

UONAA launches Education Alumni Chapter

There was pomp and colour as the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UoNAA) launched the Education Alumni Chapter on April 30, 2015. The chapter by the College of Education and External Studies (CEES) is the 13th one established by UoNAA.

The event held at the Nairobi Safari Club was officiated by Mrs. Elymaryta M. Khaoya, Senior Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Also present at the event were the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu, CEES Principal, Prof Isaac Jumba, Deputy Principal, Prof. Horace Ochanda, UoNAA Vice-Chairman, Prof. R.A. Obudho, among other distinguished guests.

The chief guest of the night, Mrs. Elymaryta M. Khaoya, senior Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology read a speech on behalf of the Principal Secretary Ministry of Education, Dr. Belio Kipsang. In her remarks she stated the quality of an institution is powered by the alma mater. The alma mater builds and support institutions through investing time and resources. She called on the alumni to volunteer manpower through research, innovation and quality training. She challenged the alumni to support students through mentorship. To mark the official launch of the Education Alumni Chapter, a cake was cut, followed by dinner and entertainment.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mbithi also an alumni of the University of Nairobi class of 1983 assured guests and Alumni of the university's continued support in implementation of projects. In his remarks, Prof. Mbithi reiterated the important role the alumni play in the development of the University he praised the organizers of the event for putting together a well-organized and well attended Event.

Speaking during the event, Prof. Jumba gave a detailed history of the college. He highlighted major milestones the university has achieved over the years. Noting key collaborations with international universities, the satellite colleges and great programmes the University has implemented.

Dr. Anne Aseey said that she was delighted that CEES has joined the Alumni Association, noting that the Education Chapter is a great way for people to reconnect and to link up people who graduated in different years.

Mrs. Leah Mumbua of Kenya School of Government shared memorable experiences she had while she was a student at the University. In her remarks, she stressed the need for the alumni to give back to the University that has played a critical role in shaping the professional lives of the alumni. She urged the alumni to remain dedicated to improving the institution. Mrs. Leah ended her speech saying "it is my prayer you remain focus in what you are destined to be. This occasion is a great event for networking and reconnecting with old friends.

Representing the European Union, Mrs. Apiyo Okwiri started by stating the important role alumni play in singing the good praises of the University. She also stressed the need for the alumni to give back to the university by supporting programs and projects. She ended her speech by asking the alumni to give the university constructive feedback so that institution can continue to grow and churn out quality grandaunts.

Speaking on behalf of Dr. Betty Gikonyo, UoNAA, Prof. Obudho noted the pivotal role the different chapters that make up the University Alumni play in identifying the needs and projects of their respective chapters. He highlighted the need for the alumni to work together to mobilize resources to meet the strategic objectives of the UONAA.

We wish the Education Alumni Chapter the very best in their future endeavors.