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MMUST ADMINISTRATION



Prof. Solomon shibairo Vice Chancellor

MMUST is more than just a university it is a home for innovation, growth, and diversity. From our well- equipped science and technology laboratories to our dynamic and engaging lecturers, MMUST provides a solid foundation for academic and professional success. Students from across the country and beyond come here to chase their dreams and leave fully prepared for the job market. What truly makes MMUST special is its focus on student empowerment. The university supports talents in sports, arts, leadership, and entrepreneurship. I've witnessed students turning ideas into projects, and projects into thriving businesses — all thanks to the support of the university community. Editing stories for the school magazine has allowed me to hear voices from different departments, and the message is clear:

MMUST changes lives. Our serene environment, strong academic programs, and supportive staff create a perfect place for any student seeking not just a degree, but a life-changing experience. To all future students out there if you're looking for quality education in a vibrant, supportive, and forward-thinking environment, MMUST is the place to be.

ADMINISTRATION MMUST

estled within the tranquil embrace of the Kakamega tropical rainforest, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology stands as a testament to Kenya's journey towards academic excellence and technological transformation.

As its name proudly proclaims, MMUST is more than just an institution of higher learning, it is a hub of innovation, a crucible of ideas, and a beacon of science and technological advancement for the region and beyond. From its humble beginnings as a constituent college to its current status as a chartered university, MMUST demonstrated a relentless pursuit knowledge, research, and societal impact. Our evolution is not just evident in infrastructure or numbers, but in the influence we wield in shaping policy, improving livelihoods, and solving real-world problems through science and technology.Today, **MMUST** dynamic academic environment supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a dedicated team of researchers and scholars. In the medical sciences, we are particularly proud of our groundbreaking contributions

Our researchers have developed affordable and locally adaptable maternal health monitoring tools, telemedicine platforms connecting rural clinics to urban specialists, and innovations in biomedical waste management that are now informing county-level health policies.



PROF. GOLICHA HUSSEIN DVC Academics and students affairs At Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST)

As a university strategically located in the heart of the lush Kakamega ecosystem, our physical environment complements our academic mandate. The serene, green surroundings offer an ideal atmosphere for reflection. discovery, and intellectual engagement. This proximity to nature also enriches our programs in environmental science, forestry, and sustainable development.Looking forward. MMUST is positioning itself as a continental leader in applied sciences, data-driven policy research, renewable energy, and smart

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PROF. Judah ndiku. Registrar academic affairs

At Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), the Office of the Registrar, Academic Affairs serves as the cornerstone of academic administration, ensuring the smooth coordination of teaching, learning, and student progression. As we continue to grow as a center of excellence in science, technology, and innovation, our focus remains clear: to uphold the highest standards in academic integrity, efficiency, and service delivery.

The academic journey of each student from admission to graduation is guided by processes designed to foster fairness, inclusivity, and quality. Over the years, we have made deliberate efforts to enhance academic structures, streamline registration systems, and embrace digitized platforms to improve service delivery.

Our upgraded student portal now supports real-time access to course registration, transcripts, timetables, and examination results empowering students to manage their academic lives with greater ease and transparency.



Moreover, our office plays a critical role in ensuring compliance with national regulatory bodies, curriculum development, and the timely conduct of examinations. We work hand-in-hand with deans, departmental heads, and the Directorate of Quality Assurance to ensure that all academic programs are aligned with global standards and meet the ever-changing needs of society.

As we look to the future, we are investing in automation, capacity building, and continuous improvement of our academic systems. The integration of artificial intelligence tools in record management, and a commitment to continuous feedback from stakeholders, are just some of the measures we are implementing to enhance the student experience and support faculty operations.

To our students: You are at the heart of our mission. To our academic staff: Your dedication shapes the future. And to all stakeholders and partners: Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration.

Together, we are building an academic environment where excellence thrives and innovation leads the way.

STUDENTS SUPPORT CENTRE

DEANS DESK



DR. BENARDATTE ABWAO MUKABI DEAN OF STUDENTS

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classroom boundaries.The university has cr

afted a remarkable ecosystem of support that transforms lives beyond mere academic instruction. Her vision goes far deeper than standard educatio nal practices, recognizing

that student

success is a complex tapestry woven from financial stability, personal well-being, and institutional support.

Imagine a university where a struggling student isn't just a statistic, but a potential success story waiting to unfold. Here, the Work-Study Program isn't just a policy—it's а lifeline. Students work four hours daily, with their earnings strategically divided: 80% towards tuition and 20% supporting their daily needs.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

The Talent Scholarship Program further amplifies this support, covering half the academic fees for students who demonstrate both financial need and exceptional potential. The Ratansi Foundation's annual 600,000 KES bursary adds layer financial another of cushioning, ensuring that economic constraints don't derail academic dreams Student governance Masinde Muliro University equally revolutionary. Following the 2016 Universities Act, the sevenmember Student Executive Council isn't a token

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ALLAN OMONDI PRESIDENT



THERESIA MUTISYA SYOMBUA DEPUTY PRESIDENT



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CO-CURRICULAR SECRETARY



VANNESA AMIKATO ACADEMIC SECRETARY



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CLIFFORD OMUSULA. SPEAKER



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HEZRA TAMRE. SASS MALE REP



IMMACULATE AUMA. SASS FEMALE REP



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KIMUTAI ELIAS . SDMAH MALE REP.



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WEBSTER ABINERI ARORI . SOBE MALE REP



MICHAEL ATOYO. SONMAPS MALE REP



SAUMU KASALA MULESI. SONMAPS FEMALE REP



ANDREW ORIAGO OGETO. SOM MALE REP



CAROLINE KIMAMO. SDMAH FEMALE REP.



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VIVIAN KEYA SUNGUTI. SPHBS&T FEMALE REP



GEORGE OWINO. SPHBS&T FEMALE REP



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EDITHOR OJWANG. HALL 1 FEMALE REP



JUSTIN OMARIBA NYABUTO RELIGION MALE REP



MIRIAM MUKUHI MWANIKI. RELIGION FEMALE REP



SHEILA SONIA. NONRESIDENT REP. FEMALE



CHRISTOPHER MUSYOKI MUTUA. MALE NONRESIDENT REP.



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ALLAN KUNGU. MALE NONRESIDENT REP



PURITY NJAMBI PWD FEMALE REP



PATRICK SHIABWANYINYA CHEBUKOSIA. PWD MALE REP



SOPHIE SHITEMI. SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES. FEMALE



GABRIEL GRADDY SIKUKU WAMALWA. BUNGOMA CAMPUS MALE



NASRALA EMAN. FEMALE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REP



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INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS REP

UNIVERSITY "WITH A SOUL"



MMUST remains committed to being a university "with a soul" one that listens to its people and responds with innovation and compassion. As the university expands, it does so with a clear understanding that true growth is measured not only in infrastructure and rankings but in the difference made in people's lives.

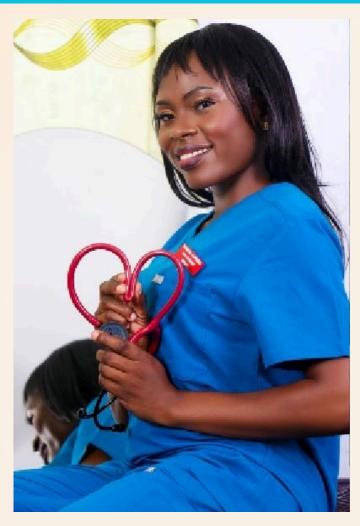
We are not separate from our community. We grow with them, serve with them, and succeed together."

Vice Chancellor, MMUST

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EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY WITH US!

WELCOME



VANESSA AMIKATO ONZERE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Welcome

Embark on a Journey of Discovery with Us!

Dearest Readers,It is with immense joy and anticipation that I unveil the 2024/2025 edition of Password Magazine! Our dedicated team has poured their hearts into crafting a publication that truly reflects the vibrant spirit and remarkable achievements of our academic community. Within these pages, you'll discover a captivating collection of stories, insightful perspectives, and inspiring narratives that illuminate the extraordinary talent and diverse voices that define our cherished institution, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, The University of Choice. As your Executive Editor, I am continually inspired by the boundless creativity and unwavering dedication of our students and faculty.

This magazine stands as a testament to their passion and hard work, and I am deeply honored to share it with you. Our mission is to celebrate the triumphs that inspire us all, fostering a profound sense of connection and camaraderie among our readers. This year, we've curated an exceptional array of content that spans a diverse range of topics.

From groundbreaking research and thoughtprovoking interviews to breathtaking photography and innovative creative works, there's something to captivate every reader.

Our contributors have infused their passion into their work, and I am confident that their efforts will resonate deeply with you. A highlight of this edition is our special feature spotlighting our vibrant international student community, celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures that enriches our university. We take pride in showcasing their achievements and recognizing the individuals who are driving progress and positive change. Beyond academic pursuits, our magazine also celebrates the dynamic cultural and social life that thrives on our campus.

From engaging student clubs, associations, and events to personal stories of resilience and triumph, these pages reflect the multifaceted nature of our university. It is our sincere hope that you will find inspiration and delight in these stories, reminding you of the unique and treasured experiences that make our university truly special. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for your unwavering support of the Masinde Muliro University Students Organization.

We are immensely grateful for your readership and for the role you play in our ongoing narrative. Dive into the pages of this magazine and let it be a catalyst for discovery, growth, and shared success as we embark on another remarkable year together.

