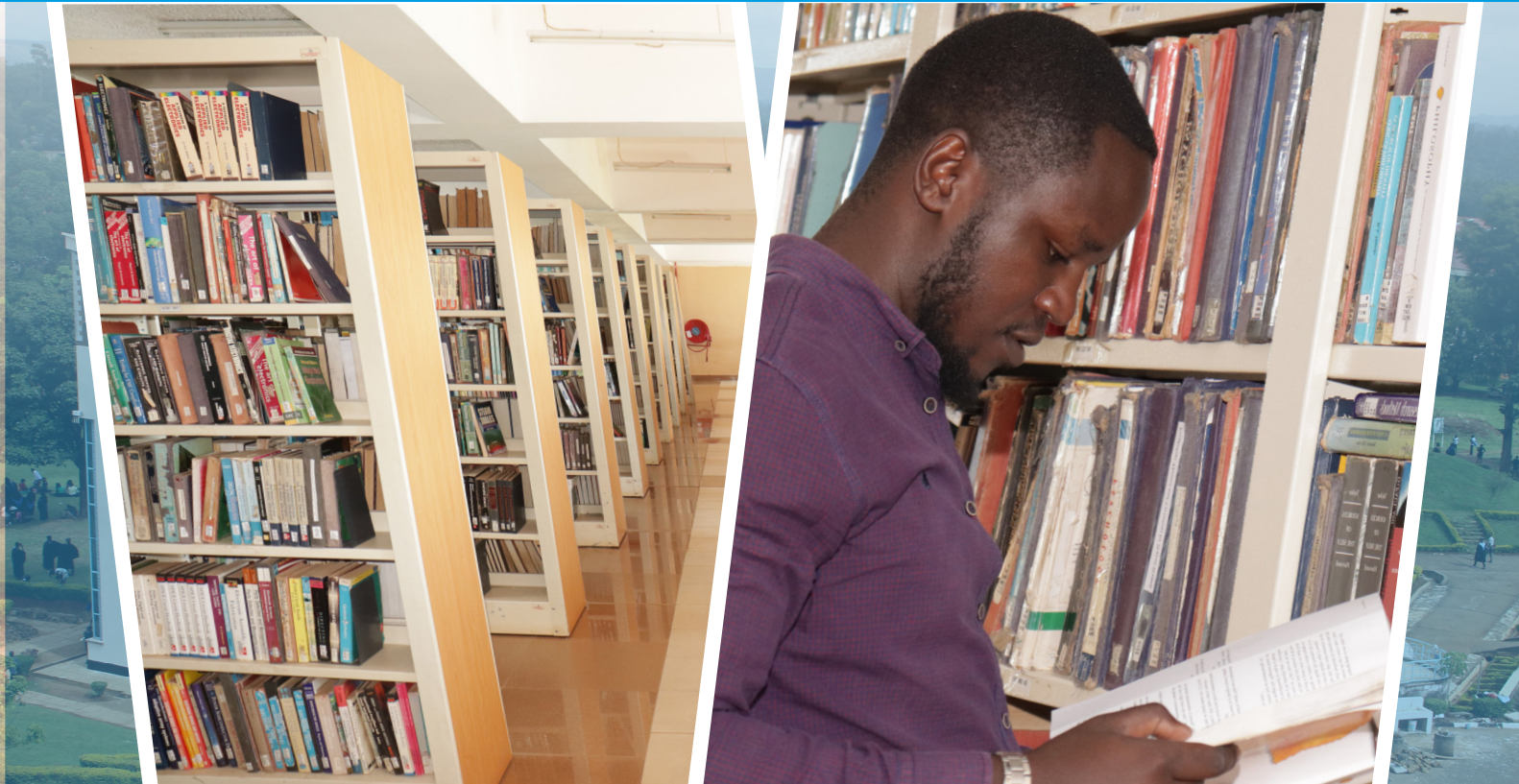




# MMUST FRESH MEN AND WOMEN *Special Magazine*

**2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**



# MMUST LEADERS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

## THE VICE CHANCELLOR (VC)

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**M**asinde Muliro University of Science and Technology is headed by the Vice Chancellor (VC), who has been appointed by the Ministry of Education in consultation with the University Council and the Public Service Commission (PSC) to oversee the overall operations of the University. Prof. Solomon Igosangwa Shibairo is the current Vice Chancellor of MMUST, a position he has held since 2020.

