Chuka University has purchased two ultra modern fire engines at a cost of Sh70 million in a bid to contain fire incidences in case of fire outbreak within and outside the institution. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Erastus Njoka said the two fire engines including a Rapid Intervention Vehicle will serve the University and the community including the neighboring counties to ensure that residents do not lose life or property to infernos. The University has invested heavily in high rise buildings and other expensive assets. The acquisition of the two fire engines is part of disaster preparedness. Speaking during the commissioning ceremony… cont’d on page 6.
The start of 2018 was the onset of implementation of the first stage of our 2017-2022 strategic plan towards being a premier University for the continuous provision of quality education, training and research. Indeed, this has been an opportune moment to review our position in the face of dynamic and changing circumstances. Chuka University is planning to position itself as a leading research and innovation institution. The University has funded various projects in research, technology and innovation as a contribution towards realization of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), Kenya Vision 2030 and the big four national agenda.

Among the key capital projects currently being undertaken are the construction of an Administration/School of Law complex (complete with a helipad) at an estimated cost of 1.6 billion shillings, the Food Science Technology Complex at the cost of 300 million shillings, the male students’ hostel at a cost of one billion shillings. Phase one of the hostel and a modern Media Studio worth 112 million shillings are complete. The University is working in partnership with Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI) and the Israeli government to develop an agriculture research centre on the 500 acre of land at Kairini to establish teaching demonstration units at a cost of 90 million. The University has purchased two ultra modern fire engines worth 70 million. Besides, installation of lifts worth 50 million is ongoing and almost complete in all the highrise buildings, and refurbishment of the sports pavilion. Further, the University is in the process of constructing a water reservoir and irrigation system at Kairini. I will put the completion of these projects top of my agenda during this second and final five-year term which commenced on June 10, 2018. The University will continue to strengthen and expand its academic programmes and tailor them to match industry needs so that they remain competitive. To achieve this, the University has procured state-of-the-art scientific equipment and is in the process of putting up a 3.5 billion shillings research park that will become a centre of research and innovation. The improved academic programmes will go hand in hand with a robust ICT infrastructure, which supports teaching, learning and management. To achieve this, the University has continued to invest in and recruit highly qualified and experienced faculty, technical and administrative staff. In this era of globalization and cut throat competition, Chuka University will continue to pursue collaborations with key partners in both academia and industry. Collaboration with industry will encompass industrial attachments, internships, research funding, scholarships, and employment opportunities for our students and graduates. Beyond the realm of teaching and research, the current administration has undertaken to have a student-centred University, where student welfare has been given prominence through a strengthened student leadership body. Towards this end, the student mess has been refurbished, student exchange programmes and training have been realized.

As an institution with growing diverse needs, the University has to keep expanding its financial base through exploring and opening new financial revenue streams. At the same time, it has to revamp the traditional sources of revenue to be self-reliant and sustainable. I take this opportunity to appreciate and in a special way thank the University Council for their total commitment to the cause and mandate of the University. Their strategic leadership and stewardship is bare for all to see; the infrastructural developments and Vision 2030 flagship projects implementation. I also thank the University Management for being steadfast and committed in their support, which has enabled us to deliver excellent services to our stakeholders. Their solidarity has propelled us towards realization of our vision and mission. I am also enchanted by the commitment and dedication of the University Senate, which leads the academic processes, as it is through them that we are able to release competent graduates in various disciplines to the global market. As the CEO of this great and prophetic University, I take pride in the realization that staff and students have continued to preserve the University brand through resilience and commitment towards achieving our common goal of academic excellence. Thank you all for your continued commitment, loyalty and hard work that has become the hallmark of the University’s endeavours.
Editorial

The last quarter of 2018 and the start of 2019 has witnessed up-scaled activities touching on many facets of the University. Notably, Chuka University has been highly praised for compliance in its business operations according to the audit report released by the Commission for University Education. This was based on the CUE re-inspection in campuses. Indeed, the CU Management, under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Erastus Njoka has steered the University towards the many commendable achievements. The sky is the limit for this prophetic University as we continue to transition to revamped academic programmes to meet market needs, through continuous and concerted efforts and teamwork. During this period, the re-certification of the Quality Management System to ISO 9001:2015 was achieved, this positions Chuka University in the best practices league. Indeed, this is a step in the right direction as the university strives to achieve its mission and vision through quality delivery in all the business processes. As usual, pomp and glamour was witnessed during the 6th graduation, 2018 which saw a record of 3,582 graduate with a remarkable increase of Ph.Ds. and Masters. Chuka University continues to focus on attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 through strategic partnerships and collaborations with key industry players and likeminded academic institutions.

The new CUSA governing council was sworn into office following democratic and peaceful elections. Our university continues to be a trail blazer in sports as proven by the various men and ladies teams which posted good results during the KUSA championships. Let us all keep them in our prayers as they continue to fly our flag high. Chuka University fraternity is in the forefront in the fight against drug use. Indeed, it is possible to win this war against alcohol and substance abuse. It is also a clarion call to all of us, to join in this march towards a drug free University, a drug free Kenya. Chuka hosted the 5th international research conference. This annual event provided an opportunity for researchers to share academic experiences with a view to improve innovation and creativity and contribute to key priority areas of Kenya's economy. Like the wise say, laughter is the best medicine for the soul and body. In this edition, enjoy our new section “bits and bites” as it seeks to “treat” you to lots of laughter. As our esteemed reader, we value your feedback and contribution because your opinion counts.

