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Vice Chancellor's Word



Welcome to the November 2021 Edition of the CUEA Newsletter. Our plan is to make this publication a monthly going forward as we endeavour to keep the University fraternity and in deed all our stakeholders informed on important University matters and seek their engagement variously.

Allow me to inform you that the new academic year of the University, 2021/2021, has begun in earnest. The commencement was marked by the Convocation Ceremony which was held on October 23, 2021. The Convocation Mass was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Paul Kariuki who has also joined the University Council as a member.

This academic year, we are glad to have received close to 2500 new students. Following a successful orientation programme, I am happy that these students have settled well and they are going on with their studies under the blended learning system. We trust that our new students will bring in positive values and inject new vitality in the life of CUEA even as they embrace the University mission, vision and values as driving pillars to their learning and growth.

The Last academic year was a successful one despite its fair share of challenges. I am pleased to note that the University academic calendar was well implemented despite the ranging effects of COVID 19. On a sad note, CUEA lost several members of her family to different ailments including Ms. Esther Muli from the Finance Department, Dr. Solomon Okumu, a lecturer at the School of Business, Ms. Margaret Maringa, a lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Rev. Prof. Peter Gichure, the Director of Graduate Studies and a Professor of Theology, Prof. Harriet Njui, a Professor in the

Faculty of Education and Mr. Barnabas Gikonyo, a Tutorial Fellow in the Faculty of Science. We continue to pray for their departed souls that God may grant them eternal rest.

On a positive note, I am pleased to note that we invested resources to complete the construction of an 18 lecture halls building in our Gaba Campus in Eldoret. Further, at the beginning of 2021, we digitized 16 classrooms in the University. Eight classrooms were installed with state-of-the-art digital interactive projectors, and another eight classrooms were installed with projectors and drop-screens. This is part of our commitment to become a beacon of excellence in academics.

Further, I am happy to inform our stakeholders that the University has effectively rolled out a cohort system of learning to ensure effective management of academic programmes and the study cycles of our students. In this system, each class of students take all the units in a particular semester and academic year together as approved by the Commission for University Education and as developed by the University, thus progressing together. I thank the Faculty members and students for working together to ensure the success of this system. Further, I call on our teaching teams and indeed all the staff of the University to effectively take their role in molding and mentoring all our students in all critical domains to ensure holistic development and character formation.

On October 29th 2021, we held our 40th Graduation Ceremony virtually where 2814 graduands were conferred with various Diplomas and Degrees by the Pro Chancellor, His Excellency John Cardinal Njue on behalf of His Excellency Rt. Rev. Charles Kasonde, the University Chancellor. I take this opportunity to once again, congratulate the graduating class of 2021 who weathered the storm of COVID19 to complete their studies in good time.

We also continue to celebrate the diversity that we enjoy at the University in terms of Faculty and Students. This year, we have students coming

from over 30 nationalities around Africa and the world, a testament of the quality of education that we offer.

Lastly, the University is mostly pleased to have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universite Cote D'azur from France. The MoU which was signed on Wednesday October 13, 2021 provides for cooperation and exchange in organization of conferences, symposiums and seminars; documentation in specialized programs and information on research studies, Faculty exchanges, research and applied research; student exchange programmes for period of five (5) years. I note that both universities have had a long history of partnership in research work mainly in the area of humanities through research grants and the MoU creates a new impetus to deepen and scale the collaboration for bigger impact and mutual benefit of both institutions and their stakeholders.

With all these positive developments, we can only be confident of a brighter future. May God bless you all and may He bless our beloved University, CUEA.

Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua NGARI
RECTOR/VICE CHANCELLOR



A section of our international students

From left: Nelson Maluak (South Sudan), Jessica Iwuagwu (Nigeria), Flavia Kape (South Sudan), David Mganga (Tanzania) and Daniel Musole (DRC).



