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Prof. Zeleza nominated for global honor



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza reacts to news of his nomination for the African Academic Excellence Award, the African Leadership Medal of Honor and the Special Congressional Commendation, on Thursday, February 2.

On Wednesday, February 1, the International Advisory Board of the African Leadership Development Foundation nominated the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza for the Distinguished African Academic Excellence Award.

He has also been nominated to receive the African Leadership Medal of Honor and The Special Congressional Commendation by the Georgia State Legislative Black Caucus for *"pioneering excellence and innovation in tertiary education in Africa"*. It will be presented to Prof. Zeleza by the Chair of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus – whose membership of 60 African American state legislators makes it the largest such organization in the United States - during the International Conference on Higher Education in Africa to be held from March 16-17, at the Westin Perimeter Hotel, in the state capitol - Atlanta.

Past honorees include the current President of Liberia H.E. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former Presidents of Botswana, Ghana, Nigeria, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Tanzania. Others include Dr. Mo Ibrahim (Founder - Mo Ibrahim Noble Prize for Leadership) and Dr. Donald Kebaruka (Former President of the African Development Bank Group).

In nominating Prof. Zeleza for their highest symbol of honor and commendation, the Advisory Board, sought to commend the Vice Chancellor for his *"legendary precedence in Africa's formal education and academic landscape"*, noting that the honor is only offered to those *"...distinguished Africans who have displayed exceptional leadership, impacted on lives positively and advanced the course of development in Africa."*

Speaking after receiving news of his nomination, Prof. Zeleza noted, *"This occasion is an honor to the university to publicize its quality education and facilities, at the same time a challenge to continue the excellent work it depicts."*

The conference brings together leading tertiary institutions in Africa and the United States, renowned academics, diplomats, as well as major think-tanks on US-Africa relations. It has previously served as a platform where Africa's top institutions who are committed to excellence, innovation and Africa's development are rewarded and celebrated.

Black History Month kicks off this Wednesday

The Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria will deliver the keynote address during the Annual Black History Month celebrations opening ceremony on Wednesday, February 8 at the auditorium.

The month-long celebrations themed "African Education: The Road to Development" offer an opportunity for students, members of faculty, staff and community partners to gather and discuss challenges affecting black communities on the continent and in the diaspora.

Dr. Chandaria, who will be introduced by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, will dwell on "The Evolution of Higher Education in Kenya", where he is expected to emphasize on factors that support the quality and advancement of higher education in Kenya in comparison to other African countries.

Other Black History Month activities lined up including a screening of "Diamond in the rough" - an educational documentary shot by USIU-Africa and Columbia Journalism School alumnus Mr. Abdi Latif Dahir, on education in Somalia - on Thursday, February 9 at the Freida Brown Student Center, from 2pm..

HR trains search committee on interview skills



Ms. Jane Adhiambo (Welfare Representative - Social Services, Student Affairs Council) participates in a mock interview during a training workshop organized by the Human Resources department for the Academic Affairs search committee. Looking on (from second left) are Lecturer of Accounting and Finance Mr. Sammy Lio, Principal Quality Assurance Officer Mr. John Kabuu, Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Oscar Githua and Dean of Students Mr. Robert Onsarigo.

ICT Director Dr. Paul Okanda has been appointed by the University Management Board to chair a search committee that will lead the recruitment process for two Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, as well as Deans for each of the university's four Schools and the new Graduate School.

Consisting of 13 faculty and 10 student members, the search committee is a new approach to recruitment of senior university managers, and represents the university's commitment to acquiring high-performing talent able to deliver on the university's strategic plan 2015-2020.

As part of that commitment, the Human Resources department partnered with ACT Consulting to train committee members on "Effective Interviewing Skills" from February 1-3 at the Freida Brown Student Center.

Business Association to host annual Economic Forum

The Business Association has invited leading entrepreneurs and the entire university community to discuss "The Role of Entrepreneurship in Regulating Youth Unemployment" during the 4th annual USIU-Africa Economic Forum to be held on Thursday, February 9 at the auditorium.