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Senior Public Relations Officer
Sixth Graduation highlights

Chuka University held the 6th graduation ceremony on 12th October, 2018. A total of 3,582 Chuka University students graduated in a grand ceremony which was presided over by Dr. Julius Rotich. Speakers during the occasion called upon graduands to be innovative and proactive. The chief guest, Alfred Cheruiyot, Permanent Secretary, Post-training and Skills Development advised graduands to innovatively make use of the knowledge they had acquired at Chuka University. The PS urged the graduands to be change agents and catalysts for sustainable development of the nation for economic acceleration and growth of Kenya. He further encouraged them to continuously enrich their knowledge to stay relevant in the dynamic and competitive academic and business environment. Dr. Rotich urged graduands to remain steadfast in the relentless pursuit of knowledge. A total of 13 Ph.D. candidates were conferred doctorate degrees in various disciplines, 50 were conferred masters’ degrees, post graduate diploma 13, certificates 782, diplomas 228 while 2,496 received Bachelors’ degrees.

Chuka attains ISO 2015 Certification

One of the landmark achievements for Chuka University this year is ISO 9001:2015 certification. The Quality Management Systems standard validates the University’s adherence to best practices and processes. The development of risk registers, procedure manuals, policies and guidelines of the University processes will not only ensure consistency in service delivery but also compliance with statutory and legal requirements. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka observed that the customer focused standard will benefit the University, including better process integration, improved evidence for decision making, creation of a continual improvement culture, engagement of staff, improvement of customer satisfaction and improvement in the credibility and image of the University. Prof. Dorcas Isutsa, the Management Representative said that all staff will embrace the new revised standards. University processes must follow the guidelines in the standard. notable is that risk based thinking has been integrated into the Quality Management System (QMS) process. This will enable the University to address any risks and mitigate against them, or opportunities the QMS may highlight. The chairman of Council Dr. Rotich lauded the University Management and Staff on this achievement and explained that the achievement was in line with the strategic plan, which focuses on continuous improvement of services and satisfaction of the students, the main stakeholders. He praised the efforts of University for providing quality services and thanked the team led by the Management representative, Prof. Dorcas Isutsa, for their hard work hard.

Students join war against drugs, alcohol

Drug abuse remains a major challenge to humanity and a poison to the well-being of the youth in particular, posing problems to the socio-economic and political stability of a nation and impeding sustainable development. On 26th October, 2018, Chuka University Students’ Union (CUSA) led by Livan Njeru, the President, spearheaded the campaign against drugs. This event was an initiative of CUSA and Nacada prompted by devastating drug effects on students and staff. During the protest march, the University students were joined by local leaders including the clergy. They carried placards bearing anti-drugs messages. Speaking at the same meeting, Tharaka Nithi County Nacada boss James Macharia said drugs had ruined the lives of many youths and called for concerted efforts by all the stakeholders to end the menace. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka vowed to continue with the campaign to kick out liquor businesses from Ndagani market, saying they are promoting alcoholism among students. The University has in the past lost a number of students as a result of drug abuse. Prof. Njoka added that the University has a drug policy and supports affected persons through counselling and referral for rehabilitation. He appealed to students and staff to keep off drugs and thanked the Government of Kenya for the support in the fight against drugs. The area Ward Administrator Mr. Geoffrey Chabari retaliated that the County Government is putting in place measures to curb the drug menace that has affected students and many learning institutions.

Some graduands during the 6th graduation
Chuka University hosted its 5th international research conference. This is a forum for interdisciplinary interactions among academia, budding scientists, researchers, policy makers, Government and business leaders to exchange ideas with a view to finding solutions to some of the challenges facing the society. The aim of the conference which is held annually is to enable scholars, researchers, educational practitioners and students share their valuable experiences on how visions can be achieved through research and harnessing innovation to contribute to sustainable development. The three day event held from 24th-26th October, 2018 was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka. In his Speech Prof. Njoka noted that the University continues to position itself as a centre of excellence in environmental conservation, innovation and renewable energy development by adopting best practices available and linkages with other education stakeholders to accelerate economic growth and achieve Vision 2030. To turn the University into a centre of excellence in research and innovation, Prof. Njoka revealed that the University has already commenced the construction of a 3 billion shilling Science Research Park and Food Technology Science complex worth 300 million shillings that will house research facilities all aimed at building capacity in human capital and enhance food security. Plans are under way to put up a main library which will provide greater access to knowledge to researchers. Chuka University has some of the state-of-the-art research equipment which are available to researchers as a collaborative effort to continuously share and disseminate knowledge. Prof. Njoka challenged the participants to carve a niche by venturing into uncharted areas. The theme of the conference was “Harnessing Innovative Milestones for Visions Achievement.” The Chief Guest was the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Agricultural Research and Innovation in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation. He was represented by the Deputy Director of Livestock Production (Mr. Harry Mwangi). A keynote address titled “Strengthening the National Innovation System for Socio-Economic Transformation” was presented by Dr. Salome Guchu, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA). Dr. Salome noted that Kenya is endowed through knowledge and urged researchers to collaborate in knowledge sharing and equip students with 21st century skills to make a significant contribution to the overall economy. Dr. Guchu further challenged researchers to relearn and acquire transferable multiple skills geared at solving societal problems. She commended the VC Prof. Njoka for the support Chuka University renders to community development through various projects. The conference was spearheaded and organized by Prof. D.K. Isutsa, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic, Research and Student Affairs). In her opening remarks Prof. Isutsa underscored the objective of the conference as to disseminate and share current knowledge, innovations and technologies to spur Visions achievement. She further, acknowledged the continued partnership with the National Research Fund (NRF) which provided Kshs.500,000 grant to support the Conference. Last year, NRF granted the University shs. 67 M infrastructural instrument support for establishing an Academic & Research Excellence Centre. The Conference was attended by over 175 delegates who presented, shared and disseminated their research works. Compilation of proceedings for the presented full papers is complete. Quality papers from the proceedings will be selected, reviewed and published in the University’s Journal. The conference was supported by NEMA, NRF, KWS and NaCoSTI. Participants were treated to a one day excursion to Samburu.
Chuka University Council and Management underwent a three-day training on Corporate Governance at the Kenya School of Government, Matuga Campus, Kwale County from 21st to 23rd May, 2018. The training, whose main aim was to equip participants with relevant skills to promote good corporate governance, also saw the team evaluate their performance over the last year and commence preparatory work for the implementation of the strategic plan. In his keynote speech, Chuka University Council Chairman, Dr. Julius Tanguus Rotich encouraged the participants to blend their diverse expertise to ensure the continuous success of the institution. “We are a mix of impressive and diverse backgrounds, experiences and specializations which come together to make the perfect recipe to accomplish our mission and vision. “Good corporate governance” is the amalgam of the adoption of best practices, creation and maximization of wealth, better accountability and investors’ protection. Corporate governance rides on quality leadership, good systems and procedures and transparency in decision making, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Njoka thanked the Council and Management for their tireless efforts in improving the status of the institution and urged them to actualize all that had been agreed upon. “Good corporate governance is a prerequisite for the success of business organizations and wealth creation. The training was concluded with an excursion to Shimba Hills National Reserve.