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Rector and Vice-Chancellor of CUEA, Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari and his counterpart, Jeanick Brisswalter, the President of Universite Cote D'azur after signing the Memorandum of Understanding on Oct. 13, 2021

CUEA signs MoU with Universite Cote D'azur, France

The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universite Cote D'azur from France. The MoU was signed on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 in Nairobi Kenya at CUEA's main Langata campus.

The signing was done by the Rector and Vice Chancellor of CUEA, Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari and his counterpart, Jeanick Brisswalter, the President of Universite Cote D'azur with key officials from both institutions and a representative of the French Embassy witnessing the agreement.

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The leaders of both institutions noted that the signed Memorandum of Understanding would create a new impetus to deepen and scale the collaboration for bigger impact and mutual benefit of both institutions and their stakeholders.

2021 Virtual Graduation Ceremony

Seek To Fulfil Your Life's Purpose But Remain Grounded On Positive Values!

The Auditor General of the Republic of Kenya, CPA Nancy Gathungu, CBS, has challenged graduands to be innovative, courageous, open-minded about the numerous opportunities available in the job market, take advantage of government funds, exploit their talents, participate in effective management of public resources as well as remain grounded as they chase after their dreams. She said this while speaking at the 40th Graduation Ceremony of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) on Friday 29th October 2021.



CPA, Nancy Gathungu, Auditor General, Kenya, delivers her speech as the guest of honour during the 40th Catholic University graduation

She noted, “Some will be employed, some will go into business and others will get into other engagements. For those who are planning to get employed, please note that workplaces require all-round graduates, who are innovative, skillful and who can inspire and work harmoniously with others, with limited supervision. You therefore, have to create your own space and stand out. This is where the life values that matter to society, as inculcated by this University, comes into great use”.

CPA Cathungu highlighted that every year more than 50,000 graduates join the job market. “It is how adaptive, creative, innovative, and courageous you are that will give you an edge over others”. The Auditor General indicated that there are numerous opportunities to be entrepreneurial, “You can start your own businesses and eventually become the employers. The government has made this possible through the creation of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund where young people can get access to credit facilities to run businesses. It will all depend on how aggressive, creative and forward thinking and most

importantly courageous you are. The government has also established the Credit Guarantee Scheme to enable Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to access credit. For those of you who are in business or thinking about it, the government has already allocated Kshs.5 billion to the Scheme. In addition, there are other government supported credit initiatives such as the Kenya Industrial Estate that also supports SMEs. Further, all government entities are required by the procurement laws to reserve certain procurements to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises owned by youth, women and people living with disabilities”. She remarked that despite the availability of these credit facilities and opportunities, the uptake of loans has been low and implored on the graduands to take advantage of these opportunities to grow yourself financially and ultimately contribute to economic growth.

She also encouraged young people to exploit their talents in sports and leverage them as careers in their quest to find their God-given purpose. “It is time to maximize on these talents and emulate Kenya’s greatest of all like Eliud Kipchoge (Athletics), Collins Injera, (Rugby), Michael Olunga (Football), Jane Wacu (Volleyball), Janet Wanja (Volleyball) and the latest sprint sensation Ferdinand Omanyala who has proved to us that we ain’t nothing yet as Kenyans, amongst other great sports men and women”.

The Auditor General also challenged the Graduands to get out of their comfort zone and not be afraid to dream big or to start small. “Try out new things and



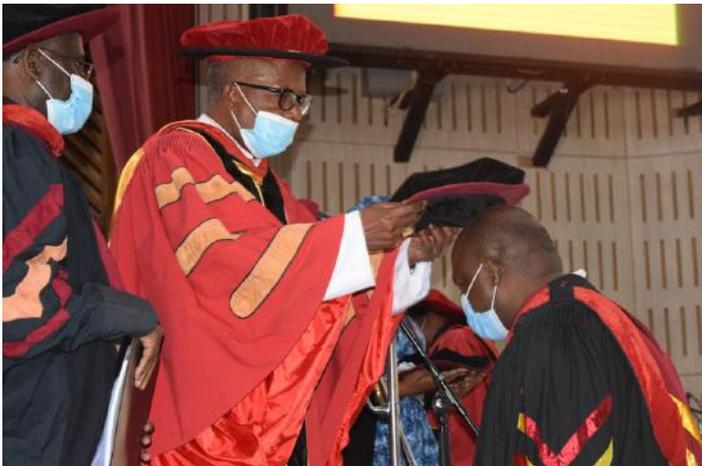
Some of the doctorate graduands

do not shy away from taking risks. How you react to the challenges you will face will define your character, your resilience and your success. It will differentiate you as a high achiever. To achieve your dreams, you must sacrifice your time and sometimes the things you love most. Sometimes even the people who can derail you may have to be put aside”.

