

Esteemed Reader,

Hello and welcome to the **September 2023** issue of the **Monthly Bulletin**. We bring you important updates on exciting happenings that took place at the University during the month. Enjoy your reading!

Anthony Taiti
Corporate Affairs Manager

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NEW STUDENTS REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY



New students joining the University for the September 2023 intake reported to the Thika Road Campus on Monday, September 4th, for a week-long process of orientation and course registration. Staff and students were on hand to receive and assist them in settling down in readiness for the commencement of classes, which kicked off on Monday, September 11th. We wish them a great stay at the University and success as they embark on their academic adventure.

MATRICULATION CEREMONY HELD TO FORMALLY ADMIT NEW STUDENTS



On September 8, the University held a matriculation ceremony to formally admit its new students as per the statutory requirements. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Designate, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, who stepped in for the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, who was away at the time. Various members of the University community, including the staff members and continuing students were also present at the event to witness the formal admission of the new students and to welcome them to the University community. We heartily congratulate the students on their formal admission.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED AND DEDICATED



On September 15, the University held a colourful ceremony at the Thika Road Campus to formally launch and dedicate the new academic year 2023-2024. The Chancellor, Bishop Calisto Odede, presided over the half-day event, which was attended by various invited guests as well as staff members, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, and students. This was the second iteration of the event, following the inaugural one in September of last year.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTS PROF. STEPHEN M. JOSHUA AS THE NEW DVC-ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



The University has a new DVC-Academic Affairs (DVC-AA). Following a rigorous selection process that entailed detailed interviews with numerous candidates, the University appointed Prof. Stephen Muoki Joshua as its new DVC-AA. He will be succeeding Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, who was recently appointed as the Vice-Chancellor Designate and is scheduled to assume the role of Vice-Chancellor starting in January 2024. Prof. Joshua's appointment marks a significant milestone for the University, as he brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role. With his exceptional qualifications and proven track record in academia, he is well-equipped to lead the academic affairs department and contribute to the University's continued growth and success.

Brief profile of Prof. Joshua

Prof. Stephen Muoki Joshua is a full Professor of the History of Christianity. He has served as an academic at Pwani University (PU) between 2010 and 2023. He served as the Director of the Board of Undergraduate Studies (2017–2023) and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies between 2014 and 2017. He also chaired numerous university-wide committees at PU, including Policy Reviews, Academic Programs and Learning Processes. Prof. Joshua spearheaded the establishment of the BA in Theology, PhD in Religion, BA in Child Care and Protection, and BA in Art and Design Programs.

Between 2000 and 2005, he taught at Africa Nazarene University, PAC University, and Karen Christian College.

Prof. Joshua holds a BA in Bible and Theology (PAC University, 1996–2000), an MA in Religion (Africa Nazarene University-ANU, 2001–2005), a Master of Theology (MTH) in History of Christianity (2006–2007), and a PhD in History of Christianity degrees (the University of KwaZulu-Natal-UKZN, 2006–2011). He has successfully supervised 25 Master's Theses and PhDs dissertations from various universities. He is well-published in accredited Academic Journals, with over 26 titles of articles, chapters, and books under his name. He is the lead coordinator for TPAAE and TICASS, a European Union-funded project in consortiums involving European and African institutions of higher learning. The projects are under the Marie-Curie Fellowship and are focused on Art Education and Social Sciences.

Prof. Joshua is an ordained minister with the Free Pentecostal Churches of Kenya, where he also serves as a member of the Keswick Books and Gifts Company.

His research interests have always been in history methodology, focusing on the history of epidemics, missions, and contemporary issues such as sexuality, sex identities, and sex minorities. He is a member of various related professional bodies such as the Oral History Association of South Africa (OHASA), the International Oral History Association (IOHA), and the Church History Society of Southern Africa (CHSSA).

Prof. Joshua is married to Dr. Beatrice from Tanzania and is a proud father of two boys, Denis and Joshua.

PAC INSTITUTE AND TV STUDIO GETS OFFICIALLY OPENED



The PAC Institute of Technology and Social Studies and the PAC TV Studio were officially opened on September 15 at the launch and dedication event for the new academic year 2023-2024. The Institute was opened by Dr. Edwin Tarno, CEO of the Kenya School of TVET, while the TV studio was opened by Mr. Timothy Owase, CEO of the Kenya Film Commission. Upon opening, the two were dedicated to the glory of God by the Chancellor, Bishop Calisto Odede. The PAC Institute offers a wide array of competency-based TVET Diploma and Certificate programs that have been carefully designed to equip students with essential life skills such as digital literacy and employability skills, among others. On the other hand, the TV studio provides a cutting-edge technical space that enhances students' skills in various areas of TV production, such as scriptwriting, directing, video editing, and live broadcasting.

