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# Vice-Chancellor Bids University Farewell in Unique Valedictory Lecture

utgoing Egerton University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James K. Tuitoek, became the first ever retiring VC in Kenya to deliver a valedictory lecture. He addressed a packed Kilimo Hall at Njoro Campus on 9 November 2015 on the topic "The Road Trodden and the Road Ahead: My Credo in Egerton's Eternal Journey."

This was a first in university management in Kenya though it was not the first trend setter from Egerton University. Prof. Tuitoek was the first VC in

Kenya to be installed into office in an open inauguration ceremony in 2006, during which he delivered a speech entitled "Becoming Egerton University: The Eternal Journey." This has now been embraced by other universities in Kenya. Prof. Tuitoek hopes that his valedictory lecture will set

the pace for all other retiring VCs in Kenya and across the region. In the valedictory lecture, the VC reflected on his key achievements in office both as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Finance) and Vice-Chancellor. He is set to hand over to Vice-Chancellor designate Prof. Rose Mwonya on 13 January 2016. Prof. Mwonya is currently the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs).

Prof. Tuitoek joined Egerton University in 1989 as a lecturer in the Department of Animal Science. In 1997, he was elected the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture. He was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (A&F) in 2001 where he served until 2006 when he became VC. He has successfully worked under six Chairmen of Council.

shortage, student unrests, many stalled projects and staff attitude issues.

"Today, many of these 'bushes' have been successfully cleared. With the help of the government, and through prudent financial management, the University debt was brought down from Kshs.1,105,000,000 in 2001 to a surplus of over Kshs.300,000,000 in 2005," says Prof. Tuitoek. This saw a huge drop in court cases due to

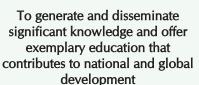
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#### **Vision**



A world class university for the advancement of humanity

#### **Mission**



# **Core Values**

Passion for excellence and devotion to duty, integrity, transparency and accountability, social fairness professionalism



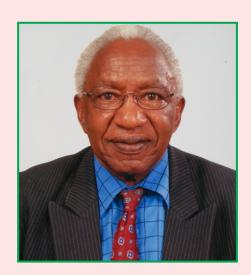
Prof. Tuitoek receives a gift from the Division of Administration and Finance after delivering his Valedictory Lecture

As VC, Prof. Tuitoek oversaw the development and implementation of the 2005-2015 Strategic Plan. On assuming office, he embarked on "clearing the bushes" that comprised the many challenges the University faced at the time. These challenges included pending debts, human resource issues, long-running court cases, a poor credit rating, water

# **Graduation Statistics**

Doctorates	14
Masters	114
Bachelors	4247
Diplomas	502
Total	4,877

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Prof. Shem Wandiga Chancellor

t gives me great pleasure to preside over this 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Egerton University. This Graduation Ceremony marks yet another milestone in the history and development of our institution. We are forever moving forward, as can be seen in the growing number of graduands each year and in the exciting new topics of theses and dissertations produced in the University.

I wish to congratulate all of you graduands for having completed your studies successfully. This is an achievement in many ways – in terms of intelligence, dedication, hard work and perseverance. As a University we have a reason to celebrate you for all these good qualities.

However, yours is not only an individual achievement, but also a collective one. It involves the mastery of subject matter and pedagogical skills of your lecturers, the competent services of the administrative and support staff, as well as the selflessness and constant care of your

parents and guardians. We celebrate them all.

We at Egerton are committed to our motto of transforming lives through quality education. We constantly take stock of our programmes and make sure that they are aligned to the market needs and thus enable our graduates to address the existing challenges in the practical world. We have no doubt that our graduands will uphold this motto and make it the purpose of their lives to make a positive impact in the lives of the people of this country and the world.

I would like to wish you, graduands, all the best in your life endeavours.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2016!

Thank you and God bless you all!

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pending debts owed to suppliers and other service providers. The University now enjoys a healthy credit rating. Consequently, a number of stalled projects have been completed. These include the chemistry lab, the physical science lab, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Complex, the dining hall, the New Education Complex, the new student hostels and the Utafiti/ARC building.

The VC explains: "The University has successfully addressed the problem of water shortage. One dam with a capacity of 54 million litres was completed in October 2009, while two others with a capacity of 100 million and 660 million litres were completed in 2013 and 2014 respectively. This means the University will not experience water shortages for at least the next 15 years."

Cases of election-related student unrest have also reduced significantly

following the decentralisation of electoral polling centres to faculties. To address the hazards associated with cooking in rooms, the University built kitchenettes in 2009 which are now used by students for their cooking. As a result, cooking in student hostels has stopped.

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Other projects accomplished under Prof. Tuitoek include the acquisition of land and construction of the Faculty of Health Sciences in Nakuru Town, modernisation of the University fleet, and building of the Anatomy Complex. In addition, the University has made key milestones towards improving efficiency through the institutionalisation of performance contracting, restructuring of Finance and Audit sections, attainment of ISO certification (9001 and 22000), and automation(SAGE and ARMS). Thirty-two new policies have been developed and approved by Council.

Under Prof. Tuitoek, student enrolment has grown from 5,000 in 2006 to over 25,000 in 2015. However, the University has successfully resisted the urge to expand haphazardly to various towns in Kenya so as not to compromise on the quality of programmes. Instead, the University has introduced the E-Learning mode

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL



Dr Reardon Olubayo Chairman of Council

n behalf of the Egerton University Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the graduands in this 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate them for the hard work and persistence that they put into their studies while here at Egerton. I would also like to thank the parents, guardians and sponsors of the graduands, who also proudly share in this momentous occasion.

Today we are releasing the graduands to join other citizens in building this great nation. As observers will notice, the number of our graduates has been increasing steadily every year. We intend to keep moving in that direction as we forge ahead with our fellow citizens and community of nations in our collective effort to uplift the welfare of humanity.

As a University, we not only feel proud of you, but we also are happy that we have prepared you adequately for the service of humanity. As you go out, may you make a difference in your respective fields. We are confident that as we release you into the job market we have equipped you with a holistic education and that you will be able to utilise that education to achieve to

thevery best of your potential. We hope that, wherever you will be, you will always remember to be our ambassadors to the outside world.

I would like to thank the University Management Board, the Senate, and the academic and support staff for the exemplary work that they have done in enabling the University to offer quality and relevant education to our students and ensuring that we continue to contribute our fair share to the development of humanity in general.

To the graduands, I wish you fulfilling careers in your respective areas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2016!

God bless you all!

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of study to reach more students virtually. According to Prof. Tuitoek, the E-Learning has been identified as one of the key opportunities for the University going forward.

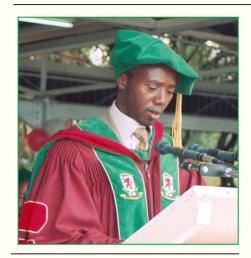
Apart from the main campus in Njoro, Egerton University has campuses in Nakuru, Nairobi and Baringo. The former campuses of Kisii, Laikipia and Chuka have been successfully nurtured to autonomous universities. Prof. Tuitoek has also overseen the introduction of new academic programmes and the expansion of teaching and learning facilities.

Key innovations have also been realised in the University through research over the period. New seed varieties for beans, sorghum and finger millet developed at Egerton have been very successful among farmers who have tried them. Through the Community Attachment Programme, students at the University are now helping rural farmers to turn around their subsistence farming activities into profitable commercial ventures. In addition, a number of key collaborations were signed. For instance the Seeds of Gold initiative with the Nation Media Group is a major undertaking where the University is able to use its pool of resources to reach out to the Kenyan farmers and support agribusiness through the Saturday Nation and NTV.

However, Prof. Tuitoek knows that there are still some tasks on the road ahead. "Not all the bushes have been cleared due to resource constraints," he admits. These include completion of some stalled projects, completion of automation of university systems, improvement of teaching facilities, rehabilitation of the University gate and internal roads, and investment in new capital projects like a modern library and Engineering Complex, and consolidation of Nakuru Town Campus College (NTCC). "I trust that the incoming Management will clear these bushes," he says.

On her part, the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mwonya, says she will follow in the footsteps of Prof. Tuitoek and will consult widely with the four former Vice-Chancellors of Egerton University, all of whom, she notes, still have the interests of the institution at heart. Prof Mwonya, will become the fifth VC and the first woman VC at Egerton University.

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



Prof. James K Tuitoek Vice-Chancellor

I am happy to welcome you to this 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Egerton University. Indeed this is a great day for you graduands as you reap the fruits of your hard work and the sacrifice that you made. As a family of Egerton University, we join you in your celebration. Congratulations!

As we mark this milestone I would like to sincerely thank the committed team of professors, lecturers and staff, who have individually and collectively worked tirelessly to ensure that you completed your studies. In so doing, they made this occasion a success.