She urged the Graduands to remain well anchored, “The values and character are your prized assets. Wherever you go, be it in a workplace, or business you may have divergent opinions that may not be popular, but as long as your conscience is clear, then you are treading on the right path. Therefore, honesty, reliability and trustworthiness are key pillars that will be your guiding principles in the various phases of life’s journey. Having the right attitude, humility and readiness to learn from others’ discipline and commitment is important. We all need good mentors if we are to grow in whatever field we get into”.

The Auditor General was firm on management of public resources. She noted that the quality of life is largely defined by the services that we get from those we entrust with public offices and tasked the Graduands to be at the forefront by being vigilant in the use and management of public resources. “This country has enormous resources that can transform our lives. This however depends on how they are managed. You therefore, have that responsibility to ensure that public resources are managed to benefit you as a citizen this nation. Public resources are your resources. Your education and wider perspective of life and the way things, will be critical in such engagements”.

Also speaking at the same graduation event, the University Pro-Chancellor, H.E. John Cardinal



The Pro-Chancellor, Cardinal John Njue confers a Doctorate Degree to Fr. Simon Mwenda.

NJUE, who presided over the event on behalf of His Excellency Rt. Rev. Charles Kasonde, the University Chancellor urged the graduating class to put their best foot forward as they try to figure out what is your best path to follow. He further asked them to seek guidance from those who have successfully walked the path that they are following and hold the hands of those coming after them and never to stop learning. “Maintain a positive spirit and mindset and have a good attitude towards life and the challenges that you will face. Believe in the beauty of your dreams”, the Cardinal remarked.

Also present was the University Council Chairman Rt. Rev. Maurice Muhatia Makumba who urged the graduands to leverage the University values in their lives to become honest and just leaders, “As you graduate today, you need to go beyond graduation to transform the society”, he remarked.



Rt. Rev. Maurice Muhatia Makumba, University Council Chairman giving his address at the Graduation Ceremony

Also speaking at the same graduation Ceremony, the University Rector/Vice Chancellor, Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari, congratulated the class of 2021. He noted, “To have completed your studies in spite of COVID-19 global pandemic, is no mean achievement. You have proved that you are true winners and I invite you to face the world with that winning spirit and stand to be counted as transformative leaders who will devise solutions for a better and more sustainable world. In the true spirit of CUEA values, remain grounded and always come back to mentor those behind you and to make your humble contribution to your Alma Mater”.



Cardinal John Njue is welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor to his office.



CPA Nancy Gathungu, Auditor General, Kenya signs the visitors book as the guest of honour at the graduation.



Cardinal John Njue leads the Graduation Thanksgiving Mass



Mrs. Prof. Rachel Kemunto Gesami, PhD, MBS University Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Research addresses the 40th graduation congregation.



The Academic Registrar, Rev. Prof. Fabien Lonema holds the University Mace.



The top academic and administrative team led by the Chair of Council, Pro-Chancellor and the guest of honour during the graduation ceremony.



Ann Wanjiru Karanja, a Nursing graduand and the 2021 Valedictorian gives her speech.



A group photo of the Doctorate graduands with the top academic and administrative team led by the Chair of Council, Pro-Chancellor and the guest of honour.



Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua, the VC gives an appreciation gift to CPA Nancy Gathungu.



Cardinal John Njue, the Pro-Chancellor confers a doctorate degree.