VANESSA AMIKATO ONZERE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

Lord God Almighty bless our University.

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and

Technology

Oh, we seek to achieve our mission of becoming

centre of excellence

So we strive to lead in research, publication Community service to Kenya and the World. Our mission is to generate, preserve and disseminate

Knowledge through research and teaching. Masinde Muliro is the University of choice. Masinde Muliro is the University of choice.

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (the university of choice) stands as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and excellence. For years, it has been a nurturing ground for brilliant minds, shaping the future leaders, thinkers, and change-makers of our society

With a steadfast commitment to academic rigor, research, and holistic development, our institution continues to set new benchmarks in higher education. At the heart of our university's success is a vibrant community—dedicated faculty members who inspire, ambitious students who strive for greatness, and an administration that fosters an environment of growth and inclusivity. Our world-class facilities, state-of-the-art laboratories, and extensive libraries provide the perfect setting for intellectual exploration and groundbreaking discoveries. Beyond academics

our university thrives as a hub of cultural diversity and extracurricular engagement. From student-led initiatives to impactful research projects and social outreach programs, we cultivate a spirit of collaboration, leadership, and service. Our alumni, who have made remarkable contributions globally, stand as a testament to the transformative power of our institution.

AS we embark on another academic year, let us celebrate our achievements, embrace new challenges, and continue to uphold the values that make our university a symbol of excellence. Together, we shape not just our futures, but the future of the world. Long live our university—where dreams take flight and greatness is nurtured!

John Maxwell Lunar Otaro (BScN)(Chief Editor) Associate editor

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HARNESSING THE POWER OF YOUTHS IN THE TECHNICAL ERA

In this age of rapid technological advancement, the youth stand at a critical junction where opportunities abound, but vigilance is paramount.t is your time to rise, to embrace the mantle of leadership, and to forge a path that not only reflects your aspirations but also shapes the future for generations to come. Creative minds

I and sustainable thought are your guiding lights. The world does not reward mediocrity, but it celebrates ingenuity, persistence, and the courage to think differently. These traits are the cornerstones of success, enabling you to navigate the complexities of this digital era with wisdom and clarity.Remember, when a banana plant withers, its suckers sprout with vigor, ready to take its place. The previous generation has done its part, and now the torch is in your hands. This is your moment to seize leadership and make the most of the opportunities before you.

If you cannot be a towering spine on the mountaintop, be a resilient scrub in the valley. If you cannot stand as a solitary tree, then flourish as part of a vast, thriving forest. Strive for excellence in every field you enter. Be the best at what you do, whether it is in science, art, entrepreneurship, or community service. Do not fear the painful choices that may confront you—these are the decisions that will leave a lasting legacy.



Greatness demands sacrifice, and the ability to prioritize long-term gains over fleeting pleasures is a mark of maturity and wisdom. Moreover, focus on building your personal brand. In this interconnected world, how you present yourself matters greatly. Let your character, values, and achievements speak for you. Be a person of integrity, creativity, and relentless determination. The future belongs to those who prepare for it today. As you navigate your journey, let your light shine brightly. Remember, the world needs your energy, your ideas, and your passion.

Take this moment to define who you are and leave an indelible mark on history. The time is now. The stage is set. The question is; how will you play your part?

Masinde muliro university of science and technology offers a grand chance not only to design your future but also to transform the globe.

Alkon David (Associate editor)

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As the pages of this edition unfold, they do so as a testament to the myriad voices that breathe life into the Password magazine.

Each article, each photograph, each story is a unique tile in the vibrant mosaic that is Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.Readers, as you journey through these pages, allow yourselves to be transported into the heart of MMUST.

Feel the pulse of our community, the rhythm of our shared aspirations, and the harmony of our diverse backgrounds. Let these stories inspire you, challenge you, and remind you of the boundless potential that resides within each of us. As the editor, it has been an honor to witness the unfolding of these narratives.

I am continually amazed by the talent, passion, and vision that our contributors bring to the table. Together, we are not just documenting the life of MMUST; we are shaping its future, one story at a time. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Let us continue to celebrate the symphony of campus life, embracing the mosaic of stories that define who we are.

Tabitha Marion (editor)

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology. We've strived to c te a publication that not only informs and entertains, but also fosters dialogue and encourages us to think critically about the world around us. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this edition.

To our talented writers, artists, photographers, and proofreaders – your dedication and hard work have made this magazine possible.

Thank you for sharing your gifts and making the Password magazine a true reflection of our collective creativity. I also want to thank the faculty and staff for their unwavering support and guidance.

To our readers, both within and beyond the great Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology community, we welcome you aboard!



We hope you enjoy this edition and find something that resonates with you. Whether you're a returning reader or discovering the Password for the first time, we invite you to immerse yourself in the stories and ideas within these pages. We believe that reading is a journey, and we're thrilled to have you join us on this one.

Shabanji Benson Induswe (editor)

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Hello everyone, and welcome to the latest edition of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology's. it's a true privilege to serve as your editor for this edition. As a Bachelor of Education Arts student here at Masinde Muliro University, I'm constantly inspired by the creativity, passion, and intellectual curiosity that permeates our campus. This magazine is a testament to that spirit, a platform where students, faculty, and staff can share their thoughts, talents, and perspectives. This edition is particularly special, showcasing the diverse talents within our community. From thought-provoking articles on technology, on education, to captivating short stories and poems, and stunning artwork, the Password magazine offers a glimpse into the heart and soul of the



pages, you'll discover the innovative spirit thriving on campus, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and most importantly, the incredible potential of our students. We've highlighted individuals and initiatives that embody the university's commitment to academic excellence, community engagement, and transformative impact. The MMUST Password Magazine serves as a vital bridge, connecting our past achievements with our future aspirations. It's a platform to showcase the diverse talents within our university and to share the narratives that inspire us all.

We believe that by sharing these stories, we not only celebrate success but also foster a stronger sense of community and belonging. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this issue – our talented writers, dedicated photographers, and the entire production team. Your passion and hard work have made this magazine a reality. I hope you find this edition of MMUST Password Magazine insightful, inspiring, and enjoyable. May it serve as a reminder of the incredible strides we are making together as the MMUST family. Happy reading!

Wycliffe Wekesa (editor)

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You are capable of achieving great things. Your dreams are within reach, and your hard work will pay off. Remember, every challenge you face is an opportunity for growth and learning. Keep pushing yourself, stay positive, and never give up on yourself. Believe in your potential, trust in your abilities, and know that you are strong enough to overcome any obstacle in your path. You've got this! Welcome, dear readers, to another exciting edition of MMUST Password Magazine!

It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of pride that I present this issue, a testament to the vibrant spirit and remarkable achievements within our beloved Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology community. IN this edition, we've endeavored to capture the essence of what makes MMUST truly special. From groundbreaking research projects that are pushing the boundaries of knowledge to the inspiring stories of our alumni making significant strides in various fields, each page is designed to inform, engage, and celebrate our collective journey. AS you flip through these



Januaris kibet. (Editor)



STUDENTS SUPPORT CENTER

representation but a genuine platform for student voices. Through the Masinde Muliro University Students Organization (MMUSO), students actively participate in institutional decision-making, from Senate discussions to disciplinary committees. This approach transforms students from passive recipients of education to active architects of their institutional experience.

Accommodation challenges are addressed with remarkable creativity. With on-campus housing for 2,200 students and a strategic allocation system prioritizing first-year students, international scholars, and those with special needs, no student is left without shelter. Accredited private hostels academic knowledge.

What truly sets Masinde Muliro University apart is its collaborative spirit. Local communities, churches, and organizations like the Christian Union don't just observe—they actively participate in student support. Whether it's the Christian Union paying fees or local foundations providing bursaries, the entire ecosystem is committed to student success.

On matters concerning accomodation, our campus accommodates 2,200 students on-site, prioritizing first-years, medical students, student leaders, and those with disabilities or medical needs. We follow a strict accommodation policy to ensure fair allocation. The majority of our student population, over 20,000, reside in off-campus housing. These off-campus hostels undergo a rigorous accreditation process by the Student Affairs Department. We maintain regular communication with landlords and conduct weekly inspections through our wardens to uphold quality standards.

While security falls under a separate department, we take proactive measures to ensure student safety. We've installed flood lights in areas with high student populations, including Kefinko, Corona, Tangi, Nyaya, and Tizon. Our Chief Security Officer coordinates patrols involving an outsourced



extend this commitment, ensuring every student has a safe, conducive living environment.

Mental health and personal development receive equally nuanced attention. The weekly "Coffee Hour" sessions, facilitated by three dedicated counselors, aren't just meetings—they're transformative spaces. Addressing complex topics like sexuality, personal growth, and drug abuse prevention, these sessions recognize that education is as much about emotional intelligence as security company and both county and national security teams. For on-campus events like the Musonite disco, we arrange additional security. We mandate security personnel for all accredited off-campus hostels as well.

Community engagement is a vital aspect of our university life. We have over 53 registered clubs that coordinate various outreach programs. Notable among these are the Peer Educators, Red Cross, Environmental Club, and Peace Clubs. These organizations engage in diverse activities, from campus and town clean-ups to blood donations. They also contribute to local children's homes and prisons by donating food and clothing.

Our clubs play a crucial role in fostering a sense of social responsibility among students. They organize activities that not only benefit the community but also provide valuable experiences for the students involved. These initiatives help our students develop a broader perspective on societal issues and encourage them to be active, responsible citizens.

