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Alumni Relations Department in partnership with Jubilee Insurance host a transformative CEO roundtable

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Caption: Group photo captured at Jubilee Headquarters in Nairobi during the CEO Roundtable session.
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On August 1, the Alumni Relations Department, in partnership with Jubilee Insurance, hosted a high-impact CEO Roundtable at the Jubilee Headquarters in Nairobi. This engagement brought together 25 students from various programs for a leadership inspiration session and an afternoon plenary on career insights from USIU-Africa alumni and industry leaders.

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Leadership in action: Geoffrey Gikungu drives USIU-Africa's first-ever half marathon

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Geoffrey Gikungu, a junior-year International Business Administration (finance) student and the chair of the inaugural USIU-Africa Half Marathon Committee.
Photo: Kahiro Ngamau.

Recently, the university marked a historic moment by holding its first-ever half marathon, drawing participants from across the university and beyond in an effort to raise funds to support students experiencing financial constraints. At the heart of this landmark event stood Geoffrey Gikungu, a junior-year student at USIU-Africa majoring in International Business Administration with a concentration in finance, who chaired the Half Marathon Committee, an experience that he says, has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding.

The Strategic Marketing and Communication Division congratulates Geoffrey Gikungu for his exemplary leadership and dedication.

CSOB Alumni Breakfast Network: Reconnecting, Reflecting, and Driving Impact

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Participants pose for a group photo at the CSOB Alumni Engagement Network event held at Sarova Panafric Hotel. Photo: Kahiro Ngamau.

On July 31, the Alumni Relations Department in collaboration with the Chandaria School of Business (CSOB), hosted the inaugural CSOB Alumni Engagement Network at Sarova Panafric Hotel. The event brought together over 130 alumni, faculty, and members of university leadership to reconnect, reflect on CSOB's impact, and explore opportunities for shaping its future.
Prof. Timothy Okech, Dean of the Chandaria School of Business, opened the session by acknowledging the vital role alumni continue to play in enhancing the school's legacy. He called for deeper collaboration between alumni, faculty, and students in co-creating solutions for modern business education and career development.

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USIU-Africa in pictures

By CTW Team

On August 2, the kickboxing team, participated in the USIU-Africa Open Kickboxing Championship alongside other kickboxing clubs including the Dragons, KDF Ulinzi, and Kaizen. Despite most players competing for the first time, the USIU-Africa team earned second place overall after securing three gold medals, three silver medals, and one bronze medal. First time players Essence Sila, the only female on the team, and Deland Ngong, a Mastercard Foundation Scholar who won all his matches by knockout, stood out by winning two of the three gold medals. Edward Karaba earned the third gold medal. Silver medals went to James Mangana, Rene Mwiti, and Timan Titus, while Winston Enechuku secured a bronze. Photo: Victor Aine.

On August 1, the App Factory hosted a highly engaging and inspiring event, welcoming guests from Angani Ltd to interact with students, review projects, and share industry insights. The event provided an invaluable platform for students to showcase their original tech solutions. The student-led presentations demonstrated practical applications of emerging technologies in emergency response systems and Artificial Intelligence. These demos sparked dynamic discussions, with audience members and guests engaging the presenters in a Q&A session that highlighted both the technical creativity and real-world relevance of their work. The visiting Angani team brought a wealth of knowledge and inspiration to the session. Anne Mukiri spoke about her career in infrastructure, while Ismail Harunani shared his journey and current focus on data analytics. Rashpal Sohan offered a compelling keynote, sharing his transition from actuarial science to data science. He encouraged students to explore diverse interests, operate with an open mind, and invest in personal growth through mentorship and network-building. He emphasized the importance of understanding opportunity cost, that is, evaluating what one must forgo when choosing a particular path, as a tool for making intentional career decisions. The event culminated with closing remarks from Dennis Wahome, Graduate Research Assistant in the School of Computing and Informatics, who highlighted the importance of such platforms in bridging academia and industry. The App Factory team remains committed to organizing more of these collaborative events that allow students to gain recognition, expand their networks, and align their talents with market needs. Photo: Courtesy.