CUEA Hosts a Pre-COP 26 Climate Change Event



On October 17, 2021, the University hosted the annual interfaith Youth Forum on Peace and Environment. Climate Change remains the greatest risk facing humanity and there is an urgent need to create more sustainable economies through cleaner and greener energy. The University, working together with our partners, continue to push for more climate action.

This year, the event was in preparation for the COP26 (Conference of Parties) 1-12 Nov 2021 in Glasgow/ London, where global leaders met to deliberate about climate resolution.

This was an opportunity for the University’s Nature Nurture Club in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice and Ethics, Franciscan Youth and the Chaplaincy to host an Interfaith Prayer Day that was held within the Sunday Youth Mass.

Steeven Kezamutima, the chairperson of the club quipped: “By bringing together our partners Franciscans and different religious leaders, we have joined Green Faith and Laudato Si, two global movements calling upon our local and global leaders to make right

climate decisions by taking in consideration the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The theme of the day was “Destroying our earth is against our religions”. More messages were shared on banners and placards.



The guests at the event appreciated the role of CUEA in bringing all faiths together and speaking in one voice to save the common home. They planted one ceremonial fruit tree in front of Jubilee Auditorium to commemorate the day and ended with a press communique.

The guests included; Sheikh Muhammad Khan from International Peace Federation, Govinda Prema Das from Hare Krishna Movement and his team, Edward Amaya from Bahai Faith, Janet Wanjiru from Green Anglican, Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Franciscans Africa, Harmony Institute and his team, Franciscans OFM Conventual brothers, Franciscans Missionaries of Mary sisters, Green Faith Movement team from Mount Kenya University and Youth Network for Interreligious Brotherhood

Meanwhile, Nature Nurture in collaboration with CSJE hosted a Faith Art Climate Workshop, on Friday 5th Nov 2021 in CUEA. The event was meant to advocate for climate justice.

In regards to COP26 that started on October 31 in Glasgow, Scotland, Nature Nurture club has organized a series of events to engage the University students to amplify voices of Kenyan communities across the country, those who will not have a chance to attend COP. The art work will comprise graffiti, painting and drawing. The theme of the day was: ‘People to the front’





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- Bachelor of Economics & Finance
- B.A in Environmental Planning & Management
- B.A in Geography
- B.A in History
- B.A in Kiswahili and Communication
- B.A in Philosophy
- B.A in Political Science
- B.A in International Relations
- B.A in Religious Studies
- B.A in Social Sciences
- B.A in Social Work
- B.A in Sociology
- BSc in Actuarial Science
- BSc in Biology
- BSc in Chemistry
- BSc in Community Health and Development
- BSc in Computer Science

- BSc in Health Professions Education
- BSc in Library and Information Science
- BSc in Mathematics
- BSc in Nursing (direct/upgrading)
- BSc in Physics
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REQUIREMENTS:

KCSE minimum grade of C+ or its equivalent.

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On September 6, the University received a full dental unit set from Goal Smile Onlus which will help expand the activities in our University Infirmary.



On September 17, The Vice-Chancellor held a meeting with all the Post-Graduate students admitted in the September semester and in the past year as part of a continuing engagement with the University students.



The Vice-Chancellor, Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua addresses parents and guardians of the new students during the orientation on September 20, 2021.



On September 23, The University held the 2021/22 Academic Year Convocation Ceremony. The Mass was led by Rt. Rev. Paul Kariuki, Bishop of Embu Catholic Diocese who was also the chief guest at the ceremony there after.



On September 26, the University Choir held a fundraising to buy new Musical Instruments. The expected chief Guest at the fundraising, Governor Jackson Mandago of Uasin Gishu County (our Alumnus) was represented by his deputy, Daniel Chemno. Over 1 million Shillings was raised including a contribution of 200k from the Governor.



On September 30, representatives of our Alumni community participated in animating our Thursday Community Mass.



