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1984 - 2021

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VISION STATEMENT

Become a continental center of academic learning with global impact.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide Christ-centred wholistic quality education to prepare for service in this world, and in the life to come.

CORE VALUES

- LOVE
- FAITH
- INTEGRITY
- RESPECT
- COMPASSION & CARE
- FAIRNESS & JUSTICE
- EXCELLENCE

PHILOSOPHY

The Adventist University of Central Africa operates on the basis of the Seventh-day Adventist worldview, which holds that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and the source of true knowledge. The entrance of sin caused man's alienation from God, therefore the restoration of the relation between man and God is the main aim of the Christian Education that leads students to discover and understand the truth through critical thinking.



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A partial aerial view of what was the original campus of the Adventist University of Central Africa in former Mutura commune, now Rubavu District.
(Photo credit: Kerry Carscallen)

1984-2021: Thirty seven years. The Adventist University of Central Africa marks maiden Founders' day.

Africa, USA, Canada, Europe. The Virtual Founders Day celebration reunites alumni members from across the world. In an event full of vivid recollections, the shared testimonies trigger the home coming desire.

The Adventist University of Central Africa has, 15 October 2021, marked 37 years of existence. 37 years of impact, 37 years of moving testimonies. Yes, 37 years of thanksgiving!

On 15 October 1984, in former Mutura commune, (now Rubavu District), the Adventist University of Central Africa officially opens doors. Known as 'Universite Adventiste de l'Afrique Centrale' or famously known as 'Mudende University', AUCA was established within the perspective of serving french speaking countries in central Africa that time. AUCA opened with eight faculties, including Information Technology. Being the only and

first private university in Rwanda, AUCA kept a sterling reputation as the university that gives both quality education and character to its students. That trademark still holds today!

During the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, infrastructure were looted and devastated. The university and church administration chose to relocate the university in Kigali capital in 1994. In an online event organised on 16 October 2021, alumni members around the world shared moving testimonies of what life was like in a much diverse campus at former AUCA, and what was peculiar to every generation of students from 1984 until recently.



The university Service Charter

● In quest of Excellent Customer Service

The current Service Charter is the result of the Adventist University of Central Africa's commitment to the provision of quality services to its customers. The presentation of this document is in line with the university's strategies to spur service delivery and making AUCA customers the center of our interest.

It is the reflection and embodiment of AUCA's tradition of excellence as far as teaching, research and consultancy, service to community are concerned.

The Service Charter outlines the scope and the standards of service rendered to both our

students and staff, not forgetting stakeholders, and is expected to be a tool to increase the information available to AUCA customers.

By this Service Charter, AUCA mean to espouse the following principles and values for the sake of service delivery: serving clients with respect and dignity; providing efficient and effective service to all customers and stakeholders; upholding professionalism, transparency accountability. [See table on next page.](#)

#	SERVICE	REQUIREMENTS	HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?	OFFICE IN CHARGE	CHARGES (FRWS)
1	Enquiries	Specify the enquiry	Immediate	Concerned Office	Free
2.	Student Admission	Complete application documents and duly filled in application form	Maximum 1 week days upon receiving application file	Registrar's Office	20,000 (Nationals) 50,000 (Internationals)
3.	Student Registration	Admission	Maximum 2 working days	Registrar's Office	20,000
4.	Courses registration	Having registered for the semester	Maximum 2 hours	Faculty & Registrar's Office	Free
5.	Transcripts	Upon request and having succeeded courses	2 hrs	Registrar's Office	3,000
6.	Certificate of Completion	Having successfully completed all the academic requirements	2 hrs	Registrar's Office	2,000
7.	Certificate of Attendance	Being AUCA student and upon request	30 mins	Registrar's Office	2,000
8.	Language Proficiency Certificate	Being AUCA student and upon request	2 hrs	Registrar's Office	2,000
9.	A1 Diploma	Having successfully completed 68 credits	Maximum 3 months	Registrar's Office	5,000
10.	Degree	Having completed and cleared all the academic requirements	Maximum 2 months after Graduation	Registrar's Office	Free
11.	Make up exam	Signed exam make up form and upon presenting a founded justification of absence from exam	30 mins for service and a specified time for exam	Examinations' Office	25% of the course's cost
12.	Exams timetable claims	Registration Form	1 hrs	Examinations' Office	Free
13.	Class Card	Proof of payment of fees	1 hrs	Business Office	As per specified fee
14.	Teaching (Access to classes)	Payment of full tuition fee	As per timetable	Faculty	As per Faculty specified fee
15.	Application letters for internship	Having completed 100 credits	1 day after requesting	Faculty	Free
16.	Submission and acceptance of Thesis/ dissertation titles	- A form signed by the advisor/ Supervisor - Proof of payment of thesis/ dissertation fee	Two Weeks after the deadline of submission	Faculty	Free
17.	ThesisDdissertation Defense	Having submitted the thesis/ dissertation	Two weeks after submission	Faculty	Free
18.	Exam Permit Card	Proof of payment of school fees	5 mins	Business Office	Free
19.	Final Exam	- Having at least 75% of class attendance - Exam Permit Card	As per timetable	Examinations Office	As per Faculty specified fee
20.	Availing of marks to students	Having written exam	Maximum 3 weeks after exam	Faculty	Free
21.	Use of Library	Student ID Card	Opening hours	Librarians	Free
22.	Payment of goods and services	Receipt note	Max 30 days after delivery	Business office	Free
23.	Payments of salaries	AUCA Employee	20 th of every month	Business office	Free
24.	Response to correspondences	Receipt of correspondence	Max 7 days	Concerned Office/ Staff	Free
25.	Feedback to complaints and suggestions	Receipt of complaint/suggestion	Max 7 days	Concerned Office/ Staff	Free
26.	Recommendation Letter for Study Visa	Admission letter/Student ID & Passport	30 min	Office of the DVC Academics	Free

