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*“Empowering
Lives;
Impacting
Communities.”*



Go Green!

A simulation exercise was held on the Friday, May 18, 2018 for those who were interested in understanding how environmental matters are linked to International Relations and Diplomacy. It was conducted by Ms. Sheila Mbiru, a Climate Change Ambassador and Dr. Mwaura from National Academy of Sciences. Appreciation is extended to all those who attended the event.

RU and UJ

The University of Johannesburg is one of the largest public universities in South Africa with a population of over 50,000 students. UJ strongly believes in imagination, conversation, regeneration and ethical foundation. It is with this in kind that UJ and RU dedicated a two day Paper Development Workshop (PDW) on 22 and 23 May, 2018 held at Riara University.

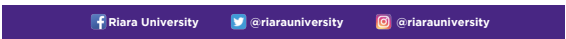
This was a great opportunity to publish articles on public management, governance and public administration with either African Journal of Public Affairs or Administratio Publica (Association of southern African Schools and Departments of Public Administration – ASSADPAM) some of the leading Journals in Africa.



GUEST SPEAKER
SHEILA S. MBIRU

Sheila S. Mbiru, MSc in Wood Science (University of Melbourne), B.Phil in Information and Knowledge Management (Stellenbosch University). In November 2017, Sheila was recognized by the US-based Climate Interactive as the World Climate Ambassador, working on USAID-UNDP projects on climate resilient development (LECRD).

Date: 18th May 2018
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Venue: Room G15



During the Paper development workshop held by University of Johannesburg in collaboration with Riara School of Business, participants present were Prof. Abel Kinoti (RU), Dr. Erick Niyitunga (UOJ) Jane Ngene (PhD student St. Pauls University) Wanjiku G. Thuita (RU)



Dr. Rose Mugjira(CUEA) Prof. Christelle Auriacombe(UOJ) Prof. Shikha Vyas Doorgapersad(UOJ) Alex Maina(PhD student St. Pauls University) Geoffery Gichangi (PhD student St. Pauls University) among others.

Cyber Security Trends

The RU School of Computing Sciences hosted an Open Day, themed 'Cyber Security Trends', which was held on Thursday, May 24, 2018. This was aimed at educating and preparing students for the digital market.

It is worth noting that, the world has become digital and crime that was once rooted in "the real world" has now become prevalent in cyberspace. This ranges from thousands of blogging sites hacked, to malware spread. Preventing damage from these threats means preparing for them in the first place. Let us have it in mind that prevention is better than cure.



First row from left Justina Nyambu – ICDL, Prof. Felix Musau - Dean, School of Computing Sciences, Alpha Imani - Fourth year BSC / Works for Andela, Prof. Robert Gateru - Vice Chancellor, Riara University, Faith Ajema – ICDL

Last row from left, Suky Su – HUAWEI, Leonard Kamau – IBM, Jeremy Ambicha –Protec, Moses Munguti – Security Engineer Checkpoint , Karagania Mwamlle - Fourth year BSC Student/ Former Student Representative for School of Computing Science. Karagania was the MC & Moderator for the Open day. The open day was designed to create awareness of cyber security trends, programmes offered in RU and also provide networking opportunity for students and our partners



Summer Time!

RU would like to congratulate the following Law students and an alumnus of the Law School who are preparing to attend Summer Programmes in Europe this June and July. Let us support them and wish them well:

- Ephraim Ogbewekon, Mercy Wairimu and Gollo Boru were admitted to the Pazmany Catholic University Law School Summer Programme in Budapest with a tuition scholarship. Their training will focus on the important topic - Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Lemuel Abishua was admitted to the Bucerius Law School Summer Programme in Germany for training in the emerging field of LegalTech and Processes, also with a tuition scholarship

Let's keep the RU flame burning!



RU at the Hague

RU was represented at The Hague, Netherlands, by four RLS students. This was to participate in the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition which took place from 24th May 2018-2nd June 2018. Hearty congratulations to Ms. Halima Bashir, Ms. Samia Nazareth, Ms. Diana Ongwae and Mr. Emmanuel Obam for being our ambassadors.

Heko Riara!



Staff Meeting

A staff meeting was held on the Friday, May 25, 2018 for faculty interaction. Discussion was aligned to the core purpose of Empowering Lives; Impacting Communities.

We would like to thank all the RU staff who do their best to ensure that RU remains at the top. Wishing you God's blessings in all your endeavours. Baraka!



