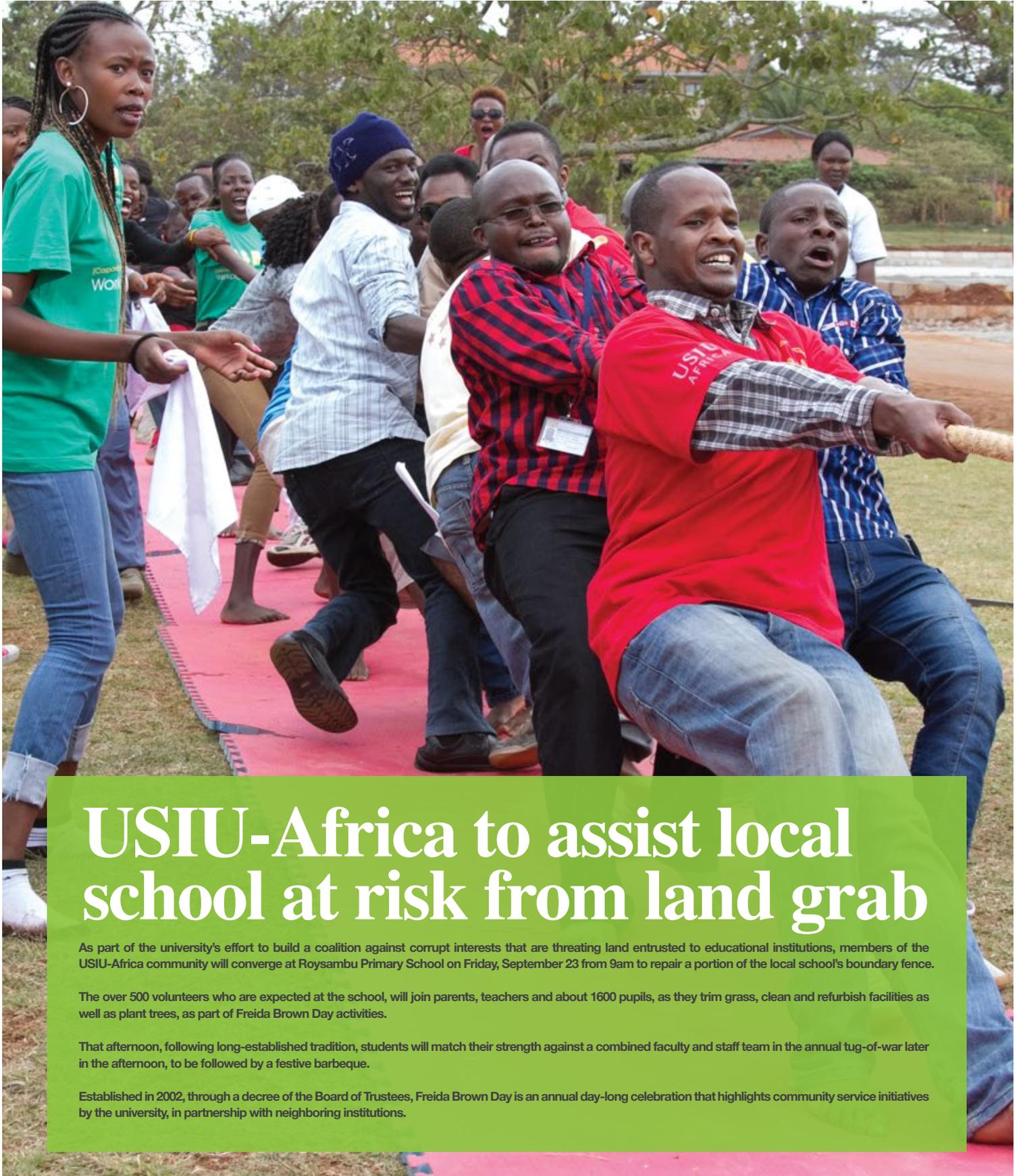


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USIU-Africa to assist local school at risk from land grab

As part of the university's effort to build a coalition against corrupt interests that are threatening land entrusted to educational institutions, members of the USIU-Africa community will converge at Roysambu Primary School on Friday, September 23 from 9am to repair a portion of the local school's boundary fence.