AUCA: School of medicine holds first white coat ceremony

📌 *Class of 2027 urged to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.*

The Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME), on Friday, 12 November 2021 held a white coat ceremony for its inaugural cohort of medical students, the class of 2027.

The ceremony saw 34 students get donned in white coats at Masoro campus of the Adventist University of Central Africa in Kigali. The event was graced by the presence of various dignitaries from the Adventist world church hierarchy, AUCA, Loma Linda University, Adventist Health Ministry and from the Government of Rwanda.

Peter Landless, the director of Adventist Health Ministries, called ASOME class of 2027 to show people the compassion of Jesus. He reminded participants in the congregation that Seventh-day Adventist medical education transcends worldly viewpoint of medicine. Landless said "It is an education focused on training medical missionaries in the pattern of the Great Physician, to extend the healing ministry of Jesus".

Quoting Matthew 9:36, Landless emphasized that Adventist physicians must show the compassion of Jesus. "You are being called to be shepherds today: healing shepherds, caring shepherds." He also assured students of the divine support through their career as medical practitioners. "As you go, be strong and of very good courage, because God is with you. He will never leave you, never forsake you. Go and make a difference; go and be the difference. Touch, listen,

support, and sometimes heal!" Landless added.

Speaking to the students, Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel, the Health Ministries Associate Director at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists tipped the students on the significance of the white coats that doctors wear, saying they are a symbol of looking for the truth, being honest and pure, entertaining values of compassion, comfort at the same time.

"And when you wear your white coat, you are saying that you are in the pursuit of truth, to wherever it will lead you, and that you are going to look for it, find it and apply it not just to your life but for the benefit of humankind," he added ■

MAY 2016:

Ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the school of medicine

SEPTEMBER 2019:

Official inauguration by HE Kagame Paul, the President of the Republic of Rwanda and Dr Ted Wilson, the President of SDA World Church

MARCH 2021:

Start of classes for the 1st intake of 34 medical students





ADVENTIST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA

Admission Requirements

- 1 Two Certified photocopies of the secondary school certificate/diploma;
- 2 Equivalent secondary education certificate from the National Examination and School Inspection Authority (NESA) in Biology-Chemistry-Mathematics or Biology-Chemistry-Physics combinations with Grade A or B in: Biology, Chemistry and Math or Physics. In some exceptional situations, admission may be granted to applicants that have one C in Biology, Chemistry, Math or Physics.
- 3 Motivation Letter:
- 4 Physician's Letter (Mental and physical fitness)
- 5 Police Clearance (Certificate of Good Conduct);
- 6 Three recent passport-size photos;
- 7 Photocopy of National ID Card or Passport;
- 8 Sponsorship Letter (if Sponsored)
- 9 Minimum 18 years of age. Preference will be given to candidates younger than 35.
- 10 Proof of English Proficiency; TOEFL, IETLS, PTE, DUOLINGO
 - IELTS minimum score of 6,
 - TOEFL iBT minimum score of 75,
 - PTE (Pearson Test of English) minimum score of 50 and
 - DUOLINGO minimum score of 100.
- 11 Official receipt of application fee payment (\$100.00).
 - Vaccination: the candidate should commit to accept vaccinations for health care professionals (eg. Covid-19, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, among others)
 - Proof of Valid health insurance is mandatory at the time of 'registration.





ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME	
1	Dully filled in Application Form (downloadable from www.auca.ac.rw);
2	Secondary school transcripts/reports for senior 4, 5 and senior 6 ;
3	A notarized copy of the Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education with a minimum of 2 principal passes (Minimum E Grade); NOTE: For Nursing and Midwifery, applicants shall have a minimum C Grade in Biology and Chemistry and a minimum D Grade in Mathematics or Physics.
4	Two Passport size photos in color;
5	A photocopy of the National ID Card or valid Passport;
6	A proof/copy of health insurance
7	Proof of payment of 20,000 Frw for Rwandan applicants and 50,000 Frws for international applicants as application fee (Non-refundable)

MASTERS PROGRAMME	
1	A well filled in application form (downloadable from www.auca.ac.rw);
2	Proof of payment of 20,000 Frw as application fee (Non-refundable)
3	Certified photocopies of college or university diplomas or degree certificates
4	Two recent passport-size photos
5	Three letters of recommendation from referees in sealed envelopes
6	Two certified copies of an official transcript from each college/ university attended (certified by the institution or Commissioner of Oath)
7	Certified photocopy of secondary school certificate
8	Updated curriculum vitae (CV)
9	A proof/copy of health insurance certificate
10	Essay (Explaining educational goals, career objectives, work experience, awards, and/or extracurricular activities)

BANK ACCOUNTS:

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Bank of Kigali: 00040 – 00292172 – 41 (USD)
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NOTE: Applicants with foreign academics qualifications shall obtain an equivalence of their certificates from the Rwanda Education Board (REB).

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Undergraduate Programmes

● Faculty of Business Administration

BBA in Accounting;
BBA in Management;
BBA in Finance
BBA in Marketing

● Faculty of Information Technology

BSc in Information Management;
BSc in Networks and Communication Systems;
BSc in Software Engineering

● Faculty of Education

BA in English Language and Literature & French;
BA in Accounting and Information Technology;
BA in Geography and History

● Faculty of Theology

Bachelor of Theology

● Faculty of Nursing

BSc in Nursing
BSc in Midwifery

Graduate Programmes

● Faculty of Business Administration

MBA in Accounting;
MBA in Management;
MBA in Finance
MBA in Human Resource Management

● Faculty of Education

Master of Arts in Educational Administration
Master of Arts in Teaching, Instruction and Supervision

Short courses programmes

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching Methodology
Diploma in Theology
Certified Ethical Hacker
Cisco Certified Network Associate
Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) Coaching
Early Childhood Education
English Language Proficiency
Research and Statistics
Statistical Package for Social Studies (SPSS)

Schools

Adventist School of Medicine of
East-Central Africa (ASOME)



27TH GRADUATION

... a colorful celebration



THE PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO GRADUATES

It is a widespread customary practice within the Seventh-day Adventist church's higher learning institutions across the world that the Vice Chancellor of the university, who also doubles as its President, gives a President's charge to the graduating class during graduation ceremony. Below is AUCA's President charge during the 27th Graduation Ceremony.

Dear class of 2021, it is our joy, our privilege and honor that you chose to come to AUCA.

And because you made that choice or believed that by the grace of God through the classes that you've taken, the courses that you've gone through and all that has been passed on to you, what you've been taught, and what you've caught through the stay you've had at AUCA... you are being qualified to serve. You have a status for service.

The primary reason you will be sent out here is that you go to serve. And so what are the qualities of the servants? That servants be diligent, that servants be faithful.

I charge you therefore, our servants, to serve with diligence the Lord who is giving you life. The Lord who was giving you strength. I charge you this day to excel in all your hands find to do. A scripture says "whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might", and says "... have you seen a person who is diligent in his labor. That person will not stand before mean men but shall stand before princes".

And therefore, I charge you to serve with excellence. I charge you to be creators of solutions to problems that exist in a contemporary world.

I charge you to be change agents who will make a difference wherever you find yourself, that your world would be better because you were there.

I charge you to be contributors to the improvements of your communities. That your eyes shall be open to the needs of your communities and your hands shall be quick to work to make a difference in your communities.

I charge you to be channels of God's grace and blessings unto others. Poverty still remains a challenge. All across the world, there are slums. Across the world there are hovels where people are struggling to eke out an existence, and I charge you to be able to use the talents, the skills, the abilities, the gifts that you have, to make a difference in the world.

And so as you go forth into the world of work, I ask that you go demonstrate the values and the virtues that you have been taught through the course of your stay in AUCA.

I charge you never to forget those values, but rather to hold high the flag of AUCA. Hold high the banner of Christ. Hold high the torch of the most I. Hold high all that you have learned here and finally, I charge you to be ambassadors of AUCA.

May God help you to do this in Jesus's name ■



PHOTO: Bank of Kigali's Chief Operations Officer, Mr Benjamin Mutimura, hands over the award to one of the best performing students.

Outstanding performers recognised with prizes as auca graduate 391

▣ *Graduates challenged on giving back to communities*

Eight top performing students were awarded prizes as the Adventist University of Central Africa, graduate 391 students in its colorful 27th graduation ceremony on Sunday, 14 November 2021 at Masoro main campus.

