

Esteemed Reader,

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

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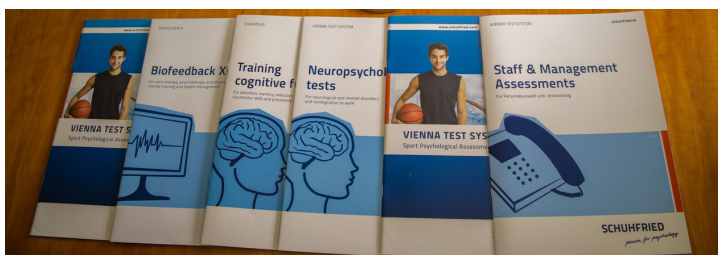
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THE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES A PSYCHOMETRICS TESTING CENTER



The University launched a Psychometrics Testing Center on March 1 at the Thika Road Campus at a colourful event attended by tens of industry leaders and the University community. This follows the signing of an MOU with SCHUHFRIED, an Austrian-based company known for its digital products and services in the fields of psychological assessments, to provide it with technological infrastructure for various psychometrics tests of the Vienna Test System (VTS). PAC University becomes the first institution in Africa to open a psychometrics testing center that uses VTS from SCHUHFRIED, which has a presence in over 68 countries around the world. Mr. Gerald Schuhfried, Director of SCHUHFRIED Company, and Dr. Christian Fellner, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Kenya, presided over the launch ceremony. Please visit the University website and local news websites for more details.

PS: This story will be covered in depth in the next issue of the Monthly Bulletin.



STUDENTS GET TREATED TO A LOVELY VALENTINE'S DINNER



All roads led to Conference Hall 1 at the Thika Road Campus on the evening of February 11, where students gathered for an early Valentine's Dinner treat courtesy of the Student Council and the Dean of Students. The hall was transformed into a magnificent venue with Red and Black accents, filled with boisterous lads and lasses dressed to the nines. It was a night filled with laughter and joy as students enjoyed the sumptuous food and warm company. We applaud the PACUSA leadership for executing the event so well.

PACUSA COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTEND A TWO-DAY PLANNING RETREAT



The University's Student Council, under the leadership of Mr. Eddy Kinkela, held a two-day retreat on the 3rd and 4th of February in the outskirts of Nairobi to plan this year's calendar of student activities and deliberate on how best to execute their mandate and fulfil their manifestos. The retreat was a resounding success for the team, and we wish them well as they provide value-based, servant leadership to their fellow students.

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MR. KEVIN BIRCH MAKES A MEMORABLE VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY



On February 3, the Vice Chancellor, accompanied by a few departmental leaders, welcomed Mr. Kevin Birch and his wife, who had paid a courtesy visit to the University. Kevin is the son of Dr. Ken Birch, the first Principal of the institution when it was founded as a Bible College (Pan Africa Christian College), and the Ken Birch Academic Building is named after him. The University team discussed with Kevin prospective areas of collaboration, such as supporting his mission to provide technological skills to the local community and providing students with internship opportunities in organizations with which he works. It was a pleasant experience for him to visit the University and reminisce on his fond memories of his childhood home.

DR. MUHINGI GETS APPOINTED AS A REVIEWER



Dr. Wilkins Muhingi, the Deputy Director of Research and a faculty member in the Department of Community Development, was appointed by the Science Publishing Group as a reviewer of Social Sciences in early February. While congratulating him, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret Muthwii, wrote "Wonderful, Dr Muhingi. Go, go, go. May God continue to give you open doors like this one. Congratulations." As a scholar, this is a significant accomplishment for him, and we wish him the best of luck in this critical role.

VC AND DVC-AA HOST GUESTS FROM PAKISTAN



On February 7, Prof. Margaret Muthwii, Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, DVC-AA, hosted three guests from Pakistan's PAK Mission Society, Mr. Adeel Rehmat, Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, and Col. William John, who visited the University to gain insights on how to establish and run a Christian learning institution. This follows the Society's plans to establish a Christian college in Pakistan to provide leaders with skills that extend beyond the pulpit. The VC and DVC-AA pledged to support them in achieving this goal. The team was introduced to the University by Dr. Kirk Kauffeldt, a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION SPREADS LOVE IN KIBRA



On February 18, members of the Christian Union visited the Springs of Life Children's Home in Kibra, Nairobi, led by their Chairperson, Mr. Kelvin Wambua. Here, the students spent quality time with the children, participating in various activities such as playing outdoor games, sharing God's word, and praying. They also donated food and money, much to the delight of the home's administrators, who expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the kind gesture. Well done to the Christian Union for following Christ's example of caring for those in need.

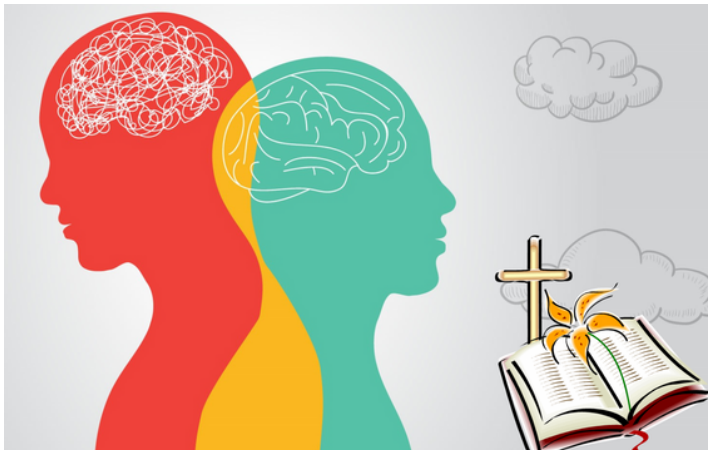
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YDP STUDENTS EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO HAPPY LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME



The Youth Development Program (YDP) students paid a courtesy visit to Happy Life Children's Home in Roysambu, where they donated foodstuff and money. In addition, the students also cleaned the home, cooked for the children, and played games with them. The visit was one of many activities designed to prepare them to be effective servant leaders as part of their ongoing training and mentoring.

