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Deans to hold Convocation

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Associate DVC – Student Affairs Prof. Wangari Mwai (center) poses with high school teachers who had been invited by the Admissions Department for a workshop in the library this Friday, January 26 2018.

Five School Deans will this Friday, February 2, provide the university community with updates on each school's key initiatives, and activities in the current Academic Year, as well as the achievements, and challenges that their Schools faced in the 2016-2017 Academic Year.

Beginning September 2017 with the Vice Chancellor's Convocation, the University adopted a strategy of keeping the university community informed on institutional progress as guided by the University's vision, mission, core values, and the current Strategic Plan (2015/16-2019/20).

In November 2017, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Amb. Prof. Ruthie Rono also held a Convocation where she enumerated the key achievements by the division she heads, as well as the top priorities the division will pursue in this academic year.

All five School Deans have taken up their appointments within the last five months beginning with the Dean of the new School of Graduate Studies, Research and Extension Prof. Amos Njuguna, Dean of the Chandaria School of Business Prof. Peter Lewa, Dean – School of Science and Technology Prof.

Valerie Adema, Acting Dean – School of Humanities and Social Sciences Prof. Angelina Kioko, and Dean – School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Prof. Njeri Wamae.

Prof. Rono has invited the entire community to attend the Convocation, and to be seated by 10am in the auditorium, for the presentations expected to last until 12.30pm.

USIU-Africa welcomes new faculty

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PROF. NANCY MUTURI is back in the School of Science and Technology, this time on a sabbatical appointment as a Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, in the Journalism and Communication Studies programs. Prof. Muturi is no stranger to USIU-Africa, having spent three months of 2017, as a Carnegie Africa Diaspora Fellowship Program Fellow.

She joins us from the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Kansas State University where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in public relations, communication theory, research methods, health communication and gender issues.

Prof. Muturi attained her Bachelors and Masters in Sociology from the University of Nairobi before joining the University of Iowa, for a Masters and Ph.D. in Mass Communications. She brings a wealth of international experience having worked as a Lecturer, Health Communication Specialist, and graduate studies director at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication, University of the West Indies. She also worked as a Health Communication Fellow at

the American national health agency - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), prior to commencing her academic career.

DR. RACHAEL DIANG'A has also joined the School of Science and Technology as USIU-Africa's very first Assistant Professor of Film. Dr. Diang'a, who holds a PhD in Film Studies, has accumulated over ten years' experience in film research and scholarship. She is the author of the first book on Kenyan cinema - *African Re-creation of Western Impressions: A Focus on the Kenyan Film (2011)* and several journal articles/book chapters on post-colonial and African cinema.

Dr. Diang'a's film production interests in scriptwriting, directing and producing, are evident in the several films she has produced and/or directed including: *Our Strength (2012)*, *The Invisible Workers (2013)* and *Drugnets (2015)*, and contribution as a film workshop trainer and mentor, film critic and adjudicator in several film festivals.

She is also a member of Nordic Association of Romantic Studies, Association of Media Women in Kenya, Kenya Film and Television Professionals

Association and currently the Secretary of the Association of Film Producing Educational Institutions in Kenya.

DR. AWUOR OGADA has joined the Chandaria School of Business as a Lecturer of Accounting and Finance. She has been a member of the USIU-Africa for some time, having been a member of the inaugural graduating Doctor of Business Administration class of 2016, and had previously received her International Business Administration degree from the same School.

Dr. Ogada has close to ten years of teaching experience at Multimedia University including teaching here at USIU-Africa has an adjunct faculty.

She has also accumulated over ten years of industry experience with Wrigley Co (EA) as their Accounting Manager, Orbit Distributors as their Chief Accountant, and Across Africa Safaris as their Financial Controller. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

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Sports updates

Compiled by Diana Meso



USIU-Africa's sports teams began 2018 with a bang, clinching victory in their initial matches.

The ladies' hockey team beat Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) 3-0 in the Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) League match that took place at JKUAT on Friday, January 19. The team further recorded two straight wins after beating University of Nairobi (UoN) and Amira Sailors 1-0 and 2-1 on Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 January respectively in the Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) Ladies Premier League.

Their male counterparts thrashed Daystar University 8-1 on Saturday, January 20 at JKUAT in the KUSA League. Both teams are set to meet Mount Kenya University and Kenyatta University as they sought to extend their winning streak.

The USIU-Africa men rugby team hosted Ngong Warriors on Saturday, January 20, for the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) Championship. The team defeated the Warriors 8-5 as they aimed to bounce back from their loss to Catholic University of East Africa (CUEA) on Saturday, January 13.

The team will also host JKUAT this coming Saturday as the run to the top of the Championship continues.

The men and ladies' basketball teams emerged 1st and 2nd runners up respectively in the on-going KUSA League. Both teams will host Kenyatta University this weekend as the League continues.

The men's soccer team recorded a 1-0 win against Mount Kenya University but were held to a barren draw by Kenyatta University in the KUSA League at JKUAT. Their luck ran out against Kabete 4-1 in the Universities and Colleges Football League (UCFL) at the National Youth Service. Their female colleagues also lost to their hosts JKUAT 4-0 in the KUSA League. Both teams are set to meet Kenyatta University and Kenya Utalii College this weekend.

The swimming team brought home one gold, one silver and a trophy in the Kenya Swimming Federation (KSF) Nairobi Swimming Championship that took place on Saturday, 20 and Sunday, January 21 at Makini School. Leading the team was Billy Scott Irakoze (International Business Administration) who was named the *Iron Man* after recording the best time in the 50M fly.

This places the team at second position, and buys them a ticket to represent the University in Level 3 KSF Swimming Championship scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates later this year.

Media Mentions

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January 25: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star in an article titled *"Women's league to start next month."*

January 24: The Star mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Uhuru focuses on Big Four for his legacy."*

January 24: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Citizen Digital in an article titled *"Wambua out to tap into ten-a-side festival talent."*

January 23: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"ABIGAIL ARUNGA."*

January 21: USIU-Africa was mentioned by Hivisasa.com in an article titled *"USIU beats Amira Sailors in ladies hockey."*

January 21: USIU-Africa was mentioned by KBC in an article titled *"USIU beats Sailors 2-1 in hockey premier league."*

January 21: The Standard mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"How Westlands accident made me a church boy- Holy Dave."*

January 20: The Star mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Champions Telkom, Scorpions in hunt for Africa Club Championship honours."*

January 20: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"USIU maintain dominance over University of Nairobi."*

January 20: USIU-Africa was mentioned by KBC in an article titled *"Kenya thrashes Nigeria 5-0 in Hockey championships."*

January 19: The Star mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Oilers, Machine seek to extend unbeaten run in KRU Championship."*

January 19: The Star mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"JKUAT, USIU-A face off in KHU Premier League encounter today."*

January 18: USIU-Africa was mentioned by Capital FM in an article titled *"Ngong' Road derby highlights Kenya Cup week six."*

January 13: The Standard Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Cost of the war in Somalia"*

January 12: Citizen Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"KU out to delay Police coronation as KHU go to poll."*

January 12: Capital FM mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"KCB, Homeboyz clash as Kenya Cup returns."*

January 10: USIU-Africa was mentioned by Citizen Digital in an article titled *"Oilers face stern test in fired-up Bulls."*

January 8: Capital FM mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Odera names five foreign based players in Chipu squad."*

January 4: USIU-Africa was mentioned by Capital FM in an article titled *"Title, promotion battle on as Kenya Cup resumes."*

January 1: The Star mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Time is up for KBF to fix the calendar."*

December 14: Citizen Digital mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Kenya to face Zimbabwe as U20 fixtures released."*