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H.E DR WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO



Welcome

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I welcome readers to the 14th Issue of the University of Nairobi Alumni Association Newsletter. It is yet another opportunity for us to reflect on the achievements we have made since our last AGM as well as the challenges we encountered. As we always pride ourselves, we, the Alumni remain key stakeholder of the University as we play an important role in advancing the University's vision and mission.

First, let me congratulate our Alumni, H.E Dr. William Samoei Ruto and H.E Rigathi Gachagua for being elected to the country's top leadership, The President and the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya. In addition, I also wish to congratulate all UoN Alumni who have been elected / appointed to various leadership positions in the country.

Over the years, this Newsletter has been an important tool of communication with Alumni, the University of Nairobi community and the general public. As an Association, we continue to take pride in the steps that we have made in supporting our alma mater since our inception in the year 2005.

Over the last 17 years, The Association has supported needy students at the University of Nairobi through our annual Bursary Fund contribution of KShs 2 million. The Association has so far donated a total of KShs 23 million towards this kitty that has benefited over 800 needy but deserving students of the University.

The Association also supports other key University activities such as the annual Nairobi Innovation Week, Graduations Ceremonies, The Nairobi International Trade Fair, UoN Sports Day and Students Prizes. All these have been possible and successful courtesy of the support from Alumni through membership registration fees and donations.

As leaders of the Alumni Association, we will continue to work closely with Chapter officials to ensure their aspirations come to fruition, and ensure that our members continue to enjoy benefits that come with joining the Alumni association.

I would like to encourage Our Alumni who have not registered with the Association to make a point of joining our big family, UoNAA. Registration is simple and easy. It can be done either manually by filling a registration form and dropping it at our offices or online through the Alumni Portal, alumni.uonbi.ac.ke and pay via mobile money.

Finally, I wish to request our Alumni, spread across the globe to join us in supporting our alma mater. It is through your generous contributions, through payment of your subscription fees, cash and in-kind donations towards our projects that make us succeed. I also encourage all the Alumni to join hands to support University programs such as mentorship, group coaching, internships, work placement and industrial attachment to our students.

Thank you and God Bless.

Mr. Isaac Awuondo

Chairman, UoN Alumni Association

Editor's Note



Despite the difficult economic environment, the alumni of the University of Nairobi have continued to work closely and support their alma mater.

UONAA is immensely pleased by the increased number of mentorship and internship opportunities accorded to students by its members. Members have also continued to respond positively to the management's requests for support to University programmes. A case in mind is the support for the ongoing reforms at the University and the launch of the University of Nairobi Foundation on 30th June 2022.

Resource constraint diminishes UONAA's support to its respective chapters and the University students, who are the future members of UONAA. It is worthy noting that during this year, the Chairman organized a very successful breakfast that brought members together to raise funds for scholarships and the UoN Foundation.

The current executive committee has continued to create an enabling environment for making UONAA sustainable and relevant to its members. To this end, the Executive Committee organized a retreat in Mombasa, where a number of policies and documents were developed to support the growth of the organization. The retreat also gave the members an opportunity to engage with the University management. In addition, the members engaged with the Mombasa Campus Alumni Chapter during a well-attended dinner.

A new Chief Executive Officer, Mr Morgan Kiptum, has been recruited to steer the association and implement programmes in line with the current strategic plan that was approved after the retreat. On behalf of the association, I wish to welcome Mr. Kiptum to the UONAA family and assure him of our unwavering support.

Finally, as we prepare for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting that will herald the elections of new office bearers in the year 2022, I wish to express my gratitude to all the executive members and UONAA staff for the collegiality and comradeship that helped us to overcome many challenges during our tenure. In particular, I pay tribute to the editorial team for their contributions that have kept our stakeholders informed about the University and its collaborators.

Long live UONAA, long live the University of Nairobi.

John Anthony Onyango Orindi, MCIPR

Editor, UoN Alumni Association

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Vision

To be a leader in promoting active, visible leadership in the community by fostering interaction among the alumni, the student community, family, friends and industry

Mission

To safeguard the best interest of its members and use their talents and resources to support the University's quest of achieving international distinction in quality teaching, research and service.

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Professionalism
Integrity

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Who can become a member?

The following shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the prescribed fee:

1. All persons who have successfully completed their studies at the University of Nairobi
2. Persons granted honorary degrees by the University of Nairobi
3. Full time permanent staff members who are not former University of Nairobi students and who obtained a degree from another recognized institution,
4. Members of the University of Nairobi Council
5. Chancellor of the University of Nairobi

What are the Categories of membership?

The following shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the prescribed fee:

1. Life Membership
2. Annual Membership
3. Honorary Membership

Life Membership has three sub- categories:

- a) Gold Membership – Ksh. 100,000 (1000 USD)
- b) Silver Membership – Ksh. 50,000 (500 USD)
- c) Bronze Membership – Ksh. 25,000 (250 USD)
- d) Annual Members – Ksh.2, 000 (20USD) renewable annually



University News

Alumni Pledge to Support UON Foundation

The University of Nairobi Foundation was launched on 30th June 2022 during a colorful ceremony that reconnected many UoN alumni.

