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# *Congratulations Class of 2021*

*By Susan W. Chege*

Administration Department

## **Hooray it's your graduation day!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**G**raduation is a special time to acknowledge and celebrate both the end of a journey and the beginning of a new one. As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do today and always... This is just the beginning; you are stars in the making. Shine on.





# Advice to the Class of 2021

***By Dr. Johnson Masinde***

Director, Research and Publications

I'd like to take a moment and congratulate you for successfully completing your studies.

We are extremely proud of all the hard work and dedication you've put forth over the course of your studies and are pleased to welcome you to the ranks of over 8,000 alumni.

Each of you should be very proud not just of your academic achievement, but also your flexibility, resilience and determination throughout the pandemic. I sincerely commend you for adapting so quickly in the face of unexpected challenges and unprecedented circumstances and we cannot thank you enough for your support as we navigated uncharted territory together.

Throughout your studies with us, the strong work ethic, resourcefulness and creativity each of you has demonstrated has played a key role in your success, and I'm confident these attributes will continue to serve you well throughout your professional careers.

While much has changed in our world over the past months, I take great comfort knowing that you are our next generation of problem solvers and innovators who are well prepared to help us overcome the challenges of both today and tomorrow, and to find solutions that will transform our world for the better.

I look forward to celebrating your success in person alongside family, friends, faculty and fellow students when circumstances permit. So here's to a successful ending and what is sure to be a brilliant new beginning. And thank you in advance for the part you will play in building a better and brighter world.





# Celebrating the Class of 2021

**By Stella Marete**

Student Welfare Office

I am more proud of you than words can really articulate. While our graduates have always been special, you really are an exceptional group of individuals, all rising to the challenges of dealing with multiple dimensions of the unfortunate Covid-19 pandemic.

This is now a time for all of us to celebrate and honour your accomplishments. As you move forward into your careers and life-long journeys, remember that your path continues, know that you can accomplish anything, and do great things with the knowledge you have acquired.

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

As the Students Welfare Office, We're so happy that you've achieved this great milestone. **Congratulations!!**

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# A Word from Alumni



**Mosoti Douglas**  
Class of 2015,  
Bachelor of Hospitality  
Management, Manager  
Sagret Hotel (Equitorial)

**H**ats off to graduates of 2021. Today is the day we choose to celebrate you! Your hard work deserves some warm thoughtful words of recognition and encouragement.

Gretsa University is an institution that moulds learners into problem solvers and innovators. Just like most of us who went through the institution, you need to understand that what you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.

Someday you'll look back and think, Wow, I graduated at the strangest time ever when the country was ravaged by a pandemic, but until then, we'll be here for you, cheering you on

and feeling very proud of you.

As you leave these premises, remember Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. Go into the world and do well, but more importantly, do good, keeping in mind that if opportunity doesn't knock, build a door and go through it.

As mark twain says, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

***Congratulations once more, class of 2021.***

# A Word from Alumni



## Sadam Ali

**Certificate in Information Technology – Class of 2019,  
Professional Chess Player  
Kenya National Chess Team  
(He recently represented  
Kenya in Africa Chess  
contest held in Lilongwe-  
Malawi and Para Olympiad  
held in Tokyo-Japan)**

**P**Primary to secondary school, secondary to University, and now it's the latest big transition into workplace life. I know many of you graduating today are eager to get out there and kick start your career; others may feel ill-prepared for the next step in life, particularly given that the pandemic robbed them of a huge chunk of their university experience. Either way, as you head out there, whether into a graduate entry job, internship or entrepreneurship, how can you make the best of your skills and talents?

In pre-pandemic times, there was a much more straightforward pathway, with the vast majority of graduates joining the office environment and earning a living. That might not be the case today. Many companies have

been negatively affected by the pandemic and are implementing cost-saving measures, which have greatly hampered entry-level jobs.

My advice to you is that, apart from pursuing that office job, you should be ready to explore your talent. I believe you are good at something, whether cooking, swimming, writing, programming, acting, or even dancing. Believe it, you can transform your talent into a career or business. The leap from hobby/talent to a full-time career might seem intimidating, but it's worth taking.

When you're good at what you do, enjoy doing it and find a market fit, why wouldn't you want to turn it into your daily reality? However, this will require you to step out of your comfort zone and venture into the unknown.

