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## 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation (virtual) Friday 25th February 2022 Siriba Campus Maseno



## What graduates of today must prepare for

### MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Prof. George Magoha, EGH

It is with great pleasure that I join Maseno University in celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation. To all graduands, I say, congratulations on your achievement. To all the staff, I extend heartfelt appreciation of your diligence in training, supervising and examining the graduands that we are celebrating today.

Maseno University has come a long way since its establishment as a Constituent College. The institution has been steadfast in handling an ever increasing number of students, to whom it has accorded quality education and preparation to join the pool of human capital for Kenya, Africa and the world. I urge that the university and its student fraternity continue to be alert to the morphing environment in which we operate today.

All of us in the academic

world must be responsive to Government policies and Presidential directives as they are communicated from time to time. Currently, the serious issue of climate change should occupy our faculty and the students of our universities. There must be unwavering focus on the Big-Four Agenda, Vision 2030 and the reforms that we continue to implement in the education sector, such as CBC and 100 percent transition from primary to secondary levels of education.

May I also applaud the University Council, Management and Senate for apt guidance in administrative and academic governance of the institution.

I take this opportunity to proffer singular recognition of the research efforts emanating from scholars in Maseno University. Our country will only move forward with cutting edge research and innovation. In this regard, the fact that all courses in Maseno University are aligned with IT is one other thing for which the institution stands out. IT knowledge pre-

pares graduands for the modern work environment.

I commend Maseno University for taking Covid-19 protocols seriously to prevent infections and save lives. Keep your guard in regard to these protocols as set out by both the ministries of education and health.

To the graduands, your work is cut out if you consider the challenges that face the human race today. I have alluded to climate change, but there are also issues of food security and indeed, hunger, poverty in large swaths of the third world, youth unemployment and conflicts of all shades. Gear yourself for the formulation of solutions to these and other challenges.

It is your contribution that will give you pride in your qualifications and achievements. Your intellectual satisfaction shall be derived from the knowledge that you helped in making the world a better place.

I wish all graduands well. I wish Maseno University well. I wish our country, Kenya, well.

## Well done Maseno for keeping high academic standards



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH Amb. Simon Nabukwes

I feel the honour of associating my Department and myself with the auspicious occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation at Maseno University. May I express my felicitations to the graduands that we celebrate today. To faculty and to all staff, I say, well done.

The Ministry of Education and the Department of University Education and Research feel gratified by the courage and dexterity with which the Maseno University fraternity continued to navigate through very difficult times to train and examine even in the face of Covid-19 pandemic. I must really appreciate such diligence and commitment that enables us to witness the ritual of graduation.

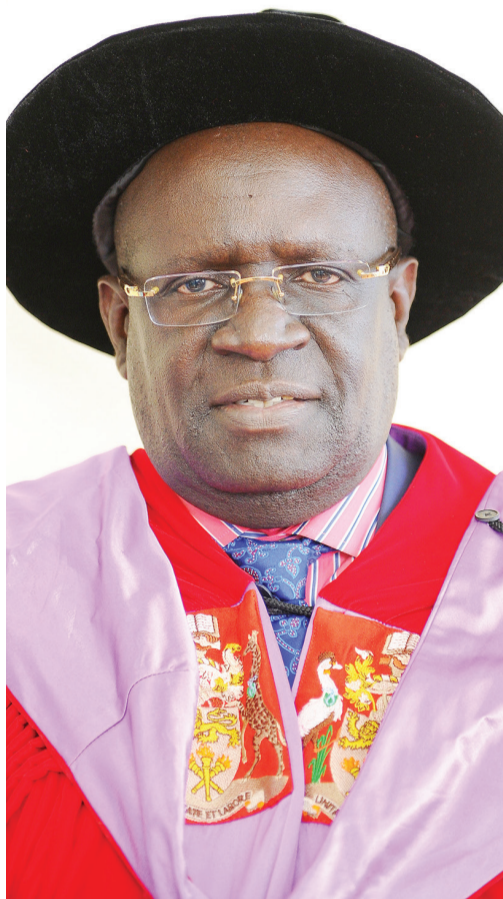
May I commend the Unions of staff and students at Maseno for the way they have opted for dialogue and consultation in governance matters affecting them. This offers an opportunity for tranquillity and peace, that is most ideal for programmes to run uninterrupted. Please keep it up for the name of Maseno University.

During this time of insufficiency in resources, I urge the University to innovatively apply itself to the support and encouragement of research and other ways of building revenue avenues to enhance the capacity of the institution to achieve its mandate.

Maseno University has gained the confidence of Kenyans as a stickler to the highest academic standards. This is definitely in compliance to its internal policies, rules and regulations as well as laid down requirements by the Commission for University Education (CUE) and other Ministry and national guidelines. Compliance is the way to go for a University to gain its pride of place as a trusted trainer and examiner.

My office shall continue to be an ever present partner and supporter of Maseno University to fly even higher and achieve more.

The class of 2021, welcome on board the ship that is about to voyage in the search for innovative solutions towards sustainable development in Kenya and beyond. Congratulations to all graduands and thank you to all parents, guardians and other benefactors of the graduands and the continuing students.