On October 6, we hosted Katharina Haupenthal, a representative of Missio Aachen who have previously funded some of the University projects including Missio Hall. Katie held a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and discussed matters of Mutual Interest. Missio sponsors a number of projects in the AMECEA region



Fr. Joseph Ekomwa autographing books for those who purchased. He launched his book on the 'Church as a Mixed Family of God' here at our Langata Campus, Thursday Oct 7, 2021. Fr. Ekomwa our former Theology Lecturer, is currently serving in St. Lawrence Parish, Nakwamoru, Catholic Diocese of Lodwar, Kenya



Student Orientation at CUEA Eldoret Gaba Campus on September 20, 2021



CUEA Eldoret Gaba Writers Conference held from 22-24 September 2021



Rev. Prof. Richard Rwiza autographs books after the launch of his book on 'Environmental Ethics in the African Context' on October 22, 2021



Advocate Nelson Havi, President of the Law Society of Kenya receives a gift after addressing Langata Campus students during the Finalist Party on October 15, 2021



CUEA Eldoret Gaba Students and Staff from Gaba Campus cut the cake during the Finalist Party on October 15, 2021



Officers from the Military Nursing Institute who visited us for a benchmarking exercise with our School of Nursing on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2021 pose for a photo with members of our top management and the Dean School of Nursing



Some of the Council members who attended the October 2021 Council sessions (From left back row) Prof. Vincent Bagire (Uganda), Rt. Rev. Markos Chebremedhin, Rt. Rev. Maurice Muhatia (Council Chair, Kenya), Rt. Rev. Bernadin Mfumbusa (Tanzania), Rt. Rev. Edward Hiiaboro (Sudan), Rt. Rev. Paul Kariuki (Kenya), Mr. Peter Ndaa (Kenya) with (Front row) Mrs. Prof. Rachel Gesami (DVC Academic Affairs and Research) and Very Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua (VC and Rector, Secretary to Council)



Our Law team composed of Jacinta Waititu, Alex Kamau and Kenson Mutethia won Best Overall Researcher at the just completed, global and highly competitive 11th Edition of the Amity University (India) International Moot Court Competition (29th -31st October 2021).

NEW STUDENT LEADERS



Photos of the swearing in and handover ceremony between the outgoing and the incoming student leaders that took place on Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021



One-on-One with Ag. Director, Postgraduate Studies



**Rev. Dr. Paul Mathenge, Ag. Director,
CUEA Graduate School**

Congratulations on your appointment as Acting Director of Graduate Studies, briefly introduce yourself

Thank you. I have 21 years working experience in pastoral, administrative and academia work. I hold a Bachelor degree in Philosophy and Sacred Theology from Urbaniana University Rome, and I was among the pioneer alumni of the CUEA MBA programme where I specialised in Strategic Management. Later, I undertook a doctoral programme at Dedan Kimathi University specializing in Entrepreneurship.

What is the role of graduate studies at the University?

Graduate schools have a mandate to ensure quality in learning and research. This includes working with Faculties to monitor the academic progress, ensure a conducive research environment, review and update relevant policies, market graduate programmes, appoint and allocate research supervisors as well as ensure consistency in academic standards. We focus on creating an environment that drives an excellent customer experience from the time the graduate students commence their studies to the time they complete. Our programmes are specifically designed to empower graduates with problem-solving skills, both for the corporate world and the community at large. Research is a key component in this journey so that each student gets to the rigor and depths of their areas of specialisation. The findings from their research, therefore become critical in finding solutions to many challenges they face and address gaps in the market environment.

How is the school ensuring excellence and integrity in postgraduate research?

The learning experience is made unique through a value proposition model designed to meet and surpass the community expectations and market needs throughout the Eastern African region and beyond. The School's rich heritage arising from many years of experience is a key competitive advantage. The diversity of our Faculty and students who come from the nine AMECEA countries and beyond gives CUEA a unique edge in the region. The University has heavily invested in Library resources such as books and journals which are available in both electronic and hard copies, as well as created dedicated research sections including carels, discussion rooms and a hang-out area for the Graduate studies. The students also have a Research Assistant to assist them access all the library resources that they need. Our Research Supervisors also have the requisite competencies to guide the students and this support is important in ensuring timely quality research work. The School is truly grateful to its founder and inaugural Director – the late Rev. Prof. Peter I. Gichure who worked dedicately in ensuring that our Graduate School has relevant and market-driven programmes as well as the required resources. The School is also grateful to the University Management and Faculties for the resources and quality assurance.