This is a historic Graduation not just for the University but for me as well.

Personally, this is a special moment because this is the last such ceremony in my capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of this great University.

The group we are graduating today is the largest to ever graduate in a single Graduation Ceremony at this University. Personally, this is a special moment because this is the last such ceremony in my capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of this great

University. My time as Vice-Chancellor has been very fulfilling because of the support I received from the graduands today and the entire Egerton University community. Thank you so much.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rose Mwonya, an alumnus of Egerton University, on her appointment. I would be happy if a few years from today, one or more of you graduands will also rise to head Egerton University.

As I conclude, I urge you not to let this be the end of seeking knowledge. As a University we are ready to receive you back to advance your studies.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, 2016.

Thank you and God bless you.

## Chief Officers of the University



Prof. James K Tuitoek Vice-Chancellor



Prof. Rose Mwonya DVC (AA)



DVC(A&F)



DVC (R&E)



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# **DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### Message from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)



Prof. Rose Mwonya DVC (A A)

wish to congratulate this year's graduates for their determination and diligence, which has made them realise their dreams. I also thank their parents, guardians and all other stakeholders for the sacrifice and effort they have put into enabling them to earn this lifetime achievement.

It is our institutional commitment to offer our students excellence in higher education, one that is firmly grounded in our Core Values of passion for excellence, devotion to duty, integrity, transparency, accountability, social fairness, teamwork and professionalism. I am

convinced that today's graduates will engage in activities geared towards building the nation and serving humanity to the best of their ability.

By successfully completing your academic programmes you have demonstrated the commitment, knowledge, skills and talents you will need in order to succeed in your chosen careers. Around the globe, great universities are sustained by the generous contributions of their alumni. I request you to join our Alumni Association and support us in building this great University.

The Division continues to focus on its core mandate of offering quality university education. Egerton University has competitive and flexible programmes at diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate levels offered in nine faculties, namely the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Education and Community Development, the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Commerce, the Faculty of Environment and Resources Development, the Faculty of Health

Sciences, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

As a university, we welcome all prospective students to study with us.

To those who are graduating today, keep raising your bar, and when you get too comfortable, move on to another, higher wisdom. Remember that the doors are open at Egerton University for your further studies; our primary responsibility is to transform lives through quality education.

Graduates, this country is in need of you if you can dare dream. There are problems that need to be solved, injustices that need to be corrected, and the future, with all its promises, is at hand. The days of guaranteed employment are long gone. Universities the world over exist to provide solutions to the everyday problems afflicting humanity.

I wish you successful careers. Thank

### **DIRECTORATE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE**

### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Abdi Y Guliye Director

he Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA) was established at Egerton University in June 2005 following recommendations by a Senate Committee that was set up to review the academic standards at Egerton, in light of the University's expansion.

At the time, there was growing public concern on the quality of education due to the rapid increase in the number of universities and the unmatched growth of infrastructure and other related resources. The DQA, therefore, has the primary responsibility of maintaining standards and enhancing the quality of Egerton's entire academic and research provision so as to safeguard the integrity of the academic awards of the University. The University has

since mainstreamed academic quality assurance in its policies and procedures.

The University's DQA is guided by a Board of Quality Assurance, comprising Registrar (Academic Affairs) Director (Graduate School), Director (Board of Undergraduate Studies), Dean of Students and representative of Faculties and Institutes. The Directorate works closely with Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Chairs of Departments and Faculty Quality Assurance Committees.

### **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

### Message from the Dean



Prof. Joshua Ondura Ogendo Dean

oday, Egerton University marks a grand graduation event, one that serves as a special rite of passage to the next phase of life and into the global alumni community. It is my great pleasure to congratulate all graduands on this auspicious 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony.

The Faculty of Agriculture (FOA) is proud to be associated with today's graduands and her ever-growing alumni base. This is derived mainly from the unending quest and commitment to the provision of quality higher education and scientific endeavours. We are convinced that the hands-on orientation of our academic programmes and research exposure provide sufficient grounding to measure up to the expectations in the labour market.

In an effort to ensure that FOA remains competitive in the job market, new initiatives are being pursued aimed at providing cutting edge curricula that equip learners with unrivalled quality education. In particular, FOA has embarked on building targeted public-private partnerships that focus on the creation of a specialty-guided centre of excellence in agriculture and the implementation of student attachments/internships modelled in a manner that places the farmer or farmer groups at the centre. We

believe this will enrich our curricula and enable our graduands to walk tall in society with courage and proudly market Egerton University as a premier agricultural institution in Africa.

There is a global shift towards the adaptation and adoption of climate-smart agricultural and ecosystem-based strategies in fragile environments for food, nutrition and income security. This calls for deliberate institutional commitment to invest in high value agricultural enterprises with potential for development of value added products and creation of employment opportunities.

The recently concluded "Extensive Livestock Expo" in Nairobi provided a perfect forum for sharing models for

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the development and promotion of the livestock value chain in the subsector. Egerton University is committed to using the Alumni forum as a pool of community of practice (COP) to share its knowledge base and experience. This is augmented by the strengthening of technology and knowledge transfer through deliberate outreach initiatives such as the Seeds of Gold MTV Series, both of which are joint ventures between Egerton University and the Nation Media Group.

Over the past decade, Egerton University has remained committed to the attainment of her Vision of being a "World Class University for the Advancement of Humanity." The University continues to provide requisite leadership in agricultural training, research, innovation and agri-business. To this end, the University has continued to generate and disseminate new agricultural technologies and products which include development of new improved crop varieties (beans, chickpea, finger millet and sorghum) suited for the arid and semi-arid lands in Kenya, animal breeds (indigenous chicken and dairy goats), enriched animal feeds produced courtesy of a feed processing unit, a mobile sorghum sheller and a variety of valueadded products (yoghurt, honey, cassava, and sorghum-based baked products), among other exploits.

To improve on the efficacy of technology development and transfer, the University, through FOA, has embarked on innovative engagements with National and County governments. For example, Egerton University and Homa Bay County recently penned a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for realisation of Godmwanda Agro-Tourism Park, an innovation in terrestrial ecology encompassing agriculture, forestry, wildlife and tourism. The innovation, designated SAGLA (Sisal, Acacia, Grass and Livestock Agro-Tourism), intends to exploit a canopy layout for the purpose of mitigating climate change, conserving indigenous wild resources and increased forest cover. Given this rich exposure at Egerton University, all FOA Alumni are better equipped to change the face of agriculture and allied systems in Kenya.

Once again, may I congratulate all our FOA graduands for their hard work and achievements in respective fields of study. We wish you well in your next phase in life and would like to remind you that your destiny is purely in your hands. God bless you all.

### **FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### Message from the Dean



Prof. Kibet Ngetich Dean

n behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, I wish to congratulate the December 2015 graduands for completing their studies successfully. Their triumph is the outcome of hard work by both the students and staff of the Faculty. The fact that some graduands have landed on good jobs even before they graduate is an indication of the competitiveness of Egerton University graduates in the labour market. We wish those who are yet to get a job the best of luck. It is our hope that graduands will utilise their wealth of skills and expertise inculcated in them during their training at Egerton to make valuable contributions to nationbuildina.

# **FASS Hosts Refresher Course**

gerton's Department of Economics hosted an international refresher course on "Addressing Gender and Food Security in Local Food Markets and Value Chains" from 16 – 27 November 2015 at the ARC Hotel. The participants were drawn from Indonesia, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda and Sudan. It was sponsored by the Centre for Development Innovation (Stichting CDI), Wageningen University of Research (WUR), The Netherlands. The course was designed for professionals of government departments, nongovernmental and civil society organisations, business associations, development agencies, universities and colleges, and for other professionals working in the domain of market-driven development.

The aim of the course was to contribute to gender friendly, food secure local market-economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa through policy and programme development that supports market participation, boost effective demand and accommodate institutional change.

The two leading frameworks of analysis that are relevant in this context are the Value Chain Analysis (VCA) framework and the Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA). Principles underlying the two frameworks offer potential for gender balanced, food secure, pro-poor and inclusive product-market combinations. This was the integrating theme of the course. The innovative Chain-Wide Learning methodology was applied in the course to aid the participatory value chain analysis and action planning process that runs through the course.

The course addressed three interrelated questions: How can small-holders and small/medium enterprises more efficiently engage in food market development? And how can effective demand for nutritious, acceptable and affordable food products be increased for all strata of consumers? How can this be achieved with increased gender balance and household equity? A modular approach was followed (a module developed for each question), in which concepts and relevant frameworks of analysis were presented and practised.

### **FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

### Message from the Dean



Dr Gilbert O Obwoyere
Dean

n behalf of the Faculty of Environment and Resources Development (FERD) I would like to congratulate the graduands for their achievement during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony at Egerton University.

