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USIU-Africa student bags prestigious One Belt One Road International English-Speaking contest award

By Dr. Quin Awuor & Moraa Joy Michelle

Moraa Joy Michelle, a student at USIU-Africa, has won the prestigious One Belt One Road International English-speaking contest award for 2020. The award was as a result of Ms. Moraa's participation in the competitive Global Unitalks competition that took place in Hong Kong, China. Joy was shortlisted out of over 300 applicants and went head to head with other speakers and global contestants for the award. Upon her completion of her Global Unitalks International English - speaking competition journey, she was selected among the world's top 6 English public speakers from over 1000+ young global competitors worldwide.

Speaking following her win, Ms. Moraa expressed her thrill at winning the competition, stating that her participation was based on a leap of faith.

"When I saw the Global Unitalks Competition poster doing rounds in online school groups, I decided to take a leap of faith and try it out. I was beyond thrilled when I saw that I had been shortlisted to take part in the competition and took my time to come up with speeches from the topics we had been given," she said.

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Joy Michelle, an International Relations Senior beat a pool of over 300 candidates to emerge as the winner of the One Belt One Road International English-speaking contest

The International Model Conference Club formally launches in USIU-Africa



By Gathoni Matemo

Following the recurrent opportunities for USIU-Africa students to participate in international conferences, such as the Harvard Model United Nations (HNMUN) and International Model African Union, hosted every year in the United States during the Spring semester, a group of students came together to register and launch the International Model Conferences Club (IMCC). The club was launched to create a formal forum that would expose more students to these opportunities and create room to explore more similar learning opportunities all year round.

The Club is envisioned as one that will shape attitudes, instill confidence, and promote introspection and connections to the global community to ensure that members are exposed to different views and agendas. In addition to this, the club hopes to stimulate a deeper knowledge of International Organizations; to develop and establish a working understanding of the political, military, economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian problems of the world, and to provide free and open forum for the study and discussion of these problems.

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USIU-Africa Library to mark annual Open Access Week

By Azenath Ateka

Every year the world celebrates Open Access through a series of activities for a period of one week in the month of October. Open Access (OA) refers to free unrestricted online access to information. Although access to knowledge is critical for societal development, it is important to note that the default setting for the grant of access for the extensive stores of knowledge is closed.

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GAME Centre's Metro Agri-Food Living Lab featured on MKTV

By CTW team



USIU-Africa's Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (GAME) Centre's Metro Agri-Food Living Lab project was featured on MKTV on its Agribusiness segment. The feature highlighted GAME Centre's work in the Metro Agri-Food Living Lab for Gender Inclusive Youth Entrepreneurship Development, which the Centre is currently implementing through Cultivate Africa's Future (CultiAF), a joint program of the International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC) and the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

Anne Lusweti, a poultry farmer, said that she had struggled with diseases, poultry vaccinations and low sales due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After attending the training, Ms. Lusweti noted that she was now able to improve her business significantly, a sentiment echoed by Mr. Peter Matolo, a horticultural farmer.

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Upcoming events:

- 1. World Animation Day virtual webinar by the School of Communication, Cinematic and Creative Arts- October 28, 2020.
- 2. The International Symposium on Social Media- November 4-5, 2020



2nd International Symposium on Social Media

Theme: Advances in global social media landscape trends and newly emerging narratives.

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New Virtual Conference Date