Through these various programs and initiatives, we strive to create a safe, inclusive, and socially conscious environment for our students, both on and off campus.

Dr. Benardatte Abwao Mukabi Dean of Students



Omondi Allan Ochieng, The MMUSO President.

Warm greetings to Gallant MMUSTIANS!

On behalf of the Masinde Muliro University Students'
Organization (MMUSO), it is with great honor and privilege that I extend my warmest greetings to you all as you embark on another phase of academic pursuit.
Welcome to Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), 'The University of Choice,' that aims to be a premier University in Science, Technology and Innovation. To our dear first years, congratulations for reaching this important milestone.

University life is a transformative experience - one that shapes your future, broadens your perspective and prepares you for the world ahead. The opportunities ahead of you are limitless. Set clear goals, remain determined, and do not let distractions derail your ambitions. Your future is in your hands. Mental health is a fundamental aspect of our well- being, yet it remains one of the most overlooked and misunderstood issues in our society. As students, we face a myriad of academic pressure, financial struggles, social challenges and personal battles that can sometimes be overwhelming.

It is okay to admit that we are struggling. It is okay to seek help. And most importantly, it is okay not to be okay. At MMUST, we believe in fostering a community where mental wellness is prioritized. MMUSO is committed to advocating for better mental health support, creating safe spaces for open conversations and ensuring that no student suffers in silence.

We encourage all students to take advantage of the University's counseling services, peer support groups and mentorship programs to leverage on the adverse effects of mental health issues.

Our University is not just an institution of learning it is our home. A place where ideas are born, dreams are nurtured and futures are shaped. But for MMUST to truly become a small haven for all of us, students must take an active role in decision-making.

We are the heartbeat of this institution. Our voices matter. Our opinions and customer feedback counts. It is, therefore, our responsibility to engage, participate and contribute towards making MMUST a better place for everyone.

we strive to position MMUST as a beacon of excellence in the corporate world, it is imperative that we embody our core values - Customer Experience, Accountability, Collegiality, Professionalism, Innovativeness, and Integrity. These values not only define who we are but also serve as our guiding principles as we engage with industry and society. As we embrace these core values, let us remember that each of us has a role to play in elevating MMUST in the corporate world. Together, we can create an enduring legacy that reflects our commitment to excellence and social responsibility.

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As we turn the page on another remarkable chapter at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, let us take a moment to reflect on our shared journey. As we look ahead, let us embrace opportunities that await us. Together, we can forge new paths, inspire innovation and contribute positively to society. Thank you for your dedication and passion.

May we continue to strive for greatness in all that we do. May God bless MMUSO, May God bless MMUST!

Omondi Allan Ochieng, The MMUSO President.

Speaker speaks

Dear EsteemedStudents,

I find it both an honor and a solemn duty to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support, indefatigable commitment, and unparalleled contributions to the success of our student leadership. Your collective engagement has been the bedrock upon which we have built a governance structure characterized by integrity, progress, and inclusivity.



Clifford Jimmy Omusula aka OMUSULA The GREAT. ~ Speaker of the 7th MMUSO Parliament.

As we now transition into a new phase, I urge you to remain steadfast in your pursuit of excellence and to continue fostering a culture of dialogue, accountability, and unity. The indelible legacy we have forged together will undoubtedly serve as a lodestar for future leadership, ensuring that the principles of student governance remain sacrosanct. May we continue to champion the ideals of collective progress and intellectual fortitude in all our future endeavors. Regards,

PWD

Empowering Abilities: MMUST's Commitment to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) continues to stand tall as a champion of inclusivity, equity, and empowerment for all students—regardless of physical ability. As an institution committed to excellence in science, technology, and human development, MMUST has gone a step further in ensuring that Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) are not only seen but supported, nurtured, and given platforms to thrive. University Support StructuresMMUST has institutionalized policies and practices that promote the welfare of PWD students. Through the Directorate of Disability Mainstreaming, the university ensures that all departments align with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) framework and MMUST's own disability policy.

The university provides accessible lecture halls, ramps, assistive technologies, and support staff for students with visual, hearing, or mobility challenges. Moreover, the university works closely with organizations like the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK) and Light for the World to provide equipment, mobility aids, and training to PWD students and staff. Student-Driven Inclusion MMUST students have embraced a culture of solidarity with their peers living with disabilities. Through clubs like

The Disability Mainstreaming Students Association (DMSA) and student-led initiatives, awareness campaigns and advocacy events have grown to become central components of campus life. Fellow students volunteer to provide peer support, class assistance, and mentorship, fostering a culture of unity and compassion. Programs and Scholarships In recognition of the need for financial empowerment, MMUST offers scholarships and bursaries tailored to students with disabilities.

ith support from partners such as the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya (NFDK), these scholarships ease the financial burden and open doors for PWDs to pursue degrees in diverse fields—from medicine and engineering to education and journalism. Additionally,



Wshort courses digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and leadership are offered through collaborative programs, aimed at equipping PWDs with the skills necessary to thrive in both academic and professional spheres.Looking ForwardMMUST is not just providing ducation to students with disabilities it is equipping them with confidence, tools, and an inclusive environment where they are recognized for their abilities. not their limitations. As the university moves forward, the vision remains firm: to be a space where diversity is celebrated, and every student—regardless of ability—is empowered to lead, learn, and inspire. Inclusion is not a favor. At MMUST, it is a right —defended, honored, and embraced.



SCIENCE PARK

INVENTION, INNOVATION, TECHNOLLOGY AND RESEARCH

MMUST Science Park: A Hub of Innovation. Research. and Technological GrowthMasinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) continues to cement its reputation as a leading institution in and science. research. innovation through the establishment of transformative Science and Technology Park. This initiative represents a bold toward bridging academic step research with real-world solutions, creating a vibrant environment where ideas are nurtured and translated into impactful innovations. A Vision for Scientific ExcellenceThe **MMUST** Science Park is more than just infrastructure, it is a vision brought to life. Strategically designed to host centers, innovation hubs, startups, and incubation units, the park provides a platform for students, faculty, and external innovators to collaborate. experiment, and commercialize ideas. From renewable energy solutions to advancements in health technology, the Science Park is a home for future-driven projects that serve communities both locally and

globally.Empowering Students and ResearchersAt the heart of the Science Park is the empowerment of young minds. MMUST encourages student participation through research mentorship programs, innovation competitions, and direct access to laboratories and prototyping equipment. By integrating academia with industry, students gain practical experience that employability and sharpens boosts problem-solving skills.Partnerships and Industrial LinkagesThe Science Park has fostered with strong linkages government agencies, private sector players, and international institutions. These collaborations enhance funding opportunities, provide technical support, and open doors for internship and employment. Partners such as Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA), NACOSTI, and various techbased firms have expressed keen supporting innovation interest emerging from the university.Driving Sustainable DevelopmentThrough the Science Park, MMUST addresses critical challenges affecting



including society, climate change, agriculture, public health, to grow, the Science Park \x/ill remain a beacon of knowledge, resilience. and technological progress.



Celebrating Diversity: The Voice of International at MMUST

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is home to a vibrant and diverse international community, bringing together students from over 10 different countries, including Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Nigeria, Burundi, and beyond. These students have crossed borders to pursue academic excellence, contribute fresh perspectives, and share rich cultural experiences with the MMUST family.

International students are more than just visitors; they are ambassadors of global unity. They represent the spirit of friendship, collaboration, and cultural exchange, making the university a true center of international learning. Through academic engagement, social activities, and leadership roles, they play a crucial part in enriching classroom discussions, promoting inclusivity, and fostering mutual understanding among students from different backgrounds.

We sincerely appreciate MMUST for providing a welcoming environment that supports academic excellence and cultural diversity, making every international student feel at home.

As the International Students' Representative, I am proud to witness how this community continues to grow stronger. Our international students excel in academics, participate in leadership roles,

and showcase their cultures through events, discussions, and networking platforms. They also act as cultural bridges, helping local students understand different traditions, languages, and ways of life.

At MMUST, we believe that education goes beyond books and lectures—it is also about connecting people, sharing ideas, and building lifelong friendships. The presence of international students reminds us that no matter where we come from, we are united by the common goal of knowledge, growth, and positive change in society.

We are not just students; we are a family without borders.

Arupur Benard, International Students' Representative

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7TH MMUST COUNCIL

Chaplaincy

The Church is not only a place of worship but a family meeting.

It's a place where you share more intimate and interesting conversations from different perspectives and diversities; with trust and the hope of having a better solution.

The Catholic Chaplaincy gives us that family besides the Biblical and social teachings that shape up or moral values.

We are welcoming to spiritual strangers who crave to understand our ways. Home away from home.



THE LIBRARY

Unlocking Knowledge: A Deep Dive into the Masinde Muliro University Library

By Fillemon Bouro, Senior Library Assistant

Nestled within the vibrant heart of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) stands a beacon of knowledge: the university library. This sprawling two-story edifice, capable of accommodating 1,500 eager minds, is more than just a repository of books; it's a dynamic hub designed to empower every member of our academic community.

A Structure Built for Success:

Our library's layout is meticulously planned to facilitate seamless access to information. The ground floor, a bustling center of activity, houses the circulation desk, where our dedicated staff work in shifts from 8 AM to 10 PM on weekdays, ensuring continuous support. Here, you'll also find the University Librarian's office, study carrels for focused work, and a wealth of social science and humanities resources (Class A to P).