The VC is deputized by three (3) Managers; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Students Affairs) and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Research and Innovation).

**PROF. SOLOMON IGOSANGWA SHIBAIRO**

# THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (DVC A&F)

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**PROF. JOHN KURIA THUO**

The office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance) coordinates the preparation and implementation of the University budget, financial statements management, reports and ensures both medium term expenditures are consistent with the University strategic plan. Further, it is tasked with establishing and maintaining workable systems for regular measurement, monitoring and evaluation of

performance. It is the Division in charge of quality, relevance and efficiency of all human resources, rewards management, finance, planning and development programmes.

Prof. John Kuria Thuo is the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance).

# THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS(DVC ASA)

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**PROF. HUSSEIN GOLICHA**

This Division works collaboratively with key administrative leaders, including Deans of Schools as well as the Dean of Students to supervise all academic policies, programmes and the services that support them.

Prof. Hussein S. A. Golicha is the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Students Affairs).

The DVC ASA focuses resources toward achievement of established

strategic objectives and development of new Academic directions at MMUST where programme quality, enrollment, retention and student success are top priorities.

This division is responsible for the functions of; Admission of students, delivery of the appropriate academic programs, Examination and Certification.

# THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, PLANNING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (DVC PRI)

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**PROF. CHARLES MUTAI**

innovation programmes. Prof. Vice Chancellor (Planning,

**T**he office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Research and Innovation) is responsible for direction, organization and administration of Planning, Research and Innovation programmes at MMUST. It mobilizes and solicits financial support for research and community extension programmes. In addition, it is the Division that creates and maintains collaborations and linkages, both locally and internationally, for research and innovation programmes. Prof. Charles Mutai is the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Research and Innovation).

# REGISTRAR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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**PROF. THOMAS SAKWA**

The office of the Registrar (Academic Affairs) is responsible for coordinating academic schedules, and ensures timely teaching and learning. This office is in charge of the production and issuance of official academic transcripts as well as original certificates to bona fide students. It ensures integrity, accuracy and security of all students' data and records. In addition, it implements Senate resolutions on

Prof. Thomas Sakwa is the Acting (Registrar Academic Affairs).

# THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

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**DR. BERNADETTE ABWAO**

guidance centre. Dr. Bernadette Abwao is the Dean of Students.

The Dean of Students coordinates students' accommodation and is responsible for the welfare and discipline of students in the University. This office works closely with Schools, staff and student leaders to enhance students' University experience, in an effort to make MMUST a student-centered University and a home away from home.

The Dean's office oversees a number of activities including sports and




# — OUR HISTORY —

The University was founded through Harambee spirit on 5th January 1972, as Western College of Arts and Applied Sciences (WECO) under the stewardship of the former fiery MP, Masinde Muliro. As chairman of the project executive committee, Muliro worked with Prof. Reuben J. Olembo (then Head, Department of Botany University of Nairobi) as secretary.

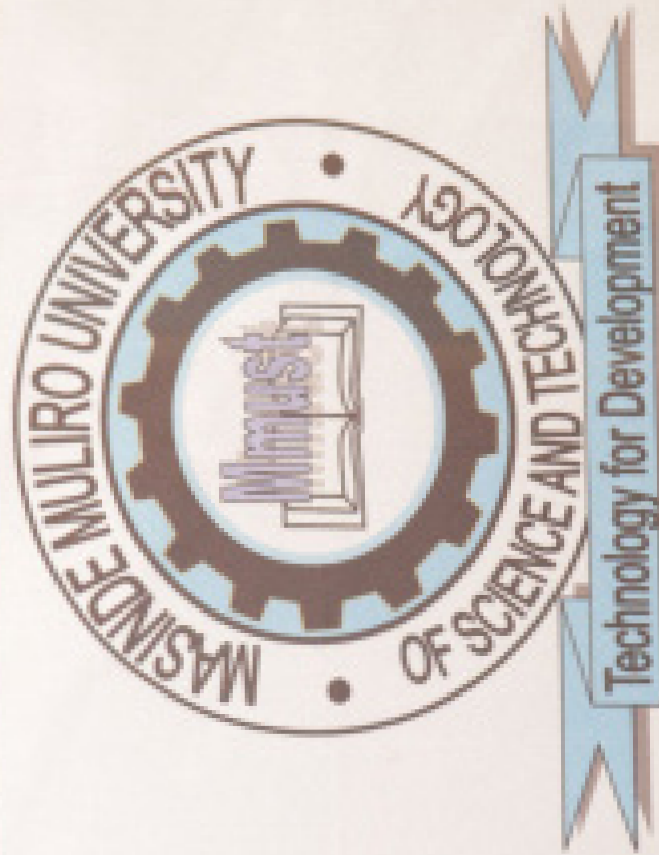
The establishment of the College was in response to the needs of the people of Western province to have a College that would provide a training ground for technical manpower requirements for the province and the nation. The College was also expected to inculcate a sense of self-help and self-reliance among its students and facilitate active participation of youth in national development

