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USIU-Africa Library hosts annual Library Week event

> By Justin Kirembeka and Fredrick Adika

A Last week, our campus came alive with the vibrant spirit of learning and growth during our much-anticipated Library Week, themed 'Read and Grow'. It was a week filled with remarkable experiences that left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds. Let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible events that unfolded during this celebration.

Our Library Week commenced with powerful speeches from the University Librarian represented by Damiana Kiilu, the DVC-Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Munyae Mulinge and from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign. With profound words, the Vice Chancellor urged us to imagine a world where the gift of reading was denied. This thought-provoking address reminded us that literacy is not just a privilege, but a fundamental right that empowers individuals to navigate the world and shape their own destinies

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The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ensign interacts with students during the event. *Photo: Wanza Emelda.*

USIU-Africa's Spoken Arts and Debate Society dominates the Elle Parle Women's Championship 2023

> By Lauryn Ojore

Back Left to Right: Joshua Wambugu, Lauryn Ojore, Kashaka Jeremiah and Louis Gitu.
Front Left to Right: Elsie Sirengo, Maria Marenga, Chantelle Mukabi, Angel Musomba, Jane Nyaga and Fresher Diana.
Photo: Jemima Oloo

USIU-Africa's Spoken Arts and Debate Society (SADS) has once again made its mark in the international debating stage, this time at the Elle Parle (She Speaks) Women's Championship, held in Mukono, Uganda from 26 to 29 May. The tournament and its notable partners aim to bring together the top female debaters from across the region, to engage in formal debates centred around the political, social, and economic topics that affect women from their unique perspectives as such only the best female debaters from the region were invited to speak, however men were allowed to judge and observe the discourse.

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USIU-Africa School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences takes part in the 43rd Annual Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya Conference

> By Lincoln Munyendo

Prof. Calvin Omolo makes his presentation on Biomimetic tannic acid hybrid nanoparticles for targeted ciprofloxacin delivery against bacterial-induced sepsis during the Conference. *Photo:PSK CONFERENCE*

May 22- 27, 2023 marked a week-long extensive knowledge sharing amongst the members of the Pharmacy Professionals Society during the 43rd Annual Scientific Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya Conference. The theme of the conference was 'Positioning Pharmacists in a Dynamic Healthcare Environment'. The conference was attended by various stakeholders across the pharmaceutical profession, ranging from hospitals to industry players and the regulator, the Pharmacy & Poisons Board.

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The School of Science and Technology hosts workshop in partnership with Safaricom

> By Jemima Oloo

Director Digital Information Technology, Safaricom PLC, Mr. George Njuguna urged the students to challenge themselves to come up with groundbreaking innovations. *Photo: Emelda Wanza*

The School of Science and Technology in partnership with Safaricom Engineering Community held a workshop last week. The Workshop, Build by Safaricom, is an initiative by the Safaricom Engineering Community to enhance talents among students in schools and universities. The initiative will run a one-month immersion program that will have USIU -Africa students gain industry training. The training, which started on May 19 will end on June 9 ,2023.

The Workshop had over 150 students from the School of Science and Technology and was a great platform for the young techies to network, learn and inquire in the space of DevSecOps engineering, chaos engineering and Site Reliability Engineering.

Director Digital Information Technology, Safaricom PLC, Mr. George Njuguna urged the young innovators to go out and innovate. He challenged the students to design applications and solutions like MPesa that would be used not just locally but internationally. "What are you doing to come up with the next MPesa?" he asked while advising them to make impact instead of making money.