FERD is a multi-disciplinary, dynamic, client and research-oriented facility, dedicated to training human capacity and conducting research in all aspects of natural resource, environmental management and socio-economic development.

The Faculty offers strong teaching, research and outreach programmes leading to Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Natural Resources Management, Environmental Science, Geography and Ecotourism and Hospitality Management.

The programmes in the Faculty emphasise "hands-on" experience to

equip students with practical research skills for mitigating and/or solving both local and global environmental problems. Several new programmes have been proposed in order to meet the needs and challenges of the society and job market.

For over 15 years now FERD has consistently dedicated itself to the conservation and protection of the environment in the Greater Rift Valley region. Our motivation is that we have the responsibility and ability to take the lead as stewards of the Earth in moving towards a sustainable and restorative society that respects health, wholeness, balance and diversity. We encourage our graduands to carry this message wherever they will go.

## **FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

### Message from the Dean



Dr D O Auka Dean

he Faculty of Commerce was established in the year 2000 in the then Kisii Campus of Egerton University. In 2001, it was moved to Nakuru Town Campus as one of the pioneer programmes in the Campus. The Faculty houses the Department of Business Administration and the Department of Accounting, Finance and Management Science.

In its endeavour to enhance academic quality and be the centre of excellence in business programmes, the Faculty has embarked on vigorous and mandatory academic counselling for the weaker students (those who fail between 4-6 units), which has helped minimise cases of discontinuation of students on academic grounds. On placement, the Faculty has been organising public lectures which are facilitated by potential employers and professionals.

The Faculty academic staff have been participating in various e-learning trainings and workshops organised by the University from time to time, in line with our efforts to embrace and integrate technology. Most of the academic staff have been participating in evaluation of e-learning programmes in conjunction with the E-Learning Directorate.

The Faculty has also recently reshuffled its senior staff to enhance service delivery. Dr. Fredrick Mukoma Kalui is the new Chairman of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Management Science while Mr. Kefah Basweti is the Faculty Coordinator in Nairobi City Campus. Two new lecturers have also been employed in the Faculty.

The Faculty has been enjoying an academic relationship with China from which some Faculty staff have received full scholarship to study for Doctorate programmes in relevant fields. One of the earliest beneficiaries of this programme, Dr. Simon Kibet Kipchumba, successfully completed his Ph.D. in Management from Nanjing Agricultural University.

The Faculty wishes to take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate the graduating class in this 33<sup>rd</sup> congregation for their tireless efforts and hard work throughout their respective programmes. This Graduation Ceremony marks a new beginning in their lives as they enter the competitive job market. As a Faculty we are confident that the graduands are ready and able to respond to various needs of the employers and the society.

May God bless you in your future endeavours!

### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY STUDIES**

### Message from the Dean



Prof. Micah Chepchieng Dean

et me take this opportunity, on behalf of the Faculty of Education and Community Studies (FEDCOS), to congratulate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony graduands for successfully completing their training in the various disciplines. You have worked hard and you have put in a lot of commitment to your studies. The achievement you are celebrating today has not only been a long journey but one that required great

sacrifice and tireless efforts. I believe the University has equipped you with requisite skills and knowledge that enables you to work effectively and innovatively both in the government and private sectors.

FEDCOS has continued to live to its vision of being a center of excellence in education and community development. It has continued to generate and disseminate relevant quality knowledge in education, extension and community development through research, conferences, seminars and workshops. In this regard, the Faculty, in collaboration with the Rift Valley Reading Association, held its First International Conference in October 2015. The theme of the conference was "Literacy Empowerment Beyond 2015." The Conference was opened by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Prof. Rose Mwonya,

and closed by the Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. Dr. Laboso also presented a paper on literacy empowerment.

The conference attracted participants from various institutions of learning, both public and private, and nongovernmental organisations within and outside Kenya. Some twenty five papers were presented which were in line with the various sub-themes of the conference. There were also six keynote addresses from local and international scholars in literacy studies. The theme of the conference was informed by the fact that to overcome poverty, serious investments must be made into literacy, and literacy must be further extended into education and lifelong learning. Poverty reduction is only possible when literacy is enhanced.

### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

### Message from the Dean



Dr S O Obure Dean

s the fourth Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, it is my pleasure and honour to congratulate all the graduating students. As you celebrate this day, may you experience all of the pride and joy that graduation brings!

I thank all the parents/guardians for the support they accorded the students during their time in the University. Through their financial and moral support, the students were facilitated to pursue their studies with minimal interruptions. This day would not have been successful without the hard work of my very supportive staff under the leadership of the former Dean, Dr. Pamela Tsimbiri, who have helped mould these students and impacted skills that will help shape their professions.

To all graduands in the medical programmes, today you take a big step into power. Congratulations on your achievement! When you put on your white coat or uniform, my dear colleagues, you become doctors, clinical officers and nurses. In return for your years of learning and your dedication to a life of service and your willingness to take an oath to that duty, society will give you access and rights that it gives to no else. Society will permit you to use drugs and instruments that can do good as well as great harm. All that matters is the person, individual or patient and you have the magical opportunity to decide.

As Hippocrates stated, "Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also love of humanity." As you step out into practice, never stop learning, never stop asking questions; and never forget that medicine is an art as well as a science practised by doctors and researchers who bring to the bedside – and to the bench – not only technology and training, but also their humanity, care and concern.

Finally, I wish to leave you with the following quote from Dr. Donal M. Bermick of Yale University: "Those who suffer need you to be something more than a doctor; they need you to be a healer. And, to become a healer you must do something even more difficult than putting your white coat off. You must recover, embrace and treasure the memory of your shared, frail humanity – of the dignity in each and every soul."

## **Egerton University Receives Community Health Project Award**

uring the Nakuru Regional ASK Show held in August 2015, Egerton received a trophy for exhibiting the third best community health project.

The credit goes to the Department of Community Health, who undertook a community health project in Kericho and Nakuru counties covering a range of activities.

The activities include defaulter tracing of drug interrupters, contact tracing of index cases and nutritional education to households and community health volunteers in the two counties.

The project is funded by the Global Fund Project through AMREF Kenya

in collaboration with Egerton University's Research and Extension Division. The project team includes Dr. Richard K. A. Sang, who is the team leader, Mr. Ronald Omenge, who is the Project Technical Officer, and two community health volunteers, who are also beneficiaries of the project.



Faculty of Health Sciences (Nakuru)

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

### Message from the Dean



Prof. Julius Kipkemboi Dean

salute all graduands on this auspicious occasion. Graduation is a celebration of years of hard work towards your dream. Today this dream is starting to take shape as you assume a new status and we call you graduates of Egerton University.

I would like to thank the academic staff in the Faculty who have worked so diligently to empower you with the appropriate skills and competences to enable you to respond to challenges out there. The challenges you will undoubtedly encounter should never be seen as insurmountable. Rather than avoiding these challenges, I urge you to draw on the many skills you have acquired during your stay with us to face them head on. I trust you are now more than ready to take your rightful places in the development of our nation. We encourage you to go out there and participate productively in making science relevant to humanity.

I pay special tribute to the Faculty of Science graduands. As a Faculty, we are committed to providing current curricula which satisfy our institutional Vision and the future of our nation. The Faculty is also committed, through its research and development activities, to the creation of knowledge, finding solutions to problems and the transformation of intellectual capital into wealth creation. We will always endeavour to produce graduates, who will go out into the society with

ambition and to deploy themselves rather than depend solely on being employed.

As part of ongoing commitment to ensure that our curricula remain relevant and current, we have introduced a number of new programmes over the last few years. These include the BSc. in Actuarial Science and BSc. in Statistics. We have also gone global! Over the past years we have also introduced a joint Master's degree programme in Limnology and Wetland Management together with two partner institutions in Austria and the Netherlands. So far the, programme has attracted participants from sixteen nationalities since its inception. We are in the process of revising our curriculum and plans are underway to introduce other new market-driven programmes.

Our expanding pool of alumni has excelled out there. This year Ms. Hope Mwanake, an alumnus, was honoured to be a vision speaker at the World Water Week in Stockholm. Ms. Mwanake cofounded the company "Trace Kenya" upon completing her Bachelor's Degree in Aquatic Sciences with

honours from Egerton University. She is also a beneficiary of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). In 2015, Computer Science student Mr. Eric Kimathi Mwobobia, excelled at the Nakuru Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Show through a demonstration of an automated toilet facility.

As I conclude, I would like to refer to the wise words of Albert Einstein, that "learning is not a product of schooling but the lifelong attempt to acquire it." As you leave Egerton University, I encourage you to engage in lifelong learning as this is the only way to succeed in the dynamic, globalised environment in which we now live and work. I am glad that some of you have chosen to stay with us and pursue postgraduate studies. To those who intend to come back and pursue a career in academia, the Faculty warmly welcomes you.

