, and 53, including a specialised Training of Trainers Cohort, emphasising its commitment to continuous leadership development.

A pivotal moment occurred during the impactful staff retreat at the North Coast Beach Hotel, inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul K. Wainaina. This week-long retreat served as a collaborative platform for reflection and strategic planning, further strengthening the Centre’s mission.

In an ode to entrepreneurship, two alumni pitch sessions provided a stage for graduates with bankable and scalable ventures, to showcasing their projects to potential investors. The competitive showcase not only highlighted the calibre of projects but also served as a stepping stone for YALI alumni into the prestigious Sankalp 2024 Deal Room.

The Centre’s global impact was underscored during a courtesy call from USAID Division Head of Education/YALI, Denise Otoole, alongside the USAID Kenya Director of Education and YALI Regional Coordinator, in August. This visit stands as a testament to the programme’s international recognition and influence.

Rounds two and three of the Alumni Transformation Fund, a catalytic fund to enhance alumni capacity for attracting additional funding, have been rolled out. To date, 64 sub-grantees have been awarded, driving impactful change in their communities.

Looking ahead, YALI RLC EA anticipates even greater achievements, aiming for a positive impact on the lives of mentees. Since its inception in 2014, the Centre has embodied the vision of the Young African Leaders Initiative, tirelessly working to improve leadership training programmes for young African leaders.

With a focus on 14 countries in East and Central Africa, YALI RLC EA strives to provide quality leadership training, support entrepreneurship, and enhance professional networking opportunities for young leaders from diverse backgrounds. In every achievement and milestone, the YALI RLC EA narrative resonates with the essence of empowering, transforming, and connecting the future leaders of Africa.
The Endowment and Alumni Programmes Directorate (EAPD) at Kenyatta University, established in August 2018, serves as the central hub for coordinating and consolidating activities related to endowment, scholarships, and the alumni fraternity.

The Directorate emerged by bringing together three existing directorates: Kenyatta University Foundation (KUF), Financial Aid Office (FAO), and Alumni Programmes. The primary objective of EAPD is to engage in fundraising, create investments, and establish an endowment fund, thereby ensuring a robust financial base to support Kenyatta University’s goals and aspirations for sustained impact.

In the sphere of scholarships, the Directorate, during the academic year 2023/2024, facilitated support for 193 students from various sources. The Kenyatta University Orphan and Vulnerable Students (OVS) scholarships benefited 181 students, the annual Chinese Ambassador Scholarships supported 10 students, and the Alumni - KU Class of 1999 contributed to the education of two students.

EAPD actively involves alumni in University activities, exemplified by alumni participation in the 53rd Graduation ceremony. An alumni Guest Speaker represented the alumni community, and three other alumni representatives graced the occasion.

On 8th November 2023, the University hosted officials from the Kenyatta University Graduating Class of 1999 for a campus tour and reunion, where two needy students were awarded scholarships. The Vice-Chancellor officially handed over these scholarships during a special occasion on 8th December 2023.

Moreover, alumni played a crucial role in the nomination of individuals for the appointment of the Kenyatta University Chancellor in October 2023.

The Directorate remains dedicated to ensuring that all graduates are included in the alumni database in collaboration with the graduation office.

With the official registration of Kenyatta University Alumni Association, plans for the association’s official launch are currently underway.

Simultaneously, the Kenyatta University Foundation continues to lead fundraising efforts, actively working towards the establishment of the Endowment Fund. The ongoing partnership with Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) involves successful completion of the Social Economic and Environmental Assessment Impacts Baseline Survey, with reports submitted to KURA.

The Traffic Flow Modelling project (Jicho Smart) is nearing completion, showcasing the Foundation’s commitment to supporting various University sections and departments in fundraising initiatives.

The Directorate is relentless in strengthening networking relationships within and outside the University to enhance visibility and extend partnerships. The Director, accompanied by a Kenyatta University Alumni Association official, participated in the launch of Machakos University Alumni Association on 1st November 2023. Through continuous benchmarking with EAPD, Machakos University successfully established its Alumni Association.