# A Word from Alumni



## Eggans Wandera

Class of 2020  
Bachelor of Hospitality  
Management – Tutor in  
Hospitality Management

**H**aving graduated a year before you, let me take this opportunity to share my experiences with you. Today I am one-year-old in the real world. Some would say I got lucky enough to get a job a few months after my graduation.

However, the truth is that the so-called “luck” came as a result of persistence, determination and the hunger to want to impact the society. Luck finds you if you are resolute and confident in yourself.

My one-year experience in the real world has been coupled with lots of confusion, not knowing what path to take, whether to stick

to my line of study or build a career outside my field of study, having to make dozens of tough decisions and letting go of people and places for the sake of growth. Class of 2021, allow me to enlighten you that the outcome of how hard or easy things will be after your graduation will totally depend on you.

Finally, as you all head out into the competitive world, portray professionalism, be ethical in all your conducts and interactions, be guided by the desire to be the change that you desire and more importantly, seek growth and avoid shortcuts.

Let God work things in His own timing. Congratulations on your graduation.



# Reflections by the Class of 2021



**BY EZRA AMATA**  
**BCom, Class of 2021**

*Greatness is not given, it is attained, strived for and fought for. We have had to work for it. It has been a race to recon, a moment of our life, challenges and opportunities all in the same have led us to this point, to be better version of ourselves. We now have the power to read, the chance to being our own best, be our heroes and be the change to our society.*

**Congratulations class of 2021.**  
**Go big, go strong.**



**BY ALEX JOGOO**  
**BCom, Class of 2021**

*Congratulations! We made it! From dreams, to years, to months, to days and finally the big day is here. It's time to celebrate all the hard work that led to this joyful occasion. Not COVID-19, not financial difficulties and all the hardships that stroke the journey. The road to graduation indeed is a long, steep climb, so let's take a moment at the summit to be proud of our accomplishments." Key take-homes; "Stay positive always," "If we did make it better through schooling, why not make it better in the next life chapters?"; "In all thank God, put HIM first," "No Matter What Happens...Life Is Still Beautiful."*



**By Linet Orito**  
**Bed (Arts), Class of 2021**

*Sherehe ikifana huwa Kuna ngoma; ngoma ambayo mdundo wake hauepukiki. Vuno tutavinengua huku tabasamu ikisawazisha yale yote tuliyoipitia katika safari hii ya kupanda vidato vya elimu. Nawapongeza nyote kwa kuwuka vizingiti vingi vya maisha hadi ikatimia siku yenu kuu, siku ya mahafali . Na mwanga wenu ungae na kuwaangazia wengi ulimwenguni. Wenzangu ,tukifika kesho yetu salama aisee! Tukumbukane.*



# Reflections by the Class of 2021



**By Lydia Kabibi**  
**Bed (Arts), Class of 2021**

*We have worked hard to achieve our goals and now we are on our way to seek new challenges, dream new dreams, embark on new journeys, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for the stars. This is a huge step forward! We deserve big Congratulations!*



**By Donicious Bosire**

*Congratulations on your richly deserved success! I am sure that this day is just but one among the many proud and successful moments to come. Dream big, embrace life with passion and conquer new territories. Primarily, I am confident that we are all proud of this certification; how I pray we take this as a pathway to make the world a better place and not only a key to good life.*



**By Faith Koge**  
**Bed (Arts), Class of 2021**

*Class of 2021, we are a special class. We have had to deal the covid-19 and its global challenges and impacts, yet we have all portrayed fortitude, resilience, perseverance and remarkable growth, and Hey!!... Look we have all made it. We all deserve standing ovations!!! We have finished this race!*



# Reflections by the Class of 2021



**By Fiona Gatwiri,  
BCom, Class of 2021**

*Congratulations Class of 2021. The transition you have made, your resiliency and effort is worth celebrating. As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, may you be spirited to snatch the chances and beat challenges that come your way. May you dream new dreams, embrace life with passion and take the same determination and apply it in your next chapter of life.*



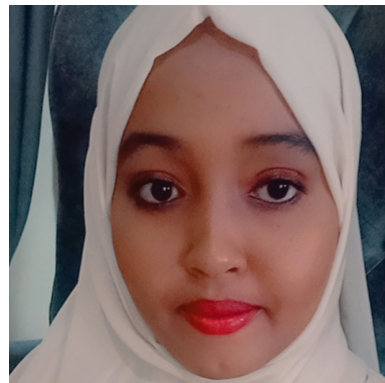
**Naomi Nasipwonyi,  
BSc, (Computer Science), Class of 2021**

