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Edition

**Empowering Graduates to
Transform Society**



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Laikipia University Graduation 2025 Edition Newsletter, marking a defining milestone in the shared journey of the University and its graduates. The Graduation ceremony stood as a moment of pride and reflection, celebrating perseverance, academic excellence, innovation, and the collective commitment of students, faculty, parents, guardians, alumni, and strategic partners who supported this transformative academic journey.

This Graduation Newsletter captures more than a ceremonial event. It reflects stories of resilience, scholarly achievement, leadership, and service that defined the Class of 2025, while reaffirming the University's enduring commitment to nurturing well-rounded graduates. These graduates are equipped with competence, ethical grounding, creativity, and the capacity to respond to the evolving needs of society at national, regional, and global levels.

As the University conferred degrees, diplomas, and certificates upon the Class of 2025, it reaffirmed its mandate to empower graduates with relevant knowledge, practical skills, and strong values that inspire meaningful transformation and promote sustainable development.

The University commended its graduates for their discipline, determination, and academic diligence, recognized faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication to excellence, and acknowledged parents and guardians for their steadfast support throughout the academic journey.

For the graduating class, this achievement marked both the culmination of years of focused effort and the beginning of a new chapter filled with opportunity and responsibility. As they now move forward into professional and personal pursuits, they carry with them the spirit of excellence, integrity, innovation, and lifelong learning that defines Laikipia University. Wherever their paths lead, they remain proud ambassadors of the University and serve as catalysts for positive change in the world.

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13th Graduation Ceremony: A Celebration of Excellence and Merit

Congratulations to the 1891 graduates! Laikipia University hosted its 13th Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, 11th December 2025 at the Main Campus in Nyahururu, Laikipia County. The colourful event, themed “**Crafting Destiny: Transitioning Graduates to Serve and Transform the World,**” brought together distinguished guests, scholars, leaders, parents, guardians, friends, and partners from across the country.



Graduands following the proceedings of the Laikipia University's 13th Graduation Ceremony, 2025

Guest of Honour: Dr. Carol Hunja – Secretary for Higher Education and Research

While delivering the Permanent Secretary's speech, Dr. Hunja reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening universities. She noted that financial support through the student-centered funding model has doubled in the past year, making higher education accessible and equitable to every promising student.



Dr. Carol Hunja – Secretary for Higher Education and Research addressing Graduands

She commended Laikipia University for its significant contributions in academics, research and community engagement, noting the institution's growing influence both locally and internationally. She encouraged the graduating class to pursue not just employment, but opportunities to create meaningful and lasting impact in society.

H.E. Joshua Irungu – Governor, Laikipia County

Governor Irungu congratulated the Class of 2025 and assured them of his continued support. He announced plans to improve the road network serving the university and emphasized his administration's readiness to work with graduates in future initiatives.



H.E. Joshua Irungu, Governor, Laikipia County speaking during Laikipia University's 13th Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Lemein Korei – Chairman, Laikipia University Council and Acting Chancellor for the Ceremony

Dr. Korei commended graduates for their hard work and determination. He highlighted the University's steady growth, demonstrated by the 1,891 graduates and the increased student enrollment for the 2025/2026 academic year.

He also emphasized the university's expanding research capacity and internationalization showcased during the 6th Biennial Conference in 2025, which brought together innovators, researchers, academicians, entrepreneurs and key stakeholders.



An international Doctorate Degree Graduand (center) escorted by supervisors to the dias for the official conferment

This, he noted, reflects Laikipia University's commitment to its mission of contributing to the world through research, training, consultancy, innovation, outreach and collaboration. He urged the graduates to hold on to the values of resilience, hard work, courage, curiosity and dedication to excellence.



Dr. Lemein Korei conferring a Doctorate Degree to a Graduand

Prof. Kibett Rotich – Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Rotich extended his heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and encouraged them to move forward with confidence, integrity, resilience and excellence.



A Doctorate Degree Graduand (middle) escorted by supervisors to the dias for official conferment

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the University is significantly growing reflected by the increase in student enrollment, with the population rising to **10,368** students in 2025 from **8,909** in 2024.



Prof. Joseph Kibett Rotich, Vice-Chancellor addressing the Graduating Class of 2025

He attributed this growth to the University's strong academic excellence, commitment to research, innovation, and global visibility, as well as its emphasis on environmental stewardship, community engagement and outreach, inclusivity, and the provision of a welcoming, student friendly learning environment.



Graduands following the graduation ceremony proceedings

Hon. Dr. Kiraitu Murungi, E.G.H. – Recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Letters



Proud moment: Hon. Dr. Kiraitu Murungi E.G.H. showcasing his Honorary Doctorate Degree

A key highlight of the ceremony was the conferment of the Honorary Doctor of Letters upon **Hon. Dr. Kiraitu Murungi E.G.H.** - honored by the university for this admirable and modest achievement in national leadership, democracy, human rights and social reforms.