Attendees pose for a photo during the training at Matuga Campus

New Chuka University fire engines...

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Fire and Rescue Engine

..the VC said that the smaller fire engine was bought at a cost of Shs.15 million while the bigger one cost Shs.55 million. “The two fire engines were bought in order to make sure that there is security against fire at the university and the surrounding communities. The smaller fire engine will be used to penetrate into areas where the bigger one is unable to access,” he said. The bigger fire engine has the capability to spew 10,000 litres of water up to the 16 floor of any building within four minutes. The machine’s sophistication allows it to suck dense smoke using foam technology to enable fire fighters gain entry into a building. For operational efficiency, Prof. Njoka confirmed that staff will be trained on how to operate the high precision machine and will later transfer the skills to other staff and students alike. Prof. Dorcas Isutsa, DVC (ARSA) emphasized that, students will have an opportunity to learn how to operate the machine and acquire fire fighting skills as well. The VC added that, in a bid to ensure there is security both within and outside the university, the management has established an Administration Police Camp inside the institution, noting that it is already operational after police officers were posted to the facility. “We are not anticipating any fire and the machines will have much more to do including watering our farms,” Prof. Isutsa said. A demonstration on how to put out a fire was stage-managed to the jubilation of the community, staff and students present.

Chuka to admit 4,600 Freshmen

In tandem with the broad objective of expanding access to higher education, Chuka University Chuka University is expected to admit over 4,600 Government sponsored students in the 2019/2020 Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) placements. According to KUCCPs, out of the 90,744 2018 KCSE candidates eligible for placement to Degree courses, 22,957 did not get any of their choices on a competitive basis. The University has continued to expand its infrastructural capacity and is therefore able to accommodate the increasing number of students. Speaking to Chuka News, the VC, Prof. Erastus Njoka has congratulated the new students who have chosen Chuka as the preferred University. This new cohort is anticipated to join the University in September, 2019. “Chuka remains steadfast in providing accredited quality and market driven academic programmes, offers flexible modes of study, affordable fees and a serene learning environment; attributes which make the University the preferred University nationally and regionally,” said Prof. Njoka. The completion of the Male hostel phase one which has a capacity of 1800 will ease student accommodation. Chuka University offers courses at Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. levels in the faculties of Science, Engineering and Technology; Business Studies; Agriculture and Environmental Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences and Education and Resources Development.
Ride up as lifts installed

Chuka University fraternity can now take quick rides to their offices and classes, thanks to the newly installed lifts in the Science and Business School complexes. Lift installation is ongoing for the Business Recreation Centre. Each of these buildings is served by two lifts. The tender for supply installation of the six lifts was awarded to Elevators General. The University incurred approximately shs 50M to purchase the six lifts for the three buildings. Staff and students have every reason to smile as these lifts come in handy whenever they are running late for class. Moreover, the move to install lifts is part of the disability mainstreaming by the University to continue supporting the welfare of the physically challenged staff and students alike.

National Assembly Committee visits Chuka

On 23rd November, 2018 the Kenya National Assembly Departmental Committee on Education and Research paid an inspection visit to Chuka University. The delegation comprised five parliamentarians and two secretariat members. The purpose of the inspection was to check available resources that support academic and research programmes. The team was able to learn about the various challenges that Universities are grappling with. The University Management presented to them all the information they required in plenary and in report format. The parliamentarians were taken on a tour of the University to check the infrastructural developments and facilities. They had a chance to interact with the Management, Senate, representatives of all staff categories and students. They pledged to prepare a write-up to be taken back to Parliament for necessary action in support of Chuka University and other Universities.

Chuka to launch radio station

Chuka University has acquired a license to launch a radio station. Chuka University now has a license to operate an educational radio station in Chuka University Main Campus to broadcast at a frequency of 98.8 FM. The new 24-hour radio station will have a reach of five counties comprising Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Embu, Kirinyaga and Isiolo. When reached for comment, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka emphasized that radio plays an important role in the community and quality journalism is essential in educating, informing and entertaining. “We aim to train the best broadcast journalists regionally and globally, added Prof. Njoka. The radio will be headed by Mr. Nabea Nkoru who is the brain behind this initiative. “The Chuka Uni Radio FM will be an important tool in educating our young journalists and this will have a compound effect on long-lasting peace and cohesion in our beloved country, said Mr. Nabea. The radio station will have in place ultra-modern media equipment that have already been procured. There shall be two live studios for production and live programming. Soundproofing, internet connection, air-conditioning and lighting has already been done. Programmes will entail talk shows, playing new and contemporary music, book reviews, spiritual and new innovations. This media platform will serve as a marketing tool for Chuka University academic programmes to boost student enrolment.
VC attends KENET meeting