These include five best performers from five faculties were offered a laptop and a 12-month internship by Banque Populaire du Rwanda (BPR), while

Bank of Kigali awarded Rwf 1 million saving account to two IT outstanding students each and to one outstanding student in business faculty.

The ceremony was attended by dignitaries from the government of Rwanda, the Seventh Day Adventist Church hierarchy, academicians, students and parents. Officiating the ceremony, Valentine Uwamariya, the Minister of Education urged the

members of the outgoing class to maximise their potentials, as new entrants to the Rwandan market.

“AUCA has attained a sterling reputation, as a university where its graduates excel not only academically, but more so morally. AUCA is well known for its holistic brand of education, which entails the trainings of the head, the hands and the heart. Its strong emphasis on the introduction [▶▶▶ page 15](#)

«page 14 of values into competence-based curriculum distinguishes it from other public and private institutions”.

The Minister also commended AUCA's contribution in the sector of education, as she describes the institution as the government's partner to achieve its noble vision of 2050, recognizing at the same time AUCA's reputed quality education. "My message to you, Mr Vice Chancellor and your team, is do not depart from the old landmarks. Keep raising the standards high for that is what the country of Rwanda and the world needs today.," she stressed.

Addressing the graduates, Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel, the Health Ministries Associate Director at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who was the guest speaker, urged the students to apply the acquired skills in the betterment of communities. "To whom much is given, much is required. This is not an easy thing, the journey has been long, so that means you owe something big to your families, community and the country," he said.



My message to you, ... is do not depart from the old landmarks. Keep raising the standards high for that is what the country of Rwanda and the world needs today.

Dr Zeno remind graduates to reason within AUCA noblest philosophy: putting education to the service of peoples' healing and redemption. "I want you all to know that AUCA is a university which stands for much more than academic excellence. You see, as graduates of AUCA, you are also part of God's plan for growth, healing and redemption in this world" he emphasized.

Speaking on behalf of awarded students, Kausar Fatema, a graduate from the department of Software Engineering, also testified to the unparalleled efforts of AUCA's committed and

dedicated staff in training skilled graduates.

"We are very glad of the tireless work of our university staff to see us growing, preparing us for the job market, and shaping our identities as we stand today. We also promise to make you proud," she commended.

AUCA enjoys almost 4 decades supplying Rwandan labour market and beyond with competent graduates. It is the 1st private university to be founded in Rwanda in 1984, with a unmatched reputation of producing the best and competent graduates in the country, mainly IT sector.

Apart from Rwanda's Higher Education Council, AUCA's programmes are also internationally accredited by the churches international accrediting bodies (International Board of Education (IBE) and Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA).

The accreditation exercise is conducted every 4 years to evaluate the compliance to the standards of quality education ■

56%

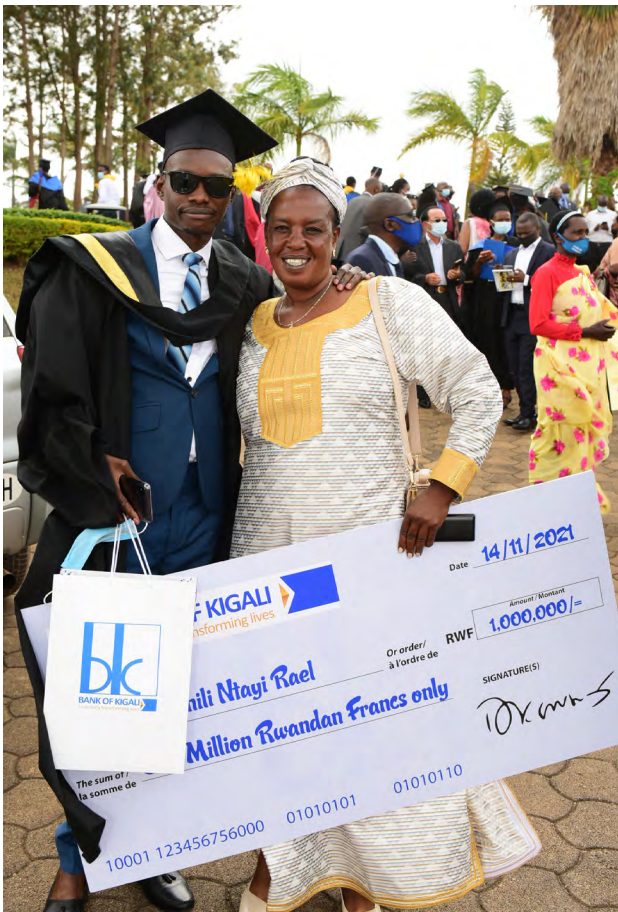
Female graduands

62%

Graduands who scored 70 percent and above

53%

Number of graduands from the Faculty of Business Administration alone











Graduation Speech by the Guest of Honour, Dr Uwamaliya Valentine, Rwanda's Minister of Education