THE ART OF SELF-CARE: PASTORS FROM KENYA AND BEYOND RECEIVE TRAINING



On February 20, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, led by its Dean, Prof. Margaret Mwenje, hosted a webinar on Self-care for Pastors, Chaplains, and other Religious Leaders, which drew over 380 participants. The goal was to enhance their skills in self-care in order to strengthen their mental health resilience and enhance their capacity to be more effective in ministry. The Pastors, who were from all over the country and beyond, expressed their delight at receiving the impactful teachings, which, according to them, were life-changing. They also expressed a strong desire to receive such training on a regular basis, as it would make them better servants and stewards of the Lord. Dr. Evangeline Wangechi, President and CEO of the Kenya Alliance for Mental Health (KAMH), was the keynote speaker.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLABORATES WITH YHUB NETWORKX TO HOST A YOUTH WORKERS' CONFERENCE



Through the School of Theology, the University collaborated with YHub NetworX to host pastors and youth workers at a conference titled "The Case for the Next Generation" on February 24 and 25 at the Thika Road Campus. The Case for the Next Generation conference is a tripartite event organized by Summit Pacific College (Canada), GlobalEd Institute (Canada), and YHub NetworX (Kenya). Kudos to Dr. Joshua Rutere (School of Theology) and Rev. David Ewagata (YHub NetworX) for executing this so well.

THE MARKETING TEAM PARTICIPATES IN A MENTORSHIP FORUM FOR KCSE EX-CANDIDATES



The University's marketing team attended the Form Four Leavers Higher Education and Career Expo hosted by CECEK Mentors at Kasarani on February 22, to guide and motivate the KCSE ex-candidates. The team had fruitful discussions with the attendees on a variety of topics, including career options, program qualifications, and university life, among other things. While the forum provided a marketing and visibility platform for the University, the participation was primarily a community service engagement in which young people were guided on how to navigate life after high school.

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VIONGOZI FC REGISTERS MIXED RESULTS DURING THE MONTH



During the month, the students' men's football team, Viongozi FC, registered two wins and two losses in the ongoing Nairobi County Regional League. The following is a summary of the team's performance:

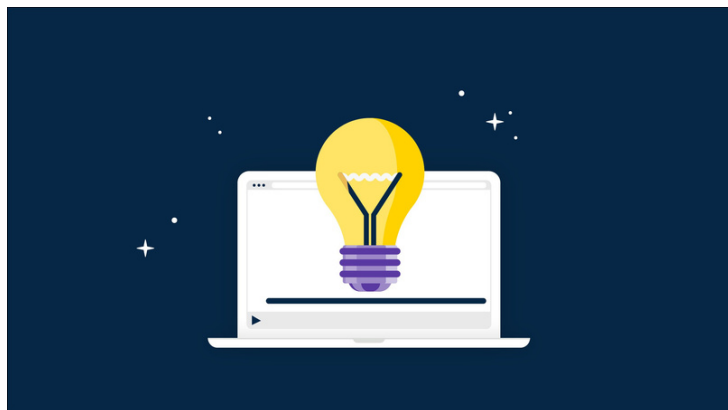
- Vs UEFA Despanol (away) 1-0 win
- Vs Bongonaya FC (home) 2-1 win
- Vs Victors Faith FC (home) 1-0 loss
- Vs Dandora Hotspurs (home) 1-0 loss

JANUARY 2023 INTAKE CLOSES WITH COMMENDABLE SUCCESS



The January 2023 intake successfully closed in early February, paving the way for the January-April 2023 Trimester to roll on in full swing. Despite the challenges of low enrolment in the higher education sector, the University still managed to admit a significant number of students, thanks to God's grace and concerted marketing and publicity efforts. So far, the University community has settled in really well for the Trimester, with all activities running smoothly as planned.

SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS HOST AN ARRAY OF FREE INSIGHTFUL WEBINARS



Several webinars were held by various Schools and Departments at the University throughout the month of February. The following is a comprehensive list:

—**Academic Writing and APA Style:** The Graduate School hosted this capacity-building webinar for postgraduate students on February 14 under the leadership of Dr. Jane Kinuthia, the Dean. Dr. Wilkins Muhingi was the speaker.

—**University Education and Industry: The Critical Link for Sustainable Development:** This webinar was held on February 15 by the Department of Leadership Studies, led by Dr. Solomon Mungao. Dr. Juma Ongeti, an adjunct lecturer, was the speaker.

—**The Dynamics in Postgraduate Supervision:** This webinar was hosted by the Graduate School on February 21. The DVC-AA Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, was the speaker.

—**Research Methodology as a Foundation for Evidence-Based Investigation: Fundamentals of Research Designs and Methods:** This webinar was also hosted by the Graduate School on February 28. Dr. Ann Sirera from Kenyatta University was the speaker.

