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Members of EYO initiative recognized at award ceremony



Members of the Educate Your Own (EYO) initiative display their certificates of appreciation received during an award ceremony held on Thursday, January 27, in the cafeteria. They were feted for their outstanding effort in raising funds over the course of the last year, to aid students in financial difficulties, to complete their education.



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza and members of the Management Board pose for a group photo with members of the EYO team following an award ceremony held on Thursday, January 27, in the cafeteria.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza presents a certificate of appreciation to EYO President Ms. Elham Soni (International Relations Junior) who is flanked by her mother Ms. Karima Nasir, during the award ceremony on Thursday, January 25.

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On Thursday, January 26, the Office of Fundraising hosted an award ceremony at the cafeteria, for 22 members of the Educate Your Own (EYO) student fundraising initiative and their parents. The event was also attended by donors, partners, current and future scholarship recipients, as well as university officials.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza congratulated the students on their incredible effort, which he said was both an inspiration and challenge to the university's advancement effort. University Advancement Director Mr. James Ogolla pointed out the huge impact the initiative has had, including their record-setting success of raising KES 300, 000 since February 2016.

EYO President Ms. Elham Soni founded the initiative to raise funds to assist fellow students who have interrupted their education due to unforeseen economic difficulties. With the assistance of the Office of Fundraising, she set up a team of like-minded students, with the goal of achieving a zero dropout rate among continuing students.

Over the course of three semesters, EYO ran Project Finje – a micro-donation service where members of the university community make a monthly donation of KES 50 or more to the initiative, together with activities such as monthly car washes and Valentine's Day sales. The funds raised have made it possible for eleven students to receive twenty-five percent EYO Scholarship Grants beginning Spring 2017.



University Advancement Director Mr. James Ogolla offers brief remarks during the EYO award ceremony held on Thursday, January 25 at the Cafeteria.



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza flanked by Student Affairs Council Vice Chair Ms. Jayne Wathoni, flags off the re-modeled bus on Tuesday, January 25. Looking on are university officials, staff and students.

International Relations faculty member presents paper on conflict resolution

Lecturer of International Relations Mr. Dan Odaba, presented a paper titled "An Examination of Challenges to Sustainable Conflict Resolution Process; A case study of the Republic of South Sudan" at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

The program brought together 24 conflict experts

drawn from 17 countries from Europe, North America, Asia, Oceania and Africa.

This is part of Mr. Odaba's on-going research on peace and conflict resolution that will involve traversing Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Nepal and Myanmar in an effort to come up with tangible solutions to political conflicts. The fellowship runs until the end of June 2017.

USIU-Africa welcomes freshmen

On Friday, January 20, the Class of 2020 freshmen were hosted by the Student Affairs Council (SAC) for the Spring 2017 Freshmen's Bash. The event held at Hotel La Mada provided the freshmen with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with various services offered by the Council, as well as the almost forty student organizations and sports teams on campus.

Yearbook team issues photo reminder

2017 graduating students are reminded to visit the Yearbook office on the first floor (right wing) of the Freida Brown Student Center to have their photographs taken for the Class of 2016 Yearbook. Services are available between Monday and Friday from 11.00am up to 5.00pm. Further information is available through email (yearbook@usiu.ac.ke) upon request.



Georgia Adhiambo Otieno of USIU (L) is challenged by Hellen Oketch of KPA during their 2014 Zone 5 Basketball Club Championship final match.
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Basketball ladies in a 'do-or-die' semi-final against Equity Bank

The ladies basketball match must win their final match this weekend against Equity Bank Hawks to successfully defend their Kenya Basketball Federation Premier League title. Having lost 40-51 and 52-63 respectively in the first two of the best-of-three series, a win will ensure USIU-Africa remains the top basketball team in the country for a record-breaking third time.

Kenya Universities Sports Association League

Our hockey teams continued their fantastic form last weekend, beating both of Kenyatta University's men's and women's teams 1-0 and 2-1 respectively, in the Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) University League games.

The men's basketball team lost to Kenyatta University before beating Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology (JKUAT), while the soccer men lost to both KCA University and Kenyatta University on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

This weekend our hockey teams hope to continue their winning form against both the men's and women teams from Daystar University, while the men's soccer and basketball teams take on St. Paul's University.

Media mentions



January 27: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "KU to host first leg of KRU girls league."
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/01/27/ku-to-host-first-leg-of-kru-girls-league_c1495079

January 27: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star newspaper in an article titled "Do-or-die for USIU as they face Equity Bank tomorrow."
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/01/27/do-or-die-for-usiu-as-they-face-equity-bank-tomorrow_c1495142

January 27: The People Daily newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Defending champs teeter in the brink of relinquishing title."
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/292329/defending-champs-teeter-brink-relinquishing-title/>

January 26: The Daily Nation newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "University of Nairobi tops list of best institutions."
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/education/University-of-Nairobi-tops-list-of-best-institutions/2643604-3788668-xvevm0/index.html>

January 25: The East African Business Times mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Why multinational brands are leaving Kenya."
<http://www.eabusinessimes.com/why-multinational-brands-are-leaving-kenya/>

January 25: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Equity Bank push USIU to the brink of elimination in play-offs."
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/01/25/equity-bank-push-usiu-to-the-brink-of-elimination-in-play-offs_c1493561

January 25: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Africa Business Communities site in an article titled "Telkom Kenya announces executive appointments."
<http://africabusinesscommunities.com/news/telkom-kenya-announces-executive-appointments.html>

January 23: The Standard newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Equity teaches USIU vital lessons as Zetech varsity wins."
<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/m/article/2000230915/equity-teaches-usiu-vital-lessons-as-zetech-varsity-wins>

January 21: The People Daily newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Title at stake as KPA host Spartans."
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/291925/title-stake-kpa-host-spartans/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 28

BASKETBALL

USIU-Africa Ladies vs KCA University
10am @ Kenyatta University

USIU-Africa Men vs St. Paul's University
1pm @ USIU-Africa Soccer Pitch

USIU-Africa Ladies vs Kenyatta University
11.40am @ USIU-Africa Basketball Pitch

RUGBY

USIU-Africa vs Moi University
4pm @ USIU-Africa pitch

HOCKEY

USIU-Africa Men vs Daystar
3.20pm @ Kenyatta University

SOCCER

USIU-Africa Men vs Daystar
3pm @ Kenyatta University

Sunday, January 29

BASKETBALL

USIU-Africa Men vs Kenyatta University
10.20am @ USIU-Africa Basketball Court

USIU-Africa Men vs Mt. Kenya University
1.20pm @ USIU-Africa Basketball Court

USIU-Africa Ladies vs Mt. Kenya University
11.40am @ USIU-Africa Basketball Court

SOCCER

USIU-Africa Men vs Mt Kenya University
3.30pm @ Kenyatta University