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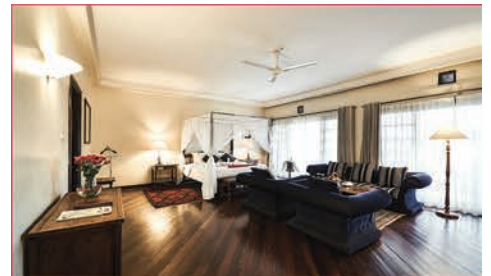


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Managing Editor's Note



Anthony Taiti
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Empowered individuals enjoy a great deal of confidence that places them at privileged positions of authority over other people. Important to note is that their empowerment comes with what it takes to control both their lives and those of others. As such, a high level of humility and an attitude of servant leadership are must-have qualities for such people if they are to lead in a godly manner and impact the society positively.

By God's grace, the graduating Class of 2019 has been ingrained with these qualities during their time of study at the University. Therefore, as we celebrate the well-deserved graduation of this class, we also rejoice at the fact that there will be an invaluable addition of an empowered crop of leaders in to the market place.

My sincere prayer for the Class of 2019 is that God shall open doors of opportunities for you to exercise your skills and talents for His glory. When such opportunities come your way, grab them without delay and apply excellence while discharging your duties.

To you the reader, thank you for taking time to read this publication. You will find very insightful content that will be of great value to you. I am also certain that as you read through the articles from the various Schools and Departments, you will find a program that matches your career interest and enroll for it.

A very hearty congratulations to all the graduates!

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*Bishop Dr. David Oginde,
Chancellor, Pan Africa Christian (PAC) University*

Congratulations to the newest crop of PAC University Alumni, the Class of 2019. Every victory in life is worth celebrating, and today we join you in acknowledging this milestone. Your chosen theme for this year, Empowered to Serve, comes at a time when the world is in dire need of more servant-leaders than mere bosses and managers. Jesus made it clear that the greatest leader must be the servant of all. This therefore is a great rallying call, not only to the Class of 2019, but to all of us to urgently seek to impact the lives of those we serve by addressing their core needs. To this end, PAC University has empowered you and I urge you to take up this challenge personally as you seek to introduce new benchmarks in the market place that will bring glory to God.

PAC University continues to make significant strides in its quest to become a world class Christian University. We have deliberately aligned ourselves to the future of higher education, which is online learning. Education experts from all over the world observe that in the near future, traditional classrooms will become defunct, given the fact that most of the teacher-student interactions will be happening online, save for a few instances when they must meet face to face. It has been most pleasing to observe that PAC University is getting itself well prepared for this tsunamic shift in approach to learning in higher education.

Our university has invested in modern infrastructure to aid online learning across the four Schools: we have been gradually increasing our internet bandwidth to facilitate faster internet

connections in both Valley Road and Thika Road Campuses; we now have procured Blackboard Open Learning Management System which is a game changer on matters e-learning; in addition, supervision and mentorship for our graduate students will now be happening on Online Graduated Mentoring and Supervision System (i-OGMSS). This will greatly enhance efficiency in supporting the supervision of research by our growing postgraduate students' population. All these efforts are aimed at preparing our students to participate and live in the future now, thus giving them due advantage over their peers. PAC University remains resolute in giving its students the best preparation for successfully engaging the 'world-of-work'.

Special gratitude goes to every single member of the University for playing an invaluable role that has seen us reach where we are. I urge us to keep up with that resilient spirit and serve faithfully as God's stewards. 1 Samuel 12:24 encourages us to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all our heart; considering what great things he has done for us. We trust Him for better days ahead for PAC University.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2019, and may God's grace abound in you.

Bishop Dr. David Oginde
Chancellor

The courage to serve



Prof. Emmanuel Bellon, Chairman, Governing Council

Why serve when you can be served? Leaders who are served enjoy fame, popularity, power, prestige, and comfort that others can only dream of. Their positions afford them access to people and many privileges. These leaders command attention, demand respect and pampering dispassionately. At the slightest bidding, the masses are willing to die for them or spend their meager resources on their activities. These characteristics fit the profile our society has crafted to select leaders and entrench their service. So, why do you want to be empowered to serve, when you can be served with these privileges? Society perceives leaders who serve God in the community as weak, unambitious, and non-charismatic. Such leaders are a nuisance because they do not participate in suborn practices and often fail to manipulate the inherent power of leadership. Consequently, they are considered deviants, who should be snubbed, or at best allowed to operate in the periphery.

PAC University exists to develop transformative godly Christian leaders through training, research, and innovation for service to God in the Church and community. The University fulfills this mission within a specified set of policies, procedures, and standards. We are in the business of forming Christian leaders who are empowered to serve God in the Church and community. Leadership as a service to God means following the example of Jesus Christ and honoring him in every aspect of life, both in word

and deed. A leader cannot serve God if he/she yearns to be served because Jesus Christ, the son of God, came to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:42-45). Service is the action of doing work for the benefit of someone. When Christian leadership meets service, the object of service is God, not society. Necessary as a society, organizations, and Churches are, they are but means of serving God. So, when the society or organization fails to reciprocate or appreciate the kind gesture of selfless service, leaders will not take offense. Christian leaders are stewards whom God has entrusted with time and resources to serve Him in the Church and community. Today, this caliber of leaders is a vanishing breed, because too many leaders lack the courage to serve God in the public arena.

Courage does not emanate from the leadership position one occupies; neither is it acquired from one's professional profile, or the number of social media followers. It is an inner fortitude built around godly values and a heart that yields to God fully. With such grit, the leader exudes the moral strength to withstand and overcome the barrage of society's onslaughts. One needs the courage to serve in a community where leaders prefer to be served than to serve. Christian leaders need courage devoid of the fear of people to make the right and tough decisions that will honor God and change the society. They must have the courage to say "no" to superior and influential people who seek interests that violate the values of God - whether in the Church or marketplace. It is vital for a leader to muster the courage to celebrate righteousness in victory or to step aside honorably when implicated in any wrongdoing, instead of fighting to protect self-centered reputation.

Class of 2019, PAC University's sole mandate is to form more courageous Christian leaders like you, who can serve God anywhere. Many students graduate from academic programs with excitement to change the world, only to see that motivation fizzle when they encounter the self-serving leadership of our society. You have been empowered at PAC University to serve God in the Church and community. Do not emasculate what has been entrusted to you by conforming to the patterns of our society. Instead, yield to God wholeheartedly and draw from His grace to resist the allure to be served. Seek to serve God and honor Him wherever He may place you, in the Church or society.

**By Prof. Emmanuel Bellon,
Chairman, Governing Council**

At PAC University, the duty is 'Empowering to Serve'

Pan Africa Christian (PAC) University has built a reputable name as the undisputable Leadership University. This mantra will yet again be demonstrated during this year's graduation ceremony where the University will confer its first ever Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in Organizational Leadership.