Ascend to the second floor, and you'll discover a haven for science and engineering enthusiasts (Class Q to Z).

THE LIBRARY



Both floors boast reliable Wi-Fi access, catering to the digital needs of our students and researchers. The basement, meanwhile, houses our graphic services, including binding facilities, and provides an emergency exit for added safety.

Security and Accessibility:

Your safety and comfort are paramount. Our security measures include vigilant human resources personnel, a luggage storage area, and a state-of-the-art RFID system to prevent unauthorized removal of materials. Fire extinguishers are strategically placed throughout the building, and a dedicated caretaker ensures a smooth and secure environment.



The library is organized into distinct sections, each playing a vital role in delivering comprehensive services:

<u>ARCHIVE OF KNOWLEDGE</u>

PUBLIC READER SERVICE.

- * The circulation desk, the library's nerve center, facilitates borrowing and returning materials.
- * Our special collections, including the UN Corner, postgraduate theses, Kenya Gazettes, and daily newspapers, offer invaluable resources for in-depth research. * Technical (Bibliographic) Services:
- * This section is the backbone of our collection, handling acquisition, classification (using the Library of Congress system), cataloging, and marking of all materials. * Graphic Services:
- * Offering affordable photocopying, duplication, and binding services, this section ensures your materials are presented professionally.



* Virtual Library:

- * Our digital arm provides access to online resources, including e-books, e-journals, and a digital repository of postgraduate theses. Staff conduct literacy classes on online resources, maintain our systems, and ensure seamless connectivity.
- * University Librarian's Office:
- * The head of the library, who ensures that the library services are delivered effectively and efficiently. Empowering Our Users:

We cater to a diverse clientele, from certificate and diploma students to postgraduate researchers and faculty. Our commitment to user education is unwavering, with regular orientations and literacy classes designed to equip you with the skills to navigate our vast resources.

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Opening Hours:

- * Weekdays: 9 AM to 10 PM
- * Saturdays: 9 AM to 5 PM
- * Sundays: 2 PM to 6 PM
- * Closed on public holidays. Looking Ahead:

We are continuously striving to enhance our services by integrating new technologies, improving accessibility, and fostering a welcoming environment for all. We encourage your feedback and invite you to explore the wealth of knowledge awaiting you at the Masinde Muliro University Library. Join us in unlocking the power of information!



SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS



In a rapidly evolving digital world, the School of Computing and Informatics at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) stands as a driving force behind technological advancement and solutions. smart Here, innovation meets intelligencewhere students are not just trained to use technology, but to shape it.

Through programs in Computer Science, Information Technology, Software Engineering, and Data Science, the school empowers learners with the tools to solve real-world problems, automate systems, and drive digital transformation across industries.

With hands-on projects, tech incubations, and partnerships with industry leaders, our students are actively involved in creating applications, systems, and platforms that serve communities and businesses alike.



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (SOM)

At the heart of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), the School of Medicine stands as a beacon of medical innovation, research, and excellence. Guided by a strong commitment to community health, the school equips students with practical skills, ethical grounding, and scientific knowledge to meet the evolving demands of healthcare both locally and globally.

Our modern simulation laboratories, dedicated faculty, and active collaborations with hospitals and research institutions ensure that every student receives hands-on experience and holistic training. From breakthroughs in biomedical research to community outreach programs,

the School of Medicine is shaping the next generation of health professionals and thought leaders.

In this era of transformative medicine, MMUST continues to invest in cuttingedge technologies and interdisciplinary approaches that redefine healthcare education. The future of medicine is being shaped here—where science meets humanity.



SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (SONMAPS)

School of Nursing and Midwifery stands as a symbol of hope, healing, and professionalism. Rooted in both science and service, the school is committed to training nurses and midwives who not only deliver care but embody compassion, resilience, and leadership.

With state-of-the-art simulation labs, community-based training, and experienced faculty, the school equips students with hands-on skills and a strong ethical foundation. Whether attending to mothers in rural clinics or managing critical care in urban hospitals, MMUST-trained professionals are transforming healthcare at every level.

In a world where health systems face complex challenges, the School of Nursing and Midwifery rises to the occasion producing graduates who lead with empathy, act with precision, and serve with purpose



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The School of Engineering at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is a hub of technological excellence, innovation, and practical training. With a strong focus on research, sustainability, and industry-driven solutions, the school is dedicated to producing engineers who are not only technically skilled but also socially responsible.

Equipped with modern laboratories, workshops, and experienced faculty, the School offers specialized programs in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, and Industrial Engineering. Students engage in hands-on projects and real-world problem-solving that address current societal and infrastructural challenges.

As MMUST continues to grow as a leading institution in science and technology, the School of Engineering remains at the forefront: building structures, systems, and solutions for a better tomorrow.



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The School of Public Health stands as a vital pillar in promoting health equity, disease prevention, and community resilience. Rooted in the belief that a healthy society is the foundation of national development, the school blends scientific knowledge with community-based solutions to address emerging public health challenges.

Through rigorous training in epidemiology, environmental health, health promotion, and health systems management, the School of Public Health prepares students to lead in both policy and practice. Our programs emphasize research, innovation, and real-world application ensuring that graduates are not only informed professionals, but also trusted agents of change.

In an age where global health threats such as pandemics, non-communicable diseases, and environmental hazards demand urgent attention, MMUST's School of Public Health remains at the forefront producing skilled practitioners who serve with knowledge, integrity, and compassion.





The School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) stands as a cornerstone of intellectual exploration and social transformation. Home to diverse disciplines, SASS nurtures critical thinkers, storytellers, and changemakers who boldly engage with the realities of our time.

The School hosts dynamic departments including Journalism and Mass Communication, Criminology and Social Work, and other social science programs. each playing a vital role in understanding and improving human experience.

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication is one of the most vibrant in the university. It trains students to become powerful voices in media, equipped with the tools of ethical reporting, digital storytelling, and strategic communication. From newsroom simulations to field reporting, students are immersed in real-world practice, making the program a beacon of media excellence in the region.

Through its academic rigor and community centered approach, SASS continues to inspire students to question, express, and lead with purpose.



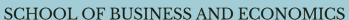
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

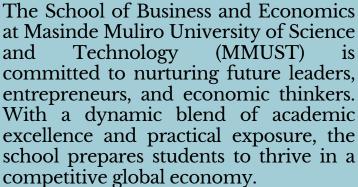
The School of Education at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is a cradle of knowledge, integrity, and transformation. As one of the largest and most impactful schools within the university, it plays a vital role in shaping educators who inspire, lead, and mold future generations.

Built on a strong foundation of pedagogy, research, and community engagement, the school offers diverse programs that empower students with both theoretical depth and practical experience. From early childhood to tertiary education, special needs to curriculum development, our graduates are equipped to respond to the evolving demands of Kenya's education system and beyond.

In every classroom they enter and every policy they help shape, MMUST trained educators carry the torch of wisdom, discipline, and innovation. The School of Education believes that teaching is not just a profession. it is a calling, a service, and a legacy.







Offering market-driven programs in areas such as Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Economics, and Human Resource Management, the school emphasizes innovation, ethics, and strategic thinking. Through industry linkages, research, and mentorship, students gain real-world insights and leadership skills.

Driven by the spirit of transformation and enterprise, the School of Business and Economics continues to empower students to become agents of economic growth and social change across Kenya and beyond.



SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

The School of Natural Sciences at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) stands as a pillar of discovery, grounded in the belief that understanding nature is the first step toward transforming the world. Here, science is not confined to textbooks—it is explored in laboratories, tested in the field, and applied to real-world challenges.

With departments ranging from Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics, the school offers a rich and diverse academic environment. Students are trained to become innovators, researchers, and problem-solvers—capable of addressing critical issues in health, climate, energy, and biodiversity.

Through cutting-edge research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a commitment to scientific excellence, the School of Natural Sciences nurtures curiosity, precision, and integrity. Our graduates don't just study the laws of nature. they use them to improve life and society.



SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Rooted in the heart of Kenya's agricultural backbone, the School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is redefining food security, animal health, and sustainable farming. With a strong emphasis on practical training, research, and community engagement, the school equips students with hands-on skills in crop production, science, agribusiness, animal veterinary technology. Our students and researchers work closely with farmers, cooperatives, and industry players to develop innovative solutions to real-world agricultural challenges.

In a world facing climate change and food insecurity, the school stands at the forefront of resilience—producing graduates who are not only technically sound but also committed to transforming rural economies and improving livelihoods



SCHOOL OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANT

The School of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance stands as a pioneer in building resilience and saving lives. As the first of its kind in the region, the school is dedicated to training professionals who can anticipate, respond to, and recover from disasters with skill, compassion, and innovation.

Through cutting-edge research, field simulations, and partnerships with local and international agencies, students gain real-world experience in disaster risk reduction, emergency response, climate adaptation, and humanitarian logistics.

In a world increasingly affected by conflict, pandemics, and climate crises, the school plays a critical role in shaping leaders who are equipped not just with knowledge, but with the courage and capability to act when it matters most.

Christian Union



Associations

The Christian Union at MMUST: A Beacon of Faith and Community

At Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), the Christian Union (CU) stands as a vibrant and transformative community, fostering spiritual growth, leadership, and a sense of belonging among students. This interdenominational fellowship has become a cornerstone for many students seeking to integrate their faith with academic and personal development.

