

# CAMPUS THIS WEEK

## Staff, Students and Faculty trained on Research Beeline Platform

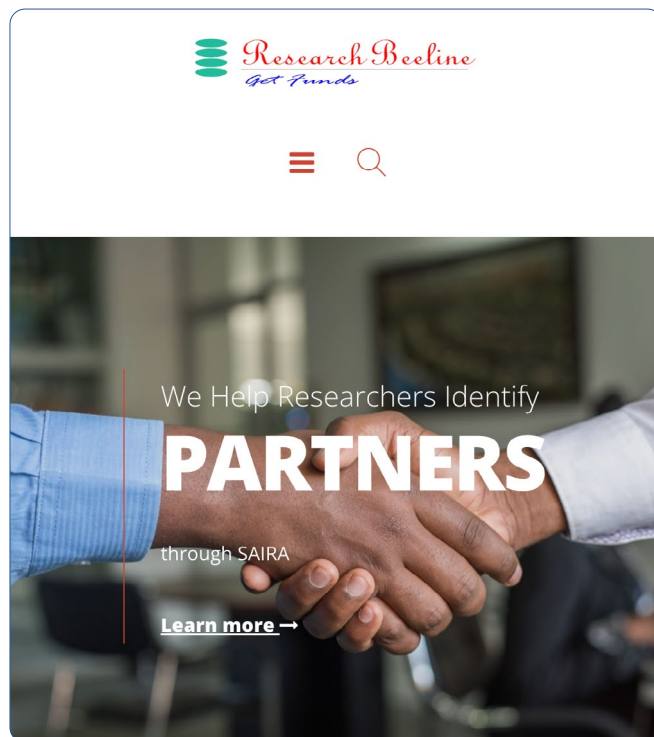
> By Diana Meso

In a bid to upscale the university's research output as per the USIU-Africa 2022-2026 strategic plan, the School of Graduate Studies, Research and Extension (SGSRE), has contracted the services of Research Beeline to streamline, improve and intensify the search for grant seeking opportunities aligned to our research needs as a university.

Speaking during an online training on how the platform works held on Wednesday, October 27, Prof. Amos Njuguna, Dean SGSRE said that through the Research Beeline platform, the university will be able to get more targeted research opportunities as well as save on time required to source and apply for the grants.

Research Beeline provides the shortest and most direct connection between grant-makers and researchers in Africa by providing a reliable and comprehensive flow of research funding information. It connects thousands of grant makers and sponsors availing funds for researchers in Africa to eager and capable cohort of researchers ready and willing to conduct life-changing research from their institutions across the continent.

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## USIU-Africa Film student wins €2,000 award at the Great Lakes Creative Producers Workshop

> Rachael Diang'a

Collins Akunga, a BA Film Major (senior) has been announced the prize winner of the most coveted grant at the just concluded 2nd edition of the Great Lakes Creative Producers Film lab that was held at USIU-Africa from October 24-28, 2022. Collins' film project entitled "Pwagu" was selected by Federation Studios, a multinational film firm with headquarters in Paris, France and heavy presence in USA, UK, Spain, Italy, Israel among others. For this year's edition of GLCPFL, Federation Studios was a sponsoring partner. The pack comes with a €2,000 cash and production mentorship at the studios.

Two USIU-Africa students took part in the workshop; Collins Akunga and Sofia Namuye (also a BA Film Production and Directing Senior) made it to the list this year. Sofia's project received a special mention by the mentors/ judges during the closing ceremony at USIU-Africa last week. Collins' win doesn't come as a surprise has shown his prowess as a film director and director of photography (DoP) from the time he was a freshman, when he directed Mad Love (2018), the first award winning film from the USIU-Africa's film program.

Pwagu is about a young lady who poses as a call girl to rob her clients but one day gets an agoraphobic client who takes her hostage. Sofia's project at the workshop began as an animated tale about the legendary Lwanda Magere but later turned into a live action drama.

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## The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice introduces a new graduate program, Master of Arts (M.A.) in Criminal and Transitional Justice

> By Joyce Muchemi and Terry Odhiambo



The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is launching a Master of Arts in Criminology and Transitional Justice starting Summer (May) 2023 semester. Global and market trends demonstrate the need for alternative means of attaining justice for victims during post-conflict peacebuilding initiatives as a means of promoting reconciliation and sustainable peacebuilding efforts.

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## The Placement and Career Services Office conducts CV, cover letter writing, and interview skills workshop

> By Angela Osodo

On Friday, October 28, 2022, the Placement and Career Services Office (PACS) conducted a CV, cover letter writing, and interview skills workshop in collaboration with Yusudi, a sales enablement community that enables and accelerates the growth of high potential talent and businesses. Yusudi highlighted that its focus is to build sales careers of fresh graduates through training and link them to employers at the same time.

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[From left to right] Michael Kagera, Dina Onsomu, Susan Wawira, Margaret Wairimu, Maria Nyaga, Patricia Gichuki, and Angela Osodo during the Workshop. Photo: Courtesy

## Pictorial: Admissions Department holds student outreach activities across various schools

> By CTW Team

Last week, the Admissions team had a busy weekend as they engaged students in different schools across the country as part of their outreach programs. Below are some highlights of the visit.

Photos by John Sande, Diana Meso and Fenny Muthusi



The School Careers Day at Nova Pioneer, Eldoret. The Admissions Office was represented by Ms. Jane Asava, Ms. Christine Missoy and Ms. Catherine Nyambok who engaged with the students.

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## Mr. and Miss USIU-Africa pageant hosts pre-judging event

> By Debra Kyalo

On Friday, October 28, the Student Affairs Council hosted the pre-judging event for the 2022 edition of the Mr. and Miss USIU-Africa pageant. The 31 contestants showed up and showed out, giving the crowd an incredible show. They outperformed themselves in the several different categories they presented.

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The incumbent Mr. and Miss USIU-Africa, Koshesayi Kachambwa and Samantha Nyamu co-hosted the event, which was held at the auditorium. Photo: Walter Ngano

## Sports Updates

> By Shyat Lemoshira

### Rugby

The USIU-Africa Martials faced Strathmore Catullus on Saturday, October 29 at the Floodlit Tournament held at Impala Saracens. The team started on a high note, beating their opponents 19-6. The team will continue representing USIU-Africa in the Tournament, with matches slated for Saturday, November 5 and 12, 2022.

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The rugby team, the USIU-Africa Martials shortly after their match, where they beat Strathmore Catullus 19-6. Photo: Justin Kimathi