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Ranked among TOP TEN Universities in Kenya

KNOWLEDGE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Kibabii in Brief ...

Kibabii University was awarded charter to become the 23rd fully fledged public University in Kenya on 14th November 2015. The Chancellor of the University is His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, E.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces.

Kibabii University is traced to the origins of Kibabii Teachers' Training College, the precursor to the current University. Following a request by leaders from Bungoma County, the then President, H.E. Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H. directed that the newly constructed facilities for Kibabii Diploma Teachers' College be converted to a University College.

In August 2011, Kibabii University College was established as a constituent college of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology. From the first admission of 333

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Planning & Management
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management & Policy Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics and Management of education

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Master of Education in Educational Management & Policy Studies
Master of Education in Educational Planning & Management
Master of Education in Economics & Management
Master of Arts in Religion
Master of Arts in History
Master of Education in Kiswahili
Master of Arts in Comparative Literature
Post-Graduate Diploma in Education

Bachelor of Education(Arts)
Bachelor of Education(Science)
Bachelor of Education(Early Childhood Education)
Bachelor of Social Work
Bachelor of Criminology
Bachelor of Journalism and Mass Communication

Diploma in Education
Diploma in Public Relations and Creative Advertisement
Diploma in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Diploma in Social Work and Community Development
Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Certificate in Social Work and Community Development

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
MSc. in Human Resource Management
MBA with IT
Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)
Bachelor of Business Management
Diploma in Business Management
Certificate in Business Management

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics
Doctor of Philosophy in Pure Mathematics
Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Master of Science in Physics
Master of Science in Applied Mathematics
Master of Science in Pure Mathematics
Master of Science in Statistics
Master of Science in Organic Chemistry

Bachelor of Science (Mathematics)
Bachelor of Science (Physics)
Bachelor of Science (Bio-resource Management & Conservation)
Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Education and Extension)
Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)
Bachelor of Science (Biology)
Bachelor of Science (Agric Economics & Resource Management)
Bachelor of Science (Renewable Energy & Bio-fuels Technology)
Bachelor of Science (Agriculture & Biotechnology)

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS

Doctor of Philosophy in Information Technology
Master of Science in Information Technology
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Diploma in Information Technology
Certificate in Information Technology

Upcoming University Programs:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Computer Science
bachelor of Science in Co-operative & Entrepreneurship



**His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H.
President of the Republic of Kenya and
Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces
and Chancellor of Kibabii University,
wishes to convey his heartfelt congratulations
to the graduating class of 2018.**

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



DR. ERNEST MWANGI NJOROGE

On behalf of the Kibabii University Council members, I wish to convey our special thanks to His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces and the Chancellor Kibabii University, for the support and guidance

that you have accorded our University. Chancellor Sir, the beaming faces of these graduands are a testimony of your good work.

I also want to thank all those who have worked tirelessly to prepare the students and make this graduation a success. To the Vice-Chancellor,

Prof Isaac Ipara Odeo and your team, keep up the good working spirit.

A graduation ceremony is always an important day because it is an occasion when we celebrate the successful nurturing of great men and women. Thus, it gives me joy to see people of great potential leaving this University to go out to serve the nation.

As you go out there, endeavour to be champions of integrity and professionalism. This nation needs you more than ever before. Go and be the voice of reason amid all the chaos and confusion; go and be the source of hope and inspiration amid all the despair, and more importantly, go and be your brother's keeper, that is be mindful of other people's welfare in the society.

Looking back in the last four years, the minds of graduands are, no doubt, filled with all types of memories; happy memories and even humorous memories. However, this graduation day will remain the most memorable event of all because it is the day you achieved your purpose as a student of Kibabii University.

Dear graduands, we are proud of you as you march out of this University with distinctive academic credentials. You have spent a long time toiling in academia, but I want to assure you that the fruits of hard labor are always sweet. However, I wish to urge you to continue climbing the academic ladder. This is not the end of education, if anything it is the beginning of real education. May you climb high in the academic ladder and excel more than this. God bless you.

