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Managing Editor's Note

Esteemed Reader,

In October, the University dedicated a week to celebrating its community's cultural diversity. Staff and students came out in their numbers to commemorate this event. We also had students and staff receiving high-level awards, as well as others participating in local and international conferences. We welcome you to read this issue of the PAC Newsletter to learn about these and other major happenings at the University.

Enjoy
your reading!

Anthony Taiti

Corporate Affairs Manager





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University Community Celebrates Cultural Week in Style



The Annual Cultural Week kicked off on October 28, with staff and students enthusiastically participating in the week's activities. Each day featured a different dress code, with Monday being casual, Tuesday being official, Wednesday being cultural, and Thursday being colourful. Wednesday afternoon was particularly memorable, with the University community sampling cultural cuisines and dancing to music from various communities, both local and foreign. The event, which culminates with the crowning of Mr. and Miss PAC on the fifth day (November 1), celebrates the different cultures that make up the University community, which is comprised of over 20 nationalities.



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Faith Jeruto Receives a National Award



Faith Jeruto, a student pursuing a Diploma in ICT, was feted by President William Ruto on October 10 during the Mashujaa Day celebrations in Kwale County. She received the National Hero Award for Environmental Conservation, which was well merited given her dedication to the cause.

Between 2023 and 2024, Faith planted over 10,000 tree seedlings, earning her the title of Environmental Youth Ambassador from the International College of Peace Studies, Karen.

She is also active in addressing youth issues, such as drug addiction, early marriage, and early pregnancy. Congratulations to her.

Eliud Akanga Attends an International Conference in Rome

Mr. Eliud Akanga, a Bachelor of Arts in Community Development student, attended the 10th Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy, from October 3rd to 7th, 2024.

Eliud presented a paper titled "Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods Among Forest-adjacent Populations in Developing Countries," which is currently under review for publication.

Following his outstanding performance and extensive networking, he was elected as a member of FLARE's working group on the theme "Forest livelihoods in a changing climate."

The meeting was hosted by the Keough School of Global Affairs and the Institute for Global Development at the University of Notre Dame, Italy.



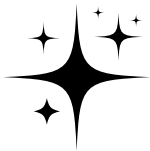
Dr. Anne Wambugu Gets Awarded by KCPA



Dr. Anne Wambugu, a faculty member of the Psychology Department, was recognized and awarded by the Kenya Counselling and Psychological Association (KCPA) for her contributions to the establishment of Postgraduate Marriage and Family Therapy Curricula and for developing outstanding Marriage and Family Therapists.

She received the award at the International Scientific Conference on Suicide Prevention, which was held at Daystar University on October 23, 2024.

Dr. Wambugu is an accomplished lecturer and practitioner in the Counselling Psychology field, with a significant impact in Kenya and beyond. We salute her!



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Dr. Mary Kihuha Presents a Paper on Women and Religion in Pittsburgh



On October 19, Dr. Mary Kihuha, a faculty member in the School of Theology, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Social Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association (SSSR + RRA) at the Westin Convention Centre in Pittsburgh, USA.

Her paper focused on women and religion across historical epochs in the Kenyan context. Dr. Mary is on a scholarly visit to Calvin University, USA, hosted by the Nagel Institute.

She lectures on World Christianity and Mission Studies.

Several Staff Members Attend APHRC Training Workshop

Four staff members attended a training workshop organized by APHRC for select institutions at the Kenya School of Government from September 30 to October 4.

The training was on grant writing, journal writing and editing, and enhancing university websites for optimal visibility and discoverability.

The staff included Dr. Jane Kinuthia, Mr. Anthony Taiti, Mr. Mesfin Teshome, and Dr. Haron Mwangi. According to them, the lessons learnt were extremely valuable, and they intend to leverage them to propel the University to a higher level of research and visibility.



Faculty Members Attend Afrobarometer Research Workshop



On October 2, five faculty members attended the Afrobarometer Research Workshop at USIU-Africa, where they were guided through the application of Afrobarometer public opinion data in academia.

They included Ms. Mary Maseno, Mr. Oyuga, Dr. Jane Chiroma, Mr. Peter Obiria, and CPA Margaret Kamakia. At the workshop, they worked with other participants in small groups to allow for personalized interactions and hands-on training in accessing and using Afrobarometer data.

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, independent, non-partisan research network that measures public attitudes on economic, political, and social matters in Africa.



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Hope TV Holds a Live Broadcast at the Thika Road Campus



On October 18, the Hope TV crew was live on location at the Thika Road campus, where they aired the 7 and 9 pm news, as well as a Town Hall program dubbed Youthquake.

Two Communication students, Nyota Lubemba and Boniface Mutunga, appeared as guest anchors for Swahili and English news, respectively. Other students participated in the Town Hall discourse on Youth and Governance, giving their views on how best youth can get involved in leadership.