The Annual University ICT Directors' Forum for ICT Directors, Managers and Heads from universities, university colleges and colleges took place in Mombasa from 4th to 8th December, 2018. Over 200 participants attended the Forum themed, ‘Sustainable, Scalable and Secure University Administrative Information Systems’ with the keynote address by Universities Funding Board (UFB) Chairman, Prof. Kinandu Muragu. The forum explored ICT administrative and management issues that affect the institutions and conferred the future role for KENET in universities administrative information systems. Presentations touched on the state of administrative information systems in universities, framework agreements for procurement of ICT services and equipment, and cyber security awareness programs. Prof. Muragu, who presented his keynote address on ‘University core data for supporting University funding decisions’ noted that there is need for ‘timely, accurate, real time and historical data’ in institutions ranging from programmes, student staff ratios, infrastructure requirements for each program to research input. During this meeting vice-chancellors were urged to consider creating an e-university system, a common data dashboard system in which all universities in the country can access cloud services to help solve pertinent problems such as enrolment and administrative services. The forum also offered a platform for ICT Managers to present their cases and express their views on issues they have come across in their institutions. Some of the matters that arose were skills gap in courses, opportunities for IT-related work in Kenya that universities need to exploit, the need for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, and the universities readiness for Cloud based Administrative Information Systems as well as the role of various stakeholders.

SACCO in phenomenal growth

CUSACCO Board of Directors declared a dividend of 14.5% per share during the year ended 31st December, 2019. This was revealed by Mr. Andrew Muguna, the chairman of the Sacco during its eighth Annual General Meeting held at the Pavilion on 8th February, 2019. During the year, the Sacco realized a 33.7% increase in the turnover from shs. 15,378,141 to 18,497,006, members deposits increased by 26.65% from shs.91,482,788 to shs. 115,567,794 while loans to members increased by 21.15% from shs.126,047,094 to shs.152,708,051. Share capital increased by 4.5% from shs.4,378,000 to shs.4,574,010 and membership increased by 2.8% from 397 to 408. The figures indicate that the Sacco is financially sound and has great potential for growth. This impressive growth is attributed to the prudent management of the Sacco. During the AGM, elections for the board members and supervisory committee were conducted. All the members were unanimously re-elected based on their past good performance. The elections were presided by the Meru South Sub-County Cooperative officer Mr. Erastus Mbuula. All aspirants were vetted and ratified by the vetting boards. The audit report was presented by Mr. Lawrence Magaju, director county cooperative auditor, Tharaka Nithi County. Magaju commended the Sacco management for holding the AGM early and congratulated them for the good performance. With the initiative of the Sacco board members, a housing co-operative society has commenced and is geared towards improving the members investment culture. Plans are under way to relocate the Sacco to a more spacious office in order to improve operations. Sponsors for the AGM include CIC insurance, KCB bank Chuka and Cooperative Bank Chuka.

Annual Goat Auction A Big Success

On 21st December, 2018, Chuka University opened doors to the University fraternity and community for the annual goal sale by auction. The event which was flagged off by the VC, Prof. Erastus Njoka raked in a over shs.350,000. In his opening remarks, Prof. Njoka said that this initiative contributes to the Big Four Agenda by promoting food security and reducing poverty, a key priority for the government. “As a University, we intend to help the community increase their adaptive capacity and resilience to produce high-quality agricultural and livestock produce,” said Prof. Njoka. The VC further said that the University plans to develop the 500 acre Kairini farm by setting up teaching blocks, farming demonstration units and a wildlife conservancy. Construction of water reservoir with a capacity of 100,000 litres is currently underway for the Kairini farm activities. Dr. Jafford Rithaa, the Director, Farms, Buildings and University Enterprises rooted for innovative solutions in promoting the livestock sector as an income generating project. The objective of this event is to destock to avoid inbreeding and consequently raise productivity. Mr. Eliphas Kinyugi the auctioneer, sold a total of 100 goats with prices ranging from shs1,300 to 6,800.
NEW APPOINTMENTS

Don appointed Tharaka University College Principal

Education Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Amina Mohamed appointed Prof. Peter Muriungi as the Tharaka University College Principal. After a rigorous competitive process, Prof. Muriungi emerged top to become the founding Principal of Tharaka University College. He has been the acting principal for the last one year after the University College was elevated from a University Campus. The new principal has promised to work diligently in collaboration with all stakeholders to ensure that the college is awarded a charter. “Prof. Muriungi promised to work with all stakeholders to ensure that the college is uplifted to a University so as to promote education and economy of the region. Chuka University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Erastus Njoka pledged to continue supporting the institution especially in infrastructure and boosting of the student's population. Prof. Njoka said that he was confident that Prof. Muriungi was the best choice and would steer the University College to greater heights. “We target to launch related courses in the course of the year,” he said adding that Tharaka is endowed with a lot of minerals that if extracted, can boost the economy of the region.” Tharaka experiences low rainfall and the he is optimistic that courses offered will equip residents with skills on dry land farming.

Archbishop Ingana appointed Council member

Archbishop Titus Zakayo Ingana has been appointed as a council member representing Ministry of Education. Archbishop Ingana is a renown scholar with a wealth of experience in higher education management and corporate governance. In his remarks, Arch, Ingana promised to contribute to the growth of Chuka University to compete with the best universities internationally.

Prof. Nyaga appointed Dean FESSBS

Tharaka University College has appointed Prof. Veronica Nyaga as the Founding Dean, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Business Studies. In her remarks, Prof. Nyaga was confident that having served Chuka University in various capacities, she understands the operations of the university as well as the challenges facing public institutions. Prior to her appointment, Prof. Nyaga has served Chuka University in different capacities ranging from lecturing, successful supervision of post graduate students and as a coordinator of teaching practice in the Faculty of Education and Resources development.

