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Placement and Career Services Department hosts SEO Africa info session and employability workshop

By Samuel Somuah

SEO Africa team and some of the participants take a group photo during the SEO Africa info-session and employability workshop. Photo: Moses Mbaabu Kiaira.

On July 1, the Placement & Career Services Department hosted Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Africa info session and employability workshop bringing together over a 100 students. Held on campus, this event provided a platform for the students to gain first-hand knowledge on preparation for a global career in the current competitive job market.

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Marking World Kiswahili Language Day. Photo: Courtesy.

World Kiswahili Language Day: Celebrating heritage, cultural diversity and connection

By Yvonne Kageha

On July 7, Swahili-speaking communities across Africa and beyond marked the World Kiswahili Language Day, an annual celebration of Kiswahili's heritage, cultural diversity, and role in fostering dialogue. This date stems from the adoption of Swahili as a unifying language during the independence movement, a decisive moment in pan-African solidarity, in July 7, 1954 by Julius Nyerere, the then leader of Tanganyika African National Union.

As one of the official languages of the African Union (AU), Southern African Development Community (SADC), and East African Community (EAC), Kiswahili is the first African language to be honored with its own international day by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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USIU-Africa hosts groundbreaking Linguistics Workshop on Kenyan indigenous languages

By Quin Awuor-Juma

Attendees take a group photo during the inaugural Linguistics Training Workshop held on campus. Photo: Moses Mbaabu Kiaira.

On July 2, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences hosted the inaugural Linguistics Training Workshop on Kenyan indigenous languages bringing together over 100 scholars from more than 22 public and private universities across Kenya. Themed ***"Revitalizing Heritage,"*** this event aimed at promoting scholarly conversations and enhancing collaborative efforts toward preserving the rich linguistic heritage of Kenya.

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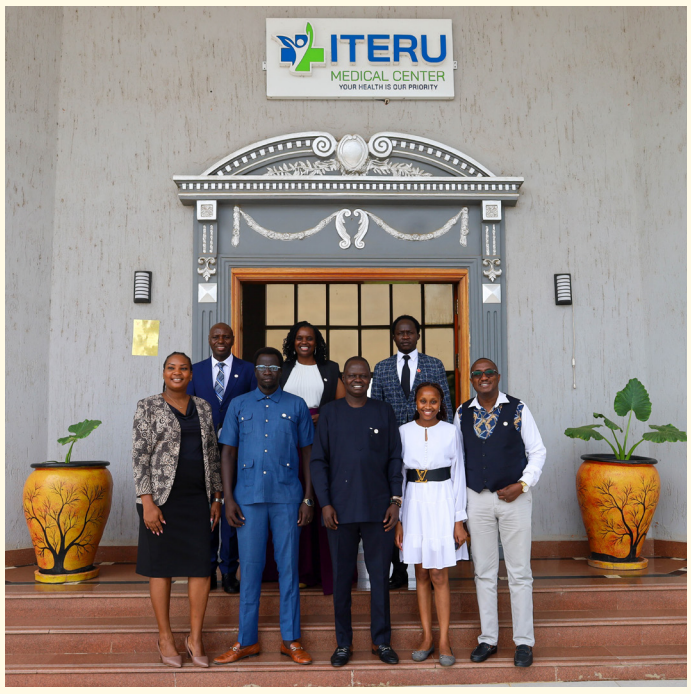

A group photo taken outside ITERU Medical Center with Madam Aker Deng, the center's founder and proud alumnus. Photo: Jemima Oloo.

ITERU Medical Center: A Beacon of dignified healthcare in South Sudan

By Jemima Oloo

The university is committed to promoting the discovery and application of knowledge, the acquisition of skills and the development of intellect and character in a manner which prepares students to contribute effectively and ethically as citizens of a changing and increasingly technological world. At the heart of Juba lies Iteru Medical Center, a modern and well-equipped hospital, founded by Aker Deng, an alumnus of Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Class of 2009. The center stands as a beacon of hope and a model of healthcare excellence in the region.

Behind Iteru Medical center is a story of resilience and innovation by Aker who established the medical facility after battling Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS), a rare autoimmune disorder. Her vision was ignited after having to seek proper medical care in Nairobi with the lack of proper physiotherapy services in South Sudan. Iteru was birthed to provide proper healthcare at home.

