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Journalism Class of 2011 alumna Ms. Asha Mwilu, is the winner of Africa's most prestigious journalism award - the 2016 CNN Multichoice African Journalist of the Year, in Johannesburg, South Africa on Saturday, October 15. While paying a courtesy call on the Management Board during their weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 17, she emphasized the key role the university played in shaping her professional destiny.

School announces Dell EMC Big Data training

The School of Science and Technology has announced the rollout of a Data Science and Big Data Analytic training seminar, following the implementation of a partnership between USIU-Africa and global technology giant Dell EMC.

The partnership, which is part of the global Dell EMC Academic Alliance (EAA) program, will allow the university access to Dell EMC's rich teaching resources and areas of excellence in Cloud Computing, Big Data, Information Storage and Data Protection, as well as exploit avenues for research and development.

Dell EMC's Academic Alliance programs offers a unique 'open' curriculum focusing on technology concepts and principles applicable to any vendor environment, and thereby enabling students to develop highly marketable knowledge and skills required in today's evolving IT industry.

Faculty to benefit from free Microsoft training

The school of Science and Technology has secured an opportunity for 200 members of faculty to receive certified training through the Microsoft Academy's Certified Educator program. The Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE) is a professional development program that bridges the gap between technology skills and innovative teaching.

The training program will provide faculty with robust tools to drive best-in-class integration of information and communication technology (ICT) into classroom instruction. Faculty who successfully complete the program will have a global credential that validates their ability to provide a rich, customized learning experience for their students.

Interested faculty are requested to register with their respective Deans by Friday, October 28.

Undergraduates invited to apply for research training

The Office of Academic Research and the Student Affairs department have partnered to offer free research training to fifteen undergraduate students for the next two semesters. The training is aimed at developing research professionals in both academia and industry. Participants will conduct, present and publish individual research as well as develop policy briefs.

Applications are still invited for the remaining ten slots in the pilot initiative. Interested students have until Wednesday, October 26 to contact Research Associate Mr. Paul Ruto at pruto@usiu.ac.ke.

International Relations students and faculty make case for food security

International Relations adjunct faculty Mr. Dan Odaba led four International Relations students in presenting at the 4th Annual Africa Food Security Conference held from October 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza Nairobi.

Mr Odaba's paper "*The Role of International Relations in Enhancing Food Security & Financing in Africa*" argued for the full implementation of International Relations policies, to realize Kenya's flagship Vision 2030 development goals.

The conference was organized by the Africa Food Security Conference & Agri – Exhibition, to establish monitoring mechanisms that address national food security needs.



International Relations adjunct faculty Mr. Dan Odaba (Center) poses with International Relations major Ms. Kesho Kioko (left), and graduate International Relations students Ms. Linda Ndung'u (second left), Ms. Angeline Kidiga (second right) and Ms. Ingrid Donnet (right).



Our very own Mr. USIU-Africa Tomide Akinyemi (Information Systems & Technology Senior) is the new Mr. University Kenya. On Wednesday, October 19, he continued a tradition of excellence and achievement which was most recently reflected by Miss USIU-Africa 2015 and Miss University Kenya Irene Jima Ajogbor (Class of 2016).

Team lifts tourney cricket title



From Left: Dipesh Budia (Accounting major), Shrinani Valani (Tourism Management major), Amit Ghaghada (International Business Administration major), Yogesh Kabariya (International Business Administration major), Kush Fatania (International Business Administration major) and Anish Kerai (International Business Administration major) receive a trophy from Mrs. Chidam Subramanian.

The USIU-Africa cricket team emerged the champions of the joint Nairobi Provincial Cricket Association (NPCA) - Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) Six-A-Side tournament, held at the Sir Ali Muslim Club Nairobi on October 15.

Their unbeaten run to the title mirrors the NPCA Cricket League championship they clinched in July 2016. Team captain and IBA major Yogesh Kabariya's 46 runs earned him the best player of the tournament award, while IBA major Kush Fatania clinched the best bowler of the tournament award.

Media mentions



October 19: The Standard digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Thunder lay in wait for USIU as the battle for playoffs qualification heats up." <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000220356/thunder-lay-in-wait-for-usiu-as-the-battle-for-playoffs-qualification-heats-up>

October 18: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled "Ulinzi Warriors storm basketball league play-off semis." <http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Ulinzi-Warriors-storm-basketball-league-play-off-semis/1128096-3421478-cu5qw/index.html>

October 18: The Standard newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Nakuru Club relegated from Kenya Basketball League" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000220097/nakuru-club-relegated-from-kenya-basketball-league>

October 18: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Strathmore Gladiators secure final playoff slot." <http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/hockey/Strathmore-Gladiators-secure-final-playoff-slot/1108-3420354-t329wd/index.html>

October 18: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled "Driver in fatal Ruiru accident ready to meet with victim's kin." <http://www.nation.co.ke/counties/Kiambu/Gwa-Kairu-accident-driver-meet-kin/1183274-3420564-15bswm7/index.html>

October 16: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled "Why all universities will soon have coffee houses." <http://www.nation.co.ke/business/seedssofar/why-coffee-houses-in-universities-soon/2301238-3416620-format-xhtml-318v45z/index.html>

October 15: The Standard newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Orange out to regain top spot in hockey league" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000219746/orange-out-to-regain-top-spot-in-hockey-league>

October 15: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Standard newspaper in an article titled "Six teams lock horns in cricket tourney" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000219746/orange-out-to-regain-top-spot-in-hockey-league>

October 15: The New Times mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Ubumwe target regional fame after first Zone V medal" <http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/article/2016-10-15/204464/>

October 15: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "AMAAN: Churchill Show's break out star on his fast rise to fame." <http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/buzz/441236-3417738-41vxh9z/index.html>

October 15: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "16-0! Telkom Orange humiliate Daystar Falcons to go top." <http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/hockey/Telkom-Orange-humiliate-Daystar-Falcons-to-go-top/1108-3417752-taag02/index.html>

October 14: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled "Kenya Police, Strathmore Gladiators hunt for playoff slots." <http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/hockey/Kenya-Police-Strathmore-Gladiators-hunt-for-playoff-slots/1108-3416646-6tpfe0z/index.html>

October 14: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Bankers brace for invading Warriors." <http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Bankers-brace-for-invading-Warriors/1128096-3417056-15h4lufz/index.html>