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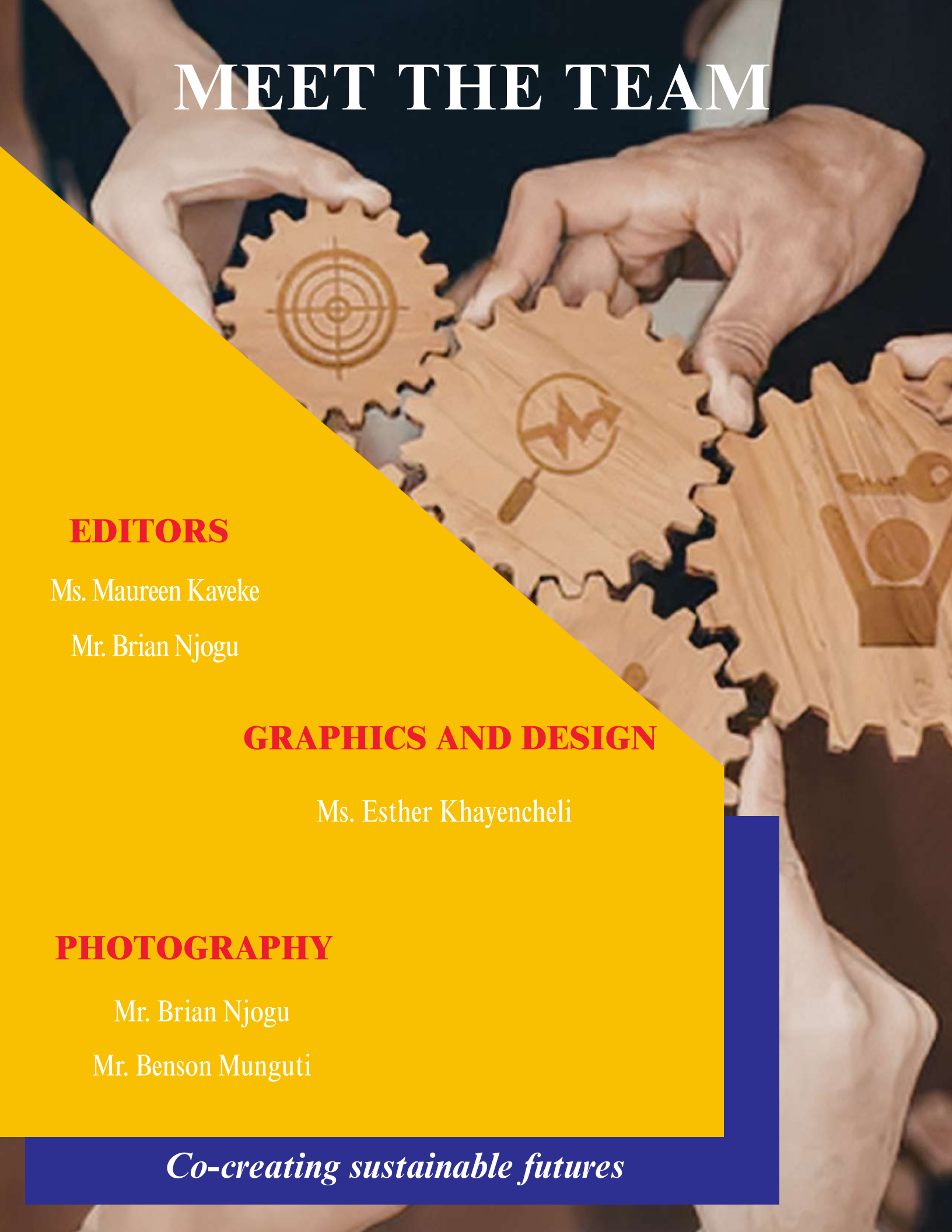
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MEET THE TEAM

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Machakos University Expands Collaboration with Riga Technical University



Dr. Kristovska(left) alongside DVC-ASA-Prof. James Muola



Machakos University is advancing its internationalisation agenda through expanded collaboration with Riga Technical University (RTU), Latvia, exploring new opportunities in academic programmes, research, mobility and institutional development. The partnership builds on the University's participation in the Erasmus+ International Mobility Programme at RTU, coordinated by Prof. Stanley Makindi, Erasmus+ Programme Coordinator, Machakos University. The programme has provided a foundation for student and staff exchanges while opening avenues for broader academic cooperation.

During discussions with Dr. Ineta Kristovska of Riga Business School, RTU, the two institutions explored opportunities for joint development and delivery of BBA and MBA programmes, collaborative research, student and staff exchanges, academic case studies, curriculum development, postgraduate supervision, research capacity building, open and flexible learning, quality assurance and access to wider international academic networks.

