

# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI 52<sup>ND</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY

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## Message from the Chancellor

**Give your time, resources and expertise to help the less fortunate in our society, graduates told**

In this congregation today are individuals, families and institutions that have over the years given generously to make this day possible. I invite you graduands to consider giving your time, resources and expertise in aid of the less fortunate in our society. Do not say that you have nothing to offer, because world over, those who give the most have the least. Perhaps you can mentor a child, or sponsor a child through school, or inspire a group.

As a philanthropist, I am aware of the difficulties around financing of higher education. Many of our citizens still experience difficulties meeting their financial obligations. The time has come for us to leverage on the abundant knowledge we possess to expand our revenue base and develop an endowment fund for the needy students.

You are graduating at a time of great challenges to public universities. Across the world, universities are besieged with technological, demographic and economic forces which they can no longer ignore. Rising costs and reduced state funding remain real threats to the existence of public universities across the world. There is need to reduce over-dependence on state support which has been on the decline and will continue to decline. Our focus on Module 2 is not the solution to the long term sustainability of our universities. In fact, we should open up to the untapped opportunities and in some instances may hurt the very purpose of our existence, research and knowledge advancement.

The University should take knowledge to the people and be part and parcel of the solution. Some of our lecturers have pioneered ways of engaging with the public and jointly seeking solutions to the many societal problems. It is this sort of interaction between the Government, universities and the private sector that creates employment and wealth in many successful countries.

We need to commercialize research output and create new industries that will employ our graduates. We need to add value to our agricultural produce, improve post harvest management and reduce vulnerability to food insecurity. I am encouraged that the College of Agriculture & the Veterinary Science is pioneering many innovative ways of adding value to and securing our agricultural produce.

I wish to single out the Fabrication Laboratory at the



**Dr. Vijoo H.M. Rattansi (Mrs.)**  
Chancellor, University of Nairobi

School of Engineering that collaborates with MIT. This is a great opportunity to develop new machinery that can be used in manufacturing processes and mechanizing agriculture to create employment. It has the potential to upgrade our vast jua kali sectors to higher levels. I know about the C4D Lab in the School of Computing and Informatics that specializes in high quality and relevant ICT research and innovation to meet strategic development objectives of the government as enshrined in Vision 2030. There is opportunity to scale up this incubator program. ICT has revolutionized the way we do business in this country. Kenya today leads the world in mobile money. Take a minute to imagine a world without mobile money. By tapping into these two and similar initiatives, we the academic fraternity will play a more meaningful role in the country's economic development.

As we reenergize the University, let us rethink governance, reviewing our decisions on higher education, and infuse into the university, a culture that is a dash of business corporate culture. We must view the University as a business, a going concern whose governance must resonate with the best business practices and corporate governance ideals.

I commend Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha whose term is coming to an end in January 2015, for steering the University to realize phenomenal growth of the University. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor designate, Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi on his appointment and wish him well as he builds on these gains.

## Message from Chairman of Council

**Commitment to upholding standards**

It is yet another momentous occasion for the University of Nairobi, as we celebrate the 52nd Graduation ceremony. First and foremost, I wish to convey my most sincere congratulations and heartfelt felicitations to the graduating class of 2014. No doubt years of persistent hard work and struggle has paid off handsomely culminating into this special day when you will be given the powers to read and do all that appertains to your academic achievements. Pongezi to all the graduands and I salute you all.

As we celebrate your achievement, it behooves you to remember that the country is undergoing rapid development in an increasingly digital world. It is thus important that you make use of the excellent skills that you have acquired at this University to serve your fellow countrymen and humanity at large.

This year, the University has had a number of challenges and successes. One of our key achievements is that we maintained and enhanced the good standing of the University at all levels, nationally, regionally and even globally. Indeed, this year we have demonstrable quality work in research, teaching and corporate social responsibility.

The Web Ranking of Universities re-affirmed the University of Nairobi (UoN) as the leading University in the region. The ranking confirms the scholarly competitive edge that the University of Nairobi has steadily maintained in the country, in Africa and the entire world. This is something that we must celebrate and look forward to in 2015; to better enhanced ranking of the University.

The University of Nairobi Council is endowed with talent and I believe that together, we can commit to ensuring that the University meets and advances its core objectives and obligations to society. I wish to affirm therefore that the Council, will continue engaging various sectors of the university family including the Management, the Senate, Staff, students and the unions in order to reach amicable solutions regarding their welfare by fostering and embracing dialogue.