- *Chancellor of the University, and President of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr. Blasious Ruguri;*
- *The Chairman of the University Council, and President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rwanda, Dr. Hesron Byilingiro;*
- *Representatives and dignitaries of the Government institutions here present;*
- *Members of Parliament here present;*
- *The various leaders of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;*
- *All AUCA Council Members present;*
- *The University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kelvin Onongha;*
- *Representatives of Higher Learning Institutions;*
- *Representative of the National Police of Rwanda;*
- *Lecturers, Graduands, Staff and Parents;*
- *Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.*

It is with great honor and pleasure that I join with AUCA family as it celebrates the 27th undergraduate and 5th Masters graduation ceremony respectively here at its main campus, Masoro.

The Government of Rwanda and the Ministry of Education especially, regards AUCA as a partner in the growth and manpower development of this great nation. This is a task AUCA has been engaged upon for the past

37 years of its experience. This institution indeed has a distinguished place in the history of this nation, being in the first instance the premier private university, but also the foremost, especially in the areas of information technology and its business faculties.

I'm aware of the critical roles and positions of honor alumna of this institution hold in the country of Rwanda. It is for this reason I congratulate with [page 21](#)

«page 20 the Vice Chancellor and the leadership of AUCA on such an occasion as this.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Government of Rwanda has made significant strides, and it is poised to become a business and information technology hub, not just for the Eastern African region, but continentally, and indeed globally.

In order to achieve this noble vision of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, we need all the Higher Learning Institutions in the country to become educational centers of excellence, and I believe AUCA can play a unique role in this regard.

AUCA has attained a sterling reputation, as a university where its graduates excel not only academically, but more so morally. For a nation with zero tolerance for corruption, I believe that the graduates produced by AUCA are precisely the sort needed to attain the manpower developmental and strategic goals for our nation.

I congratulate the graduates of the Class 2021 who, despite the hardships and difficulties the pandemic produced, were still able to forge ahead and complete their programmes of studies. Your courage, commitment, and character displayed in such times as this is indeed commendable.

I celebrate with the parents who undeterred by the pains and privations the pandemic produced, nonetheless made the necessary sacrifices to see their children walk through to reach the finish line and the attainment of their academic aspirations. May you live to enjoy the fruits of your labor and have more reasons to celebrate further accomplishments of your children and words in years to come.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Ministry of Education shall not fail to acknowledge the silent and often overlooked sacrifices of the diligent and dedicated faculty and staff of AUCA, who behind the scenes contributed significantly to make this day and occasion possible.

As a former faculty member myself, it would be remiss of me not to give kudos for this special group of persons. If there ever was a time that the world got reminded of the essential and the critical role of teachers in a society, it was during this pandemic. Congratulation teachers.

Standing behind some of the graduates ones are not only parents, but spouses and sponsors who contributed in their own meaningful ways to the success of the graduates of today. May your sacrifices be rewarded, and your joy be unending.

AUCA is well known for its holistic brand of education, which entails the trainings of the head, the hands and the heart. Its strong emphasis on the introduction of values into competence-based curriculum distinguishes it from other public and private institutions.

My message to you, Mr Vice Chancellor and your team, is do not depart from the old landmarks. Keep raising the standards high for that is what the country of Rwanda and the world needs today.

To the graduates, my message as you leave the security and familiarity of your school environment for the unpredictable world out there, is may you become job creators rather than job seekers. May you not sacrifice the principles AUCA has taught you on the altars of prosperity and success.

Dear graduates, the society expects a lot from you. May we all therefore endeavor to work in synergy for the betterment of our communities, country and the world. Rwanda being a service and knowledge-based economy, you are expected to take centerstage role in its journey



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of transformation. Be creative. Be innovative and in your respective areas of specializations. Provide solutions to the existing problems.

As you leave AUCA, may the Lord grant you the courage of the strong, the endurance of a long-distance runner, the hope of the young, wisdom of the aged and the faith that is unshrinking. May you be the head, not the tail; firsts note the last; above not and not beneath.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. As I conclude, let me once again thank the Adventist University of Central Africa leadership, faculty and staff for their dedication and service, and the Adventist Church in Rwanda for its contributions to the national development in the education and health sectors.

The Ministry of Education assures you of its continued support in enabling you to achieve your goals, and pledges to continue to partner with you to produce the quality of workforce needed for the progress and development of our nation.

The expectation of the Government of Rwanda is that you shall continue to promote excellence in education with the aim of solving the pressing problems of society, reducing poverty, while also promoting dignity and self-reliance.

