

# CAMPUS **THIS WEEK**

## Pictorial: USIU-Africa hosts 2023 edition of Culture Week

> By CTW Team

Culture Week is an annual event at USIU-Africa that brings together all the University's different communities who have the opportunity to showcase their cultures through cuisine, music, traditional dances, attire, art, festivities, and theatre. This year, students turned out in large numbers to put on a dazzling show for the university community. Below is a snapshot of some of the highlights of this year's edition of Culture Week.

Photo: Spencer Muthusi, Emelda Wanza and Kahiro Muturi



Special guests at the Culture week parade included dignitaries from the Arab communities including Yemen, Oman, Libya and the Arab League Mission. The event marked Prof. Ensign's first Culture Week as Vice Chancellor.



The Culture Week parade kicked off with a performance from the Burundian drummers. The drumming tradition known locally as "ingoma" dates back to the 17th century, and its performers are the custodians of a centuries-old ritual recognized by UNESCO.



Participants take a selfie to mark their participation in the colour festival, which is inspired by the Holi festival.



The Ethiopian community at their exhibition booth, where they showcased elements of their culture including their attire and their food to the event's attendees.

## The USIU-Africa Chapter of the World Youth Alliance hosts Dignity Forum

> By Ajua Salomon



The participants after the conclusion of their engagement forum held last Friday at USIU-Africa. Photo: Courtesy

The USIU-Africa Chapter of the World Youth Alliance (WYA USIU- Africa), one of the youngest clubs in USIU-Africa held a forum on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 2pm to 4 pm, around the theme: 'Building Youth Capacity for Active Participation in Policy Formulation'. The event was facilitated by three key speakers. One of them who was from the WYA headquarters in New York made an online presentation, while the others from the WYA Africa Regional Office staff were physically present. Dozens of participants attended the hybrid event, the majority of them joining via the webinar platform. Different nationalities were represented.

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## USIU-Africa alumnus, Douglas Owino gives career talk to students in the Senior Experience class

> By the Alumni Relations Office

Dr. Veronicah Kaluyu together with the Alumni Office invited Mr. Douglas Owino to guide Senior students on career development. He gave his success story, belaboring the power of seizing opportunities and taking risks. The Placement and Career Services Office, represented by Maureen Ochola also gave a presentation on career development and personal branding.

Douglas Owino is a former recipient of the USIU-Africa Scholarship. He studied IBA Finance, graduating Cum Laude in 2012. While at USIU-Africa, he served as the electoral commissioner, one of the peer group leaders of the USAID-sponsored peer education program 'I Choose Life'. He was also a member of the Resident Entertainment Committee. Douglas further pursued his MBA International Business in South Korea, on a Korean Government Scholarship, a scholarship he was awarded before his graduation in August 2012.

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Douglas Owino from the IBA Class of 2012 spoke to the students about their career prospects upon graduation. Photo: Alumni Relations Office/Douglas Owino

## USIU-Africa launches Give Back Fridays Initiative

> By CTW Team

USIU-Africa, through the Development Office has launched an initiative dubbed 'Giving Fridays', which will be taking place on the last Friday of every month. The initiative will see the USIU-Africa community donate clothes, shoes, books and other items which are still in good condition for use by those in need.

In her message to the community regarding the initiative, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Margee Ensign noted that giving back was part of the university's values.

"Giving back and working for the common good are among our core values as a university. Over the years you have exemplified these values and we continue to make a significant impact on the community around us," she said.

Donations will be deposited in the donation box outside the cafeteria. For any questions or clarifications, contact the Chief Manager of Development through his email: [egongus@usiu.ac.ke](mailto:egongus@usiu.ac.ke) or [devt@usiu.ac.ke](mailto:devt@usiu.ac.ke) or Tel: +254 730 116 205/326

## Pictorial: USIU-Africa receives lacrosse equipment from Kenya Lacrosse

> By John Sande



Senior Sports Coordinator, Bonfas Salano (r) receives lacrosse equipment from Peter Ginnegar, Director, High-Level Performance for Kenya Lacrosse, who paid a courtesy call on him at USIU-Africa last Thursday. In their meeting, Mr. Salano was excited the discussions have been fruitful culminating in a bountiful donation of the equipment, promising to make USIU-Africa a lacrosse hub. On his end, Mr. Ginnegar looked forward to a fruitful collaboration between the federation and the University, promising to teach, run clinics, train and watch the USIU-Africa lacrosse team grow. Photo: Spencer Muthusi

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## The Electoral College and the School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences take part in a Basic Life Support Training

> By Ashil Lakhani

The Electoral College and the School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences organized a Basic Life Support Training on March 4, 2023 in partnership with Medswipe Africa. The training, which attracted 11 students also included the participation of two USIU-Africa Alumni, Dr. Nur Said and Dr. Ashna Maru, who together with our 2nd year student Joy-Frida Kendi are now part of the Medswipe Volunteer program. In attendance were the Electoral College representative, Ashwani Hirani and two other instructors from Medswipe, Dr Fred Mboya and Dr. Niharika Mukherjee. The Basic Life Support (BLS) is a course that is designed to teach a variety of healthcare professionals how to recognize a number of life-threatening emergencies, how to provide CPR, how to use an AED and how to relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner.

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The Electoral College and the School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences during their Basic Life Support Training held on March 4. Photo: Ashil Lakhani

## SPORTS UPDATES

> By Shyat Lemoshira and Tecla Musumba

### Hockey

Team Mashujaa, the hockey men's team, had six Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) matches over the weekend in Nairobi. On March 11, they defeated SPU 2-0 in their opening game. Kenya College of Accounting (KCA) was the opponent in the second game, which ended in a 2-2 draw. The event ended on Saturday with a 2-0 victory for team Mashujaa over Kenyatta University Parklands



Team Mashujaa competed in Nairobi last weekend against Kenya College of Accounting (KCA), St. Paul's University and Kenyatta University Photo: Team Mashujaa

despite the two draws. The men's hockey team defeated Kenyatta University 4-1 in the first KUSA game on Sunday, March 12. They also defeated Daystar University 4-1 in their subsequent game. In the end, Team Mashujaa defeated Kenyatta University Parklands of 3-1. Team Mashujaa has qualified for the nationals by these spectacular victories. They also won all of their games in the Nairobi region, putting them unquestionably in first place.

Team Spartans, the hockey ladies' team had a match against Kenyatta University on Sunday, March 12, where they defeated their opponents in a stunning 2-0 victory.

### Basketball

On Saturday, March 11, the USIU-Africa ladies' basketball team, the USIU-Africa Flames, played the ladies from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), and came out on top 44-39. The team's KBF League encounter on Sunday, March 12, ended in similar fashion, with

the Flames scoring a victory of 69-38 over Footprints. The USIU-Africa Flames finished their Sunday competition with a spectacular victory against Mount Kenya University in a KUSA match, which they won with a score of 72-18.

The USIU-Africa basketball men's team, the USIU-Africa Tigers, had a KBF Division One league game on Saturday, March 11 in Nairobi. They won on a score of 73-50 against Shoot for Life.

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The USIU-Africa Flames during one of their games last weekend, where they emerged victorious in all their fixtures. Photo: USIU-Africa Flames

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