"This is our first PhD and we are very excited over this attainment. We thank God for enabling us to reach this precious milestone," says Prof. Margaret Muthwii, PAC University's Vice Chancellor.

The milestone gives PAC University motivation as it aspires to offer at least three PhD programs in the near future. The University is also considering to offer more Masters Programs in other disciplines such as Communications and Leadership as it continues to review and refresh its programs as required by the Commission for University Education (CUE).

For PAC University, the program reviews which are done every five years are of big benefit because they inform the process of aligning each program to current market demands and the changing dynamics in the higher education space. For instance, the University is alive to the huge demand for quality organization and family leadership trainings.

The review process is thus coming at an opportune moment when PAC University is set to hold its 38th graduation ceremony under the theme of 'Empowered to Serve'. This year, over 300 graduands will be awarded certificates in various academic disciplines, with the graduation ceremony making a critical shift from October which was the traditional graduation month. "We opted to have the shift to leave room for students' elections in October because they deserve to hold them with minimal disruptions. This shift from October to July explains why the number of



*Prof. Margaret Jepkirui Muthwii, VC,
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graduating students is not as high this year," explains Prof. Muthwii.

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One such critical area is Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), which is at the heart of success in online learning.

The University has invested heavily in increasing its internet bandwidth in order to enable students have a great experience, a move that is informed by the fact that online learning will define university education going into the future. Currently, some students, depending on their courses, learn 90 per cent online, a system that also sharpens and prepares them well for the job market.

As part of the plans to improve infrastructure, PAC University has also sunk a borehole to boost water supply. The new borehole has a capacity of supplying 20,000 liters per hour. Plans are also underway to develop a sports field, with ground breaking set for July.

However, the University's greatest infrastructural development currently is the academic building that is in the planning stages. Ground breaking for the eight-storey building with two-basement parking is scheduled for the near future. The University is already mobilizing funds from local, regional, and global partners for the project that is estimated to cost Kshs 1 billion. The building, which is expected to be ready by 2020, will house lecture rooms, faculty offices, ICT laboratories, board rooms, a restaurant, and administration offices among others.

In another interesting development which Prof. Muthwii attributes to God's grace and favor, an international firm recently approached PAC University for

a partnership to develop a students' accommodation block and facility. "The institution approached us and explained that they had searched and identified PAC University as the best partner in Kenya for the project. We are still discussing the idea and the project which we feel has great potential," explains the VC.

According to Prof. Muthwii, PAC University will continue to work hard to boost the institution's spiritual atmosphere, and also to make teaching, learning and other support services more relevant and enjoyable. "We are more committed to enhancing our being as Christians who shall practically demonstrate our faith," she says, adding that the University has a new Chaplain to steer the journey of ensuring its community becomes a better, practical, sincere and dynamic children of God.

PAC University will also continue to impact its communities and neighborhoods through outreach programs during disasters and also at times of celebrations. "We continue with our weekly outreach programs at the Kamiti Maximum Prison and at Mahiga Primary School, and also our involvement with the Kasarani Neighborhood Association (KNA) as we endeavor to help the needy and impact society for good," Prof. Muthwii avers.

Message to the Graduands

We celebrate you and thank God for enabling you attain this success in collaboration with your teachers. We further celebrate what God has done in your lives and pray that you shall succeed in all your future endeavors that shall empower and positively impact the

society for God's glory. You must always bear in mind that at PAC University you have been shaped to serve, listen to others, respect people and institutions, and to ultimately honor God.

We pray to God to always help you to appreciate what leadership is all about. We wish you well as you go out to serve and to respect the very tenets of leadership.

To our lecturers and support staff—you are the best! We couldn't desire better. You have been resilient and committed to duty, and I can proudly aver that you are a team gathered here by God Almighty. Many of you are very sharp and brilliant. We thank and appreciate God for bringing you here.

To the parents, guardians and the many friends of PAC University from Kenya and all over the world, we thank you heartily for praying with us to succeed and even for visiting and praying with us when we have faced obstacles in our journey. We also thank you for sharing your varied resources and experiences with us to facilitate our growth, development and success.

We also appreciate and thank our other stakeholders who have walked with us to make this graduation a success. May God bless you all.

Vice Chancellor

Prof Margaret Jepkirui Muthwii,
PAC University

Developing empowered servant leader for effective godly Service

By Prof. Dionysious Kiambi



It is a great joy and pleasure for PAC University's Academic Division to see the 2019 graduands come to a very happy and well deserved end of their academic programs. The road to success is not easy and no doubt you, the graduating class, has faced diverse challenges but God in His faithfulness has granted you victory for His honour and glory. The word of God in 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ", has been fully realized in your lives and we celebrate this victory with you.

We are proud to release into the world thoroughly empowered, transformed and knowledgeable servant leaders who will impact the society with the knowledge gained during their academic journeys at PAC University. In line with our mission, you have been developed as Godly transformative Christian leaders through training, research and innovations so that you can effectively serve the Lord in the church and in the community.

At PAC University, we believe that high quality and transformative education is what will distinguish you, our graduands, in the market place. This is why the Academic Division continues to work relentlessly towards the achievement of the vision of being a world-class Christian University characterized by high quality, transformative and value-based education. In the course of the year 2019, the Academic Division has empowered both students and faculty and also made a lot of achievements with some of them as "Firsts".

Increased use of technology empowers both students and faculty in delivery of academic programs. One of the areas where the Academic Division has made substantial progress is in the use of technology for teaching, learning and supervision of postgraduate students.

To increase efficiency and effectiveness in high quality online teaching and learning, the University has now procured Blackboard Open Learning Management System, which provides a strong, open

source foundation for competency-based blended, online and professional learning to drive institutional and organizational effectiveness in online teaching and learning.

Partnership with Blackboard has now been strengthened and the enhanced technologies will be used to enhance online learning at PAC University. Increased use of technology has also been extended to the Graduate School as well. The Integrated Online Graduated Mentoring and Supervision System (i-OGMSS) which has already been tested for its suitability for use at PAC University is now ready for adoption.

The Academic Division has continued to empower students in research, innovation and publications. The focus has primarily been on postgraduate students who have benefitted from workshops on academic writing, research proposal writing and publishing. This prepares them for the dissertation and thesis writing journey after completion of their course work. They have also benefitted from support by Visiting Fellows from Canadian and South African Universities especially in the area of psychology, marriage and family therapy.

Empowered faculty in turn empower their students. This year the Academic Division has facilitated several faculty members to attend and present papers in national, regional and international conferences. Of special mention is the participation of two faculty members in "The 2019 International Family Therapy Association's World Family Therapy Congress" in Aberdeen, Scotland where they presented four papers.

Another faculty member attended and presented a paper in the, "7th International Conference on New Trends in English Language Teaching and Testing", in Dubai, United Arabs Emirate. In addition, in 2019, PAC University faculty have been involved in diverse research and scholarly activities including publishing papers in refereed journals, books and book chapters as well as reviews and papers in conference proceedings.