On behalf of the Faculty staff, I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you and wish you well in all your future endeavours.



*Egerton University science students in a practical class* 

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

# Steady Progress with Limnology and Wetland Management Programme

he International Joint Master's Degree in Limnology and Wetland Management (LWM) Programme was launched in November 2012. Headed at Egerton by Prof. Nzula Kitaka, it is now in its third successive year. Twenty eight young scientists from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Colombia, Germany and Austria have been trained. Eighteen participants have already graduated with Master's degree at a record time of 18 months. Currently, 10 are undertaking their research, whereby four are based at Egerton and are expected to graduate in June 2016. Six others will graduate in the partner Institutes: BOKU, Austria, and UNESCO-IHE, The Netherlands.

Egerton University teaches four modules which have become popularly recognised and on high demand by students and staff of various lake commissions (e.g. Lake Chad and Lake Kivu), water companies and European universities. The modules include: Lake Ecology, Ecology of Streams & Rivers, Wetlands for Water Quality & Fisheries, and Aquaculture. The modules' contents are delivered through lectures, presentations, fieldwork (hands-on approach) and laboratory work. The participants are assessed through assignment, scientific report, participation, oral presentation and written examination.

Water professionals from around the world have had an input in the programme by availing their knowledge to the young scientists and moulding them into water managers, consultants, wetland experts, water quality experts, ecologists and lecturers. Those who teach in the programme come from universities, research institutions, government-lead agencies, private companies and NGOs from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Italy and Austria. Various commissions, water companies, research institutions, and universities have sent their employees to Egerton University to benefit from the short courses offered as part of the LWM modules. The trainees/participants have been awarded postgraduate certificates after successfully studying and passing exams for the modules. For the last two years the programme has attracted a number of students from BOKU University, Austria, studying for Master's in Applied Limnology. The marks obtained at Egerton University became part of their academic performance leading to their degree award.

The programme makes use of modern

equipment for water studies and furnished labs in the Departmen o f Biological Sciences. h facilities have not on I y helped the internation al Master's students



LWM Library.

MSc. Limnology students sample drifts in River Njoro

## University Researcher Appointed Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Ambassador Scientist in Kenya

gerton University's Prof. Josphat Matasyoh has been appointed as the Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation Ambassador Scientist in Kenya with effect from December 2015. His appointment will run for a term of three years which will be subject to renewal. An accomplished scholar in Organic Chemistry, Prof. Matasyoh will be among 52 Ambassador Scientists in 40 countries around the world.

The AvH Foundation's Ambassador Scientists disseminate information about Germany as a research location to universities and research institutions, focusing particularly on the Foundation's sponsorship programmes and international network. They work for the Foundation in an honorary capacity as alumni, hosts or reviewers. The Ambassador Scientists advise the Humboldt Foundation and other German funding organisations on local programme promotion and networking. They are points of contact for Humboldt alumni and Humboldt associations.

Prof. Matasyoh's first task as Ambassador Scientist will be to organise a Humboldt "Kolleg" Conference in 2016, which will be fully funded by the AvH Foundation. The Conference will seek to strengthen the Association of Humboldt Fellows in Kenya, publicise AvH programmes among potential applicants

and Humboldtians, strenathen research collaborations among scientists, establish networks and linkages among North-South and South-South scientists, and support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) through collaborative research.

but also local MSc. students in Limnology,

Environmental Science, and Civil

Engineering, as well as BSc. Applied

Aquatic Sciences students. The quality of

research in the programme has greatly

improved over the years as a result of the

use of modern fieldwork equipment,

modern scientific techniques, current

standard operating procedures, new

library books, up-to-date lectures and

regular curriculum review by professionals

from the three partner institutions with an

external assessor from other universities

globally, the latest review having been done in October 2015. The LWM Resource

Centre, equipped with desktop computers

connected to a fairly fast internet and

printing facilities, is within reach for both

international and local postgraduate

students at any time of the day or night.

Students also have unlimited access to the

The  $A \vee H$ Foundation promotes a c a d e m i c cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and Prof. Josphat Matasyoh Germany.



### **FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

#### Message from the Dean



Prof. Inyagwa C. Muleke Dean

he pioneer batch of 21 students the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) programme reported in September 2015 at Egerton University, Njoro campus. The Faculty was given the go-ahead to launch the programme by the regulator, Kenya Veterinary Board, following successful inspection in December 2013. Egerton becomes the second university in Kenya, after the University of Nairobi, to train veterinarians and the  $47^{\text{th}}$  veterinary school in Africa. The University Senate approved creation of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery in 2012.

The BVM is designed to train veterinarians with adequate theoretical, practical, and technological knowledge and skills in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment of diseases, disorder and injury in animals. The duration of the programme is five years. The scope of

veterinary medicine is wide, covering all animal species, both domesticated and wild, with a wide range of conditions which can affect different species. Aside from diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals, veterinarians prevent the transmission of animal diseases to people, and advise owners on the proper care of animals. Veterinarians work to ensure a safe food supply by maintaining the health of agricultural animals and by inspecting food processing industries. Veterinarians are also involved in the preservation of wildlife.

On behalf of the Faculty, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the graduands success in their future careers.

### **BOARD OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

#### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Nancy Mungai Director

raduation is here again and we celebrate the achievements of the graduating students on this 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony. It is an important milestone in academic life both for the graduands and the University as it sums up the efforts of each candidate for the number of years they have invested in study.

As a Directorate, we are proud to be associated with the graduands today, especially those who are qualifying for their undergraduate studies. The Board of Undergraduate Studies and Field Attachment Programmes (BUGS/FAP) is responsible for the review of, and recommendation to the Senate on, the quality of undergraduate Degree and Diploma curricula.

The Board also coordinates and facilitates field/industrial attachment (FA) and teaching practice (TP). As such, BUGS interacts with undergraduate students long before they set into class, as the students select their programmes of study.

Egerton University has a Memorandum of Understanding with AgroStudies – The International Centre for Agricultural Studies in Israel. This is an organisation providing advanced studies and training in various agricultural areas to foreign students coming from various countries. Throughout the studies, participants are exposed to various agricultural modern standards, methods and technologies in accordance to the syllabus. The first group of 13 Diploma students was in Israel from September 2014 and completed in September 2015. The second group of 25 BSc. Students is currently undertaking the programme in Israel. We are optimistic that this programme will be a success and that it will open greater opportunities for Egerton University students.

# **BUGS Holds Workshop for Students Attached in Israel**

ollowing the successful completion of an 11-month attachment programme in Israel, BUGS held a post-attachment workshop for the 13 students who participated in the programme. The workshop was held on 13 October 2015 at the ARC Hotel with the aim of receiving feedback from these students. The students were attached to various farms in Israel during the period. This was the first group of students from Egerton University to benefit from the programme since the University signed an MOU with the International Centre for

Agricultural Studies in Israel. The workshop organised by BUGS Directorate was attended by the DVC (AA), Prof. Rose Mwonya, and the Dean, FEDCOS, Prof. Micah Chepchieng, among others. Prof. Mwonya lauded the programme for exposing students to the outside world, remarking that farm attachment was useful in inculcating hands-on skills in the students.

The intensive programme involves five days of working on the farm and one day for attending classes every week. The students were paid for the work done and used this money to pay tuition fee for the courses they took. They were grateful to Egerton University for giving them a chance to be attached in Israel. This has equipped them with great knowledge and experience in modern agricultural technology. The students have developed a greenhouse project which they hope will be implemented at Egerton University. They have also made useful recommendations drawn from their experience in Israel which the University is considering.

## **DIRECTORATE OF EXAMINATIONS AND TIMETABLING**

### **Message from the Director**



Dr P K Migwi Director

he Directorate of Examinations and Timetabling operates directly under the Division of Academic Affairs and works closely with the Registrar (Academic Affairs) and Deans of Faculties in fulfilling its mandate in Egerton University. It is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that teaching and learning

takes place in a smooth and orderly way and that these two activities are conducted in a conducive environment.

The Directorate is also tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that examinations in all the four Campuses of the University are processed and administered in a way that is credible and that inspires confidence in the process of producing good quality graduates. Proper coordination in the processing and administration of examinations is crucial given that Egerton University conducts what is essentially a centralised system in the processing of examinations. The Directorate is also charged with the responsibility of preparing the annual

University Academic Calendar for approval by the Senate.

On behalf the Directorate, I wish to express our most sincere gratitude to the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James K. Tuitoek, for the support he has given us. I also wish the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rose Mwonya, all the best as she assumes office in January 2016.