Speaking on behalf of UONAA fraternity, Chairman Isaac Awuondo praised the launch of UoN Foundation as a belated idea. He noted that many world class universities such as Harvard, Stanford, Oxford and MIT have foundations which are bigger than Kenya's economy.

Mr. Awuondo noted that the Alumni Association would utilize the Foundation to support the UoN alma mater. He said if 5,000 of the 250,000 members of the University of Nairobi convocation could each contribute Sh 5,000 annually, the University will fetch Sh250,000,000 as contribution to the endowment fund.

The University of Nairobi is anchored on three pillars: Alumni engagement, endowment management and resource mobilization. The role of the Foundation is to mobilize resources through grants, donations, endowments and partnerships.

The University of Nairobi Foundation was registered on 31st August 2021 as a trust deed with 9 trustees drawn from different sectors of the economy. The trustees are Dr. Vijoo Rattansi (Chair of Board of Trustees), Prof. Julia Ojiambo, Prof. Stephen Kiama (Secretary), Mr. Joseph Wakaba Mucheru, Mr Maurice Makoloo, Snr. Counsel Fred Ngatia, Narendra Raval (Guru), and Agnes Odhiambo.



Women Shine as Faculties Usher in New Deans

News faces have emerged following the deanship elections that were concluded in August 2022. One of the most notable features of the elections was the increased number of female deans, a feat which the Vice Chancellor Prof Stephen Kiama described as a positive development and a sign of electoral maturity in the University leadership.

In the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Moses Nyangito, who was formerly the Associate Dean in the same faculty, was elected Dean. Prof. Jack Odhiambo became the new Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Odhiambo was previously the Associate Dean in the same faculty. Prof. Lilac Osanjo was elected the Dean, Faculty of Built Environment and Design. Prior to her new appointment, Prof. Osanjo was the Chairman, Arts and Design Department.

Prof. Winnie Kamau is the new Dean of the Faculty of Law. She is a law graduate from the University of Nairobi and other leading law schools in the United States. Prof. Leonida Kerubo, a professor of Chemistry, emerged the victor as the new dean in the Faculty of Science and Technology. She was formerly the Associate Dean in the same faculty.

Prof. Jeremiah Kalai, a renowned educationist, replaced the long serving Dean of Faculty of Education Prof. Isaac Jumba. The young and vibrant Prof. George Osanjo was elected Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Osanjo is from the Department of Pharmacy. Prof. John Demesi Mande, the Chairman of the Veterinary Chapter of the Alumni Association, is the new Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences.

The Alumni Association wishes to congratulate the new deans and assures them of continued support in key fields of collaboration, such as student mentorship, marketing of programmes, curriculum review, scholarships and infrastructure development. UONAA believes that building strong working relationship with deans can help the association to recruit more members and keep them connected to the University because deans are closer to the members of the convocation.

Varsity's 5 Point Reforms Enter Key Stage

The people-centered University of Nairobi 5 Point reforms have reached the final and most critical phase. This was revealed by the University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi in a circular sent to all staff and students on 25TH August 2022.

Prof. Kiama observed that the University is about helping meet people's aspirations. The VC said the people reforms are aligned to national values and principles. "Consequently, the University will ensure that it not only adds value to its staff, students, alumni and partners but also cares and promotes their welfare, name and brand University roads and buildings in their honour, recognize and reward them, and finally profile them across University platforms," said the VC.

Recently the University of Nairobi celebrated some of its alumni who have been elected or appointed to top leadership positions in the country.

Prof. Kiama assured the University Community that there will be no retrenchment in the implementation of people reforms. Unlike the governance reforms that were very divisive and acrimonious, the people reforms will be implemented with care after extensive consultations.

UONAA

Activities

The Growth of Alumni Chapters

The Alumni Chapters are key pillars of the University of Nairobi Alumni Association. The chapters are created based on discipline and any other criteria that the association deems appropriate. The chapters operate and conduct their affairs under the aegis of the Association. So far, the Association has launched 17 chapters, namely:

- Nursing Sciences
- Human Medicine
- Range Management
- Agriculture
- Engineering
- Chiromo
- Education r
- Pharmacy
- Computing and Informatics
- Mombasa
- Architecture, Design and Development
- Masters of Business Administration
- Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies
- Veterinary Medicine
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Dental Sciences Alumni
- Law

Diaspora Chapter

The UONAA diaspora fraternity continues growing with over 5,000 alumni in North America (USA and Canada), over 2,000 in the United Kingdom and about 1000 plus in South Africa among other diaspora regions. The diaspora family has been yearning for a forum to interact with their alma mater. The Alumni Association has heeded the call by Initiating the launch of alumni Diaspora Chapter.