The first batch of 24 students who were drawn from all parts of the country, joined on March 24, 1977, and enrolled for certificate and diploma in courses, which included mechanical and motor vehicle, electrical, electronic, agriculture, water, building, architecture, accounting, FINANCE etc. In December 2002, WECO became WUCST (Western University College of Science and Technology) after being elevated to a Constituent College of Moi University. Early 2007, President Kibaki elevated WUCST to a full university by assenting to a Bill which also changed the name to MMUST





# THE MMUST FLAG





Lord God Almighty bless our University. Lord God Almighty bless our University. Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology Oh, we seek to achieve our mission of becoming a 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.



## **Motto**

**The University of Choice**

## **Vision:**

**To be the Premier University in  
Science, Technology and Innovation.**

## **Mission:**

**To provide excellent university  
education, training and research through  
integrating science, technology and  
innovation into quality programmes to  
suit the needs of a dynamic world.**

# Your security while at the University

By Verna Kungu - vernakungu@gmail.com

**S**ecurity is the most fundamental factor of students' lives while at the University. In order to ensure the security of its students, MMUST has put various measures in place to safeguard their operations within and around the University. The MMUST management in cooperation with Full Gospel Churches of Kenya, Kakamega branch, set up a Police Patrol Base at Kefinco Estate to beef up security for the students residing in the area. MMUST has also deployed police officers in uniform and civilian both within and outside the University for security purposes.

In conjunction with the County Government of Kakamega, MMUST has erected high mast lighting systems around the University. The University is looking forward to constructing two (2) high mast lighting systems within the University at Milimani and forest areas for proper lighting in the areas. This will enable smooth operation in those areas at all times and those who may be operating at night for one reason or the other will be properly taken care of.

Additionally, the University has installed Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras at strategic locations within the University. This is to trail activities which may compromise the safety of the University staff and students.

Further, MMUST has mounted scanners for security check at various entrances into the University and key areas such the Administration block. The scanners keep track of luggage carried in by various individuals.

The University has also secluded areas which are 'no go zones' for students. These areas include the University server, water station and the power house. It is also important to note that there are isolated areas in Kakamega forest marked with notices that specify they should not be visited without a forest guard. This guarantees the students' safety during hiking and nature walk.

Regarding the students residing within the University, there is a ten to ten (10a.m to 10p.m) rule which states that male students are not allowed in female hostels before 10a.m, beyond 10p.m and vice versa. Non-resident students are not allowed within the University beyond 10p.m. This is to reduce rape cases among students.

The students are encouraged to keep company of each other by moving around in groups to avoid insecurity incidences. Moving around in groups protects students in various areas where insecurity cases may arise. The MMUST's security department has emergency contacts through which students can report cases of insecurity.

Finally, it is the responsibility of every student to take care of their own security and other students around them. Your security begins with you.



THE AERIAL VIEW OF MMUST



# CUSTOMER CARE EXPERIENCE

**O**ur Customer Care and Call Centre was designed to support the University's Services mission of providing efficient and extraordinary customer service. Located at the lower ground- room B01 of the Administration Block A (ABA Building), the Customer Care and Call Center features a comfortable waiting area for use during busy times, a call area and help-desks where confidential matters can be discussed privately with a customer service representative.

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) recognizes that its principal customer, the student, is with us by choice. We have therefore invested in ensuring that all parties including staff and administrators understand the crucial role played by students.

Our call centre's flexible design allows easy access to additional services. We welcome comments and enquiries about any of our activities and services. Students can contact us in a number of ways, including physical visits to our offices. We trust that our communication services will help you navigate the complex environment of a University.