For the graduands who are graduating today, I can only say the sky is the limit as you prepare to enter the vibrant job market to serve mankind in your various capacities. I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

## INSTITUTE OF WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

#### **Message from the Director**



Dr Damaris Parsitau Director

ay I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Institute of Women, Gender and Development Studies (IWGDS), to congratulate all our graduands on this great day. Completing your studies is no mean achievement on your part, and it is a culmination of many years of hard work, sacrifice, sheer tenacity, discipline and focus. So you all need to pat yourself on the back and enjoy this moment because you made it!

As an Institute, we are committed to living up to our vision of becoming a world class gender-based institution in research, training, consultancy,

advocacy and outreach for the advancement of humanity. In line with our vision and mission, we are equally committed to eradicating all obstacles to women's access to education, training, learning and

employment opportunities through researching and acknowledging the needs of both women and men in order to achieve substantive gender equality.



Justice Anthony Ndung'u with (left to right) Josephine Kulea, Dr Damaris Parsitau and Prof. Rose Mwonya at the 2015 Annual Gender Awareness Day

### INSTITUTE OF WOMEN, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

# **IWGDS** Launches Transformational Leadership Training

he IWGDS continues to pursue its commitment to the principle of equal opportunities by investing in women, youth and Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs). In line with this, the IWGDS, in collaboration with the San Francisco-based Global Women Leadership Network (GWLN) and the Women Leaders for the World (WLW) Programme, has scaled up its training by launching the Women and Transformational Leaders (WTL) and the Youth and Transformational Leadership Development (YOTLED) Programme. The launching was a colourful event held at the Main Campus Graduation Square during the annual Gender Awareness Day on 17 October 2015. Present at the event was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Prof. Rose Mwonya, Deans, Directors, CODs and HODs, members of staff, students, and members of the neighbouring community. The Chief Guest was Justice Anthony

Ndung'u, who represented the Chief Justice, Dr. Willy Mutunga, and read a speech on his behalf. In his broadly conceived presentation, he illuminated many legal aspects related to women's full participation in the life of society. Other speakers were Njoki Nathani Wane, Professor of Social Justice Education at the Ontario Institute of Social Education, University of Toronto, Canada, Dr. Godwin Murunga, Senior Research Fellow in the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Ms. Josephine Kulea, Founder and Executive Director, Samburu Girls Foundation, and Hon. Dr. Esther Keino, the Executive Director of a Kerichobased NGO taking care of orphans.

These new programmes are part of the Institute's response to the need for skills and competences development in transformational leadership for the women and youth in Kenya. Speaking

during the launch of the programmes, the Director, IWGDS, said that it makes sense to invest in women and youth because they are the architects and the nerve centre for sustainable development. In her words: "Everywhere around the world, women are making tremendous impacts in their communities. As a woman, I know that girls and women are at the heart of sustainable development and it is time we helped them do more. Yet many times women and girls are treated as second-class citizens, many still held back by harmful cultural traditions. This is just wrong."

The WTL Programme is unique in its promise to equip participants with the support and the development they need to implement visionary projects, with the goal of achieving gender equity in their communities and beyond.

The aim of the Institute is to create a centre of excellence in transformational leadership in East Africa and beyond as well as provide a space to raise, nurture and mentor transformative leadership competences of upcoming as well as existing leaders, especially women and youth, in politics, public life, business and entrepreneurship, corporate governance and management, governance and public policy, peace-building and conflict reconstruction, agriculture and food security, agribusiness, environmental sustainability and livelihoods, and mentorship in science and technology. More importantly, students of Egerton University and beyond can be endowed with soft skills and competences, leadership and managerial skills to increase their employability in an increasingly competitive job market, thereby giving them an edge above the rest in the market place. The centre is also envisioned to drive accelerated, equitable and sustainable development within an environment of increasing challenges and complexities influenced by both local and global realities and development.



Josephine Kulea, Founding and Executive Director, Samburu Girls Foundation, at the unveiling of YOTLED programme

# **IWGDS Boosts Gender Training**

he IWGDS offers fresh and revamped training on Gender Mainstreaming; Gender & Disability Mainstreaming; Gender & Budgeting Mainstreaming; Women & Youth Economic Growth Opportunities; Gender, HIV/AIDS & Reproductive Health; Gender-Based

Violence; and Mentorship for Vulnerable Youth.

The Institute also offers short (two-week) certificate courses on Gender, Poverty & Development; and Gender, Peace & Security. In the last year alone, we have trained EU Secretaries and

Administrative Assistants as well as Women Investment Groups on Leadership and Management; Gender Mainstreaming; Gender Blind Budgeting, Economic Growth Opportunities & Table Banking; Investment & Entrepreneurship; and Transformational Leadership.

### **NAKURU TOWN CAMPUS COLLEGE**

### Message from the Principal



Prof. Lenah Nakhone-Wati Principal

ongratulations on successfully completing your programme of study.

Graduation is a significant step in your education. It is a dream achieved. The Principal and the entire Nakuru Town Campus College community wishes you the very best on this auspicious occasion. I encourage you to make the most of your Egerton University qualification through your contribution to your individual profession, your community and the entire nation. Be proud of what you have worked to achieve and remember those who have supported you along the way. These include your parents/guardians, lecturers, or spouses, who have made a lot of sacrifices to ensure that you achieve your dream today.

I must hasten to congratulate the members of academic and support staff of the University, who have worked tirelessly with these graduands to complete their studies and to make this occasion a success. There have been challenges, but you have ensured that the graduands are ready today to take their rightful place in Kenya and the world. You provided the knowledge and skills that they require, and you empowered them to play their part in creating a better future, not only for themselves and their families but also for their communities and the country at large.

A Graduation Ceremony is the beginning of another journey. There is need for you to focus on how you will build from the present to move into the future. It is important to have strategies on how to address the challenges of the next phase of life so that it does not become an enduring nightmare. You are exiting the University when the economy of our country is not performing as well as we would like. This should not discourage you, but inspire you to be innovative and create jobs for yourself and others. Support each other to move on to make a better Kenya and a better world.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend special congratulations to the graduands from the Nakuru Town Campus College (NTCC). This campus was established in 2001 with the purpose of providing alternative educational opportunities through the privately sponsored programmes. It started by offering the Bachelor of Commerce degree, which was followed by the Communication and Media Studies degree not long afterwards. It has now expanded to the extent that it has three fully fledged Faculties: the Faculty of Commerce, the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Law. The campus also offers programmes from six more Faculties based at the main campus at Njoro. In total, the NTCC offers 5 diploma programmes, 22 undergraduate programmes and 7 postgraduate programmes. Currently the campus has a total student population of 3,423 and this includes 147 Master's degree students. We are optimistic that we may

launch the long-awaited Law programme in January 2016.

Besides academic matters, the campus students also participate in extracurricula activities. For example, in August 2015, the campus successfully participated in a Music Festival in Kisumu and scooped a trophy. They also performed very well in the cross-country marathon, winning a trophy. demonstration of good leadership skills and maturity, the campus students once again successfully participated in peaceful and democratic elections on 30 October 2015. We wish to thank the student fraternity and participating officials of Nakuru Town Campus College for a job well done.

In conclusion, I wish each one of you every success as you enter the next exciting stage of your life and career, and I very much hope that you will remain connected to Egerton University. I know that I will hear great things about you as you put your expertise to work. Let us have updates about where you are working, and when you change jobs. We are keen to have a full picture of the range of positions taken up by our graduates. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



### **NAIROBI CITY CAMPUS**

### Message from the Director



Prof. Fugich Wako Director

wish to extend my congratulations to the graduands from the Nairobi City Campus on this auspicious occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Egerton University. Today, we present 300 graduands who are the fourth cohort of graduates from the Campus since its inception in 2011. In this regard, I wish to sincerely thank the staff and students for the hard work and commitment to teaching and learning that has enabled timely completion of programmes by our students.

To the graduands, I urge you to be our ambassadors wherever you will be. The education you received at Egerton University should not be taken for granted. It will contribute immensely to your promotion and career advancement and afford you the opportunity to be among the very best to compete for any opportunity. Please encourage your friends to take advantage of this opportunity and enrol for their studies at Egerton University.

Nairobi City Campus offers Bachelor's degrees in Commerce, Criminology and Security Studies, Education, Gender Studies, Economics and Statistics; and Master's degrees in Business Management, Sociology, and Security Studies, among other programmes.

Recently we ushered in the third student government after a peaceful democratic

election conducted on 30 October 2015. The new student leaders are: Chairman - Vitalis Ojiambo, Vice-Chairperson - Wangui M. Wanjiku, Director Finance - Lydia Mandila, Secretary General - Francis W. Nyangweso, Director Academics -Meshack Mwanzia, Director Entertainment - Hasan Aden Illmoge, Director Security, Catering and Accommodation - Benard Mwiti Mukembu, Director Health - Kivuti W. Nyakio and Director Special Needs -Fatunzalia Odda. I wish to congratulate the newly elected student leaders and their outgoing colleagues for demonstrating maturity and a sense of responsibility during and after that important exercise.