The Alumni Association will work with The Association of Kenya Diaspora Organization (AKDO) and Diaspora Leadership Teams in various countries. This is in line with the Alumni Association Strategic Plan to reach out to the UoN Alumni globally through technology and get-together meetings. The launch of the Diaspora Chapters will be a key step towards connecting UoN alumni with their alma mater.

The Association will start with the South Sudan , USA/Canada in New York then United Kingdom in London and finally in South Africa in Johannesburg /Cape Town where UoN Alumni in Diaspora are highly concentrated. The Alumni in Diaspora have always yearned for a platform and forum where they can connect with the alma mater and also support students' scholarships, alumni annual fund, infrastructure development and investing in research among the faculty members. Those alumni who are in Diaspora and those with contacts of alumni in Diaspora can reach the Alumni secretariat through

email: alumni@uonbi.ac.ke OR cell: +254 724 820 908

Retreat Offers Opportunity for UONAA Revitalization

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association Executive Board and Secretariat members went on retreat for team building activities and strengthening the Association.

The retreat, which took place at Mombasa Continental Resort from 7th January to 10th January 2022, provided an opportunity to UONAA officials to meet and discuss ways of strengthening Mombasa Alumni Chapter. The members also deliberated on the ways to raise the profile of the Association and strengthen it after the Covid 19 pandemic blow .

During the occasion, it was noted that there is urgent need to increase the revenue generation of the association in order to meet its objectives.

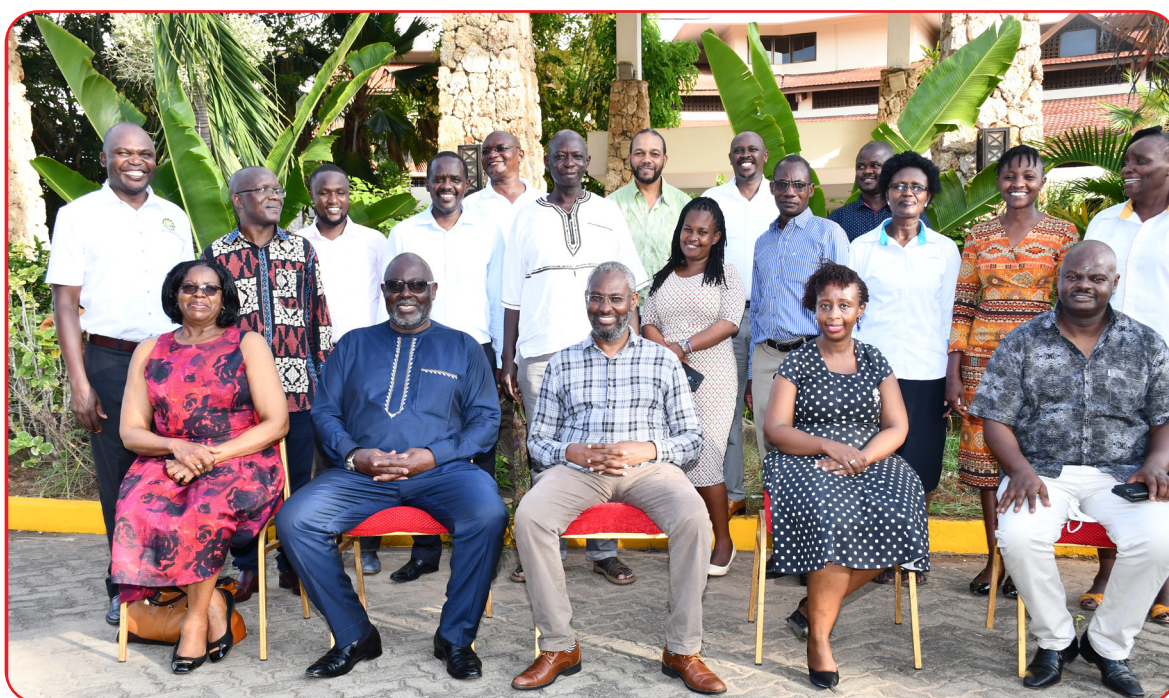
The University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor Prof Stephen Kiama reiterated the importance of partnerships and networking.

A gala dinner was held on 8th January 2022. The attendees included Prof. Stephen Kiama, Vice Chancellor Technical University of Mombasa Prof. Leila Abubakar and Mombasa County Government representatives.

The gala event created a networking opportunity and recruitment of more members to UONAA in different categories of membership.

During the occasion, it was noted that Students and staff should join the association immediately they join the University community.

Kindly reach us on alumni@uonbi.ac.ke



Scholarship Fund Boosts needy Students

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) Scholarship Fund is a programme that provides University scholarships and mentorship to academically gifted but financially disadvantaged students. This fund is a buildup from the UoN Bursary Fund that UONAA has given Sh 23,000,000 support over the last 11 years in line with one of its main objectives; to assist the University to initiate, organize and sustain programmes such as Bursary Fund, Alumni Scholarship Fund that seeks to support 1,000 bright and needy students.

In the 2019/2020 academic year, UON Alumni Association led by the Chairman Mr. Isaac Awuondo pledged to kickstart an Alumni Scholarship Fund to support 1,000 bright but needy students pursuing studies at the University of Nairobi over the next 5 years.