The participation and interaction of faculty in these scholarly spaces has retooled them and increased their capacity to empower students with new and cutting edge knowledge in their areas of specialization. The Academic Division has also played a leadership role in the academic and scholarly space. The Theology Department hosted the Africa Association of Evangelicals Theology Conference on Forgiveness, Peace and Reconciliation at PAC University, Roysambu Campus and some members of the Department were nominated to serve in the Board ASET.

PAC University's "Firsts"

The Academic Division is very proud of recording several "Firsts" in the year 2019. Previously, conferences at PAC University were limited to the community's faculty and students. The Community Development Department in collaboration with the Directorate of Research have broken the trend by organizing the first national and international conference at PAC University. The conference was organized in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University and it was attended by one international and nine national Universities.

PAC University runs two PhD programs and one of these is the PhD in Organizational Leadership Development. The first cohort embarked on their PhD journey in April 2016. PAC University is very proud of the first student from this cohort to successfully defend his dissertation. This will be the first PhD graduand from PAC University and there is cause for jubilation and gratitude to God for this great achievement. May the Lord receive all the honour and glory.

The library commons is another first at PAC University. This is an open library space that empowers students to learn outside the traditional classical library concepts. It is not only a first at PAC University but a first in Kenya. We truly thank God for these successes and we concur with the psalmist in Psalm 118:23, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes".

To our graduating students, I believe that your education at PAC University has empowered you to navigate the academic landscape and that you will apply the acquired knowledge to provide servant leadership in the duty stations of life that God will post you. It is my belief that you will serve in the various capacities with excellence and selflessness as indeed you will be serving the Lord. He reminds us in Colossians 3: 23-24 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving".

Remember that just as you have been empowered to serve, it is your duty and responsibility to empower others as you mentor them to take up leadership responsibilities after you.

As transformative and empowered leaders you will be judged by the continuity of your work or initiatives through effective mentorship. The world is in dire need of role model servant leaders who work as a calling and not for self-aggrandisement. Aspire to be those role models. Be passionate about what you do and always go an extra mile. In Matthew 5:41, Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone asks you to go one mile, go with them two miles".

The principle of going an extra mile always produces exceptional results. The first mile is an obligation but the second mile is optional and it is the one that will distinguish you from the average performers. The world is full of too many "average" performers. Rise above average by going an extra mile in whatever you do and may the Lord always bless the work of your hands. His encouragement is clearly spelt out in 2 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain".

May the Lord bless you all as you step out into the world as empowered servant leaders.

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Be willing to serve

By Dr. Nathan Chiroma



Dr. Nathan H. Chiroma, Dean – School of Theology

On behalf of the School of Theology, I wish to congratulate the Class of 2019 and wish them the very best in the next adventure. PAC University has empowered you holistically to be of service to the world.

Remember, service is faith in action! The Bible teaches “Let he who is the greatest among you be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). You must be willing to serve anyone, anytime, anywhere. That’s the beauty of showing faith by serving others.

You don’t have to travel far to find someone in need of your love and service. You can live your faith by serving anyone around you in any way you can. Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us that “life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

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1. Department of Biblical & Theological Studies
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Service without borders

By Dr. Joshua Rutere



Dr. Joshua Rutere, HOD – Department of Biblical & Theological Studies

As we congratulate the class of 2019, we rejoice that they go forth empowered for service without borders.

Whereas natural selection would appear to impose arbitrary classifications on the type of service befitting university graduates by virtue of their academically acquired status, our Christian mandate and calling is to serve all humanity irrespective of their background, stature, social standing or life prospects. This we do, emboldened by the example set for us by Jesus Christ - who being God - demonstrated borderless service by humbling himself to the role of a foot-washing servant (John 13:1-17). In borderless service he fulfilled his divinity and realized his humanity. In serving others we discover the freedom to become all that we were made to be. Similarly true education should be manifest, not in the measure of service and attention that one receives from others but by the extent to which one renders selfless service to others.

At the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, it is our ambition to promote the kind of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that empower our graduates for authentic service in the community. Through our graduate and undergraduate

programmes, we seek to mould men and women of integrity for faithful service to their fellows in our communities and our nation. Recognizing that theology is not alone, we expose our learners to practical and holistic approaches to learning for contextually grounded critiques towards contextually informed and relevant solutions to the needs of our communities. We are thus delighted to commend the Class of 2019 for service without borders to our communities and to our beloved nation.

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Congratulations PAC University on your 38th Graduation. We are glad to be associated with you

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Empowered to serve as transformational Church leaders

By Abigael Demesi

Congratulations to the Class of 2019, especially the Transformational Church Leadership (TCL) students. It has been a long journey, but we thank God for reaching this great milestone.

Anyone desiring to do Christian ministry or service must first be empowered with relevant knowledge to remedy the ignorance which prevails in many sectors of the Church today. We may say with Hosea, “My people perish for lack of knowledge” (4:6). This knowledge includes knowledge of Biblical truth as well as ministry skills. Feeding our minds with Biblical truth enables us to share life-giving truth to a knowledge-starved church. Equally, it also requires essential empowerment of the Holy Spirit if one hopes to have and deliver effective ministry.

Congratulations to the first ever graduands of Bachelor of Arts in Transformational Church Leadership (BATCL). You have made history. The online study journey you pioneered has been a good challenge. As a leadership university, we are proud to send you out as church leaders uniquely empowered for service.

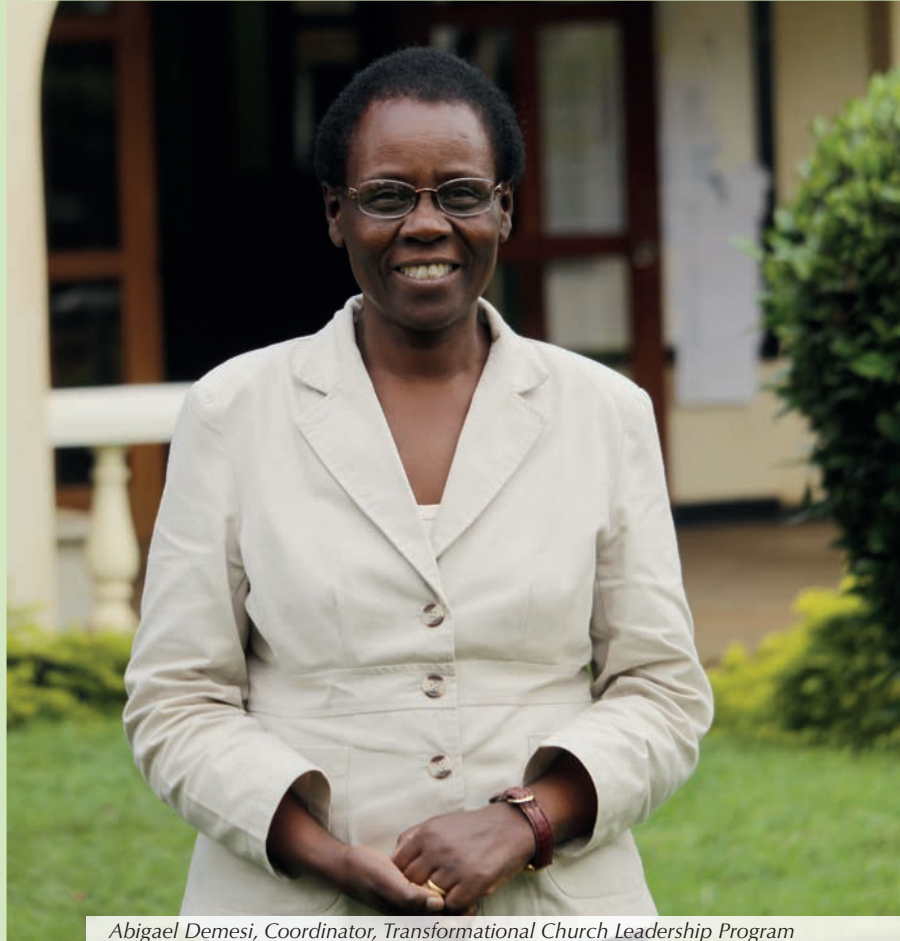
Our commission to all 2019 TCL graduates is for you to go out as empowered servants using your diverse gifts to serve both the body of Christ and the society at large.