We pride ourselves on contributing to preparing our students for emerging industries and future jobs. We graduate students who are ready to succeed, take their careers to the next level and make a positive contribution to their communities.

Our team of young and vibrant customer service representatives diligently serves the needs of our students.

Some of the services provided at the Customer Care Centre that will benefit you include;

General inquiries cut across administration, academic, finance, procurement, co-curricular issues, and others. As you walk through the doors of our Customer care Centre, be certain of help!

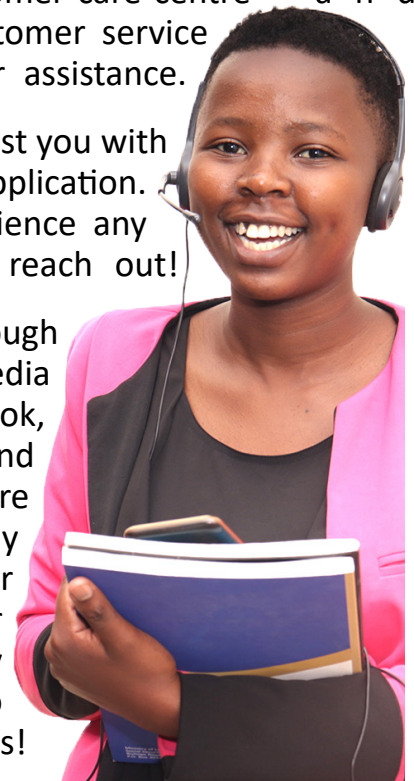
Follow-ups are important to enable you get quality services and information. Do not shy away, follow up when need arises for assistance.

At MMUST Customer Care and Call Centre we appreciate your feedback whether positive or negative. Help us help you by making your grievances known to us.

Do you have challenges identifying buildings or places within the University? Worry no more, we are here to help you navigate the different locations and places in the University! Make a stop at our customer care centre and chat with our customer service representatives for assistance.

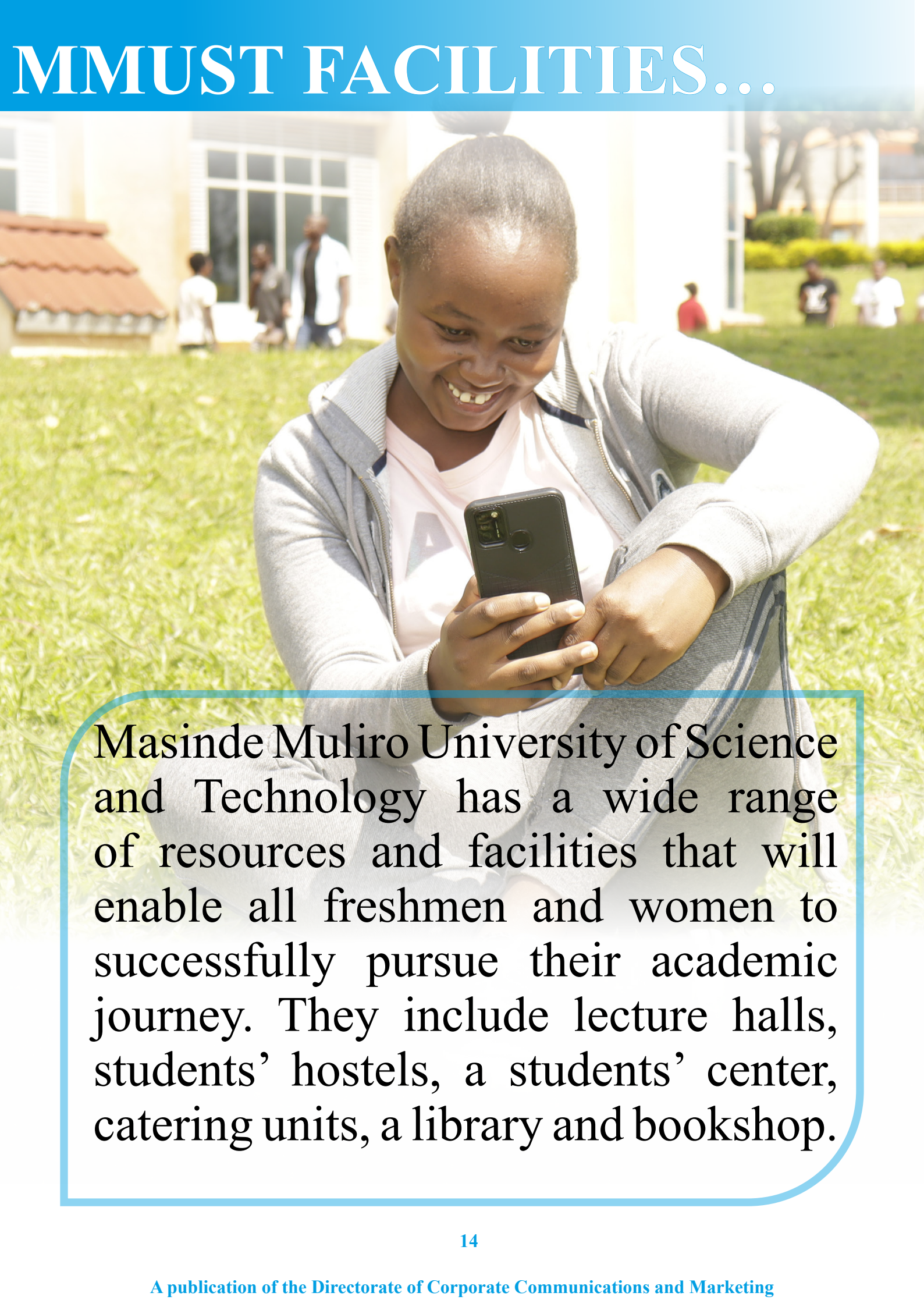
We are here to assist you with online courses application. In case you experience any difficulties, kindly reach out!