The Endowment and Alumni Programmes Directorate at Kenyatta University is not merely an administrative unit; it is a dynamic force driving financial sustainability, fostering alumni engagement, and establishing collaborative partnerships for the University’s enduring success.
In a significant milestone, the Kenyatta University Funeral Home (KUFH) was inaugurated on November 26, 2008. Conceptualised as a strategic Income Generating Activity (IGA) following the success of academic programmes at the School of Health Sciences, KUFH has evolved into a distinguished Directorate, extending its business opportunities and clientele.

Since its inception, KUFH has experienced remarkable growth, becoming a preferred choice for families in need of compassionate funeral services.

The Funeral Home’s success can be attributed to its strategic location, value-added services, commitment to customer experience, and adaptability in meeting diverse customer needs.

Over the last six months, KUFH has undertaken significant steps to enhance its offerings and better serve its clientele. Key initiatives include:

a) Online Death Notices: Partnering with Safiri Salama Company to provide online death notices has diversified revenue streams and increased accessibility for clients.

b) Domestic Repatriation: Securing approval as a partner and agent of Jambojet for the domestic repatriation of Human Remains (HR) to major cities within Kenya demonstrates KUFH’s commitment to comprehensive services.

c) International Repatriation: KUFH has successfully repatriated human remains, showcasing its global reach and capabilities.

d) Hospital Collaborations: Strengthening ties with major hospitals in the region through increased Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) ensures a seamless working relationship and enhanced service delivery.

KUFH takes pride in being the preferred Funeral Home for several reasons:

Affordable Exclusive Services: Offering high-quality services that are accessible to a wide range of individuals and families is at the core of KUFH’s commitment.

Spacious Parking Facilities: Understanding the logistical challenges during funerals, KUFH provides ample parking to alleviate concerns for clients and their guests.

Strategic Location: Situated adjacent to Thika Super Highway, KUFH ensures easy access, eliminating unnecessary traffic jams during the grieving process.

Executive Viewing Bay: A dedicated space for paying respects in a private and serene setting reflects KUFH’s commitment to honouring loved ones.

Comprehensive Services: Being a one-stop-shop for all funeral-related needs, including coffins, hearses, and flowers, streamlines the process for grieving families.

Years of Experience: With over 14 years of experience, KUFH has perfected its expertise, providing support and funeral services with empathy and professionalism.

As we celebrate a decade of service excellence, Dr. George Gachara Maina, Director of Kenyatta University Funeral Home, affirms the funeral home’s commitment to evolving and adapting to meet the diverse needs of the community.

The future holds continued growth, innovation, and an unwaivering dedication to supporting families during times of loss.
Elevating Health Discourse to Offer Solutions

In a ground-breaking initiative, Kenyatta University’s School of Health Sciences proudly hosted the 6th Annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC) from 9th to 11th August 2023. This conference, the first of its kind in Africa, convened medical practitioners, researchers, and students from across the globe to delve into critical health issues stemming from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supported by distinguished institutions such as the Aga Khan University, the Nursing Council of Kenya, and the University of California, San Francisco, AfIHC aimed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration under the theme “Mitigating Pandemics, Climate Change, and Chronic Diseases in Africa.” The event, organised by Push Aid Africa Inc. (PAAF), in collaboration with Kenyatta University, served as a vital platform for scientists to exchange insights on modern technologies, strategies, and service implementation geared towards improving health outcomes in Africa.

AfIHC Secretary-General Jerry John Nutor, RN, PhD, along with the Central Planning Committee Leads, Dr. Justus Osero and Dr. Maureen Akolo, orchestrated a meticulously planned conference. Attendees, including government officials, participants, and guests from around the world, were welcomed to this unprecedented gathering dedicated to connecting health-related researchers, academics, students, and practitioners.

Participants enjoyed conference essentials sponsored by Kleeblat Apotheke-Nordstrasse, and The Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery Kenya, and engaged in a dynamic programme that included keynote speakers, paper presentations, panel sessions, and networking opportunities.