Our call to all those desiring to become empowered church leaders is to enroll in a TCL program. The department is committed to training church leaders at certificate, diploma and bachelor levels. You are most welcome to study with us.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2019!

The programs offered in this department are:

1. Master of Arts in Children & Youth Ministry
2. BA in Transformational Church Leadership
3. Diploma in Transformational Church Leadership
4. Certificate in Transformational Church Leadership
5. Diploma in Youth Ministry
6. Certificate in Youth Development Program



Abigael Demesi, Coordinator, Transformational Church Leadership Program

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Shaping behaviours to create morally-empowered leaders

By Dr. Rahab N. Nyaga



Dr. Rahab N. Nyaga, Dean- School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is extremely proud of the Class of 2019 for achieving this major milestone. We celebrate you and wish you well in the next step of life's journey.

Social Science is the scientific study of human society and social relationships and incorporates any discipline or branch of science that deals with human behaviour in its social and cultural aspects. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences at PAC University houses three departments.

These are:

- Department of Communication, Languages & Linguistics
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Community Development

The School has highly qualified faculty, most of them PhD holders. The faculty-student interaction and consultation in a Christian institution creates an environment highly conducive to academic excellence. The School runs academic programs from certificate to PhD.

At the certificate level, we have Psychology which aims at equipping students with both the theoretical and practical knowledge that prepares them to effectively work in various settings within the communities they seek to serve.

At the diploma level, we have four programs under the three departments: Diploma in Communication which focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of communication for one to effectively work as a communication technician.

Diploma in Chinese language and culture offers an opportunity for students interested in pursuing studies in Chinese

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Language and its culture. Diploma in Counselling Psychology is an integrated program that seeks to provide students with theoretical knowledge and practical counselling skills that prepare them to effectively work in various settings within the communities they seek to serve. Diploma in Disability Studies aims to build capacity among professionals working with people with disabilities in various sectors in Kenya.

At the Bachelors level, each department has one major program. Bachelor of Arts in Communication which is an exciting program that focuses on developing effective journalism and communication skills for reporting, business and social interaction. The department has both audio and video production studios that enable students to undertake practical work. A modern radio station unit, video cameras and modern editing suites enable students to learn how to produce quality work.

Bachelor of Arts in Counselling Psychology is intended for students who desire to serve the community by providing counselling services to individuals, couples, family relations and counselling ministries as well as small group facilitation and mediation skills. After completion, students are prepared to offer counselling services in various situations.

Bachelor of Arts in Community Development is founded on the belief that transformation of human life is a divine mandate that has to be undertaken if human dignity is to be restored. Focus is on holistic approaches that create a community whose members embrace and strive for equity and social justice.

At the Postgraduate level we have a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT). This is a unique program that focuses on the strengths and resiliency of family systems and communal resources to restore and build family relationships in a rapidly changing social context. Under development currently are the Master of Arts in both Communication and Community Development.

PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy is an advanced course of the MA in MFT and is based on a Christian worldview that presents a holistic perspective of human nature including physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social aspects of maturation.

All our undergraduate and graduate programs are approved by the Commission for University Education (CUE). Our unique graduate programs in Marriage and Family Therapy under the department



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of Psychology have been commended by CUE and accredited by the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) in Canada.

Our faculty this year attended and presented papers on MFT in a conference in the United Kingdom and we are forging collaborations in the United States in a bid to benchmark and continuously give our students the best and most current content.

The state of the art clinical laboratories in psychology and communication studios as well as practical community engagement are the hallmark of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The School aims to expand the horizon of knowledge through teaching and research that creates awareness and enhances skills related to humanities and social sciences.

We make a big difference!

Seek knowledge to serve better

By Dr. Augustus Nyakundi

On behalf of the staff and students in the Department of Communication, Languages and Linguistics, I wish to congratulate the graduating Class of 2019. They have acquired immense knowledge and skills in different disciplines which they will put into use wherever they will go for their own benefit and that of others.

Since the last graduation ceremony in 2018, the Department of Communication has continued witnessing growth in many ways. One that stands out is the creation of partnerships with notable individuals and organizations in the communication industry.

In order to empower our students with skills that will make them more competitive and give them exposure to the industry, the Department has entered into collaborations and partnerships with individuals who have exceptional skills and experiences and institutions specializing in key communication areas for purposes of sharing knowledge.

Such institutions include International School of Advertising (ISA) and Code for Africa. The two have held training sessions for students in the Department of Communication. Each of these sessions provided our students with an opportunity to gain new ideas for better service. We are working towards engaging in more of such partnerships.

Looking ahead, things can only get better.



Dr. Augustus Nyakundi, HOD- Communication, Languages & Linguistics

The programs offered in this Department are:

1. Bachelor of Arts in Communication
2. Diploma in Communication
3. Diploma in Chinese Language
4. Certificate in Situational Chinese

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Empowering therapists to build a healthy society

Dr. Anne Wambugu



Dr. Anne Wambugu, HOD-Psychology Department

Congratulations to our 2019 graduating class in the Diploma, Bachelor and Master programs. Finally you are celebrating the crown that you have worked hard and prayed for. As the faculty and the Department of Psychology, we celebrate your hard work, perseverance and God's faithfulness in enabling you to complete your studies successfully. The certificate you are receiving is a reminder of your toil and evidence that you are equipped to serve the needy and hurting wherever you go. We are proud of you and confident that the skills and competencies you have acquired are relevant and meet international professional and ethical standards.

