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## UON 65TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**T**he month of September period was characterized by two major events – Reporting and Registration of 1st year Students for the 2021/2022 Academic Year on 20th September, 2021; and the 65th graduation on 24th September, 2021. The University community channeled all the energy towards these all important events. The month of October was consequently, devoted to absorbing the freshmen/women into the University System. This edition of the newsletter covers these milestones. For these and more I welcome you to the 12th Issue of the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter.



Prof. Julius Ogeng'o  
Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs

## UON GRADUATES OVER 4000 STUDENTS

**T**he University of Nairobi held its 65th Graduation Ceremony virtually on September 24, 2021. The occasion saw 4,205 students graduate with different awards including; 1 Higher Doctorate, 79 Doctorates, 378 Masters, 17 postgraduate diplomas, 3,459 Bachelors and 271 Diplomas.

SN	LEVEL OF AWARD	NO. OF GRADUATES
1.	Diploma	271
2.	Bachelors	3,459
3.	Postgraduate Diplomas	17
4.	Masters	378
5.	Doctorates	79
6.	Higher Doctorate	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,205</b>

The University continued to show resilience in the face of adversity as it steadily rises from the Covid-19 effects that affected the higher education sector in 2020. Though adoption of innovative methods of teaching and learning in the virtual space, the University has remained steadfast in producing quality graduates for the ever changing work environment. Having already graduated over 8, 500 graduands virtually, since the Covid-19 pandemic, the planning of the 65th Graduation was seamless, taking into consideration the lessons learnt from the previous ceremonies. The involvement of Academic Affairs Division was more coordinated and teamwork between the Faculties and the Division more structured. Through the regular consultative meetings with the Faculty



Registrars and Departmental Administrators, guidelines on Student Progression became a significant ingredient in processing of the list of graduands by the Departments and Faculties.

This being the 3rd virtual ceremony, the University ICT team ensured the links and live stream were excellent and shared on time for the event.

Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Education, Ms. Mumina Gallo Bonaya was the chief guest representing the Cabinet Secretary for Education Prof. George Magoha.



*The Academic Procession making its way to the Great Court*



## REACHING THE PINNACLE OF ACADEMIA- UON GRADUATES 7TH HIGHER DOCTORATE

The University of Nairobi was once again in the spotlight of Academic excellence as it graduated its 7th Higher Doctorate Degree during the 65th Graduation Ceremony held on September 24, 2021.



*Prof. Fredrick Were making his presentation during the public defense of his Doctor of Science degree at Taifa Hall, listening on is the Vice Chancellor Stephen Kiama, DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o*

Prof. Fredrick Namanya Were successfully defended his Doctorate of Science (DSc) on September 17, 2021 at Taifa Hall. The thesis titled, 'Impact of Health Systems Research on the support of Inpatient Paediatric Services in Kenya's Primary and Referral Hospitals' synthesizes research (and publications) which begun with the establishment of the status of health systems supporting in-patient care (in 2002) followed by innovative interventions to correct deficits (2005-2020) and ending with a series of evaluations establish-



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ing the impact of the said interventions. The blended event attracted thousands of viewers online. This culminated in the award of Doctor of Science in Medicine during the 65th congregation.

SN	NAME	TITLES	GRADUATION DATES
1.	Prof. John Onyango Kokwaro	DSc	17/10/2008
2.	Prof. Geoffrey Moriaso Ole Maloiy	DSc	23/8/2013
3.	Prof. David Musyimi Ndeti	DSc	06/12/2013
4.	Hon. Justice Prof. J. B. Ojwang	DLL	04/9/2015
5.	Prof. Julius Alexander Ogeng'o	DSc	14/9/2018
6.	Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote	DLL	20/12/2019



The graduand Prof. Fredrick Were receiving his Doctor of Science in Medicine degree from the Chancellor Dr. Vijoo Rattansi (left) looking on is Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama, DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o and Dean Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. James Machoki



## UON WELCOMES 2021 FRESHMEN

**T**he students selected to join the University of Nairobi for the 2021/2022 Academic year reported for blended learning on September 20, 2021. The freshmen reported to their various campuses and were taken through a week long orientation programme to familiarize themselves with the University. The orientation programme ensured the students interacted with various University officials during the admission process. The first year students also got to be addressed by the Academic Registrar; and their Deans of Faculties during the Faculty orientation. The orientation period culminated in the Vice Chancellors Address on September 22, 2021. During the address the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs (DVC AA) Prof Julius Ogeng'o gave the freshmen the ABCDE that forms the creed of successful student-life.