The 6th Annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC) at Kenyatta University covered significant topics such as harmful practices related to sexual and reproductive health rights for young people living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya, presented orally by Justus Osero. Janet Arthur presented on “Digital Storytelling: A Student-Centred Teaching Strategy to Facilitate Learning” through a poster presentation, and Sháhar Livne provided insights on “Assessing Support Networks in Disaster Settings: Lessons from Cyclone Idai in Malawi” through an oral presentation.

Kenyatta University, in collaboration with Michigan State University, organised a transformative free medical camp at Gathehu Primary and Secondary Schools in Nyeri County, Kenya, on 31st May 2023. The initiative, led by Dr. Titus Kahiga from the School of Health Sciences at Kenyatta University and Dr. Kenya Etim from Michigan State University, aimed at providing medical services and improving the quality of education in the area.

The medical camp, attended by medical students, practising doctors, pharmacists, psychologists, and various health professionals, focused on vaccinations, counselling sessions, tree planting, hand washing initiatives, and the opening of a renovated toilet block. Students from both Kenyatta University and Michigan State University actively participated in mentorship sessions and gained hands-on experience at the community level.

The event also featured sensitisation on hand-washing to combat the spread of COVID-19 and education on hygiene to prevent the transmission of hygiene-related illnesses. The initiative received positive feedback from attendees, with residents expressing gratitude for the unprecedented access to professional consultations, vaccinations, and medication. The success of this medical camp reflects Kenyatta University’s commitment to community outreach programmes and its dedication to giving back to society.

The Health Education Project Initiative (HEPI) research project at Kenyatta University has evolved into a highly effective initiative dedicated to fostering and developing new scholars. This ground-breaking project provides students with a vital opportunity to delve into their specific subjects, conduct cutting-edge research, and present their findings at major scientific conferences.

Led by Dr. Munga Jesse, Karatina Group B (Cohort 3) undertook a research project titled “Determinants of Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy and Patient Retention attending the Comprehensive Care Clinic at Karatina Sub County Hospital in Nyeri County, Kenya.” The study, published in the East African Medical Journal, underscores the project’s commitment to empowering emerging academics.
FOSTERING POSITIVE INTERACTIONS THROUGH CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Office of the Registrar Corporate Affairs coordinates Kenyatta University’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities and serves as the focal point for all Community Outreach activities in the University. Engaging both staff and students, these CSR activities are designed to bring about positive change in the lives of individuals and communities. By leveraging available resources, knowledge, and skills, the University aims to address community challenges effectively.

The following are highlights of the community outreach activities conducted between July and December, 2023.

Kenyatta University Economics Students Association (KUESA)

A team of 120 students representing the Kenyatta University Economics Students Association (KUESA) along with faculty members from the School of Business, Economics, and Tourism visited the Happy Life Children’s Home in Juja Farm on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023. The team actively contributed to the welfare of the home which accommodates 107 children by preparing lunch, participating in general cleaning activities, organizing and chopping firewood, and fostering positive interactions with the children through engaging games and activities.

Moreover, the students showed their commitment to social responsibility by making charitable donations aimed at supporting the essential needs of the children. Additionally, the team provided valuable mentorship to the children, thereby positively influencing their lives. This endeavor not only reflects the altruistic values of the Kenyatta University Economics Students Association but also contributes to cultivating a favorable public perception of both the club and Kenyatta University as a whole.

ACK Medical Camp

On 9th and 10th September a team comprising of medical, nursing, pharmacy students and staff from Kenyatta University actively participated in a medical outreach program hosted at ACK Canon Hesbon Parish. The team engaged in a health walk in honor of caregivers and conducted comprehensive medical screenings for cervical, breast and prostate cancer, HIV testing and counseling, blood sugar assessment, high blood pressure monitoring, body composition evaluation and nutritional counseling. Additionally, the team provided services such as family planning consultations, serum cholesterol assessments, and hematology and biochemistry analysis and eye assessment to the community. This dedication to provide free medical consultations and guidance to the community shows their commitment to community welfare while also fostering stronger community ties.