There is a growing concern globally over the need for professionals to manage the increasing demands for mental and psychological wellbeing for individuals, couples, and families. The deafening cry of a desperate community is heard every day from narratives that spell out depression, suicide, divorce, chronic illnesses like cancer, unemployment and economic distress, terrorism, and the ugly traumatic effects induced by man-made or natural calamities. All these experiences among others, leave a trail of destruction, hurt, incapacitation, and despair. The urgency for competent counselors, psychotherapists and mediators with a comprehensive understanding and professional ability to intervene holistically cannot be overemphasized. Our graduates are indeed a gift to a needy world. They are well-equipped professionals prepared to store hope and meaning for living among broken individuals, families and communities. They are men and women on a divine mission to heal the wounded and bind the brokenhearted in humility and servanthood.

The Psychology Department of PAC University is the ideal training ground for equipping godly servant leaders in the field in Counseling Psychology and Marriage and Family Therapy.

Currently, the Department takes pride in its five level programs: Diploma in Counseling Psychology, Bachelor's in Counseling Psychology, Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy, and a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy. Our programs are designed to grow six competencies in the students: to develop a theoretical, clinical, and ethical skills, to work with multicultural diversity, to integrate spirituality in the psychological practice, to encourage personal growth, and to cultivate servant leadership. Our students have the right environment and resources to develop their academic, research, and professional skills through the experienced faculty members, international collaborations, and a world-class clinical laboratory.

Our faculty are drawn from local and international faculty who provide a broad scope and experience for teaching, research supervision, and mentoring the students. Most of our faculty are professionals in the field; a valuable experience in counseling, teaching, and research. The department has a longstanding history of collaboration with like-minded institutions in teaching, providing practicum sites, and international exposure. These have enabled the department to serve the community, exchange ideas and expand the students and faculty's scope and opportunity to learn and teach. Case in point, our faculty in the Marriage and Family Therapy were recently involved in 2019 World Family Therapy Congress that was in Aberdeen, Scotland. There is a growing direction towards increasing collaboration in the days ahead. The Department takes pride in its well-equipped clinical Laboratory or Counseling Center. The Center has individual, family, and children counseling rooms and most importantly a training and modern lab. Our students are able to learn practical skills and receive instant supervision and feedback. Competent Clinical Supervisors give lead in integration of skills, modern theories, ethics, spirituality and the person of the therapist.

The Department of Psychology is proud of the Ph.D. program in Marriage and Family Therapy one of its kind and the first in the region. The program has attracted local, continental and international attention as well as provided other universities with ideas to venture into this unexplored waters. This program is a 4 year program intended to provide students an opportunity to train as therapists specialized in systemic intervention at a time where marriages and families need urgent attention. The programme is highly academic, pragmatic, research oriented and integrated. The aim of program is to graduate therapists, clinical supervisors, lecturers and researchers who will address and mediate/ intervene for children, adolescent, couples and family issues in their context.

To our empowered therapists: Remember to equip yourself daily with the humility and love of our Lord Jesus Christ after whose pattern you are called to serve and lead. Choosing to serve rather than to be served (Mark 10:45). The reward for your service will be greater if you focus on how to enrich and empower others.

Developing skills and the right attitude for effective community service

By Dr. Cavens Kithinji

We celebrate the strides made by the Class of 2019 in Community Development. This year, we have acknowledged those among you who have continuously committed to serve as volunteers in community service and some who have established needs among community members, written proposals and mobilized resources to meet these needs. This proves that they have been **'Empowered to Serve'**. We applaud and say congratulations to the Class of 2019!

As a department, our philosophy is to develop skills and the right attitude among our students to walk into the communities and seek to strengthen the capacity of the community members to realize the need to improve their physical, social, economic and political environment through inclusive participation and to build sustainable solutions to issues that act against their well-being.

While doing this, we are guided by Biblical principles of work and humanity. We develop leaders who view all members of the community as development links with God-given ability to excel and operate in their full potential.

To all who aspire to develop their communities and those whose call is to work with the people at community level, come and experience the grace of service as we learn together through very interactive and practical-oriented approach in application of the theories we learn in class. We have partnered with like-minded organizations to expose our students to the 21st Century realities in community service and community development.



Dr. Cavens Kithinji, HOD- Community Development

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1. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development
2. Diploma in Community Development

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Empowering godly servant leaders to impact the society

By Prof. Dionysious Kiambi



Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, Ag. DVC-AA and Dean School of Leadership Business and Technology

The School of Leadership, Business and Technology (SLBT) heartily congratulates the graduating Class of 2019 upon successful completion of their hard won academic journeys at PAC University.

The School has left no stone unturned in empowering the graduating students in its constituent departments to be effective servant leaders where the Lord will post them as they put into practice what they have learnt during their term at PAC University.

The power of knowledge is in its application to transform lives and societies. Our wish therefore is that the Lord will work in them and through them to accomplish what He desires in the lives of His people and in the society at large. Graduating class of 2019, as the Lord encourages us in Ephesians 6:10, “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power”, and He will grant you success as you co-labour with Him as empowered servant leaders.

The School of Leadership Business and

Technology through its three Departments, i.e. Leadership, Business and Computing & IT will continue to provide high quality, transformative and value based education to our students in line with the University’s vision and mission.

Just to mention a few highlights, we are proud of our four cohorts of the PhD students in Organizational Leadership Development that are making tremendous progress in their academic journeys. We are particularly excited that one PhD student from the first cohort successfully defended his dissertation and will be the first ever PhD student to graduate from PAC University. This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our sight.

The School continues to develop the much needed links with the industry to make our academic programs more relevant to market needs. The Department of Computing and IT has in particular made progress in creating partnership with the relevant industry players such as Andela and Churchblaze among others, through

seminars, invitations as guest speakers and attachments.

The School is in the process of revising some of its flagship programs such as the Master of Arts in Leadership and Masters of Business Administration to make them more relevant and responsive to the market needs.

Going forward, the School aims to empower students even more by strengthening online teaching and learning, forging more partnerships with the industry and centres of excellence in the developed countries, improving quality assurance and engaging a lot more in research, innovations and publications.

The School wishes the already empowered graduating Class of 2019 God’s blessings as they provide effective servant leadership in the duty stations the Lord is posting them. It is our hope and prayer that they will impact the society with the transformative knowledge accrued from PAC University over the years for God’s honour and glory.

Empowering leaders to build leaders

By Dr. Truphena Oduol



*Dr. Truphena Oduol,
HOD, Leadership Department*

The Department of Leadership is extremely proud of the achievements of all the graduating students of 2019. We are especially honoured to be associated with the first ever PhD graduate since the establishment of PAC University. This is indeed a great milestone! We can only thank God for leading us to this path as we await the rest to follow in these footsteps.

As a Department, we are committed to empowering men and women from all walks of life for transformation of Africa and beyond by preparing both current and aspiring leaders with skills that enhance professional competences and leadership advancement.

In line with the University's tagline "where leaders are made", compulsory leadership course is offered to all students at all levels. We provide outstanding instruction on strategic leadership, corporate governance, leading change, spiritual and church leadership, human resource leadership and management

"Leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others" ~John. Maxwell

among others.