The Department of Communication, Languages, and Linguistics has partnered with Hope TV, and they will be producing various infotainment programs.

The Inaugural Business Training by the University and CBF Ends Successfully

In June this year, the University signed an MOU with the CITAM Business Forum (CBF) to build capacity for CBF members through professional business training.

Through extensive consultations and research, a comprehensive one-month course titled "Building Skills and Capacity Building for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises" was developed.

Learning for the first cohort of trainees began in mid-September and ended successfully in mid-October.

They were equipped with skills and knowledge for business growth and sustainability.



University Hosts the Old Testament Alumni at the Thika Road Campus



On October 4, the Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Vice Chancellor's Office, hosted a meeting for alumni who graduated before the University was chartered in 2008. Their unofficial name is "Old Testament Alumni." The primary agenda was to establish the Elders Court Chapter and discuss alumni support for the University. The meeting, which was blended, was attended by alumni from 8 countries, including the University's founding Chancellor, Bishop Emeritus Rev. Boniface Adoyo.

They enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and shared success stories about their societal impact. The VC expressed his delight in meeting them and noted that the University looks forward to working with them on various projects.



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School of Humanities and Social Sciences Holds a Public Lecture on Handling Grief



On October 24, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences held a public lecture on how the community can play a role in helping those undergoing loss, grief, and bereavement.

The lecture, which was facilitated by Dr. Ruth Kamunyu and Dr. Vera Makena, explored the emotional and psychological journey of loss, grief, and bereavement, highlighting the universal nature of these experiences. It also examined how the community can provide comfort, companionship, and a listening ear during bereavement.

It was moderated by two HODs, Mr. Isaac Oyuga and Ms. Mary Maseno.

Department of Children and Youth Ministry Hosts a Public Webinar on Parenting Gen Z

The Department of Children and Youth Ministry held a free public webinar on October 24 on parenting Gen Z.

The facilitator, Rev. David Ewagata, delved into understanding Gen Z considering the environment and times in which they exist that require skilful approaches to handling them. He also discussed various practical suggestions on how to effectively manage them.

The webinar, which attracted parents, pastors, teachers, and youth workers, was moderated by Mr. Absalom Ang'ila, a faculty member in the School of Theology.



School of Leadership, Business, and Technology Hosts a Public Webinar on Research



The School of Leadership, Business, and Technology hosted a free public webinar on how to prepare for high-quality research output, with an emphasis on thinking like a social scientist.

The webinar was facilitated by Dr. Gilbert Ang'ana (pictured), CEO of Accent Leadership Group and an alumnus of the University.

It was mostly attended by postgraduate students, faculty, researchers, and scholars.

The School's Dean, Dr. Truphena Oduol, moderated the webinar.



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Students Prepare to Elect a New Council



The election process for student council leaders kicked into high gear during the month, with various activities taking place.

The Student Election Commission had a busy month, coordinating tasks such as receiving and vetting applications, clearing candidates, managing the nomination of delegates, and moderating manifesto presentations.

The election, which will usher in new student leadership for the academic year 2024/2024, will take place on November 6, 2024.

Viongozi FC Kickstart the 2024/2025 League Season With Mixed Results

The student men's football team, Viongozi FC, had a mixed start to the FKF National Division 2 league season, winning twice and losing twice in October.

The wins came against Lucky Summer Sports FC (2-1) and Thika Stars FC (2-1), while the losses were to Jumbo T FC (3-1) and Kariobangi Sharks Youth FC (4-3). According to the coach, Mr. Moses Cheburet, team spirit has remained high, and the boys are confident about having a successful season.

The 2024/2025 league season kicked off on October 5, with the team gunning for promotion to the FKF National Division 1 league.



Staff and Students Participate in the MTM Program at CITAM Embakassi

The Marketing Through Ministry (MTM) program took to CITAM Embakassi on October 13, where staff and students joined congregants for the Sunday service and the graduation for the School of Ministry Leadership Development (SMLD).

The VC preached on the topic of "Servant Leadership." The marketing team was at hand to provide prospective students with detailed information about the University.





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Department of Community Development Co-Hosts an International Webinar for Social Workers



On October 30, the Department of Community Development, led by Ms. Mary Maseno (pictured), jointly organized an international webinar with the Hindustan College of Arts and Science (India) on the role of culture in understanding and managing mental health by social workers.

Dr. Ruth Kamunyu, the acting Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, spoke on the role of culture in understanding and managing mental health by social workers from a Kenyan perspective. She emphasised the importance of cultural sensitivity among social workers in light of cultural diversity and regional differences. She also highlighted strategies that social workers can employ to provide effective, empathetic, and contextually relevant care as they navigate Kenya's complex landscape of varied cultural beliefs and practices.

Dr. Thuo Mburu Speaks at the GMCN International Conference

Dr. Thuo Mburu, the University Chaplain, was among the speakers at the 4th Global Member Care Network (GMCN) Conference, which took place from October 28 to November 1 at Maanzoni Lodge in Machakos County.