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Dr. Ernest Njoroge**

ENTERTAINMENT



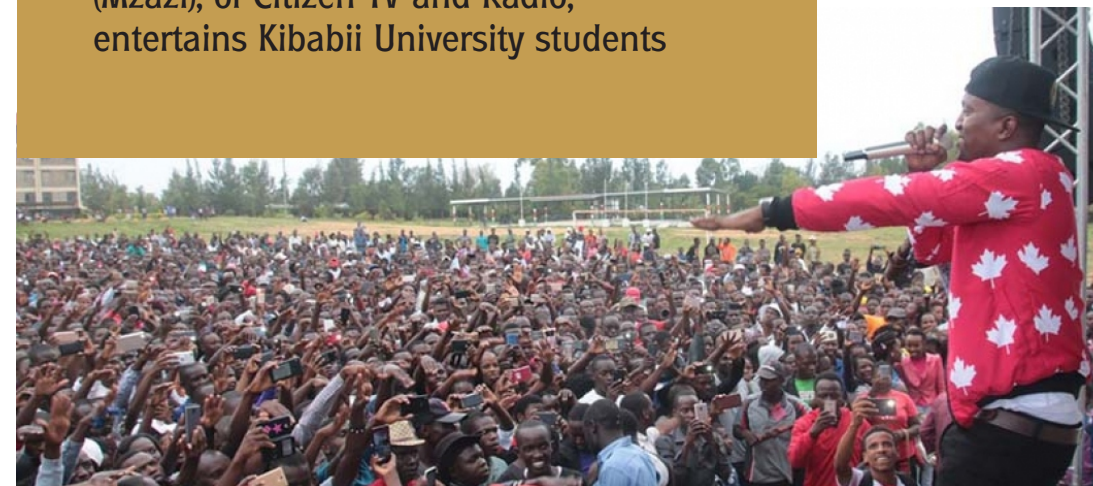
Gospel Singer Gloria Muliro performs during this year's Kibabii University Cultural Week

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Comedian Eric Omondi also came around and left the Kibabii University community in stitches...

Popular musical presenter Willy M. Tuva (Mzazi), of Citizen TV and Radio, entertains Kibabii University students



UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kibabii University Choir



**Kibabii University
has a serene environment**



Dr. Ernest M. Njoroge
CHAIRMAN



Mr. Hussein A. Farah
MEMBER



Ms. Harriet I. Chiggai
MEMBER



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MEMBER



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MEMBER



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FOR EDUCATION**



Prof. Isaac I. Odeo
**VICE-CHANCELLOR
(Ex-Officio)**



**His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H. President of the Republic of Kenya, and
Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces and Chancellor of Kibabii University,
Hon. Ababu Namwamba, Kibabii University Council and Management**

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WORD



PROF. ISAAC IPARA ODEO

INSPIRED FOR SUCCESS

I wish to congratulate the 2018 graduating class for the efforts that you put in your studies, the sacrifices you made and the self-discipline that you exhibited; something that has culminated to this day when we are all celebrating your academic achievements. This year we are graduating 2300 students which brings the entire total to 4250.

Special thanks to His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces and the Chancellor Kibabii University and the University Council, led by Dr. Ernest Mwangi Njoroge, for immensely supporting the development

“Our graduands are highly inspired for success as they go out to serve in various professions.”
Prof. Ipara Odeo

of this University. We are indebted to you a lot in terms of academic progress and establishment of modern physical facilities and infrastructure in this University. May you continue holding our hands as we strive towards being the premier institution of higher learning in Kenya.

Chancellor Sir, this year, we were ranked 10th best university in Kenya and our desire is to maintain the high standards and keep climbing the ranking ladder. We have put in place key measures such as modern infrastructural development, creating a conducive teaching and learning environment and recruitment of high quality staff, something that has led to production of high quality graduates.

I want to assure all stakeholders that our graduands have received the best possible quality of training and we are confident of their ability to face the challenges of nation building and service to humanity. They are highly inspired for success as they go out to serve in various professions. As a University, we are also inspired for success owing to the immense support that our Chancellor and the University Council have accorded us.

On behalf of Management, I want to assure you that we shall not waiver or compromise the standards in our pursuit of nurturing refined scholars.

Dear graduands, we are proud of your success and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



Nurturing Champions

Kibabii University prides itself in giving students opportunities to discover and exploit their talents. Congratulation to our students again for winning many titles during the 2017/2018 academic year.

Taekwondo team are the current champions of Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) and Rwanda genocide memorial champions. They are also the defending East African sports federation champions.

Besides sports, the University Choir photo on page 34) participated in the

National Music Festival (2018) where they entered 12 items and took position 1 in 6, position 2 in 3 and position 3 in 1. The team was awarded a challenge trophy for attaining 92% the highest mark ever achieved in Folk dance. It was also awarded two certificates for excellent performance.

The drama team too was not left behind. They took position 1 in Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse (NACADA) and Ethics and Anti-Corruption; one of the competition categories. They also won position 1 in four other items, position 2 in three items and position 3 in one item.

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Excellence in SPORTS

Kibabii University students have excelled in various sporting activities notably; soccer, netball, volleyball, basketball, hockey, handball, table tennis, lawn tennis, softball, darts, badminton, swimming both for recreation and competition.