RU on AIR

Our very own, Lisa Mumbi, third year law student was aired live on KuTV on Monday, May 28, 2018 and on NTV's Churchill Show on Sunday, July 1, 2018. These were chances for her to showcase and share her journey in the field of arts. We are grateful for her talent. Many thanks to all those who tuned in. Hongera Lisa!

Inaugural Arbitration Moot

It is with great pleasure and pride that RU sent out three of our students, Glory Mwangi, Marg Gathoni and Yassin Abdulrahman to participate in the Inaugural Arbitration Moot which was organized by the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration. (NCIA). The preliminary rounds took place on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the Kenyatta University School of Law in Parklands.

RU Scholars

We are happy to inform you that Gladys Thuita, a lecturer in the School of Business, published an article, titled: "RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CAPPED LENDING RATES AND NON-PERFORMING LOANS ON LISTED COMMERCIAL BANKS IN KENYA".

In Studies and Scientific Researchers, April 2018 (pp.56-61)

Congratulations!



Cheerful Givers

The Starehe Girls Centre Walk took place on Saturday, June 9, 2018. This was a great time for Riara Community to extend its heart of giving to the less fortunate in our society.

Give, but give until it hurts. - Mother Teresa



Huawei Training

Huawei trained lectures from 12 local Universities and RU was honoured to take part in the exercise. This was featured on Business Daily on Monday 11th June, page 18.

Honesty Is The Best Policy



We are pleased to let you know that the Research Paper 1 (dissertation) Class, Riara Law School had a guest lecture on Law & Literature: Adherence to the Rules on Plagiarism. This was held on Tuesday, June 19.

The guest speaker was Mr. Jesse Imonje an Adjunct Lecturer from RLS. This was important so as to ensure that many students got clarity on the issue of academic writing ethics.



Economic Delegates

The Academy of International Business (AIB) 2018 Annual conference took place from the 25th - 28th of June, at the Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, USA. RU was represented by Wanjiku W. Thuita, Martin Gachukia and Dr. Racheal Wairimu.

Dispute Settlement

We are pleased to inform you that a public lecture was given by Ms. Ruth Osaretin Ogbewekon on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Public International Law Class, Riara Law School. She focused on **International Dispute Settlement Mechanisms** which included among others: **Negotiation; Mediation and Good Offices**

Ms. Ruth Osaretin Ogbewekon is of Nigerian origin. She is also an LLB (Hons.) graduate from Riara University. While at RU, she was the Director for Legal and Constitutional Affairs under the Riara University Student Association (RUSA). She also served as the Commissioner for Rules and Regulations under the Riara University Electoral Commission (RU-EC).

Ruth is also an LLM graduate from Harvard University. At Harvard, she was a board member of the HLS Advocates for Human Rights under the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program. She was also a member of the Harvard African Law Student Organisation, Harvard Black Law Student Association and the Women's Law Association.

Ruth has worked as a legal intern at WAYAMO Foundation, Milimani Law Courts and the Office of the Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). She is a member of Pan-African Movement Kenya (PAM-KE) and the International Law Student Association (ILSA).

RU wishes Ruth all the best in her endeavours.



Lorenzo Natali

RU would like to congratulate Bobby Junior from Riara University Studios for his participation in the 2018 edition of the Lorenzo Natali Media Prize. Bobby scooped position four in the Africa Region and position 20 globally. Hongera! Bobby!



RU Sports Brief

Half-way into the semester all our sports teams are performing exceptionally well.

The Scarlets (ladies basketball team) are at the top of their table having bagged 18 points out of the 11 games played so far. They pride themselves in a good run having only lost once and drawn once in the highly competitive Nairobi Basketball Association League. This is great progress for a team that is tipped to reach the finals at the end of the year.

The mighty Bucks (Mens basketball team) have not disappointed either. They are mid of the table after only 4 games played having trounced giants like Blazers, USIU and the Kenya Airports Authority. They are very optimistic to reach the top of the table with 4 more games up their sleeve to catch up with their counterparts in the KBF Classic League. This month of June has also seen Bucks play an international friendly against Ghana Revenue Authority as part of their exposure. They also won the St. Paul's University Open Tournament title for the third year running adding to their collection of silverware.

RU football team bounced back into action in May after a long break since the end of the KUSA league in March. They are currently playing in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Sub County league where they have shown great progress. They stand at the top of their table with 5 wins and 1 draw out of the 6 matches played so far a very encouraging trend indeed.

The semester ahead looks absolutely fabulous as all the leagues enter phase two of their fixtures. All the teams are excited as they look forward to engagements that could see them travel out of out of Nairobi for engagements. The sky is no longer the limit.