Dr. Rithaa to head new Directorate

Chuka University Management has appointed Dr. Jafford Rithaa as the Director Farms, Buildings and University enterprises. Dr. Njeru is a specialist in environmental science. Previously, he has been the Coordinator of University farms. This new docket is charged with the responsibility of promoting and coordinating income-generating activities in the University and harnessing the resources of the University with a view to enhancing teaching and research capabilities. Dr. Rithaa will spearhead the initiatives to promote, coordinate, and provide managerial services for income-generating activities and facilitate such activities undertaken by departments and other units of the university. register patents of any inventions and innovations in which the University will have made a contribution.

Dr. Tuwei to Head Faculty of Science at TUC

Dr. Abraham Tuwei has been appointed Founding Dean, Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology. Dr. Tuwei is an expert in Electronics and Sensors. He is currently a lecturer in the Department of Physical Sciences at Chuka University, where he has taught and mentored students. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Tuwei thanked the Management for this opportunity to contribute to the growth of TUC.
Sixth Graduation Pictorial

The Chief Guest Mr. Alfred Cheruiyot signing the visitors book during the 6th graduation ceremony 2018. Looking on (right hand side) is the VC Prof. Erastus Njoka.

Hon. Patrick Munene, MP Chuka Igambang’ombe was among the guests who graced the 6th graduation ceremony, 2018.

A visitor catching up with Chuka University News during the 6th graduation ceremony.

Mr. Mwenda, conducts the Chuka University choir during the 6th graduation.

Students preforming a choral verse during the 6th graduation.

The Chancellor Dr. Tangus confers a doctorate to Dr. Peter Kimathi.

A section of the graduands during the 6th graduation.

Chuka drummers performing during the 6th graduation ceremony.
Pomp and glamour during the 6th graduation ceremony

The Council chairman Dr. Julius Rotich (Right) and Dr. George Kwedho sample delicacies during the 6th graduation ceremony

Kenya Ports Authority Delegation having a round table discussion with Chuka University team during the benchmarking tour

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Njoka, Prof. Isutsa and Prof. Waita and staff and community during the commissioning of the new fire engine

CUSA Chairman 2018, Livan Njeru cuts cake with the Winners during Mr. and Miss fresher’s night

Chuka staff following proceedings during team building lecture

Chuka Basketball men’s team centre making a basket against Meru University. Chuka won the game 24–20

KUSU men and women football team. The team emerged the winner
Chuka to work with Saarland University

A team of five (5) senior University staff visited Saarland University in Germany on a fact-finding mission. The delegation comprised the Vice-Chancellor and project leader; Prof. Erastus Njoka, DVC (ARSA)/Project Advisor; Prof. Dorcas Isutsa, Director BPGS/Project Coordinator; Dr. Moses Muraya, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies; Mr. Andrew Muguna, and COD/Lecturer; Curriculum Design, Dr. Joyline Muchiri. The visit was a follow-up of a DAAD organized matchmaking workshop in Nairobi in May, 2018 that included Chuka University, Karatina University, and Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. The three universities bid for funding of a project of mutual interest. Saarland University-Germany then signed MoUs with the three Kenyan Universities to promote close cooperation and academic exchange. The memorandum of understanding will be implemented based on thematic areas such as Developing Entrepreneurial Universities in Kenya (DEpUK), Exchange of faculty members and other staff, training of faculty members and other staff, exchange of best practices for the labour market, orientation of graduates/students (including start-up and career centres), Joint research projects, conferences, seminars, symposia, and exchange of academic materials and publications. The DEpUK Project will inculcate competence-based teaching and learning; labour market orientation of students; link academia with industries; and students’ entrepreneurship coaching/mentoring. The DEpUK project is funded by DAAD to a tune of €600,000 (KSh. 69,000,000). The project period is 3½ years. The lessons learnt from this project are expected to be cascaded to other universities in Kenya. The ultimate goal of the project is to shift mindsets to job and wealth creation, as opposed to seeking the same by graduates produced by Kenyan Universities.

Sports field gets facelift

The Chuka University Games Department has a reason to be elated after the playing field underwent a major facelift. The University Management rolled out a programme to plant grass in April last year. The project has been implemented in two phases. Phase one is complete and ready for use. Mr. Stephen Ouma the games tutor thanked the University Management for this initiative. Previously, players experienced challenges during training sessions because of either dust or mud. Ouma said that this will boost sports, improve students’ physical fitness, nurture and grow sports talent and help to fight the drugs menace by keeping students engaged. The different teams have promised to improve their performance.

Staff hold Annual General Meeting

Chuka University staff welfare held its Annual General Meeting on 1° December, 2018. The meeting held in Naivasha was chaired by Mr. Justus Riungu. The other officials present were Dr. Christine Atieno (Vice-Chairperson), Fridah Murungi (Secretary) and Mr. Peter Dereba (Organizing Secretary) and Morris Murangiri (Treasurer). Departmental representatives were also present. During the meeting, various welfare issues were discussed. Part of the welfare’s objective is to assist and support members during bereavement, hospitalization, weddings, sickness and calamities. The association also aims to cater for members occupational safety and health training and team building. The membership currently stands at 350 members. Doreen Kagendo was elected as the representative for Estates Department to replace Mr. Jairo Ogechi who had moved to the security docket. The welfare has plans to brand its members through T-shirts and other memorabilia. Members were asked to be innovative and forward proposals on suitable logos. The welfare plans to purchase a bus to ease and facilitate welfare activities.
The student cafeteria recently received a major facelift. This is after the University Management equipped the mess with quality furniture that matches the quality of food for students. The immovable seats are a far cry from the past when students would move chairs in and out of the cafeteria to classrooms. Besides, the Catering Department has acquired more and modern utensils to serve the students in a better and timely manner. This refurbishing was spearheaded by the Chuka University Students Association to improve the student services. Mr. Livan Njeru, the CUSA president confirmed that students did not get good services in the past due to insufficient furniture. He reported that students are happy with this development.

