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The Spoken Arts & Debate Society (SADS) successfully hosts the 1st leg of Nairobi Schools Open

> By Lauryn Ojore

The Spoken Arts & Debate Society (SADS) in conjunction with the African Debate Academy, hosted the Nairobi Schools Open Tournament at USIU-Africa campus on February 11 and 12. The Nairobi Schools Open Tournament is the first of a series of championships set to be held in the coming semesters and years. It attracted 800+ students from over 25 high schools from Nairobi and beyond to engage in debate, public speaking and quizzes. The core objective of the program was to get young students to engage in meaningful discussions about world affairs and matters that affect the society, as well as market the school to potential future USIU-Africa students through the aid of the Admissions Office. The participants competed in various categories, including junior and senior categories, to showcase their public speaking and debating skills.

The tournament was more than just a competition; it was a platform for young students to engage in meaningful discussions and express their ideas on important issues affecting society.

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The Debate champions, Kinderworld International School receive their trophy at the end of the two-day event. Photo: Victor Munene

A love letter to the USIU-Africa Radio Community to commemorate World Radio Day

> By Patience Kipkemoi



The theme for this year's World Radio Day was Radio and Peace. UNESCO has highlighted how radio stations can shape narratives that can influence domestic and international situations and decision-making processes. This year's World Radio Day, we choose to look back and appreciate the impact the USIU-Africa radio community has been able to make on the USIU-Africa community from the inside out.

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Launch of Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurship: role of innovation and technology in skill building

> By Salome Asena and Diana Njenga



Economic empowerment of women makes them self-reliant and is one of the most effective strategies in combating poverty, creating decent jobs, enhancing social-economic growth, achieving gender equality and reducing gender-based violence. For these reasons, it is mainstreamed in the Kenya Vision and African Union 2063 aspiration. It is therefore not surprising that the Government of Kenya has laid in its strategy, elaborate effort and dedicated resources through private sector intermediaries and public sector platforms for enhancement of women economic empowerment.

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The Department of International Relations to attend Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) as part of its academic tour in the United States

> By Mercy Kaburu



The students from the Department of International Relations who are currently in the United States for their academic tour. Photo: Mercy Kaburu

Over the last ten years, the department of International Relations has prepared students to participate in the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN), an annual simulation conference targeting student across the globe.

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Pictorial: Vice Chancellor hosts Baraza to discuss the refocused Strategic Plan

> By CTW Team



The Vice Chancellor during the Community- wide Baraza held on Wednesday, February 15 to discuss the re-focused University Strategic Plan, which was revised to respond to the recent changes in higher education around the world, especially post COVID-19, as well as all the emerging global issues. The Baraza provided an opportunity for staff, students and faculty to share their feedback on the revised Strategic Plan. Photo: John Sande

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program eLearning team pays USIU-Africa a courtesy call

> By EveryIn Anyal



Seated from left: - Pauline Gangla, Head of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, Eastern and Southern Partner Network, Prof. Margee Ensign, Vice Chancellor, USIU-Africa, and Dr. Diane Kouame, Lead, Mastercard Foundation eLearning Initiative and Lead, Scholars Program (Francophone partner network) with a team from USIU-Africa.

Photo: Otieno John Kennedy

The main purpose of the visit was to meet and know the Institution's Leadership and Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program eLearning team, understand USIU-Africa eLearning Initiative Workstream A (WSA) impact and preparation for WSB implementation and hold discussions on the next steps after WSA.

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The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program hosts its biannual Scholars Council meeting

> By Linet Aguko

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program hosted its biannual Scholars Council meeting in Nairobi from February 10 – 12, 2023, at USIU-Africa. The Scholar's Council is a representative body of Mastercard Foundation Scholars from all Mastercard Foundation partner universities. They serve as student leaders of the Scholars Program at the Mastercard Foundation partner universities, representing and championing the needs of Scholars and liaising with the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program teams at each institution, as well as with alumni of the Scholars Program.

The event was attended by 40 Scholar leaders from 25 Partner institutions and several officials from the Mastercard Foundation including Ms. Pauline Gangla, the Head of Scholars Program, Eastern & Southern Africa at Mastercard Foundation. USIU-Africa was represented by Eric Ayamba who is the current Scholar Council Representative for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars at USIU-Africa and Brian Anyika who is the Inclusion Representative for all partner Universities.

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World Youth Alliance hosts membership drive

> By Ajua Salomon

World Youth Alliance USIU-Africa Chapter (WYA USIU-Africa) one of the youngest clubs in USIU-Africa recently held its first membership drive at parking lot B. The event was a great success even beyond expectations. On that day, hundreds of students got to hear about World Youth Alliance for the first time in their life while a good number of them made the bold decision to join the baby club.

WYA Africa Region Office staff attended the event. Flyers containing a QR Code leading to the Club's WhatsApp group were distributed and, within the next 24 hours, 70 participants joined the group. So far, thirty of the new members have enrolled for the first batch of a Certified Training Program in Human Dignity and Advocacy (CTP). Completing the CTP and obtaining the certificate allows a member to represent WYA in local and international events.



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The World Youth Alliance USIU-Africa Chapter during their on-campus recruitment drive. Photo: ENSO Club

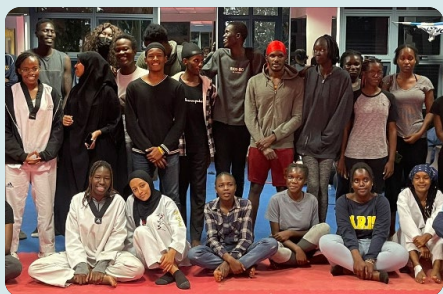
SPORTS UPDATES

> By Shyat Lemoshira

VOLLEYBALL

USIU-Africa Gladiator sisters, the volleyball ladies, faced Jomo Kenyatta University for Science & Technology (JKUAT) on Saturday, February 11 and lost in 3 sets: 20-25, 12-25 and 20-25.

The volleyball men, the USIU-Africa Gladiators, will play against KU Ruiru on Sunday, February 19 in JKUAT.



Taekwondo taking a team photo after being ranked one overall with 8 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze medals. Photo: USIU-Africa Taekwondo

ATHLETICS

The athletics team participated in the KUSA athletics championship on Saturday, February 11 in KU. Prisca, Umo, Kelly and Princess Tecla Ursula, the captain, participated in the 100m and 400m races in which they were ranked positions 4th to 6th.

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USIU-Africa hosts Flutter Forward event

> By Prisca Akinyi



Attendees at the Flutter Forward event. Flutter is Google's mobile UI framework for crafting high-quality native interfaces on iOS, Android, web, and desktop. Photo: Prisca Akinyi

Last month, USIU-Africa hosted the Flutter Forward event organized by the Google team. The event was an invite-only gathering of Flutter developers, product managers, and the Google Flutter team.

The event provided attendees with a unique opportunity to interact with an incredibly talented and diverse group of Flutter developers and learn from the experiences of product managers. Notable speakers

included Ander Dobo, Leigha Jarett, and Zoey Fan, who shared invaluable insights and tips on product management.

The real highlight of the event for many attendees was the Flutteristas panel. The panel comprised of women in tech who shared their experiences and perspectives, providing inspiration and motivation for other women in the community.

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