



# JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony



### Message from the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education



Prof. George Magoha, CBS

I want to join the entire Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology fraternity in celebrating its' 8th Graduation Ceremony.

We are gathered here to celebrate years of hard work and devotion as we reflect on your achievements and the future of your life and career. Indeed, this year has been very challenging, not only for the, students also for the country and continent as a whole. Despite the challenges as a country, we seek to enhance our competitiveness worldwide

in line with the Vision 2030. Universities now more than ever are being encouraged to produce graduands who are innovative and creative; those who can develop practical solutions to real-life problems facing the world. We are not the only nation focusing on technology and innovation. There is no doubt that research and innovation are critical to improving the lives of Kenyans, making our country globally competitive, and boosting economic growth and generating the much needed jobs for our

youth. This virtual graduation is evidence that the use of technology is no longer a substitute, but the new normal. Since the pandemic hit the country in March, we have achieved many milestones geared towards ensuring the delivery of programmes through e-learning. I would like to commend the management of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology for embracing online learning and teaching that has enabled these graduands to graduate today as

scheduled. I am aware that the rest of the students have already or are in the process of concluding their semester examinations. The Ministry of Education is committed to providing the appropriate support and an enabling environment to enhance the potential of Universities to grow into credible institutions that produce high caliber skilled labor into the job market.

### REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

I would like to congratulate Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology on the celebration of its' 8th Graduation Ceremony. I wish to thank the University Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students for their co-operation and commitment that has led to this accomplishment.

I would like to urge universities to step up efforts towards innovation by reinforcing scientific co-operation to be at par with global counterparts. Universities must be able to demonstrate ingenuity and willingness to innovate despite the hardships that have characterized the higher education sector during the COVID- 19 pandemic. I am glad to note that Jaramogi



Amb. Simon Nabukwesi

Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology is one of the universities which has evolved to embrace innovation and research programmes that are responsive to the current socio-economic challenges facing Kenya. May I laud the efforts of the University in having taken up its role as a teaching and research institution to produce the innovative solution of disinfectants and hand sanitizers as per

the approved Standards for use by its fraternity and the larger Siaya community.

The University education sector continues to witness major transformation in seeking to produce globally competitive graduands. The Government continuously pays premium to the provision of quality university education as a necessary driver to economic growth and development. Universities should therefore be at the forefront in curricula review efforts aimed at improving the quality and relevance of what we offer learners.

The Ministry of Education will remain open to proposals aimed at enabling our education system to be globally competitive.

Thank you and God bless you all!

### MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

It is a great privilege and honor to welcome you all to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology's 8th Graduation Ceremony. Let me congratulate today's graduands for your success. We are gathered here in this joyous occasion to celebrate your hard work, dedication and commitment that has culminated in today's celebration despite the unprecedented crisis we are currently facing. Congratulations to your families, guardians and faculty who contributed to your success. It has no doubt taken great vision and dedication to pursue a successful end-goal towards the attainment of your success today. To defeat the COVID-19 pandemic, science, technology and innovation must all play a crucial role. The very fact that you're holding this event show that you know this already. The pandemic has forced us to adopt new ways of working, educating and relating to one another. The technological and social challenges involved in offering the

possibility of working remotely (telecommuting) to the maximum number of people, and in providing opportunities for distance learning so that children and adolescents can continue their studies, have been significant and must be taken into account at this time. The reality facing you now is that you must keep abreast with the latest developments in your areas of specialization. Some of the professions you hear of today may cease to exist in the near future. Learning is a continuous process. Equip yourselves with skills that can enable you to be dynamic in the changing work environment. Keep in touch with changes in learning trends and forecast on possible future growth. The state of our workforce depends on how higher learning adapts to the changing needs of the workplace. Congratulations once more! Thank you and may God bless you!

### MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



Prof. Isaiah IC Wakindiki

On behalf of the University Council, allow me to welcome you all to this auspicious occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology. For the graduands, accept my sincere congratulations on this day when, after years of hard work, you are finally graduating.

I would like to assure you that while the COVID- 19 pandemic has disrupted plans for the traditional commencement ceremony, the University remains focused and committed to celebrating your accomplishments and resilience. The challenges brought about by the pandemic makes the ceremony historic. We,

therefore, salute you, our graduands, in a manner that is befitting of your tenacity, adaptability and resilience.

As the Chairman of the Council of this University, this is my first graduation here, I am indeed delighted to be associated with this fine institution which has contributed so much to our nation's human capital.

