

## **Our Business**

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: NOW ACCREDITED!



The CEO, Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, Mr. Daniel Yumbya (second left), the Chairperson of the Training, Assessment and Registration Committee (TARC), Dr, Elly Nyaim Opot (right), the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fredrick Otieno (second right) and the Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Students Affairs), Prof. J. Okoth (Left).

was all joy celebrations at University when Kenva Medical Practitioners and **Dentists** Board made the long awaited announcement that MMUST was now accredited to start of the Training, Assessment the of School of Medicine and offer medical courses. This comes after the Board visited the University on Tuesday, 18th September 2018 and inspected its physical facilities, human curriculum, resource, Strategic and Business Plans among others.

Daniel Yumbya, Mr. Chief Executive Officer of The Vice Chancellor, Prof.

the met all the requirements the required by the Board and was given the green light to admit students.

> According to the Chairperson and Registration Committee (TARC), Dr, Elly Nyaim Opot, who was also representing the Chairman of the Board, Prof. George Magoha, undergone MMUST had inspections series of to ensure that it had the requisite infrastructure for the establishment of the School of Medicine.

and the Board, said MMUST had Fredrick Otieno, was excited and called on all stakeholders to join MMUST in building the first School of Medicine in the western region.

> The Board gave MMUST the go ahead to admit the first twenty (20) students to the School of Medicine. Consequently, the University is expecting to admit ten (10) students as from Monday, 24th September 2018 when it will be receiving its fresh students.

# Our Feature Story

## Who is a Professor?

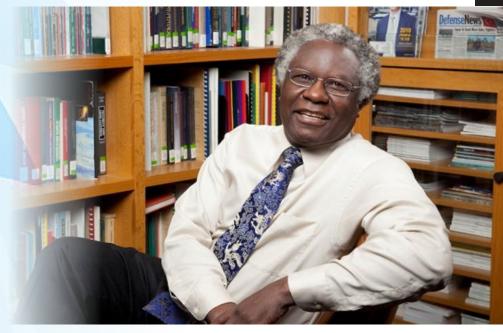
o you aspire to be a professor? Well, here is a word of wisdom from the Professor of Education, Prof. John Shiundu, on who a professor is and their role in university management. Prof. Shiundu says that the word professor comes from the French word 'professeur' meaning 'teacher'. Therefore, a professor is, first of all, a teacher. He/she is also a faculty member of the highest academic

rank at any university. Attaining such

a name, according to Prof. Shiundu, requires hard work and an in depth interaction with knowledge. Professors are recognized by their quality teaching, university service, community service and impressive list of scholarly or published work.

"Many university instructors die without becoming full professors because it takes time and arduous progression. It is not an easy position," he says.

The good professor further lists the quality of a professor as being a master teacher, a scholar and a committed service provider, educated, groomed in most aspects of life and a specialized person in his area, expected to have high standards of professional ethics to help the university achieve positive



The Late Prof. Calestous Juma

ratings. He safeguards the image of professors and the university. A professor is a role model and a value addition to the university. He is not only respected in society but also provides leadership within and without the university.

A professor contributes to better governance, corporate policy, boosts performance indicators of a university due to his/her varied experience, knowledge, resources and perspectives on issues. They are educators and influencers upon the present and future generations who base their teachings on universal ethics of humility, honesty, trust, empathy and community service.

Prof. Shiundu was one of the main discussants during the Professors Retreat at Farmview Hotel, Busia on 17th and 18th August 2018. With the overall theme of "Optimizing Professors Aptitude', the MMUST Professors deliberated on, among others, mentorship formalism, systems and practices, practice and experiences in higher education and formation of a senior staff club.

MMUST has eighteen (18) professors comprising of two female professors and sixteen male professors. The professors have a Professors Forum where they discuss on issues facing the University and how best they can play a role in growing the University.



MMUST Professors during the Professors Retreat at Farmview Hotel, Busia



asinde Muliro University of Science and Technology won the 2018 Christie Sevens following a thrilling 24-12 decider over Egerton Wasps at RFUEA Grounds on Sunday 16 September 2018. This was the Final Leg of the National Sevens Circuit.

It was a rhino chase to the finals as MMUST lost to the Kenya Harlequins Vandals 7-12 at the preliminary stage. An excellent recovery saw the University side win all weekend matches to reach the finals.

MMUST drew the first blood in the second half to defeat Egerton after a gruelling first half saw both teams scoring two tries to head into the break with MMUST leading 14-12.

Derrick Liyokho and Samuel Mbeche each scored first half tries for MMUST with two successive tries from Derrick Okisai while in the second half, Kevin Abuga and Claus Shirievo added to MMUST's try-scoring tally as they held on to clinch the much coveted victory.

The boys take a two month break before the start of a stretchy 15-Aside Nationwide League that kicks off 17th November 2018.

#### **Overall Weekend Results**

MMUST vs Vandals 7-12

MMUST vs Administration Police 34-0

MMUST vs Nakuru KTTI 31-12

### Quarters

MMUST vs Black Blad 14-7

### Semis

MMUST vs Webuye 31-0

#### **Finals**

MMUST vs Egerton Wasps 24-12



# **Our Community**

## **WEVARSITY SACCO TOURNAMENT**

he just concluded Wevarsity SACCO tournament played at Masinde Muliro University Grounds was organized by the SACCO Society mainly affiliated with University staff.

The Tournament is an annual event started in 2016 by the CEO, Mr. Victor Kiptanui, to promote the Society's outreach and marketing activities which led to massive recruitment within and without the University. The Tournament is also used to bring together members from across the three MMUST Union Chapters namely KUSU, UASU, KUDHEIHA and the SACCO into a common ground. This has worked very well in bonding members over the years since the Tournament began.

The highlights of the Tournament are men's' football and ladies' netball. The inaugural winners for men's football were KUDHEIHA in 2017 and UASU in 2018 while ladies' netball were KUSU in 2016, and KUSU in 2018. There was no netball team in 2017.

The winning teams will be awarded during the Society's Special General Meeting scheduled for 29th September, 2018.

Much appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fredrick Otieno, and the University Management for allowing the SACCO to host the Tournament at the University grounds and to staff who participated in the Tournament.

By Rita Shitemi Hon. Secretary WEVARSITY SACCO BoD



SACCO Football Team



KUSU (Green) and KUDHEIHA (Red) Netball Teams



KUDHEIHA Football Team



UASU Football Team



KUSU Football Team



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