



Riara
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nurturing innovators

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The Riara University Newsletter

Welcome to May 2018 Semester



C.U. Meet And Greet Jan '18 Semester

Hebrews 10:25 encourages us as Believers not to neglect our coming together.

It is in light of this that the Riara University Christian Union invited brethren and the family of God to a Meet and Greet session on Wednesday, Feb 14, 2018 at the Riara Gardens. This was an event filled with Joy and a wonderful time of fellowship.



Data and Information Security

From 21st-23rd February, the Riara University held a student's innovation forum, whose theme was "Data and Information Security in Cyberspace." The Chief Guest was Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor. He is a Cyber Security Consultant with a PhD in IT Convergence and Application Engineering with concentration in Information Security from Pukyong National University, South Korea. He has had over 12 years of professional experience in Cyber Security industry with strong expertise in Cyber security strategy building, resilience and system penetration testing. Bright has also presented at over 20 Cyber Security conferences, lectured at various universities and contributed to cyber security publications. It was a great honour to have him.



Dr. Mawudor giving a presentation at the event.



A section of the participants at the forum.

Nurturing Innovators

Riara University hosted the 1st Annual Aspiring Innovator Inter-university Competition which was held at Riara University on 22nd and 23rd February 2018. Over 300 students from 24 universities confirmed their attendance and most of them participated in the various competitions. The event was organised by Riara University's Directorate of University Advancement under the leadership of Sumita Mukherjee and the Leading Edge Clan, a club of highly motivated and innovative RU students. Through everyone's efforts, over 10 sponsors partnered with us and donated many gifts and awards for the participants. The competition was aimed at promoting and nurturing business ideas from university students and new innovative creations to the entrepreneurial community. Participating in this competition gave students an opportunity to practice in developing viable business ideas, writing a business plan and pitching them before a panel of judges. The lead sponsors were Gillette, MacCoffee, Unliever and Bidco-Africa, among others. We look forward to continued partnerships with them.



A display of the trophies that were won at the event.

An RU Experience

Riara University Marketing team hosted over 60 former high school students for a career clinic and RU experience. The team was joined by several student mentors who gave their experience about RU as we took them through the facilities and programs on offer. Please feel free to refer any prospective students to RU.



Akili Dada

On 10th Feb. the Riara University hosted a High School Event whose initiative was 'Akili Dada' an international non-profit organization whose main aim is to to empower girls academically. Over 220 students drawn from MaryHill Girls, Precious Blood - Riruta, Riara Springs Girls High School, Bahati Girls and Moonlight Academy, were in-attendance. This was the second time the event was hosted and the Chief Guest this year was Dr. Patrick Njoroge- Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya. The theme of this event was, "Career Preparation; at the crossroads of relevance and impact."



Scholarship Opportunities

The Riara University had a Public Lecture on 13th March in regard to Scholarship opportunities in Japan. The Chief Guest was Prof. Takahashi Motoki, a professor at Kobe and Kyoto Universities. Many students were in attendance and definitely gained invaluable information for their action.



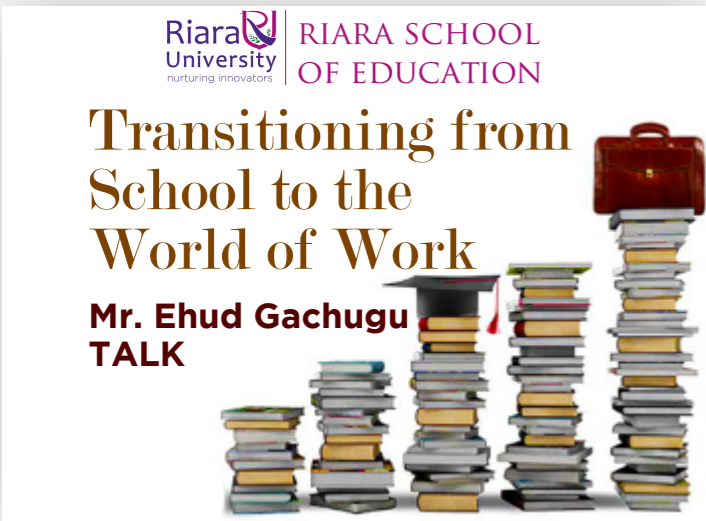
Class of 2018!

On the 16th of March, RU was more than delighted to hold its 2nd Commencement Ceremony. The event was themed "Empowered Graduate" This was a great milestone in the university as we saw 234 students graduate and many people in attendance to witness this wonderful occasion. This occasion was graced by Amb. Dr. Jendayi Frazer, PhD, the former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. The Riara Community wishes all the best to our Alumni in their future endeavours.



Bridging the Gap

The Department of Education hosted a guest speaker, Mr. Ehud Gachugu; on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. He presented and gave guidance on the conversation on "Transitioning from School to the Place of Work". This was an open and interactive forum that many students engaged in.



RU closer to God?

On 21st March, Riara University Christian Union presented the RU Worship Experience. This was a wonderful time that enabled us to connect spiritually and fellowship with our fellow brethren.



RLS in the Limelight

The Riara Law School was represented by a strong team in one of the most prestigious mooting competitions in the country. We would like to congratulate Leah Muriithi, George Oiyee, Susan Maina, Eddy Mokaya, Chispine Marvine and Lincoln Oonge for their participation.

IUCEA Exhibition

From 21st-22nd March, Riara University was privileged to have been selected to exhibit our research models and innovation. A Certificate of participation was awarded in respect to our Exhibitions. RU was applauded for being in the frontline of research. The Robot from School of Computing Science (courtesy of Prof. Musau) was applauded, particularly by the CSs-Education and EAC Regional Cooperation.