Health Promotion Talks on KU-TV

The health education programme from July to September 2023 successfully addressed a wide range of health-related issues, providing the community with valuable information to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. The participation of medical specialists contributed to the programme’s credibility and efficacy. The diverse range of topics covered accentuate the programme’s commitment to addressing various health concerns and promoting a holistic approach to healthcare in the community. The topics covered were: Tuberculosis, Sickle cell anemia, Brain tumor, Mouth cleaning, Dental services, Immunization, Ectopic pregnancy, Ectopic 2 [risk factors], Fibroids and child obesity.

Kenyatta University Scouts Troop Panthera Rover Crew club

Kenyatta University Scouts Troop Panthera Rover Crew club have this year participated in community outreach work both in the university and outside. Some of the activities include pads drive for street families in Thika town, clean up at Githurai Market, active participation in the Founders Day celebration in Nairobi and Nyeri County, and visit to Soul’s Mercy Children home in Karibangri, Chapati Fest at Kiboro Primary school for street people and Reproductive Health Education at Dagoretti.

Community Outreach Programmes
KUTV and Radio Services has refreshed its partnership agreement with Deutsche Welle (DW) for content sharing. New and traditional audiences of KUTV will now enjoy fresh programmes relevant to their needs beyond the DW Live News that the station has aired since the partnership with DW began in 2015.

The programmes, which range from sports, fitness, science, African and European current affairs and environment matters, are now listed as follows in the KUTV programmes line up: Kick Off (Bundesliga Roundup), In Good Shape, Tomorrow Today, Shift, Rev, Afrimaxx, Euromaxx and Eco Africa.

DW Distribution Executive for Africa, Gabriel Eljack (fifth from left above) and Njoki Muhoho, DW Representative, Kenya (seventh from left above) paid a courtesy call to KUTV on 11th October 2023 and affirmed that the good partnership between both parties will continue as envisaged back in 2015. KUTV has reaped huge benefits in reduced production cost and diversification of its programming content from the partnership over the years.

In another milestone, KUTV recently enrolled the first cohort of its Apprenticeship Short Courses programme!

The Apprenticeship courses were designed to enable KUTV and KU Radio to serve as Training Labs, which will enhance the two stations’ potential in adding more value to the University’s core mandate of serving humanity through training.

These one-month long courses are intensively practical, and are aimed at honing skills of learners at all levels: high school leavers who do not secure admission for regular certificate and diploma programmes in universities and colleges; high school leavers eager to learn entrepreneurial skills in media production and practitioners already working in the media industry wishing to refresh their skills in digital TV and Radio production.

Each of the short courses will cost KSH 25,000 per month as illustrated below.
A delegation from Turkana University, spearheaded by Dr. Lucy Akinyi, the Acting Director of Open Learning, embarked on a benchmarking visit to Kenyatta University Digital School on 26th September 2023. The purpose of this visit was to glean insights into best practices across various facets of the digital school’s operations.

Dr. Stephen Waithaka, the Executive Dean of the Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning, extended a warm welcome to the Turkana University team in his opening remarks.

Expressing gratitude for choosing Kenyatta University as a benchmarking partner, he emphasised the institution’s dedication to the public good. Dr. Waithaka pledged unwavering support to Turkana University’s aspirations to establish a digital school and implement relevant programmes.

During the visit, the Executive Dean imparted crucial insights to the Turkana University team. He stressed the importance of having critical staff, including a systems programmer to collaborate with the Director of Open Learning. Advising on strategic planning, he encouraged clarity of short and long-term goals, consistent target reviews, and the pursuit of dreams without limitations due to financial constraints.

Dr. Waithaka also underscored the significance of overcoming challenges without discouragement and emphasised the need for prepared modules before launching any open learning programmes.

The coordinators at the Digital School provided Turkana University with a detailed overview of each section’s responsibilities. Dr. Janet Muthimi oversees teaching and quality assurance, Dr. Kennedy Awuor leads the Continuous Education Programme (CEP), Dr. Samuel Mutwéleli heads the Examinations Section, and Mr. Michael Munyao manages the Content and e-Learning Section.