Once again congratulation to our graduands and Happy New Year 2016!

### **BARINGO CAMPUS**

### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Moses Limo Director

gerton University's Baringo Campus came to life on 8 April 2014 in Kabarnet, the headquarters of Baringo County. The Campus is located 140 kms from Nakuru Town, in Kabarnet Central Business District, I km along the Kabarnet-Kabartonjo road. It stands opposite the Kabarnet Hotel.

The choice of Kabarnet Town for Egerton's newest campus was based on

the growing demand for university education among mid-career persons working in the County headquarters and other qualified candidates from the environs. Kabarnet town is also centrally situated in Baringo County and easy to reach by persons from neighbouring c o u n t i e s . The se include: Elgeyo/Marakwet, West Pokot, Uasin Gishu, Kericho and Nandi to the west; Turkana and Samburu to the North; Laikipia to the East; and Nakuru.

The Campus admitted its first batch of students in June 2014 in various programmes with flexible study options ranging from full-time, evening, weekend, as well as school-based. The Campus will strive to produce highly skilled graduates able to meet local and national socio-economic targets. To achieve this, the Campus has already put in place a good infrastructure and

provided resources that include a library and a computer laboratory.

Through Kenya Library and Information Services Consortium (KLISC), the University Library has subscribed to a rich collection of electronic information resources comprising over 44,975 e-journal titles and 89,209 e-books. These resources are all accessible to Baringo Campus students.

The Campus has been participating in community and publicity activities in Baringo County, among them school visits, ASK Shows, Baringo Entrepreneurship and Exhibition Symposium (BEES), Baringo Business and Education Exhibition (BABEX), tree planting and cleaning exercises.

The Campus in certainly on the rise!

## **DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND EXTENSION**

### Message from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Extension)



Prof. J Gowland Mwangi DVC (R&E)

rrespective of our station in life and the tags labeling us as administrators, lecturers, support staff or students, Egertonians' prime motivation has been, is, and should continue to be, the Pursuit of Excellence in Service Delivery. As current members or alumni of this great University, we should always aspire to identify targets of opportunities to serve and create a positive impact among our clients.

Our focus should be to achieve sustainable development that ensures inclusive and equitable education and

promotes lifelong learning for all by 2030 while improving family members' employability, livelihood and household income. The leadership we offer should be both dynamic and inspiring and should take Kenya's social and economic development forward within immensely turbulent and constantly changing circumstances.

We should think strategically with the full knowledge of community aspirations, needs, priorities, constraints and opportunities. Our clients need good education, well-paying jobs, affordable and nutritious food that is safe to eat and of high quality, improved infrastructure for transport, communication and higher incomes. They also need lasting peace and security as well as family cohesiveness, happiness and stability.

According to a wise saying, an old person can see farther sitting down

than a young person standing. Therefore, using the cumulative knowledge and wisdom of our older colleagues, we can face tomorrow with accurate predictability. But to be successful in realising our development objectives we should, at all costs, avoid the temptation of the short-sightedness of youth, which might blur our vision and make it harder for us to see easily the potential sadness, sorrow and grief of being compromised to do what is unlawful, unethical or harmful to society.

Wherever you are, wherever you go and whatever you do in the line of duty, endeavour to be a positive role model and a good influence to society. Aspire to be well-known for being articulate and successful in problemsolving. Since there is a limit to an individual's effort, always embrace and cherish the team spirit in the knowledge and belief that you can succeed beyond all expectations if you do not care who gets the credit.

# The Division of Research and Extension Spreads Its Services Countrywide

he Division of Research and Extension has maintained its tradition of pursuing excellence in implementing its mandate on research, extension and consultancy as well as documentating and disseminating research findings. The Division plays a central role in the University's

determination to deliver on its Strategic Goals (SGs), particularly SG1, which calls for quality higher education and training in the University; SG2, which seeks to increase research, consultancy and community outreach within the University; SG3, which aspires to enhance the University's physical infrastructure and ICT

capacity; SG4, which endeavours to increase linkages collaborations between the University and other institutions; and SG5, which underscores the need on the part of the University to enhance governance and resource mobilisation.

In partnership with funding agencies, the University is investing

resources in research with high impact on society. Examples include sustainable integrated environmental management in Mau-Mara-Serengeti ecosystem, culturing polychaete worms as alternative sustainable baits and feed for marine fishing aquaculture and as part of the ongoing efforts to improve the quality of human milk. In addition, the University is entering into solar energy research and generation, for which a concept and business plan have been developed to share with interested partners from USA and Europe. Some donors have shown interest in supporting upgrading of the biotechnology lab to a state-of-the-art facility for advanced biomedical research.

Our researchers, in partnership with the Kenya Organic Agriculture Network and Control Union, are in the process of developing a curriculum for training auditors who inspect and certify organic agriculture standards as well as a national database on best organic agriculture practices in Kenya. This interactive national database, which has been established and is being updated and expanded, is hosted on the Egerton University website.



His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta presents a trophy to Prof. Rodah Birech, Egerton's University Industry Liaison Officer, during the 2015 Nairobi International Trade Fair

### **DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND EXTENSION**

The University has partnered with the Nation Media Group to empower farming communities with knowledge and skills through the weekly Seeds of Gold magazine in the Saturday Nation and through the Seeds of Gold NTV Series that is aired every Wednesday at 10.00 pm and repeated on Saturdays at 4.00 pm or 6.00 pm. The TV series airs agribusiness practices directly from diverse farms, where Egerton University Professors and other specialists from the industry diagnose and provide practical solutions, on agribusiness challenges. This year, the University extension outreach is empowering farmers in Lare area of Nakuru County to apply and benefit from clean milk production and women groups in Homa Bay County to gain and apply agronomic, post harvest handling and entrepreneurial skills and to produce indigenous vegetables on commercially rewarding ventures. Gilgil Sub-County Hospital is, for instance, benefiting from extension outreach in which Egerton is promoting adoption and dissemination of kitchen gardening skills and Agro-science products for improved health, nutrition and food security.

The University participated in shows organised by the Agricultural Society of Kenya, the most recent being:

- Nakuru National Agricultural Society of Kenya Show (30 June to 4 July, 2015).
- Nairobi International Trade Fair (28 September to 4 October 2015).
- Kabarnet Agricultural Society of Kenya Show (15 to 17 October 2015).

In these shows, the University advertised the available academic programmes in regular, school-based and e-learning, modes offered at Njoro, Nakuru Town Campus College, Nairobi City Campus and Baringo Campus. Innovations and new products were showcased by various academic departments, Agro-Science Park, Knitting and Tailoring Unit, Seeds of Gold print & NTV series, INCIP Project, publications, partnership initiatives, community service and corporate social responsibility initiatives. Some of the products showcased include aquaculture unit with fingerlings, food and ornamental fish; dairy products and food processing; health and nutrition; electrical devices; a food processing machine; clothing and interior design products; Egerton seed varieties; Egerton honey; ICT applications in Agriculture as well as water and sanitation innovations. Tatton Agricultural Park excelled in Toggenburg dairy goat and Gurney dairy cattle, while Ngongogeri farm always won the best positions in Fresian cows, and in Corriadale and Fleece sheep.

The University participates in Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) Training, research and documentation. Egerton is part of an Africa-led initiative (2014 -2018) that seeks to mainstream EOA into the African development agenda, as commissioned by the African Union Commission and implemented by the BioVision Africa Trust. EOA promotes food production in an ecologically friendly manner and directly addresses five targets of the United Nations Resolutions termed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 (Goals 2, 6, 12, 13 and 15), dealing with food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, sustainable management of water; sustainable consumption and production patterns, climate change, ecosystem protection, reversing land degradation and halting biodiversity loss.

In the EOA programme, Egerton leads the "Research, Training and Extension" Pillar. During its first year of engagement in EOA, Egerton, in partnership with Kenya Organic Agriculture Network and Control Union, prepared a draft curriculum to train EOA stakeholders along the value chain, including auditors of various Sustainable Agriculture Standards. It documented EOA research in Kenyan academic and research institutions as well as best practices available in the private sector and farming communities. A searchable national database is being hosted on the Egerton University website and can be easily accessed by stakeholders from any point anywhere in the world.

With respect to University Industry Liaison, Egerton University is seeking collaborations with communities, NGOs, national and county governments, research institutions, and seeking more partnerships with the private sector. In this context, the Division has initiated discussions with Keroche Foundation, Bidco Oil Refineries, UNGA Farm Care Limited and FMD East Africa. These partnerships seek to create opportunities for student attachments, internships, joint research for both students and staff, and to make our graduates more competitive in the labour market.