The 52nd Graduation ceremony marks the final graduation for our long serving, indefatigable Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Albert Omoro Magoha. Indeed, the last ten years, have been times of tremendous change for the University. Under his command the institution has made great strides in all aspects fiscal discipline, academic excellence, infrastructure development and capacity building. During this period, there has been an exponential increase in the number of students, academic programs offered and alumni numbers. Furthermore, a firm foothold has been achieved in what I like to call a good working culture, good corporate governance, and



**Dr. Idle Omar Farah**  
Chairman, University Council

in upholding academic excellence.

The 52nd Graduation will also see the conferment of an honorary PhD on our Chancellor Dr. Vijoo Rattansi. Congratulations Madam Chancellor for this deserved honor. The Council and the Chancellor have been working as a team and we have developed a common vision for this university, which will only auger well. In 2015, we will embark upon a process of ensuring that the student experience of the University is wholesome. This is in respect to welfare, health and life skills. We will provide leadership training to all prospective student leaders before and after SONU elections.

Finally, 2015 will see the ushering of new leadership into the University. I take this opportunity to welcome the government's appointment of Prof. Peter Mbithi as the Vice-Chancellor to take over from Prof. George Magoha. I wish Prof Mbithi every success as he commences his term in January 2015 and assure him of the support of the Council as he takes over the stewardship of this great University.

Once again, congratulations to the class of 2014. It is our hope that you will have a positive and lasting impact on the society you will be serving; do not look at the possibility of employment in the public or private sphere per se, but rather, seek alternative ways of engaging yourself fully. I want to encourage you to join the alumni association and seek to make significant contributions to your alma mater. Thank you and God bless the University of Nairobi.

## Message from the Vice-Chancellor

**Taking stock of achievements**

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the University of Nairobi and in particular to the 52nd congregation of the University of Nairobi. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the graduands for their hard work, without which this occasion would not have taken place.

This Congregation is featuring graduands mainly from the: Colleges of Health Sciences, and Humanities and Social Sciences, and from a professional perspective, the congregation is releasing into the market 7,799 graduates comprising of: doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, lawyers, economists, business executives and social scientists, among others, at different levels. The 52nd graduation will bring to over 95,000 graduates that we have conferred with degrees and diplomas in the last 10 years comprising; 7 honorary degrees, 3 DSc's, 495 PhDs, 18,951 Masters, 59,077 bachelors and 15,619 diplomas. Our alumni now standing at 173,134, makes the University of Nairobi the largest single contributor to the human resource capacity in the country. We will also confer 2 honorary doctorates to Dr. Vijoo H.M. Rattansi and Dr. Samuel K. Macharia for their exemplary service in different sectors of our country.

The University has achieved a sterling performance as posted in the recent



**Prof. George A. O. Magoha**  
Vice-Chancellor

Webometric Ranking. Our outstanding performance confirms our long held view that the University of Nairobi is the gold standard of the region after emerging top in the region and position 9 in Africa ahead of all regional universities for the second time in six months. This performance is a climax of the great work by our staff and students in their academic pursuit; thus raising the visibility of the University worldwide. It also vindicates the strategic management systems that we have consciously put in place for the last 10 years and which are now bearing fruit. This improved performance is a build up to other excellent results that we have recorded in the past, especially in

performance contracting. Currently, the University of Nairobi holds the Excellent rank, in the public sector performance contracting, a standing that has never been attained by any other public entity, since the introduction of public sector reforms in 2004.

The University has experienced a lot of gains occasioned by the restructuring that has been put in place in the last 10 years. This improved state of affairs was due to the management's commitment to strategy that, among other things, laid emphasis on the growth of the University revenues through more enrolments, research grants and above all, prudent management of resources.

The frugal management of our scarce resources over the last 10 years has paid dividends. We not only managed to complete our stalled infrastructural projects of the 1990s, but we have also managed to initiate new ones. All our campuses now boast of new projects initiated or completed in the last 10 years. Cumulatively, we have spent over KES 3.5 billion on these projects. This investment is expected to rise sharply by KES 2.2 Billion, with the completion of the ongoing construction of the University Towers - now on the 22nd floor and set for completion next year. However, for this University to have the capacity to absorb the increasing need for higher education in the country, more quality facilities are required

to support academic and social welfare of our students.