## Why we must encourage and enrich research

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL Prof. Adullay N. Said

The 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation of Maseno University is yet another achievement and a milestone. On behalf of the entire Council and on my own behalf, may I take this opportunity to congratulate the graduands on their success and join them in their celebration.

It is with great appreciation that I want to recognise the role played by Management, Senate and the entire staff in the work that must have gone into qualifying this cohort of students for graduation.

May I also deeply and profusely extend sincere gratitude to the Government of Kenya and the Ministry of Education for continued support to Maseno University and to its Council. Our partners in the public and private sectors also deserve our gratitude. May I specifically mention the Equity Group, Rattansi and Joe Wanjui, to name but a few.

Students of Maseno University, the graduands included, deserve appreciation for diligence with which they have chosen to pursue their main objective in being enrolled in the university, which is to be taught, to be supervised, to learn, and to be tested in their various disciplines.

As a Council, we are dedicated to always offer positive and dependable counsel to Management to enable this institution get to the highest standards in its operations.

This University was founded on the principle of pursuing excellence, hence the motto, "*Fountain of Excellence*". It is always the wish of Council that all policies, plans and undertakings are aligned to being a "*Fountain of Excellence*".

I fully recognise and applaud the faculty involved in research in Maseno University. This is the only way the Maseno University family shall be seen to be making a mark in academia. Our exemplary show in the field of medical research, agriculture, the arts and in other

fields must be lauded, encouraged and supported. As a Council, we assure faculty that we shall do all it takes to ensure that research and innovation projects will not only see the light of day, but also receive the necessary support.

The graduands must be fully sensitised to the research needs of this country and must be urged to immediately apply themselves to the tasks ahead, each according to his/her discipline.

As a Council, we would be happy to see our research funding bodies flooded with research and innovation proposals from Maseno University. Likewise, we would be glad to see an upsurge of funding requests to international agencies worldwide emanating from Maseno University researchers and innovators.

Therefore, graduands, as we congratulate you on your achievements, be sensitised on the work ahead. Be the best ambassadors of your University and your country.



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## Pleased to release more than 3,500 well-trained graduates to industry



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**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**  
**Prof. Julius O. Nyabundi, PhD, OGW**

I wish to express greatest pleasure in presenting 3,757 graduands at PhD, Masters, Bachelors, Diploma and Certificate levels in the 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation of Maseno University. These are well trained graduands, ready to join the family of skilled manpower for the development and progress of this country and the region.

I take this opportunity to extend congratulations to all graduands. This year, once more, we are compelled to have a majority following our graduation programme virtually because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We at Maseno University continue to pray that we shall in future be able to once again gather and celebrate such a milestone together on the same grounds.

Be that as it may, we are hereby celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation with just as much joy as ever. May I therefore most warmly congratulate my

students on coming this far in their studies. In the graduation, you shall be going through an academic rite of passage as it were to signify that you can henceforth take up commensurate roles in society.

May I also use this opportunity to thank most sincerely Maseno University staff, the University Senate and Management, for dedication to duty and for their commitment to our students' interests.

I thank the Ministry of Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof George Magoha, and the Principal Secretary for University Education and Research, Amb Simon Nabukwesi, for their support to the University.

I also sincerely thank the Council of Maseno University, which has been a pillar of guidance on governance. I thank too, my management team for unwavering support in the day-to-day operations in the University.

I am happy to confidently say that the idea I sold to faculty that Maseno needs to be by and large a research University, is bearing fruit. A good

number of the academic staff have been stung by the research bug and are defining a promising research trajectory in the institution. In all the 14 schools, there are academic staff that have picked the research mantle I have been voicing.

The excitement about research and innovation is due to the known fact that it is the surest way to improve teaching and learning, and also to make a contribution to sustainable development, Vision 2030, the Big-Four Agenda, the search for treatments and vaccines against myriad ailments, and the general improvement in the standard of living.

To expand our range of academic engagement, we have established new schools and plan to set up more. This academic year, we were joined by the first cohort of pharmacy students in the new School of Pharmacy. The establishment of the School of Law is at a very advanced stage. It is our hope that at an appropriate time, we shall establish a School of Engineering.

All our schools are awake to the reforms undertaken by the national government in the education sector and are gearing towards aligning to the emerging aspects of those reforms; be they curriculum issues like the CBC, or the expected increase in numbers through enhanced transition rates.

To all parents, guardians and sponsors of these graduands and the continuing students, I say thank you very much for your commitment to making it possible for the graduands and their continuing comrades to have quality education.

Apart from the expansion of the range of Schools, Maseno University has had the privilege to expand its campuses portfolio.

In April 2021, Odera Akang'o Campus in Yala, that previously belonged to our sister, Moi University, was formally handed over to Maseno University. The University's School of Development and Strategic Studies now hosts well over 900 students in the Campus. For this, I must again sincerely thank the Ministry of Education and specifically Prof George Magoha, who graciously agreed to preside over the transfer ceremony at Yala Township.

To all graduands, congratulations. I wish you the best in your future.

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**Prof. George Magoha, MBS**