

# MUA 'E-Bulletin'

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### Introduction:

The Management University of Africa (MUA) 'E-Bulletin' is an electronic fortnight newsletter recognized by MUA management as the official internal communication bulletin on matters relating to staff and student welfare, institutional events and any work-related information.

The newsletter contains articles and information from the entire MUA fraternity and everyone is encouraged to regularly forward information to the editor for publication.

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### MUA Nakuru ASK Show

MUA Marketing and Communication departments represented MUA who partnered with KIM in this year's Nakuru ASK Show that

was officially opened on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The main objectives of the attendance were to; recruit probable students for the two institutions, showcase courses offered in both institutions, and create more awareness of the institutions.



Caroline Marete takes students through the MUA course outlines.

Some of the display material in the tent pitched, which was at a prime location within the showground included course outlines, fee structures and institutional magazines.



Peter Kanegeni, an MUA Marketer for Nakuru Branch distributing brochures to students during the show.

Also present at the event were institutions like Egerton University, Kenya Methodist University, Kabarak University and Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology.

### **MUA Students' Community Service**

Six MUA students alongside an the Mombasa Region MUA Coordinator - David Okoth, converged at 8.00 a.m. at Kenya Institute of Management (KIM) Mombasa branch, before proceeding to *Minto Children's Home* in Magongo for their community service.



The team that went for the community service at Minto Children's Home, Mombasa.



MUA students present a goody bag to the In-charge of the Children's home.

The group of seven gave a cheque for Kshs. 90,000 and donated beddings, foodstuff and toiletries worth Kshs. 136,000. The event, which

took place on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 was in a bid to bring the children closer to a day where every child grows up in a loving and stable family.

The group has since managed to raise an additional Kshs. 20,000, which is yet to be delivered to the same Children's home.

### **KIM Branch Managers Meeting**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017, MUA Vice-Chancellor: Dr. Nicholas Letting and the Registrar: Dr. Maureen Kangu attended the KIM Branch Managers' Meeting held at Nairobi Safari Club from 12.30 p.m.

During this occasion, Dr. Letting addressed the meeting and said, *"Thank you for this opportunity and for always enabling us to work together as one. This is a platform that will not just improve our corporate relationship but also ensure that there is a lot of synergy between us. I hope that we, as MUA shall be in a position to host the next meeting. I am particularly honoured to be here and will always be in support of all the KIM activities that endeavor to make us thrive as one."*

Dr. Kangu also made a presentation - whose main objectives were to renew, spark, reconnect, revisit and strengthen the KIM-MUA dream by updating and sensitizing the KIM fraternity on the MUA products, increase the student numbers for both KIM and MUA and strengthen areas of synergy.

Notably, KIM members expressed their gratitude to MUA for the synergy and opportunities and also applauded the institution for their involvement in Corporate Social Responsibility activities. *"It is in our prayers that we will also join hands with MUA in ensuring that we also give back to the community."* Said KIM.

### **Jozzcarlos Kivaze's Take on 'Luck'**

Does luck have anything to do with success? This is how Jozzcarlos Kivaze, a first year Bachelor of commerce student interprets it:



*“It can either be good or bad. People often think about it and wonder, ‘What is this we call luck? In order to make it in life and live harmoniously, we need to make the right decisions. Live a life that will see you depending on not just luck, but hard work.’”*

### **The Benefits of Teamwork:**

To achieve objectives set by a team, there needs to be ‘team work’ and proper coordination. It helps common people attain exceptional results. In his words, Naphtali Owiti, a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Bachelor of Commerce Student believes that *“Working together as one has enabled our students enjoy each second they spend at MUA by engaging in various activities and discussions, community development services, marketing, and sports. Teamwork is also a great investment towards achieving success. The more we practice and exercise it, the better we feel and the higher we go towards achieving our goals. Let us be united as one as we strive to build a brighter future.”*

### **Life Skill Talk on Relationships**

MUA strives to create a secure, respectful, non-threatening learning and working environment for students, staff, faculty and visitors. However, there are occasions when such individuals demonstrate behavior that is disruptive, threatening, inappropriate or violates the Institution’s policies.

Ms. Jane Mutua, a part-time Lecturer at MUA and also the *Talk* moderator, said it is important to promote a positive learning environment and encourage responsible behavior in the entire MUA fraternity.

*“All of us go through various stages and changes in life; both good and bad, and unless this is talked about, it is going to be a problem in the near future. Therefore we all need to come up with ways of dealing with both positive and negative energy.”*Ms. Mutua said, citing Sigmund Freud’s take on transformation: *“When something has been researched, it is true, and if it is true, it can happen to any of us and if it can’t happen to any of us, it will happen to all of us.”*



Ms. Mutua, the talk moderator stresses on the importance of enforcing good relationships.

She outlined the key indicators that help in accomplishing goals as follows; proper decision-making and problem-solving skills, creative and critical thinking, effective communication, interpersonal relationships, self-awareness, mindfulness, assertiveness and academic skills.



A section of the students and staff that were present during the talk.

The talk, which ended at 4.30 p.m. was organized by The Dean of Students, Maina Komu. Also present at the talk were Caroline Kowaris and Janipher Otieno.

### **MUA Achieves a 92% Pass on CILT International Exams**

MUA has achieved a 92 percentage pass on the CILT ‘July 2014 to December 2017’ International examinations in Logistics & Transport and Professional Diploma in Logistics and Transport.

Students who performed excellently during this period were examined in the following units; Warehousing, Inventory Management, Managing Logistics, Economics & Finance, Transport, Planning and Managing Resource.



CILT International Class of 2017 are all smiles as they display their certificates, which were officially handed over to them on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 3.00 p.m. MUA Vice-Chancellor - Dr. Letting, Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Dr. Okeyo and Dr. Kithae were also present during the event.



From left: One of the CILT International students receiving his certificate from the Vice-Chancellor.

MUA, the only Chartered institution in Kenya to train and examine CILT Courses also offers a Professional Certificate Course for individuals with at least grade D+ or its equivalent.

### **MUA 'Save a Dream' Dinner**

MUA 'Save a Dream' dinner is an annual event that creates an opportunity for the Management University of Africa (MUA) to mobilize resources from corporates and individuals to support bright disadvantaged students from different

regions and communities in Kenya to undertake studies in the institution.

As part of the celebration, the University has organized a dinner dubbed 'Save a Dream Dinner', at MUA South C Campus, in Nairobi on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 that will officially start at 6.00 p.m. The dates for the scheduled events are as follows:

**Founders Week - 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017:** The week will bring together KIM and MUA Alumni, staff, students and other distinguished members of our society who have been instrumental in the development of the University from its inception to its current status.

**Save a Dream walk - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017:** All participants will converge at the KIM Head Office at Luther Plaza at 6.00 a.m. and proceed with the walk to MUA University Grounds in South C.

**Save a Dream Talk - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Save a Dream Dinner - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** The dinner, which has been infused in the main fundraiser, will take place at MUA South C Campus grounds from 6.00 p.m.

**Exhibition/Yard Sale - 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Corporates and individuals will be allocated display slots at the MUA grounds parking lot, where they are guaranteed of ready markets for their goods and services since all participants will converge at the campus grounds after the walk.

**Save a Dream Raffle:** The raffle activities will run throughout the period. The public and Corporates can provide raffle prizes or participate in the raffle.

### **Motivation:**

*It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving - Mother Teresa*

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