The Christian Union at MMUST is more than just a religious group; it is a sanctuary where students come together to worship, pray, and delve deeper into their faith. Weekly fellowship meetings, Bible study sessions, and prayer gatherings provide a platform for members to connect with God and with one another. These activities are designed to nurture spiritual maturity and equip students with the tools to navigate the challenges of university life with resilience and hope.

One of the hallmarks of the CU is its emphasis on leadership and mentorship. The union is led by a dedicated team of student leaders who organize events, coordinate activities,

and ensure that the CU remains a dynamic and inclusive space. These leaders often serve as mentors, guiding their peers in both spiritual and personal matters. Through their service, they exemplify the values of humility, integrity, and servant leadership.

The Christian Union is deeply committed to making a positive impact beyond the university campus. Members actively participate in community outreach programs, such as visiting orphanages, organizing charity drives, and conducting evangelism missions. These initiatives not only reflect the CU's dedication to living out their faith but also contribute to the broader goal of community development and empowerment.

For many students at MMUST, the Christian Union serves as a bridge between their spiritual beliefs and their professional ambitions. Through career workshops, mentorship programs, and discussions on integrating faith into the workplace, the CU equips its members to be ethical and impactful professionals. This holistic approach ensures that students are prepared to excel in their careers while staying true to their values.

University life can be overwhelming, especially for students who are far from home. The Christian Union provides a sense of family and support, creating a nurturing environment where members can share their joys, struggles, and aspirations. This sense of community is a testament to the CU's commitment to fostering genuine relationships and mutual care.

As MMUST continues to grow, the Christian Union remains steadfast in its mission to inspire, empower, and transform lives. With its unwavering focus on faith, leadership, and community, the CU is poised to leave a lasting legacy, shaping not only the lives of its members but also the future of the university and beyond.

The Christian Union at MMUST is more than a fellowship; it is a movement—a testament to the power of faith, unity, and purpose. For students seeking a deeper connection with God and a supportive community, the CU is a beacon of hope and inspiration. Culture and Fashion

TAMASHA EXTRAVAGANZA

Culture and Fashion

Tamasha Extravaganza: Celebrating Culture and Unity at MMUST By Tabitha Marion

If there is an event that radiates a profound sense of patriotism belonging, wrapping everyone in a warm embrace of unity and pride, that would be Tamasha. The sight of students from diverse backgrounds, standing shoulder to shoulder, singing anthems with heartfelt fervor, evokes a shared sense of identity and national pride. As we celebrate our unique heritages together, the air is filled with an undeniable feeling of community and camaraderie. This collective experience fosters a powerful sense of belonging, reminding us all of the bonds that tie us to our roots and to each other.

As the sun climbed higher in the Kakamega sky, casting a golden glow over the MMUST campus, the Tamasha event began with a stirring spectacle of unity and pride. At the heart of this grand opening was the MMUST band, resplendent in their uniforms, their instruments gleaming in the sunlight.

With a commanding presence, the band leader raised his baton, and the first notes of the MMUST anthem filled the air. The music was a heartfelt homage to our university, resonating with the spirit of resilience and academic excellence that defines MMUST. Students, faculty, and community members stood tall, their voices joining in unison, creating a harmonious tribute to our shared home.



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As the final notes of the MMUST anthem faded, the band seamlessly transitioned into the Kenyan national anthem. The familiar, stirring melody evoked a deep sense of patriotism, reminding us of our unity as a nation. Every note was played with precision, every beat a testament to our collective identity. The crowd's voices rose, carrying the pride of Kenya, as the flag fluttered proudly in the breeze.

The opening ceremony continued with the East African Community (EAC) anthem, symbolizing our connection to the broader East African region. The band's rendition was both majestic and moving, highlighting our commitment to regional solidarity and cooperation. The anthem's harmonious blend of different cultural influences mirrored the diversity present at the event, underscoring the importance of unity in diversity. Page 32

TAMASHA

With the anthems echoing in our hearts, the Tamasha event was officially open, setting the stage for a day filled with cultural celebrations and shared experiences. The MMUST band had not only led us into the event with their music but had also reminded us of the values and connections that bind us together. The day was poised to be a vibrant celebration of heritage, unity, and community.

One of the highlights of the event was the food exhibitions, where attendees had the chance to savor delectable dishes from various cultures. Each food stall was a sensory delight, offering a taste of different traditions and culinary craftsmanship. From the savory richness of Kenyan luo fish to the aromatic spices of the Kikuyu food or 'dhupu' as it famously known, the food exhibitions were a testament to the university's rich cultural tapestry.

Adding to the vibrancy of the event were the captivating song and dance performances from different cultures. The air was filled with the melodious tunes of traditional instruments, and the stage came alive with dancers attire. Each adorned in colorful performance heartfelt was a expression cultural of pride, showcasing the unique rhythms, languages, and stories of various communities.



The audience was enthralled by the diversity of musical styles and dance forms, which highlighted the beauty of cultural exchange and appreciation.

Students from all traditions and cultures enthusiastically took part in the festivities, embodying the spirit of inclusivity and mutual respect. They donned traditional attire, proudly representing their origins and sharing their heritage with others. The event provided a platform for students to connect with their roots while fostering an environment of crosscultural understanding.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE

bridging the gap between generations and fostering a sense of pride in cultural heritage.

The Tamasha event is more than just a celebration; it is a testament to the power of unity in diversity. It reminds us that, despite our varied backgrounds and traditions, we are bound by a shared humanity. The laughter, the stories, the dances—all converged to create a sense of belonging and togetherness. Tamasha is therefore not just an event—it was an experience, a celebration of culture, unity, and the vibrant spirit that defines our campus The audience was enthralled by the diversity of musical styles and dance forms, which highlighted the beauty of cultural exchange and appreciation.

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ALUMNI



Alumni

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) has, over the years, become a beacon of academic excellence and a crucible for molding future leaders. While the vibrant campus life and innovative research are often highlighted, it is perhaps the impact of its alumni, spread across diverse sectors globally, that truly speaks volumes about the

university's legacy.

From the bustling boardrooms of multinational corporations to the quiet dedication of research labs, from the halls of government to the grassroots of community development, MMUST alumni are making indelible marks. They are innovators, educators, entrepreneurs, policymakers, healthcare professionals, and embodying university's much more, the commitment to producing well-rounded, socially conscious graduates.

ALUMNI

mentorship

The strong sense of community fostered at MMUST often extends beyond graduation. Alumni networks are thriving, providing platforms for mentorship, collaboration,

Disciplines

MMUST's diverse academic programs have equipped its

graduates with the knowledge and skills to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. In the fields of engineering and technology, alumni are at the forefront of developing sustainable solutions, designing infrastructure, and driving digital transformation. Our science graduates are contributing to groundbreaking research in areas like biotechnology, environmental conservation, and public health, often top-tier publishing in iournals influencing global scientific discourse.

The university's emphasis on practical, hands-on learning has been a significant factor in the success of its alumni. Many have leveraged their entrepreneurial spirit, honed during their time at MMUST, to establish successful ventures that not only create jobs but also address local and national needs. Their stories are a t



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Leaders and Changemakers

professional achievements, Beyond MMUST alumni are also distinguished by their commitment to service and leadership. Many hold influential positions government and non-governmental organizations, advocating for changes, driving development initiatives, and working towards a more equitable society. Their impact is felt directly in communities, as they champion causes, mentor younger generations, and inspire positive change.

The strong sense of community fostered at MMUST often extends beyond graduation. Alumni networks are thriving, providing platforms for mentorship, collaboration, and professional development. These networks are invaluable resources,

Connecting Graduates

Expanding The Horizons



connecting graduates and strengthening the bonds that tie them back to their alma mater. A Legacy of Excellence, A Future of Promise The stories of MMUST alumni are a powerful narrative of ambition, hard work, and the transformative power of education. Each success story adds another layer to the university's rich tapestry, reaffirming its vital role in national development and global progress.

As MMUST continues to evolve and expand its horizons, it does so with the unwavering support and pride of its alumni. Their achievements are not just individual triumphs; they are a collective testament to the enduring legacy of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology – a legacy built on excellence, integrity, and a deep commitment to shaping a brighter future for all.

We invite all MMUST alumni to share their stories, connect with the university, and continue to inspire the next generation of leaders and innovators. Your journey is an integral part of the MMUST story

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Clubs.

DRAMA CLUB.

The Stage Within: Drama's Campus Transformation

More than lines and lights, drama club shapes lives. Shy students find voice, leaders emerge from backstage, and a community thrives. On campus, it's a space for self-discovery, building empathy and teamwork. Through storytelling, students explore, challenge, and inspire. In Kenya's Western region, drama club is a vital outlet, fostering growth and amplifying voices. In MMUST It's





not just a hobby; it's a stage where potential ignites, transforming students and the campus itself.

Beyond the Curtain: Drama's Impact on Campus Life

Drama club transcends mere performance. It's a crucible for personal growth, where students find their voice and build crucial life skills. Through collaboration and storytelling, they develop empathy and leadership. In a Kenyan-Western region campus, it becomes a vital space for self-expression and community building. More than a pastime, it's a transformative force, shaping individuals and enriching the entire campus experience.

Stage Presence: Drama Club's Campus Impact Drama club isn't just acting; it's personal growth. Students discover their voices, build teamwork, and cultivate empathy. Through storytelling, they explore issues and spark dialogue. In a Kenyan-Western campus, it's a vital space for creativity and community. More than a hobby, it's a transformative force, enriching lives and shaping the campus.

