

# University of Nairobi 53rd Graduation



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UoN has held its 53rd graduation ceremony just weeks after organizing the first ever innovation week in the University. Being at the forefront in innovation and research, the University was proud to confer 5,301 graduates. The graduates were from College of [Biological and Physical Sciences](#), College of [Architecture and Engineering](#), College of [Education and External Studies](#) and College of [Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences](#).

Out of **5,301** graduates, **643** were from the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

During this historic celebrations, UoN conferred the first ever Doctor of Laws to Hon. Justice Jackson Boma Ojwang.

Prof. Mbithi , Vice Chancellor University of Nairobi highlighted the achievement of UoN's exemplary performance in students' awards in the Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2015 where 5th year Mechanical Engineering Student Taita Ngétich and 4th year Economics and Statistics student Brian Bett emerged 2nd best start-up for their innovation -**Mkulima Hodariø** . In addition, School of Law emerged top in Africa and 10<sup>th</sup> position worldwide in the International Law Moot Court.

UoN will be host to innovations and inventions which would be nurtured into viable business once the **University of Nairobi innovation hub**, estimated at **Kes. 500 Million**, is constructed in Chiromo Campus. The ground breaking of the hub was undertaken in Aug. 2015 when UoN hosted the first ever Nairobi innovation week. Prof. Mbithi also noted that an endowment fund has been flagged off with Dr. Rattansi, UoN Chancellor, funding of Ksh. 1 Million.

The valedictorian during the 53rd UoN graduation ceremony was **Ms. Christin Mbai Nzilani** , a graduate from College of Architecture and Engineering. Ms. Nzilani urged the graduands to believe in themselves and to have tenacity to embark on their goals and career paths.

From CBPS, each school graduated the following:

**Center for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics** - 4 Masters of Science

**School of Biological Sciences** ó 113 : 3 PhDs, 7 Masters and 103 Bachelors

**School of Computing and Informatics** ó 136 : 4 PhDs, 49 Masters and 46 Bachelors, 37 Diplomas

**School of Mathematics** ó 160 : 2 PhDs, 36 Masters and 122 Bachelors

**School of Physical Sciences** ó 230 : 3 PhDs, 32 Masters and 195 Bachelors

UoN graduated 1 Doctor of Laws, 41 PhDs, 769 Masters and 2,972 Bachelors; 17 Postgraduate Diplomas and 1,501 ordinary Diplomas; a total of 5,301 graduands.

UoN aims to undertake additional infrastructural developments that will be undertaken to enhance excellence include construction of the Wangari Maathai Campus funded by the African Development Bank and the Government of Kenya to the tune of KES 700 million, the Confucius Institute building estimated to cost KES 1.2 billion and construction of hostel blocks to accommodate 5,000 students.

UoN students will also have an opportunity to **interact and offer voluntary service** through an establishment of structured student service learning programs. In addition, to enhance **student mentorship**, UoN will set up a center for Pedagogy and Andragogy.

This is the first cohort graduates under the new administration led by Prof. Peter Mbithi who was installed as UoN's Vice Chancellor in January 2015.