

# M.U.A 'E-Bulletin'

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## ***M.U.A 'E-Bulletin' Introduction:***

The M.U.A 'E- Bulletin' is an electronic fortnight newsletter recognized by The Management University of Africa management as the official internal communication bulletin in matters relating to staff & student welfare and any work-related information.

All departments are encouraged to regularly forward information to the editor of the newsletter for inclusion in the subsequent monthly issue. However, the editor reserves the right to publication.

## **Management University of Africa welcomes new students on board**

**T**here are various factors that help students flourish when arriving on campus and remain prosperous in the course of achieving their education once there. New student orientation helps in the successful transition for students who are eager to start their new experience and progress successfully through their campus journey. It is for this reason that the Management University of Africa organized an orientation program for the newly enrolled government sponsored students.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, the institution welcomed government sponsored students that enrolled for various faculty programs for an orientation program that took place in the institution from 11.00 a.m. The main focus of the orientation was ensuring that all students familiarized themselves with

the various operations, rules and regulation of the institution.

The function started off with a prayer from Reverend Dr. Wambua after which students introduced themselves and the faculty programs which they registered under.



A Section of the students during the orientation [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

To welcome the students on board, the Dean, School of Management and Leadership, Dr. John Cheluget, thanked them for choosing M.U.A. as their university of choice. "This is an institution that transforms Kenya, Africa and the entire world. All courses here are tailor made for the market," he affirmed. All students were requested to go through the students' handbook for clarity on various areas that might directly or indirectly aid in their studies. He finished off by emphasizing on the adherence to cleanliness to maintain the serenity of the environment and urged the students to leave it better than they found it.

In pursuit of education, Mr. Maina Komu said students encounter various challenges ranging from financial difficulties to social and spiritual needs.

Therefore, they should not be hesitant to ask for any guidance or assistance that will ensure their stay at the university is sustainable and peaceful.

Aside from studies, the university also develops talents, Prof. Elijah Siringi – the Academic Leader of the University informed the students present. “Our focus is Africa, hence the name – Management University of Africa.” In support of this, there is an event dubbed ‘Save a Dream’ that is organized every year to organize for funds for the needy students.

In further stressing the importance of adhering to institution rules and regulations, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Washington Okeyo requested the students to do anything that they do, while on campus, openly. He went on by saying that any University is a good University – the sole purpose of all, being education. “We pride ourselves in being a small University; therefore close attention is given to student needs. More importantly, the programs offered here are approved and accredited by the Commission of University Education. By virtue of accreditation, all degree programs offered here are recognized.”

After his speech, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor welcomed the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Nicholas Letting, who in turn welcomed all the students present and expressed his gratitude in being able to grace the occasion.



The Management University of Africa's Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nicholas Letting addresses students during the orientation program. [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

“You are not just a statistic, but an integral part of this institution,” he said. He went on and said that the university has managed to transition to having government sponsored students unlike the past times where it largely consisted of industry graduates, with a hope of enrolling more than 600 students in January 2018 in the new campus, being set up at Kisaju.

To emphasize on the centrality of knowledge, M.U.A mentors all students to grow as critical thinkers. Therefore, Dr. Letting called upon the new students to make use of the library.

“Be it long term or immediate, all decisions are bound to have consequences. Make choices that impact your lives positively and believe in yourselves and personal growth as you closely monitor your strengths and weaknesses. Take your studies very seriously and if you need any help, our academic and support staff are here to help you achieve your dreams.” He said.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded by telling the students to encourage their friends to register for courses at the university and thanked them once again for choosing The Management University of Africa as their university of choice.

The session ended with a word of prayer at exactly 2.00 p.m. from a volunteer student after which they were all treated for lunch organized by the institution.



M.U.A staff members pose for a group photo with the newly enrolled students. [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

## **Launch of Management University of Africa Alumni Association (MUAAA) – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The Management University of Africa Alumni Association (M.U.A.A.A) was registered on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 under the Societies Act Section 10. As a corporate body, M.U.A.A.A intends to undertake projects and activities that will enhance the image and profile of the university, as it also gives room for personal growth.



M.U.A Dean of Students, Mr. Maina Komu, was part of the team present at the launch of the Alumni Association [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

### **The objectives of M.U.A.A.A are as follows:**

1. Raise and maintain the stature of the University worldwide supporting the recruitment efforts of qualified and deserving students to attend the University.
2. To create an environment whereby Alumni can associate socially and professionally.
3. To provide a mechanism for Alumni to interact with each other and with the University.
4. Assist in fundraising for the University for, but not limited to; scholarships capital construction, capital equipment

Other purposes as identified by the Association are:

5. To support the academic departments and programs by giving input on how the programs can be improved to meet the needs of the industry and society.
6. To provide mechanisms for interaction with University students through the Management University of Africa Students Association in events and activities including but not limited to career fairs, mentorship programs, retreats, and professional forums.
7. To form Chapters of the Alumni within the schools so as to reach out to the members of specific professions specialties.