The newly refurbished students cafeteria

Winners feted

Ms. Audrey Omayo and Mr. Abdi Nassir are the new winners of Mr. and Miss Fresher 2018. The two were crowned on 28th September at a colourful fresher's night gala event. The freshmen said that this was the best gala they've ever attended and felt welcomed into the University fraternity. The judges who presided over the pageant were drawn from different sectors in the industry and had some sound advice for the models too. The event was crowned by Miss Tourism Kenya Millicent Morgan and Aiyera and Miss Universities Kenya. The CUSA Chairman, Mr. Livan Njeru thanked the team that worked tirelessly to put the event together. “The models tried, and I was very proud of them considering they have just joined the university, he said. Chuka University is greatly endowed with great and unique talents and abilities. During this event, the best comedian was Dennis Gachoki a 2nd year student who currently features in the renown Churchill Show. The best artist award went to David Omondi. Such are not only entertaining, but grow student creative talents and create a spirit of social cohesion amongst the students and build a strong brand name for the University. Such events will as well try to contain students within the University who would otherwise go looking for entertainment in risk prone areas. The event was jointly sponsored by the Chuka University Management, Magunas supermarket, Weru TV and Club Soda.

Lumbasi shines at World Cup

Kevin Lumbasi put Chuka University on the world map during the Amputee Football World Cup in San Juan de Los Lagos in Mexico. Lumbasi was among the first eleven players who represented Kenya during the competition. The Kenya national team finished second in Group “F” on six points from a 2-1 win against United States of America and maximum points from Liberia who withdrew from the tourney. Kenya emerged position 12 worldwide and position 2 in Africa. A soft spoken Lumbasi is a second year student undertaking bachelor of arts degree in criminology and security. Speaking to Chuka News, Lumbasi thanked the Chuka University Management for the immense support for training facilities, moral support and permission to participate in the global event. The ever smiling Kevin strongly asserted that disability is not inability and encouraged other students who are physically challenged to engage in sporting activities. Lumbasi requested the University management to consider introducing more foreign languages to ease communication at international levels during such global events. Thank you Lumbasi for flying the Chuka University flag high.
The internal Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) 2013-2017 for UASU chapter and KUDHEIJA have been finalized and implemented. This was as a result of negotiations which commenced in 2014 and ratified for implementation on the 6th September 2018. The agreement carries immense benefits for members as articulated by the respective union leaders. Included in the UASU CBA are streamlined disciplinary procedures, increased commuter allowance, allowances for examination officers, book journal/publication allowance which varies according to grade. UASU class sizes were redefined to enhance continued improved teaching to meet the required standard lecturer/student ratio. Ms. Lucy Kanini the KUDHEIJA Shop steward said that Chuka was the first University to implement this agreement. confirmed that members leave travelling allowance was adjusted upwards, all workers shall be provided with protective gear and leave days were increased from the previous 30 to 36 days. Present during the signing of both agreements was the Chuka University Management spearheaded by Prof. Erastus Njoka, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zachary Waite, Ag. DVC(A,F,P&D), Prof. Dorcas Isutsa, DVC(ARSA), Mr. John Nkanatha, Registrar (Administration & Planning), Prof. Francis Ndiritu, Registrar, Academic Affairs and Mr. Mutege Njiru, Ag. Finance Officer. UASU officials were led by the Secretary-General, Mr. Thomas Motindi, Daniel Kinyanjui, Deputy Secretary-General; Mrs. Alice Murwai, Chairperson; Elizabeth Njoroge, Assistant Treasurer and Dr. Sammy Musundi, Trustee. UASU Secretary general, Mr. Thomas Motindi commended the University Management for the support and speedy implementation of the CBA. He further added that the UASU Chuka Chapter members are delighted and motivated to contribute significantly to the growth of the University by producing well grounded and competent graduates through quality teaching. However, negotiations are still underway for the Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) CBA.

Unions finally sign internal CBA

Varsity scoops disability Award

Chuka University won the 2018 award for being the best academic institution in disability mainstreaming. The award was received on behalf of the vice-chancellor by Mr. John Nkanatha in a colourful ceremony held on 21st December, 2018 at the Hotel Intercontinental, Nairobi. During the event which was attended by gender and disability mainstreaming officials from ministries and other institutions, Chuka University received accolades for being in the forefront in the area of disability mainstreaming which has enabled the institution to integrate persons with disabilities with other members of the university fraternity. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Nkanatha highlighted some of the key areas that Chuka University had addressed in her endeavour to mainstream disability issues. They include the construction of ramps in all buildings for ease of movement for those using wheelchairs, provision of braille machines for those with eyesight challenges, provision of lifts in all the highrise buildings, and the provision of reserved parking lots for persons living with disabilities. Besides, the university has custom made toilets for persons with physical challenges in addition to meeting the constitutional threshold offering employment to at least 5 percent of the total workforce. The gala night was organized by the Gender and Disability Development Centre in conjunction with the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), WWAPD, WID, and NETOVATIONS. The keynote address was given by the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Youth, and Gender.
Drama as a fierce stray dog pulls Jackie Chan Stunts

Drama ensued after a stray dog jumped off sixth floor of the science complex building and survived the terrifying 60 foot fall - after landing on a pile of sand. Mr. Morris Mutugi, a security officer doing security checks, came across a fierce black dog. On trying to scare the dog to come out of the room, the dog became wild and threatened to attack him. Quickly, Mr. Mutugi called for backup. Together with his colleague, armed with a big rungu, the perplexed and already cornered dog scampered for safety and suddenly leapt off through the window.