To meet these needs, the University plans to construct hostels to accommodate more than 5,000 students on a five acre piece of land next to the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel. This project will be financed under the Private Public Partnership model, and plans for its commencement are at an advanced stage. We have also lined up the construction of the School of Law Tower at the Parklands Campus, to house the increasing academic activities and offer a modern learning legal environment that is commensurate with the status of the School and affirm its position, among other leading law schools, worldwide.

I am also grateful for the support that I have received from the present and the previous government and particularly for non interference in the internal affairs of the University. I have been privileged to work under seven different ministers of higher education, and their support has been phenomenal. I however urge the government to extend this support in providing more capitation to the University to at least cater for the payroll so that the university can free its funds for development projects.

The other remedy is for the government to consider implementing unit costing in higher education. Universities offering courses that require more resources should be financed

at a level that is commensurate to their running costs, as opposed to uniform funding for all government sponsored students. If adopted, unit cost based funding will reduce the deficit, which has continually affected universities offering courses that require a lot of investment in learning materials and personnel.

As my term comes to a close, I commend the government and the University council for managing the recruitment of my successor with professionalism. The process yielded a candidate whom I trust will steer the University to greater accomplishments. I therefore take this opportunity to congratulate Prof. Peter Mbithi on his appointment as the seventh Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi and wish him all the best as he prepares to assume office in January 2015.

I remain grateful to the many stakeholders who have played a leading role in ensuring that I delivered on the objectives of this great university. To my students and members of staff, I enjoyed your support and understanding. Most importantly the support I received from management particularly the members of the University Senate and the University Management Board, and students leaders was critical in moving this University forward.

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## TOP MANAGEMENT



Prof. Peter M.F. Mbiti, Vice-Chancellor Designate & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration & Finance



Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs



Prof. Isaac M. Mbeche, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs



Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension



Prof. Agnes W. Mwangombe, Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences



Prof. Bernard N.K. Njoroge, Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering



Prof. Bernard Aduda, Principal, College of Biological & Physical Sciences



Prof. Isaac K. Kibwage, Principal, College of Health Sciences



Prof. Enos H.N. Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities & Social Sciences



Prof. Isaac Jumba, Principal, College of Education and External Studies



Prof. Peter K'Obonyo, Deputy Principal, College of Humanities & Social Sciences



Prof. Horace Ochanda, Deputy Principal, Kenya Science Campus

## The College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) is the largest of the six colleges of the University of Nairobi. The college comprises the Faculty of Arts, School of Business, School of Law, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, School of Economics, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, Population Studies and Research Institute, the Institute for Development Studies, the Institute of Anthropology and Gender Studies and Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP), African Women Studies Centre and Centre for Translations and Interpretation

The college has about 50 percent of the total student enrolment in the university. It operates Main campus Parklands, Lower Kabete and the National Museum. The other locations are in Mombasa and Kisumu. These institutes, schools and faculties offer over 60 disciplines from certificate to doctoral level

programmes. Our alumni are found in all sectors of our economy thus contributing immensely towards the country's development objectives.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is a strategic avenue of training for the Judiciary, Business, Diplomacy, Economics, Communication and Media, the Arts, Population, Development, Anthropology and Gender disciplines. The vision of the College is to be a leading institution that promotes excellence in teaching, training, research and consultancy in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The mandate of the college is to coordinate the implementation of University policies and programmes in the humanities and social sciences. In order to fulfill this mandate, the college has invested heavily in staff training and development and provision of teaching and research facilities, including Information Communication Technology.

The college has invested in capital projects and this has created a good teaching and learning environment. The College has developed a total of 12 well equipped computer laboratories spread in all the campuses.

PROGRAMME TYPE	TOTAL
Diploma Awards	96
Bachelors Degree Awards	1960
Postgraduate Diploma Awards	14
Master Degree Awards	972
Doctor of Philosophy Degree Awards	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,065</b>

## Our Vision

A world-class university committed to scholarly excellence.

## Our Mission

To provide quality university education and training and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge.

## Core Values

- Freedom of thought and expression;
- Innovativeness and creativity;
- Good corporate governance;
- Team spirit and teamwork;
- Professionalism;
- Quality customer service;
- Responsible corporate citizenship and strong social responsibility;
- Respect for and conservation of the environment.