God bless the Adventist University of Central Africa.
God bless Rwanda ■



Graduation Speech by the Guest Speaker, Dr Zeno Charles-Marcel, GC's Associate Director/Health Ministry

*Honorable Minister of Education and other government officials that are present.
Esteemed Chancellor, Board Chairman, Vice Chancellor of AUCA.
Distinguished members of the Presidium and in the audience.
Most faithful parents, sponsors, supporters, loved ones of the graduates.
Illustrious and learned faculty and staff.
Celebrated graduates in all programs.*

It is my great honor to congratulate you today on this solemn and propitious occasion. You have already received and will receive more, many more congratulations and commendations. You will receive lots of advice today.

I do not presume to be sagely. I only have 8 words that I wish that you will remember and take to heart. And I would like you to cooperate with me in repeating these 8 words: 'To whom much is given, much is required'.

I want to add my observation to that, that you, graduates, from all I can see and all that I know, you have been given much.

We are all proud of your accomplishments today. Your professors, your teachers, your pastors, your mentors, your advisors, your counselors, the administrators. Yes, the entire community is proud. Even these dignitaries and authorities that are here as witnesses to your graduation today are proud and can vouch for you today. [▶▶ page 23](#)

««page 22 That is why you'll be receiving the academic accolades with your masks and your marks of distinction. And in the presence of your relatives and colleagues and loved ones, you are shining brightly today. Congratulations.

I can only imagine how you have prepared for this. I can assume that you have bathed and powdered and perfumed yourselves for today. You look smart in your crisp academic robes and your regalia. You are on top today without question. But I would like to challenge you with another question.

What about tomorrow and the tomorrow's that follow if God spares your life?

We all here, as witnesses, are proud of your accomplishments today. But will all these witnesses still be proud of you tomorrow? Will your teachers and mentors still celebrate you as an example? Will your relatives, friends and colleagues, will your boss and your coworkers still be able to vouch for you?

To whom much is given, much is required. Will you really go where you're needed? Will you say I will go? Will you joyfully answer God's call on your life? Will you honor your parents? Will you honor your church? Will you honor your country? Will you be faithful to your spouse? Will you be honest with your employer? And will you be honest with your clients?

Will you be loyal to your creator who gives you the power to create wealth? Remember, to whom much is given, much is required.



*To whom much is given,
much is required.*

As you separate from your classmates and this university family, will you still remain knitted together in love? Will you forget that you have been truly educated to serve God and serve the world?

Will you be true to what you find on the initial pages of this little book: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men and women, who will not be bought or sold, who in their innermost souls are honest men and women who do not fear to call sin by its right name. Men whose conscience is true to duty as the needle is to the pole. Men and women who will stand for the right though



The greatest want of the world is the want of men and women, who will not be bought or sold, who in their innermost souls are honest men and women who do not fear to call sin by its right name. Men whose conscience is true to duty as the needle is to the pole. Men and women who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

the heavens fall". I pray you will because you have received much, and to whom much is given, much is required.

Will you be? a patient parent and spouse? Will you be a pillar of your community? Will you be a kind leader or a boss? Will you be a good employer or employee? Will you be faithful to the little things that so easily creep in and tarnish our lives and our reputations?

Will you be gentle even with those who irritate you and those who criticize you? Will you serve with dignity? With joy and yes, even with love? Will you be an agent of peace and an ambassador of Shalom? I pray that you will. Because to whom much is given, much is required.

With all of the resources available to you today, with the great potential that enshrouds you today, with all the promise that you hold today, especially for those who sacrificed and who have made it possible for you to be here today, will you not add to all that you have received wisdom?

All my young colleagues, graduates of AUCA. You have been given much very, very much. Your personal sacrifice I cannot even begin to estimate as great as it may be, however it is only part of the sacrifices that continue to be made on your behalf in Earth and in heaven. God has emptied heaven for you as he has for me, and he has for all who are in the hearing of my voice. »»»page 24



Even so, I want you all to know that AUCA is a university which stands for much more than academic excellence. You see, as graduates of AUCA, you are also part of God's plan for growth, healing and redemption in this world.

«page 23 He has given us. He has given you great and precious promises so that through them you and we all may become partakers of the divine nature.

We must escape the corruption that is in this world caused by evil desires, and yes, those desires come in like sheep. So soft. So gentle. Creeping compromise. But you, you will stand for the right, right? Though the heavens fall!

Yes, some of those desires might be just to get more than we deserve. Those desires might be for ease and the easy way. Those desires might be to receive more than to give. Those desires may be for supremacy and for lordship rather than humility. Those desires might be for wealth rather than to have a generous spirit. Those desires might be to lead before you have learned to be a follower. To get rather than to share, and to reap without having to sow. So because of these, desist unwholesome desires

I would like to suggest what the Bible suggests to you, what God himself. Has said that you should make every effort to be faithful to God and generous with your fellow men; and you add to your faith an ample portion of moral excellence.