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'MARKETING THROUGH MINISTRY' INITIATIVE KICKS OFF SUCCESSFULLY



The University recently started engaging Church marketing in a fresh manner, where staff and students participate in running an entire service by leading praise and worship and delivering the sermon. The initiative, dubbed "Marketing through Ministry," was spearheaded by the Vice Chancellor Designate, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, and so far, it has taken place at three CITAM assemblies: Valley Road, Athi River, and Naivasha. It is expected that this trend will continue in the coming days, with several other Churches having already opened their doors for this engagement. We pray that there will be a greater impact in the body of Christ and at the University.

STUDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION GETS SWORN IN



Members of the Student Electoral Commission were sworn in on September 26 during Chapel Service, where they vowed to conduct a free and fair election. The Commission, which is chaired by Dr. Solomon Mungao (Head of the Leadership Department), is expected to conduct the election of new Student Council members for the academic year 2023-2024. Applications for the various positions opened on September 27 and will close on October 11. Through an email to all students on September 27, the Chairperson made a call for applications and shared the PACUSA Constitution as well as the Election Guidelines for referral by those aspiring to vie. Voting will take place on November 8, 2023. We wish the Commission, students, and all aspirants well.

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PROF. KIAMBI TRAVELS OVERSEAS ON A WORKING TRIP



On September 15, the Vice Chancellor Designate, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, embarked on a month-long working trip to Canada and the USA, which encompasses a diverse set of objectives, with the utmost importance placed on resource mobilization and establishing connections with strategic partners for the University. It is anticipated that he will return to the country in mid-October. We continue praying for God's favour upon him as he undertakes this assignment.

MARKETING TEAM INTERACTS WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



During the month, the University's marketing team interacted with hundreds of students from Jomo Kenyatta Boys High School in Nakuru, Kiseryan Girls Senior Academy in Kiserian, Kihoya Secondary School, and Kiawambogo Secondary School, both in Murang'a. They engaged in various important areas, including career choices, program selection, government funding opportunities, and study tips, particularly as they prepare to sit for their KCSE exams. They also helped them understand what life is like on the higher education side, particularly at PAC University and PAC Institute.

HUNDREDS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THIKA ROAD CAMPUS



On September 29, the University hosted over 700 students from 17 high schools at the Thika Road Campus for set-book plays. Besides the plays, the full-day event provided the students with an opportunity to learn more about the University, including programs offered, intakes, and student life. They were excited to have a glimpse of the higher education side of life.

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VIONGOZI FC PLAYER ATTAINS A CAF COACHING LICENSE



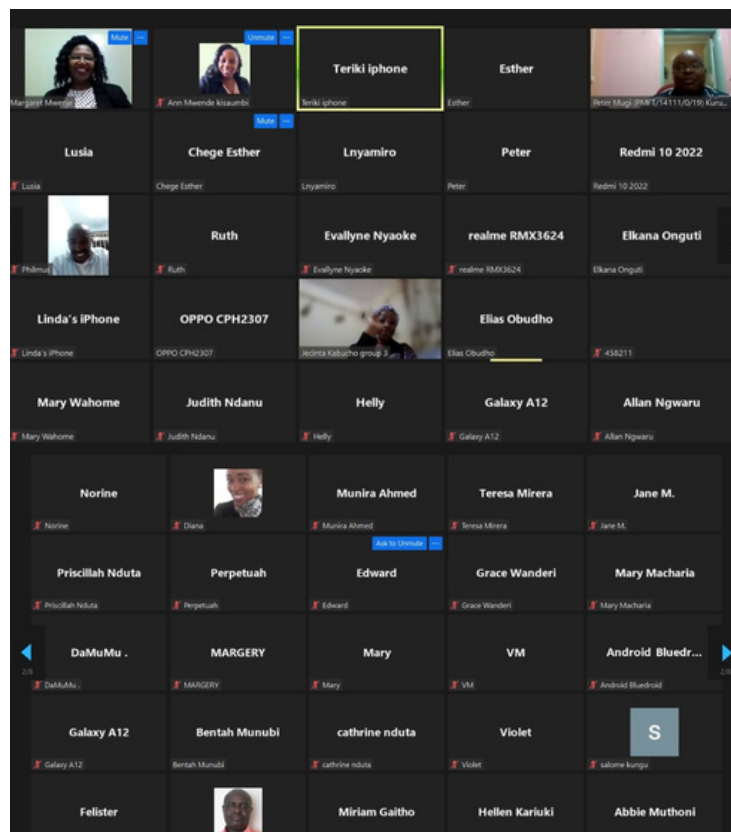
Chrisantus Wafula Kasembeli (far left), an ICT student and a senior member of the University's student football team, Viongozi FC, attained a CAF D coaching licence on September 15 after successfully completing training. Chris is a versatile player who can play in both wing-back and midfield positions, and he will be a valuable asset to the team's technical bench in the new 2023–2024 League season. We congratulate and wish him the very best as he puts his newly acquired skills and knowledge to work.

