

Esteemed Reader,

Hello and welcome to the merged issue of the **December 2022 and January 2023 Monthly Bulletin**. We bring you important updates on what transpired at the University during this period. Enjoy your reading!

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Head of Corporate Affairs

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VC ATTENDS KENET'S 14TH ANNUAL HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS FORUM



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, attended the 14th Annual Heads of Institutions Forum hosted by KENET from the 13th to the 16th of December at the Sarova White Sands Hotel, Mombasa. On day 3 of the forum, she chaired the panel that discussed how universities can scale up their blended learning infrastructure to provide sustainable digital enterprise and academic services. Panellists included Prof. John Njenga Munene (VC, Zetech University), Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo (VC, Kibabii University), Prof. Mike Kuria (CEO, Commission for University Education), and Prof. Wilkister Moturi (Representative of Egerton University's VC).

GUESTS FROM PILLAR COLLEGE IN USA VISIT THE UNIVERSITY



On December 15, the University hosted some faculty and admin staff from Pillar College, New Jersey, USA, who visited to engage in a number of areas of mutual interest. There were fruitful discussions held about potential areas of collaboration, including research, conferences, student exchange programs, staff development, and curriculum enhancements, among others. The DVC-Academic Affairs, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, and some Senate members welcomed and engaged the guests.

UNIVERSITY HOLDS A FAREWELL CEREMONY FOR PROF. NATHAN CHIROMA



On the afternoon of December 15, staff members attended a farewell ceremony for Prof. Nathan Chiroma, the former Dean of the School of Theology, at the Thika Road campus, where they enjoyed a meal together. During the event, staff who made remarks on behalf of their colleagues paid glowing tribute to Prof. Chiroma, hailing him as a humble, generous, and friendly colleague. It was a bitter-sweet moment when Prof. Chiroma took to the podium to reflect on his wonderful time at the University and to formally say goodbye to the staff. He has embarked on a new assignment in Rwanda, and we wish him well.

STUDENTS SHOWER STAFF WITH LOVE



On December 21st, some members of the Student Council (PACUSA), led by the Chairperson, Mr. Eddy Kinkela, visited various offices in the University and presented staff members with bunches of bananas, appreciating them for their dedicated service throughout the year. This pleasant surprise left the staff incredibly happy, grateful, and amazed.

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NACOSTI PAYS THE UNIVERSITY AN INSPECTION VISIT



The University, led by the DVC-Academic Affairs, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, received a team from NACOSTI, who visited the Thika Road Campus to evaluate the University's Ethics Review Committee. They commended it for going through the accreditation process, which involves developing policies and SOPs to guide its functions. Speaking after the evaluation process, Dr. Jane Kinuthia, Director for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, averred that the committee will strive to implement NACOSTI's recommendations in order to have a fully accredited Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee (ISERC) in accordance with Kenyan research laws.

VIONGOZI FC EARN A PROMOTION TO THE REGIONAL LEAGUE



The University's football team, Viongozi FC, was promoted to the FKF Nairobi County Regional League after posting impressive results in the 2021-2022 season. Mr. Dickson Doyo, Secretary General of the FKF Nairobi East County Branch, delivered the news in a letter on November 29, 2022. It was received with great joy by the University community, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, who congratulated the coach, Mr. Moses Cheburet, and the boys. "Moses, big congratulations to you! Your hard work and skills are paying off. Well done," said Prof. Muthwii. We wish the team the very best in the upcoming new season

THE UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN DR. NYAGA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Friday, January 6, some staff members represented others in the one-year memorial service for their former colleague, the late Dr. Rahab Njeri Nyaga, at her rural home in Kiritiri, Embu. They joined friends, colleagues, family, and the Church in the ceremony where her cross was also unveiled. Dr. Nyaga started ailing in April 2021 and passed away peacefully on January 13, 2022. Prior to her death, she was a faculty member in the Department of Communication, Languages, and Linguistics, where she served as a Senior Lecturer. She previously held the positions of Academic Dean and Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. May her soul continue to rest in peace.

STUDENT LEADERS ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP SUMMIT



Some University student leaders attended the National Leadership and Mentorship Summit (NLMS) at the Cooperative University from the 2nd to the 6th of January 2023, which was organized by FOCUS Kenya. The forum seeks to develop strong leaders who are competent, committed, and whose character is consistent with scriptural teaching in a dynamic world. We wish them well as they set out to apply what they've learned to impact lives.

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NEW STUDENTS REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY



The Thika Road campus was a hive of activity on January 9, 2023, as new students joining the University for a variety of programs reported for day one of the week-long orientation and registration process. The students were upbeat as they were warmly welcomed by staff and student leaders who were waiting for them. The in-person orientation and registration week ran from January 9th to 13th, while the online orientation ran from January 16th to 17th. Dr. Lilian Vikiru, Academic Registrar, successfully led the process of receiving the students and supporting them in settling in.

THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY COLLABORATES WITH CITAM TO TRAIN CHAPLAINS



The School of Theology, led by Dr. Joshua Rutere, in partnership with the CITAM Chaplaincy Department, led by Rev. Grace Bukachi, conducted a four-day School Chaplaincy Short Course themed **"Connecting and Caring for Effective Chaplaincy Services"** from January 17th to 20th. The training was aimed at equipping Chaplains with skills and knowledge to help them foster connection and care in schools. The participants were regional representatives from schools across the country, as recommended by the Ministry of Education. Upon completion, they were awarded certificates.

FIRST STAFF MEETING OF THE YEAR HELD AT THE THIKA ROAD CAMPUS



On January 18, all staff members (admin and faculty) attended the first meeting of the year, where various departmental heads shared various reports and updates. These included recent accomplishments as well as plans for the near future. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, thanked the staff for their diligence and impressive attitude and urged them to aim at achieving more in 2023, particularly in terms of impacting students and other stakeholders.

THE UNIVERSITY'S LONGEST-SERVING EMPLOYEE RETIRES



On the afternoon of January 27, a farewell party was held in honour of Ms. Lily Sumba, the University's longest-serving employee, who recently retired. Staff members, led by the VC, Prof. Muthwii, and the DVC-AA, Prof. Kiambi, paid glowing tributes to Ms. Lily, affectionately known by many as "Mum Lily", as a hardworking, generous, and supportive colleague. She worked at the University for 28 years in various administrative roles until her retirement, having joined the institution when it was still a college (Pan Africa Christian College). We wish her the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

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JANUARY-BORN STUDENTS SIGN OFF THE MONTH IN STYLE



The Student Council (PACUSA), led by their Chairperson, Mr. Eddy Nsimba, pleasantly surprised January-born students with a cake to celebrate their birth during the weekly Chapel Service on January 31. This was a first at the University, heralding a pleasant era of redefined friendship and togetherness in the student community. We commend the PACUSA officials for this inspiring gesture and wish them the best as they continue to provide sound leadership to their fellow students.

STUDENT LEADERS HOST NEW STUDENTS TO A LUNCHEON



The Student Council (PACUSA) in collaboration with the Dean of Students' Office, hosted a luncheon for all the new students who joined the University during the January 2023 intake, with the goal of bonding with them over a sumptuous meal and welcoming them to the larger student community. The students were jolly as they enjoyed the warm hospitality accorded to them and the reassurance that they are valued members of the University community. Prof. Kiambi, DVC-Academic Affairs, and Dr. Josh Amwago, Dean of Students, graced the luncheon with their presence.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLOR ENGAGES WITH STUDENTS DURING THEIR FORUM



Ms. Vera Makena, the University Counsellor, addressed students during their termly forum on January 25th about how the Counselling Office can support them to excel in their studies. She informed them about the preventive and responsive therapy services offered by her office, urging them not to shy away from seeking help. Ms. Makena also informed the students that plans to launch a Peer Counsellors program are in the works. Students requested the Counsellor to organize talks on areas such as self-identity, stress management, relationships, drug and substance abuse, sexuality, loss, and grief.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS, DR. MUSYOKI MUTUNGI, GETS APPOINTED TO A NEW ROLE



Dr. Musyoki Mutungi, an alumnus of the University, was recently appointed as the first Commandant (CEO) of the National Police Leadership Academy. Dr. Mutungi, a graduate of PhD in Organizational Leadership Development program, previously served as the County Police Commander for Bungoma and Kisii counties. On January 30, Prof. Dionysious Kiambi, DVC-Academic Affairs, and Dr. Truphena Oduol, Dean, School of Leadership, Business & Technology, paid him a courtesy call and discussed potential collaboration opportunities with the Academy. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Mutungi on his well-deserved appointment.

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PASTOR NIGEL DE MELLO SHARES WITH THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY A MOVING TESTIMONY OF HIS LIFE



Pastor Nigel Casmiro De Mello of CITAM Parklands and an alumnus of the University, shared with the University community an emotional testimony of his life during the weekly Chapel Service on January 24, where he was the guest speaker. His testimony focused on his life as a sinner since he was young, detailing his vices and struggles such as drug and alcohol addictions, fornication, and delinquency until he surrendered his life to Christ. This inspired many students, and a significant number of them got saved. We salute Pastor Nigel for his bravery in sharing his life story, which inspired both staff and students profoundly.

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