The dog, had been taking a “supposed nap” after a hearty meal of chicken bones that were left as evidence in room six, sixth floor. My first thought was, “He’s dead”. I didn’t even see the dog land. I will never forget the way the dog jumped through the window,” Mr. Mutugi said. As it turned out, the black stray dog emerged with no injuries as it ran off at a terrific speed enough to knock down a grown bull. Details still remain scanty on why and how the black stray dog got itself on the sixth floor, room six. As investigations still go on, the Head of Security, Mr. Iguna has however urged the entire Chuka fraternity to remain vigilant for everyone’s safety.

What Strategy is all about

A scientist and a philosopher are being chased by a hungry lion. The scientist makes some quick calculations and says, “It’s no good trying to outrun it. It’s catching up!” The philosopher keeps a little ahead and replies, “I’m not trying to outrun the lion, I’m trying to outrun you!”

Hot Shot

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Hoping to look like a hot shot, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he was working on a big, important business deal. He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, “Can I help you?” The man said, “Yeah, I’ve come to activate your phone lines.”

Succession Planning

A new manager spends a week at his new office with the manager he is replacing. On the last day, the departing manager tells him, “I have left three numbered envelopes in the desk drawer. Open an envelope if you encounter a crisis you can’t solve.” Three months down the road there is major drama in the office and the manager feels very threatened by it all. He remembers the parting words of his predecessor and opens the first envelope. The message inside says “Blame your predecessor!” He does this and gets off the hook. About half a year later, the company is experiencing a dip in sales, combined with serious product problems. The manager quickly opens the second envelope. The message read, “Reorganize!” He starts to reorganize and the company quickly rebounds. Three months later, at his next crisis, he opens the third envelope. The message inside says “Prepare three envelopes.”

Congrats to the Newly Weds

Chuka University Management congratulate staff who tied the knot. May God bless your marriages as you continue to serve in this great prophetic University.

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Students elect new CUSA leaders

After weeks of heated campaigns, Chuka University students elected Mr. Cornelius Kimutai as the CUSA chairman. Mr. Kimutai emerged the winner after trouncing his opponents hands down on 31 January, 2019 through a competitive electoral College System. The new CUSA officials were sworn in at the University Pavilion on Thursday 7th February, 2019. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka together with other University Management, Dean of students’ affairs Dr. Kanga and the CUSA 2017 Electoral Commission Chairman, Dr. Geoffrey Gathungu. Prof. Njoka thanked the student fraternity for conducting peaceful, free and fair elections. The VC asserted that the University is student centred and the student leaders will undergo a one week leadership training. Prof. Njoka thanked all those involved for the good behaviour before, during and after the elections. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, IEBC was charged with the responsibility of administering the elections for the student body under the leadership of Dr. Geoffrey Gathungu. The CUSA IEBC underwent training on conducting elections. This exercise was conducted by the Meru South Sub-County IEBC coordinator and the CUSA electoral commission. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Kimutai, the new chairman vowed to adhere to the CUSA constitution, the Kenyan constitution and the Universities Act in serving students. Kimutai said his government will closely work with the University administration in promoting students’ affairs. He appealed to the University Management to as well open and sustain avenues for consultations and give the student representatives a hearing. Mr. Kimutai asked his fellow students to be united and be peaceful. He urged students to be brand ambassadors of the University and be optimistic in all their endeavours. He tickled the crowd when he said that “patience can cook a stone”. He cautioned those CUSA leaders who will not walk the talk that they risked being impeached. The new leaders include: Cornelius Kimutai, Chairman; Winnie Kathambi Muthee, Vice-Chairperson; Noah Wekesa, Secretary General; Lawi Langat, Treasurer; Benoni Otieno, Student Welfare; Tirus Omondi, Academics; Stella Njeri, Organizing Secretary. Timothy Kariuki, Male resident; Pauline Nyambura, Female resident; Gilbert Ruto, Male Non resident Rep.; Silver Cherono, Female Non resident Rep.; Alfred Kipleting’, Faculty Rep. FSET, Elisha Elimlim, Faculty Rep FAES; Dennis Mumo, Faculty Rep. FHSS; Caroline Mbithe, Faculty Rep. FBUST; Antony Kimani, Faculty Rep. FERED; Peter Kirui, Male Games Rep; Hellen Bushasha, Female Games Rep.
Vice-Chancellor attends Blue Economy Conference

Prof. Erastus Njoka, attended the global Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC2018) which was held from 26th to 28th November, 2018 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi. The conference brought together 16,320 participants from 184 countries. They included 7 Heads of State and Government, 84 ministers, several heads of international organizations, heads of parastatals, governors, the business and private sector, community leaders, the civil society, women and youth organizations. The theme of the conference was ‘The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.’ Participants had strategic discussions predicated on the two pillars of production; accelerated economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation, and sustainability; climate change and pollution control. Priorities and challenges in the blue economy sectors were discussed as cross cutting issues. During an interview with CHUKA NEWS, Prof. Njoka was optimistic that the conference outcomes will galvanize and deepen collaboration between and among governments and stakeholders on blue economy, and help align the blue economy with the needs of the society. If implemented in the needed scale, they can catalyze unlocking of the full potential of the ocean, seas, lakes and rivers and accelerate economic growth, job creation and poverty eradication. Correspondingly, they can amplify ongoing efforts at protecting and conserving the resources for the present and future generations. These are critical steps for a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable blue economy and the success of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and the SDGs.