On August 1, members of the French Club embarked on an enriching educational visit to the Alliance Française de Nairobi. This field trip was designed to deepen students' understanding of the French language and its cultural significance beyond the classroom setting. Participants engaged in a range of activities, including a guided tour of the institution, a French film screening, a quiz on Francophone culture, and interactive sessions with staff members. These activities not only broadened their appreciation for the global influence of the Francophone world, but also allowed students to reflect on the relevance of French in professional, diplomatic, and creative spaces. More than just a visit, this experience reinforced the French Club's mission to nurture global citizens who are culturally curious, linguistically equipped, and ready to contribute meaningfully to international discourse. Through such initiatives, the Club continues to foster academic engagement, cross-cultural dialogue, and lifelong learning among its members.
Photo: Courtesy.

Recently, students from the Cinematic Arts Department attended the recording of a compelling episode of The Dada's Show at Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC). The episode, aptly titled "Women in Film," brought together a panel of trailblazing women who are shaping Kenya's film and theatre landscape. Hosted by the dynamic Ashiko Mbune, the conversation delved into the challenges and triumphs of women navigating the creative industry. The panel featured Wakio Mzenge, a revered theater actress who spoke passionately about the discipline of continuously refining one's craft; Njoki Muhoho, an accomplished producer and educator who shared insights on managing a dual career path with purpose and resilience; and Wangeci Murage, a director and distribution specialist who highlighted the intricacies of the business side of filmmaking. The episode unfolded in two engaging segments. The first offered an intimate look into the panelists' personal journeys—their inspiration, struggles, and victories in a traditionally male-dominated field. The second part was an interactive Q&A session with the audience, covering topics like entering the industry later in life, breaking stereotypes, and setting firm professional boundaries. Beyond its inspirational tone, the discussion sparked important conversations about inclusivity, mentorship, and systemic change in Kenya's creative spaces. For the students in attendance, the experience was more than just educational—it was empowering. Photo: Courtesy.

Recently, the Business Club hosted an insightful Career Talk featuring Deloitte East Africa Taxation, Audit, and Consulting. The session focused on audit, taxation, and internship opportunities for both continuing and graduating students. Deloitte representatives shared valuable insights into the firm's operations and recruitment process. The event successfully bridged the gap between classroom learning and real-world expectations. During the event, the club also officially welcomed its new executive team, ushering in a fresh wave of leadership and ideas.
Photo: Mbaabu Kiaira.

Recently, members of the Ajira Digital Club visited IBM Research Africa offices located at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) as part of an industry field trip. The visit brought together 31 students from various disciplines, all keen on understanding the evolving landscape of digital skills and technological innovation in the professional world. The session was facilitated by Mr. John Matogo of IBM, who offered students a comprehensive overview of the company's global mission, regional footprint, and ongoing initiatives. Students learned about IBM's learning and career development platforms, such as IBM SkillsBuild and the IBM Academic Initiative, which provide opportunities for digital upskilling and real-world application of academic knowledge. A highlight of the visit was the interactive panel session where IBM staff and interns shared their educational backgrounds, career journeys, and key lessons on adaptability, consistency, and curiosity. Students engaged actively in a Q&A session, asking thoughtful questions about IBM's work culture, hiring practices, and innovation projects. Some even received personal mentorship offers and internship guidance during the networking session. Students left the event inspired and better equipped to pursue careers in the tech industry, with a clearer understanding of what lies beyond the classroom. The industry visit was made possible through the support of USIU-Africa's Placement and Career Services (PACS) Office and reflects the university's commitment to bridging academic learning with industry engagement.
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On August 7, the newly elected officials of the Student Association Cabinet (SAC) were officially sworn into office. The incoming team includes Dudi Nyok Luat as Chairperson, Emy Ngure as Vice Chairperson, Dennis Katana Karisa as Secretary General, Nicholas Sisto Amessouwoe as International Student Representative, Yusuf Musa as Treasurer, Edwin Macharia Munyiri as Persons with Disability Representative, and Sumay Laizer Menguru as Social Welfare and Gender Matters Representative.
Photo: Kahiro Ngamau.

Recently, students taking the Environmental Politics and International Organization courses visited Konza Technopolis under the guidance of their lecturer, Professor Muema Wambua. He noted that the visit aimed to provide students with an opportunity to witness the global policies discussed in class being applied in the development of the futuristic technopolis, which is centered on sustainability and environmentally friendly development. The trip featured an overview session where students were introduced to the project, it's progress, and goals as well as a Q&A session where they were given a chance to ask questions. The trip concluded with a tour of the smart city, culminating in a tree-planting session. This trip helped students to gain a better understanding of the implementation of environmental policy as well as its costs and implications, helping them to be better prepared to serve as the policy-makers of the future.
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