The University also seeks to innovatively influence human development through generation, acquisition, preservation and dissemination of knowledge and skills in

agriculture and natural resources, guided by its Core Values. The University will host the 2017 World Ploughing Contest in its large scale mixed farm, Ngongogeri. Prof. J. Gowland Mwangi - the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (R&E) and Mr. Camillus Ahuya, Managing Director, Egerton University Investment Company, together with other members of the National Secretariat organising the event, attended this year's Contest in Denmark where they briefed the World Council members on preparations being done in Kenya. The purpose of their trip was to familiarise themselves with the rules, procedures and requirements of the World Ploughing Contest and to learn how best to organise the event.

Other initiatives being implemented in relation to conservation of our natural resource heritage include the development of a Nature Park to host crocodiles, tortoise, lizards and snakes at the Chemeron Dry-land Research, Training and Ecotourism Center in Baringo County. The necessary authorisation by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) is being processed. Another initiative includes conservation of Njoro River by propagating bamboo species which will be used for research, training of students and farmers, and income generation. The University is offering technical support to enable counties develop tourist attractions and has entered into partnership with the Homa Bay County Government to lead in transforming God-Mwanda Hill into a tourist attraction

Our Agro-Based Science Park continues to release new seed varieties for farming communities. The bean varieties (Chelalang, Tasha, Ciankui and Chickpeas) have been released to Faida, Leldet and Premier Seed Companies to bulk and produce certified bean seed for farmers. Other new releases are hybrid sorghum seed variety for malting and beer production and hybrid sorghum for baking. Two other finger millet varieties are currently undergoing registration.

The Agro-Based Science Park is in the process of producing fish fingerling in its hatchery, fish ponds and water dam within the University land. Other products from Agro-Based Science Park are poultry, livestock Sorghum Sheller, butternut processing machine, indigenous mushroom spawn and honey, which can be obtained from the University.

# TEGEMEO INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

## Conference on Agriculture and Climate Change Held in Nairobi

n 10 November 2015, in collaboration with Michigan State University and with the support of the USAID Mission in Kenya, Tegemeo carried out research on the implications of various challenges affecting the agriculture sector and shared the findings with policy makers and other stakeholders in a two-day conference held in

Nairobi. The theme of the Conference was "Transforming Smallholder Agriculture in Kenya in the Context of Climate Change, Devolution and Increasing Land Constraints." Key discussion points were organized around a number of sub-themes, including land access, climate variability and change, input intensification and subsidy agricultural information systems, devolution and innovations.

The Director of the Institute, Dr. Mary Mathenge, notes that the objective of the Conference was to create an interface between policy makers, researchers and other sector stakeholders to share research findings and facilitate dialogue on the way forward in transforming smallholder agriculture.

It is estimated that while about 80% of farmers in the country are smallholder farmers they account for a significantly llow proportion of agricultural

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Tegemeo Institute Director, Dr. Mary Mathenge, with other participants at the Conference

production. The issue of how to improve smallholder production is a pertinent question for the government, development partners, research institutions, civil society organizations and the farmers themselves. Hence the reason why the Tegemeo Institute organised the two-day workshop was because of the need to share findings which will improve smallholder agriculture in Kenya and to ensure that agricultural policies will serve to improve the productivity and efficiency of smallholder farmers.

The Conference drew together participants from the public sector, specifically from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; semi-autonomous government agencies in the agricultural sector; county governments; private sector organizations; civil society organizations; development agencies; universities and research institutes; and representatives of the farming industry. Prof. Rose Mwonya, the incoming

Vice-Chancellor of Egerton University, officially opened the conference, while Prof. James K. Tuitoek, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, closed it.

### **CROP MANAGEMENT RESEARCH TRAINING**

# **CMRT Project Offers Customised Training**

he Crop Management Research Training (CMRT) has in the past year organised a number of short-term training sessions to various clients as well as a ssisted some University departments and organisations conduct training and conferences. Notable among these are: the international short course on the safety and use of agro-products sponsored by the Ministry of Education of the Peoples Republic of China (which has become an annual

course); the series trainings on research proposal writing and presentation skills offered to KALRO scientists; the series short course on environmental impact assessment; the short course on geographic information systems; and the short course on innovative approaches for safe food production in emerging economies.

The CMRT Project also partnered with Amiran Ltd to train final year Horticulture students on the

provision of professional greenhouse management and consultancy services. This activity emanated from a request by former students who are part of the Amiran Management to engage with Horticulture students at Egerton University. As a result of the partnership, Amiran Ltd has engaged a number of the graduates as management trainees in the company. Students who participated in this activity helped coin the slogan "Farming is Cool," which is being used by Amiran to interest youth in agriculture.

# DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

### Message from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration & Finance)



Prof. Njenga Munene DVC (A&F)

he Division of Administration and Finance would like to take this early opportunity to congratulate the December 2015 graduands upon the completion of their programmes. This marks the end of the initial stage of the formal schooling and the opening of opportunities to join the labour market. It is therefore important that you remember what you have learnt

and see its utility in new life situations.

Egerton University is very strong in practical education, and it is our hope that you find many lessons, formal and informal, that you learnt of great use in your life. Youth is about the ability to take risks. You can swim in unexplored waters, and it is our hope that you become great entrepreneurs, academicians, researchers and a source of hope for the majority of Kenyans.

Live wholesome lives so that no part of your life is neglected, may it be spiritual, physical or material. Never lose your faith because men and women of faith do great things. We encourage you to retain the indelible lessons of God's goodness and power that have allowed your parents, guardians and lecturers to see you through school. We wish you success in life.

The Division will continue to prudently manage financial and physical resources for the welfare of the students. We encourage all of us to be good stewards of resources that are at our disposal for the betterment of humanity.

It is our hope that the whole of Physical Science will be completed by May 2016 and that it will also improve on available space for learning and office. We encourage the graduates to support Egerton University through positive affirmation where possible.

### **DIRECTORATE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

### **Message from the Director**



Prof. C M M'Erimba Director

n behalf of the staff of the Directorate of Institutional Advancement (DIA) and myself, let me take this opportunity to congratulate all Egerton University graduands who have successfully completed their programmes and are being conferred with various degrees and diplomas today.

It has taken you a great sacrifice and determination as well as the hand of God to reach where you are. That is

why the Egerton University family is joining you to congratulate you and your families on the achievement.

As a matter of procedure and pay back to your University, you are expected to join the Egerton University Alumni Association (EUAA). It is through this organisation that you are able to network with your cohort that is graduating today and previous students of Egerton University. Membership of EUAA is the gateway for Egerton Alumni involvement at the University. It is a commitment that members make to support the University and each other.

The Association aggressively works towards increasing the number of Alumni life members and offers valuable benefits and services to

attract and retain Alumni as members. For more information please visit our office at Egerton University Main Campus.

DIA was created in 2009 and was mandated to organise support for University activities from Donors, Philanthropic Foundations, Friends, Corporations, Government Policy Makers, Alumni, Media and Council Members. Through the DIA, the University's Resource Mobilisation Strategy was developed. The two main goals of the strategy are to mobilise resources for advancing infrastructure, academic programmes, research and outreach, and to ensure effective and efficient utilisation of mobilised resources.

# **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

### Message from the Financial & Accounts Controller



Moses Ouma Finance & Accounts Controller

o our graduands of today, congratulations on this great achievement. I understand that graduation day can be rather full of images and pictures rather jumbled together, all of which make up your life up to this point.

There are the images of your formative years with your family. Then there are the pictures of your activities as a student, the wonderful excitement of today's Graduation Ceremony and, finally, pictures of your future, which remain rather vague, given that none of us knows what the future holds.

Today you have the feel good factor that comes from knowing that you have done your best. You have achieved and qualified. You didn't do it alone, of course. All along the way you received the unwavering support of your families and the encouragement and guidance of

your lecturers, as well as the services of other University Departments. One of these departments is the Finance and Accounts Department.

It is my hope that you enjoyed your stay at this great university and that you endured the pain of paying for your education. I say endured because, as economists say, all economic resources are scarce but human wants are unlimited.

You could have chosen to apply your financial resources to your other unlimited needs. But you chose to pay for your education, hopefully on time, which did not always seem interesting. Congratulations.

The Finance and Accounts Department renders support services to virtually all University processes, activities and departments whenever financial resources are required. And they are always required. One of our sad duties as a department is to enforce the University's fees payment policy.

This duty puts us, from time to time, on a collision course with students - and it probably put us on a collision course with you in particular. We beg for your understanding. As you now enter the job market some of these things will become much clearer. All the same it is our genuine belief that you got value for your money.