Why should professionals choose CUEA as a destination for their post-graduate studies?

As I said, quality teaching, research and supervision remain our primary focus. Our goal has been to ensure that we deliver on the three, within the minimum duration of the programme to ensure that our students who are mainly people with other engagements, finish their programmes on time, though giving priority to quality and integrity of the research. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we are enhancing our processes including automating to ensure a greater CUEA experience for our students.





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- M.A in Literature
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- M.A in Philosophy
- M.A in Political Science
- M.A in Project Planning & Management
- M.A in Regional Integration
- M.A in Religious Studies
- M.A in Social Work
- M.A in Sociology

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My Growth Journey as the Students' President



David Wipa, Immediate Former President, CUEASO 2020/21

Briefly introduce yourself:

I am David Wipa, the immediate former President of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa Students Organization (CUEASO). I have just graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science at the CUEA Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Briefly describe your CUEA Experience?

CUEA is a place that gives all the students an equal space to display their skills and talents. I have acquired the best experience in CUEA having been accorded an opportunity to advance my leadership skills as well as grow academically and spiritually. CUEA is home away from home.

What does it take to be a student leader?

My varsity students' leadership journey started in the year 2019, when I served in the Finance Committee of the student's body as a member. During my tenure, in a committee entrusted with financial oversight, I diligently served with utmost integrity, which saw the students endorse me for the pinnacle position of the Student President in the

subsequent year. Being a student leader is a calling that comes with great responsibility and accountability and also many sacrifices. My approach to leadership is professionalism and diplomacy. CUEA is a Christian institution that embraces diversity and I subscribe to its values and philosophy as a student leader.

What key achievements would you attribute to your leadership?

I worked closely with the University management in the advancement of online learning which ensured seamless progression despite the lockdown occasioned by the COVID19 pandemic. The University has since transitioned into a blended mode of learning which is working very well.

I have also promoted and enhanced cohesion between the administration and the student's body, which provides a good environment for engagement. I have also organized many students' events that have brought the diverse community of CUEA together, hence fostering unity and integration.

I have also worked with the University leadership to enhance the student welfare at the University. I maintain an open-day policy which has worked well in my inclusive leadership. I have also taken time to mentor the upcoming leaders at the University which gives me a lot of satisfaction.

of my mindset and my people skills; I have come out of the leadership as humble person but also a critical thinker. My leadership journey has also inculcated in me integrity and the ability to approach challenges in a pragmatic manner.

My message to the aspiring student leaders is



A segment of immediate former CUEASO team. From Left: Domitiler Orori - Deputy Secretary General, David Odhiambo - Secretary General, Caroline Wambui - Publicity Secretary, David Wipa - Chair, Patricia Wanjiku - Vice-Chair, Benjamin Kirui - Treasurer.

How did you manage to consolidate your leadership team to achieve this results?

Over and above maintaining an open-door policy, I have embraced teamwork and collegiality between me and my colleague leaders. Despite a few challenges and opposition here and there; I can say that I have been able to navigate by creating a solid team that has been able to engage with both the University administration and the students.

A key challenge has been, to lead virtually, during the lockdown which came with online mode of learning. The challenges have always motivated me to stand for the truth at all times, to seek solutions and create win-win engagements

What message do you have to those aspiring for student leadership?

Taking part in the varsity high octane student leadership has been a game changer in terms

that, activism and radicalism has no space in the problem solving arena. A student leader must be driven by sobriety, diplomacy and ability to arrive at solutions within a win-win framework.

Describe your growth journey as the Student President?

Being in leadership has positively impacted me in a huge way. It has been a journey full of many highs and I shall remain forever grateful for this rare opportunity. I believe that I am more holistic and a better person. I also know that excellence is a journey and I am taking it in strides.