The benchmarking visit reached its zenith with an online academic staff training session on content development and online learning. Facilitated by selected members of the Kenyatta University Digital School, the training was extended to Turkana University’s management, led by their Principal, in early May 2023.

This benchmarking endeavour reflects Kenyatta University’s commitment to knowledge-sharing and collaborative growth, fostering a spirit of excellence in digital education.
Managing Quality for Success

The Directorate of Quality Management System is mandated to coordinate implementation and maintenance of the University Quality Management System, Performance Contracts and monitor implementation of the University Strategic plan.

The Directorate has successfully conducted the first internal quality audit against ISO 9001:2015, Quality Management System standard. The audit was conducted between 20th and 28th February 2023 across all campuses in the University. This was in preparation for the recertification audit set for June 2023.

The 19th Cycle Performance Contracting period (2022/2023) is in the fourth and final quarter, the Directorate is in the process of ensuring that the University has addressed all its performance indicators as per the guidelines. The University aims to improve on its 2021/2022 raw score of 2.5519 which was in the ‘Very Good’ category.

In line with the above, the University undertook an audit on accessibility and usability of built environment and websites on 2nd and 3rd May, 2023. The audit was conducted by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD). By aligning with the institution’s core values and philosophy, conducting this audit is crucial as it promotes inclusivity, ensures legal compliance, enhances user experience, strengthens business reputation, drives innovation, and demonstrates social responsibility.

The Directorate is also in the process of developing the University’s 20th Cycle Performance Contract for the Financial Year, 2023/2024 commencing 1st July, 2023 up to 30th June 2024. The Kenyatta University Strategic and Vision Plan continues to guide and point the way forward for the University.

The University has continued to implement the Strategic Plan through annual work planning and by ensuring that University Performance Contract is cascaded to operational units. The implementation of the Strategic Plan is monitored for action on any deviations from the stated goals.
In a significant stride towards academic diversification, Kenyatta University’s Mombasa Campus has secured its technical and vocational education and training authority (TVETA) registration certificate, marking its official status as a TVET centre.

Acclaimed for academic excellence, the institution is accredited to offer seven diploma courses under competency based education and training (CBET) level 6 curricula, as follows: Business Management, Human Resources Management, Supply Chain Management, Accountancy, Records Management, Information Science, and Marketing.

With this accreditation, plans are swiftly progressing to list the centre on the KUCCPS portal, simplifying student selection for the anticipated 2024 intake. This milestone not only broadens educational opportunities but also emphasises the commitment to providing diverse, high-quality programmes that resonate with the demands of today’s job market.

For the first time in a decade, Mombasa Campus participated in the Mombasa International ASK Show from 6th – 10th September 2023. At this event, the campus marketed the University’s academic programmes and short courses. Fourteen secondary schools, two mid-level colleges, and staff from nineteen corporate institutions visited the KU exhibition stand.

Our presence at the ASK show attracted invitations from Khamis High School, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Nahyan Secondary School, and Qubaa Muslim School, who requested that we visit their respective school premises to provide detailed course selection and career guidance talks to their students.

In our continued effort to foster mutually beneficial relationships with interested parties like the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the campus hosted ACCA facilitators on 21st and 23rd September 2023, to offer career and professional development support to students undertaking Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Public Policy Administration programmes.

Furthermore, the campus also hosted Ajira Digital programme facilitators on 24th September 2023 to talk to students about the government initiative launched and driven by the Ministry of ICT, Innovation, and Youth Affairs (MoICT), whose mission is to enable 1 million Kenyan youth to earn a decent wage from digital and digitally enabled jobs annually.

The campus health unit, in keeping with its mandate to promote the wellness of the campus fraternity, organised a campus wellness day on 17th September 2023. The event theme was “a healthy campus starts with a healthy you”.