And on this note, I would wish to take this early opportunity to most sincerely thank the Government of Kenya for according me an opportunity to serve in this University. For me, it is both an honor and privilege to chair a Council that is endowed with so much talent. I also wish to thank the entire University led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stephen Agong' for the warm welcome accorded to me and the entire

University Council. I assume responsibility of the leadership of this young promising Institution with utmost humility and gratitude.

But even though there may not be pomp because of our circumstances, never has a graduating class been called to step into the future with more purpose, vision, passion, energy and hope than this one. As a Council, we have embarked on refining the strategy, policies, structures, shared values and systems that are vital in speeding the realization of the vision and mandate of this University.

Allow me at this point, to convey our special message of congratulations to all the graduands on their momentous achievement. This marks the end of one stage and ushers them into

another in their pursuit of academic excellence. I am confident that our graduands are fully prepared for the life ahead. I do not doubt that the kind of training that they have received at the University will fit them into the practical side of life and enable them to employ their knowledge for the good of the nation and humanity in general. As a University Council, we are very proud of you. We look forward to greater interaction with you as part of our Alumni.

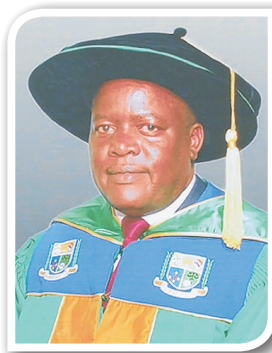
Thank you. God bless Kenya, God bless JOOUST!





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Prof. Stephen Agong', PhD, FAAS  
Vice – Chancellor

### Message from the Vice Chancellor

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology's 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony, our first virtual graduation. A warm welcome to our distinguished guests for participating in this event!

Let me congratulate the graduands for the hard work and determination that made us gather here. I want to thank the parents and guardians for the support accorded to the students in enabling them complete their academic studies successfully.

I would like to pay great tribute to all members of academic staff that have spent many hours transferring to online teaching and assessment in recent months. This has been the result of your hard work, and I am very grateful to colleagues in all the faculties, the Centre for e- Learning, and others for all that you have done to make this day a success. I also wish to pay great tribute to the entire administrative staff that has done so much to ensure that the campus continues to be conducive for the students who are here, and for those

who have been contributing towards COVID-19 research activities.

The University has greatly embraced ICT technology in every aspect.

We have substantially invested in the e-Laboratory. The laboratories are being used by lecturers and the students to access learning material and for online teaching during the pandemic. The University has digitized services for more efficient service delivery through the Enterprise Resource Planning system.

These are challenging times, which have required an enormous amount of rapid decision making, planning,

and understanding from all. I am sincerely grateful to the entire JOOUST community: students, staff, alumni, donors, friends and partners – for the part they are playing in the University's response to COVID-19. In conclusion, I call each of you to action, to go out from there, with confidence, with our blessings and best wishes, and work actively towards living a good and productive life.

Thank you and May the Lord bless you!

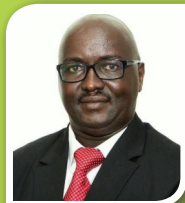
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### DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Prof. Joseph Bosire, PhD

I take this opportunity to congratulate the graduands on this auspicious occasion. We will forever recognize the Class of 2020 as a special group of students who faced a great challenge brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic. May these unique circumstances give you resilience and inspire you to make the world a better place when you go back into it. May I also thank the parents and guardians for the support accorded to our graduands that enabled them finish their various programmes. May the Almighty God

bless the work of your hands. During this year's graduation a total of about 2500 graduands will be conferred with degrees, diplomas and certificates respectively. Out of this number, 18 graduands will be awarded PhDs in various fields. This signifies an increase in those graduating from the previous year where the University graduated a total of 2360 graduands. These is a clear indication of competent supervisory capacity exhibited by faculty despite the pandemic. Since the unprecedented closure of the University, Senate approved completion of teaching and learning during Semester two of the 2019/2020 Academic Year using e-learning platforms. It is important to note that through the Directorate of the Centre for E-Learning, we have been able to conduct blended learning via platforms such as zoom, and have done over 50 online examinations. Our programmes are designed on the basis of the country's priority areas of development. In addition, the delivery approach that integrate class interactions, practical's, field work and industrial placement provide the requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes relevant to the labour market needs. This enables fast absorption of our graduands into the competitive job market even prior to graduation, hence mitigating youth unemployment challenges. JOOUST keenly engages students and assists them to develop talents in various areas, including sports, drama, music and leadership. Finally, the University provides a hub for academic excellence both nationally and internationally and with a focused teaching staff, our motto of being an "Oasis of Knowledge" is securely anchored. May I join others in congratulating the graduands and wish them a rewarding and fulfilling future

### DIVISION OF PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (PAF)

The Division of Planning, Administration and Finance (PAF) congratulates the graduands on this special occasion for achieving this commendable feat. Even though this graduation ceremony looks different, we wish it could have been normal, but we want to assure you of our pride in you and that the achievement is no different.