M.U.A staff keenly follow the proceedings at the launch [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

8. To form coordination offices of the Alumni within the country and the rest of the world so as to reach out to the members.
9. To promote, improve and protect the interests of the members and the Alumni's welfare.
10. To establish collaborative links with other Alumni bodies and organizations in Kenya and the rest of the world with similar interests.
11. To participate in the deliberations of the senate and Council and any other meetings in the interest of the Alumni and the University.

12. To pursue these aims and objectives independent of political, religious, gender, racial, tribal and personal bias or any other attribute of discrimination.

13. To perform such other functions as maybe delegated or assigned by the Chancellor.



M.U.A Vice-Chancellor and his Deputy were all smiles as they displayed the Alumni certificate. [PHOTO: Benard Kuria]

**TO ALL ALUMNI, LETS SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!!!!**

### **Happy Birthday June Babies!**

The institution staff convened at the campus cafeteria at 10.00 a.m. on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to celebrate the 'June babies'.



Nothing said 'Happy Birthday' to the 'June babies' more than a cake. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]

As a tradition, this takes place every month to honor and celebrate staff, while at the same time, motivate them.



From right, M.U.A Human Resource Manager – Mrs. Selina Makokha, her Assistant and the Vice-Chancellor help Faith Uhuru and Anthony Kang'ethe in cutting the cake to celebrate their birthdays. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]

### **Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Management University of Africa Pension Scheme**

The M.U.A staff pension scheme members held their Annual General Meeting at their main campus in South C, Nairobi on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 3.00 p.m.

The meeting started off with a word of prayer from the Chairperson – Mr. Francis Macharia, who welcomed all the members present and requested them to introduce themselves.

The introduction was shortly followed by a review of the annual report by the scheme auditor – Jackson K. Mainji. This outlined the annual report and financial statements, report of the independent auditor to the trustees of the M.U.A staff pension scheme and statements of changes in net assets available for benefits, for the year ended 31 December, 2016.

To outline the operational modes of Jubilee Insurance, Mr. Vincent Odhiambo presented to the members present, the benefits of saving, admission requirements to the M.U.A pension scheme and the exit options available for those who want to leave the scheme. For

instance, one can only leave on retirement (50 – 60 years depending on the employment contract), when one resigns or / and is dismissed from work (though a person can access the scheme services at a later date when they get re-employed).

“For those willing to join the scheme, you must ensure that you are above 18 years, completed a probation period at your place of work, fill in details on the member application form and key in the beneficiary details ,which in turn should be updated when need arises. This is particularly vital to those who change their beneficiaries’ names or contact information in future.”

There being no arising matters, concerns or questions, the scheme members wound up the meeting by agreeing to retain the existing auditor for another one year – which is the standard period of appointment.

Although eligible for re-election, trustees are supposed to retire after every three years. It is for this reason that the members decided to vote in new members but ironically, all the outgoing trustees were voted back in.

The meeting ended at exactly 4.30 p.m. with a cautionary statement from the Human Resource Manager, Selina Makokha – who advised members to take such meetings seriously by not only being on time and participating in them, but also giving ideas on how best to make such a scheme a success.

### **Junior Achievement Kenya in Partnership with M.U.A Mentorship Programme**

Junior Achievement Kenya is a non – profit making organization tasked with inspiring

and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. The programme is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to familiarise themselves with current economic trends – particularly in the present day job markets and entrepreneurship.

In support of this initiative, The Management University of Africa organized a two day programme from 6 – 7 June 2017. The schools hosted on the first day were ‘Our Lady of Mt. Caramel’ and ‘Machakos School’ with a student number totalling to 59.

On arrival, the students were welcomed by Mr. Maina Komu who laid a lot of emphasis on education. “University education is supposed to be universal, hence its name. That is why we, at M.U.A offer programmes that will help you realise your dreams and potential.” He finished off by saying that there is always an opportunity for those with purpose and drive.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of M.U.A giving his speech during the programme. [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

The Director for Research, Development and Innovations – Dr. Paul Githae said that

the University is geared towards developing leaders, managers, entrepreneurs and personnel in the government sector. In essence, these programmes concentrate ensuring students understand how leaders behave and the challenges they face on a daily basis. Citing another example from his personal life, Dr. Kithae – The Director of Research, Development and Innovations was compelled in his hey days to keep going to school until he cleared his PhD studies. “The doors are very wide open, the more you learn, the more chances you have for serving Kenyans in several capacities. Always remain focussed, work smart and ensure you score highly in your exams.” He concluded.

At 10.30 a.m., the students broke for breakfast and as soon as they were done, they were taken round the premise to be introduced to the various departments so that they could have a feel of their operational modes.