During this event, health care providers like Chiromo Hospital, Avenue Healthcare, Equity Afia, Regional Blood Bank, Khaderboy Health Centre, International Optica, and Signature Healthcare supported the event by facilitating dental checkups, eye checkups, cervical and breast cancer screening, blood pressure and blood sugar screening, body mass index, mental health evaluation, VCT, and blood donation.
City Campus, established in 2009, has become a beacon of higher education, meeting the growing demand and adapting to the dynamic needs of society. Nestled in Nairobi County’s Central Business District along Haile Selassie Avenue, this campus has consistently expanded its student population, offering a diverse range of over eighty (80) undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes.

At the heart of its success lies a commitment to aligning its academic offerings with market demands. The campus has excellent facilities for higher education, including two state-of-the-art computer laboratories, well-equipped lecture rooms, a comprehensive library, and a medical clinic. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of the University Council, Management, Deans of schools, the Director, Chairpersons of departments, academic staff, and support staff.

In the First Semester of the Academic Year 2023/2024, City Campus welcomed over 300 regular postgraduate and undergraduate students. Additionally, approximately 150 students joined through the Virtual and Open Learning mode, showcasing the campus’s commitment to accessible education. These students have enthusiastically embarked on their studies under the innovative blended learning mode.

The recent KUSA elections were also conducted successfully, filling crucial student leadership positions within the Campus for the current semester.

The campus is now under the visionary leadership of Mr. Benson Okebe, the newly appointed Director, who brings a wealth of experience and passion for fostering academic excellence.

To facilitate a smooth transition for all new students, City Campus organised a comprehensive orientation programme. The programme brought together key figures, including the Director, Librarian, Security Office, and KUSA Officials. The involvement of departmental leaders, such as the Chairpersons of various Departments, reflects the commitment to holistic student development.

The orientation program covered a wide spectrum of academic disciplines. This diverse array of departments underscores the comprehensive nature of education at City Campus, providing students with a well-rounded and enriching academic experience. As the campus continues to evolve, it remains a vibrant hub for learning, innovation, and personal growth.
Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus left an indelible mark at Moi Girls High School Kamusinga’s Career Day on 24th June 2023, and the Agricultural Society of Kenya Trade Fair in Nakuru from 12th to 16th July 2023.

The prestigious Moi Girls High School Kamusinga hosted a dynamic blend of Public and Private Universities alongside middle-level colleges for its Career Day on 24th June 2023. Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus, seizing the opportunity, presented an engaging exhibition of its diverse programmes offered collaboratively with the Main Campus.

Led by Dr. Ann Muchemi, Team Leader and Lecturer at the School of Business, Economics, and Tourism, supported by Mr. J. P. Otieno (Administrator) and Ms. Cecilia Mwangi (Secretary), the team actively interacted with enthusiastic students from various secondary schools. Dr. Muchemi highlighted KU’s commitment to world-class education, a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and a flexible mode of study tailored to individual learner needs. She emphasised the impressive physical facilities, the chance to learn in modern state-of-the-art facilities, and the opportunity to build valuable networks by interacting with students from diverse geographical regions.

From 12th to 16th July 2023, Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus took centre stage at the Agricultural Society of Kenya Trade Fair, showcasing its various programmes. The campus director, Dr. Thaddeus Rugar, and the dedicated team, set up a visually striking tent strategically positioned next to the Kenya Ports Authority Stand.

During the exhibition, the campus not only attracted attention but also received accolades. For the first time, KU Nakuru Campus was awarded a prize for the third best, standing out among the Best University Stands and making an impressive display in Class 1 and 19 categories.

The stand, adorned in Kenyatta University colours, became a focal point for many Kenyans seeking information on undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered at KU. From 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily, the team tirelessly attended to inquiries, making the campus a preferred choice among high school students.

J. P. Otieno (Campus Administrator) and Cecilia Mwangi proudly displayed the 3rd Best Stand University Award at the Nakuru ASK show on 15th July 2023.