And you supplement this moral excellence with a deep, kind disposition towards your fellow men. A love for God and all of his requirements as recipients of his grace. That you will know him, whom to know is eternal life, and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

To this knowledge, add self-control which only comes as a gift of the Holy Spirit. And to all this, have patient endurance, and godliness that is, God likeness.

Place yourselves under the abiding influence of the Holy Spirit and get wisdom. The wisdom that can only come from God which he promises to give freely to those who ask.

Then, brotherly kindness and affection for all of the human family will actually be yours without regard to gender, and ethnicity and tribal language and creed and even political persuasion.

I implore you today to learn to memorize as you have John 3:16; 1 John 3:16. For this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for you and for me. This sounds very much like John 3:16, but the verse doesn't stop there. It goes on to say and so you therefore ought to lay down your lives for the brethren.

Learn this. Memorize it. Yes, God gave. Praise God for his mercy and for his grace. And yes, you have received. You have received much. You have received very much. You have received so very much that at the end of it all, Jesus wants to be proud of you today, tomorrow and every day.

He wants to be able to vouch for you as he did for job and for Daniel and was proud of Caleb and Joshua and John the Baptist.

He requires. We require. Your church requires. Your community requires. Your country requires. The world requires much of you, because to whom much is given much is required. And my friends, you have received much. May God bless you ■



From the heart of our graduates



My time at AUCA is a lifetime blessing. Not only the university has equipped me with knowledge and skills required on the labor market, but also AUCA has instilled in me a Christ like character, sights now set on eternity. That blend surely gives me a competitive edge.

**IRADUKUNDA JOHN KERRY ,
RWANDAN AND MARKETING
GRADUATE**



My best experience of AUCA is the quality of education and the support from wonderful and experienced teachers

**KAUSAR FATEMA
INDIAN AND SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING GRADUATE**



AUCA equipped me with skills, coupled with a good and deep understanding of the nursing profession. The support from staff and lecturers was amazing

**NUKWIRI AMANDINE
RWANDAN AND NURSING
GRADUATE**



Speech by AUCA Vice Chancellor and President, Prof Kelvin Onongha

Distinguished guests of honor, representatives of the government of Rwanda at various levels, my lords temporal and spiritual, esteemed ladies and gentlemen. It is with great honor and pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 27th graduation ceremony at the Adventist University of Central Africa (AUCA). By the way, this happens to be our second graduation ceremony for the year. The first was in March, celebrating the graduands of the 2019/2020 class.

This second graduation in the same year is a special ceremony in certain regards for not only is it one of the first times ever that we shall have two ceremonies in a year, but it is also the first face to face graduation ceremony we shall be conducting since

the epoch-making era of the COVID-19 pandemic. We all know that the world has not been the same again since then.

As we cautiously emerge into what is hoped to be the post-pandemic period we join with the graduands, their parents, sponsors, guardians, and the entire university community, which has worked so hard to get you thus far, to celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of our great God.

Graduations are significant because they are coming of age rituals. They mark the fulfilment of academic journeys which commenced years previously, and celebrate the attainment of statuses qualifying the participants for higher levels of service and leadership. Consequently, we celebrate

with you, and send you forth with hope and expectation into a world radically transformed by the pandemic, to be solution givers and change agents.

We send you forth into a world sorely in need of values, principles, morals, and character. We are confident that these qualities which have been inculcated in you through the course of your studies at AUCA, which I refer to as the AUCA advantage, shall set you apart and provide for you a niche in society for you to excel. May you therefore shine like lights in a world growing increasingly darker by the day.

In this twenty-first century world of work, where soft skills are emerging as even more critical than core skills, we send you forth doubly **»» page 27**



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««page 26 skilled in order to make a difference where you serve. To serve not just the worthy organizations that shall employ you, but your nations diligently and in the process represent your Creator God faithfully. We felicitate with you and congratulate you all for the milestone attained and pray that your achievements shall launch you on a quest to excel as lifelong learners in your respective domains of endeavor. I am confident that the seed the Lord has planted in you, combined with the dedicated labor of AUCA faculty and staff during the course of your studies here shall set you on a trajectory to great heights and lofty aspirations, just like other AUCA alumni who preceded you.

Indeed, the administration, faculty and staff of this great institution and myself look forward to hearing in the

years to come of the pinnacles the Lord shall take you and the summits His divine power shall place you.

We send you forth with blessings, that the land your feet shall tread upon shall spring forth with blessings unto you. That the heavens above shall rain upon you with favor. That the grace of the Lord shall direct your paths and the face of the Lord shall continually shine upon you. May the angels of the Lord protect you that you may fulfil your divinely appointed destinies in life. May you never let go of the One who I hope you have come to discover to be your Source, Strength, Center and All.