The afternoon session, headed by the Dean of Students, Mr. Maina Komu, was more of an interactive session because it centred more on self-improvement, empowerment and development. Mr. Komu stressed on the importance of building a relationship with God, oneself, parents, teachers and members of the opposite sex alike.



M.U.A staff, faculty members, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, M.U.A student leaders and students from Machakos School and Our Lady of Caramel pose for a photo after the session ended. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]

With over ten years’ experience in teaching Biology, Agriculture and a minor in Chemistry at the high school level, Mrs. Dominiter Naomi Kathula focussed on factors that lead to self-destruction. “Easy things come with a price therefore you should take charge of your life. To foster positivity in your life, live and think positively. Your parents and teachers are God-given so avoid being rebellious to them.” She said.



Students from Machakos School listen intently during the afternoon session of the Junior Achievement Programme afternoon session. [PHOTO: Benard Kuria/M.U.A]

Before winding up the session, students and M.U.A. staff welcomed the Vice-Chancellor of the institution. Dr. Letting advised the students that regardless of their subject concentration, they should do exceptionally well in three key subjects: Mathematics, English and Kiswahili because they are the core components of major courses in all campuses.



Dr. Letting addressing the students from both visiting schools. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]

To achieve high levels of success, the Vice-Chancellor insisted that the students

must start developing habits of the 'highly successful':

1. Think about your options; dream and imagine careers.
2. Challenge yourself but do not overwhelm yourself.
3. Work, volunteer, or otherwise gain some experience.
4. Get as much education as you can.
5. Talk with as many adults as possible about careers and colleges.
6. Remember that everyone must follow their own paths in life.
7. People change; don't feel locked in any college/career now.
8. Don't let anyone control your dreams and ambitions.
9. It is never too early or too late to get organized and begin making plans.
10. Never stop learning. Read, grow and expand your mind.

“With these ten key points, I would like to see you all enrol in Management University of Africa. On behalf of the student leaders, University senate and council, I would like to thank you all for visiting our campus.”



Our Lady of Mt. Caramel School Captain gives a vote of thanks to the University fraternity for the valuable sessions they had. [PHOTO: Benard Kuria/M.U.A]

The programme ended at exactly 5.00 p.m. with a word of prayer from a student from Machakos School.

### **Management University of Africa Ground Breaking Ceremony in Kajiado County**

Management University of Africa ground breaking ceremony of its new campus took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Kisaju, Kajiado County.

The event, which was presided over by Kajiado Governor, David Ole Nkedianye, will be on an 80 acre piece of land located 2 km off the Athi-River – Isinya-Kajiado highway.

Some of the facilities set to be on the campus include an administration and tuition block, lecture halls, student centre, student hostels, university library and I.C.T. labs.



M.U.A Vice-Chancellor (left) and his deputy Dr. Washington Okeyo during the ground breaking ceremony at Kisaju [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]



A cake to mark the celebration of the ground opening of the new M.U.A campus based in Kisaju. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]



M.U.A Vice-Chancellor claps on as a tree is planted on the new grounds of the M.U.A Kisaju campus. [PHOTO: Bernard Kuria/M.U.A]

### Library Open Week

To enable students boost their performance at the institution, the campus organized a library week that ran from 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.



Poster displays during the 'Library Week'.

The activities lined out for the entire week majorly involved orientation at the library

on the various thematic subjects undertaken by students and how to go about carrying out independent research on the same.

### Easy access

The Management University of Africa library provides easy access to a variety of subscribed and open source electronic databases, journals, e-books, e-thesis and dissertations, all of which can easily be accessed off campus. Furthermore, students can easily access past papers of various units for revision purposes.

Some of the other services accessed at the Management University of Africa library include, but are not limited to; access to Online Public Access Catalogue, institution repository and library portals.



M.U.A students go through the books at the display table. [PHOTO: Benson Yegon/M.U.A]

To further educate students on library usage, the training was extended to Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Although the expected attendance number was relatively low, the statistical summary proved that the week's activities were a success. With an actual daily attendance of 191 students (initial daily attendance target was 300); the exercise will definitely be repeated in September 2017, during the National Book Week Celebrations.

### M.U.A Anthem

*We are the people of the future,  
We excel in unity,*



*God is with us as we march forward,  
We choose to shine, never to lose,  
In excellence, that is our strength,  
Excellence, Integrity,  
Excellence, Integrity,  
Excellence, Integrity,  
That's the Motto that we Believe!!!*

### **M.U.A Vision**

To be a premier university providing management and transformative leadership solutions worldwide

### **M.U.A Mission**

To pursue excellence in provision of quality education through innovative teaching and distinguished research to mould leaders, change agents and entrepreneurs with a global impact.

### **Motivation**

*The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice – **Brian Herbert***

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