The over 500 volunteers who are expected at the school, will join parents, teachers and about 1600 pupils, as they trim grass, clean and refurbish facilities as well as plant trees, as part of Freida Brown Day activities.

That afternoon, following long-established tradition, students will match their strength against a combined faculty and staff team in the annual tug-of-war later in the afternoon, to be followed by a festive barbeque.

Established in 2002, through a decree of the Board of Trustees, Freida Brown Day is an annual day-long celebration that highlights community service initiatives by the university, in partnership with neighboring institutions.

The tug-of-war is a much anticipated part of the fun and games that form the afternoon segment of the annual Freida Brown Day. This year's event will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016, from 9am.

USIU-Africa participates at premier agribusiness forum



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza speaking during the roundtable panel discussion on Monday, September 5, 2016 at the Intercontinental Nairobi.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza was invited to take part in a roundtable panel discussion held on Monday September 5, 2016 themed “*Science and Innovation to Drive Africa’s Agricultural Transformation*”, at the Intercontinental Nairobi.

During the panel discussion, Prof. Zeleza stressed the need for research findings to be incorporated into national policies, adding that “*Our universities must understand global challenges within a local context.*”

The discussion was organized by Cultivate Africa’s Future (CultiAF), as part of the Africa Green Revolution Forum 2016 whose theme was “*Seize the Moment: Securing Africa’s Rise through Agricultural Transformation*”.

CultiAF is a joint program of the International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC) and the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), which has funded the Metro AgriFood Living Lab Project’s (*Expanding Business Opportunities for Youth in the Fish and Poultry sectors in Kenya*) run by USIU-Africa’s Global Agribusiness Management & Entrepreneurship (GAME) Center.

The Center’s Program Manager Mrs. Karen Nguru presented the project’s research findings at the forum held at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi (UNON), while Mrs. Wanjira Gitagia - a USIU-Africa alumnus and a participant in the GAME Center’s Living Lab Project, made a project presentation titled “*Insect Feed (INSFEED) Rearing Venture*”.

VC authors chronicle of global education transformation



In August 2016, Palgrave Macmillan published the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza’s *The Transformation of Global Higher Education, 1945-2015*, as part of their *African Histories and Modernities* book series. The new book is a comprehensive overview of the development of higher education across different world regions from the end of the Second World War, right up to the present.

In the book, Prof. Zeleza identifies the main trends in the transformation of global higher education, their various manifestations, and what impact they have had in the diverse education systems and institutions, throughout the world.

The African Histories and Modernities book series by Palgrave Macmillan, is a collection of African scholarly contributions that seek to “...affect the way we think about African and global histories.”

Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza who is a Professor of the Humanities and Social Sciences, is an accomplished and much-feted academic. Over the course of his career which has spanned almost four decades, he has published more than 300 journal articles, book chapters, reviews, short stories and online essays, and authored or edited 27 books. Several of his books have won international awards including Africa’s most prestigious book prize, the *Noma Award for Publishing in Africa*, for his books - *A Modern Economic History of Africa* (1993) and *Manufacturing African Studies and Crises* (1997). His most recent books include *In Search of African Diasporas: Testimonies and Encounters* (2012) and *Africa’s Resurgence: Domestic, Global and Diaspora Transformations* (2014).

The book is available online from Palgrave Macmillan through this link:

<http://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9781137578570>



USIU-Africa welcomes Fall 2016 Freshmen

Parents and new students prepare to listen to Ag. Health Services Coordinator Ms. Alice Wagura during a Fall 2016 Undergraduate Orientation session on August 29, 2016.