What are your leadership goals into the future?

My leadership goal is to increase my networks as I seek to be an active participant in transforming my community and society at Large.

Wisdom from CUEA Alumni



Annabel Njoki Mwangi

Court Administrator working, Judiciary.
LLB alumna, Class of 2016

Describe your CUEA experience and how it contributed to who you are today

It is now that I have to put it down in writing that I realize just how much of an experience it was. It was in CUEA that I truly tapped into my leadership element. From the positions held in AIESEC to being the Chairperson of the Clubs, Movements and Associations Committee. It is where I learnt the importance of being principled, taking a stand and being very firm in whatever decisions I made. I worked well with my peers and seniors in the institution (teamwork) but also butted heads on numerous occasions with fellow student leaders at the Students Governing Convention as well as with the management during our round table meetings and during the General Assemblies; but it was out of the convictions I held and importantly, for the betterment of those I represented as well as the institution. It is these same principles and values that have had individuals who I hold in high esteem take a chance on me and it is in making the most of the chances they afforded that has gotten me where I am today.

What advice would you give to the new and continuing students at CUEA in the following areas:

Enjoying Campus responsibly

You are there for an academic qualification. Your studies, therefore, are the priority and will always have to be a priority. Academics cannot, however, be the only thing you do. Sign up as an AIESECer (yes, I am very partial to it) or whichever other club, association or band that tickles your fancy. Go out, meet new people, try new things, take chances, figure out what works for you and what doesn't, then run with that which works. It is all about finding the balance that works for you.

Healthy relationships

Live and let live but do not condone behaviour that is detrimental to you and your dreams.

Personal Development

Ensure that you seize as many opportunities as are available and let each of them grow your skill set. My first role in AIESEC was Vice President, Alumni Relations and I got it in the first month of my first semester in first year so do not hesitate because you feel too young or inexperienced.

Managing money

We are hardly taught about money when growing up but there's a lot of information on it on google and YouTube so start scouring. There are also organizations such as Centonomy and Africa's Pocket that offer courses on Personal Financial Management. Primarily though, have a budget and make saving a habit. Always ensure that you are not just saving for the sake of saving. There has to be a goal in mind. This will serve to give you motivation and keep you focused.

Holistic Growth

Eat healthy, figure out what exercise regimen works for you, get started on it and be consistent (I will confess that I am still mastering this last part). Your body will thank you for it. Grow your mind by nurturing and feeding your curiosity. Work on your mental strength and have a confidant for those moments when you feel overwhelmed and always guard your heart.

Wisdom from CUEA Alumni



John Njoroge Mucheru

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My CUEA Experience

One of the best decisions I ever made was to join CUEA. I appreciate the quality of education that I received, the professionalism of the lecturers and the administration at large.

CUEA was always a community that cared for its own. It felt more like being part of a family made up of people with good ethos and

social norms. I did enjoy every moment of my campus life. I was very active in sports/games, campus politics, social and welfare activities like cultural festivals and clubs (Human rights and political science clubs). All these in addition to academics shaped me to become the person I am today.

What's your advice to new and continuing students?

Making it to campus is already a great achievement. It also gives pride to our parents, relatives, friends and the community where we come from. One spends a few years in campus, and this is a great opportunity to mould yourself into what you want to become.

Take it as an opportunity to develop vital social and life skills, grow and cement good friendships and networks that are of utmost importance in your future life.

Key to this is to never lose focus of your goals (both academically and career-wise). Enjoy campus life responsibly and maintain healthy relationships. Equally, developing crucial skills such as financial management with the little resources at an early stage is key to a successful future.

Use the available networks, mentorship opportunities, online platforms and seminars/webinars to hone important life skills. Participate actively in campus activities such as sports/games, cultural festivals, proms, debates among others; this is what holistic growth is all about.