Other recreational facilities include: aerobics and fitness hiking, back packing and mountaineering athletics.

The University is a member of the Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA), which is affiliated to FISU, an international universities sports associations. The western conference is referred to as WEKUSA. Its' made of seven universities namely Kibabii, Maseno, JOUST, Kabianga, Kisii, Rongo and Masinde Muliro.

The University also participates in women KUSA games which is a national event for women sports only. The University further competes in East African University Games, World University Games.



Kibabii University Taekwondo Team in Kigali in preparation for East African games to be held in December 2018 (Dodoma)



PROF. SOLOMON I. SHIBAIRO
DVC - Academics
and Students Affairs



PROF. SHEM OMUKUNDA AYWA
DVC - Administration,
Finance & Development



PROF. DR.-ING. BENEDICT M. MUTUA
DVC - Planning, Partnerships,
Research and Innovation

I'm excited to join the entire Kibabii University community in celebrating the 3rd graduation ceremony. We have come a long way in many ways that has seen improvement in virtually everything. We are grateful to the Government of Kenya for financial support that led to completion and equipping of the 24 state of art laboratories and workshops. The equipping of ICT and Computer Science Laboratories has made the dream of making ICT our flagship program and hence an enabler to many of our programs. Our graduands have been well prepared and are ready for industry. To contribute more to the governments 'Big Four' Agenda, we are at the tail end of accrediting the Bsc in Nursing Curriculum which has been reviewed by the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK). We shall soon present it to the Commission for University Education (CUE) for final accreditation. We are also preparing many programs aimed to answer to market and industry needs. Once again, I say congratulations and may the Lord Bless you.

Dear graduands, you have made us proud. Your discipline and hard work in academic excellence has culminated to us joining you in this colourful celebration. Our Division has given you an environment for academic excellence in your areas of specialisation. We have made developments in physical infrastructure, recruitment of staff and adoption of technological systems which have enabled efficiency and effectiveness service delivery. Installation of CCTV cameras is in the process to improve the security of both students and staff of this University. This Division has also ensured that the University is ISO certified based on the current ISO 9001:2015 Standard. We have a well-defined quality policy statement that is built on the current objectives and values of the University. Once again, I say congratulations.

The Division of Planning, Partnerships, Research and Innovation (PPRI) wishes to congratulate the graduating class of 2018 for a job well done. This is one of the three Administrative Divisions of the University. It is responsible for Planning and Performance Contracting, Research & Innovation, and Partnerships & Linkages. The Division has made tremendous efforts to seal strategic collaborative partnerships and linkages to facilitate research and training. These includes MoU with Minzu University in China and American University in the USA, among other global institutions. We are glad to have played a major role in the academic success of our graduands. We wish you all the best.



Prof. Ernest Mohochi
REGISTRAR, ASA



Prof. Barrack Obonyo
REGISTRAR, PPRI



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DEP. FINANCE OFFICER



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DEAN, School of
Computing & Informatics



Dr. Kadian Wanyonyi
DEAN, School of
Business & Economics

want a man to behave in a particular way, simply deal with their minds and attitude. Schools must fill the buckets of children's positivity to a level that no one punctures them dry.

In academics, attitude determines how you feel about your teachers, subjects and career as a whole. Attitude makes one; desire to confront a problem to solve it or run away in fright. No wonder, a bad attitude is like a flat tyre, you won't get anywhere where till you change it. Children must be psychologically empowered to see possibility in any task or challenge facing them. With this kind of mentality, they evoke positive energy and perform task with happiness and much creativity yielding greater results. Never bend your head. Hold it high neither should you allow yourself to be so desperate that you end up settling for far less than that you deserve because of fear. To overcome fear, deal with what you fear most and the rest will be history.

Therefore, having Positive mental attitude is a psychological state in which one sees the opportunity in every difficulty. One asks how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done. The mind doesn't whine about problems but looks around for solutions. Don't complain about darkness; simply light a candle. Actually, the problem is not the problem; the problem is your attitude about the problem. In the world we live in, nature gives no man anything for free except by fighting for it.

We must train our children to stand on the right side of every challenge. When they approach the traffic lights of promotion they should not reverse and go away, but wait shortly and the traffic lights will change from Red to Green indicating they can now proceed to their new grade or office. Where you are academically and career wise now could not be your Egypt, there is a better land of promise yonder; but through the wilderness you must cross to there.

No gain without pain, no sweetness without sweat, no cheers without jeers; the greatest failure is not trying at all to better your state. Surely as Bill Gates once advised; to be born in a poor family is bad luck but to die the same, is your choice.