On Friday, September 16, USIU-Africa also received over one hundred freshmen who applied through the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service.

Visit this link for more information: <http://www.usiu.ac.ke/orientation/>

Doctoral class makes history



Dr. Teresa Linge (Assistant Professor of Management and Academic Director – IBA Program) receives the Top Faculty Award from the Guest of Honor Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi (Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade Development (UNCTAD)).

1325 graduands from 17 programs at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels participated in the 38th Commencement ceremony held on Saturday, August 20 in the graduation yard.

Delivering the Commencement Address, the United Nations Conference on Trade Development (UNCTAD) Secretary General Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, urged the class of 2016 to continue being foot soldiers of multilateralism as they leave the institution.

In his report, the Vice Chancellor Prof Paul Zeleza reflected on his first few months on campus, especially the progress the university has made in building on the legacy left by his predecessor Prof. Freida Brown.

21 graduands were presented by their supervisors for the first ever USIU-Africa award of the Doctor of Business Administration degree. All speeches delivered at the ceremony are available on our YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/user/usinternationalu).

University Legal Counsel to represent FKE at state training corporation

The University Legal Counsel/Company Secretary, Ms. Helen Ambasa, has been appointed by the Board of the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) to its Training Committee with effect from 29th July, 2016. NITA is a State Corporation established under the Industrial Training (Amendment) Act of 2011 with a mandate to establish and maintain the highest levels of industrial training standards for all levels of manpower training, on behalf of the Government of Kenya. The Committee is an important structure of the Board as it facilitates the achievement of NITA's objectives. The 3-year appointment is by virtue of USIU-Africa's membership of the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), which nominated Ms. Ambasa to represent the organization.



Students from SOKA University pose for a group photo with some members of the Student Affairs department and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences during their two-week Short-term Study Abroad Program at USIU-Africa in August 2016. During the visit, the seventeen Japanese students undertook community service activities at Happy Life Children's Home and Little Sister of Poor (Nyumba ya Wazee) within the Kasarani sub-county of Nairobi

IT staff aim to demystify tech services



The ICT Division has organized the Tech Week scheduled to run from Tuesday, September 20 to Thursday September 22 outside the Student Affairs Council (SAC) offices. The division will set up a 'Tech Village' at the SAC square where new and continuing students can receive information on ICT services and applications, as well as have any pending concerns addressed. Microsoft East Africa is also expected to make a presentation on Wednesday September 21 at 12.30pm at the Teaching Lab in Lillian K Beam Building. Further details are available on campus posters.

Media Mentions

September 15: USIU-Africa was featured in a sports article titled "Four Kenya teams set for the Africa Zone 5 championships in Tanzania"

September 14: USIU-Africa was featured in an article titled "Private universities admit 12,000 students"

September 12: The Standard newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in a sports feature titled "Spartans whip JKUAT in women's hockey"

September 12: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in a sports article titled "Porters record mixed results in national league"

September 7: Standard Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "USIU-Africa awards doctoral degrees for the first time" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2000212778/usiu-africa-awards-doctoral-degrees-for-the-first-time>

August 31: USIU-Africa was mentioned by Daily Nation in an article titled "Fresh twist as Equity boss joins Moi city land dispute"

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Fresh-twist-as-Equity-boss-joins-Moi-city-land-dispute/1056-3363568-Inq6wdz/index.html>

August 21: Local TV station KTN reported the USIU-Africa graduation during the news segment Weekend@one. <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/ktn/m/video/200012070/usiu-has-for-the-first-time-ever-awarded-doctoral-degrees-in-yesterdays-graduation>

August 12: Standard Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "USIU to mark 35th graduation ceremony on Saturday" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2000090799/usiu-to-mark-35th-graduation-ceremony-on-saturday>

August 11: Citizen TV online mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "USIU fails to serve former president Moi with court papers" <https://citizentv.co.ke/news/usiu-fails-to-serve-former-president-moi-with-court-papers-136736/>