



## MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### VICE CHANCELLOR'S ROUND UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING,

FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) has partnered with the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) to investigate and combat the rising concerns of drug and substance use among University students in Kenya. This collaboration aims to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the status, prevalence and patterns of substance use within the university campuses across the country. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023, a team from NACADA led by the Program Officer-Department of Research and Policy, Ms. Clara Soo, paid a courtesy call to the Division of Planning Research and Innovation. The call was made for purposes of initiating the crucial groundwork for the upcoming research project, *'Status of Drugs and Substance Use Among University Students in Kenya.'*
- On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, the Ministry of Interior and National Administration (Western region), led by the CIPU County Commander (Kakamega) - Ms. Pauline Muriithi, paid a courtesy call to the office of the Vice Chancellor. She was accompanied by the Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit (CIPU) Commander Kakamega Central- Mr. Jackson Kahiga, CIPU Commander Navakholo Sub-County- Mr. Alphonse Masila, and Inspector Josepher Okumu. The purpose of the visit was to discuss measures to foster security in the residential areas for our students. They also discussed issues of mutual interest, including the establishment of a partnership that will see police officers enroll in relevant programs at the University.
- The County Government of Busia has selected MMUST as a partner in the establishment of the proposed community-based livestock breeding center, set to improve local breeds within Western region. The Center, which is under Busia County's *'Ward Level Agriculture Sector Driven Economic Revitalization Programme'*, will be set up in the University's Butula Campus. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023, a team from the School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology (SAVET), met delegates from the County's Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Climate Change, Blue Economy and Agribusiness to discuss the project, as well as other possible areas of collaboration.

- On November 3, 2023, a group of MIMUST students were honored with the prestigious Bronze Award from the esteemed President's Award - Kenya Program. The program, which aims at empowering and recognizing the efforts of youths in the nation, focuses on nurturing leadership, teamwork, and community engagement skills. The awards were presented to the students by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs) in a special ceremony held in his office. This recognition stands as a testament to the students' remarkable efforts in making a positive impact within their communities. It also highlights the University's dedication to fostering well-rounded individuals dedicated to enhancing the well-being of society.

I wish you a blessed weekend ahead!

f Prof. Solomon Shibairo

Vice Chancellor



Signature

3/11/2023

Date