RU Scarlets at a recent NBA league game at Upperhill Secondary where they trounced Daystar Uni to clinch the top spot in their table.

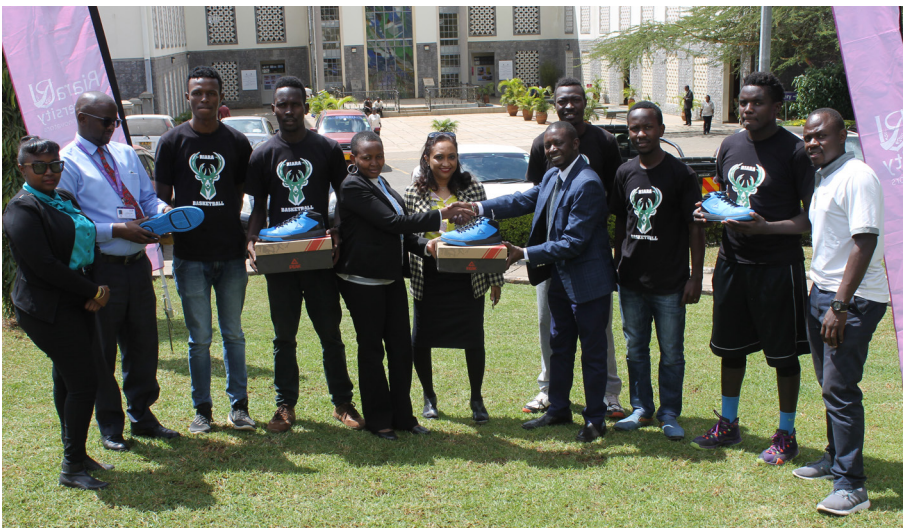


RU Bucks Greg Otiemo in action against KISII Uni during this years KUSA National Playoffs in Voi. Bucks won the game and also came off as one of the best teams in the community of universities in Kenya.



RU Football teams Dennis Murutane shows his prowess with the ball during a past KUSA match against TUK.

RU BUCKS recieved 9 pairs of new basketball shoes as a donation from The Nairobi Sports House. The shoes were handed over to the team by Ann the Sales & Marketing Officer at NSH in the presence of Sumita Mukherjee, Advancement Director, Charles Kirui, Head of Marketing, Andrew Mathenge Sports Officer together with Coach Zeddy and the players. It was a happy moment for the team and the entire RU fraternity.



Upcoming Events



Riara University
Christian Union

Worship Experience

Wednesday July 11, 2018
2.00pm, RU Basement
Riara University, Mbagathi Way



DEPARTMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND DIPLOMACY

PUBLIC LECTURE TALENT AND INTERNATIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Thur 19th July 2018 | 12.00pm | Room G/15

Imran Vaghoo

Deputy Chief of Party, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)
Eastern and Central Africa Region



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Media Mentions

1. ***Kidero: Riara University has come of age***
<http://www.nairobi.go.ke/home/news/kidero-riara-university-has-come-of-age/>
2. ***Government urged to fast track Riara University charter issuance***
<https://ntv.nation.co.ke/news/2720124-4347516-wal641/index.html>
3. ***Riara University 'best' law school in Kenya***
<https://www.kenya-today.com/news/riara-university-best-law-school-in-kenya-uon-second>
4. ***Riara University trounce Mt Kenya in NBA league***
https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2015/08/19/riara-university-trounce-mt-kenya-in-nba-league_c1189667
5. ***The MSK Mentorship Program at Riara University***
<https://msk.co.ke/events/msk-mentorship/>
6. ***Establishing an institutional repository at Riara University***
<https://ir-library.ku.ac.ke/handle/123456789/13952>
7. ***Riara University 1st Graduation Ceremony***
<http://www.education.go.ke/index.php/media-center/speeches1/file/321-speech-riara-university-1st-graduation-ceremony>
8. ***MoSound Events and Riara University Sign an MOU***
<https://www.mosoundevents.com/mosound-events-riara-university-sign-mou/>
9. ***Huawei partners with Kenyan universities to launch tech training***
<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/campus/tag/riara-university/>
10. ***Riara University Out to Revolutionize Education and With it Kenya's Entertainment Industry***
<http://www.ghafila.com/riara-university-out-to-revolutionize-education-and-with-it-kenyas-entertainment-industry-find-out-how-riarauniversity/>
11. ***Media freedom in Kenya: analogies are being drawn with Moi's repressive era***
<https://theconversation.com/institutions/riara-university-3374>

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