A- Accept; Adopt and Adapt

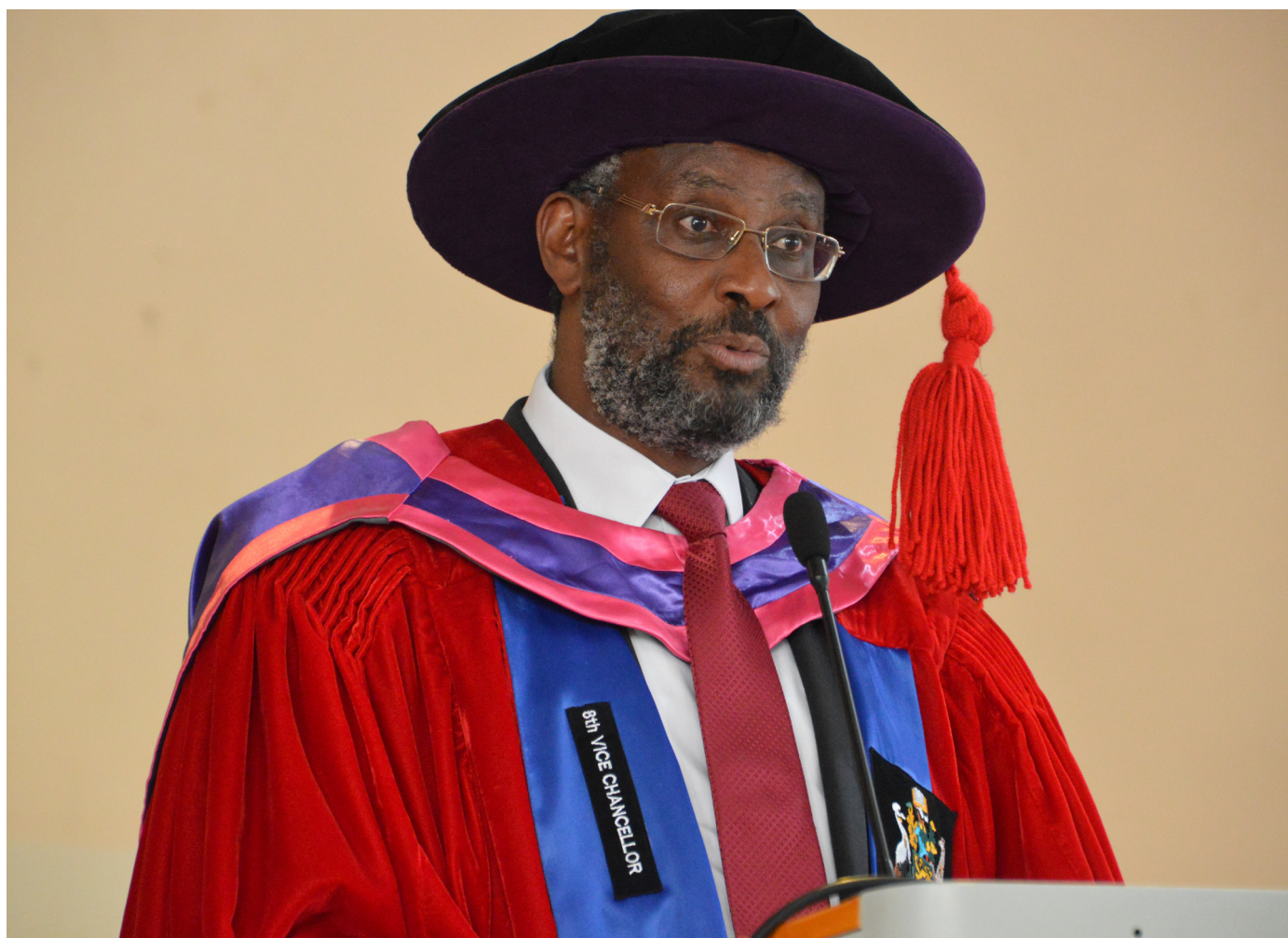
B- Becoming

C- Culture of the University of Nairobi (continual search for excellence)

D- Diligence

E- Excellence

The Vice chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama congratulated the students for being selected to join the University of Nairobi, he further called upon the students to take advantage of the talents they have and nurture them during their studentship. The VC finally welcomed the freshmen to the UoN family.



*The Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama addressing the 2021 freshmen at Taifa Hall*

**BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS**

**F**irst year Students admitted to the University of Nairobi reported for on campus learning on September 20, 2021 and immediately began the registration process. Importantly the University had integrated Student Management Information System with the registration and Biometric system to ensure effective



*First year student undertakes Biometric registration upon reporting for studies*

and efficient registration process. The students also provided scanned copies of filled Joining instructions during the process of capturing biometric information. The registration and biometric exercise was open for all new students for a period of four (4) weeks. Course registration on SMIS also commenced for the students who have paid their fees in full. An allowance of five (5) weeks is given for course registration.



*First year student undertakes Biometric registration upon reporting for studies*



## SENSITIZATION ON ONLINE LEARNING

The University of Nairobi adopted blended learning with physical and virtual learning mode of delivery. Accordingly, the first year students were taken through a week long sensitization programme on online solutions used by the University. The online training touched on the following:

- i) General ICT Support and Help desk system
- ii) SMIS – student Portal
- iii) Google classroom and its features
- iv) Zoom and its features
- v) Microsoft teams and its features
- vi) SOMAS
- vii) E-class
- viii) How to access online learning resources using UoN VPN Based systems



*Virtual training for new students done online*



## INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DAY

The University of Nairobi held its first ever International Students day themed, 'Cultural developments and interactions.' The international students day was highly significant given that UoN is home to around 2,000 international students representing nationalities from over 40 countries mostly from neighboring countries like Somalia, Southern Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania. The inaugural celebrations provided a platform for students to celebrate and appreciate their diversity and culture.



*Students from Somalia showcase their dance routine during the International Student Day celebrations*

The Students benefit from opportunities afforded to them like free language courses in Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, French, German and Kiswahili, exchange programmes, scholarships, fellowships and internships in the course of their studentship.

The University has continued to attract international students through consistent excellent ranking among World and African Universities, and also the best ranked in Eastern and Central Africa.

Speaking at the inaugural celebrations, the Deputy Ambassador of Somali to Kenya emphasized on the importance of good neighborly relations and celebrating cultural differences. The University has therefore contributed to the development of these countries through provision of quality higher education to its citizens.

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