These accomplishments reaffirm Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus’s commitment to providing quality education and fostering connections with the broader community.
Kenyatta University’s Kitui Campus stands as a picturesque oasis of learning, nestled in the tranquil surroundings of Kwa-Vonza, Kitui County. With a focus on agricultural programmes, the campus offers an array of educational opportunities, including seven (7) undergraduate, 11 masters, and 13 doctoral programmes in Agriculture. Additionally, the campus is a registered TVET Centre, offering certificate and diploma programmes in agriculture and other market-oriented courses.

In the year 2023, the campus witnessed a significant surge in enrollment for undergraduate Agricultural programmes, with an increase of 365 students, bringing the total to an impressive 900 students. The campus goes beyond traditional academic settings, providing hands-on practical experiences to students through various cropping and livestock enterprises. Maize, beans, sorghum, green grams, tomatoes, cabbages, kales, as well as cows, donkeys, pigs, sheep, goats, and rabbits contribute to both academic and research purposes, ensuring the delivery of high-level Agricultural training.

A notable highlight in the campus’s recent history was the visit of our Vice-Chancellor, Prof Paul K. Wainaina, on November 13, 2023. The visit marked the official launch of the National tree planting exercise, where Kenyatta University staff, students, and stakeholders joined hands to plant a remarkable total of 9,000 seedlings. The event not only showcased the commitment to environmental sustainability but also fostered collaboration among diverse entities, including the Kenya Defence Forces and administration police officers.

Expanding beyond traditional agricultural practices, the campus is at the forefront of utilising innovative technologies. Dryland moisture technologies such as shed nets, greenhouse farming, on-farm rainwater harvesting, and the use of crop leaf microbial inoculant, introduced by Dr. Benjamin Danga, are integral to the campus’s agricultural demonstration and research plots.

The commitment to agricultural advancement extends globally, with thirteen (13) students, including recent graduates, undergoing enhanced practical agricultural training at AICAT in Israel. Coordinated by Deputy Executive Dean Dr. Benjamin Danga, this 11-month programme offers students a holistic, hands-on training experience in modern agricultural technologies, aligning with Kenya’s ASAL agricultural development.

In a groundbreaking partnership with the Kenya Space Agency, Kenyatta University is set to host an Observatory Optical Telescope at Kitui Campus. This collaboration opens up opportunities for researchers, staff, and students to engage in the observation and monitoring of celestial bodies, including satellites, asteroids, and comets.

As the campus continues to evolve, embrace sustainability, innovation, and global collaboration, it remains a beacon of academic excellence and practical application in the field of agriculture.
Kenyatta University’s Directorate of Sports and Games has showcased an impressive record of achievements in the realm of sports, since the last graduation ceremony. The University’s commitment to fostering sporting excellence has manifested in noteworthy accomplishments across various disciplines.

KU’s sports facilities gained international recognition as the training venue for teams such as USA, Spain, and Scotland during the World U-20 Rugby Teams event. The teams utilised top-notch facilities including the Rugby pitch, swimming pool, and gymnasium, culminating in a successful event on 30th July.

In the ongoing Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) leagues that commenced in September, Kenyatta University has fielded competitive teams across an array of disciplines. These include football, netball, handball, basketball, hockey, volleyball, roll ball, board games, racket games, and martial arts. Following the completion of the fourth round of league fixtures, several KU teams have secured top positions in the league standings. Additionally, KU actively participates in federation leagues where hockey, basketball, handball, rugby, and board games teams consistently achieve commendable results.

The third edition of the Africa University Sports Federation (FASU) Kings of Rugby and Tennis championships, held at Makerere University, Uganda in early October 2023, saw KU Rugby men clinch an impressive second position out of seven teams. The tennis team added to the glory by securing silver in men’s doubles, bronze in women’s singles, and another bronze in the women’s team ranking.

Kenyatta University’s men’s football team, aptly named the “Hardnuts,” proudly represented Africa in the Federation of International University Sports (FISU) football world cup held in China from 21st to 31st October. The team exhibited exceptional prowess, finishing in a commendable sixth position among twelve competitive teams.