*Beyond all human devices, there is a great equalizer and that's education — Horace Mann, 1848. To the Class of 2021, it took hard work to be graduands today. The future is yours- set goals, confront challenges and seize opportunities. Make sure you have a purpose and a passion for what you pursue. The best is yet to come, wishing you success on you career paths. Congratulations once more class of 2021.*



**Emmaculate Mukami,  
BCom, Class of 2021**

*Day or night, let the sun in your heart always shine bright! Best of luck and remember that, learning is a continues process. Learn, unlearn and relearn! Congratulations class of 2021!*



**Bilqes Noor,**

*Dear Class of 2021  
One of the greatest assets in the contemporary world is education. Always remember there is no limit to what you can achieve and the greatest reward is the journey. I wish you success in your future endeavors and congratulations class of 2021.*





*A Group Photo of Grets University Students at Ezekiel's Children Home*

## Inspiring Visit to Ezekiel Children's Home

**BY: KERUBO MANGERA**  
*Students Talent Coordinator*

In life, there is nothing that pleases one's heart than the touch of hope and compassion. To see people's lives change for the better because of your kind-heartedness. On Saturday 13 November 2021 all Grets University societies came together for a good course; they set aside this special day to visit Ezekiel Children's home. They arrived at Ezekiel Children's home loaded with hope, strength and donations.



*Grets University Students Enjoy a Meal with some of the Children*



*Students give a helping hand in housekeeping duties at Ezekiel's Children Home*



# The Drama Troupe Adventures

*BY HEZRON MANYASI*

*Patron Music and Drama Club*

After a significant exodus of members due to graduation and the Covid 19 pandemic, the Drama Club was on the verge of collapse. Fortunately, a twinkle of theatre platform crowned new dawn with the Kenya University Performing Arts Association's Drama & Music Festival held at Meru University of Science and Technology.

Thanks to the tireless stewardship of the patron, the club was reenergized by the entry of new students endowed with various talents. This was demonstrated by the remarkable triumph in the KUPAA Festivals. The festivals were crowned by our very own Mark Mawera AKA Dj Arch, who got a standing ovation from the Judges and the audience for showcasing magical skills in the Disc Jockeying contest.

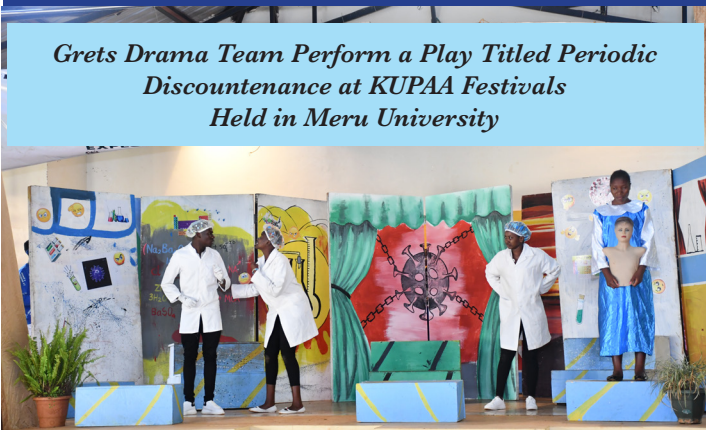
Gretsa Band, under the guidance of Chereste Wahome and chief vocalist Yvonne Muthoni, also scooped position one while the all-time great poets, Wasanii wazoeфу's eloquence in Swahili left the audience in complete awe.

Additionally, there were other exemplary performances from Gretsa actors with their play titled Periodic Discountenance, Gichuki Collins with a mime, Diana and Esther with Oral Narrative and Diana Yere with solo verse.



