

Esteemed Reader,

Hello and welcome to the **March 2023** issue of the **Monthly Bulletin**. We bring you important updates on what took place at the University during this period. Enjoy your reading!

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### THE PACUSA COUNCIL LEADS OTHERS IN CELEBRATING THE FEBRUARY "BABIES"



The Student Council celebrated the staff and students born in February with a savoury birthday cake during the Chapel Service held on the last day of February, much to their delight. The cake was distributed to members of the University community who were present at the Chapel. They took part in the celebration by singing a birthday song to the birthday "babies". This was an inspiring gesture from the Student Council that emphasized unity.

### CHRISTIAN UNION MEMBERS FAST AND PRAY AT NAKURU



Thirty-five students from the University's Christian Union travelled to Heaven's Gate Prayer Mountain in Nakuru from March 10-12, where they had a great time in God's presence through prayer and fasting. Led by the Chairperson, Mr. Kevin Wambua, the students stood in the gap and prayed for various issues, including the well-being of their fellow students and the entire University, peace for Kenya, and an end to the current biting drought. May the LORD answer their prayers and bless them abundantly.

### COMMUNICATION STUDENTS LEARN FROM TOP-RANKED STORYTELLERS



On March 3, the University collaborated with the Public Relations Society of Kenya (PRSK) to host three ladies who are powerhouses in the PR and Communication industries to speak to Communication students about "The Evolution of PR and Communication in the Digital Age." This was part of PRSK's month-long celebration of Kenyan women storytellers. The speakers were Dorothy Ooko (Google Africa), Njeri Kagwe (Communicis Ltd), and Mercy Ndirangu (Planate Management Group). The students had a great time learning and being inspired.

### ROYSAMBU MCA PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO THE VICE CHANCELLOR



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret Muthwii, welcomed Roysambu MCA, Hon. Sospeter Gathahu Mumbi, who had paid her a courtesy call in her office on March 3. This was his first visit to the University, which is located in his Ward, since being elected. They discussed issues that are important to the Roysambu community, such as youth mentoring, mental health, and environmental preservation. The VC assured the MCA that the University is committed to working with like-minded individuals and organizations to better the lives of Roysambu residents and the surrounding community.



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### YDP STUDENTS PRAY AND FAST AT KARURA FOREST



The YDP students had a wonderful time of meditation, prayer, and fasting on March 4 at Karura Forest, which provided an incredible moment of spiritual renewal for them. For some, this was their first encounter with such an experience. Some students volunteered to spend time praying with each individual, and the biggest moment occurred when a student who had previously declared that he couldn't be born again surrendered his life to Christ. The day culminated on a high note with the students receiving Holy Communion.

### THE STUDENT COUNCIL TREATS FEMALE STAFF ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On International Women's Day, March 8, the University's Student Council celebrated the female staff and students in style by presenting them with delectable cakes and praying with them. According to the Council members, the gesture demonstrated the high regard that the ladies at the University are held in. The ladies thanked the team for the pleasant surprise that put a big smile on their faces.

### STUDENT PEER COUNSELLORS GET EQUIPPED WITH COUNSELLING SKILLS



On March 10, the University's Counselling Office collaborated with some faculty members from Psychology Department to train Student Peer Counsellors in a variety of areas, including Mental Health, Basic Counselling Skills, Ethical Issues in Counselling, Time and Stress Management, Self-Awareness, Conflict Management, and Communication Skills, among others. The goal was to provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to counsel their peers effectively. Further training will be provided to the students early next Trimester to enhance their skills and ensure they remain effective.

### COMMUNICATION STUDENT GETS APPOINTED TO THE ICT AUTHORITY BOARD



Michael Njogu Wachira, a BA in Communication student at the University, was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Information and Communication Technology Authority for a period of three years, with effect from March 10, 2023. His appointment was announced through Gazette Notice No. 2978 by Eliud Owalo, Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy. Michael is a well-known media personality who currently works at Kameme FM, a popular Kikuyu radio station with nationwide coverage. On receiving the news, Prof. Margaret Muthwii, Vice Chancellor, congratulated him saying, "We joyfully congratulate Michael Njogu Wachira on his well-deserved appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Information and Communication Technology Authority. We wish him and the entire Board the very best as they serve our beloved country."



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### LEADERSHIP STUDENT WINS A CONTINENTAL AWARD



Mr. Gilbert Ang'ana, a PhD in Organizational Leadership student at the University and the CEO of Accent Leadership Group, won the prestigious Forty Under 40 Africa Award. The awards recognize and honour a variety of Africa's most influential and accomplished young business leaders under the age of forty who are committed to business growth, professional excellence, and community service and have risen through the ranks of their companies or industries. We congratulate Gilbert on this well-deserved award.

