

Hundreds of Students Graduate at EACC Commencement Ceremony

Joy and celebration filled the air as EACC held its annual commencement ceremony on Friday , June 27,2025 , marking a significant milestone for more than 264 graduating students.

The ceremony took place at EACC Stadium-Masaka-Kicukiro , where proud families, faculty members, and honored guests gathered to witness students from various colleges and disciplines receive their degrees. The Class of 2025 included graduates from the programs of Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Theology, Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, Advanced Diploma in General Nursing, Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors in Monitoring & Evaluation, Diploma of Education in Child Development and Postgraduate Diploma in Education

Dr. Papias Musafiri Malimba, Principal of East African Christian College, confirmed growing demand for advanced theological education.

“There is a clear need for master’s programmes in theology. At present, only one university offers a bachelor’s in the field,” he said. “We’ve been approached by many who wish to continue, and we’re working on it.”

He said three intakes have so far completed bachelor’s and postgraduate diploma programmes at the college.

“We are also ensuring our students gain technology skills to match the pace of global change,” he added.

Among the 246 graduates from East African Christian College, 142 were from the Faculty of Theology and Religion.

Of these, 99 completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, including 15 women, while 43 earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Theology, including 7 women.

Theoneste Ndikumana, the Head of General Higher Education Quality Standards at the Higher Education Council (HEC), urged the college to expand.

“We encourage the school to start a master’s programme. Once they submit their proposal, we’re ready to support them. The lack of formal training among some pastors remains a challenge,” Ndikumana said.

Laurent Mbanda, the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Rwanda and Vice Chairman of the Rwanda Inter-religious Council, said qualifications would improve church leadership.

“We’re grateful that more of our faith leaders are meeting these requirements,” Mbanda said.

Graduates crossed the stage to thunderous applause, with many donning decorated caps and sashes representing their cultures, achievements, and future aspirations.

The event concluded with the traditional turning of the tassels and a recessional led by the university band.

As these new graduates prepare to enter the workforce or continue their education, they carry with them the values and vision instilled by their alma mater.