Besides the scholarships, the Association will attach the beneficiaries to alumni in the Industry for mentorship and practical exposure through Internship and work study programmes.

The 2019/ 2020 and 2020/2021 scholarship targeted students randomly because of Covid 19 which greatly affected the students, unlike the previous scholarships that always targeted 1st year students. The Association received over 350 applications from UoN continuing students and 200 from 1st year students. This is a clear indicator that more needs to be done to support students at the University. It was also noted that few female students applied for scholarship. Only 21% of the applicants were women. Emphasis was made in the need for more sensitization during the next cycle based on lessons learnt from this phase. The Association was applauded for supporting the University of Nairobi in various activities and projects, including Bursary Fund, Nairobi Innovation Week, University prizes, open days and graduation ceremonies. UONAA encourages the public at large to continue engaging the Association on ways of encouraging UON Alumni to give back to their alma mater.

2019/2020 and 2020/2021 UoN Alumni Scholarship Fund Beneficiaries

Name	Gender	Reg No	FACULTY
Francis Ndungu Wangec	Male	F17/1738/2019	BSC IN ELETRICAL & ELECRTONIC ENGINEERING
Bonventure Winnes Malus	Male	D33/3626/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Brender Akinyi Okello	Female	C01/1005/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Peter Omondi Awimbo	Male	A87/5397/2021	BSC IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Charles Otieno Oyamo	Male	K59/5465/2019	BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS Com
Fredric Ouma Odhiambo	Male	L35/135723/2019	BACHELOR OF DISTANCE EDUCATION ARTS
Stephen Ochieng Ododa	Male	U29/2479/2019	BACHELOR OF PHARMACY
Anne Lichina	Female	C01/0490/2019	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Brian Otieno Opiyo	Male	I20/2619/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Abigael Wambui Irungu	Female	R67/141416/2021	BA IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND DIPLOMACY
Elijah Wandiosi Rote	Male	A83/5704/2020	BSC IN AGRICULTRAL EDUCATION AND EXTENTION
Ambrose Adeya Aduol	Male	H31/2996/2020	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
Boniface Gathendi Wambui	Male	H38/5484/2021	BSC IN MEDICAL LABO
Naomi Imali Okanda	Female	C01/0457/2018	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Martin Ombui Kenyanya	Male	E37/2232/2020	BACHELOR POF EDUCATION SCIENCE
Emmanuel Wandera	Male	H31/3224/2021	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
Charles Osindo	Male	C01/0720/2019	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Caroline Nyambura Maina	Female	CO1/0105/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Christopher Junior Otieno	Male	J30/2566/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
John Mwendwa Mwaluko	Male	C01/0223/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Amon Kipleting	Male	I23/6166/2020	BACHELOR OF SCI IN MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECH
John Mavine Otieno	Male	H31/3206/2021	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
Faith Kemunto George	Female	C0/1143/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS

Owino Ogutu Otieno	Male	I63/4626/2020	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Peninnah Muthoki Muthengi	Female	C01/136017/2019	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Jeff Wambua Musembi	Male	D33/3545/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Matchel Mike Odhiambo	Male	CO1/1036/2020	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Samuel Makori Motari	Male	X75/5350/2020	BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS
Nancy Wanjiru Kiberenge	Female	L47/121689/2018	
John Oduor Orinda	Male	J30/1752/2020	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Stephen Ochieng	Male	C01/1017/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Paul Adesa	Male	B66/1097/2019	BACHELOR OF QUANTITY SURVEYING
Kelvin Ndungu Wanja	Male	I44/2400/2019	BSc. ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS
Mackrey Omondi Odhiambo	Male	N06/1357/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS ANTROPOLOGY
Abraham Kipngetich	Male	E37/3916/2019	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE
Owino Martine Ochieng	Male	D33/3690/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Dan Ronald Mikwaya	Male	C01/1109/2020	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Brain Juma Odhiambo	Male	C01/0617/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Richard Osoro Mogare	Male	I20/2548/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Churchil Omuso Otieno	Male	E37/4560/2021	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE
Kelvin Murerwa Mwiti	Male	C01/0308/2019	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Nancy Adhiambo Asewe	Female	D33/2631/2018	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Bilal Abdalla Zito	Male	B66/1170/2020	BACHELOR OF QUANTITY SURVEYING
Ebenezer Kibet Korir	Male	B66/1202/2020	BACHELOR OF QUANTITY SURVEYING
Simon Peter Nyauma Abuga	Male	C01/6610/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Don Ochieng Ochillo	Male	D33/3670/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Joshua Okoth Ouko	Male	I20/5525/2019	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Moses Muturi Macharia	Male	X74/5542/2019	BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS
Victor Akwaga Kioko	Male	X74/6015/2020	BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS
Kevin Omondi Oluoch	Male	I63/4880/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Moses Muturi Gathondu	Male	X74/4433/2020	BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS
Abraham Waswa Barasa	Male	C01/0788/2020	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Baraza Edwin Atambo	Male	C01/0834/2015	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Zainab Namatovu Okumu	Female	A87/5101/2020	BSC IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Boniface Kitheka Nguthu	Male	F19/2138/2020	GEOSPATIAL ENGINEERING
Lawrence Obonyo Mwangi	Male	I41/5296/2021	ENVIRON CONSERVATION & NATURAL RSRC
Felix Odhiambo Otieno	Male	I20/2658/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Fredrick Onyango Ouko	Male	I10/1695/2020	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN METROLOGY
Bonface Nzyoka Janet	Male	J30/2517/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Peter Muriithi Kanyari	Male	F21/2242/2019	BACHELOR OF SCI BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Chrispin Otieno Odhiambo	Male	H31/3249 /2021	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
Colleta Chepkosgei Meli	Female	J30/2522/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Jemmimah Mukole Isaac	Female	D33/3432/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Cecelia Shelvin Achieng	Female	H31/3221/2021	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
Boaz Pkemoi Siwanyang	Male	J30/5221/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Antony Kilonzo Musyoka	Male	H31/2579/2019	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE &SURGERY
David Wachira Maina	Male	B66/1068/2019	BACHELOR OF QUANTITY SURVEYING
Moses Mwakuni Chiro	Male	V28/2761/2020	BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY
Japheth Denis Oloo	Male	I23/5786/2020	BSC. IN MICROBIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
Kevin Kiplangat	Male	G34/3848/2021	BACHELOR OF LAWS
Alice Mwikali Mumo	Female	G34/3828/2021	BACHELOR OF LAWS
Dorcas Gatwiri Kirimi	Female	E37/4169/2020	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE

Moses Mutembei Marigu	Male	F17/2029/2020	BSC IN ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING
Alex Masinde Musawa	Male	V28/2428/2019	BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY
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Benard Etyang	Male	C01/0762/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
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Kelvin Mutuiriri Kanyua	Male	G34/3467/2020	BACHELOR OF LAWS
Derick Munene Mugambi	Male	D33/3447/2021	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Silvester Kipkemoi Kirui	Male	E35/4096/2021	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS
Michael Kombe Yeri	Male	E37/4383/2021	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE
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John Mwendwa Mwaluko	Male	C01/0223/2021	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Ivet Akinyi Ogallo	Female	H12/1984/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY
Millicent Moraa Nyarandi	Female	C01/0929/2020	BACHELOR OF ARTS
Michael Mwabaya Kambi	Male	D33/3060/2020	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
David Mumo Mbaluka	Male	I08/1715/2021	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
Steve Biko	Male	D33/2787/2019	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Lameck Otworu Ombulu	Male	J30/2535/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Lucy Nyambura Kamande	Female	I20/2505/2021	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Boaz Micah Meitamei	Male	J30/2560/2019	BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



Scholarship Beneficiaries' Testimonials

Abigael Irungu

I'm pursuing a Bachelor's degree in International Studies and Diplomacy at the University of Nairobi. Being part of the University has truly been a blessing as I am not only gaining quality education but also building meaningful connections. However, my path to acquiring knowledge has not been a smooth one. It has its challenges, especially financial constraints. This has made it quite frustrating as I was sometimes unable to register for all the units required in a semester. In 2022, I was worried that I would have to defer and this would mean losing time that I would rather use studying.

I saw the advertisement of the scholarship in my school email and applied. The process was quite smooth and direct. There was easy flow of communication from both sides. I was invited for an interview and later on received a notification that I had qualified for scholarship. The whole process took approximately four months. Therefore, I wish to thank the University of Nairobi Alumni Association for offering me a scholarship that has been of great help. I am now able to fully concentrate and participate in class as I am no longer afraid of not sitting for the exam at the end of a semester. I highly encourage my fellow students who are having a hard time raising funds to apply. The scholarship makes a whole lot of difference. I'm so glad that I took the time and effort to apply.

Christopher Junior Otieno

My dream has always been to become a doctor and there was no better institution to pursue this career other than at the University of Nairobi. I completed my high school and garnered the required marks to pursue a bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. I was overjoyed. The feeling was amazing but coming from a humble family, raising my tuition fee was a problem. It was during the second semester of my first year that I came across the University of Nairobi Alumni Association Scholarship; a programme that offers

financial aid to brilliant but needy students. I decided to apply for the scholarship and I am honored to have been among the beneficiaries, twice! I will forever be grateful to the UONAA for granting me the opportunity to have access to an amazing education that provides great opportunities for learning and growth. Thank you for investing in my future and for making higher education attainable to many needy students. I am happy to be part of this amazing family and I hope to become an active and generous alumna in the near future.



New Director Takes Over

The UONAA Executive Committee conducted extensive interviews for a new Director in order to steer the Association to greater heights in accordance with its vision and mission.

Mr Morgan Kiptum emerged the winner out of the 14 candidates who had expressed interest for the position and was engaged on a three-year contract.

