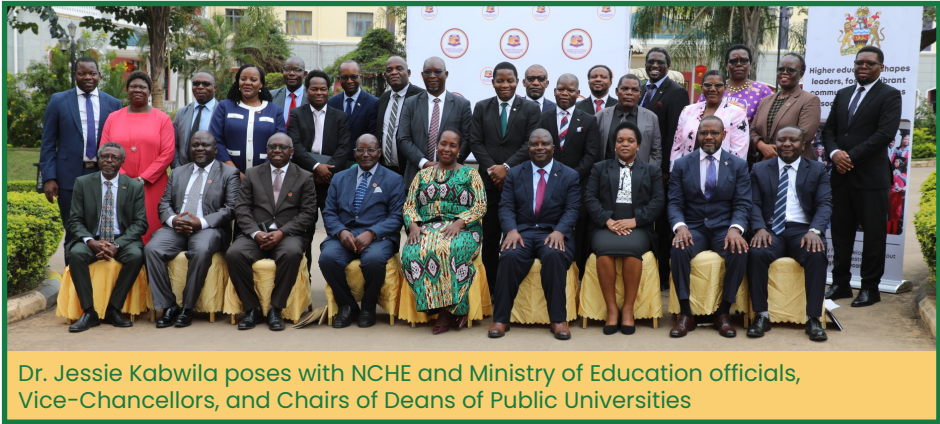




MINISTRY ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES SELECTED INTO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



Dr. Jessie Kabwila poses with NCHE and Ministry of Education officials, Vice-Chancellors, and Chairs of Deans of Public Universities

The Ministry of Higher Education has announced the names of candidates selected into public universities and two public colleges of education.

The announcement was made on Thursday 27th February, 2025 at Golden Peacock Hotel during a press briefing presided over by Minister of Higher Education Dr. Jessie Kabwila.

The minister said the occasion was memorable because higher education is pivotal to the seven enablers of the MW2063, particularly human capital development.

“I need not to emphasise that human capital development is one of the top drivers of accelerated realisation of the Malawi 2063 agenda,” she said.

The selection of candidates is done by the public universities but the exercise is coordinated by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE).

In the 2024/25 cycle, a total of 24,582 (15,692 males and 8,890 females) qualified. A total of 12,819 candidates (7,627 male and 5,202 female) have been selected by the six public universities into their programmes, including City Campus and ODeL programmes at LUANAR. In addition to selection by public universities, Domasi and Nalikule colleges of education have selected 1,356 candidates (794 male and 562 female bringing the total number of selected candidates to 14,175 (8,421 male and 5,764 female) representing a gender parity of 59% male and 41% female, which is above the 40:60 minimum ratio advocated in the Gender Equality Act of 2013.

The 14,175 candidates selected this year so far, is 58% of the total number of qualified applicants which represents 27% increase from last year’s combined figure of 11,122 candidates announced in the 2023/2024 cycle.

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MZUNI is expected to select from the same 2024/25 harmonised public universities selection data bank about 2,500 candidates to be offered the same generic studies under the Open, Distance and e-Learning mode, which will bring the total number selected students to 16,675 representing 68% of qualified applicants.

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The selection has also ensured inclusiveness in higher education and has this year selected 95 candidates with special needs to the public universities; 35 of whom were selected on merit, while 60 were affirmatively selected upon meeting the minimum entry requirements of six credits including English.

MZUNI IMPRESSED WITH GREEN JOBS TRAINING

MZUNI is impressed with the Green Jobs Training which took place at NkhataBay Community Technical College recently.

Head of Department (Energy Systems) Dr. Chrispin Gogoda said the youths who attended the training have displayed a high level of understanding of the concepts.

“It has been impressive because of the practical aspects which the youths were involved in. This will strengthen the theoretical aspects which they have acquired and we believe the youths will make a difference in their communities,” he said.



Some of the youths who participated in the training in NkhataBay

The Save the Children Internation (SCI) funded Green Jobs for Youth Project is delivering trainings in Green Skills comprising Renewable Energy and Eco-Tourism through the Faculty of Tourism Hospitality and Management and Test and Training Centre for Renewable Energy Technologies (TCRET) in the Department of Energy Systems. The trainings are for youths from Mzimba and Ntcheu districts.

With support from SAVE Project, the Department of Energy Systems and TCRET, launched the Renewable Energy training for Mzimba youths at Nkhatabay Community College on 17 February 2025.

This followed a similar training on 2nd December 2024 in Balaka at Mzuzu University’s Balaka ODeL Satellite Centre for the Ntcheu Youths who had two weeks of training.

