

proudly five (5) years old. The University is currently situated at the South C grounds where we are today but has the main campus on an 80 acre grounds in Kisaju. The development of Kisaju is already underway and hopefully we shall have classes offered there in 2017.

Governance

The University has a Board of Trustee chaired by Dr. Peter W. Muthoka. The Board of Trustees is the custodian of The Management University of Africa and its major role is to ensure prudent management of the assets of the University. Then we have our Chancellor, Dr. Arch. Reuben Musyoka Mutiso who is a leading Architect in Africa. He is the first and still serving Chancellor of the University and a former chairman of the Kenya Institute of Management. The University also has a governing council. The MUA Governing Council is a blend of top, senior and experienced leaders in public and private sectors ranging from Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officer, Academicians, bankers and experts in areas of entrepreneurship, Management, governance, business and leadership. The University Governing Council is led by Eng. Michael S.M Kamau. The mentioned governing bodies work hand in hand with The University Management Board and Senate to steer this University to greater heights. Their contribution to this University is purely immeasurable.

Number of Programmes

The University started off by offering two (2) academic undergraduate programmes, that is, the Bachelor of Management and Leadership and the Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies. Today we have four (4) more academic programmes namely Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Business Administration, Master of Management and Leadership and Doctor of Philosophy in Management and Leadership. Ladies and gentlemen, all these programmes are accredited by the Commission for University Education (CUE). The University also offers executive programmes in Management and Leadership as well as short professional courses in line with the needs of its wide clientele all over the world. We begin the New Year 2017 with a new postgraduate programme - the Master of Development Studies. Come join us in January 2017.

Enrolment

The University opened its doors to receive its first pioneer Bachelor of Management and Leadership Students in January 2012. We owe it all to God for the few years we have been in existence; we have experienced a record increase in enrolment since that first intake in 2012 to date. **In the year 2012, we had 184 students** enrolled but today we

have a total of **2066 students** having been enrolled in various highly competitive programmes. I appreciate each and every one of you for having believed in MUA and contributed to this tremendous growth. I shall not forget to appreciate the Government of Kenya for recognizing the Private Universities in Kenya and through the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Services (KUCCPS) placed government sponsored students in these universities beginning this year 2016. Our University is grateful to have had **347 students** placed here by the government.

Graduations

Today we are celebrating the **3rd Graduation Ceremony**. The University has held two other very successful and colourful graduation events right here on this very grounds. We have witnessed many others, just like you; walk with their heads high as they celebrate the culmination of their hard earned success. The first ever inaugural MUA graduation ceremony **in 2014** witnessed **280 graduands** receive their awards, among them were two (2) honorary doctorates – Honoris Causa. **In 2015, 114 graduands** were celebrated on this very ground. Today, the 2nd of December 2016, the University is proud to release **130 leaders to go lead and transform the world**. These leaders consist of **-----** Bachelors and **-----** Masters. Let us all join hands and celebrate the newest leaders in town.

Conferences

The University has held several conferences in its quest and commitment to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia. The 1st International Conference on Industry and Higher Education was held in October 2012. This conference brought together personalities from the industry as well as academia from Kenya and beyond. The University hosted the 2nd International Conference in October 2014. This year in March, the University partnered with Japan to host the 3rd International Conference on Peace as a Global Language. Our students have participated greatly in these conferences by presenting papers on very pertinent issues affecting our country Kenya, our continent Africa and the world at large.

Leading by Experience

The University boasts of a vibrant student leadership, the Management University of Africa (MUASA). This is a purely democratic student led initiative which has exposed our students to real leadership experiences. The highlight this year was the **Student Leaders' Leadership** forum held in March, in which 21 Universities and two (2) colleges participated. The theme of the forum was **Promoting Ethical Leadership and Good Governance**. The training was meant to expose and empower the student leaders in diverse fields of leadership. The University also invites renowned guest speakers to inspire our students. Speakers who have been here this year include: **Dr. Daniel Otuoma** on 'Emotional Intelligence for effective leadership, **Wesley Maritim**, Under-secretary-Ministry of Culture, Sports and Arts and **Prof. Raphael Munavu** on 'Management of Finances and Resources' just to mention but a few. Last but not least, I would like to

say that MUA offers a holistic experience. On that line let us take a moment to recognize and applaud the MUA football team which has made us proud in the University football league

Saving Dreams

Life is about holding each other's hand. This sentiment is very well demonstrated by whoever said "if you want to go FAST walk alone. But if you want to go FAR, bring others along." That's what the Development Fund of The Management University of Africa is about - we seek to harness societal needs and resources so as to provide quality education for transformational leadership and excellence in management through innovation and creativity.

So far, the fund has awarded;

- (a) Four (4) partial scholarships to pursue the Master of Management and Leadership in degree programmes. This is in partnership with the Ambassador Muthaura Foundation.
- (b) Four (4) full scholarships to pursue Bachelor of Management and Leadership. This includes a government sponsored student.

Thus the Fund extends its hand to well-wishers, donors, National Government, County Governments, men and women of goodwill, to help us achieve this noble task of Enabling Futures, Impacting Progress. Through you, we seek to raise 50 Million Kenya shillings to admit at least 10 scholars in the year 2017.

Conclusion

Dear Graduands, class of 2016, I once again congratulate you for your achievement. MUA was a breeding ground for you and now releases you to go and do all that appertains to your degree. Go ye transform and change the world.