

CAMPUS **THIS WEEK**

The School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences hosts a White Coat Ceremony for first year students

> By Jemima Oloo

Last Friday, the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in conjunction with the Pharmacy Club hosted the inaugural White Coat Ceremony for first year Pharmacy students.

A white coat ceremony is a celebration for medicine students or students in health related fields, which symbolizes their entrance into the medical profession with the distinguishing attributes of professionalism, responsibility and patient care.

The ceremony was graced by representatives from the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, the Kenya Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya and the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, Prof. Munyae Mulinge, who urged the students to work towards being utmost professionals in their field of study.

According to the Club Patron of the Pharmacy Club, Dr. Ermias Terefe, the white coats received by the students represented their commitment to the pharmacy profession and adherence to ethical and moral standards.

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Representatives from the Pharmacy & Poisons Board, Kenya Medical Association and Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya with the new students joining the Bachelor of Pharmacy program soon after administering the Pledge of Professionalism during the White Coat Ceremony. Photo: Erick Macharia

Scholars from the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at USIU-Africa take part in the Scholar Day of Service

> By Pride Nyando, Wycliffe Ochieng, and Dolly Kawira



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign with the Principal of Kavilinguni Secondary School Mr. Boniface Nduta, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars and Principal Academic Advisor, Mr. Stephen Kiseli (second right) during the event. Photo: Justin Kimathi/ Franklin Rashid

On Saturday May 13, 2023, three families (Julius Nyerere, Kenneth Kaunda and Wangari Maathai) from the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at USIU-Africa took part in this year's Scholar Day of Service (SDS) with an aim to create a more equitable learning environment for students by providing academic, social, and emotional support to students who may not have access to such resources outside of school.

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USIU-Africa partners with industry leaders to unveil a Center for Executive Education

> By Taigu Muchiri



L-R: Joseph Okello, Chair and Co-Founder, Association for Family-Owned Enterprise, Antoinette Wa-Tindi, Co-Founder, Association for Family-Owned Enterprise, Prof. Margee Ensign, VC, USIU-Africa, Dr. Kevit Desai, Chair, Board of Trustees, USIU-Africa (standing), and Ms. Helen Ambasa, Director, Legal Services, USIU-Africa during the launch of the Centre for Executive Education. Photo: Crimson Communication

On May 3, 2023, USIU-Africa launched the Center for Executive Education, designed to provide an immersive and multidisciplinary learning experience in partnership with the Association for Family Business Enterprise (AFBE), the Institute of Directors (IOD) and the Doctoral Association of Eastern Africa (DAEA) in order to improve research that link academia and industry.

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USIU-Africa alumna speaks to youth from the Itanya Youth Network

> By the Alumni Relations Office

Daphne Mukami Kimani, an Alumni of the United States International University- Africa, is a young, passionate empowerment advocate with a heart to develop and transform lives especially of people living in slum communities. Daphne's brainchild, The Itanya Youth Network, based in Githogoro, was birthed with the objective of creating access to life changing opportunities for underprivileged individuals that they otherwise may not have.

Githogoro, located on the Northern Bypass neighboring the affluent Runda estate is a prime target for this development initiative to help alleviate prevailing challenges such as unsanitary living conditions and rising unemployment. Itanya is a native Kenyan word from the Kikuyu tribe that means sincere intention. It was birthed from the passion to see lives transformed and empowered in communities. Itanya seeks to give hope by building local capacity for leadership development, entrepreneurial skills and creating educational and employment opportunities to ensure that under privileged individuals can also be agents of change within their own communities. It is against this background that Daphne has rolled out a 30-day Leadership Training Program throughout May 2023. This program kicked off on Monday, May 8, at the Tribe Hotel. USIU-Africa alumna, Ms. Hannah Githuki, spoke to the youth numbering about 50, on "Visioning". Hannah is a Business Trainer, Personal Branding Coach, author, a sought after Vision Board Facilitator and Founder of Inside Out Development.



The trainees and the facilitators show off their vision boards at the end of the training session. Photo: Courtesy of Itanya Youth Network

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USIU-Africa welcomes undergraduate students with an engaging orientation session

> By CTW Team

The summer semester kicked off with an orientation session for the new cohort of undergraduate students who have joined USIU-Africa to embark on their academic journey. To ensure a smooth transition into university life, the university organizes an engaging and comprehensive orientation program designed to familiarize students with the campus, academic policies, support services, and extracurricular opportunities.

The undergraduate student orientation, held from May 2 to May 9, 2023, provided a dynamic platform for students to connect with their peers, faculty members, and staff while acquiring essential information and resources to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

The orientation program commenced with a warm welcome from the university's administration, including the Vice-Chancellor, Deans, and key faculty members. Their speeches emphasized the institution's commitment to academic excellence, diversity, and student success. The students were encouraged to embrace the unique learning environment at USIU-Africa and make the most of the diverse opportunities available. Throughout the orientation, students were introduced to the academic framework and requirements of their respective programs. They received guidance on course selection, academic advising, and the importance of maintaining good academic standing. Interactive workshops on effective study skills, time management, and life skills equipped students with valuable tools for their academic journey.



All smiles: Two first year students pose for a photo during the orientation. Photo: Jemima Oloo

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Pictorial: Building Bridges of Empowerment: USIU-Africa and KWCWC Join Forces > By CTW Team



From left: Dr. Elizabeth Meassick, Chief Executive Officer, KWCWC, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign, Director of Legal Services, Ms. Hellen Ambasa and the Founder, Chairperson, and President of the Kenya Women and Children's Wellness Centre (KWCWC), Mrs. Deloris Jordan, after their meeting last recently to discuss the continued partnership between USIU-Africa and the James R. Jordan Foundation. For more information on the partnership between USIU-Africa and the Foundation, visit <https://kwcwc.org>. Photo: Courtesy

SPORTS UPDATES > By Shyat Lemoshira

BASKETBALL

The USIU-Africa basketball men's team, the USIU-Africa Tigers, faced ABSA in the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) playoffs in Nyayo Stadium. They beat ABSA 70-58 in Game 1 on Saturday, May 13 and were able to conquer them with a 71-51 win in Game 2 on Sunday, May 14.

The Flames, the USIU-Africa ladies' basketball team, played against Strathmore Swords in the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) playoffs in Nyayo Stadium. They defeated them 61-45 in Game 1 and 47-39 in Game 2.

HOCKEY

It was a sad weekend for the hockey men, Team Mashujaa as they lost back to back games against Western Jaguars (0-2) and Waza (0-2) on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 respectively in City Park Stadium, Parklands. Just like Arsenal's devastating loss to Brighton, what an unfortunate and

undesired scenario it was! We wish Team Mashujaa the best as they face Sharks on Wednesday, May 17 at 5.30pm in City Park Stadium.

The USIU-Africa hockey ladies team, Team Spartans drew against Sailors 1-1 on Sunday, May 14 in City Park Stadium.

RUGBY

The rugby men's team, the USIU-Africa Martials will be traveling to Uganda for a tournament.



The USIU-Africa Flames in a timeout session with Coach Mayienga. Photo: Tasha Mapenzi

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