

LAIKIPIA



UNIVERSITY

SPEECH BY

THE CHANCELLOR

DURING THE 9TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

HELD ON

29TH JULY, 2022

- *Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education*
- *Principal Secretary, State Department of University Education and Research*
- *Chairperson Laikipia University Council and Chairpersons of other Universities Present*
- *Members of Laikipia University Council and representatives of other University Councils Present*
- *Chief Guest, Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, LLB, MBA, MSC, MBS, CBS*
- *Vice Chancellor Laikipia University and Other Vice Chancellors Present*
- *Members of the University Management Board and Senate*
- *The Governor Laikipia County, Representatives of other County Governments present*
- *Graduands*
- *Laikipia University Staff and students*
- *Parents and Guardians*
- *Distinguished Guests*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen*

Good Morning

Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate our 2022 graduands on this auspicious occasion of the 9th Graduation Ceremony of Laikipia University. The degrees and diplomas being conferred and awarded to 1,509 graduands is attestation of great work put in the



academic journey of these graduands. It signifies a great milestone in the University Calendar despite the prevailing challenges associated with the post Covid-19 pandemic period. I acknowledge the resilience and hard work of the graduating class of 2021 whose commitment has enabled them realise their dreams that are now climaxed in this great occasion.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The University has continued to make reforms and strides as it moves to being a University of Choice in the higher education sector. The reforms are geared towards ensuring the University matches the emerging and evolving trends in the education sector. Of importance, is the aligning of the University academic programmes to the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). Further, the University is restructuring its research and consultancy programmes to generate knowledge and provide innovative strategies for the complexities in the society.

Our dear Graduands, we are releasing you to the market today as a testimony to the fact that your choice and academic journey in Laikipia University was not in vain. We believe that you are well grounded and equipped with the capacity to transform our society and make outstanding contribution in the development of our country and across borders. I implore upon you to sustain the excellent achievement and put into practice the skills and



knowledge imparted unto you. The world has numerous opportunities at your disposal for exploitation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

On this great occasion, I am cognisant of the challenges universities across the globe experience but I have the conviction that the strategic direction Laikipia University has taken will enable it to overcome. I therefore in a very special way, appreciate the University Council, the University Management Board, the Senate, the academic and non-academic staff for the determination that sustained the success of this grand occasion for our graduands.

Ladies and Gentlemen

This auspicious occasion will not have been made a reality without the steadfast support of the Ministry of Education. Their support has been the pillar for the realization of the transformative agenda of the University. The University hence prides itself in the achievement attained this far.

To the Graduands, you have made it hurrah!