Demonstrating a commitment to holistic development, Kenyatta University actively participated in the annual students’ leadership boot camp organised by the Kenya Universities Sports Federation in conjunction with FISU. This event, held at Taita Taveta University Ngerenyi Campus in Wundanyi from 26th to 29th October 2023, saw representation from four KU student leaders and one dedicated staff member.

Anticipation is building as KU teams prepare to compete in the 2023 edition of the KUSA National Games, scheduled for December and hosted by the University of Nairobi. Kenyatta University, having dominated all previous editions since its re-inception in 2009, is poised to defend its title once again, showcasing the institution’s enduring commitment to sporting excellence.
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Mohamed Ibrahim Ali

Bachelor of Architecture
Bonga Noel Opiasi
Jebichi Abigael
Corir Kipkoech Adrian
Namatasi Sylvia
Weldon Kimutai

Bachelor of Arts (Public Policy and Administration)
Levy Abraham Guya
Solomon Okello Obiero

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
Esther Mwende Ngei
George Kimani Njoroge
Masika Benjamin Sifuna
Meki Francis
Merry Chemutai
Ogolla Daniel Odhiambo
Verah Nyabonyi Atutu
Linda Akelo Odhiambo

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)
Ecra Njeri Kamau
Isaac Macharia Njiahia
James Murugu Gitonga.
Jane Mumbi Maina
Lila Karua Githaiga
Lucky Mwaka Happy
Zahra Awadh Abdulhood
Iyman Yunus Sulum
Johnson Kamau Mungai

Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing)
Wambua Dennis

Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
Stephanie Alice Juma

Bachelor of Economics
Antony Ngigi Njanga
Caleb Wafula Mukwana
Liza Mwendwa Murungi
Petra Wamuyu

Bachelor of Economics and Finance
Augustine Mwithya Muthui
Benedict Kakai Mulang’A
Cheruuyiot Kipkosgei Justine
Herbert Akor Ebei
Karen Syombua John
Kebera Omung’a Boaz
Muraguri Maxwel Maina
Musin Khamis Musa
Peter Raburu Okinyi
Tume Huka Guyo
Umutohi Gaizzi Grace

Bachelor of Education
Victor Okinyi Owegi

Bachelor of Economics and Statistics
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Janet Nanjekho Sitati
Leotica Mutheu Tito
Maina N Carolyn
Odhiambo Beatrice Aluo
Reginah Nyamakachi Maina
Mitchell Njoki

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Mwangi Mary Wanjiku
Selina Sydney Leshooomo
Wanjoyi Simiyu Moses

Bachelor of Education (Science)
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John Kagia
Kitur Damaris Chepkemoi
Maina Teresia Wangui
Maria Kadzo Safari
Muli Millicent Nduku
Nyaroo Kefa Mobegi
Owusu Ottone Carlious
Victor Okethe Ochieng
Caleb Mafwabi Wayaba
Dyams Kibet Kogo
Maketso Walter
Polly Wanjiru Nyawira
Stephine Odhiamboto Otieno

Bachelor of Education (Special Needs Education)
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Jemutai Doreen

Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Community Development)
Brian Otieno
Faith Silvia Kavata

Bachelor of Laws
Loo Saada Muhammad
Muraraku Daniel Giichi

Bachelor of Science (Analytical Chemistry with Management)
Elaine Naliaka Nangalama
Hannington Kachawa Kisache

Bachelor of Science (Animal Health and Production)
Githinji Kelvin Maina
Kiprop Maxwel Yator
Mwichiigi Gikuni David
Rono Kipkoeche Amos
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Kilonzo Anna Nduku
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Bachelor of Science (Industrial Mathematics & Computer Science)
Marren Kendi Muriungi

Bachelor of Science (Microbiology)
Japheth Ambuto
Lala Simon Muema

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Were Roselyne Adhiambos
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Susan Apondi Oduor

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Kibet Ray Kiprop
Mark Maina Wangari
Sophy Juma

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Kena N. Kariuki

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Bachelor of Science (Telecommunication and Information Technology)
Leahmir Idriss Al

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