### PARENTS OF YDP STUDENTS ATTEND A KEY MEETING



The Department of Children and Youth Ministry hosted a meeting for Youth Development Program (YDP) students' parents on March 11 to update them on the program's progress and short-term plans, inform them of career opportunities for their children if they study at the University, and give them the opportunity to engage with the University, among other agendas. Among those who attended were Dr. Lilian Vikiru, Academic Registrar and acting Dean of the School of Theology; Dr. Micah Moenga, Head of the Department of Theology and Biblical Studies; and Mr. Obed Lewis, a faculty member and a postgraduate student in the Department. Mr. Absalom Ang'ila, the YDP Coordinator, organized this important meeting, which drew 72 parents.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE HOSTED IN A ROUNDTABLE MEETING



The Dean of Students (DOS) and members of the Student Council held a fruitful roundtable meeting on March 10 with various representatives of the University's international students to catch up on how their progress and discuss their general well-being. The students freely expressed their experiences so far and aired their issues, which were taken up by the DOS for action. In the meeting, there was also a discussion on how the University could work together with international students to attract more students from their respective countries.

### KATHY PRAISE ATTENDS THE TRIMESTER'S FINAL CHAPEL SERVICE



The University held the final Chapel Service of the Jan-April Trimester on March 21, where Kathy Praise, a renowned Kenyan gospel musician, led staff and students in a wonderful time of praise and worship, backed by the student Christian Union choir. She set the stage with some of her most popular songs before transitioning to other popular gospel praise and worship songs. The service, which was packed to capacity, was solely dedicated to praise and worship, and without a doubt, the Holy Spirit ministered powerfully to the University community. Kathy is a worship leader at Redeemed Gospel Church, Liberty Christian Centre, which is led by Bishop Kepha Omae, who is currently pursuing a PhD in Organizational Leadership at the University.



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### WELL-WISHER DONATES ITEMS WORTH OVER A MILLION KENYA SHILLINGS TO THE UNIVERSITY



On March 22, the University received a consignment of textbooks, executive conference chairs, podiums, and office furniture, which were donated by Dr. Aseem Chauhan, the CEO of Amity Capital Ventures. The donations, worth over Kshs 1 million, were made possible by the Registrar Administration, Dr. Magdalene Bore, who introduced the University to Dr. Chauhan. Staff members, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, and some student representatives, led by PACUSA Chair Eddy Kinkela, witnessed the arrival of the consignment and its dedication, which was led by Dr. Anne Wambugu. It was a delightful experience to witness such favour from the Lord.

### YDP STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES



A group of YDP students participated in two high school ministry activities, allowing them to put the skills and knowledge they have learned at the University to use. On March 23, they conducted small-group counselling on peer pressure at Juja Preparatory and Senior Schools for KCSE (Forms 1-3) and IGCSE (Years 7-11) students. On March 26, they led in praise and worship at Rockfields Senior School, Kajjado, where eight students got born again, and they also did small group counselling for Form 2 students. We applaud them and their coordinator, Mr. Absalom Ang'ila, for the phenomenal work they are doing to positively impact society.

### LIFE CHAMPIONS CARE GROUP SETS THE PACE FOR OTHERS



On March 24, it was all joy and smiles for members of one of the University's Community Care Groups, Life Champions, who received Certificates from EQUIP after they successfully completed the Beyond Success program by John C. Maxwell. The awarding ceremony took place at the Thika Road Campus during the one-day East Africa Sub-Regional Workshop. The Vice Chancellor, who had earlier opened the conference with remarks, was among the group members awarded. We congratulate them on this significant step forward in their personal development.

### HUNDREDS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE THIKA ROAD CAMPUS



The University, in collaboration with CECEK Mentors, hosted approximately nine hundred form three and four high school students on March 10 at the Thika Road Campus, where they attended set-book plays. The day-long event included several breaks that allowed students to tour the Campus and get a glimpse of university life. As part of its visibility strategy, the University, through its Marketing Office, is focused on hosting as many high school students as possible.



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### THE MARKETING TEAM MENTORS FORM 4 LEAVERS AT CITAM VALLEY ROAD



On March 24, the University's Marketing team participated in a mentorship workshop for Form 4 leavers at CITAM Valley Road, which was attended by tens of 2022 KCSE ex-candidates. The ex-cands were guided through a variety of critical areas, including career choices and university life. PAC University remains committed to nurturing young people and assisting them in making sound decisions about their lives.

### VARIOUS INSIGHTFUL WEBINARS ARE HELD DURING THE MONTH



During the month, the following important webinars took place:

- March 7: How to disseminate research findings, facilitated by Prof. Martin Njoroge (organized by the Graduate School)
- March 20: Effective Guidance and Counselling in Schools, facilitated by Prof. Margaret Mwenje and Dr. Lucy Gachenia (organized by Psychology Department)
- March 22: The Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Security Management, facilitated by Advocate Henry Murigi (organized by Dept. of Community Development)
- March 28: Use of Theory and Theoretical Frameworks in Academic Research, facilitated by Prof. Johannes John-Langba, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa (organized by the Graduate School)
- March 29: Developing a Culture of Research in the University, facilitated by Prof. Johannes John-Langba (organized by the Graduate School)

