

# Moi University Alumni

# NEWSLETTER



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# **Vision**

To be a leader in promoting and developing the university in the community, nationally and internationally



To enhance participation of alumni members in assisting the university in promotion and development of curricula and co-curricula activities by using their talents and resources to achieve national and international image

# **Core Values**

Dedication, Team Spirit, Effectiveness & Efficiency



"Our Alumni, Our Pillar"

## **ALUMNI ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 1. Annual General Meetings (A.G.M)
- 2. Alumni Regional Dinners
- 3. Homecoming and Get Together Gala Nights
- 4. Workshops, Seminars & Conferences
- **5 Students Mentorship Programme**

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### **GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2018**

Moi University Alumni Association (MUAA) successfully participated during the two graduation ceremonies held on 24th August and 20th December 2018. MUAA Vice-Chair delivered a commencement speech during the 36th Graduation Ceremony held on 24th August 2018 where 1023 degree were conferred. The 37th Graduation Ceremony held on 20th December, 2018 the total number of Graduands was 6746 from all the 15 Schools of the University. The MUAA Chairman Mr. Mwangi Githaiga who is also the Managing Director, KWFT (Kenya Women Microfinance Bank) gave a speech in which he emphasized on the need for the Graduands who are now alumni of Moi University to register with the Alumni Association in order to foster networking meeting, participate in student mentorship programs, professional symposiums and attend Annual General meetings.



MUAA Chairman and KWFT Managing Director Mr. Mwangi Githaiga, addressing graduands, alongside two alumni members during the 37th Graduation Ceremony.





# MUAA AGM & NETWORKING DINNER HELD IN ELDORET, 22ND MARCH, 2019

The 6th Alumni Annual General meeting was held on Friday, 22nd March 2018 at Hotel Sirikwa, in Eldoret. The event was attended by several delegates.

The Alumni invitation was done through Nation Newspaper dated 15th March, 2019. They were also informed through emails, the University website, social media and through mobile messages.

The Moi University Band entertained the Guests. Each member present introduced themselves stating which school they graduated from and where they were currently working.

The report for the previous year 2018 was presented highlighting the achievements and setbacks for the previous year. The report also stated the projects the Alumni are to engage in. The minutes for the previous AGM were also presented. The draft constitution was also presented with input from members as agreed during the 2018 AGM.

The Chief Guest was the former Moi University Vice Chancellor Prof. David Some who is currently working at University of Eldoret he encouraged the alumni to find ways of giving back to their alma mater. He informed the members there are many ways they can be able to contribute to their alma mater and the funds can be used to support the needy students. Other guest present was Eng Luke Kangogo retired from Kenya Civil Aviation Authority in his speech stated that in the aviation industry the skill gap outpaces the rate in which the entrants can be trained. That there is need for aviation staff in future hence there is serious shortage of skilled personnel by 2036. Why shortage? Due to widespread retirement of specialists. Skilled employees leaving Kenya for greener pastures. That the major challenges in a collaboration that the two parties should work on is communication and culture because they will likely contrast and will require care full mitigation in order to make it work. Moi university currently has a collaboration with EASA on EMBA programmes.



Participants during the 2019 Alumni Annual General Meeting





Eng Luke Kangogo retired from Kenya Civil Aviation Authority



The Moi University Band entertaining guests

# "Our Alumni, Our Pillar"

# **MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME**

#### FIRST MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME AT MAIN CAMPUS

 ${f T}$ he Office successfully organized the first mentorship programme targeting three schools; School of Information Sciences, School of Engineering and School of Biological & Physical Sciences. The event took place on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the Margret Thatcher Library, Main Campus. Eng. Michelle Boit, Senior Production Engineer at Tullow Oil, Mr. Gideon Bii, the Business Development Manager with MINET Insurance Brokers and Mr. Alex Chamwada of CHAMS Media inspired the comrades on career life.





(Left) Moi University alumnus Alex Chamwada addressing Moi University students during the Student Mentorship event. (Right) Moi University students during the Student Mentorship event.





#### SECOND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME AT ELDORET WEST CAMPUS

The Association successfully organized and carried out the second mentorship programme on Friday, 9th November 2018 at Eldoret West Campus. The event targeted School of Business and Economics Students where at least one hundred and sixty nine students attended. Keynote Speeches included; Juliana Wanjiru- General Manager Marketing & Communications at KWFT; Ms. Grace Kaome Human Resource & Administration Manager LVCT Health; Capt. Lucas Njeru- Airline Training Captain; Mr. Joseph Githaiga Branch Manager, Cooperative Bank of Kenya Ltd.





(Top left) Moi University Alumni Association director Dr. Charles Lagat with students during the mentorship programme (Top right) Students pose for a picture after the mentorship programme. (Below) A group of MUAA members pose for a picture. (Below right) MUAA members pose with students for a picture.