Another opportunity presented itself yet again on 21st of March for Riara University to showcase its innovations, products, services and academic programs to a multitude of people who attended the IUCEA organized academia-Public Private Partnership Forum and Exhibition 2018. Riara University encourages its students to forward books and papers published by RU scholars, products and other materials we can mount. The Occasion was graced by the Cabinet Secretary of Education, East Africa Community, and the Secretary General of EAC among other signatories.

RU for Environment

It is common practise for the School of International Relations and Diplomacy to conduct regular public lectures and visits from distinguished scholars and diplomats as part of the diplomatic image simulation (DIS) initiative. On 27th March, RU was honoured to host the UN Environment (formerly UNEP) team from Gigiri for a talk on their experiences, 'making Africa work' across the continent. Students will had the opportunity to register for possible internship and volunteer work with UN: See link - <http://www.ebafosa.org/index.php/pillars/volunteers-contact-form>.



Law Students in Maastricht

On 8th April, RU Law students, Arnold Wambua and Alex Kanyi, left for Maastricht, Netherlands, to participate in the "Brown Mosten International Client Consultation Competition." The two law students will competed with law students from across the world on important aspects of legal practice, namely, client interviewing and counselling skills. The competition was sponsored by the International Bar Association among other institutions. It was judged by recognized legal practitioners.

Riara at the Summit!

On 12th of April, a Newspaper Article was published on how Riara University was slotted in as one of the most preferred private universities in Kenya. This is great and positive feedback to the University and the Riara community at large.

RU Authors

Riara University is well known for its high-profile staff members. We are pleased to inform you that Gladys Thuita, Lecturer, School of Business, and Yvonne Oiyee, former Human Resources Officer published a journal article titled: "Compensation, working conditions and employee satisfaction in Kilifi Export Processing Zones, Kenya in the International Journal of Economics, Business and Management Research. Vol. 2, No 02; 2018.

On 5th of March, a book chapter by our Dean of the Business Faculty, Abel Kinoti M.W. (2018) was published. It is titled Strategic Globalization Alternative: The Case of Kenya: Globalization Alternative Strategies for the International Economy.

Additionally, Dr. Francis Onditi, Head of Department, International Relations and Diplomacy published a journal article titled: "African National Anthems: Their value system and Normative' Potential' ". African Study Monographs: Supplementary Issue No 56. 2018 ".

A newspaper article titled "Strikes affect students, faculty and varsities on the Daily Nation newspaper was published on Friday 9th March 2018, by our own Florence Shako, a lecturer at Riara Law School.

An academic paper and power point presentation titled "Conflict Mapping in the Context of North Rift Region: A Case Study of Baringo County" by Alfer Letiyon Lempaine, a lecturer, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy.

This is great news to the Riara Community. Congratulations to all the above mentioned staff!



RU-UN Model Nations Experience at Harvard

The Sub Saharan International Model United Nations hosted their first Mock debate at Riara University on 10th and 11th March. In this regard the University Representatives spearheaded this event as a way to showcase the Riara Spirit of Innovative Volunteerism.

18 Riara University Students left for the United States on the 13th of February to attend the 65th Harvard Model of the United Nations, an International Simulation that had many students from around the world showcase their positions on diverse Global issues and affairs. The 65th HMUN was held at the Boston Park Plaza. RU students had a chance to interact with other students on an international platform and this was a great time where a lot of invaluable information and skills were gained. This was a fast paced and eye opening experience that has left more students eager to have an opportunity to attend the same kind of forum in the near future.

Heko! To all the students who represented RU in Boston.



Top Left: From left, Colonel Hillary B. Kipkosgey, Brigader Ahmed Mohamed Ministry of Defence, Ambassador Njeri Githae and Riara University Students Hamza Abdullahi and Hussein Hassan at the Kenyan Embassy in Washington DC, USA.



Top right and bottom left: Riara University Students who were present at the event.

Books for RIS

The Riara International School pupils and their teachers visited Riara University Library on 26th January, 2018. The purpose of the visit was to have the pupils understand library services and to inspire reading.



Karibuni Freshmen!

From 2nd -4th of May, we held our orientation for the May Intake Students. This was a wonderful time of introducing our new students into the Riara University system as well as supporting their educational and personal goals. It was also a chance to facilitate RU's academic advisement, course selection and registration. The new students became more familiar with the campus environment hence creating an atmosphere that minimized anxiety, created positive attitudes and stimulated a sense of excitement for learning. The three day orientation program was crowned by a beautiful matriculation ceremony, an official symbol of joining the Prestigious Riara University. The RU Family would like to welcome our freshmen on board!

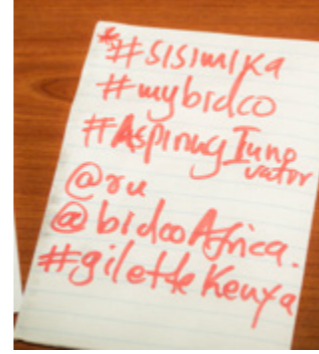


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Riara University
LEADING
Edge Class

Aspiring
Innovator
Intervarsity
Competition

Leverage path finding solutions.





Upcoming Events



SCHOOL OF
COMPUTING SCIENCES

Open Day

THEME: CYBER SECURITY TRENDS

Thursday May 24th, 2018
Riara University, Mbagathi Way
9.00am - 4.00pm

Interested applicants can visit and register at the School of Computing Sciences or call Bona on 0703 038 459



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PEER COUNSELLORS

Recruitment

We are seeking for a team of students for
#WeCare | #WeRespect | #WeSupport

Collecting and submission of the forms will be at the University Clinic during working hours.
Recruitment deadline is Thursday 31st May 2018.

The Marketing Department

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