

**PROF. FRANCIS WACHIRA, AG VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH DURING PROF.  
GEOFFREY MULUVI-FORMER VICE CHANCELLOR'S FAREWELL PARTY ON**

**31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

Honourable Guest- Former Vice Chancellor - Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi, Chancellor, Esteemed University Council and Management, Cherished Faculty and Staff, and beloved students,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

Special Greetings,

Today, we come together to bid a heartfelt farewell to a visionary leader and a mentor, Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi, our former Vice Chancellor, who has left an indelible mark on the legacy of South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU). I stand before you to convey our profound appreciation for his exceptional tenure.

Under Prof. Muluvi's steadfast guidance, SEKU has become a hub of academic excellence and innovation. His commitment to stability and growth has strengthened our present and laid a strong foundation for the future. His mentorship, including my own journey, testifies to his dedication in grooming future leaders. From SEKU's inception to securing its lands, building infrastructure, and introducing market-driven programmes, his visionary leadership is undeniable.

Prof. Muluvi's exceptional ability to build professional rapport and connections with the staff and students has ensured that the University's operations continued without disruption - without unrest from either the faculty, staff or students, even during the leadership transition. Furthermore, the nurturing of human resources under his tutelage has been pivotal in enabling SEKU to thrive and flourish.

I want to express my deep appreciation to both the University Council and Management for their steadfast support. Your collaborative efforts have played a pivotal role in ensuring the seamless progress of our University's mission.

In closing, Prof. Muluvi's journey as the pioneering Vice Chancellor of SEKU has undoubtedly left a lasting impact. As we express our heartfelt gratitude, let us carry forward the values he instilled, which will continue to serve as our guiding light, illuminating our path toward greater achievements.

Thank you.