# **HOMECOMING ALUMNI CLASS OF 1992 - MU'88**

he first Alumni homecoming to Moi University was staged by the Class of 1992(MU'88) as a grand reunion homecoming on Saturday November 3, 2018. The reunion, aimed at bringing together the alumni Class of 1992 who joined the university on November 6, 1988, was a celebration of 30 years since their admission to the university. The event attracted more than 130 alumni travelling from all corners of the globe to attend.



The Moi University Class of 1992 pose for a picture outside Moi University Adminstration Block during their homecoming celebration.

The event began with a prayer from Fr. Fred Njoroge from St. Michael Chaplaincy, who is also an alumnus of Moi University. Fr. Njoroge then led a solemn remembrance pic8of the departed alumni. The event also recognized the faculty who passed on including Prof. Douglas Odhiambo, the founding Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George. Godia and Prof. Joshua Akong'a, among others.

The alumni unveiled a memorial plaque with the names of the departed comrades and went on to light candles and observed a moment of silence. They proceeded to plant trees at the University's 'Kesses Campus'. The event was presided over by former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shellamiah Okoth Keya, who served the University from 1988 to 1994. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Keya. The alumni, who were ecstatic to reunite, were then welcomed for breakfast at the University's Café and were accompanied by current students and staff.



A memorial plaque with the names of the departed comrades of Class of 1992







Class of 1992 alumni taking their breakfast in Moi University Cafeteria during their homecoming

The group then assembled at the CER-MESA Auditorium for a session with the University's Management and the Chief Guest, Prof. Keya. In his address, Prof. Kosgey highlighted memorable moments during Prof. Keya's tenure, a period that saw student population increase from 900 in 1988 to 9,000 in 1994. Prof. Kosgey acknowledged Prof. Keya's contribution to Moi University, noting that he also oversaw infrastructural development that entailed creation of the Second Medical School, Faculties of Agriculture, Fisheries, Law, Education, Chepkoilel Science Campus and Maseno University College.

During Prof. Keya's tenure, the growth of the University called for construction of buildings especially administrative blocks, staff houses, primary schools, water and sewerage line, road infrastructure, farms, large student hostels, Margaret Thatcher Library (MTL), Student Centre, to mention a few, said Prof. Kosgey.

Prof. Kosgey noted that the Class of 1992 underwent unique circumstances during their admission to the University.

"We are so proud of you for having made tremendous contribution in both the public and private sectors," said Prof. Kosgey, in recognition of Prof. Keya's work.

The VC further hailed the alumni for eptomising the Moi University spirit of sacrifice, commitment and love to serve the society. He singled out some of the alumni, including Hon. Aden Duale, Leader of Majority in the National Assembly; Murang'a Governor, H.E Mwangi wa Iria; Turkana West MP, Hon. Daniel Nanok; former Principal Secretary Amb. Richard Titus Ekai; former Director General of Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS) and current Chairman of Lake Turkana Wind Power Limited, Mr. Mugo Kibati; Managing Director of Isuzu East Africa, Ms. Rita Kavashe; Director General of National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu; CEO I&M Bank Limited, Mr. Kihara Maina; Chairperson of the Board of Kenya Accreditation Service and former Konza founder CEO, Dr. Catherine Adeya and Kiambu CEC, Dr. Juliet Kimemia.

They also include First Secretaries and Counsellors (current and former) in various Kenya Missions including those in Canada, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia.

Prof. Kosgey said he was delighted to have the team back home and thanked the organizers of the event. He noted that he looked forward to engaging more with the alumni in mentorship of current students and asked them to contribute towards establishment of a vibrant Endowment Fund to help needy students stay their course while in the University.

Prof. Keya narrated his experience from his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of Moi University and the challenges he faced with the class of 1992 who rioted at the National Youth Service in October 1988 and caused the Government to reconsider the then famed pre-university programme.

The Class of 1992 was the first group to be expelled en-masse prior to joining a University and also the first group to report to local Chiefs weekly before joining the University furthermore, the first group that had to report to a



public university in Kenya with their parents on the first day, November 6, 1988.

The former VC applauded the University for the tremendous Growth it has experienced from then. He, in particular, mentioned the IGUs the University has developed including the Digital Literacy Programme (DLP), Rivatex East Africa Limited, the Coding for Employment by African Development Bank, Elimu Millers among others, to sustain itself.

Prof. Keya further challenged the University to venture into the current emerging fields and also focus on postgraduate programmes.

The vibrant event mover, Dr. Catherine Nyaki Adeya, asked the alumni to engage more actively with the University and improve their communication through the Alumni Office.

The session ended by presentations of gifts to the Chief Guest and a vote of thanks from Mr. Mugo Kibati; Managing Director of Isuzu East Africa. After working up an appetite during the session, the group then proceeded to Ngeria Kitchen 1 for a scrumptious lunch sponsored by Alumni. As they partook of theirs meals, they took time to rekindle their old friendships with classmates from years gone-by. They later visited their hostels, common rooms and lecture halls, among others.