*Drama and Music Team pose for a Photo with the outgoing Vice Chancellor Prof. Kuria Thuo*

*Gretsa Drama Team Perform a Play Titled Periodic Discountenance at KUPAA Festivals Held in Meru University*



*Gretsa Band Members performing a Piece at KUPAA Festivals Held in Meru University*



*Gretsa University Dancers Performing a Modern Dance Entitled Visionary Cycle at KUPAA Festivals Held in Meru University*



## MR AND MISS GRE TSA 2021

*By Stella Marete  
Students Welfare*

Following a competitive pre-judging session, 25 contestants made it through to the Mr. and Miss Grets a University pageant finals held on 29th October 2021 at the university grounds. It was a night of pomp and colour as the university held its 2021 pageant in an event that saw Stanslaus Licha and Ashley Gachanja emerge as Mr and Miss Grets a University. The beauty pageant, which was held under strict Covid-19 regulations and guidelines from the Ministry of Health, saw the models display their eloquence, beauty and designer garments.

The event was spiced up by entertainment from Mejja Okwonkwo, DJ Supreme and DJ Arch.

While the actual pageant is only one night, contestants spend weeks preparing for the event and competing in preliminary contests, which helps them build confidence and learn the value of handwork.

This year's event was proudly sponsored by Safaricom Limited, Bidco Africa, Eboss Farm, Sagret Hotel – Equatorial and Grets a University.





# Gretsa University's First Virtual Research Conference

*By Mugambi Frankline  
Department of Library and Information  
Services*

For the first time, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gretsa University Multidisciplinary Research Conference was held virtually. The conference saw a record-breaking number of participants from around Kenya, a total of 116 researchers participated in the conference with 41 researchers making oral presentations. The two-day live virtual event took place from November 8 and November 9 and featured presentation sessions addressing the theme: “Sustainability in the Era of Covid-19 Pandemic”.

Day one of the live event included opening session, during which Gretsa University Vice Chancellor Prof. Wabuke Bibi officially opened the conference and highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on the society and urged for deliberations and solutions that would help organizations and the society achieve sustainability in the era of the pandemic. Dr. Daniel Wambiri, one of the invited speakers on his part underscored the need for: developing a circular economy that guarantees resources for all; promoting sustainable and diversified economy, making the most of innovation, and supporting research in training institutions. Mr. Shem Omuga, Head, Talent Resourcing, Learning and Development at National Bank of Kenya set the scene for the two-day Conference summarizing the challenges the world faced today, chief amongst them, the impacts of COVID-19 and the measures organizations are putting in place to achieve sustainability and growth in the midst of the pandemic.

The virtual conference brought together stakeholders from the industry and researchers from across the world to share knowledge and experiences coping with the pandemic. At the end “We are very pleased with what turned out to be a seamless shift from our in-person annual conference to a virtual conference,” noted Dr. Johnson Masinde director of research and publications Gretsa University. Following the successful virtual conference, the planners hope to incorporate some aspect of the virtual conference in future conferences post pandemic.



## Gretsa University Staff Bid farewell to Outgoing Vice Chancellor

Staff of Gretsa University organized a surprise farewell party to Outgoing Vice Chancellor Prof. J. Kuria Thuo on Tuesday 26th October 2021. Prof. Thuo joined the Institution in 2012 for an initial term of five years. He was given a five-year term extension in 2016, with almost ten years of service as VC, thus, became the longest-serving VC ever since Gretsa's establishment in 2006. During his tenure as VC, Prof. Thuo has registered a number of achievements; key among them is the tremendous University growth, in terms of quality, student population, infrastructure and strong linkages with the industry. He was able to achieve this because of his passion, focus and hard work. Prof. Thuo will be remembered for his strong work ethics and as an exemplary leader in his undertakings. His legacy will remain through the people he trained and mentored.

Members who were present during the farewell party had words of praise for Prof. Thuo. The coordinator for Collaborations and Linkages Mr. Peter Gakwa on his part thanked Prof. Thuo for encouraging staff to acquire new skills and carry out research. Bidding farewell to Prof. Thuo, Chairperson of Gretsa Staff Welfare, Ms. Nyokabi Kibathi said: "Professor Thuo did his best during trying times of lockdowns to keep the university on course. On his part, Prof. Thuo thanked members of staff for their support and cooperation which enabled him to achieve success.



*A Photo of Gretsa Staff During the Farewell Party*



*Members of Staff Welfare Presents a Gift to Prof. Thuo*



*Fridah Kathure Presents a Farewell Cake to Prof. Thuo*







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*Congratulations*  
*Class of 2021*

*Our best wishes to you!*  
*Have a wonderful holiday season*  
*and a*  
*Prosperous New Year!*



*Merry*  
*Christmas*  
*and a Happy New Year*



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