The Division of PAF is charged with the responsibility of ensuring there is a conducive environment in the University for studies through provision of adequate infrastructural facilities and the requisite human resource capacity for world class learning. To enhance this feat, just recently, the University through the Division upgraded its integrated University Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System to ensure real-time service delivery, visibility, process efficiency, valuable data security and cost saving. The students and staff can now have access to personalized portals that provide great convenience in interaction with and accessing most university services. The on-going capital projects under the Division, once complete, will also greatly improve on learning and office space as well as access to state of the state of the art research facilities for both students and staff.

As a Division of the University, graduation is the perfect time to look at the quality of our products with pride. To the graduates, it often marks the beginning of a new chapter and also a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Always remember, there is no limit to what you can do if you keep believing in yourself. Congrats and let your dreams be your wings into the future!



Prof. Francis O. Ang'awa PhD,

### DIVISION OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND OUTREACH (RIO)

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduands as the University marks the 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony. Driven by the desire to excel in research and community outreach, the Division complements

nurturing creativity and innovation of our students through integrated training, research and community outreach.

Our graduands are now technically equipped with skills in research and development for problem solving. During the 2019-2020 Academic Year, the University through the Division engaged in strategic partnership leading to students and staff exchange programmes as well as resource mobilization for research. Among the Institutions we have engaged with include Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), World Health Organization (WHO), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), USAID, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden), Virginia Tech



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University (USA), Northwest Agriculture and Forest University (China), Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), National Research Fund and Kenya Space Agency, Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) and Bandari Maritime Academy among others.

This has been a different year because of COVID-19. However, the University is proud of a number of achievements in this Division. The University has responded by producing disinfecting agents for internal use and sale to the community. Enactus JOOUST Club were awarded Kshs. 100,000 BIG Grant for the Hydropad Enactus JOOUST Project during the BIG Education Challenge. Further, Hult Prize JOOUST Team has excelled beyond expectations and has been invited for national, regional and international competitions.

The Division endeavors to continue providing serene environment for critical thinking to ensure that staff and students are provided with the best university education. In this context, the University is in the process of constructing a research complex for teaching, research and business incubation located at our Miyandhe Campus and which will spur research activities and inculcate the research culture among our staff and students. To our graduands, we are confident that you will uphold the University's core values in contributing to nation building. Congratulations.

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## Jooust Contributes Towards The Covid-19 Pandemic By Donating Disinfecting Agents To The County Government Of Siaya

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology donated a consignment of disinfecting agents to the County Government of Siaya as part of its contribution towards the COVID-19 pandemic. The handing over ceremony which took place at the Siaya County Referral Hospital was witnessed by the Chief Administrative Secretary in the State Department for University Education and Research, Ministry of Education Ms. Mumina Bonaya. While making her remarks, Ms. Bonaya took note of the University's efforts in the universal fight against the corona pandemic. "We acknowledge and deeply appreciate the University for producing disinfecting agents to be used towards the fight against COVID-19 and recognize this effort as the Ministry in charge of Education." Said Ms. Bonaya.

The disinfecting agents included



antiseptic hand washes, hand sanitizers and disinfectants that were produced within the University. While handing over the consignment, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stephen Agong', reiterated the University's commitment to meeting its corporate social responsibility in contributing towards the prevention of additional COVID-19 infections in Siaya County. "As a university, we are aware of the fact that times are changing and we need to change with the times by innovating and coming up with homegrown solutions." Said Prof.

Agong'.

The Governor Siaya County, H.E. Cornel Rasanga expressed his appreciation to the University for supporting the County's efforts towards the fight against COVID-19. "As Siaya County Government, we are grateful to JOOUST for its timeless efforts towards partnering with us to fight this pandemic. We are indeed grateful to the University for thinking about the community and laud your effort. We would like to further partner with the University to upscale

mass production of the disinfecting agents for commercialization and continued use by our local hospitals." Said the Governor.

The event was attended by the County Minister of Health, Ms. Dorothy Owino among other County executive members and part of the University Management that included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Benson Estambale, Prof. Joseph Bosire, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Planning, Administration and Finance Prof. Francis Ang'awa.

### Vision

A beacon of excellence in  
University Education

### Mission

To provide quality education that  
nurtures creativity and innovation  
through integrated training,  
research and community outreach  
for sustainable development

### Mission

A holistic scholarship service to  
humanity through wisdom,  
science and technology.

### Core Values

Customer focus  
Impartiality  
Professionalism  
Integrity  
Meritocracy

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