In his remarks, he expressed deep gratitude for the recognition. He stated, ***“Wherever I go, I will always carry this honour with purpose, pride and a renewed commitment to serve.”***

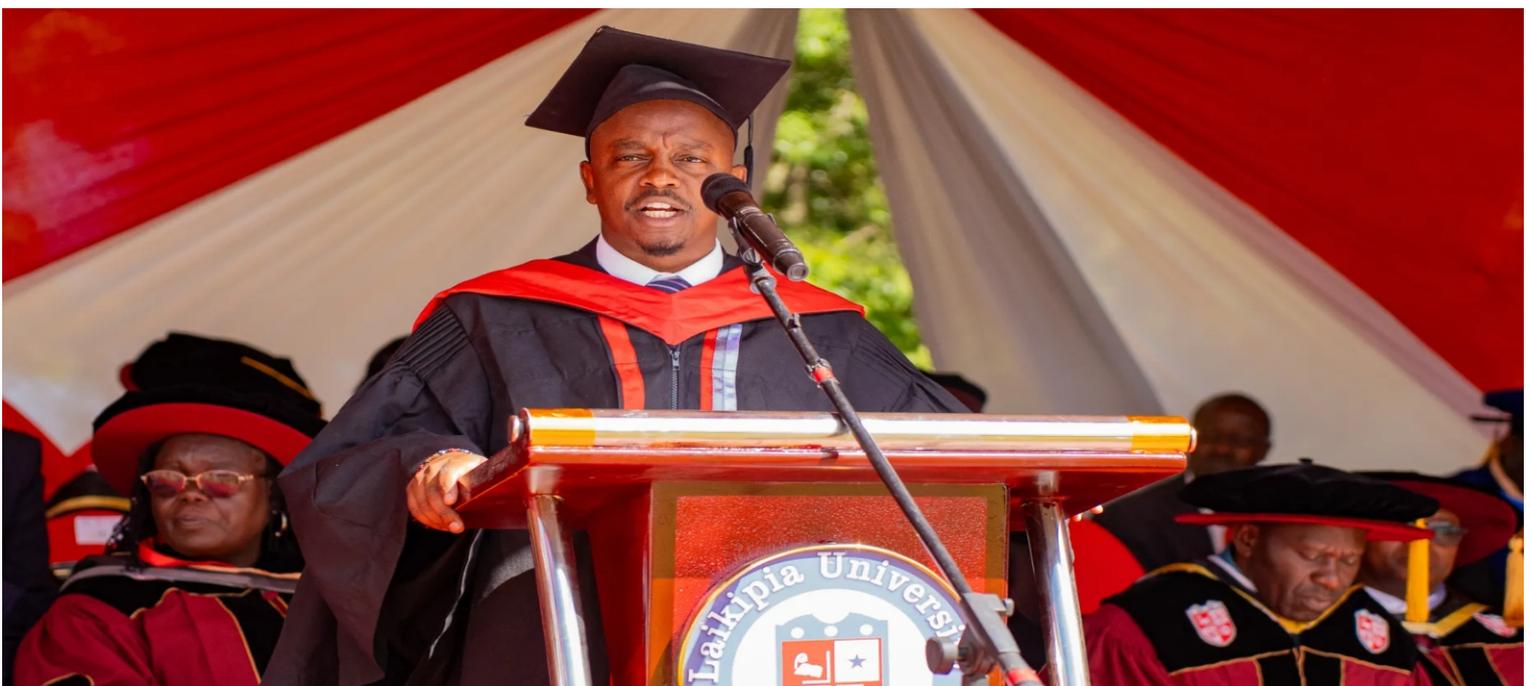


Hon. Dr. Kiraitu Murungi E.G.H. delivering his keynote acceptance speech

He further expressed his commitment to remain an active and supportive member of the Laikipia University community as part of its alumni family.

The Alumni

The Laikipia University Alumni Association played a pivotal role in supporting the graduation ceremony. Through its Alumni Fund, the Association has consistently contributed up to KES 200,000 per academic year since 2022 to support needy students. Notably, some of the beneficiaries were among the 2025 graduates.



Mr. Jesse Ndegwa, The Laikipia University Alumni Association Chairperson addressing Graduates

Through its Chairperson, Mr. Jesse Ndegwa, the Alumni Association also rewarded top performing students with high tech laptops as a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work.



Top performing Graduands holding their laptop gifts

He reiterated the Association's commitment to addressing mental and social challenges affecting students, in collaboration with its partners, with the aim of fostering a supportive learning environment free from disruptions.

Appreciation to the Outgoing Deans

The University wishes to express special appreciation to the outgoing Deans for their exemplary leadership and service. These include **Prof. Enos Barasa - School of Education, Prof. Poti Owili - School of Science and Applied Technology, Prof. Peter Mwaura - School of Business and Economics, Prof. Sheila Wandera-Simwa - School of Humanities and Development Studies, and Director TVET - Dr. Naftal Nyang'ra.** Their invaluable contribution to the preparation of the 2025 graduating class will always be acknowledged. The University also extends best wishes to the newly installed Deans as they assume their new roles.



Graduands in the graduation ceremony proceedings

Graduates in Numbers

The University graduated a total of **1,891** students in 2025. This represents an increase of **479** graduates compared to the **1,412** who graduated in the year 2024. This underscores the University's steady expansion and rising student enrollment over the years.



The Class of 2025 following the graduation ceremony proceedings

A Day to Remember

The ceremony was memorable, inspiring and beautifully organized. It marked an important milestone for the University and a cherished moment for the graduates, their families, guardians and friends who celebrated their achievements. **Long Live Laikipia University, and Best Wishes to Our Graduates!**



The 2025 Graduates tossing their caps

Visual Dispatch, Moments That Made the Story









































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