By Felix Maneno

Clubs.

INTERGRITY ORGANISATION MMUST

With due respect and humility, I take this opportunity to salute the entire MMUST fraternity and more specifically the great comrades of the University of Masinde Muliro. It is with pleasure that I once again introduce you to the Integrity Organization MMUST.

Integrity Organization is an anti-corruption, research, and advocacy organization with an aim of reducing the tolerance to corruption and improving good governance in the world, starting from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST). "For steadfast Moral and Ethical Codes" is the motto under which the club operates.

ar vision is to be a leading organization nurturing holistic and oactive ambassadors of integrity and good governance. Our mission is to develop, nurture, and empower proactive champions and ambassadors of integrity through advocacy. We pride ourselves on six core values, namely: Courage, Diligence, Honesty, Patriotism, Respect, and Responsibility.

The organization is commissioned by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) through its Integrity Clubs project in secondary schools and universities. The club is also in collaboration with the Virtues Project, an international organization founded in 1991 with a presence in more than 100 countries.

With the help of our patron Dr. Museya, volunteer members, EACC stakeholders, and the Masinde Muliro community at large, the Integrity Organization has been involved in various outreach activities, including retreat programs to universities and colleges and school visits to bring together in-school youth. These youth voluntarily commit to regularly helping each other continuously to improve the quality and integrity of their individual and group performance.

For more information on the club and member registration requirements, visit our website:

https://integritymmust.home.blog

Ayiecha Eric Chairperson Integrity Organization





The Peer Counseling Club at MMUST.

Welcome to the Peer Counseling Club, MMUST Chapter, a dynamic platform dedicated to imparting knowledge, equipping students with life skills, and fostering a supportive community. Under the patronage of Dr. Pauline Adhiambo, the club plays a crucial role in promoting mental wellbeing, personal development, and peer-driven counseling initiatives.

Our office is located in Hall 1 compound, on the way to the Dean of Students' Office. We invite you to be part of this journey as we work together to make the Peer Counseling Club stronger and more impactful.

Motto.

Believe and act as one we arise.

Vision.

To be the leading club in enhancing a vibrant and productive society through peer-driven counseling and support initiatives.

Mission Statement

Through the MMUST peer network, we aim to impart, equip, and disseminate knowledge that fosters a healthier, more resilient society, ensuring a bright future for all.

Core Values

Believe and act as one we arise.

Healthier, more Resilient Society.

Our guiding principles include:

- « Teamwork We believe in collective efforts to achieve our mission.
- « Integrity Upholding honesty and ethical conduct in all our activities.
- « Transparency Ensuring openness in communication and decision-making.
- « Innovation Embracing creativity and new approaches in counseling.
- « Growth Potential Encouraging continuous self-improvement.
- « Equity Ensuring fairness and equal opportunities for all members.

Objectives of the Peer Counseling Club

- ü To provideCounseling Services Offering peer support to students in need of guidance.
- ü To uphold Integrity Promoting the highest ethical standards in peer counseling.

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- To foster Unity Strengthening the bond among university students through shared experiences and support systems.
- ü To engage it's members in awareness programs- especially in the areas of health, environment and education
- ü To provide necessary life skills and knowledge, and foster positive attitude in facing and dealing with daily challenges.
- ü To articulate grievances of members and seek for appropriate solutions.
- ü To constantly seek, cultivate and promote public good will for MMUST fraternity.
- ü To instill positive moral values to peers Our Activities
- § Peer Counseling and Mentorship Providing emotional and psychological support to fellow students.
- § Workshops and Trainings Conducting sessions on mental euthanasic counseling and leadership.
- § Community Outreach Engaging in initiatives that promote well-being beyond the university.
- § Satellite Campus Visits Reaching out to MMUST's branch campuses to extend our counseling and mentorship programs.
- § University Exchange Programs Visiting other universities to share experiences, learn new approaches, and strengthen our counseling network
- § Coffee Hour Mentorship program which is conducted every Wednesday as from 4:00 Pm to 6:00 Pm
- § Team building
- § Cond Olympics

The Peer Counseling Club is more than just a student organization—it is a platform committed to empowering students through counseling, mentorship, and personal growth. Under the guidance of our patron, we continue to expand our impact by reaching more students and fostering an environment of support and inclusivity.

JUMA DERRICK SABATIA

Clubs.

THE RED CROSS MMUST CHAPTER

The Kenya Red Cross MMUST Chapter continues to set the bar high as a beacon of humanitarian service, excellence, and resilience. Recognized as the Runners-Up for University Chapter of the Year, this dynamic team has proven its dedication to humanitarian work, emergency response, and capacity-building initiatives within the institution.

Kenya Red Cross MMUST Chapter Dominates Western Region First Aid Competitions Once Again

Under the leadership of Mr. Samwel Okongo, the chapter has consistently grown in impact and effectiveness. Guided by Dr. Nicodemus Nyandiko, the chapter's Patron, the team remains steadfast in upholding the Red Cross principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.

One of the chapter's major strengths lies in its First Aid expertise, earning it the title of "West Kenya Region First Aid Competitions Giants." Through rigorous training sessions and participation in regional competitions, the team has solidified its reputation as a force to be reckoned with in emergency response

The Kenya Red Cross MMUST Chapter welcome

IN THE STEPS OF THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

At Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF) is more than just a student organization it's a vibrant community where medical professionals and students unite in faith, fellowship, and service. Guided by our slogan, "In the steps of the Great Physician," CMF MMUST seeks to follow Christ's example of healing and compassion while equipping members to navigate the complexities of the healthcare world. CMF MMUST incorporates students from the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, midwifery and paramedical science and School of Public health.

The healthcare sector today faces growing challenges: ethical dilemmas, mental health struggles, and professional burnout. CMF MMUST addresses these head-on by fostering resilience, faith-based values, and practical skills. Our vision is bold yet inspiring to see Christian healthcare professionals advance God's kingdom through all forms of healthcare delivery in Kenya and beyond. Our mission?



The Peer Counseling Club at MMUST.

To nurture, train, and equip members to serve as effective witnesses of Christ's truths, grace, and love in their personal lives and professions. Throughout the year, CMF MMUST brings this vision to life through diverse activities. We host retreats and workshops to recharge spiritually and professionally, alongside physical fellowship sessions that strengthen our bonds as a community. Bible study grounds us in faith, while missions and conferences provide opportunities to put that faith into action serving others and sharing Christ's love in tangible ways. These initiatives not only build character but also prepare us to offer ethical, compassionate care in a demanding field.

As medical students at MMUST, we're called to more than just academic excellence. Through CMF, we're learning to integrate our faith into our future careers, stepping confidently into the world as ambassadors of hope and healing. Join us on this journey together, we're walking in the steps of the Great Physician, advancing His kingdom one patient, one act of service, at a time.

M-JOSA

MMUST JOURNALISM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (M-JOSA)



resounding success for Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) iournalism students, the Journalism Students Association (JOSA) concluded a highly impactful academic trip to Nairobi. The students, fully supported by the MMUST administration, gained invaluable real-world experience by attending proceedings at the National Assembly of Kenya and the Senate. The comprehensive tour also included visits to prominent media houses such as Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC),





Cape Media (TV47 and Radio 47), Y24 TV, and Media Max (K24 TV and Milele Radio), providing a firsthand look into media operations. Accompanying the students were the chairperson of Journalism and Mass Communication, Mr. Nyongesa, and Dr. Lydia Anyonje, along with JOSA chairperson Arnold Amwoga and the School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) representative Ezra Tamre, all of whom played a pivotal role in the trip's success. This enriching experience provided students with crucial practical insights, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and professional practice

MMUOSA



MMUST OPTOMETRY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Masinde Muliro Optometry Students' Association

Optometry Students in the year 2011, formed a Student Association and coined it 'Masinde Muliro University Optometry Students' Association,' to be a link between the students, staff and the university.

The Association is a prodigy of the Optometrists' Association of Kenya, the Professionals' Body for Optometrists in the country.

Through the Students' Association, the students have been able to actively participate in major World Eye Health days throughout the years namely;

World Glaucoma Week

World Optometry Week

World Diabetes Day

World Sight Day

During these events, the students have the chance to extensively do screening of chronic and acute eye conditions for the students, staff and community, driven by the need for volunteer Optometric Services to underserved populations and the incessant need for early detection of morbid eye conditions. creating a significant awareness impact whilst building on the skillset of those involved.

MMUOSA is also key in leadership development through its executive committee, in which student volunteers steer the association and its programs in various capacities. As a result, it has been able to produce student leaders in the University executive Council, the most notable being the Chair of the Student Organization, thrice in 5 years.

This Year, we have made a strides in the celebration of the World Optometry Week, titled 'Eyes to the Future, Optometry Improving Global Wellness,' in which the focus shall be on the role of Optometrists in improving the Quality of Life through providing eye care services at all levels.

MMUOSA is steered by the mantra United for Quality Vision which sheds light on how significant collaborations with like minded Organizations are to achieving this primary Goal; Quality Vision for All.

Bashir Osundwa

By Amolo Stanley

GAMES & SPORTS

Hey Future MMUSTians and Sports Aficionados! Get ready to dive into the thrilling world of sports and games at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, as featured in this exclusive **PASSWORD 2024/2025 edition!** The energy on campus has been absolutely electric this past year, showcasing the immense talent and unwavering dedication of our incredible athletes across various disciplines. For all you talented men and women considering joining our vibrant community, prepare to be inspired by the passion and achievements that define MMUST sports!

