



# GARISSA UNIVERSITY

## 1st Graduation Ceremony

*Creating Pathways for Equitable University Education*

Thursday, 27th June 2019

# Welcome to varsity's historic occasion

### MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Welcome you to the first graduation ceremony of Garissa University. This is a momentous occasion for the graduates, who have tirelessly endeavored to work within strict scheduled timelines to accomplish curricular objectives within their various disciplines. It can't go without mentioning that this forms an epoch-making ceremony to the parents and guardians who have made immeasurable investment in the graduates for the period they have been pursuing their various courses at Garissa University.



**Prof. Ahmed A. Warfa**  
Ag. Vice Chancellor, Council Secretary

Additionally, it is widely acknowledged that the staff of Garissa University have played a significant role in supporting the academic journey of the graduates

to its end as exemplified by the historic graduation ceremony. As a symbol of resilience against violent extremism, Garissa University has

been able to release 300 graduates. We have grown the student population exponentially through attractive and affordable courses under very conducive environment. We are thankful to our professors and faculty in general for mentoring our graduates to pursue their courses successfully to completion. We are confident that our graduates will contribute enormously to national development and most importantly become ambassadors of peace.

In being responsive and relevant to the immediate and future needs as outlined in the national development blueprint, including Vision 2030 and the Big Four agenda, Garissa University, as guided by its vision to be a world-class university of technological process and development, has proposed School of Agriculture and Natural Resources to address food inse-

curity. The North Eastern region and its arid climate form a special niche in formulating the programmes.

Efforts are on the way to launch various programmes for validation with the Commission for University Education (CUE). To promote access and efficiency in pursuing various academic programmes, Garissa University Management Board has agreed to launch online programmes.

Additionally, in enhancing strategic partnerships with our collaborating institutions in research and consultancy, Garissa University has been signing a number of MoUs to launch various student-centered programmes, which have a direct impact on the schools and communities in the northern region. Garissa University houses a fully operational police station with strict

check-ups during entrance and exit of the university. We are confident that our students will continue to be safe within the university premises.

Garissa University continues to develop her infrastructure with its perimeter wall and 750 capacity hostel almost complete. We have proposed for construction of a modern tuition block due to the increasing demand for lecture halls and a modern library that will house the school of information sciences.

Garissa University has as well launched ERP successfully. This is seeing all major university operations done online. It portrays our focus towards provision of quality services and making the university acquire international recognition status. I congratulate our newest alumni and wish them all the best in their endeavours.

### MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BOARD



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# Congratulations

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On your  
**1st Graduation**



Mandera County Government



**H.E. CAPT. ALI IBRAHIM ROBA**  
GOVERNOR, MANDERA COUNTY

Several extremist groups have identified Kenya as a legitimate target and continue to threaten our interests. The Frontier Counties of Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Marsabit and Isiolo continue to bear the biggest brunt of the global problem of terrorism through increasing radicalisation and violent extremism. We are all at risk.

Today, we salute Garissa University for exemplifying resilience to violent extremism and for successfully managing to see through its pioneer lot of graduates. It is a milestone and a show of a decisive will to turn leaf on the scar of the terror attack that ended the lives of 148 innocent people on April 2, 2015 majority of them students shattering their dream careers and causing unbearable pain to their families.

Too often our officers and more innocent civilians become victims of these extremists. We must resist. We have to prevent, detect, deny and respond to such threats through concerted efforts that involve our communities, working hand in hand with security agencies. Teamwork and intelligence sharing must be a collective responsibility for all of us.

The people and the leaders of Mandera County are happy to join you and to celebrate with you this rare achievement.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES IN YOUR QUEST TO SERVE KENYA AND THE WORLD.**