

Esteemed Reader,

Hello and welcome to the **May 2024** issue of the **Monthly Bulletin**. We bring you updates on noteworthy events that happened at the University during the month. Enjoy your reading!

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### NEW STUDENTS REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND GET MATRICULATED



New students joining the University for the May 2024 intake reported to the Thika Road campus during the week beginning May 6, where they underwent orientation and registered for courses. In their quest to pursue a quality education, many of them braved the harsh weather conditions and safely found their way to the campus, where they were warmly received by staff and student leaders. After a week-long orientation process, the students were matriculated on May 17, marking their formal admission as bona fide students of the University. The matriculation event was attended by Senators, staff, and student leaders.

### MAY-AUGUST 2024 TRIMESTER STARTS SMOOTHLY



The May-August 2024 Trimester kicked off smoothly on Monday, May 13, which was the first day of teaching. This marked the start of a fresh season of academic activities for the Trimester. Prior to this, students had taken a one-month break after completing the January-April 2024 end-of-trimester exams on April 12.

### UNIVERSITY SIGNS AN MOU WITH SUN RAYS DYNAMICS LTD



On May 31, the University signed an MOU with Sun Rays Dynamics Limited, laying the groundwork for a strategic joint partnership to establish a Science Industrial Park and an African Science, Technology, and Innovation Platform of Excellence for the development, standardization, incubation, and commercialization of innovations for sustainable economic growth in Africa. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dionysious Kihika Kiambi, and the President of Sun Rays Dynamics Ltd., Mr. Harold Reginald Sawyerr, signed the MOU at the Thika Road campus in the presence of their fellow leaders and colleagues. More details about the MOU will be provided in due course.

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### UNIVERSITY HOLDS TALKS WITH CITAM'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



On May 20, the University held a productive meeting with CITAM's Christian Education Department (CED), where discussions on a potential partnership between the two took place. The meeting was inspired by the University and CITAM's mutual commitment to developing effective Kingdom ambassadors through training and capacity building. Some of the partnership areas identified for training and capacity building included leadership development, counseling skills, financial management, children and youth ministry, and communication skills, among others. CED was represented by Rev. Kwame Rubadiri and Rev. Dr. Phidel Baraza, while the University was represented by the VC and several departmental heads.

### THE BIRCHES VISIT THE UNIVERSITY FOR PARTNERSHIP TALKS



Kevin Birch and his wife, Jackie Birch, paid a visit to the Thika Road campus this month and held productive discussions about collaboration between their company, Overflow Ministries Group, Canada, and the University. They met with the Vice Chancellor and heads of various teaching and administrative departments and agreed to collaborate on a variety of initiatives, including student attachments, scholarships, ICT support, and skill growth and development, among others. Kevin is the son of Dr. Ken Birch, the first Principal of PAC College, for whom the Ken Birch Academic Building is named.

### NAGEL INSTITUTE-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY



The three-year Nagel Institute-funded research project hosted at PAC University concluded successfully on May 28 with a research grant workshop at the Thika Road campus. The project was titled "Engaging African Realities: Integrating Social Science with African Theology." It comprised a multi-disciplinary team of six scholars from various universities and focused on grounded theology and the application of social sciences to discover hidden cultural patterns, stories, and meanings. Dr. Mary Kihuha, a faculty member of the School of Theology, represented the University. The project yielded several outputs, including journal articles, book chapters, workshops, and conferences. To express their gratitude to the University for hosting them, the project team donated 23 books to its library. Prof. Kyama Mugambi, a former lecturer at the University's School of Theology and currently at Yale Divinity School, was the project leader.

### DR. ODUOL ATTENDS A LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP IN USA



Last month, the Dean of the School of Leadership, Business, and Technology, Dr. Truphena Oduol, attended an intense training workshop on leadership consulting to build the capacity of practitioners and consultants under the auspices of Eagle Leadership International in Rapid City, South Dakota, USA. The training comprised various learning areas, including consulting frameworks, methodologies, problem identification and delivery skills, training trainers, and achieving impact, among others. The training will enhance the PhD in Organizational Leadership program's consultancy component, which aims to prepare leadership consultants to reform African organizations.

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### STAFF AND STUDENTS VISIT FLOOD VICTIMS AT MATHARE



On May 17, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences organized a community outreach program where staff and students visited flood victims at Mathare Vocational Technical College in Nairobi, which sheltered 300 families. Besides donating food, clothing, diapers, and other necessities, they were able to share God's word with them, and 21 people gave their lives to Christ. In addition, they conducted debriefing sessions with families and identified individuals who needed further psychosocial support.