Motivational TALK

Kibabii University
Student Affairs
Department in
conjunction with the
Students Alumni held a
motivational talk in
July 2018. The Theme
was: "Beyond the
Campus Horizon,
Challenges and
Opportunities".

Issues discussed
included: Life's realities
outside Campus, The
Entrepreneurial tit bits,
Social life and
interactions, The real
pictures of politics and
politicking, Personal
development, Juggling
with more than one
responsibility and
networking tips,
among other things.

The University
will continue to
motivate students and
prepare them fully for
life after College.

Success: Its all about **ATTITUDE**

By Dr. Robert Wafula

Success is the by-product of your attitude. Attitude does not only determine how far high you soar in Academics and career life but also in general state you live in.

In short, it's the bedrock upon which every success or failure is anchored on. For instance, when it rains all the birds fly for shelter on trees but

the eagle avoids the rain by flying above the clouds. Problems are common to all but the attitude makes the difference. My attitude is my frame of mind.

Therefore, I lose or succeed in any situation by virtue of how able or unable i feel psychologically towards the task at hand. Any mental cognition of defeat breeds the same and so is victory. If you

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Kibabii University students



**Mr. Joshua Illavonga
In-Charge, LIBRARY**



**Ms. Noel Malanda
DEAN of Students**



**Dr. Samwel Mbugua
DIRECTOR, ICT**



**Dr. Tom Ekisa
DIRECTOR, IGDS**



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DIRECTOR, TVET**



**Dr. Alice Nambiro
DIRECTOR, ODEL**



**Prof Julius Maiyo
DIRECTOR, PC&QA**

Kenya

ranking	World Rank	University	Det.	Presence Rank*	Impact Rank*	Openness Rank*	Excellence Rank*
1	853	University of Nairobi	+	42	652	1074	1578
2	1456	Kenyatta University	+	164	792	1360	2759
3	1715	Egerton University	+	1915	618	4330	2894
4	1873	Moi University	+	1781	2114	2275	2300
5	2673	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	+	1148	5326	2615	2642
6	3991	Maseno University	+	4533	10163	2996	3686
7	4534	Strathmore University, Nairobi	+	770	5403	7229	4895
8	5058	Maasai Muli University of Science & Technology	+	1937	13464	3779	4311
9	5956	Catholic University of Eastern Africa	+	3216	11891	6211	4895
10	6450	Kibabii University	+	3033	6118	7392	6008
11	6685	United States International University	+	1389	8175	5755	6008
12	6753	Daystar University	+	2274	11394	7450	5276
13	6763	South Eastern Kenya University	+	1351	9869	3442	6008
14	7732	Mount Kenya University	+	507	10717	5977	6008
15	7795	Technical University of Kenya	+	1019	11819	4127	6008
16	8726	Kenya Methodist University	+	3192	9927	8261	6008
17	9038	Kenya Medical Training College	+	19644	8116	10778	5562
18	9701	Kenya Coast National Polytechnic	+	20076	6130	10778	6008
19	9826	African Virtual University	+	6364	7196	10778	6008
20	9878	Kenia Institute of Management	+	8076	7162	10778	6008
21	10272	Pwani University	+	2570	15126	4238	6008
22	10380	Technical University of Mombasa (Mombasa Polytechnic University College)	+	1219	14776	5377	6008
23	10706	University of Eastern Africa Baraton	+	4544	13415	7043	6008
24	10748	University of Eldoret	+	4514	14817	5271	6008
25	10852	Masai Mara University	+	3830	14406	6128	6008
26	10860	Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (Kimathi University College of Technology)	+	3541	15049	5365	6008
27	11178	Kisii University	+	3157	11520	9773	6008
28	11232	Kabarak University	+	1584	14141	7634	6008
29	11496	Embu University College	+	2248	16224	5221	6008
30	11780	Kenya Forestry Research Institute	+	10590	13844	7739	6008
31	11903	Africa Nazarene University	+	14983	12154	9323	6008
32	11947	Meru University of Science & Technology	+	2900	16664	5344	6008
33	12383	Saint Paul's University Limuru	+	6988	15939	6533	6008
34	12445	KCA University	+	2380	14573	8793	6008
35	12558	Murang'a University of Technology	+	2011	16889	6400	6008
36	12606	Karatina University	+	2422	17590	5360	6008
37	13190	Machakos University	+	2546	18654	5012	6008
38	13241	Chuka University	+	3849	15173	9084	6008
39	13583	Amani College	+	11228	11769	10778	6008
40	13669	Michuki Technical Institute Muranga	+	11446	11889	10778	6008



The Fight Against HIV/AIDS New Infections

The Government of Kenya recognizes that HIV and AIDS is a major obstacle in the education sector, and the impact continues to be felt at all levels. Universities, which comprise young people of the 17-24 age bracket are not spared.