Talk to us through our on social media platforms (Facebook, Email and Twitter and Instagram). We are just one click away to handling your concerns. Join our online community and feel free to interact with us!



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# MMUST FACILITIES...

A young woman with short hair, wearing a grey hoodie over a pink t-shirt, is smiling and looking at her smartphone. She is standing on a green lawn in front of a modern building with large windows. Other people are visible in the background, some walking and some sitting on the grass. The scene is bright and sunny.

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology has a wide range of resources and facilities that will enable all freshmen and women to successfully pursue their academic journey. They include lecture halls, students' hostels, a students' center, catering units, a library and bookshop.



## Mmust Showcases Entrepreneurial Acumen During its First Years' Admission Exercise

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**M**asinde Muliro University of Science and Technology has had the opportunity to showcase its entrepreneurial acumen during the recent first years' admission exercise which took place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The freshmen and women were treated to nutritious and delicious MMUST-made yoghurt which was going at an affordable price of Kshs. 100 for 500ml and Kshs. 50 for 250ml.

The yoghurt is part of a bigger '*Development, Production and Marketing of MMUST Cheese*' project, which is funded by the University. According to the project's Principal Investigator, Dr. Mario Kollenberg from the Department of Biological Sciences, the yoghurt is a side product of cheese making. The main objective of the project is to explore the Microbiology of milk processing bacteria and fungi as well as supplying the community with new food products.

Speaking in an interview during the first years' admission, Dr. Kollenberg pointed out that his team is producing a variety of flavours, including vanilla, strawberry, blueberry, chocolate, lemon and spirulina. "We are happy that our yoghurt has been well received in the market look forward to having it on the shelves of supermarkets all over Kenya," he stated.

The Dean School of Natural Sciences (SONAS), Dr. Joseph Owino, where the project is domiciled, reiterated that the yoghurt product, will be mass-produced in the near future. "We are proud of the spirulina flavored yoghurt which has not been in the market before. The spirulina is an innovation by one of our leading nutritional scientists, Prof. Asenath Sigot," said Dr. Owino.

Similarly, the Engineering Students Association (ESA) from the School of Engineering and Built Environment (SEBE) carried the entrepreneurial acumen a notch higher by selling ESA-branded t-shirts



to support their club activities. “We used this opportunity to register more students into our club,” explained the SEBE male student representative, Mr. Cornelius Kirwa.

Indeed, MMUST is living up to its name as a University of science and technology by utilizing innovation not only to generate income, but also to improve livelihoods and impact the society.



## Academically speaking...

**M**asinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) has a strategic academic protocol that provides a practical understanding of processes used in the administration of academic programmes and services. The Chancellor is the head of the University. The University is run by the Council as the supreme organ with the day-to-day activities being run by the Senate and the University Management Board. The Vice Chancellor is the administrative and academic head of the University and is supported by the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Deans of Schools, Directors and heads of sections as well as heads of departments.