He spoke about suffering and self-care for missionaries, emphasizing the need for them to strike a balance between the two. The conference was attended by around 350 mission leaders from 48 countries.

According to GMCN, Member Care is the ongoing preparation, equipping, and empowering of missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry, and work.



Faculty Staff Undergo Training on AI Literacy in Education

On October 23, faculty staff participated in a training on Artificial Intelligence (AI) literacy aimed at enhancing teaching, learning, and research. The session was conducted by Dr. Jane Chiroma, Director of the Centre for Online Learning and Teaching, and Ms. Josleen Rutere, the University Librarian.

The training, which took place at the Thika Road campus, covered a wide range of important topics, including defining and conceptualizing AI in education, AI tools for teaching and learning, the ethical implications and challenges of AI in education, developing AI-enhanced teaching strategies, and preparing students for an AI-driven world.

The training session was the first in a series on AI-driven education and professional development for faculty in innovative pedagogy and andragogy.





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Staff and Students Observe the Spiritual Emphasis Week



Staff and students participated in the termly Spiritual Emphasis Week, which took place from October 21st to 25th at the Thika Road campus.

The University Chaplain, Dr. Thuo Mburu, coordinated the week's activities in collaboration with Rev. David Ewagata, Director of Youth Development, and the Christian Union leadership.

The activities included door-to-door evangelism around Roysambu, watching a Christian movie at the Chapel, group prayers, and panel discussions, among others.

The Spiritual Emphasis Week provides a space for deep reflection, prayer, and fellowship for both staff and students.

The School of Theology Meets New Students

The School of Theology hosted a forum to familiarize new students with their respective programs and provide them with a better understanding of what to expect in their academic journey.

The forum also allowed them to meet the School's new acting Dean, Prof. Diphus Chemorion, who also serves as the DVC-Academic Affairs.

The students shared their experiences and insights about the different programs and contributed to discussions on strategies for revamping and growing the School.

They were encouraged to participate in University activities to advance their personal and intellectual growth.



CACCM Holds a Public Webinar on Growing Healthy Churches

The University's Centre for African Christianity, Culture, and Mission (CACCM), led by Dr. Thuo Mburu, hosted a free public webinar on growing healthy Churches that can serve God effectively.

The facilitator, Dr. Micah Moenga (pictured), encouraged church leaders, workers, and ministers to grow healthy Churches characterized by five cardinal elements: evangelical, oneness, holiness, missional, and multiplying.

The webinar was moderated by Rev. Rogers Lukano, a faculty member in the School of Theology.





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Certificate in Youth Service Begins Successfully



The newest program in the Academic Division, Certificate in Youth Service, commenced on October 14, with 22 students enrolled.

The University has partnered with GlobalEd (Canada), Summit Pacific College (Canada), and YHub NetworX (Kenya) to offer the program to develop effective youth workers by sharpening their skills, focus, and approach to youth ministry.

It is designed to run for one year and features an international blend of lecturers as well as highly contextualized conversations with experienced youth ministers.

Marketing Team Exhibits at Different Events

During the month, the Marketing team exhibited at various events, showcasing the University's programs and recruiting new students. The events included the following:

- Global Leadership Summit at CITAM Karen on October 3 and 4
- Stawisha Biz Trade Fair at CITAM Thika on October 6
- Youth Summit at Kileleshwa Covenant Community Church on October 26 and 27
- Global Missions Congress at CITAM Valley Road on October 10

The University is currently admitting new students for the January 2025 intake.



Sarafina Nyawira, Former Miss PAC, Publishes Her Second Book

Sarafina Nyawira, an alumna, has recently published her second book, **Twenty, Thrive!**

According to her, the book is a thought-provoking and inspiring guide focused on helping readers make the most of their twenties—a pivotal decade for self-discovery, goal-setting, and personal growth.

Her first book, **3X Personal Branding**, is a career book that delves into critical elements of personal branding that propel individuals to excellence.

Nyawira served as Miss PAC in the academic year 2018/2019. Congratulations to her.



Upcoming Short Professional Courses

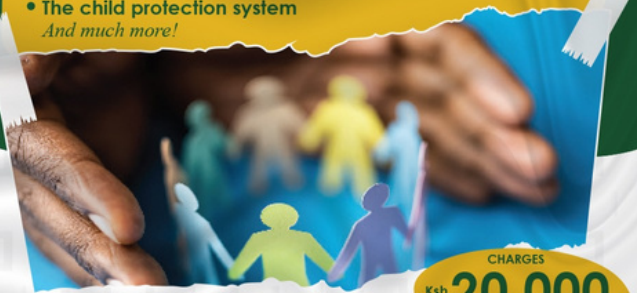


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(Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 5-8 pm)


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