

# LAIKIPIA



# UNIVERSITY

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

**Our Chief Guest Prof Chacha  
The University Council  
Our political leaders  
Invited Guests  
Staff & students  
Ladies and Gentlemen**

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Laikipia University class of 2018. Today, we shall confer degrees and diplomas to 2065 graduands. I acknowledge and applaud the determination, fortitude and resilience of the class of 2018. The sporadic and recurrent labor unrest, with the attendant university closures did not dim your hunger to complete your programs in time.

Graduation is a concept of event and time. In life, you graduate every day. You learn, develop and advance in different arenas until your last breath. For the class of 2018, remember that your graduation today is the beginning of a learning process, not the end. Let whatever difficulties life may present spark a new resolve to succeed knowing that nobody can deter your progress except yourself.

If I could give a word of comfort to the class of 2018, it would be this: each one of you has the capacity to succeed in life. Do not allow yourself to be limited by detractors and critics. Have faith in your ability. Stay focussed and remain on course. Yes, there will be obstacles on your path, use them to climb higher and remember that success is not a destination – it is a journey.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I wish to assure our graduands that your choice of Laikipia University was not in vain. The labor market assures us that our graduates are versatile and well-grounded in their respective disciplines. Go out and compete in the national and international job market. A Laikipia University certificate guarantees you a head start. Serve your communities with dedication and commitment. And when you decide to undertake further studies please remember your Alma Mata. Our postgraduate degrees are equally well regarded.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I would be negligent if I forget to recognise the care and support our graduands have received from considerate and encouraging parents and benefactors. We thank you. We thank, also, the academic and non-academic staff of this university whose efforts have seen the achievement of the dreams of our graduands.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

My special appreciation to the Ministry of Education for the constant support that has seen us continue to improve our infrastructure thereby establishing a conducive learning environment for our students.

### **Lastly**

I congratulate our new Vice-Chancellor on his inaugural graduation ceremony for the university.

*Finally, as we enter into the festive period, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year! Happy 2019!*