We take pride in leading one of the most successful online courses nationally, having attracted students from all over the world including; Africa, UK and the US.

The Department is very keen on quality and relevance of the programs offered and thus, all courses offered are in line with the standards and expectations of the Commission for University Education.

This ensures that students are well empowered to serve in the community. We look forward to expanding our niche through diverse programs that are more 21st century-oriented to meet the ever-growing demand from the society for empowering leaders.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

The programs offered in this Department are:

1. PhD in Organizational Leadership
2. Master of Arts in Leadership
3. Post Graduate Diploma in Leadership
4. Diploma in Leadership Management

Empowered to serve in the dynamic business community

By Beatrice Oduor



Beatrice Oduor, HOD, Business Studies

We celebrate the Class of 2019 for their hard work and resilience that has seen them come this far. Congratulations to you!

Empowerment is not about doing the same thing the same way in the same environment; it's about building the man and the woman, and doing so with a view to creating better citizens, and by extension, better patriots in the society. The Department of Business Studies endeavours to empower students to become good entrepreneurs with an attitude of gratitude. We are also intensely collaborative in offering opportunities and encouragement that every student needs.

Due to this, the department has experienced a robust growth in both student numbers and faculty members. The increase has led us to partnering with LAN-X Africa and Capital Markets Authority to assist students incubate and nurture their talents and innovations in profitable ventures.

Once again, the Department of Business Studies congratulate the Class of 2019 for their hard work and unrelenting spirit since joining PAC University. May God bless your future days to come!

The programs offered in this Department are:

- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Business Leadership
- Diploma in Entrepreneurship
- Diploma in Procurement and Supplies Management
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- Certificate in Supply Chain Management

Empowerment to serve through technology and innovations

By Bernard Ondiek



Department of Computing and IT congratulates the Class of 2019 for the hard work and resilience that they have demonstrated. It is our joy that they are going out with valuable knowledge and empowered to give service through technology and innovations.

The Department is an academic wing of the School of Leadership, Business and Technology, concerned with teaching sciences of computing systems and practices of information technology.

By the grace of God, we have grown tremendously in terms of faculty and student numbers. We have also witnessed transition of students from certificate programmes all the way to bachelors programme.

Our students have been absorbed by the industry on attachments where they have demonstrated quality service through technology. Some of the notable industries where our students are on attachment include Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya National Museums, Posta Kenya and Cresentech Technologies among others.

We have organized workshops and seminars with industry giants including IBM, Zalego, ISACA and KENET. This has really empowered our students and indeed they have gained great exposure that is required to serve.

We urge the Class of 2019 to be great ambassadors of PAC University. Congratulations and may God bless your efforts.

The programs offered in this Department are:

1. Bachelors of Business Information Technology (BBIT)
2. Diploma in Information and Communication Technology (DICT)
3. Certificate in Information Technology (CIT)

Empowering and transforming communities through research and innovation

By Dr. Jane Kinuthia



Dr. Jane Kinuthia, Dean, Graduate School

Research is a fundamental practice within the 21st century where dynamism necessitates discovery and innovation. Universities are therefore tasked with facilitating research activities for knowledge creation towards informed policy making processes. In line with our mission statement, we ensure that our graduates are empowered to serve and transform society through advanced specialized knowledge and skills acquired during the course of study.

PAC University is committed to promoting research and innovation and as such, has entrenched an environment that is conducive for research. Through the Centre for Research, Innovations and Publications (CRIP), concerted efforts have been geared towards partnership creation with industry players for problem identification and provision of solutions.

Our students have opportunities to disseminate research findings through our annual international conference,

research seminars which are organized from time to time and the PAC University Journal of Arts and Social Sciences whose third edition will soon be hosted on an online platform for wider outreach and engagement. The Centre appreciates the inevitability of a globalized society, hence it is spearheading the development and operationalization of various memorandum of understandings with both local and international like-minded institutions.

As we envisage the nation's maturity as a knowledge-based economy, it is our hope that the 2019 graduands are well 'Empowered to Serve'. We also hope that their interaction with CRIP, Graduate School and the extended University fraternity contributed to the accomplished men and women that we are celebrating today. We wish them well as they go out to serve a community that is really in need of transformed and transformative servants whose sole agenda is a transformed society.

The Graduate School has the following programs:

1. PhD in Organizational Leadership
2. PhD in Marriage & Family Therapy
3. Master of Divinity
4. Master of Arts in Leadership
5. Master of Business Administration
6. Master of Arts in Biblical Theology
7. Master of Arts in Children & Youth Ministry
8. Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy
9. Master of Arts in Pentecostal & Charismatic Studies

The future is here: From library to learning commons

By Josleen Karambu Rutere



Josleen Rutere-Soita, University Librarian

Congratulations to the Class of 2019. Many of you spent hours in the library interacting with the thousands of resources that are available in the Richard Ondeng Library. We celebrate your

achievement!

Printed books still play a critical role in supporting learners but digital technologies offer additional pathways to learning and content acquisition. Lecturers and students at PAC University need the library not just for access to learning materials but also for research and intellectual exploration. Libraries expose learners to various sources of information. In other words, instead of being an archive our library has transformed to a library commons.

Richard Ondeng Library has become a different kind of learning destination. It is a hybrid space that is open and encourages student communication, creativity and collaboration. The library space on the first floor has been transformed to a library commons. It is equipped with state-of-the-art collaborative furniture (movable chairs and desks)

and equipment such as movable smart boards, pieces of e-beam (wireless) edge, etc. to facilitate collaborative learning.

The theatre is equipped with smart television screens, home theatre, etc. Learning in this kind of environment is impactful and fun to the participants. We are happy to create a space without barriers, one where individuals will congregate and engage in co-learning.

Richard Ondeng Library is now a campfire space where students gather, a collaborative space where they can work together in small groups, a transparent space where learning in the school can be seen through the windows, a more barrier-free space in terms of student use and an innovative space where the design reflects the innovations that are going on inside PAC University.

Welcome to the Library Commons at PAC University; the first of its kind in Kenya!



Students at PAC University doing their private study at the newly unveiled Library Commons. The facility is one of its kind in the region

The unchangeable approach to empowered service

By Rev. Loice N. Okello

We are currently faced with the struggle of service delivery that appears to be based on personal agendas coupled with lack of moral responsibility to care for the people being served.

The danger of underpowered minds rendering services in all spheres of life is a reality. The ease with which service providers seek for ways to make easy profit, manipulate people, employ unethical strategies, manufacture substandard goods, hire unqualified staff and engage in all manner of practices that would see them “reap where they have not sown or sow absolutely nothing but reap plenty of harvest” is what PAC University strives to change.

The realization that intellectual knowledge and skills only gives “the power to read and do all that appertains to it” without necessarily equipping the person to offer the kind of service that our Lord Jesus Christ so powerfully stated and demonstrated has constantly got PAC University strive to integrate strong values to make our students take the lead in transforming the Church and community through empowered service.