VIONGOZI FOOTBALL ACADEMY REOPENS ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC



The Viongozi Football Academy, which is named after the University's sports teams, reopened its doors in mid-September after a hiatus caused by unavoidable circumstances. The academy provides expert football skill development to boys and girls aged between 5 and 17 years old. Coaching sessions are currently taking place every Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm, at a cost of KES 500, and they are open to everyone who would like to foster their child's potential in football. For bookings and inquiries, please contact Coach Moses at 0702178856.

SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS CONDUCT FREE PUBLIC WEBINARS



Throughout the month, Schools and teaching Departments held free, insightful, topical webinars that attracted hundreds of public members and University community members who plugged in to learn. The following is a list of the webinars that took place:

—**Understanding the Young Person:** This was organized by the Department of Children and Youth Ministry and facilitated by Mr. Lewis Obed and Mr. Absalom Ang'ila.

—**Benefits of Studying TVET Diploma and Certificate programs:** It was organized by PAC Institute of Technology and Social Studies, and facilitated by Prof. Margaret Mwenje and Dr. Beatrice Oduor.

—**Avoiding Unintentional Plagiarism in Academic Writing:** This was organized by the Department of Leadership Studies and facilitated by Dr. Jane Chiroma and Dr. Solomon Munyao.

—**Understanding the Common Mistakes to Avoid to Achieve Successful Completion of Theses and Dissertations:** This was organized and facilitated by the Dean of the School of Leadership, Business, and Technology, Dr. Truphena Oduol.

—**Loss, Grief, and Bereavement:** This was organized by the Psychology Department and facilitated by Dr. Ruth Kamunyu and Prof. Margaret Mwenje.

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UNVEILING EDEN: UNIVERSITY RESTAURANT SET TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED



The official opening of the University Restaurant, Eden, is just around the corner, with only a few minor details left to address. Under the leadership of Dr. Thuo Mburu, the team responsible for establishing Eden has been working around the clock to ensure that the few remaining details are completed within the shortest time possible to facilitate operation at full capacity before its official opening. Nevertheless, the Restaurant has been operational to some degree, hosting several high-level meetings for both internal and external communities. Eden will be a significant asset to the University's other hospitality services, including conference facilities, accommodation, and event grounds. We eagerly await the opportunity to indulge in the gastronomic delights and ambience that Eden Restaurant promises to deliver.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PAC INSTITUTE AND HOPE MEDIA TAKES OFF



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, along with a team from the University and PAC Institute, hosted senior officers from Hope Media, led by Mr. Dismus Makanda, for a media partnership meeting on September 25 at the Thika Road Campus. The primary agenda was to discuss how the Institute could collaborate with Hope Media by providing media content while leveraging its extensive coverage to reach a larger audience of prospective students for its exceptional TVET programs. Although discussions about a working framework are still ongoing, several aspects have already been implemented. More details about this partnership will be shared in the near future.

SOUTH SUDANESE STUDENT COMMUNITY CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS



South Sudanese students held a ceremony on September 30 at Eden Restaurant on Thika Road Campus to pay tribute to their outgoing student leaders, celebrate those who graduated in July, and welcome new students who joined the University's South Sudanese community during the September 2023 intake. The colourful event was marked with joy as students reminisced about their past experiences and shared their aspirations for the future. Mr. Kuir Mayen Kuir, the chairperson of South Sudanese students in Kenya, was among those who graced the occasion with their presence.



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