The Association's patron Scott Bellows (Assistant Professor of Management) will deliver opening remarks at 9am and introduce the panelists - Mr. Stanley Gichobi (UX Research, Growth Africa Consulting), Ms. Betty Mutimba (Africa Regional Director - Startup Grind) and Ms. Waitihaka Gatumia (General Manager - Programs and Communications, Centonomy). They will form a discussion panel and field questions from the audience, which will include delegates from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Daystar University, Riara University and Strathmore University.

USIU-Africa to host Tech Women Conference

This Friday, February 10, the USIU-Africa Alumni Association will play host to a delegation from the TechWomen program, for a conference themed "She believed she could, so she did STEM", at the auditorium. The conference, will be opened by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza at 9.45am, and is expected to discuss how Kenya will benefit from having more women engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

A panel discussion moderated by USIU-Africa alumna and veteran journalist Ms. Uduak Amimo, will feature Dr. Joy Kiano (NOVA Academies Co-founder), Prof. Paul Zeleza and female professionals from the public and private sector.

The TechWomen program is a six-year old initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, formed to encourage and support young women to pursue STEM careers, thereby producing the next generation of women STEM leaders from Africa, Central and South Asia, and the Middle East.

Faculty and staff to pay for gym facilities

University employees will from February pay a nominal monthly fee of KES1000 to access the new gym facilities in the Freida Brown Student Center. The new charges are expected to directly contribute to the maintenance of the facilities.

Employees are also expected to seek medical clearance from the department of University Health Services.

Ms. Guchu appointed acting Finance Director



Acting Finance Director Ms. Edith Guchu

Ms. Edith Guchu has been appointed Acting Director of Finance with effect from February 1, 2017. Ms. Guchu, who is a Certified Public Accountant holds a Masters in Business Leadership from the University of South Africa. She has been at USIU-Africa for 10 years, four of them as the Chief Accountant.

Placement and Career Services organizes open day



Placement and Career Services open day 2016

The Office of Placement and Career Services has organized an open week from Tuesday, February 7 to Thursday, February 9 outside the Freida Brown Student Center. The event has been designed to draw attention to career services available to students, as well as the career opportunities information portal operated by the office.

HR professionals have also been invited to offer advice on critical interview skills and potential pitfalls during the job hunting process.



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USIU-Africa AIESEC team participates in national conference

The USIU-Africa Association for the International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC) club participated in AIESEC National Conference held at Cool Rivers Hotel from January 26-29. The conference provided a platform for various AIESEC college chapters in Kenya to present their 2016 report and deliberate on the 2017 activity plans.

AIESEC is an International Organization founded in more than 128 countries across the world that provides a platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership potential through multi-cultural exchange.

Basketball ladies lose title after hard-fought struggle

The ladies basketball team relinquished their Premier League title after losing to Equity Bank Hawks 76-65 in the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) Premier League semi-final playoffs Game 3, held at Nyayo gymnasium last Saturday. The team can walk away with the bronze medal should they win their third place playoff match against Co-operative Bank at the Nyayo National Stadium on Wednesday, February 8.

Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) University League games.

The men's hockey team continued their fantastic form last weekend by whitewashing Daystar University 7-1, while the men's basketball team thrashed Kenyatta University, St. Paul's University and Daystar University 43-18, 42-34, 46-40 respectively.

The men's soccer team won their matches against Daystar University, St. Paul's University and Kabete Technical Institute by a solitary goal, and drew with Technical University of Kenya and Thika SH Institute in

the Universities and Colleges Football league (UCFL). Meanwhile the ladies volleyball team's three goals were enough to see off KCA University.

The rugby team won their Kenya Rugby Union Championship League eighth round match against Moi University 37-15, at the USIU-Africa rugby pitch on Saturday, January 28. They travel to Kenya Methodist University for the next round this Saturday, February 4.

This weekend, the soccer men will battle with Pan Africa Christian University, Zetech University and KCA University while the soccer ladies play Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) in the ongoing Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) league.