# Academic Expectations and Requirements

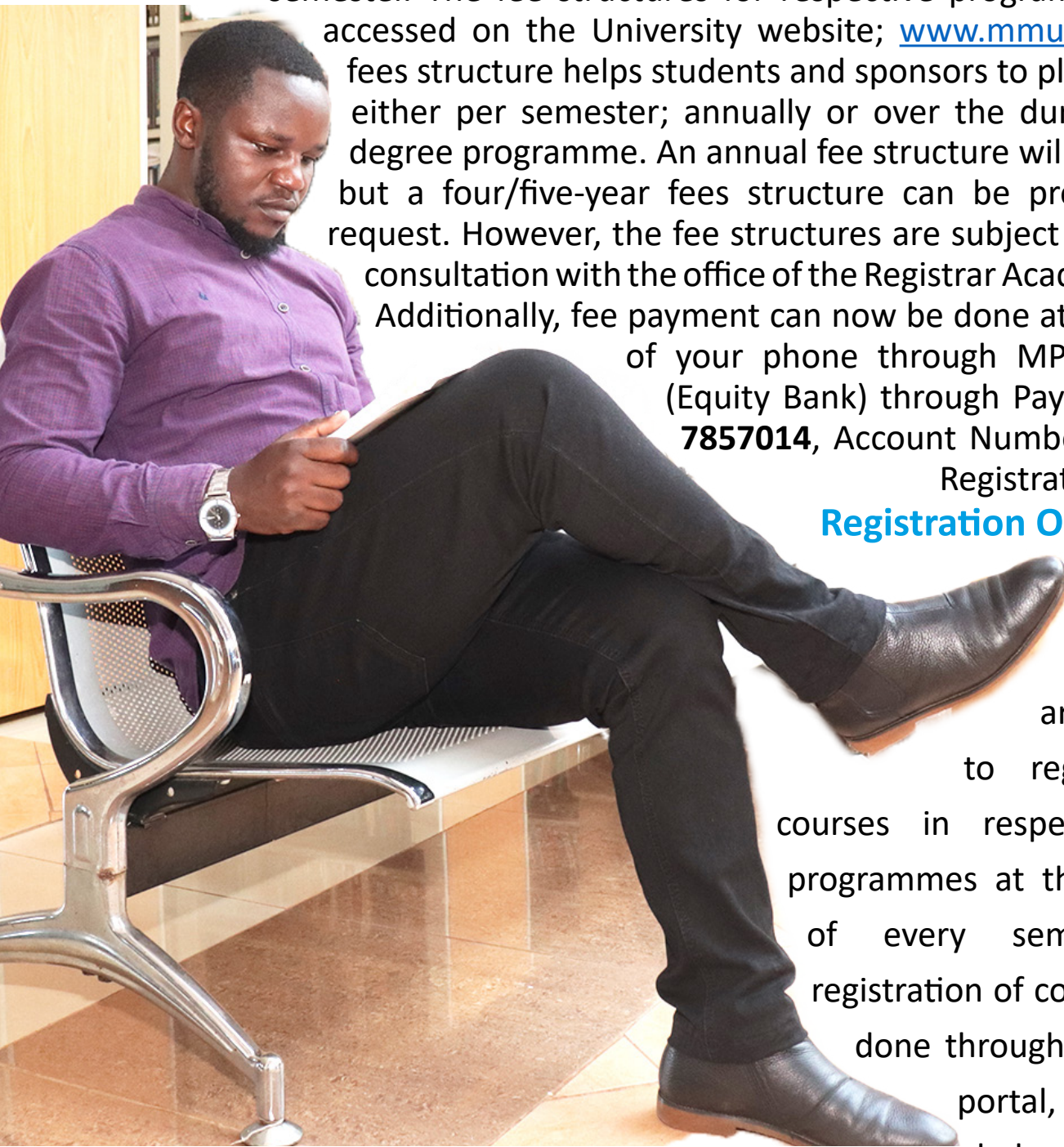
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## Fee Payment

Fees is payable at the beginning of every year or at the beginning of every semester. The fee structures for respective programmes can be accessed on the University website; [www.mmust.ac.ke](http://www.mmust.ac.ke). The fees structure helps students and sponsors to plan payments either per semester; annually or over the duration of the degree programme. An annual fee structure will be available but a four/five-year fees structure can be provided upon request. However, the fee structures are subject to change in consultation with the office of the Registrar Academic Affairs. Additionally, fee payment can now be done at the comfort of your phone through MPESA Pay bill (Equity Bank) through Pay bill Number **7857014**, Account Number (Student's Registration number)

## Registration Of Courses

All students are expected to register for courses in respective degree programmes at the beginning of every semester. The registration of courses can be done through the student portal, with the help of the ICT Department.