HELB in Chuka visit

The Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) team visited Chuka University for monitoring and evaluation of funds disbursed to students. The team of four was led by Mr. Solomon Wanyama, a Senior Lending Officer at HELB. During the visit, the team had a chance to interact with students and addressed some of their queries and issues related to disbursement. This is a follow-up exercise conducted annually to ensure timely disbursements of the students fund. Amounts awarded range between 35,000 minimum and 60,000 maximum based on the level of need. The loan attracts an interest of 4% per annum and the students are required to repay their loans on completion of their studies. Students are advised to apply at least one month before the opening date to allow ample time for processing.

Don attends Global forum

Dr. Paul Kamweru was among 75 participants who attended the global engagement meeting organized by the United Kingdom Research & Innovation (UKRI) peer review college in Cairo, Egypt. The forum was held on 6th-8th February, 2019. The UKRI International Development Peer Review College forms part of the Global Challenges Research Fund’s (GCRF) global engagement strategy for Official Development Assistance (ODA) research. The main aim of the college is to ensure that developing countries perspectives are a key part of the peer review of the GCRF Interdisciplinary Hubs call and other ODA relevant research council calls. Practical steps for Chuka University will be to create awareness and encourage students and staff to collaborate with other ODA countries’ researchers together with British researchers and respond to grant calls by GCRF and the Newton Fund.

CUE gives thumps up to Campuses

The Commission for University Education (CUE) carried out a successful three-day re-inspection exercise at Embu and Igembe campuses and Tharaka University College (TUC), a constituent College of Chuka University. The purpose of the appraisal was to verify conformity and ensure recommendations given during the last audit in March, 2017 have been implemented and to safeguard the quality of education as stipulated in the Universities Act. Chuka University received accolades during the review exercise in all the campuses. The Commission commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Erastus Njoka, Council and Management for the continuous improvement in the University business operations. Notable strengths included offering approved and accredited academic programmes; upholding integrity of examinations and compliance with minimum standards on instructional hours and workload; qualified and competent teaching faculty and adherence to the harmonized minimum criteria for appointment and promotion of academic staff. Other areas are adherence to university admission standards; implementation of the credit transfer policy among others. CUE pointed out the need to guard against plagiarism and recommended that the OPAC and library management systems in campuses should be integrated with the main campus. In their exit reports, the CUE team recommended Tharaka University College to be upgraded to a full university in the next two years. In his remarks, Principal, Prof. Peter Muriungi said that college is on a growth trajectory having admitted 800 new students in September, 2018. Having put in place state of the art hostels and beefed security, the current student population at TUC stands at 500.

The CUE team, Chuka University Council and Management during the re-inspection visits at Tharaka University College.

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CU staff members close year in style

Chuka University hosted its first staff end year party and team building at the University graduation grounds on Thursday December 20, 2018. The staff party shall be a regular annual event held to rekindle the efforts of the staff and to reward each employee for their contribution towards the achievement of the vision and mission of the University. Mr. Kariuki Kamau from Eagles Management Consultants gave a talk on teambuilding and kept the staff entertained throughout the lecture. The party was one of its kind, with all staff being treated to sumptuous delicacies and the best performing employees awarded cash prizes and certificates.

The Chairman of the Chuka University Council Dr. Julius Rotich made his presentation on the performance of the University. He expressed his warm appreciation and gratitude towards all staff for their dedication and hard work. He made a passionate appeal to staff to keep up the culture of hard work. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Erastus Njoka challenged staff to reengineer their efforts to ensure Chuka University attains its vision and mission. Prof. Njoka said that the University has and will continue to invest in training staff. The VC encouraged staff to be more optimistic and to take personal initiative in acquiring knowledge and training in their areas of interest and to apply for considerations when positions are advertised. He added that HR will mentor and retain top talents and that the University Management will provide opportunities for growth to staff by allowing internal promotions. Competing teams for the teambuilding activities comprised of UASU, KUSU and KUDHEIHA. Throughout the competition, all teams displayed prowess in the different games they engaged in. Lack of exercise and general body fitness did not dampen the spirits of participants who were encouraged by the official Chuka University Cheering squad led by Dr. Shelmith Wanja and Marion Wambui. Union representatives thanked the University Management for organizing the event and called for more of such events to be organized to buttress the Chuka team spirit. Both academic and administrative staff members were crowned for their outstanding performance. In his remarks, the Ag. Registrar (Administration & Planning), Mr. John Nkanatha asserted that this was the first time such an event has been held in the University. Mr. Nkanatha thanked all staff for participating and reiterated that future events would be improved to be at par with the best practices.

Sports round-up

Chuka University posted impressive results during the Kenya University Students Association (KUSA) games held at Moi University. The men’s netball team emerged position 1 while the women’s football and netball teams emerged third positions. The hockey ladies’ and men’s teams emerged champions after trouncing their opponents. The Chuka Queens trounced South Eastern Kenya University 2-0 at the semi-finals to sail to the finals. In the dramatic encounter, the queen beat University of Embu, their perennial rivals 1-0 in the women’s final encounter. The goal that earned the ladies’ team a win was scored by Daisy Chepkurui, a third year student. The men's team, Kings beat Karatina University 2-0 in the semi-finals to qualify for the finals. In the encounter, Chuka University held SEKU to a 1-1 draw at regular time, forcing the winner to be decided in a penalty shoot out. Chuka beat SEKU 3-2 to get to the finals. The Chuka University Rugby team participated in the nationwide leagues and emerged position three overall out of 12 teams. Mr. Ouma, the games tutor thanked the University Management for the continued support through procuring training kits for the rugby teams. During the Karate inter-county championships held in Nakuru, the Chuka team emerged position three out of the 47 counties. During the Football Kenya Federation, Tharaka Nithi County, the Chuka University men’s football team edged out Kanyuru FC to clinch position one.

UASU vs. KUDHEIHA battle out during a football match
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