### PROF. MWENJE DELIVERS A KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT A UNITED NATIONS EVENT



On May 15, the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director of the PAC Institute of Technology and Social Studies, Prof. Margaret Mwenje, delivered a keynote address at the UN International Day of Families event. She highlighted various aspects of family well-being, including its characteristics, how it is affected by climate change, and how families can be supported during climate change-related crises. The Chief Guest was H.E. Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya. Aside from that, Prof. Mwenje participated in a flurry of other mental health-related activities throughout the month, including the following:

- **May 9:** Spoke about self-care for social workers, courtesy of the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa, East Africa Region
- **May 25:** Gave a talk on motherhood and mental health at FOCUS Kenya, Syokimau Associate Branch
- **May 29:** Spoke about health and wellness at a mentorship forum for young women, organized by Riri Wellness

### DR. KAMUNYU SPEAKS ON NTV



On May 16, Dr. Ruth Kamunyu, a faculty member of the Psychology Department, was hosted on NTV's News Court program, where she provided expert insights on sleep disorders. She discussed a variety of sleep disorder issues, including how they impact one's mental health and overall well-being, how technology affects sleep patterns (e.g., smartphones and tablets), and how to manage and treat them.

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### DELEGATION FROM THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY ATTEND A WORKSHOP ON ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS



A three-member delegation from the School of Theology attended a two-day workshop on Ancient Manuscripts on May 17 and 18 at Daystar University, Nairobi. The workshop's goal was to foster a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and create an African Christian movement that would enable African theologians and scholars to become experts. The three were Dr. Micah Moenga, Dr. Mary Kihuha, and Joel Mboni (pictured), a Master's student. They had an opportunity to touch and feel the ancient scrolls, including a 38-meter-long scroll that is 150 years old.

### JOSLEEN AND SADATI PRESENT AT KLISC CONFERENCE IN NAKURU



On May 22, the University Librarian, Josleen Rutere, and Systems Librarian, Sadati Okeyo, delivered a presentation on AI-enabled virtual assistants at the Kenya Library and Information Services Consortium (KLISC) conference in Nakuru, focusing on a systematic review of redefining user engagement in libraries. They encouraged librarians to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI), which they believe is meant to complement rather than replace traditional library services.

### RESEARCH DIRECTORATE HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE



The University's Directorate of Research, led by Dr. Jane Kinuthia, hosted a successful two-day virtual International Research Conference on May 23 and 24. There were tens of presentations from local and foreign universities, all emphasizing the need for transformational research towards the attainment of the 17 SDGs. In particular, there was a strong emphasis on embracing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and leveraging its capabilities to develop skills and competencies among youth. Participants were from Kenya, India, USA, Canada and the UK, among other countries. The group discussions saw about 50 research findings disseminated by researchers from Kenyan universities. The conference was organized in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada; and Hope Liverpool University, UK; and Laikipia University, Kenya.

### BUSINESS DEPARTMENT HOSTS A HIGH-LEVEL PUBLIC WEBINAR



On May 29, the Department of Business Studies, led by CPA Margaret Kamakia (pictured), hosted an informative public webinar on professional career advancement, featuring inspiring presentations from industry experts from ICPAK, IHRM, KASNEB, and KNCCI, among others. Participants were challenged to upscale their careers and adapt to the digital era, which has disrupted business environments. Among those who spoke were Prof. Nicholas Letting', CEO of KASNEB, and Mr. Patrick Nyangweso, CEO of KNCCI.

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### VC HOSTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR LUNCH



The Vice Chancellor hosted a group of international students who are currently in session for lunch on May 23 at the Thika Road campus, where they discussed their well-being and other matters of interest to them. The students gave updates on how they were faring, highlighting their highs and lows, which were addressed accordingly. Various proposals were made to enhance a comfortable stay for them, including “adoption” by local students and staff. The VC encouraged them to be excellent ambassadors of the University and market it extensively in their home countries. He was accompanied by the Registrars and the Dean of students.

### TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES KICKS OFF SUCCESSFULLY



Two professional courses run by the University’s Corporate Business Leadership Centre (CBLC) are currently underway after taking off in mid-May. They are Resource Mobilization, facilitated by Dr. Magdalene Bore, and Child Safeguarding and Protection, facilitated by Dr. Wilkins Muhingi. The online classes have been running smoothly three days a week for nine hours, with trainees expressing satisfaction with the experience so far.

### UNIVERSITY’S ENGAGEMENT WITH CHURCHES KEEPS THE PACE



During the month, the University kept the momentum for the Marketing-Through-Ministry initiative by visiting two Churches and sharing God’s word. On May 12, the team ministered at Deliverance Church, Zimmerman, which is led by Bishop Dr. Jimmy Kimani, an alumnus of the University. Dr. Joshua Rutere and Rev. David Ewagata spoke at their services. On May 26, the team visited CITAM Woodley, where Dr. Micah Moenga ministered. The marketing team was on hand to interact with prospective students and provide them with detailed information about the University’s programmes.

### MARKETING TEAM PARTICIPATES IN A CAREER FAIR AT NAKURU



The University’s marketing team attended a two-day annual career fair at Jomo Kenyatta High School in Nakuru on May 17 and 18. They engaged with over 3500 students from various high schools, discussing academic programmes, career choices, university funding, and other topics related to university education. The event provided a great platform for the team to mentor students while promoting the University’s programmes.