Other league games include a clash between the ladies basketball team and St. Paul's University, while the men's basketball and hockey teams tackle JKUAT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4

Basketball

USIU-Africa Men vs JKUAT 10.20 am @JKUAT

USIU-Africa Men vs JKUAT 3.40 pm @JKUAT

USIU-Africa Ladies vs St. Pauls University 2.20 pm @JKUAT

Soccer

USIU-Africa Soccer Men vs Pan African Christian University 9.00 am @JKUAT

USIU-Africa Soccer Men vs Zetech University 2.20 pm @JKUAT

USIU-Africa Soccer Ladies vs JKUAT 11.40 am @ JKUAT

Hockey

USIU-Africa Hockey Men vs JKUAT 10.00am @USIU-Africa

USIU-Africa Hockey Ladies vs JKUAT 1.00 pm @USIU-Africa

Rugby

USIU-Africa Rugby Men vs KEMU 4.00 pm @KEMU grounds.

FEBRUARY 5

Soccer

USIU-Africa Soccer Men vs KCA University 9.00 am @ JKUAT

USIU-Africa Soccer Men vs JKUAT 2.20 PM @ JKUAT

FEBRUARY 7 - 9

PACS Open Week | Freida Brown Student Center

FEBRUARY 9

Business Club Economic Forum
9am | Auditorium

Student Affairs Council Annual General Meeting
10.30am | Auditorium

FEBRUARY 10

Chats Club Academic Visit: Radisson Blue
Upper Hill, Nairobi
Radison Blue.

Media mentions

February 3: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*I am a visual storyteller.*"
<http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/myNetwork/I-am-a-visual-storyteller/3141096-3797088-3dw2wxz/index.html>

February 3: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*Lugonzo declared fit for Sydney leg.*"
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/02/03/lugonzo-declared-fit-for-sydney-leg_c1499433

February 2: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star newspaper in an article titled "*Coop Bank, Equity take on KPA sides.*"
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/02/02/coop-bank-equity-take-on-kpa-sides_c1498690

January 31: The Newswise website mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*UW-Milwaukee Professor Awarded Fellowship for Carnegie Program.*"
<http://newswise.com/articles/uw-milwaukee-professor-awarded-fellowship-for-carnegie-program>

January 30: The People Daily newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*Equity douse USIU-A Flames to land KBF final date with KPA.*"
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/294441/equity-douse-usiu-flames-land-kbf-final-date-kpa/>

January 30: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star newspaper in an article titled "*Bankers sweep past USIU to book date with KPA in play-off final.*"
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/01/30/bankers-sweep-past-usiu-to-book-date-with-kpa-in-play-off-final_c1496582

January 30: The Standard Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article by Prof. Macharia Munene (Professor of History and International Relations) in an article titled "*Why Kenya is fighting hard to put Amina Mohamed at the helm of Africa Union.*"
<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001227659/why-kenya-is-fighting-hard-to-put-amina-at-the-helm-of-au/>



January 30: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Daily Nation newspaper in an article titled "*Bankers put out Flames at Nyayo as KPA flourish.*"
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Bankers-put-out-Flames-at-Nyayo-as-KPA-flourish/1128096-3793322-sxhps2/index.html>

January 28: The Daily Nation newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*Courses to determine lecturers' pay.*"
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/-salaries-of-lecturers-/1056-3789886-ntgfi/index.html>

January 28: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Yallafrica website in an article titled "*Kenya: University of Nairobi Tops List of Best Institutions.*"
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201701270345.html>

January 28: The People Daily newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*USIU-A in do-or-die decider.*"
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/294229/usiu-die-decider/>

January 28: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Tuko.co.ke website in an article titled "*Why everyone is talking about this Kenyan university.*"
<https://www.tuko.co.ke/228810-why-talking-kenyan-university.html>

January 27: The Daily Nation newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*Equity primed to douse Flames for good in series.*"
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Equity-primed-to-douse-Flames-/1128096-3789910-fu1u0j/index.html>

January 27: The People Daily newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "*Ndiang'ui, a techie with a green thumb.*"
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/294081/ndiangui-techie-green-thumb/>