Empowering the disciples to serve was at the center of Jesus ministry, and He constantly used powerful words and demonstrations that left no doubts in their mind on what kind of service they were to render. Landry (2005) says that to reign is to serve, echoing Mathew 20:27 that “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant”.

The Bible reminds us that the Christian approach to service is to have the power and will to change situations and circumstances of people we interact with as we put their best interests at heart.

When Peter and John met the lame man at the temple gate begging, they called his attention and the beggar looked up to



Rev. Loice N. Okello, Dean of Students

them expecting to receive money which was what he got from everyone else who was not empowered to change his circumstances. Then Peter said, “silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you...”

As we interact with students in the office of the Dean of students, our focus is to ensure that they “receive the power” not only to offer services for financial gain but also to regularly sacrifice their service to improve the lives of those around them.

We nurture physical talents in sports to enable students have an added advantage as they seek opportunities in such a competitive environment. We also nurture creativity in singing, where we have a vibrant team of students leading worship activities during Chapel services and we now have a talent-showcasing forum. Engaging in community service has helped our students to get in touch with the needs around them and develop the virtue of compassion.

Congratulations to the 2019 Class!

Capitalizing on quality assurance to produce all-rounded graduates

By Daniel Mulinge



Daniel Mulinge, Quality Assurance Director

We join the entire community of PAC University in congratulating the Class of 2019 for this remarkable fete. We are proud of you.

Quality assurance in higher education is an integrated approach covering all the processes in a higher education institution which supports improvements in these processes. The success of a quality assurance system depends entirely on the support of the critical stakeholders in higher education.

In essence, quality assurance is a process of maintaining reliable and consistent standards by applying some set criteria of success in a course, program or institution. This is done through self-evaluation with the aim of improving and eventually meeting the expectations of the institution's stakeholders.

PAC University's key stakeholder remains to be our students. The institution has expedited efforts in assuring quality in all its processes and systems and that has well defined our position amidst our peers in offering quality and value based education.

We pride in well-placed internal quality assurance mechanism that holistically assure the quality of inputs, learning processes and the quality of the output to the industry. In addition, our environment, teaching and learning facilities are up to the expected standards thus giving an assurance that the Class of 2019 is fully empowered with quality skills, knowledge and attitude to serve the communities locally and globally.

Congratulations on your graduation!

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Equipped to serve with diligence

By Dr. Edward K. Nzinga

The Theme “**Empowered to Serve**” adopted by the 2019 Graduation Class is like the horizon—so visible yet so distant! Visible in the sense that everyone believes they understand it and can actually do it but distant because there is a heavy price attached to serving, yet not many are willing to pay it.

So, what did PAC University do to these graduates?

Listening – since those who serve others are valued for their communication and decision-making skills, they were taught to make a deep commitment to listening intently to others, identifying and clarifying the will of those they serve. They learnt to listen receptively to what is being said (and not said) by getting in touch with one’s inner voice, and seeking to understand what one’s body, spirit, and mind are communicating.

Empathizing – understanding and empathizing with others since people need to be accepted and recognized for their special and unique personalities and assuming the good intentions of coworkers and not reject them as people, even when forced to reject their behavior or performance.

Healing - the potential for healing one’s self and others. They know there is something good being communicated to one who is being served and led if it is implicit in the relationship between the two.

Awareness – understanding general awareness, especially self-awareness, strengths and weaknesses of themselves. Making a commitment to foster awareness since it is not a giver of solace but sometimes it is just the opposite.

Persuasion – relying on persuasion, rather than positional authority in making decisions. Seeking to convince others rather than coercing compliance in order to build consensus within their sphere of service.

Conceptualization – continually seeking to nurture their abilities to “dream great dreams.” Looking at a problem (or an organization) from a conceptualizing



Dr. Edward Katue Nzinga (PhD), Director, Valley Road Campus

perspective by thinking beyond day-to-day realities. Seeking a delicate balance between conceptualization and day-to-day focus.

Foresight - understanding lessons from the past, the realities of the present, and the likely consequence of a decision in the future.

Stewardship – viewing of all institutions as one in which CEOs, staff, directors and trustees all play significance roles in holding their institutions in trust for the great good of society.

Commitment to the growth of people – acknowledging that people have an intrinsic value beyond their tangible contributions as workers. Deeply

committed to a personal, professional, and spiritual growth of each and every individual within the organization.

Building Community – being aware that the shift from local communities to large institutions as the primary shaper of human lives has changed our perceptions and has caused a feeling of loss. Seeking to identify a means for building community among those who work within the organizations that they shall serve. Alongside your degree, that’s what you get at PAC University.

As Valley Road Campus, we are proud to be associated with this unique lot of servants!

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Evangel making strides in the school text books market

By Musyoki Muli

We are proud to be associated with PAC University and as an integral part of the family, we wish to congratulate the graduands of 2019 for this great accomplishment. Evangel Publishing House (EPH) is proud of you.

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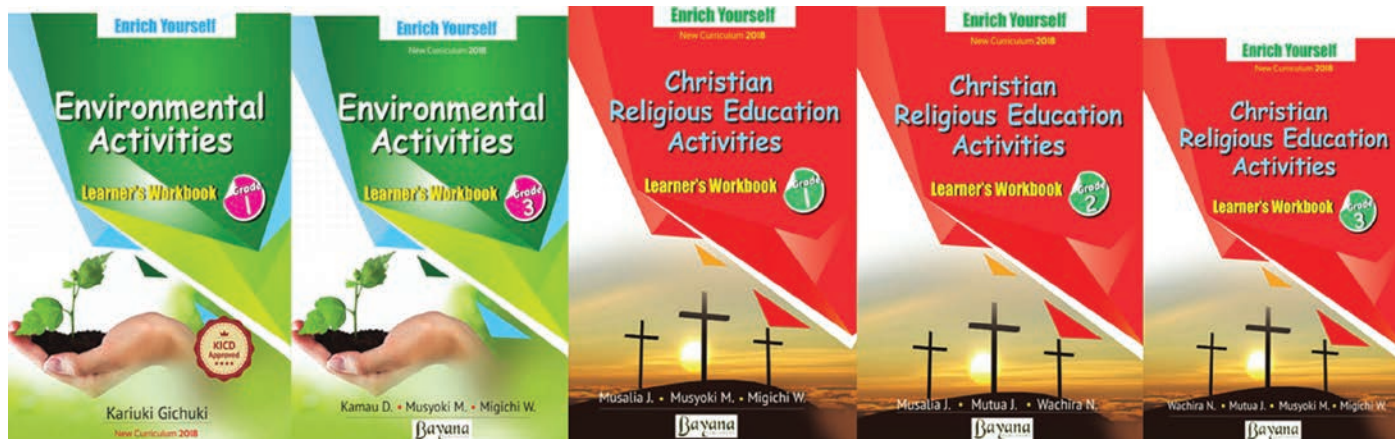
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Once again, congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019!