Mr Kiptum is pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration (Strategic Management) at Kabarak University and holds a bachelor's degree in Hotel and Hospitality Management from Moi University.

Having worked for four years in top management level, he has more than nine years of work experience in leadership, marketing and customer relations. UONAA is proud to have him on board to benefit from his unique knowledge, skills and experience gained over the past 9 years

Alumni Take Part in UNESCO Walk

UONAA was invited to participate in the UNESCO O3 Plus Project Walk at the Mount Kenya University through the Dean of Students Office, University of Nairobi..

The walk, which brought together thousands of young people and adults from various institutions, was crucial in highlighting the challenges students face in institutions of higher learning.

The overall goal of the UNESCO'S O3 Plus Project is to ensure that young people in higher and tertiary education institutions in the Eastern and Southern Africa realize positive health, education and gender equality outcomes through sustained reductions in new HIV infections, unintended pregnancy and Gender Based Violence (GBV). The project aims at enabling young people to reach their full educational potential and contribute more effectively to the development of their counties and region as graduates, professionals and young leaders.

As part of the implementation of the pilot phase of the UNESCO O3 Plus Project, the joint walk by UNESCO, Mt. Kenya University, and the University of Nairobi took place on February 11, 2022 at Mt. Kenya University in Thika. The walk aimed to raise more awareness about the O3 Project not only to students but also to the external stakeholders because GBV and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights are issues that cut across all levels of the society.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention and therefore expedition by the students gives UNESCO an opportunity to raise awareness in this significant event.

Chairman Hosts Breakfast Meeting to Spur Projects

The UONAA Chairman Mr. Isaac Awuondo hosted a breakfast meeting for some of the University's prominent alumni to pursue means of fulfilling the goals of the Association's projects.

The breakfast meeting was held at Nairobi Serena Hotel on Wednesday 22nd June 2022. The alumni's projects include:

- Mentorship, placement and internship for students –Linking students to industry through work study programmess.
- Putting up a modern Alumni Centre with modern facilities on land donated by the University of Nairobi.
- Bursary and Scholarship Fund targeting at least 1000 bright but needy students.

All the guests who attended pledged to support the projects individually and also through their organizations. Sh500,000 was raised during the occasion to support the scholarship kitty.

Guests Who Attended the Chairman's Breakfast Meeting

Name	Designation	Organisation
Justice Njoki Susanna Ndung'u.	Judge	Supreme Court of Kenya
Leonard Ithau	Director	Petu Property Group Limited
Kuria Muchiru	Chairman	Britam Holdings PLC
Dr. Bernard Gitura	Director and Co-founder	Upper Hill Cardiovascular Centre
Dr.Shadrack Mayende Wasike	Managing Director	Ufanisi Freighters
Stephen Ouma		Judiciary Academy
Dr. Macharia Irungu	Chief Executive Officer	Kenya Pipeline Company
Nathan Mutisya		KCB
Emma Kiogora		KCB
Sydney Nambiro		KCB
James Githii Mburu	Commissioner General	Kenya Revenue Authority
Julius Mwambora	Chair chapter	Chiromo



Varsity Alumni Elected President and Deputy President



H.E Dr. William Ruto

Unbeknown to many people, the history of the University of Nairobi was thrust to new heights when William Samoei Ruto was elected the 5th President of Kenya and Commander - in - Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces.

President Ruto graduated with a doctorate degree in Plant Ecology from the University of Nairobi and also holds a master's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Nairobi. Before his ascendancy to the highest seat on land, no other president had been an alumnus of the University.

The President, who describes himself as a hustler, began coursework for his MSc in 1991, but deferred research in 1992 when he was employed by the Kenya African National Union (KANU). Dr Ruto holds a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) degree in Botany and Zoology from the University of Nairobi. He was awarded his PhD on 21 December 2018.

While still a student at UoN Dr Ruto taught in Sergoit and Kamagut secondary schools in Uasin Gishu County as an untrained teacher during his holidays. At the University, he was a leader of the students' Christian Union.

Political Journey.

The President joined mainstream politics in 1997 when he was elected Member of Parliament for Eldoret North constituency on a KANU ticket. Before then, he had successfully contested various party branch positions. He established himself as an astute politician and rose within the party ranks, becoming its Secretary General in 2005.

He was appointed Home Affairs Assistant Minister in 2002 and re-elected as MP in the General Election later the same year.

Dr Ruto was a key campaigner of former President Uhuru Kenyatta's first presidential bid in that election. However, Mr Kenyatta lost to Mwai Kibaki of the National Rainbow Coalition, NARC. Dr Ruto stood by Mr Kenyatta's side as he conceded defeat and congratulated the President-elect, becoming the first presidential contender to do so.

He also served as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Constitutional Reform in the 9th Parliament and led the process of assembling the team and setting up the structures that put Kenya on the road to a new constitution.

In January 2006, Dr Ruto declared he would join the 2007 presidential race. However, he lost in the party's nominations.