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### STUDENTS FROM THE USA VISIT THE UNIVERSITY



On May 30, 73 teenage students (aged 15–16) and 18 chaperones from the Burnt Hickory Baptist Church, Georgia, USA, visited the Thika Road campus, where they participated in the weekly community care groups, engaging in music, dance, and talks. The students are in the country to share Christ's love with other young people, thanks to a collaboration between their Church, Swahiba Networks, and Yhub Network. Their visit to the University was courtesy of an invitation from Rev. David Ewagata, Director of Youth Leadership Development and founder of Yhub. It was a blessing for the University community to see young people passionate about their faith and willing to travel across the world to share Christ's love with their peers.

### NEW SECURITY GATE INSTALLED AT THE THIKA ROAD CAMPUS



Security at the Thika Road campus was reinforced during the month with the installation of a cutting-edge walk-through security gate. This will help to enhance the safety of the University community by curbing the entry of dangerous weapons such as illicit guns and daggers. The security gate detects such items through its powerful electromagnetic fields and triggers an alarm, prompting security personnel to respond. Its acquisition was courtesy of the University's partnership with CITAM's Security Department.

### UNIVERSITY HOSTS STUDENTS FROM THE CGLD, INDIA



The University hosted four students from the Centre for Global Leadership Development (CGLD), India, who were accompanied by their Dean, Rev. Samuel Koshy, for 35 days. Their visit followed the recent signing of an MOU between the two institutions, which includes student and faculty exchange programmes. During their stay, the team engaged in various activities, including missions in Nairobi and Marsabit. They flew back to India on May 28.

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# *Graduation Update*

Preparations for this year's graduation ceremony are currently underway, with the committee working around the clock to ensure everything is in place. The ceremony will take place on July 12 at the Thika Road campus, under the theme "Soaring Beyond Horizons." The Chief Guest will be Rev. Dr. Sam Owusu, Founder and Senior Pastor of Calvary Worship Centre, Canada, the world's most multicultural Church, with 110 nations represented. He is an alumnus of the University.

## CHIEF GUEST'S PROFILE



Rev. Dr. Sam Owusu is a multifaceted individual known for his unwavering dedication to faith, community, and entrepreneurial endeavours. Sam is an alumnus of PAC University (BA); Regent College (MDiv) and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (PhD). As a prominent pastor and the visionary founder of Calvary Worship Centre, he has garnered global acclaim for fostering a vibrant, inclusive spiritual community. Under his leadership, Calvary Worship Centre has evolved into the epitome of diversity, earning the distinction of being recognized as the most multicultural church worldwide comprising 110 nations. Notably, Dr. Owusu recently achieved a significant milestone in his entrepreneurial journey by spearheading a groundbreaking building project valued at \$27 million. This ambitious endeavour, situated in the heart of Vancouver, stands as a testament to his visionary leadership and unwavering determination to create enduring legacies. As a dynamic leader, compassionate pastor, and astute entrepreneur, Dr. Sam Owusu continues to inspire and empower countless individuals around the world, leaving an indelible mark on both the spiritual and secular realms. With his unwavering dedication to faith, community, and excellence, he exemplifies the true essence of servant leadership and remains a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come. Sam is a national and international speaker on culture and change and a regular conference speaker for the Billy Graham Association. He is also an adjunct professor at Trinity Western University and Ambrose University. Sam has written several books including **Fresh Fire, Spiritual Warfare, When God's People Pray, Future Decoded** and **Dream Again**. He is married to Rosemond and they have three children and four grandchildren.

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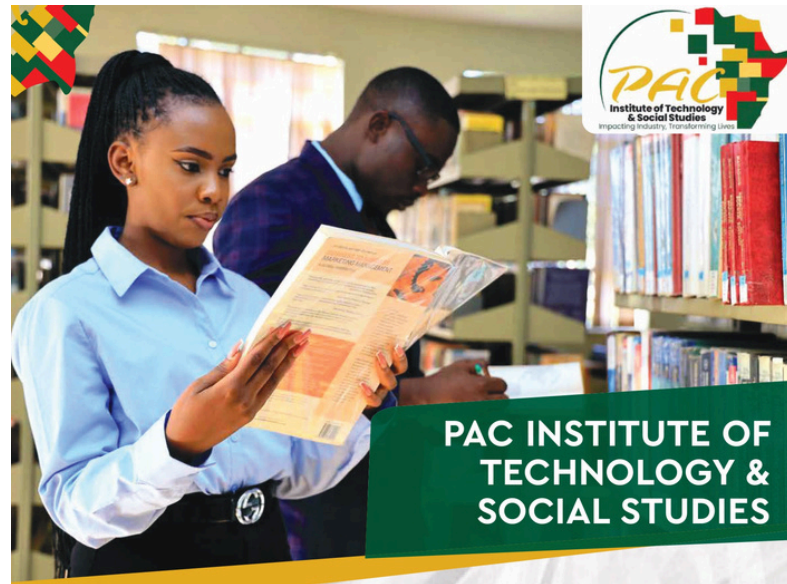


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