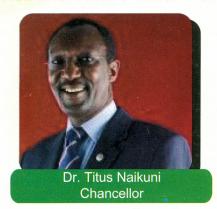
MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Let me first extend my warmest congratulations to all those who will be graduating today. You are a great group as you will make history by becoming the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ graduands of South Eastern Kenya University and the $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ alumni of the same University.

The establishment of SEKU was aimed at transforming the lives of Kenyans in the Arid and Semi-arid Lands (ASALs), by providing the required educational opportunities for young secondary school leavers and other people pursing higher levels of education.

Through teaching, research, community and extension services, SEKU is set to contribute and influence Government policy aimed at regional development through provision of equal education opportunities to all its citizens.

Since SEKU was established, we have made a lot of progress. The current total student enrolment has tremendously increased to about 5,000 in the last 4 years.

It is expected that student admission numbers will constantly increase and reach 10,000 in the next five years and 30,000 in ten years.

A Newsletter from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor

The University currently offers a diverse range of academic programmes in its nine schools, institute and twenty one teaching departments. The University has also continued to recruit professionally qualified academic, administrative and support staff.

The University is endowed with land resources located in strategic areas in different parts of the country. Once these facilities are well developed, SEKU will emerge as one of the largest and best university in this region.

Let me once again congratulate all those who will be graduating today. Your graduation marks the end of several years of hard work. I also wish to salute your lecturers and parents for moulding you into what you are today.

Your parents and guardians sacrificed and supported your education to enable you complete your University education. Once you exit to the job market, be good Ambassadors of SEKU. Ensure you work hard and exhibit high degree of discipline that continues to promote the good name of the University in the job market.

Thank you and God bless you.

Dr. Titus Naikuni Chancellor