The discussions also considered effective mechanisms for credit recognition to support seamless student mobility and opportunities for RTU academics to contribute to postgraduate supervision at Machakos University. Dr. Kristovska also held courtesy meetings with Prof. James Muola, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, and Prof. CPA Florence Memba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Planning and Finance.

The growing partnership reflects Machakos University's commitment to expanding global academic networks, creating international opportunities for students and staff, and advancing collaborative research and academic excellence.

MksU Advances Its Infrastructure Transformation

Agenda

Machakos University is advancing its infrastructure transformation agenda with new development projects planned to shape the next phase of the University's growth. The University hosted the State Department for Public Works for a consultative meeting to review designs and plans for projects proposed for implementation during the current financial year. Key projects presented included the Phase IV perimeter wall, Phase III internal roads network covering driveways, parking areas and pedestrian walkways, and the proposed graduation pavilion.

The discussions provided an opportunity for University Management and the Public Works team to review the proposed designs, exchange technical views and identify areas requiring refinement before implementation. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joyce J. Agalo commended the State Department for Public Works for its continued partnership and the quality of work delivered at the University, noting the visible transformation across the campus.

The proposed developments will be guided by the University Master Plan and are intended to contribute to Machakos University's ambition of becoming a modern, accessible and world-class institution. The meeting concluded with a tour of the proposed project sites, allowing the technical teams to assess site requirements ahead of implementation.

Building today for the MksU of tomorrow.



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo (first, right) with the University Management team and delegation from the State Department of Public Works on an University Inspection Tour.



VC, Prof. Joyce Agalo (second left), alongside members of University Management, during an Inspection Tour of Machakos University and Hotel Conference Centre.

Machakos University Strengthens Youth Digital Empowerment Through Jitume Digital Lab



Machakos University continues to advance digital inclusion and youth empowerment through its Jitume Digital Lab, providing young people with access to digital skills, technology and opportunities that support meaningful participation in Kenya's growing digital economy. On 23rd September 2026, the University hosted a Government of Kenya team, including representatives from Konza Technopolis and other Government agencies, who visited the Jitume Digital Lab to collect beneficiary testimonials and document the programme's impact. The engagement formed part of a broader Government initiative, through the Office of the Deputy President, to monitor and evaluate the impact of the Government-supported Jitume Programme across the country. The team was led by Mr. Andrew Muoki, Communication Officer, Government of Kenya Communications.

Creating Opportunities Through Digital Access

For young people at Machakos University, the Jitume Digital Lab offers more than access to technology. It provides a space to develop relevant digital skills, explore employment opportunities and build capabilities that can support personal and professional growth.

The collection of testimonials during the visit provided an opportunity to highlight beneficiaries' experiences and demonstrate how access to digital resources and training can contribute to youth empowerment.

Strengthening Digital Transformation

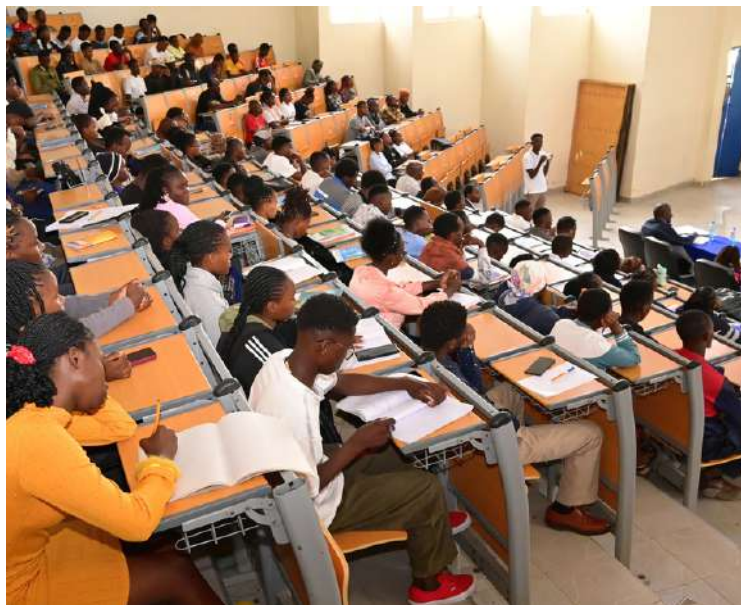
The visit also highlighted the value of collaboration between Government institutions and universities in advancing digital transformation and expanding opportunities for young people. Through the Jitume initiative, Machakos University contributes to the national effort to equip young people with skills that position them to participate more effectively in an increasingly technology-driven economy.