He was appointed Minister for Agriculture in the Coalition Government that was formed. He served for three years.

His tenure at the Ministry of Agriculture stands out and his achievements are billed as the yardstick of performance politics in Kenya.

He revived irrigation schemes and provided affordable fertiliser to farmers in addition to ensuring the maize, sugarcane, coffee and tea sectors had a bumper harvest and a ready market.

He was transferred to the Ministry of Higher Education where he set up structures to reform the university education system.

Way to the Top

Dr Ruto declared his candidature for the presidency in the 2013 General Election.

However, he shelved his ambition and joined hands with Mr Kenyatta to form the Jubilee Alliance, which brought together the United Republic Party (URP) led by Dr Ruto and The National Alliance party (TNA) led by Mr Kenyatta. Other smaller parties also joined the alliance.

He was Mr Kenyatta's running mate on a Jubilee ticket. Mr Kenyatta and Dr Ruto emerged winners and were sworn in as President and Deputy President, respectively on 9 April, 2013, for a term of five years.

In 2017, Dr Ruto was, again, the running mate of President Uhuru Kenyatta on a Jubilee Party ticket after their constituent parties (TNA and URP) merged to become one party.

Jubilee was elected on the basis of a strong track record of performance as well as its pledges to do even more in the second term. Dr Ruto served for a second term as Deputy President.

He ran for the 2022 presidential election and was declared the fifth President of the Republic of Kenya on and sworn into office on 13th September, 2022.



H.E Rigathi Gachagua

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua joined the University of Nairobi in 1985 and he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Literature in 1988.

At the University of Nairobi, Gachagua was the Nyeri District University Students Association (NDUSA) leader as well as the chairman of The Association of Literature Students.

After graduating, Gachagua was employed for a short time at the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Heritage before joining Administration Police Institute in 1990. After graduating from the Administration Police Institute, Gachagua was posted at the Office of the then-President Daniel arap Moi, as a District Officer Cadet between 1991 and 1992.

Gachagua then went on to serve as a District Officer in Kakamega, Ng'arua and Laikipia districts. Between 1999 and 2000, he joined Kenya School of Government and obtained an Advanced Diploma in Public Administration. Between 2001 and 2006, Gachagua worked as the Personal Assistant to Uhuru Kenyatta, the fourth President of the Republic of Kenya. He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Mathira Constituency in 2017 election.

In 2019, Gachagua sponsored an amendment bill to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. He argued that Kenyan firms could not fairly compete and would be run out of the market by Chinese firms that were able to get loans at less than a sixth the interest rates. The Legislator was also critical of the alleged market advantages the Chinese received when carrying out government business, he said "What is annoying us is that once they get a contract the materials for the construction is procured from China, and they import it duty free."

The amendment reserved government contracts under 1 billion shillings for local companies and proposed stiffer penalties for circumventing the local ownership requirements for larger contracts. The bill would eventually be turned down by the National Assembly's Finance and National Planning Committee, citing limited local capacity to provide goods and services as the reason.

On the 15 May 2022, he was nominated as the running mate to the UDA presidential candidate William Ruto under the Kenya Kwanza political coalition. Kenya Kwanza won the elections and Gachagua was sworn into office on 13th September 2022 as the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya.

UONAA Graces Literacy Day

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association participated in the 56TH International Literacy Day celebrations on 9th September 2022. The World Literacy Day is celebrated in September globally. This year's theme, "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces", highlights the need for steps and efforts to help create literate societies and provides an opportunity for stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates reflecting on challenges faced.

UONAA was represented by Dr. Anne Aseey, the Vice Chair of the Association. The event was held at Maili Tisa, Kajiado Central, and was graced by the governor of Kajiado Hon. Joseph Ole Lenku.

The International Literacy Day aims to remind the society of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights.

It's noted that there is still a huge number of uneducated adults in the society. Pastoral communities mainly in arid and semi-Arid areas are mostly disadvantaged due to cultural practices and their nomadic lifestyle. The Alumni association supports and takes part in this kind of events in line with its vision and



**H.E Governor Joseph Ole Lenku
and Dr. Anne Aseey**

UONAA Performance Report

Agreement between UoN And UoNAA

As the primary liaison body between the University of Nairobi and the Alumni Association, the Alumni Office assists all authorized alumni Chapters of the University in the planning and conducting of activities and programmes that relate to the Chapters. The Alumni Office also fosters ongoing relationship of goodwill and cooperation between the University and its alumni. The Association also involves responsible alumni volunteers in programmes and activities which serve the needs of the University and aid in the fulfillment of its overall philosophy, goals, mission and aspirations.

UONNA and the University continue working collaboratively to better serve current students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University to promote the liaison between the University and former students and to increase and expand alumni relation activities.

UONAA has independent authority to separately engage in alumni engagement. The main purpose of this agreement is to ensure that UONAA can independently pursue such activities notwithstanding its cooperative relationship with the University.

