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### New Programs Bolster Enrollment

Africa University is preparing to launch eight new degree programs over the next 18 months to tap skills deficits in Africa's labor market and attract working professionals.

The new programs offer undergraduate and graduate qualifications in areas

such as Mathematics, Public Health, Counselling, Educational Technology, and Gender and Cultural Studies.

The university's first group of doctoral candidates started lectures in October. Nineteen students are pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Peace, Leadership and Governance. Pioneer classes at the undergraduate level include students pursuing degrees in International Relations and Social Work.



This year's admission statistics show that graduate study is growing rapidly and helping to sustain enrollment at Africa University. The Master of Intellectual Property degree program attracted more than

100 qualified applicants, vying for 40 spots. Applicants for the PhD program in Public Health are currently being admitted and will start by March 2018.

There are 256 graduate students enrolled this year, compared to 112 in 2016. As of mid-September, the total enrollment across all colleges and program delivery options was 1498 students from 25 African countries. Women represent 51.7 percent of the total enrollment.

### AU Leaders to Return to SC in February 2018

Africa University's advisors, supporters, and staff will return to North Charleston, SC from February 22-25, 2018 for celebratory events and meetings that were postponed due to Hurricane Irma.

University leaders suspended the activities scheduled for September 8th - 10th, citing travel disruptions and safety concerns. The members of the AU Board Development Committee held a one-day meeting on September 7th, before leaving North Charleston.

Rescheduled activities include the SEJ Launch Event/Dinner for The Campaign for Africa University, AU Advisory Development Committee meeting, Richard E. "Dick" Reeves Legacy Society Dinner, and local church presentations in the Charleston and Walterboro districts.

### Golf Tournament Attracts Great Support

Ninety-three golfers joined event patron, Bishop L. Jonathan Holston of the South Carolina Conference, for the 2017 Bishop's Africa University Golf Tournament.

The event, now in its fourth year, took place on September 25th at the Cobblestone Park Golf Club in Blythewood, SC.

More than half of the golfers were new to the tournament, but enthusiastic about the cause. Players and sponsors represented South Carolina and neighboring states. The event raises thousands of dollars annually for scholarships and other needs at Africa University.

The golfers had an excellent day. The team of John Sease, Charles Smoak, Thomas Walling, and Bert Sanford won in their first outing at the tournament.

Second place went to the team of Tom Leonard, Randall Gaston, Chris Watson,

and Charles Stembridge. The team of Mike Barnes, Brad Greenstein, Robert Harper, and Shawn Boyin placed third. Prizes for the 'closest to pin' went to Matt Stewart (men), and to Diane Martin (women). Prizes for 'longest drive' went to Thomas Walling (men) and Ada Simmons (women).

A major highlight of the day was 'a hole in one' made by Mrs. Jeanette Pope at Hole #2, a par 3 on the black course.

"It was my very first hole in one," said Mrs. Pope. "It was exciting...we play to support our church, Salem UMC in Ballentine, and the university."

"We are delighted to have the Bishop's golf tournament players all hitting the ball



Twenty-three teams played in the tournament. Mrs. Jeanette Pope (with Bishop L. Jonathan Holston) made a hole in one.

on the same team for Africa University," said James H. Salley, associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement.

"Thanks to the players, sponsors, volunteers and all who teed up for AU. We expect to see them again on September 24, 2018."

## Year-End Charitable Giving Incentives

As the end of the year fast approaches, we want to remind you that Congress has provided two important charitable giving incentives that can help you to support your favorite charities, including Africa University, while also minimizing taxes.

If you are age 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000.00 each year directly from your IRA account to Africa University. This gift counts toward your minimum required distribution and does not need to be reported as income on your income tax return.

However, you do not receive an income tax charitable deduction for your gift.

So, if you have put off making your

minimum required distribution this year, consider using it to make a charitable gift to Africa University

Secondly, if you own appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can donate them to Africa University prior to year-end.

You benefit from an income tax charitable deduction for the value of the stock on the day we receive it, and you avoid any capital gains tax that would have been due had you sold the stock.



*Elaine Jenkins, director of planned giving.*

The tax savings can be much larger than from a gift of cash.

For more information on these year-end giving incentives, please call or write our Director of Planned Giving, Elaine Jenkins, Africa University Development Office, P. O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN, 37203-0007, 615/340-7428 (telephone), 615/340-7290 (fax), [ejenkins@gbhem.org](mailto:ejenkins@gbhem.org); or visit the planned giving website at [www.africau.plannedgiving.org](http://www.africau.plannedgiving.org).

## Salley Endowed Scholarship Surpasses Goal

Gifts to endow a scholarship in honor of Mr. James and Mrs. Marie Salley, the late parents of Mr. James H. Salley, Africa University's associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement, have surpassed the goal of \$130,000.

South Carolina-based efforts to endow scholarships as part of the \$50 million Campaign for Africa University are ongoing.

A second scholarship endowment, honoring Rev. Joseph Abram and Mrs. JoAnn Abram, is underway.

These and other contributions from the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) of The United Methodist Church will be celebrated at the SEJ campaign launch event, scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2018. Several Africa University friends and advocates, including Bishop L. Jonathan Holston and Mrs. Felecia Holston, will be recognized with the institution's highest honor for development contributions—the Drum Award—at the launch event.



## Invitation to UMVIMs

Africa University is hoping to revitalize its partnership with the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) agencies across the USA.

The Vice Chancellor/CEO, Dr. Munashe Furusa, wants more UMVIM teams to serve at and build relationships with the university over the next few years.

The UMVIM - Africa University partnership dates back to 1991, when teams made up of U.S. and local volunteers helped to prepare the first buildings so that the university could open. Since then, UMVIM team members have served in many units of the university, though their primary commitment was to staff housing construction.

To learn more about short-term mission opportunities at AU, write to [audevoffice@gbhem.org](mailto:audevoffice@gbhem.org) or call 615.340.7438.

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