Machakos University remains committed to creating an enabling environment where technology, innovation and digital skills can transform lives and open new opportunities for students and the wider community. The Jitume Digital Lab continues to serve as an important platform for connecting young people with digital opportunities and preparing them for the evolving world of work.

Jitume: Empowering youth. Connecting opportunities. Transforming lives.

Machakos University Strengthens Career Growth Through Industry Mentorship

For university students, the transition from the classroom to the professional world requires more than academic knowledge. It calls for practical insights, professional networks, confidence and an understanding of what it takes to build a meaningful career. Recognizing the importance of this transition, the School of Business, Economics, Hospitality and Tourism Management at Machakos University hosted an inspiring career mentorship session on 23rd September 2026, bringing students together with experienced industry professional CPA Doreen Manthi Vega, Accounting Manager at DFP Partners.



Students keenly following the mentorship session.

With about 20 years of experience in the financial services industry, CPA Doreen Vega brought a wealth of professional knowledge and experience to the engagement. Her career experience includes working with organizations such as Castle Oak Securities, Cantor Fitzgerald, PJT Partners and Knight Capital Group.

Ms. Ruth Munene, Coordinator, Office of Career Services, also encouraged students to view career development as more than simply securing employment, emphasising the importance of personal growth, creating value and making a positive impact. The mentorship centred on six principles of career growth: Think, Build, Show, Connect, Lead and Give. Students were encouraged to be intentional about their aspirations, continuously develop their skills, demonstrate their capabilities, build meaningful professional relationships, take responsibility and eventually use their knowledge and experience to create opportunities for others.



CPA Doreen Manthi Vega, Accounting Manager at DFP Partners, during a career mentorship session at Machakos University.

The engagement reflects Machakos University's commitment to preparing students not only for employment, but for purposeful careers, leadership and meaningful contribution to society.

Think. Build. Show. Connect. Lead. Give.



FOREWORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

As we welcome the new academic year, the Department of Educational Management and Curriculum Studies (EMCS) in the School of Education remains committed upholding the tradition of excellence associated with Machakos University. While our first-year undergraduate students have settled in and academic activities are fully underway according to the university almanac, we are particularly proud to report unprecedented success in our postgraduate admissions-welcoming 13 Master's and 4 PhD students this semester. This achievement reflects the public's continued trust and confidence in Machakos University as a leader in higher education and advanced training. To celebrate this momentum, we share an inspiring testimonial from one of our distinguished postgraduate alumni.

Dr. Munguti Stephen

Chairman, Department of Educational Management and Curriculum Studies.

Beyond the Numbers: MUASSA Students Explore the Future of Actuarial Careers



The Machakos University Actuarial Science Students Association (MUASSA) Actuarial Science Career Drive 2026, held on 18 September 2026 at the University Amphitheatre, gave students an opportunity to explore the wide range of career pathways available beyond traditional actuarial roles. The event brought together students, professional bodies, industry practitioners and corporate partners, including TASK, ASSK, ACTEX Learning, Kenbright Actuarial & Financial Services, Actuarial Edge Career Services and NCBA.

Through presentations and panel discussions, students gained practical insights into professional qualification, international career opportunities and the importance of building professional networks early. The discussions also highlighted emerging opportunities in data science, machine learning, climate and sustainability risk, portfolio analytics, pensions and consulting. A key message from the engagement was that the future of actuarial practice will require more than technical expertise. Students were encouraged to combine actuarial knowledge with emerging technologies and apply their skills to real-world challenges in areas such as agricultural risk, healthcare financing and informal-sector insurance. The career drive demonstrated the versatility of actuarial training and the many pathways available across insurance, pensions, finance, analytics, consulting and global institutions. Through such engagements, MUASSA and Machakos University continue to strengthen connections between students, industry and professional bodies, helping students build networks, discover opportunities and envision broader possibilities for their careers.

MUASSA Career Drive 2026: Turning actuarial knowledge into opportunity, innovation and impact.