Football: A Roaring Success Story

Our mighty MMUST FC has been making waves, and this year, they truly outdid themselves! The team achieved a spectacular feat by clinching the FKF Division Two Western Zone title and earning a well-deserved promotion to the FKF Division One! This incredible journey saw them demonstrate immense mental resilience and tactical prowess, rallying from behind in crucial matches to secure their victory. The cheers from the stands were deafening, a testament to the passion our university has for the beautiful game. Our women's soccer team also showcased their dominance by winning gold at the 16th Edition of the Kenya University Sports Federation (KUSF) Playoffs!We're immensely proud of both our men's and women's football teams for their exceptional performances and for putting MMUST firmly on the national football map.



Basketball: Soaring to New Heights

The courts have been alive with the sound of dribbling and swishes! MMUST's basketball teams have continued to show incredible skill and competitive spirit. Our Men's and Women's Basketball teams secured silver medals at the KUSF National Playoffs earlier this year, a testament to their dedication and hard work. We've seen some thrilling matches, with our players consistently pushing their limits and showcasing impressive teamwork. The future of basketball at MMUST looks incredibly bright, with our teams consistently proving their mettle against top university opponents.

UNWAVERING DETERMINATION

THE TENACITY



RUGBY:

A Force to Be Reckoned With

Rugby at MMUST is more than just a game; it's a way of life! Our formidable MMUST RFC has been a force to be reckoned with, demonstrating raw power, strategic play, and unwavering determination. faced They've tough competition in the Kenya Cup and other leagues, constantly for striving excellence.

The recent transfer window saw MMUST reinforcing its ranks with promising new like signings Nelson Omukuba, Simon Buluku, Joash Nchoro, Abednego Onsongo, and Peterson Mongare, all geared towards a stronger performance in the upcoming 2025/26 Kenya Cup campaign. Not to be outdone, our Women's Rugby team also clinched a gold medal at the KUSF National Playoffs, proving

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

their dominance in the sport. The roar of the crowd during rugby matches is truly something to experience, reflecting the unwavering support for our teams.

INDOOR GAMES: BRAINS AND BRAWN

INCLUSIVITY IN SPORTS:



MMUST SPORTS

Indoor Games: Brains and Brawn

Beyond the pitches and courts, our students have also excelled in a variety of indoor games. MMUST recognizes the importance of holistic development, and our facilities cater to a range of interests. While specific details on recent indoor game achievements are vast, we actively encourage participation in sports like table tennis, chess, carrom, and other board games. These activities not only provide a great way to unwind and stay active but also foster critical thinking, strategy, and camaraderie among students. The university aims to provide ample opportunities for students to engage in these stimulating activities, ensuring a well-rounded student experience.

Inclusivity in Sports: People with Disability Shine!

This year has been particularly monumental for inclusivity in sports at MMUST. We are incredibly proud to highlight that students with disabilities actively participated in various games and represented MMUST up to the national level! Our university, through its

Directorate of AIDS Control, Gender, Disability Mainstreaming (ACGDM), has made significant strides in promoting an environment where every student, regardless of ability, feels valued and empowered to thrive. Students with disabilities have proudly represented MMUST at national games held at prestigious institutions like Maseno and Kenyatta Universities, where they have competed admirably and brought home trophies and medals! This remarkable achievement underscores MMUST's unwavering commitment to breaking down barriers and ensuring equal opportunities for all members of our community to engage in and excel through co-curricular activities. It's a true testament to the power of sport to unite and inspire.

For the prospective Mmust young men and men, your talent is safe with MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Go MMUST!

A Vision Rooted in Relevance

Charting a Future of Impact:

The Vice Chancellor's Vision for MMUST

By: Office of the Vice Chancellor

At the heart of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) lies a bold commitment to excellence, innovation, and service. As the only public university in Western Kenya with a unique focus on science, technology, and applied research, MMUST continues to grow as a beacon of academic transformation under the strategic leadership of the Vice Chancellor.

A Vision Rooted in Relevance

The Vice Chancellor envisions MMUST as a globally recognized institution driving solutions for local and international challenges through practical, science-led education. At the core of this vision is the pursuit of competency-based learning, interdisciplinary research, and industry-academia partnerships.

"We are not just educating students to earn degrees; we are building a generation of problem solvers, innovators, and leaders," the VC emphasizes.

Landmark Achievements

In recent years, MMUST has made significant strides:

Medical Breakthroughs: The University has strengthened its profile in medical and health sciences, establishing programs in Clinical Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, and Biomedical Engineering. The university's involvement in public health research has earned it national recognition.

Engineering and Innovation: MMUST was among the first institutions in Kenya to pioneer Renewable Energy Engineering and Disaster Management programs, underscoring its commitment to addressing real-world problems.

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Digital Transformation: The digitization of administrative and academic systems has improved efficiency, access to services, and remote learning capabilities—especially during the post-COVID period.

Student-Centered Development: Through enhanced student support services, the VC's office has prioritized mental health, mentorship, and leadership training, recognizing that academic growth must go hand in hand with personal development.

A Future Built on Impact

Looking forward, the VC's strategic plan focuses on four pillars:

- 1. Research for Development: Expanding MMUST's research capacity through grant acquisition, postgraduate programs, and innovation hubs to solve socio-economic problems.
- 2. Globalization of Learning: Strengthening international collaborations, exchange programs, and joint research with institutions across Africa, Europe, and Asia.
- 3. Infrastructure Growth: Completion of key infrastructure projects, including modern laboratories, lecture halls, student hostels, and the long-awaited Teaching and Referral Hospital.
- 4. Sustainability and Relevance: Aligning academic programs with global standards and emerging trends in climate, technology, and governance to ensure MMUST graduates remain competitive.

Under the Vice Chancellor's leadership, MMUST is not just moving forward. it is forging new paths. With firm roots in science and technology, and a clear mission to serve society, MMUST is redefining what it means to be a university in Kenya today. The journey ahead is ambitious, but the foundation is strong, and the vision is clear.

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MMUST CELEBRATES DR. BERNARD WILLIAM CHITUNGA.

Students life

MMUST celebrates it's alumnus Dr. Bernard William chitunga. Recently appointed as the second chancellor of the cooperative university of Kenya. (CUK)



MMUST Celebrates Its Alumnus Dr. Bernard Chitunga's Inspirational Rise to Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK) Top Leadership

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is proud of the remarkable achievement of its distinguished alumnus, Dr. Bernard William Chitunga, who was recently appointed as the second Chancellor of the Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK). Dr. Chitunga's academic journey began at MMUST, where he pursued a Bachelor's degree in Disaster Preparedness and Environmental Technology.

This laid the foundation for his illustrious academic and professional career progression. As a youthful Chancellor, Dr. Chitunga has set the 'Bar too High' sending a powerful and hopeful message to the younger generation that 'Youth is not a barrier to leadership.'

His appointment as the Chancellor of Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK) was officially announced through Gazette Notice No. 387 by the President of the Republic of Kenya Dr. William Samoei Ruto. Dr. Chitunga's professional career is marked by the significant roles he has held in both private and public sectors.

'Son of Chegulo.' Congratulations Dr. Chitunga!



MMUST takes immense pride in Dr. Chitunga's accomplishments and applauds him for his unwavering commitment to education and development. His journey from the 'University of Choice' to the helm of CUK leadership serves as an inspiration to our students. It also exemplifies the levels that education, dedication and excellence can achieve.

Dr. Chitunga is an African Leadership Fellow at School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute in Italy. He holds a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Management from KwaZulu-Natal University, South Africa. His incredible academic portfolio also entails two Masters' degrees and a Postgraduate Diploma. These include a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from UGSM Monarch Business School- Switzerland, Master of Global Business and Sustainability-Entrepreneurship Social from Universita Cattolica Del Sacro- Italy and Post-Graduate in Development Diploma Strategy Governance from Bradford University in the United Kingdom.

MMUST alumnus, Dr. Bernard William Chitunga.

Besides his role as the Chancellor, Dr. Chitunga is also an International Civil Servant and Global Development Leader with extensive experience and expertise in partnerships, development finance, and multilateralism in Africa, Europe, Latin America and Asia. Before his new appointment, he worked at the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) in Cote D'Ivoire, Abidjan as a Senior Officer for Partnerships, Donors, and Special Projects.

Certainly, with the vast expertise Dr. Chitunga has acquired, he is poised to leverage his extensive experience to advance CUK's mission of becoming a university of excellence in education, research, innovation, and cooperative training. As he assumes his new role as Chancellor, the MMUST community extends its heartfelt congratulations to the 'Son of Chegulo.' Congratulations Dr. Chitunga!

Sustainable Style

— Fashion with a Conscience

Rooted in Community, Reaching the World: MMUST's Impact Beyond the Campus

By: MMUST Magazine Editorial Team

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) is more than a center of learning. It is a living, breathing institution anchored in service. Since its establishment, MMUST has played a vital role in shaping the socio-economic landscape of Kakamega County and extending its influence nationally and globally through strategic partnerships and community-focused programs.

Empowering Communities through Research and Outreach

MMUST's academic strength is not confined to lecture halls and labs. Through community-based research, faculty and students have consistently engaged local residents in projects addressing public health, agriculture, education, climate change, and disaster management.