## Class Attendance and Completion of Assignments

**O**ur goal is to meet the needs of students with adequate face-to-face and hands-on learning every semester. Therefore, attendance of lectures, tutorials, seminars, practical sessions, field trips and other such scheduled courses of instruction is compulsory. It is therefore an offence for a group or class to boycott lectures/ practicals/fieldwork for more than two days consecutively. Students who have missed more than 20% of scheduled lectures, tutorials, seminars, practical sessions and other instruction shall NOT be allowed to sit end of semester examinations and subsequently shall repeat the year or semester as recommended by the Senate.

**DID YOU KNOW.....  
MMUST  
is the only  
University in  
Kenya offering  
bachelor of  
Science in  
Optometry and  
Vision Science**





## HALL 3 HOSTEL - MALE STUDENTS

This is a hall of residence for male students, known as HALL 3. It has a capacity of four hundred and sixty four (464) students. Hall 3 is a three storey building located on the far end of the University compound, adjacent to the University Chaplaincy and Bukhungu International stadium.



This is a hall of residence for male students, known as HALL 2. It has a capacity of four hundred and sixty six (466) students. Hall 2 is a five (5) storey building located on the far end of the University compound, adjacent the basket ball pitch and behind the Administration Block A (ABA).



## HALL 4, MALE/FEMALE STUDENTS' HOSTELS

This is a hall of residence accomodating both male and female students. It has a capacity of four hundred and seventy four (474) for female students and four hundred and seventy eight (478) for male students. It is a complex, complete with a cafeteria. It is located in Milimani, next to the University farm.



HALL 1 - FEMALE STUDENTS

This is a female students' hall of residence known as HALL 1. It is one of the oldest buildings in the University. It has a capacity of one hundred and eighty (180) students. Hall 1 is a four (4) storey building located next to the gym, on your way to gate C.





## THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology is home to a state-of-the-art library. The fully equipped and spacious library provides a conducive environment for reading, research and carrying out assignments. Some of the facilities include books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, computers that are used to access digital resources, WI-FI and Ethernet cables to access the internet, and a French resource centre.

The University recently became the official administrator of a digital library with over sixty (60) thousand eBooks which were handed over from Diversity Education Institute Africa (DEI-Africa). The digital library receives new books every day from international authors, writers and publishers.



103.9 MMUST FM

103.9 MMUST FM is the University radio station. The radio station serves the community living around the University as well as the Journalism and Mass Communication students who use it for practicals.



## ECA LECTURE HALLS

This one of the largest lecture facilities in the University. It is partitioned into different sections as listed bellow:

- 3 ECA B01 Lecture hall- Large 600
- 4\* ECA 001-006 Ground floor, 6 medium size lecture rooms 100 Each
- 5\* ECA 101-106 1st floor, 6 medium size lecture rooms 100 Each
- 6\* ECA 201-206 2nd floor, 6 medium size lecture rooms 100 Each
- 7\* ECA 301-306 3rd floor, 6 medium size lecture rooms 100 Each
- 8\* ECA 401-406 4th floor, 6 medium size lecture rooms 100 Each
- 9 ECA B01A Basement, small size lecture room 15
- 10 ECA 008 Ground floor, small size lecture room 10 Each
- 11 ECA 108 1st floor, small size lecture room 10 Each
- 12 ECA 208 2nd floor, small size lecture room 10 Each
- 13 ECA 308 3rd floor, small size lecture room 10 Each
- 214 ECA 407 4th floor small size lecture room 10 Each
- 15 ECA 408 4th floor small size lecture room 10 Each



This is the MMUST gym, a facility that is open to both staff and students of MMUST. The gym is also used as a laboratory for students pursuing Sports Science.