The Kenya Demographic Health Survey of 2014 estimated the national HIV prevalence at 6%. This makes Kenya the 4th largest HIV epidemic globally. The women are more infected (7.6%) than men (5.6%). Generally, the number of new infections in Kenya is still unacceptably high.

The County Government of Bungoma has demonstrated its resolve towards the HIV response by providing a Bungoma County-specific HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan. Among young adults aged 15-24 years, Bungoma has 4,143 of youth living with HIV and 388 new HIV infections annually among members of the same group (KARPR 2016).

To contribute in the fight against new HIV infections in Bungoma County, Kibabii University AIDS Control Unit is committed to the provision of a comprehensive knowledge of HIV infection and prevention among students and staff. The students are provided with a comprehensive sexuality knowledge to shape behaviour change in order to reduce new infections.

KIBU ACU has set four broad objectives that are aligned to the Kenya AIDS Strategic Framework (KASF) as follows: (i) reduction of new infections, (ii) reduction of AIDS-related mortality, (iii) reduction of HIV stigma and discrimination and (iv) creating linkages with clearly-defined objectives and results towards KIBU's HIV response.

Together we can create an HIV free KIBU!

Mutende R.A
ACU Coordinator

Ensuring Proper HEALTHCARE

Kibabii University Health Services Department promotes quality healthcare through provision of prevention and curative health care services. The Department provides medical services to staff and students on a 24-hour call basis.

The Clinic, currently offers the following services: Outpatient, Pharmaceuticals, Reproductive Health, Laboratory, VCT services and referral services. The Department is rapidly expanding to offer the following services: Public health services, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS (PMTCT) and Observation ward services.

Health care is an integral part in student and staff welfare systems of Kibabii University operations. The principal role and responsibility of the Health services Department is to ensure general health wellbeing of Kibabii University community, so as to achieve the core function of the University.

Kibabii University in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, Bungoma County and Partners, have provided a successful FREE medical service: Malaria management, Deworming, Anti-jiggers campaign, Blood donation, STI screening, HTC services, Family planning and Public health awareness to the community around the University.

- Johnstone Eshirera
DSCO



Kibabii Ranked 10th University in KENYA

Kibabii University has been named as the tenth best higher learning institution in Kenya. This was contained in a Webometrics global ranking report that was released in July 2018 by a European research body based in Spain.

Speaking about Kibabii's position among academic giants, the VC, Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo, described the ranking as a true testimony of quality measures that the University has lately put in place.

He said, "Since we were officially chartered in November 2015, we hit the ground running. We decided to focus on quality teaching, quality staff and quality facilities. Providing quality education is our core mandate and we usually endeavor to give it the

seriousness it deserves. This ranking is a testimony that we are truly headed in the right direction."

He added, "For the last couple of years, we have invested heavily in physical facilities that add value to the teaching and learning process. We have also ensured maximum utilization of the facilities we have; while at the same time ensuring that there is no disruption of the learning process. In terms of Research, our faculty members and students are strongly involved in generating new knowledge."

The VC assured that Kibabii University will continue putting it best foot forward; and will not disappoint the stakeholders.

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ISO: Kibabii sets High Standards

Kibabii University has attained ISO 9001:2015 Certification. It achieved this seal of quality from SGS Kenya and UKAS Management System of United Kingdom the leading international providers of QMS. This was a culmination of a concerted effort by the University Management, ISO team and the entire University staff.

Some of the achievements realized after the ISO 9001: 2015 QMS establishment include; international recognition of the institution, inculcated culture of evidenced

based decision making, increased customer satisfaction and improvement of the University credibility and image. ISO has also led to efficiency in service delivery in teaching and the administrative services; besides creating a continual improvement culture among staff and students.

The University is also in the process of getting Information Security Management System (ISMS) Certification of 27001:2013



The Pride of Kibabii University

Nine graduates from Kibabii University School of

Computing and Informatics have been considered for 2018-2019 Presidential Digital Talent Program. This group forms cohort III since the inception of the program. Those selected include: Charles Otieno, Patrick Riungu, Simiyu Ronald, Ernest Kirui, Betrine Wafula, Jeremy Kioko, Stephen Maina, James Etole and Brown Amubwea



Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

- Malcolm X



SOKU: New Leaders Sworn into Office

Newly elected leaders of the Students Organization of Kibabii University (SOKU) were sworn into office in November 2018. The ceremony was conducted by the Legal Officer, Ms. Jacqueline Wanjala, in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ipara Odeo.