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Online and Blended Learning; My CUEA Experience



Celebrated wordsmith and renowned U.K political helmsman once quipped, “To improve is to change, to be perfect is to change often.” This edict finds traction in the prevailing circumstances of adjustments being undertaken by higher learning institutions in light of the global turbulence that has been occasioned by the novel Coronavirus. When the pandemic struck, no one probably imagined that this would be the beginning of a journey into new dawn for the education sector. Institutions took a new turn and everyone literally had to adjust to ensure continuity in teaching and learning.

Following the ensuing lock-downs, the Catholic University of Eastern Africa commendably switched to online learning. The Open Distance and E-learning (ODEL) system became a pivotal cog in facilitating learning programs with much ease, and this flexibility allowed all students at all levels to continue with learning. When I joined the University in 2018, I never imagined that at one point I will be using the online system for learning but here I am now a direct beneficiary looking forward to completing my education in time thanks to this dynamism.

Before the gradual reopening, we were able to learn online full time, attending lectures which were delivered at the comfort of our homes. Though there have been challenges here and there, I am happy that the University has been able to quickly resolve the technological issues in good time.

As a student, I must admit that the switch was not easy. We embraced it with hesitation at first, experiencing a few challenges like the extra cost of data. This cost however is negligible compared to daily commute and upkeep.

Our fears were finally put to rest when the examinations were soon efficiently delivered online. The resultant effect is that our academic progression has remained seamless with no single semester going to waste. It is courtesy of this uninterrupted learning that the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 have been able to finish their programs and graduate on time as well.

I am happy that the University has adopted a blended mode of learning with 60% percent of learning being undertaken online and the remaining 40% percent remaining onsite in compliance of MoH Protocols on Covid-19. I particularly commend our lecturers who have religiously ensured that we get our learning materials and the requisite resources on time which has ensured that we undertake our private studies well. The integrated learning has also ensured access to our library resource materials as well.

It is this unprecedented time of change that has opened my eyes to new horizons with infinite possibilities into the future. I am happy that CUEA has harnessed technology as a driver and a key enabler in dissemination of knowledge. I also appreciate that the students have played a key role in making this normal a possibility. The future can only be brighter.

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#MyCUEAExperience

Bold and Confident



It's been four years since I joined CUEA as a Law student and I look forward to graduating next year. CUEA has been my home sweet home. I was that timid, naive, and always anxious young lady that got panic attacks over everything and nothing but I can say with my lecturers as my mentors I have matured into a bold person who can express herself and

stand up for herself. I specifically would like to appreciate Ms. Njeri Kang'ethe, Mr. Momanyi, Mr. Ngeri, Mr. Felix Odhiambo, Mr. Allan Oduor, Mrs. Esther Muchiri, Ms. Freda Kabatsi, Ms. Warutere, Mr. Agan, Mr. Danstan Omari, and the Late Ms. Margaret Maringa who have been my inspiration. CUEA has given me a chance to learn other useful skills such as videography and photography, Peer Counseling, and leadership as a student leader. As part of service-learning, I was involved in offering legal aid to the community which came with a lot of satisfaction.

Nicole Nyamani

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Supportive learning culture



My CUEA experience so far has been amazing. I have learnt so many new things in such a short period of time. The environment and culture have been very supportive to my learning. I appreciate the dress code

which has taught me to dress like an upcoming professional.

This has improved my self-discipline and confidence to be the best and aspire for the best. I love my teachers who not only teach well but also instill discipline through strictness in course work, assignment and adherence to class attendance. I also enjoy studying with students from other countries, such as Nigeria, Congo, South Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania and many other countries in the region and outside the continent like India, which increases my level of exposure. CUEA has the best library. It is digitalized in that the students can borrow books online as well access a lot of useful electronic resources. Through extracurricular activities, I have been to discover my interests and talents as well as form meaningful relationships with other people. As I continue with my studies, I plan to make the best out each and every opportunity that CUEA has to offer.

David Kimanzi Mwandikwa

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Well-anchored



I feel privileged for the opportunity to study at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. It is such a warm institution with committed and competent instructors. I have also received peer counselling training which has helped me to remain well-anchored and of more value to my friends.

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