## SUMMARY

Bachelor Degree Awards	4,673
Others Awards	15
Diploma Awards	536
Masters Degree Awards	2,440
Postgraduate Diploma Awards	36
Doctor of Philosophy Degrees Awards	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,789</b>

## The College of Health Sciences

The College comprises the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing Sciences, Dental Sciences, the Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID), School of Public Health, The College of Health Sciences (CHS) Centre for HIV Prevention and Research (CHIVPR). There are 21 teaching departments inclusive of 13 thematic units.

The current undergraduate student population stands at 2322. An array of postgraduate programmes is offered. These range from postgraduate diploma to doctorate and various health disciplines.

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) is in strategic and well-served locations within the city of Nairobi. The clinical

departments are located at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), the teaching hospital of the University of Nairobi while the pre-clinical departments are situated in Chiromo campus.

The college has extensive physical facilities for teaching and research backed with efficient ICT connectivity enabling our staff and students easy access to electronic library and general Internet. It is therefore the preferred institution for local and international collaborations and linkages. Currently the College has 39 international partnerships and linkages

The college is engaged in relevant health and social behavioural research. The most notable are those involved in HIV/AIDS, which have gained international recognition. In this connection, leading in HIV/AIDS research are the Kenya Aids Vaccine Initiative (KAVI) and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) in the School of Medicine and the Centre for HIV Prevention and Research.

The School of Pharmacy has two leading research units in drugs, namely Drug Analysis and Research Unit and the Mitishamba Drug Research Centre.

At UNITID, an ultramodern level III Laboratory has been built to cater for the emerging and reemerging pathogens especially the viral haemorrhagic fevers. This facility is the third of its kind in Africa. The College is the leading recipient of research funds in the University.

## GRADUANDS SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TYPE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
<b>COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>			
Other Awards	7	8	15
Diploma Awards	4	3	7
Bachelors Degree Awards	243	288	531
Postgraduate Diploma Awards	2	1	3
Master Degree Awards	86	107	193
Doctor of Philosophy Degree Awards	8	6	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>763</b>



Prof. Fred Were, Dean, School of Medicine



Prof. Agnes Guantai, Dean, School of Pharmacy



Prof. Loise Gathece, Dean, School of Dental Sciences



Dr. Dismus Ongore, Director, School of Public Health



Prof. Grace M. Omoni, Director, School of Nursing Sciences



Prof. Walter Mwanda, Director, University of Nairobi Institute of Infectious & Tropical Diseases



Prof. Omu Anzala, Director, Kenya Aids Vaccine Initiative, Institute of Clinical Research



Prof. Peter Mungai Ngugi, Director, East African Kidney Institute



Prof. Preston Chitere, Dean, Faculty of Arts



Dr. Joshiash Aduda, Dean, School of Business



Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Dean, School of Law



Prof. Murungaru Kimani, Director, Population Studies and Research Institute



Dr. Charles Olunga, Director, Institute of Anthropology, African and Gender Studies



Prof. Wanjiku Kabira, Director, African Women Studies Centre



Prof. Winnie Mitulla, Director, Institute for Development Studies



Dr. Wambui Kiai, Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication



Prof. Maria Nzomo, Director, Institute of Diplomacy & International Relations



Prof. Jane Mariara, Director, School of Economics



Prof. Nicholas Oguge, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy



Prof. Jane Mutiga, Director, Centre for Translations and Interpretation

The various collaborations and linkages with industry provide opportunities for our staff and students to make teaching and learning more relevant to the needs of the society. Community service has

continued to attract a lot of focus from all the units in the College and much more will be done in this area.

The students in the college have organized themselves into professional or-

ganizations through which they interact with various professional bodies and individuals and this forms an important step in the preparation of students for work in both the public and private sectors.

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## Heads of Multi-disciplinary Boards