In attendance were DVC (Administration, Finance and Development) Prof. Aywa, DVC (Academics and Students Affairs) Prof S. Shibairo and the KIBU Electoral Commission led by the Chairman Dr. Samuel Mbugua.

Those who assumed office include Chiveli William (Chairperson), Faith Matayen (Vice Chairperson), Oigara Denis (Secretary General), David Mutembei (Treasurer), Erick Wangai (Academic Secretary), Daniel Mwangi (Accommodation and Security Secretary) and Rachel Anyango (Special Interests Secretary).



Chiveli William



Faith Matayen



Oigara Denis



Vice-Chancellor Prof Ipara Odeo (centre) with members of the ISO team



Kibabii University supports the realization of the “Big Four” Agenda by: starting Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, which has been given a green light by the Nursing council; training community on crop post-harvest handling to improve on food security and enhancing access to health by conducting free health services to the community.

Senior Management with newly elected SOKU team



Kibabii's Steady Growth

students, enrolment has risen exponentially and grown to the current population of over 7,000 students spread across five Faculties/Schools: Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, Faculty of Science, School of Business and Economics, School of Computing and Informatics and School of Graduate Studies.

The University started with 52 staff who were seconded from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology in March 2012. Due to expansion, the number has increased to the current 379 staff which is still way below the optimum staffing needs of 600 the University should ideally have if it were not for the low capitation level.

Kibabii University is located off Bungoma-Chwele road approximately 7 kilometres from Bungoma town. It sits on 70 acres of land. The University has a serene and conducive environment for learning.



An international student at Kibabii University



The team that produced this graduation newsletter



ICT for Sustainable Development

Dr. Shem Ochuodho, a Kenyan and a Senior ICT Policy Advisor in Rwanda, S. Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea facilitated a workshop on ICT for Sustainable Development at Kibabii University in November 2018.

The theme of the workshop was “Preliminary Needs Assessment to Evolve a Framework to Leverage Diaspora Resources, Partnerships and Linkages for Mainstreaming ICT & Innovations at the University”.

In attendance were the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ipara Odeo, DVC (Planning, Partnerships, Research and Innovation) Prof. Dr.-Ing. B.M Mutua, PhD, Rer. Nat., DVC (Academics and Students Affairs) Prof S. Shibairo, Bungoma County ICT Directorate, among other attendants. Dr. Shem Ochuodho later on had a discussion with ICT staff on issues affecting ICT application and opportunities for partnerships and linkages.

University says NO to PLAGIARISM

In order to ensure originality in academic work, Kibabii University Graduate School has acquired an anti-plagiarism software from a reputable International organization to consistently evaluate the originality of students' research work.

The School has also developed an Anti plagiarism Policy and aligned its guidelines to conform to the Commission for University Education (CUE) approved Standards and Guidelines.

The Graduate School is also in the process of modernizing the teaching and learning as well as research environment to foster excellence and enthusiasm among the students and the Graduate faculty. This helps to reduce the time taken by Post-graduate students to complete their programs while maintaining quality research output.

**- Prof. Stanley Mutsotso
(DEAN, SGS)**



Generating new Knowledge through **RESEARCH**

Kibabii University endeavours to support the research and innovation culture as the key role of a higher learning institution. As a University, we believe that future socio-economic development of this country lies in quality research and innovation.

Through the Directorate of Research, Consultancy and Extension, Kibabii University has established a framework for quality research, innovation and consultancy. The framework aims at developing and sustaining research and publication culture, implementing research findings, and establishing linkages and partnerships with local and international partner institutions to facilitate research and innovation activities. This also includes enhancing staff capacity through training in grant proposal writing, project management, and scientific writing, publication and community outreach.

So far, we have increased the number of research and innovation proposals that have been submitted for funding by the staff in the financial year 2017/18. Consequently, the University landed two major research

funding from the European Union and the National Research Fund (NRF) to a tune of more than Ksh.70 million. Greater part of this money is meant to finance the establishment of Kibabii University as an ICT Hub, a fact that has put Kibabii University in the league of global centres of excellence in ICT.

We have also increased the number of graduate students getting scholarships for their research projects. In the year 2017/18, over twenty (20) research proposals were submitted for multi-disciplinary research call by staff. In addition, twenty six (26) and sixteen (16) research proposals were submitted by masters and by PhD students respectively to the National Research Fund (NRF) for funding. This has made Kibabii University to be a centre of generating new knowledge and enhancing national development.

- Dr. Obino Ong'anyi
Director, RCE

This is Kibabii University...