The School of Public Health, for instance, has conducted maternal health outreaches in Kakamega's rural clinics, while the Department of Disaster Management has trained local leaders in emergency response and risk reduction. These practical interventions are improving lives, one village at a time.

Partnerships that Multiply Impact

MMUST's reach has grown significantly through local and international collaborations that strengthen education and development.

Local Collaborations

Kakamega County Government: Joint programs on environmental conservation, sanitation, and youth skills development.

Kenya Red Cross: Collaboration in humanitarian response training and blood donation drives on campus and in the county.

Hospitals and Clinics: MMUST Nursing and Clinical Medicine students support local health facilities through attachments and voluntary work.

International Partnerships:

DAAD (Germany), UNESCO, and USAID: Funding research, sponsoring faculty, and supporting student exchanges.

African Union and IGAD: Working together to develop policies and conduct research in peace, governance, and migration studies.

Partnership with Chinese universities: Enabling cultural exchange and technology transfer in renewable energy and ICT.

These linkages not only uplift communities but also expose MMUST students and staff to global knowledge ecosystems.

Student Involvement in Service

From environmental cleanups in Kakamega town to mentorship programs in high schools across Western Kenya, MMUST students are actively involved in shaping the community. Various clubs, such as Rotaract, Red Cross, and Christian Union, lead initiatives that promote social responsibility and volunteerism.

THE UNIVERSITY GYM



Research consistently shows that regular physical activity enhances memory retention, concentration, and overall cognitive performance. Students who dedicate a few hours a week to workouts often report:

Better stress regulation mproved sleep quality

Elevated mood and self-confidence

Stronger social connections through shared fitness experiences

The University Gym: A Hub for Holistic Health

MMUST's gym facilities represent more than just exercise equipment—they're a community focal point designed to support students, faculty, and staff in maintaining fitness as part of their daily routine. Equipped with modern strength machines, cardio gear, and free weights, the gym provides:

Structured classes such as yoga, aerobics, functional training, and group circuits Personalized guidance from certified fitness instructors
Nutrition education and wellness workshops
Wellness events and friendly sports tournaments to foster community
Fitness and Learning: A Synergistic Relationship





POETRY

Poems

UKO NA CHWANI HAPO? MAISHA NIKUJARIBU

Ikueleme dunia,iwe nanga mgongoni, Madhila yakufukia,huna hewa mapafuni, Mawe yakikushukia,yakikuponda mwilini, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

Mawi yakutindikia,uwe mlevi tabani, Moyoni wariaria,uyumbiwe baharini, Mawimbi yakubugia,huna tena tumaini, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

Zavuma sana ghasia,zimekushikia kani, Ghubari likavamia,huna upeo machoni, kwa kasi wabingiria,huna tena usukani, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

Uchumi wakulemea,na kukutoa makini, Humudu mafuta taa,kuangaza maishani, Ubaki wasuasua,kujigotea kizani, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

Mbioni ukijwakwaa,uvingire mtangani, Matege yakakuvaa,wakakucheka fulani, Hima inuka jitwaa,usijute aswilani, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.



Kinamasi cha kukia,sijisirimbe usoni, So vema kukiakia,lau wataka sakini, Kiruke ukikimbia,wenende mbali njiani, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

silie shata kambua, ujilinganisha nani, Upinde mti;keua, ndo maisha yatakani, Kaza upate afua, ngoa sio kwa jirani, Inuka ukajaribu, maisha ni kupambana.

Maisha hayawi waa,lazima kuna tufani, Jipambanie kung'aa,hiyo ndo yako dhamani, Usilie wanepua,fanya jambo jiauni, Inuka ukajaribu,maisha ni kupambana.

∠E.M.Mwanga Msarifu

I had no time for politics. I kept shifting my weight, hoping he'd get the hint. But he was a master of strategy. After a brief pause, he hit me with the real agenda.

"Unajua wewe ni mtu yangu, uko na chwani hapo? Nipate hata kachai?"

Chwani? This guy earned a salary! Meanwhile, I was surviving on strong tea and air.

"Ai, msee, mimi sina. Saa hii hata mimi nangoja HELB," I lied, clutching my bag tightly.

He shook his head like a disappointed father. "Wasee wa radio najua wako na pesa, ona ata vile umengara. Hata kathati si kabaya" It was at that moment I realized he had done his homework. Somehow, he had discovered that I hosted a show at MMUST FM, and in his mind, that automatically placed me in the league of well-paid media personalities. Never mind that campus radio gigs don't come with a Pay cheque, just a mic, passion, and the occasional free soda during events. But to Guard X, I was a media guy, and to him, media guys had money. To avoid the nagging and to make it to Mr. Ouko's class on time, I quickly fished out the only coin I had, mbaula and placed it in his expectant palm. His eyes lit up like I had just handed him a bundle of crisp notes. He held the coin up, examined it like a jeweller inspecting a rare gem, then gave me a solemn nod.

"Wewe ni mtu wa maana, Msarifu. Kimbia usichelewe class," he declared dramatically, as if I had just donated to a noble cause. I didn't wait for further jaba. I dashed off, knowing that in that moment, I had bought both my freedom and a few extra minutes to make it before Mr. Ouko locked me out.

Giving him the coin was my greatest mistake.

From that day, I became his personal ATM. Every time I used that gate, he'd call out, "Msarifu! Unasemaje mtu yangu... uko na chwani hapo?" It got so bad that I started using the main gate, even if it meant a longer walk. My friends thought I was exercising. Little did they know I was just avoiding my unpaid debts.

One day, my plan backfired. I confidently approached the main gate, relieved that I had successfully been dodging Guard X for weeks. But just as I was about to pass through, I froze.

There he was.

It seemed there had been a reshuffle, and he had been reassigned to the main gate, my main escape route. He stood there like a tax collector, hands on his hips, scanning the crowd like a hawk. Then our eyes met. He grinned.

"Ah, Msarifu! Umenitupa mtu yangu, kwani ulihama Tea Zone? Unasemaje sasa, fanya ile mambo yetu."

I knew at that moment... "Mambo yetu" simply translated to "Uko na chwani hapo?" in disguise. I was tired now. Completely exhausted. I had no more chwanis to spare. Every escape route had been blocked, every excuse exhausted. This was beyond taxation; it was a full-blown financial crisis. I sighed, looked him straight in the eyes, and finally gathered the courage to say what had been boiling inside me for weeks.

"Heri wewe uko job, mimi nategemea wazazi. Nitapata wapi chwani ya kukupea kila siku na uko na mshahara?"

Silence.

For the first time, Guard X had no comeback. He blinked at me, his mouth slightly open, as if I had just revealed a deep philosophical truth he had never considered.

MAISHA NIKUJARIBU ≤ E.M.MWANGA MSARIFU

EVENTS. PICTORIALS



STUDENTS DURING GRADUATION DAY



Kenya Nursing Students and Novice Nurses Conference held in MMUST



MMUST RUGBY TEAM IN ACTION



Artwork by Fodey Moses Course; Journalism and mass communication



During the 21st graduation ceremony



Gender mainstreaming, empowering the girl child at Kenya School of Government



Journalism students on the coverage of the 21st graduation ceremony



Dr. Psum Tecla Director, Science Park

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

THE FAMOUS KAKAMEGA BULL FIGHTING

Among the Luhya community in western Kenya, a tradition of bull-fighting exists. Originally practised to mark important events such as funerals, the sport has evolved into a more competitive



and at times profitable pursuit. The Luhya People

The Luhya people, living in Western Kenya, bring forth a unique blend of rich cultural heritage and artistic expression. While they are one of Kenya's lesser-known ethnic groups, their vibrant traditions, music, and art offer a captivating window into the nation's diverse cultural landscape.

Luhya society is organized into a dozen sub-groups, each with distinct customs and dialects. Their homes are typically circular huts with thatched roofs, reflecting a deep connection to the natural environment that sustains their agricultural way of life.



Luhya music is a soul-stirring experience characterized by melodious choral harmonies and the rhythmic beats of drums and traditional instruments. Their traditional dances, often performed during communal celebrations and ceremonies, are essential to their cultural expression. The Ingoma dance, in particular, is a mesmerizing display of agility and rhythm.

Art is an integral component of Luhya culture, with artisans crafting exquisite beadwork and sculptures. The Luhya are renowned for their skill in making intricately beaded jewellery and pottery, which often carry cultural significance and serve as a means of storytelling.

The Luhya have also exhibited resilience in the face of historical challenges. Their past was marked by colonial struggles and changes in land ownership, but they have remained steadfast in preserving their identity and culture. This resilience is a testament to the enduring spirit of the Luhya people.

EDITORIAL TEAM



THE EDITORIAL TEAM WITH DVC ASA PROF. HUSSEIN GOLICHA.

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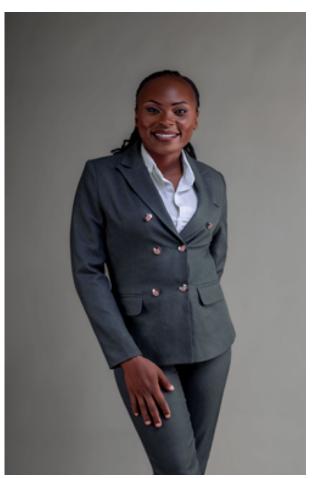
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Thank you for telling the MMUST story powerfully.





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7TH MMUSO ACADEMIC SECRETARY.

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