Espousing Christian values in empowered service

By Bishop Dr. Isaac Kibuthu

The theme for the graduating Class of 2019 is “**Empowered to Serve**”. Through this theme the class affirms that PAC University has equipped them with relevant knowledge and skills to be able to serve wherever God is sending them. They are also making a declaration that having been adequately equipped, they are ready and committed to go and serve both God and the community.

The Chaplaincy takes pride in the fact that it has been involved in this equipping process throughout the life of the graduating class during their time at the university. Of significance to the Chaplaincy is the equipping on Christian values during their last year at the university.

Values are important and lasting beliefs or ideals shared by the members of a culture about what is good or bad and what is desirable or undesirable. Values have major influence on a person’s behaviour and attitude and serve as broad guidelines in all situations.

The Christian values are derived from the scriptures and particularly in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Christian values that formed our emphasis during the year were carefully selected and included integrity, honesty, faithfulness, family, respect, compassion, servanthood, humility, excellence and authenticity. The challenge throughout as we considered these values was that they would be embedded and espoused by every member of PAC University Community.

As you graduate and go wherever God is sending you, our prayers are with you, and you can rest assured that the



Bishop Dr. Isaac Kibuthu, (immediate former chaplain)

Chaplaincy will always remember you. The Chaplaincy’s desire is that the Christian values you have been equipped with will accomplish four things as you seek to fulfill your theme of being “Empowered to Serve”.

First, that the values will give you clarity and focus in making consistent decisions and take committed actions to improve your output in those areas that are truly most important to the community you will be called to serve.

Secondly, that the values will determine who you are and what you do. This requires that you will be in agreement with God or in other words be in God’s will on what is important and worth for the community you serve, that you will love what God loves and hate what he hates and that you will take a stand against what is contrary to the Christian values.

Thirdly, that you espouse the Christian values and forge a united stand with others who are like-minded and that this will enable you have more impact in the community and society at large (Psalm 133).

Fourthly, that your love for God will be manifest (Matt 22:37-39). People value what they love. If you value God and what He stands for then you will love Him and have no problem doing the same with one another.

PAC University has equipped you with knowledge and skills for an empowered service but you will need the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit as you serve. May you remain forever connected to the Lord, for without Him you can do nothing of lasting value (John 15:5-8).



Rev. Dr. Josh Amwago, University Chaplain

Raising resources to create the University's future

By Dr. Ruth Irumbi



Dr. Ruth Irumbi, Head of Enterprises and Resource Mobilization

The Resource Mobilization office continues to implement the multipronged fundraising approach for the implementation of the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

In 2019, we intend to keep PAC University growing. We have thus embarked on a faith-based journey of raising funds for the multipurpose academic building; a building that will have conferencing facilities, lecture halls, an ICT Lab, offices among other spaces. Discussions are also ongoing with a South African firm for the building of state-of-the-art student hostels.

We are reaching out to our alumni and friends of PAC University to join us in our fundraising activities.

Corporate Business Leadership Centre has secured professional mediation training opportunities with the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya even as they continue to nurture the Viongozi Soccer Academy. Do make PAC University your capacity building destination.

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We offer quality accommodation to students who opt to reside on campus and guest house services to visitors from all walks of life.

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The Department also hosts corporate events, conferences, seminars, workshops, wedding parties, team building activities, get together meetings and many others.

In the first half of 2019 we have hosted visitors from Africa and beyond in our guest houses as well as the conference facilities. Notable guests include the Special Olympics Kenya; Andela Kenya; The Timothy Initiative; Virginia Commonwealth University; and international visiting professors. We welcome those with upcoming events to patronize our facilities.

To the 2019 graduating class, I know that you have been empowered to serve. Go! Go! Go! Remember these three key things for effective service out there: understanding God's power; a clear vision; and a clear commitment to be productive.

Congratulations to you all. Do not forget your Alma Mater!

The art of losing oneself in service to others

By Samuel Parmat



Samuel Parmat, PACUSA Chairman

Service is at the heart of God's mission to humanity. When the Lord Jesus came, He allowed the disciples to see through His heart by a simple and 'dishonorable' act of washing their feet. The disciples

could not figure out why He was doing that. Jesus went ahead to tell them, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." He was actually telling them, serve one another. In Mathew 23;11 He tells them that the greatest among them will be their servant.

What a great model of servanthood portrayed by Jesus! We cannot afford not to think about this example even as we ponder on the theme 'Empowered to serve'. The acts of service make one useful in the assignments given to us by God: be it in the job market or in the church, you can make yourself of use to God and then to others. In every sphere of life, God is looking for people to use and He is not considering their ability, but rather their availability. Therefore, graduands, you

need to ask yourself, am I available?

I want to believe that as you celebrate this great accomplishment, PAC University has given you all the tools that you need to serve the society. Look out for opportunities to be of service and impact the world with the heart of service. Always remember that service is not about the most noticeable act that you can do, but it is about the most ignored things, where we can't easily receive accolades or praise for the service rendered. It is in that moment that you should remember that your service is to God and not to man.

Keep in mind that "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others".

Go out there and light your candle of service.

Hongera sana! God bless you!

Word from Christian Union's Office



Jeff Masibo, Chairman - Christian Union

On behalf of the University's Christian Union, I want to congratulate the graduating Class of 2019 for this important academic accomplishment. Indeed we are super excited for what the Lord has done for you. I believe that it has taken the Lord's hand for provision of health, fees, and even the ability to go through the entire learning process. May all the glory go back to Him. As a family, we will miss your presence and fellowship in our care groups, chapel services, and wise men and ladies fellowships. Your participation in all the Christian Union activities was quite phenomenal, and we have no doubt that the experience you've gathered so far has prepared you enough to serve God in other spaces. I firmly believe that God works in seasons. There's a season to study and a season to implement what you have studied. Therefore, we pray that as you start a new chapter in life, may you serve with a difference. Our churches, families, governments, and even the market place all are in dire need of men and women of integrity and with a godly character. I believe you are the man and woman that PAC University has prepared to serve with these qualities. The question would then be, are you ready to stand out and be counted as that servant? God bless you.

Artist's impression of the proposed multipurpose academic building which will be coming up soon



Artist's impression of the proposed students' hostels to be built soon





CU members displaying portraits of immediate former Chaplain Dr. Kibuthu, and his Assistant, Rev. Ewagata, during their farewell ceremony



Communication student enjoying a practical session at the Radio studio



Musyoki Mutungi, the first ever PhD graduate of PAC University. He graduates with PhD in Organizational Leadership



Some of our students from the Department of Communication, Languages & Linguistics during a visit to Mathari Hospital where they donated a number of dustbins



Staff members and students taking part in a cleanup exercise around Roysambu as part community service



Students doing their private study at the newly unveiled Library Commons. The facility is one of its kind in the region



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