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- 2018 Gala Dinner and Awards, Friday, 21st December 2018
- National Youth Summit- February 2019



Editor's Pen

Welcome to the 11th edition of the MMUST *NewsPost*.

In a week with minimal activities, we bring you the University's efforts in strengthening its core values. Our appreciation to the needs of special groups led the University to training staff on Kenya's third language-the sign language. We also bring you the steps the University is taking to achieve the Performance Contract targets.

In our students' activities, we bring you performance of our sporting teams at various competitions.



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MMUST TRAINS STAFF ON SIGN LANGUAGE



Sign language is one of the Kenya's national languages after English, Kiswahili and mother tongue. MMUST is a public institution established on the University Act, Guidelines and Procedures from the Ministry of Education and the University Governing Council. Every public and private university must have a staff/s that has greater knowledge understanding on the Kenya's forth language and MMUST embraced the initiative and trained five staff on Kenya Sign Language (KSL) for a period of three months in 2018. They were;

- Ms. Lilian Kundu.
- Miss. Pauline Adhiambo.
- Miss. Garvin Nyarotso.
- Mr. Clevin Aswani.
- Mr. Vincent Mwoka.

This was the University initiative to train staff that will, in turn, help in the interpretation during University graduations and other University meetings and events.

The students have finished the Basic Introduction which is the first phase of training and it has been planned and approved by the University that they shall continue with the second phase-Advanced Certificate- of training at the beginning of January 2019.

This will help to increase information accessibility to the persons with disability with hearing impairments and this shows that the university considers the rights to information of each and everyone within the institution without any discrimination or biasness as required by the Kenya Constitution 2010.



Workshop Tackles Alarming Rate of Drop Outs From Graduate

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Graduate students and Faculty supervisors were part of a workshop that took place on 29th November, 2018 at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

The workshop focused on the alarming rate of drop outs and ways of maintaining motivation in Graduate school. Faculty supervisors' session tackled best practices for successful supervision of Graduate research. It was facilitated by Prof. Beatrice Adera, interim department chair and coordinator of student teaching supervision, Westchester University, USA (Department of Special Education). Prof. Beatrice Adera has been on sabbatical leave at The University and works with masters students in research.

During the workshop, graduate students were given tips for quality research papers. Prof. Adera said that research is a big part of graduate school. However, it is expensive and most libraries are not

fully stocked. She encouraged the students to take advantage of free online resources on sites such as Google Scholar. Also present were Dr. Kennedy Bota and Dr. Peter Odera (Chairman of the Department of education and psychology at MMUST. Dr. Kennedy urged the students to make use of the current research books recently added to the library.

Prof. Adera said that students need to be supervised by experts in their fields. Faculty supervisors were urged to provide quality mentoring and support by fostering intellectual development of their students. Dr. Odera added that both graduate students and faculty supervisors had their respective roles to play in ensuring there is a collaborative partnership between them. He urged the students to be focused and aggressive, follow up with their lecturers and avoid unnecessary truancy. He said that there was a need to hold more of such workshops.



Review of the University Performance Contract

M Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology's managers met on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 to evaluate the University's performance for the year ending 30th June, 2018. The performance was measured in terms of whether the institution had achieved its targets or not, in the areas of finance stewardship and fiscal discipline, service delivery, core mandate among others.

The Executive Office of the President is responsible for evaluating performance contracts in all universities in Kenya. MMUST expects to be evaluated on 6th December, 2018. The presidency has developed an online performance management and tracking system whereby universities can key in data based on self-evaluation. This information should be backed up with hard evidence for government's evaluation purpose.

Mr Andrew Chekulesi from Sigalagala polytechnic gave a demonstration of how to use the software. The platform has been divided into six sections; *Targets, Vetting, Monitoring, Self-evaluation, Moderation and Reports.*

Post Graduate Seminar

The Directorate of Research and Postgraduate Support (DRPS) has organized a postgraduate seminar for staff and students on 04th to 06th December 2018. The title of the seminar is: Postgraduate Research Findings Seminar. During the Seminar, there will be several presentations from facilitators within and without the University. A Book of Abstracts will be compiled for future reference.

quality management principles.



MMUST RFC bounces back with a Win against University of Eldoret

MMUST bagged their first win of the season in the KRU Championship sinking University of Eldoret Trojans 17-10 at home on Sat Dec 1, 2018 in a match played at Kakamega Showground.

UoE stood tall and kept marauding MMUST at bay in the opening 40 minutes. On return from the break, MMUST opened the scores with an unconverted try by Felix Wamocho.

The visitors trimmed the gap with a penalty before MMUST second try was pinned by the Kenya Sevens International Timothy Mmasi.

Former Kakamega High school ace Okwemba Ejakait who was making his debut scored his first try in a MMUST shirt and Mmasi added the extras.

Flanker Brian Njeru was named the man of the match as Kenya 7s international Timothy Mmasi, Felix Wamocho and Okwemba got on the scoresheet.

UoE were able to run in a converted try and bag a losing point.

The first win of the season takes MMUST two places up after two failed attempts with Western Bulls and Kisumu RFC.

MMUST SQUAD

1. Kevin Omondi 2. Ndulu Kajilwa 3. Collins Ngoko 4. Austin Awuor 5. Calvin Wabuyele 6. Njeru Brian 7. Masti Jack Munai 8. Wamocho Felix 9. Brian Ligami 10. Norbert Lubwani 11. Johnny Bahati 12. Mbeche Samuel 13. Timothy Mmasi 14. Tyson Juma 15. Isaiah Mulongo

Replacements: 16. Chege James 17. Cornel Byron 18. Warren Mbithi 19. Maxx Paul Simiyu 20. Samba Mark 21. Martin Masika 22. Okwemba Ejakait 23. Okisai Derrick 24. Sebastian Ochieng



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