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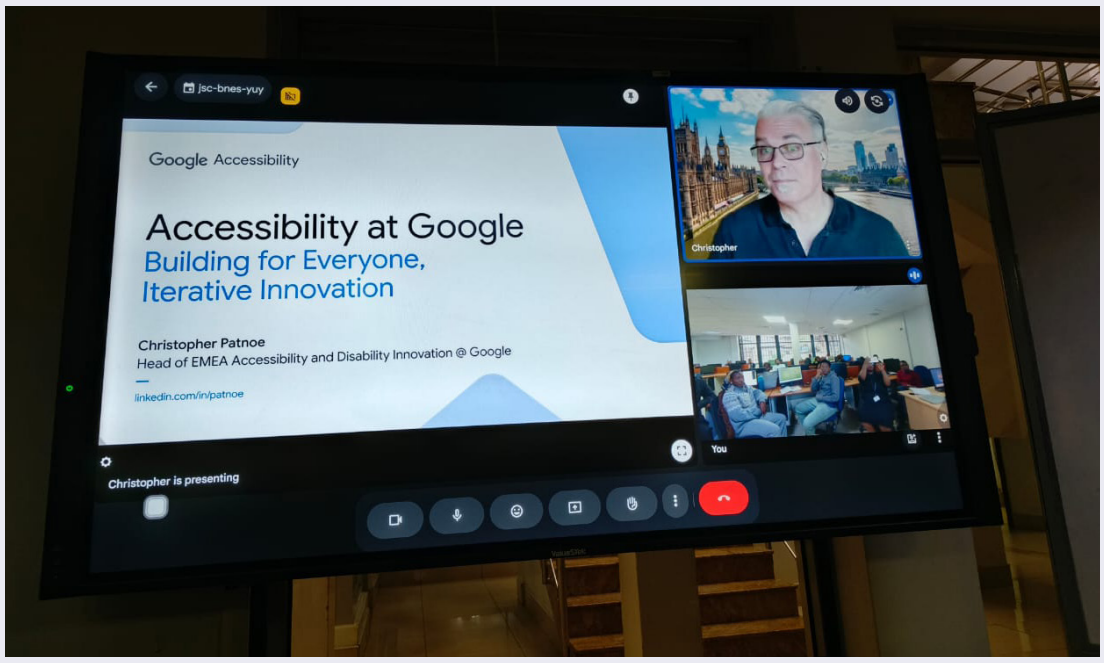
On July 5, the Alumni Relations Department hosted the annual gala dinner for the South Sudan Alumni Chapter. Held at the Notos Art Centre in Juba, this event brought together alumni from various sectors to reconnect, share experiences and build professional and social networks with each other. The event aimed at strengthening the South Sudan alumni community and unite graduates across professions and generations. Speaking during the event, Prof. Amos Njuguna, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics-Transformative Teaching. Learning and Research urged the alumni to critically analyze how they utilize their education to create an impact in communities. "We must ask ourselves, are we positioning ourselves at the forefront of problem-solving and meaningful impact? Let us remain committed to purposeful action and the pursuit of the greater good," he stated. His words served as a powerful call to action, reminding graduates of their responsibility to lead with purpose and integrity. A key highlight of the event was the recognition and celebration of outstanding alumni who continue to embody the spirit of leadership, service, and excellence that the university advocates for. They were honored for their professional achievements and community impact, serving as proof of university's remarkable influence beyond the campus wall. The event showcased that alumni are well-positioned to drive positive change in their communities and beyond. The university remains a beacon of academic excellence and a nurturing ground for leaders dedicated to creating lasting impact in the world. Photo: Jemima Oloo.



On July 3, the School of Science and Technology, in collaboration with Advancement and Partnerships Division, hosted a guest lecture featuring Christopher Pantone, Head of EMEA Accessibility and Disability Innovation at Google, who invested in the growth and inspiration of future innovators by sharing his expertise. Held in Dr. Dalton Ndirangu's Object Oriented Analysis, Design & Programming (APT 3040) class, this lecture aimed at fulfilling University's mission of bridging academia and industry. Christopher delivered a highly engaging and thought-provoking session exploring emerging technologies in the disability assistive technology space, with a particular focus on the transformative role of artificial intelligence in advancing accessibility and inclusion. His insights broadened students' perspectives and encouraged critical reflection on how technological innovation can build a more equitable and inclusive society.
Photo: Courtesy.

On July 6, the Master Dolphins swimming team, participated in the Swim Africa Masters Swimming Championships for ages 25 and over held at Swim Africa MLC, Brookside Drive – Westlands. The event, a developmental gala, was designed to provide aspiring masters swimmers with a fun, competitive and inclusive environment to test their skills, enjoy as a community and foster friendship, trust, and mutual support. The team received participatory medals in addition to winning several awards in each event category. Committed to promoting employee wellness and fitness as well as a supportive, effective and impactful culture anchored in the 'We Are One' spirit, the university encourages its staff members to join and participate in various sporting opportunities, and compete in a supportive and fun environment.
Photo: John Sande.

On July 5, the Peer Educators and Counselors Club (PECC) held a mentorship session at Nova Pioneer Boys High School where they engaged in meaningful conversations with the students about bullying, substance use, and relationships. 150 students spread across Grades 7, 8, and 9, as well as those in Forms 2, 3, and 4, attended the session. The counselors employed age-appropriate approaches which allowed them to connect with the students in ways that resonated with their realities. While planting seeds of wisdom in the students, this mentorship session also sharpened the PECC members' skills enabling them to put what they learned in class into practice while also being of service to the community.
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Recently, the EDGE Leadership Program held a session titled "The Cutting EDGE Brand" facilitated by Dr. Hannah Githuki, a renowned personal branding expert. Through a blend of interactive exercises, real-world case studies, and her own journey of building a recognizable brand, Dr. Githuki challenged the students to think deeply about their values, voice and visibility. "Your brand is not your logo; it's the story people tell about you when you're not in the room," she stated. Additionally, she encouraged them to find clarity in their purpose and communicate it with consistency.
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