Just as in Balaka, the training will ran for two weeks at the college followed by further training in different renewable energy technologies to take place in the youth’s respective communities in Mzimba and Ntcheu districts.

For the Eco-Tourism skills training, youths from Mzimba are expected to start their two weeks later followed by on campus practical trainings and in the youths’ community where applicable. In total, the training will carter for 190 youths (95 in Mzimba and 95 in Ntcheu).

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KAVUZI CDSS VISITS MZUNI

On Friday, February 28, 2025, students from Kavuzi Community Day Secondary School (CDSS) visited MZUNI to gain insights into the various programmes offered by the university.

This visit provided the students with a broader understanding of higher education opportunities and inspired them as they decide their future career paths.

During their visit, the students were briefed on MZUNI programmes in Renewable Energy (RE) and Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Among others, the students appreciated the relevance of renewable energy and ICT in today’s technology-driven society.

The visit also provided students with the opportunity to engage MZUNI staff and faculty, allowing them to ask pressing questions about academic life, course selection, and student experiences at the University.



Students from Kavuzi Community Day Secondary School



CELEBRATING MZUNI ALUMNI’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Meet Charles Kajoloweka – Human Rights Activist



Charles Kajoloweka

Charles Kajoloweka is the founder of Youth and Society (YAS), a prominent non-profit organisation dedicated to advancing human rights and democratic governance in Malawi.

Established in 2012, YAS has been a driving force for change, focusing on empowering young people aged 10 to 35 and marginalized groups, including youth with disabilities, those in conflict with the law, young women, and refugees. Under Kajoloweka’s leadership, YAS has spearheaded multiple advocacy campaigns and initiatives that have held public institutions accountable, directly benefiting communities across Malawi.

Kajoloweka’s work through YAS aligns with broader goals of national development and global good. The organization’s focus on empowering youth and marginalized groups contributes significantly to social progress and democratic advancement in Malawi.

The human rights activist is a recipient of the prestigious Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). He is also a recipient of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Austria. In 2019, Charles was appointed as Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goal 16 under the “16x16 Youth Initiative” led by the UNDP and Government of Italy aimed at advancing youth drive in the implementation of the SDG16 Agenda.



EVENTS AND UPDATES

MZUNI Alumni Association (Central Region Chapter) has launched an Essay Writing Competition that will inspire and empower young minds. The theme of the competition is “Corruption in My Area”. The competition is open to community day secondary schools in Ntchisi, Ntcheu, Kasungu and Nkhotakota. For more details, contact Masozi Kasambala on 099555811, Ganizani Likupe on 0999 093 285 and Cathy Jimu on 0884 921 146.

MZUNI ICT students Jones Thukuta and William Soko represented Malawi in the Huawei ICT Competition Regional Finals which took place at Huawei Malawi’s Head Office in Blantyre on 26th and 27th February 2025.

The End of Semester examinations for the 2024/2025 Academic Year will start on Monday, 10th March 2025. The University reminds students, parents and guardians that only students who have paid the applicable tuition fees and were consequently registered for the semester are eligible to sit the examinations. All students who have not been registered are not eligible and should not present themselves for examinations as their examination results will not be processed.

The Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Precious Madula represented MZUNI at the 20th Edition of the Malawi Economic Monitor–The Rising Costs of Inaction at Sunbird Mzuzu Hotel on Tuesday 25th February, 2025 which was organised by The World Bank Group.

The Agri-Sciences Department, through the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, informs the University community that MSc and PhD Public Thesis and Proposal Defence will take place from Wednesday 5th March to Friday 7th March, 2025 at SMART Centre (Mzuzu University) from 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

Following are the results of football and basketball games played on Saturday, 1st March, 2025. In football, Mzuni FC 1, Mzuzu City Hammers 1. In Basketball, Mzuni Reserve 53, Moyale youth 58; Mzuni Hotshots 67, Northern Fire 31, Mzuni Panthers 45, Nkhandwe 46.

MUASU members elected new executive members on Friday 28th February, 2025. The following are new office bearers: Dr. Angel Nyirenda (President), Mr. Misheck Banda (General Secretary) and Dr. Edna Manda (Treasurer). Congratulations to the new office bearers.

The University community is informed that FAFASA and ODeLSA Executives have been dissolved as student associations are geared for new elections on March 7, 2025. The FAFASA and ODeLSA Speakers are currently in charge of the affairs of the students’ bodies.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini has appointed the following members to form a committee to support the operationalization of the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) in the Directorate of Research: Professor Fanuel Kapute (Lead), Research Ethics Administrator, Mr. Wanangwa Msowoya, Mr. Hamis Abdulla, Mr. Misheck Banda, and Mr. Flester Mughogho. Congratulations to the members.