A section of Kibabii University Lecture Halls

Creating Wealth Through TECHNOLOGY



**AJIRA seminar held in
Nov. 2018 at Kibabii University**

The School of Computing and Informatics has won Ksh.64.8 million for Infrastructure development from the National Research Fund. This will be used to set up a model ICT HUB. Furthermore, Kibabii University Informatics (KUI) {Software Engineering} club got accredited by UNESCO hence adding value and recognition to the work being undertaken by the software engineering students.

The School participated in the National Science Week (Robotic Competition) and reached the knock out level that has rejuvenated Computer Hardware students.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology through the AJIRA program, the School has had its students trained on

online working and the existing opportunities.

Our students have always had opportunities to have hands on experience training and exposure to the industry through industrial training alongside the Industrial attachment program. This has enabled most of them to get employed and even set up successful firms immediately after graduation.

The employees have given a very good rating of products from the schools. The School has had nine (9) of its previous years graduates selected on to the third cohort of the Presidential Digital Talent Program who after induction were placed in various Ministries and posted across the country.

- Prof. Franklin Wabwoba

South African scholar visits **KIBABII University**

In July 2018, Professor Rodriguez from the University of Kwazulu – Natal, South Africa (Department of Mathematics) delivered a keynote presentation at Kibabii University titled **“A model for detecting corrupt agents in organizations”**.

He later held a consultative forum for staff and post graduates students on research project and thesis formulations.

Kibabii Hosts ECDE Seminar

Kibabii University hosted Bungoma County Government seminar on Education and Vocational Training on Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE). The event took place in August 2018. The Guest speakers included Prof Senyo Adjiboloso of Point Loma Nazarene University (USA), Dr. Lynn Kitembe of Moi University and Dr. Betty Mayeku, Bungoma County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Education and Vocational Training.

The seminar touched on toddler needs and behavioral problems, fostering self-esteem through high quality learning experiences and children's perceptual set and their future quality of life.

It also focused on teaching strategies for the effective ECDE teacher (excellence in classroom management, motivation and discipline), curriculum and teaching mandate, among other topics.



**Kibabii University has modern,
well equipped and spacious
conference facilities**



**FESS Dean
Dr. R. Wepukhulu**

Teaching in the 21st Century

The Faculty of Education and Social Sciences (FESS) held a successful two days Education Workshop, in October 2018, on the theme “Enhancing Learning Outcomes through Application of 21st Century Pedagogies in the Provision of University Education and Embracing the New Competence Based Curriculum in Kenya”.



**Prof. Kafu makes
a presentation**

The speakers made presentations on various topics on Education for the 21st Century. The topics included;

- The Teacher in the 21st Century, Essentials for Effective Instruction and Learner Engagement in Instruction
- The Competence Based Curriculum and its Implications to University Education
- Value systems in Higher Education
- Integrating Emerging Technologies in Instruction, Digital Learning
- Promise and Challenges in Kenyan Universities and Digitization of the Curriculum



**The Council,
Management,
Senate, Staff and
Students of
Kibabii University
congratulate the
class of 2018 for
a job well done.
May you go out
and make a
difference in the
society.
God Bless you.**

QUALITY is our Main Emphasis

Kibabii University has embraced Performance Contracting as a tool to enhance excellent delivery of services. This has successfully been cascaded downwards to all departmental heads and section coordinators.

This strategy aims at producing skilled graduates who meet the demands of the labor market and realization of Vision 2030, conducting research and disseminating the findings for innovations and increasing national productivity, and empowering community through capacity building

Some of the steps undertaken by the Directorate of Performance Contracting & Quality Assurance include transition to online course evaluation. This has improved efficiency in the evaluation through increased students participation and ensuring confidentiality and transparency. Lecturers are also expected to access the course evaluation report online and be able to realize their areas of strength and areas of improvements.

The University has started rolling out the reviewed curriculum with the new cohort of first year students that reported in September 2018 in the academic year 2018/19. The reviewed curriculum has reduced the students workload and focuses on skill acquisition.

The University has benefitted from its membership to the Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) through staff mobility program. The University received one scholar (Ms. Asiimwe Caroline) from Makerere University in Uganda who had a three months stay at Kibabii University teaching and interacting with our students and staff. In exchange, one of the KIBU staff (Dr. Simiyu Wanjala) joined Ndejje University in Uganda for the same process and another two staff (Prof. Frankline Wabwoba & Prof. Julius K. Maiyo) participated in the peer review exercise of evaluating curriculum at various Universities in the East African region organized and funded by the IUCEA.

**- Prof. Julius Maiyo
(Director, PC&QA)**



The Library supports teaching, learning and research with access to an extensive range of information resources to enhance academic work. The library carries out all its functions of acquiring, processing, organizing and dissemination of information resources in-line with the mission of the University.