UONAA will be an advocate for the University. Nevertheless, the University and UONAA recognize the value inherent in different viewpoints of both. UONAA, as an independent organization, will be an advocate and will freely present differing opinions regarding the University as necessary.

UONAA and UoN agree to meet regularly to discuss issues of common interest and to commit to a united and coordinated approach in addressing issues.

The collaboration agreement has been implemented.

Alumni Policies

UONNA has, until recently, been operating an interdependent model with the University of Nairobi, where the association maintained separate corporate status but UONAA staff were UoN Employees. This has since changed into an independent model where UONAA maintains separate corporate status; staff are employed by UONAA hence they both operate under separate strategic plans.

UONAA has been depending on University policies for service delivery and accountability and general running of the office. It was later agreed and discussed that for alumni to move forward, it has to come up with its own policies for guidance.

The members of the Board of UONAA, with the help of the members with expertise from different fields, came up with the following policies which have been signed and already in use:

Financial Management Policy and Procedures

The policy and procedural guidelines contained in this policy are designed to:

- Protect the assets of UONAA.
- Ensure the maintenance of accurate records of UONAA financial activities.
- Provide a framework of operating standards and behavioral expectations.
- Ensure compliance of all National Regulatory Guidelines.

Human Resource Policy

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) is governed by a team of professionals both from within and outside the University who oversee the governance and management of the Association.

The Association's day to day management is coordinated by fulltime secretariat staff. They coordinate activities such as membership registration and recruitment, alumni networking and socializing events, sponsorship and internship activities, ICT, marketing and record keeping and management. They also spearhead other initiatives which can benefit the Association and its members.

University of Nairobi issued a communication to UONAA through a letter dated June 17th 2020 explaining that the University will not be able to manage payroll for members of staff who are not part of the mainstream University.

Recruitment of Staff

Based on the association's HR policy and the need to have a complete secretariat that will help in the day to day running of the associations, the Association's HR committee recruited a director to lead the secretariat and an assistant administrator to work under the director to perform administrative and marketing duties in the Association.

The Association also engaged a new ICT officer to replace the outgoing ICT officer. The ICT officer is responsible for ICT infrastructure and IT related duties of the Association. Through the Association's MOU with the University of Nairobi, A new accountant was also seconded to the Associations from University of Nairobi to replace the outgoing accountant who was also from the University and was retiring.

We believe that the recruitment of this new staff and the replacement of the outgoing staff have brought new energy to the Associations and has also improved the efficiency in running the Association's duties. We look forward to an even more vibrant Alumni Association for we are now better equipped to serve our esteemed alumni.



Mr. Morgan Kiptum
Executive director



Ms. Lydiah Akaranga
Assistant. Admin



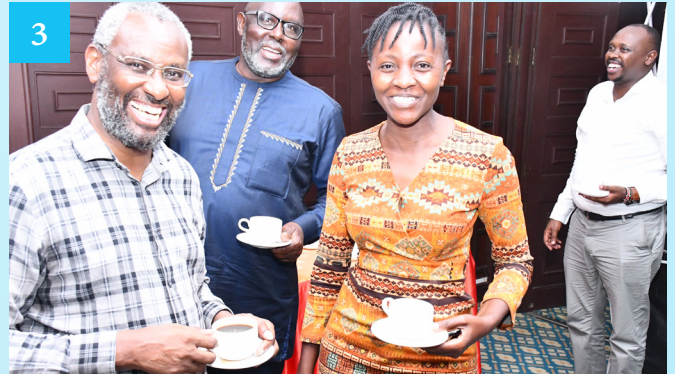
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University of Nairobi Alumni Mentorship Program.

Recent studies have shown that there are between 300,000 to 500,000 fresh graduates entering the job market each year. Despite this huge number, most graduates are unable to deliver on their jobs forcing companies, especially in the private sector, to introduce in-house training before absorbing them.



To address the gap in skills, the Ministry of Education in September 2018 launched a career policy for universities to enable students to interact with the job market through career guidance, mentorship, coaching and industrial linkages.

In the 2021/2022 the University of Nairobi Alumni Affairs office commenced an alumni mentorship program aimed at reaching out to alumni to mentor and coach UoN students. In January 2022, the first cohort of 107 alumni mentors and 412 student mentees from the 10 University faculties commenced a mentorship program.

The objectives of the program include but are not limited to;

- Help identify career paths for UoN students and support students' personal growth.
- Provide an opportunity for students to learn and practice professional networking skills.
- Equip students with the understanding and tools to make ethical and informed decisions in their personal and career paths.
- Shape students into confident graduates with excellent leadership, communication, critical thinking, professionalism and other skills important to the transition to the world of work.
- Help students identify and pursue opportunities for employment related to their degrees.
- Guide students to look out for opportunities outside the traditional world of work.

We kindly request members of the Kenya Dental Association who are alumni of the University of Nairobi to volunteer and register as mentors. To register [click here](#)

For more information about the UoN Alumni Mentorship Program, kindly reach out to Keneth Sawe at sawe@uonbi.ac.ke or call 0725305066.



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