Digital Delivery Lead, Safaricom PLC, Ms. Naisenya Mungai insisted on the importance of basic soft skills to give one an upper hand in the industry, adding that skills such as time management, working in a team and attitude were all important as the technical knowledge they had. She explained that the current technology world appreciates skills in UX/ UI, Machine learning, FinTech, Cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence and Software engineering. Other presentations included informative sessions on process automation,

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> By CTW Team

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SPORTS UPDATES

> By Shyat Lemoshira

The USIU-Africa tigers regroup during a timeout session in the 3rd quarter of Game 1 against Strathmore Blades.*Photo: Emelda Wanza*

BASKETBALL

This weekend, the USIU-Africa men's basketball team, the Tigers faced off with Strathmore University Blades in their first 3 games of the Kenya Basketball National League playoff finals at the Nyayo Stadium, Basketball Gymnasium. Game 1 occurred on Friday, May 26 at 6pm. The Blades had their crosshairs trained on the Tigers and sank multiple shots leading the game for three quarters in a row by a huge margin. The Tigers regrouped, and were able to secure a victory in the fourth quarter, ending the game at 64-62. Deng Kuol AKA Mareba displayed a great performance with 26 points, 11 rebounds and 2 blocks. Peter Kajumbe also had a stellar performance, with 17 points and 7 rebounds.

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Team Mashujaa made a comeback against Butali, ending their match 2. Photo: Courtesy of Team Mashujaa
Photo: USIU-A hockey men

HOCKEY

The USIU-Africa hockey men's team, Team Mashujaa, played against Butali, the former champions of the Kenya Hockey Premier League, on Saturday, May 27 at 6pm. Butali were in the lead with 2-0 before Team Mashujaa were given a penalty shot converted by Larry, while Robbin Muyendo scored a splendid goal in the last minutes of the 4th quarter to make the match equal (2-2). Team Mashujaa will be facing Strathmore Gladiators in a Kenya Hockey Premier League match on Saturday June 3 at 6pm in City Park Stadium, Parklands.

Dolphins always winning with their smiles, not just medals.
Photo: USIU-A Dolphins

SWIMMING

The USIU-Africa swimming team, the Dolphins, competed in a Nairobi County Aquatics Association (NCAA) swimming gala competition at Makini School that commenced on Saturday, May 27 and ended on Sunday, May 28. The men won 6 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 3 bronze medals, overall attaining 11 medals in total. The men's team emerged 6th position overall out of 20 other schools. The women's team emerged 7th position out of 18, with 6 gold medals,4 silver medals and 7 bronze medals.

KICKBOXING

A kickboxing tournament was held in USIU-Africa on Saturday May 27. USIU-Africa got 5 medals in the tournament. Individual performances were as follows: Coco Hawi played ladies category under 63 category and won a gold medal. Mina Visavadia snatched a silver medal in the ladies under 60kg category. Ryan Wanjiru won a silver medal in men's under 60kgs category.

CHESS

The USIU-Africa chess team participated in the first rounds of the Chess Kenya Super League that took place on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 at the KCB Sports Club. They drubbed Nairobi Chess Club Team C 5-0, beat Lighthouse Queens 3-2 and lost to Mavens Warriors 1-4. They are currently ranked 6th in the league as we wish them the best as they progress to other rounds. The team was composed of Chitundu Limbikani, Tapiwa Chimbwanda, Tandy Milare, Clifford Ombiro, Stephen Woresha and Fred Eric Baden.

The USIU-Africa chess team at the Chess Kenya Super League.
Photo: Chess Kenya

USIU-Africa sport representatives excited to partake in Faraja Water Raft Challenge
Photographer: Faraja Trust Group

FARAJA WATER CHALLENGE

A selected team of sports representatives led by Antony Oketch, the Chair for the Sports Activities Committee (SPAC) were representing USIU-Africa, sponsored by Dr. Chandaria, in the Faraja Water Raft Challenge that occurred on Saturday, May 27 in the Savage Wilderness Camp, Sagana.

VOLLEYBALL

The USIU-Africa Gladiators will be heading to Strathmore University to have friendly matches on Saturday, June 3; the USIU-Africa volleyball ladies' team will face Strathmore Panthers at 11am while the USIU-Africa volleyball men's team will play against the Strathmore Jaguars at 1pm.

SOCCER

The USIU-Africa Wolves, the soccer men's team, will be having a friendly match against the United Nations Staff team on Sunday, June 4 in the United Nations grounds, Gigiri at 11am. The soccer ladies' team will be also having a friendly match against Valeo on Saturday, June 3 at the USIU-Africa pitch at 11am.

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