TVET: The Crucial Factor in Development

Good progress has been made by Government to mainstream TVET at all levels of Education in Kenya to address the Big 4 agenda in addition to the vision 2030. It is important that citizens are turned into a highly productive and competitive workforce.

In order to achieve this, the Government proposes intensified application of science, technology and innovation to raise productivity and efficiency by developing critical mass of skilled youths and adults in many technical fields.

At Kibabii University, the Directorate of TVET has positioned itself strategically to contribute to the achievements of the two Kenyan Blue prints by: (i) Initiating the process of reviewing and developing relevant academic programmes at Certificate, Diploma and undergraduate levels in line with the Competence based Education and Training (CBET) Curriculum standards and guidelines. (ii) Establishing linkages with public and private institutions in order to forge closer links between training and the

labor market. TVET Directorate is expected to be at the fore front in the efforts to collaboratively establish the industrial park in Bungoma County. (iii) Focussing on technological innovations from staff and students of Kibabii University. The technologies are expected to spur development in targeted sectors of Bungoma County.

In this regard, the Directorate, in collaboration with the Division of Planning, Partnerships, Research and Innovation (PPRI) has initiated the registration of three (3) innovations with the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI). The industrial park will definitely serve as an incubation centre for start-up businesses or upscaling.

We have also established linkages with the regulatory bodies (TVETA, KNQA), and other Universities (Nationally and Internationally) to keep abreast with developments in the TVET sector.

**- Prof. Donald Siamba
(Director, TVET)**



**A learning session
at Kibabii University**

GENDER MATTERS

The Institute of Gender and Development Studies is in the process finalizing the amendments of two policies: Gender Mainstreaming and Sexual Harassment. In addition, the Policy on Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is also in its final stages.

The Institute has conducted gender awareness creation (Gender equality, sexual harassment and Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) for 859 students and 10 members of academic and support staff.

The Directorate has kept an updated University gender disaggregated data record and a proof that Kibabii University is beyond one third as female employees make 42.3% of the total university workforce.

Reports have also been written to the National Commission on Gender and Equality (NGEC).

- Dr. George Tom Ekisa
(Director, IGDS)

**Education
is the most
powerful
weapon
which you
can use to
change the
world**

Nelson Mandela



DISTANCE LEARNING

The Directorate of Open, Distance and Electronic Learning (ODEL) uses telecommunication to provide enhanced learning in Kibabii University academic community through exploring the Internet, teleconferencing and related means to achieve an extended classroom learning experience.

The extended classroom learning is delivered via Internet ranging from distance learning, computerized electronic learning, online learning among others.

In collaboration with Schools and Faculties in the University, the Directorate has responded to the needs of the current learner by providing an ODEL platform where teaching and learning takes place. This enables the learner to effectively survive in the current digital era where self-directed learning is key.

- Dr. Alice Nambiro
(Director - ODEL)

Donation of Books...



THANK YOU: Kibabii University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ipara Odeo, together with Prof. Donald Siamba, Dr. Lucy Chikamai and Mr. Munyole receiving a donation of books from the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste Italy, for the Faculty of Science.

New Technology



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT: Kibabii University DVC (Planning, Partnerships, Research and Innovation) Prof. Dr.-Ing. Benedict M. Mutua, explains a new technology by the School of Science which aims at improving livestock feeds. Ensiling of grocery waste as livestock feed and also replacing molasses with grocery waste as a sole source of sugar. This was graced by HE. Hon. Wycliffe Wangamati, Governor of Bungoma County, during the ASK show held in Bungoma in September 2018.

FOCUS ON THE ULTIMATE GOAL, VC TELLS FRESHERS

Kibabii University VC Prof. Ipara Odeo has advised first year students to follow a path that will lead to successful completion of their studies. He said this during his address to new students who joined in September this year.

“Do not be misguided and misled by the mob psychology. Do not move like a herd. Each one of you came here on their own volition and shall receive graduation certificate individually.”

He went on to say, “Utilize your time well. Do not waste it on unproductive matters. Every minute at Kibabii should count.

“The time you have is the same as that by those who succeed. So if you don't succeed you have yourself to blame. Every day try to do something that will draw you closer to a better life. Each one of you should schedule and prioritize events, games, meetings, community service, social activities and studies accordingly.”

He concluded, “We expect you to engage in rigorous intellectual pursuit in order to sharpen your intellect for life while here and in the world after school. As you sail through, we look upon you to uphold humility, embrace diversity, tolerate divergent opinion, and engage in logical and balanced debate.”



**Vice Chancellor
Prof. Ipara Odeo**