My Journey at Machakos University and Its Impact on My Practice

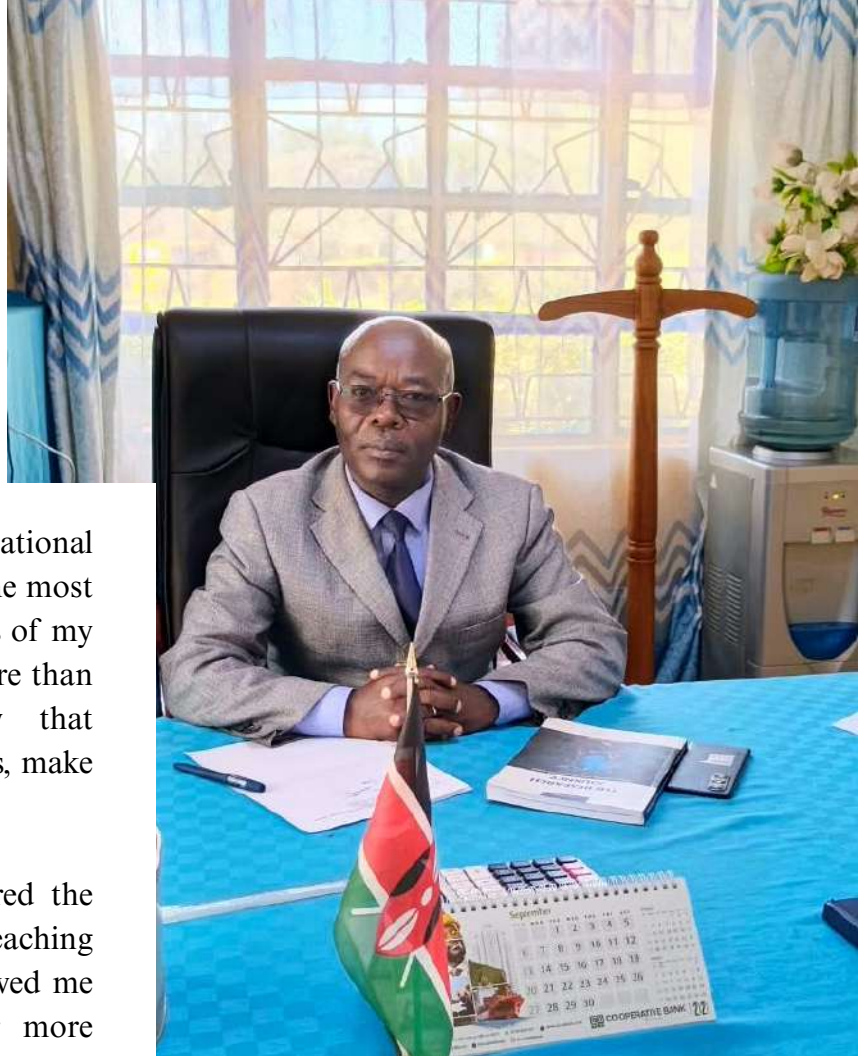
Pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Educational Administration at Machakos University was one of the most challenging, transformative and rewarding experiences of my professional life. Graduating in October 2024 was more than an academic achievement; it was a journey that fundamentally changed how I think, analyse problems, make decisions and lead.

Having served in education for many years, I entered the doctoral programme with practical experience in teaching and school administration. However, my studies showed me that while experience is valuable, it becomes far more effective when grounded in evidence and systematic inquiry. My motivation grew from the challenges I encountered in my work, particularly the need to understand differences in school performance, strengthen teacher effectiveness and support evidence-based decision-making.

Machakos University equipped me with advanced analytical tools, theoretical frameworks and research methodologies to explore these questions. My dissertation on teacher performance appraisal practices and productivity in public secondary schools deepened my understanding of professional standards, constructive feedback and continuous development.

The doctoral journey demanded rigorous research, data analysis and a thesis defence that tested my resilience and discipline. It taught me that true scholarship requires intellectual humility, openness to criticism and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Today, as Principal of ABC Maiani Boys High School under the Teachers Service Commission, I apply these lessons in managing staff, strengthening student discipline and guiding strategic planning.



Dr. Muthoka Jacob Kyengo, PhD, Alumnus of MkSU and the Principal, ABC Maiani Boys High School.

I approach challenges by asking: What is the core issue? What does the evidence reveal? Who are the key stakeholders? Which intervention is most effective, and how will we measure success? Experience taught me what I had seen; research taught me how to question what I had seen.

To aspiring scholars and educators, my message is simple: do not pursue higher education merely for the title. Pursue knowledge to solve real problems, mentor others and make a tangible difference.

For me, earning a PhD is not an endpoint, but an ongoing responsibility to learn, serve and contribute to the transformation of education. The journey that began at Machakos University continues every day at Maiani Boys, and I believe the best chapter is still being written.



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SEPTEMBER IS SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH

****Recharge to Reach Out****

SELF-CARE ISN'T SELFISH. IT'S SURVIVAL.

- ◆ You can't pour from an empty cup.
- ◆ Rest is not laziness. Boundaries are not rejection.
- ◆ Taking care of yourself is how you stay strong enough to care for others.

Quick Self-Care Tips:

- Breathe deeply for 60 seconds
- Drink water slowly and mindfully
- Unplug from screens for 10 minutes

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