**Prof. Godfrey Muriuki**  
Special Students Advisor



**Dr. Stephen Moindi, Director, Board of Common Undergraduate Studies**



**Prof. Eunice Mutitu, Director, Board of Post-Graduate Studies**



**Prof. William Ogara, Director, Centre for International Programmes and Linkages**

## UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

<b>2005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Vice-Chancellor to be hired competitively</li> <li>Strategic Planning of the University commences</li> <li>Launch of Alumni Association</li> <li>Two graduation ceremonies per year initiated</li> <li>Restructuring the University into more viable academic units</li> <li>Revitalizing public lectures by eminent personalities</li> </ul>
<b>2006</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Sector reforms adopted in the University</li> <li>Performance Contracting adopted in the University</li> <li>Acquisition of Kisumu Campus at KES 37.5 million</li> <li>University Website and Calendar win the Commonwealth Universities Website, and Public Relations and Marketing Competition.</li> </ul>
<b>2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of several stalled buildings among them the Examination Centre, Library Hill and School of Education building at Kikuyu, Millennium Hall in Chiromo, 8-4-4 Lecture Theatre in Upper Kabete, and the School of Nursing Complex</li> <li>State of the art level 3 laboratories to handle highly contagious pathogens</li> <li>Former Kenya Polytechnic becomes a University of Nairobi constituent College, while Former Kenya Science College becomes a campus of the University of Nairobi</li> </ul>
<b>2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISO Certification of the University</li> <li>Purchase of Uni Plaza in Mombasa at the cost of KES 198 million</li> <li>University of Nairobi adopts a Computerized Financial Management System</li> </ul>
<b>2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. George Magoha is trained in Executive Management</li> <li>University of Nairobi constructs modern Chemistry, Biology and Physics laboratories at Kenya Science Campus</li> <li>Prof. George Magoha appointed Chairman, Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board</li> </ul>
<b>2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of the positions of two Deputy Vice-Chancellor's to handle research and student affairs</li> <li>University of Nairobi becomes first public University to be issued with financial accounts audit certificate</li> <li>University of Nairobi calendar and website win the Association of Commonwealth Universities Award</li> </ul>
<b>2011</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Nairobi receives US\$12.5 million grant from the US National Institutes of Health targeting Medical Education in Africa</li> <li>Appointment of two Deputy Vice-Chancellor's in-charge of Student Affairs and Research</li> <li>University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha becomes President of the Association of African Universities.</li> </ul>
<b>2012</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Nairobi becomes first public entity to be ranked Excellent in the public sector performance</li> </ul>
<b>2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University breaks ground for the construction of the 22 storey University Towers</li> <li>University graduates a record 95 PhDs</li> <li>University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha becomes President of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa</li> <li>College of Health Sciences declared a Centre of Excellence in East Africa</li> </ul>
<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Nairobi tops the region and emerges nine in Africa in web-ranking</li> <li>University of Nairobi hosts the All African Universities Games</li> <li>Pension Scheme Fund value up from KES. 2.8 billion to KES 12.6 billion</li> <li>The 22-storey shell of the University towers nears completion</li> <li>University of Nairobi School of Law wins the Africa Moot Court Competition.</li> </ul>

## UNIVERSITY AS IT STANDS

	2005	2014
<b>Student Population</b>	30,000	79,000
<b>Staff</b>	4,500	5,525
<b>Webometrics</b>	25 in Africa	No. 1 in East Africa and No. 9 in Africa
<b>Alumni</b>	74,429	165,335
<b>Research fund</b>	KES 350 million	Over KES 4 billion
<b>Asset portfolio</b>	KES 20 billion	KES 102 billion
<b>Professors</b>	95	154
<b>Associate Professors</b>	126	253
<b>PhD's per year</b>	28	110
<b>Links &amp; Collaborations</b>	125	260 active
<b>Pension Scheme fund value</b>	KES 2.8 billion	KES 12.6 billion
<b>Programmes</b>	300	584
<b>Graduands per year</b>	5117	14,300



**Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi**  
Vice-Chancellor Designate

## New Vice-Chancellor appointed

The University of Nairobi is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi as the new Vice-Chancellor with effect from January 6th 2015 for a five-year term renewable once. Prof. Mbithi will take over from Prof. George Magoha whose final term expires in January 2015. He becomes the seventh Vice-Chancellor, since the inception of the University of Nairobi in 1970.

The appointment follows a rigorous and competitive recruitment process conducted by the University Council in October 2014. The formal appointment was made by the Cabinet Secretary, Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi as per Section 39, of the Universities Act.

Prof. Mbithi holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, Master of Science and PhD from the University of Nairobi and Master of Veterinary Science from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. He is a prolific researcher, and has attended numerous

international conferences, and published widely in his area of specialization.

Prof. Mbithi, a Professor of Veterinary Medicine, is the current Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, having been appointed to the position in 2005. He has also served as the Principal of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies.

His landmark achievements at the University of Nairobi include: steering the institution to ISO certification, leading performance contracting, rapid results initiative, strategic planning and the service charter. Prof. Mbithi has been instrumental in tidying up the general physical appearance of the university and upgrading its infrastructure. As the Deputy the Vice-Chancellor, he was also in-charge of staff welfare including industrial relations.

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