# MMUST PROVIDES TOP-NOTCH SERVICE DELIVERY DURING ADMISSION OF THE 2022/2023 FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

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**M**asinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) has provided top-notch service delivery during the admission of the 2022/2023 first year students. The student admission exercise, which began on 25th August, 2022, took place across all our campuses. All the Schools and Departments in the University received support from the Customer Care Centre, the Finance department as well as the Office of the Dean of students to provide swift and effective service delivery.

Speaking during admission, the Dean, School of Education (SEDU), Prof. Moses Poipoi pointed out that the admission process was seamless. “We are expecting a minimum of 1,500 students. For this reason, we have innovatively designed cards to organize our clients on first come first served basis. With the help of the University security team, the clients were directed to wait under the tents to avoid the long queues and commotion. We look forward to the orientation on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022,” he said.

Commenting on the improvements in this year’s admission process, Prof. Poipoi shared his delight regarding the admission of the School’s first ever deaf student, who has been admitted to pursue a Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE). Further, he acknowledged that MMUST gives opportunities and looks after persons living with disabilities.

The Dean, School of Engineering and Built Environment (SEBE), Prof. Eng. Bernadette Sabuni shared that the school expects to admit about 400 students. She revealed that the school receives a number of students from the industry who are seeking to upgrade their studies. The Dean appreciated the support such students bring to the School through the assistance they offer to fresh students in getting attachment opportunities.

“Preparation is key and my team commenced the preparations for the first years’ admission exercise three days earlier. We began attending to our clients at 7.30 am and by 9.00am, there was no queue. I commend the University for providing stable internet which enabled us to move fast,” she added.

The Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), Dr. Rose Auma said the School anticipates a total of 550 students. She spoke highly of the strategy set, saying that it enabled her team to establish five points that allowed them to attend to five students simultaneously. The process, which took less than five minutes per client ensured that by 9.30 am they did not have any queue. “We will launch the reviewed programmes in September. The 2022/2023 students we are admitting will pioneer the programmes,” added Dr. Auma. to the clients.

According to the Dean, School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology (SAVET), Prof. Jacob Wakhungu, the school expects 400 students, with the department of Agribusiness and Extension Management receiving the highest number. In an effort to market the school, the team designed two banners detailing its programmes. He applauded his team for effective and efficient services to the clients.

The other schools that carried out the first years' admission exercise, included: School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedical Sciences (SONMAPS), School of Natural Sciences (SONAS), School of Computing and Informatics (SCI), School of Public Health, Biomedical sciences and Technology (SPHBS&T), School of disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistant (SDMHA), School of Business and Economics (SOBE), as well as School of Medicine (SOM). All these schools reported smooth flow of activities during the event as a result of uninterrupted supply of internet and no power outages. The schools recorded a positive turnout for admission.

The highly successful application of digital admission carried out by MMUST is an indication that our University has made tremendous improvement in the admission processes. Despite the very few challenges experienced, the future can only be brighter.





STACY JACQUEEN  
is the female  
representative  
of the School of  
Computing and  
Informatics (SCI)  
in MMUST

# **MMUST MANAGERIAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

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## **Chancellor**

Dr. Peter Wanyaga Muthoka

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## **Vice Chancellor**

Prof. Solomon I. Shibairo

## **Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Students Affairs)**

Prof. Hussein S. A Golicha

## **Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance)**

Prof. John Kuria Thuo

## **Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning Research and Innovation)**

Prof. Charles Mutai

## **Registrar (Academic Affairs) (Acting)**

Prof. Thomas Sakwa

## **ACADEMIC DEANS**

There are a total of 11 schools headed by respective deans.

### **Dean, School of Business and Economics (SOBE)**

Prof. Robert Egessa

### **Dean, School of Education (SEDU)**

Prof. Moses Poipoi



**Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)**

Dr. Rose Auma

**Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SONAS)**

Dr. Joseph Owino

**Dean, School of Computing and Informatics (SCI)**

Dr. Daniel Otanga

**Dean, School Engineering and the Built Environment (SEBE)**

Prof. Bernadette Sabuni

**Dean, School of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (SDMHA)**

Prof. Kennedy Onkware

**Dean, School of Public Health Biomedical Sciences and Technology (SPHBS&T)**

Prof. Edwin K. Wamukoya

**Dean, School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology (SAVET)**

Prof. Jacob Wakhungu

**Dean, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedical Sciences (SONMAPS)**

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**Dean, School of Medicine (SOM)**

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