The Department of Finance and Accounts has endeavoured to undertake continual improvement in line with the ethos of the ISO standards that the whole University has embraced. The automation of some of the processes has reduced students' frustrations in a big way.

For example, we are now able to update the student portals with fees deposits within 24 hours and are hoping to make this real-time within the 2015/2016 financial year. Furthermore, some of the processes embedded in the ARMS system, such as the online viewing of students' balances and fees structures, among others, have made life much easier for students and reduced both the number of enquiries and complaints to the Department. We hope to make even more improvements on the system, being well aware that quality has no finish line and that the room for improvement never gets full.

As you join the labour market, remember the words of Michael Uslan: "You must have a high threshold for frustration...you must knock on doors until your knuckles bleed. Doors will be slammed on your face. You must pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and knock again. It's the only way to achieve your goals in life."

# **Disability Mainstreaming Updates**

n 2015, Egerton University employed a Braille Transcriber, Judy Njoroge, who is based in the Disability Resource Centre in Njoro Campus. Students and staff can now have materials transcribed with relative ease and speed, as opposed to what used to be the case in the past.

On 11 October 2015, a team of

students with disability accompanied staff members from the Disability Resource Centre to Nairobi for a blind walk organized by the Kenya Society for the Blind (KSB).

The aim of the walk was to raise awareness of the white cane. The Guest of Honour was the Chief Justice, Dr. Willy Mutunga, who was hosted by the KSB Director, Juliana Kivasu.



Judy Njoroge Braille Transcriber

# **DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Bernard N Githua Director

s we come together to celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony and honour the graduands on this special occasion of educational transition, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on behalf of the entire Directorate for your hard work and commitment to your studies. My advice to you as you prepare to embark on the next path of life is that you should always plan for all the activities you would like to carry out in the future. A plan will give you direction to the cause of action to take in future.

The Directorate of Planning and Development was founded in April 2009. The Directorate's primary objective is to catalyze the transformation of Egerton University to be among the leading universities in the world. The University, in its 2009-2015 first Strategic Plan, set

itself an ambitious agenda for realizing its Vision of being a world class University for the advancement of humanity.

The Directorate facilitates the proper utilization of human and non-human resources by cascading the current Strategic Plan (2013-2018) and Citizen Service Charters to University Units through the Performance Contracting system. The Directorate also monitors and evaluates the University Strategic Plan and the Operational Plan.

### **DIRECTORATE OF UNIVERSITY WELFARE SERVICES**

#### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Fr. Stephen Mbugua Director

ear 2015 Graduands!

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the wonderful work that has led you to this auspicious day, during which you are being awarded with Diploma and Degree certificates. Your hard work has opened for you new frontiers in your professional and academic aspirations. The Vision and Mission of Egerton University should continue to propel you towards

being world class professionals and intellectuals.

The Directorate of University Welfare Services continues to enhance quality services to students and the University fraternity in order to create a conducive learning and living environment. In Accommodation, seven modern hostels have been completed, Inamely Lake Turkana, Lake Naivasha, Lake Elementaita, Lake Bogoria, Lake Victoria, River Tana and Mau Hills. The completion of these hostels has increased the bed capacity for our students by 1,600.

The Directorate is also taking care of disability mainstreaming by creating a conducive environment for learning and mobility of our students and staff with special needs. We are now in possession of a Braille transcriber to assist students with visual disability to convert

documents for lecturers. In addition, we have a new vehicle to assist students with disabilities to move around the University with ease.

In Catering, the department has started a restaurant (Mara Restaurant) at the former guest wing to cater for visitors' meals at affordable rates. This is a very new concept in the catering services, whereby groups or individuals can order customized menus in addition to the regular menus provided at the catering services.

We would like to extend our welcome to the entire University Community to enjoy the increased quality of our services.

I wish all graduands successful career lives and look forward to partnering with them as we aspire to serve humanity.

God bless you all!

### **HUMAN RESOURCE**

#### List of Staff Reviewed/ Appointed from July to November 2015

#### **TEACHING STAFF**

#### **DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND EXTENSION**

Agro-Based Science Park Director Prof. Paul Kiprotich Kimurto

#### **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

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#### **Head of Department**

Prof. George Owuor

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### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

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Department of Internal Medicine
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Department of Reproductive Health
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Coordinator

Kefa Aboko Basweti

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#### **TECHNOLOGY**

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David Sonoiya Ndugi

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Technologist I Grade 7

Philip K. Rono

Department of Veterinary Anatomy and

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Chief Technologist Grade 12

Samuel M. Kimani

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#### **NAIROBI CITY CAMPUS**

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#### **BARINGO CAMPUS**

Assistant Librarian I Grade 12 Anne N. Tenya

#### **NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF**

#### **ESTATES DEPARTMENT**

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#### PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief Procurement Officer Grade 14 Dan Victor Ojwando

### COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Communications & Marketing Manager Grade 12

## TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

### **Message from the Transport Officer**

he Transport Department wishes to congratulate the graduands during this auspicious 33<sup>rd</sup> Graduation at Egerton University. We are proud to have contributed to your studies at the University through the academic trips.

As you prepare to take the next step in life that will be full of challenges and growth opportunities, I would like to advise you to apply the specific skills that you've acquired from your respective courses. Do not wait for formal employment; instead, start something on your own.

As fresh graduates, you can also take advantage of the Youth Fund and the Uwezo Fund that have been made available to you through the Government. Don't go it all alone; maintain networks and the friendships that you've developed.

As the Transport Department, our mandate is to provide transport for official university functions and activities. We have seven buses and three mini-buses that have been fully utilized by staff and students.

In October 2015, we unveiled a vehicle specifically to be used by

persons with disabilities. The vehicle, a Maruti, will be used by students as they move within the campus. Previously we were utilizing a three-wheeled motorized vehicle, popularly known as "tuk tuk," but due to increasing demand the new vehicle was procured.

Once again, congratulation to the graduands – and when you see Egerton University vehicles out there, please say a "hello"!

### **COLLEGE OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING**

#### **Message from the Director**



Prof. Johnson Changeiywo Director

t gives me great pleasure to join the Egerton University Community in congratulating all of you during this graduation season. May you have the best in your future endeavours! The rich diversity of programmes and courses that you have encountered in this University have and will continue to contribute in one way or the other to your quality of life and professionalism. I hope the knowledge, skills and attitudes you have acquired will go a long way in making you a well-grounded and productive member of the society.

January 29, 2015 marks an important date in the calendar of Egerton University because this is the day elearning was launched in our institution. As we mark almost one year into this novel mode of teaching and learning, the number of students is steadily increasing. Having started off with about 30 students enrolled in four programmes, the current number stands at 90 students enrolled in seven programmes. Elearning is part of the legacy of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James K. Tuitoek, and the University Management Board. It is a vehicle that will firmly place the University at the forefront of globalization.

Among our current e-learning students are those working in various sectors, such as the police, the military, banks, government ministries and agencies, and educational institutions. Some of our e-learning students are those who would otherwise not find time to attend full-time

classes either because of their commitments or remote locations. For example, we have students in the Daadab refugee camp and security officers on an operation in Boni Forest, Lamu. The teaching is conducted in a blended mode where students are first oriented to the e-learning system in a face-to-face session (in Njoro and Nairobi campuses at the moment) and online sessions where they access learning content and learning support via the e-learning platform, http://elearning.egerton.ac.ke. Our elearning exams are not online; therefore, students return back to their preferred examination centres to write their exams. As the student numbers grow we shall establish other e-learning centres in Eldoret, Mombasa, Kisumu, and Meru, among others.

## OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

# **Students Excel in Championships**

gerton University's basketball, rugby and soccer teams registered impressive results in various inter-university competitions held in 2015.

The men's basketball team, christened "The Assassins," defeated the University of Eldoret team to emerge the champions during the Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) mid-season basketball championship held at the Moi University West Campus, Eldoret, in October 2015.

The ladies' team, better known as the "Kytes," finished third overall after losing narrowly to Maseno University in the Semi-finals.

The Egerton rugby team, the "Wasps," gave a good account of themselves during the Kings of Rugby finals held at the Kenya Rugby Football Union grounds. The "Wasps" trounced Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology 14-0 to qualify for the

semi-finals. The team lost the semi-finals narrowly to eventual tournament winners United States International University.

The University's soccer team, popularly known as the "Jaguars," retained the KUSA Rift Conference Soccer Championship held at Egerton University Njoro Campus on 14-15 November 2015. The "Jaguars" beat Masaai Mara

University 1-0 in the semi-finals before trouncing Moi West 4-1 in the finals.

The teams hope to continue their domination during the KUSA national games to be held at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and



University students in a past cross-country championship

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