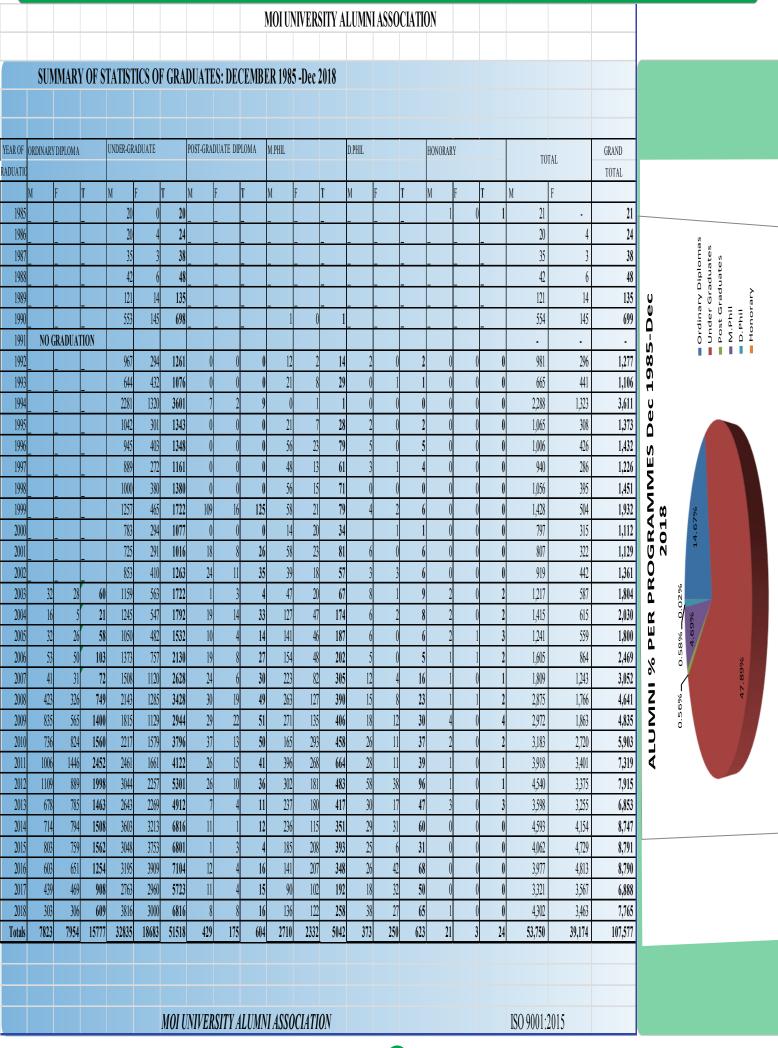
The event was covered by the renowned Media Consultant and alumnus of Moi University, Mr. Alex Chamwada, who is the founder and CEO of CHAMS Media Limited, a TV production company that supplies content to KTN TV.











#### MUAA PROPOSED PROJECTS

#### 1. Construction of a Water Fountain

The Water Fountain to have three tiers with a globe on the top Vercelli signifying that Moi University is universal, Water sprinkling to the globe at the top signifying that Moi University receives faculty and students from all over the world, Water flowing down to the second signifies that graduates go out to different parts of the world and Water pouring out into the lower Vercelli signifies the role of Alumni in contributing to making the world to be a better place.



#### Construction of an ultra-modern hostel

Over the past decade, there has been rapid expansion of higher education in Kenya leading to increased enrollment especially in public universities. This has contributed to straining of existing facilities as universities try to quench the thirst for higher education. Construction of a hostel will be in tandem with the university's strategic goal of improving quality of the learning and living environment.

## Moi University Statue in front of the Administration Block

A statue to be put infront of the administration building. The statue to be of the retired president Moi. Building of a statue to commemorate the retired President Daniel Moi for being the founder of the University and also serving the country for over 20 years.

#### 4. Foot prints

The MUAA is interested to have footprints for Alumnus who will have contributed to development of the various projects. Footprint is a mark left by a foot or a shoe that can have the name of an alumni, that will be there for many years to come. The footprints will be put on the entrance of the buildings.



#### 5. Membership Registration and Renewal

MUAA urges ALL graduates of Moi University and interested individuals to register as members of the association. The already registered members should renew their membership annually if they are on ordinary, associate or special membership. Life members comprise of any member above (Ordinary, Associate or Special) upon payment of registration fee in any of the categories: GOLD - Kshs. 100,000.00 or SILVER -Kshs. 50,000.00 or BRONZE - Kshs. 20,000.00 respectively.

## 6. Contributions for the Projects

The projects will require a lot of finance to become a reality. MUAA highly welcomes any contribution towards the stated projects since development of Moi University is development to our society.