Welcome everyone. Congratulations, graduating class of 2021 and all the supporters! God bless us all ■





Speech by AUCA Council Chairman, Pastor Dr Byilingiro Hesron

Invitees, Guests, Parents, Graduates. On this beautiful occasion marking the 27th graduation of the Adventist University of Central Africa, we wish I could hear a symphony in shouting from every corner of this place.

This is a day of joy. A day of happiness. For our graduates, this is not like any other day before. Again and again, this is not a usual day. We pray that heaven deploy the whole angels to come and celebrate with us.

Had it not been the ever presence and providence from above, we would have perished all along this tiring journey! Praise to the Most High for this great and historic achievement. Everyone has played their major role for the success in this ceremony. Dear graduates, you made it!

We also salute the efforts made by lecturers, faculty staff. Thank you for your work well done.

To the administrators of this university we do appreciate your day and night endeavors. More to this, allow me to recognize a full support of the

Government of Rwanda through her attached institutions, the High Education Council among others.

To the high organization of our church, we seem to be speechless for your lengthy support. Further, thank you to the parents, sponsors for your contribution.

Honourable Minister, Distinguished guests, Dear graduates,

This day is like the day of giving birth for mothers. You remember the speech of the President of the division when we were on the other side, what he said. I will continue to say that this day is like the day of harvest for a farmer. This day is like the day of Oscar's prize for a contestant. This day is like the soldiers' conquest and the winning of the battle.

Now you are set to free. You have been declared debt free from bachelors and masters level of education. Nonetheless remember if you take the example of a woman giving birth, surely it is great relief. But more and more responsibility **»»» page 29**



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««page 28 comes in immediately after, namely breastfeeding, clothing, schooling and many more alike, so to sustain a secure and the balanced growth of your kid.

Today you are going to acquire a degree with a decisive success, but you still have more responsibility ahead of you to impress community communities, to impress the people you will be working with when you leave this place.

Remember, discipline is the key. Competitiveness is raging out there. Refresh your knowledge with the professional courses for any

best opportunity. My advice to you graduates, remember that with the God everything good is possible.

I will remind you again, honor your parents. Respect everybody. Recognize men and women who are placed in senior positions. Report on time when you are given a job. And the plan to further your studies, and always remain good ambassadors of this university.

Once again.
Congratulations over this beautiful graduation ceremony. Thank you, May God bless you ■


Congratulations!



The Adventist University wishes to congratulate Pastor Marcel Ndolimana upon his appointment as the Executive Secretary of the North West Rwanda Field of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Rwanda. Prior to this call, Pastor Marcel had been serving as the as university chaplain, AUCA church pastor and assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Theolog.



The Adventist University wishes to congratulate Pastor Leonidas Rutaganzwa upon appointment as university chaplain and AUCA church pastor. Pastor Leonidas is also serving as assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Theology.



Partnerships and Stakeholders Engagement get into high gear

In a bid to fulfill its broader mandate as an institution of higher learning, the leadership of the Adventist University of Central Africa is embarking on broadening horizons: a new chapter to engage diverse stakeholders.

A series of engagement meetings with private sector actors, government and diplomatic entities have been held, as the university eyes enhanced and sustainable relations with all potential partners. Story presented in pictorials in next pages.

(Picture: HE Ambassador of the Republic of Israel explores the view of the university upon his visit to AUCA Masoro main campus in February 2022).



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OCTOBER 2021. In line with AUCA Strategic Plan 2021-2030, specially in its Academic Pillar on Industry Linkage; and in a bid to enhance and forge new partnerships with industries, AUCA leadership held consultative meetings with banks' Executives in Kigali.

TOP PHOTO. *Left to Right: Dr Niyonzima Theogene and Prof Kelvin Onongha, respectively DVC Academic and Vice Chancellor of AUCA; Alice Kilonzo-Zulu, ECOBANK Rwanda Managing Director and Ecobank Team.*

BOTTOM RIGHT. *Mr George Odhiambo KCB Rwanda Managing Director and Prof Kelvin Onongha, AUCA Vice Chancellor.*

BOTTOM LEFT. *Mr Mr. Faustin Rukundo Byishimo Access Bank Rwanda Managing Director and Prof Kelvin Onongha, AUCA Vice Chancellor during a virtual meeting.*





03 NOVEMBER 2021. *The Ministry of Youth and Culture held a public lecture with AUCA students on the role of rwandan culture, values and history as enablers of the development. The minister has urged AUCA youth on patriotism, unity and hardwork.*

TOP PHOTO: *At the sidelines of the public lecture, Hon Minister of Youth and Culture, Rosemary Mbabazi, discusses youth empowerment with AUCA leadership.*



PHOTO: Honorable Alice Kayitesi, the Governor of the Governor of the Southern Province of the Republic of Rwanda (left) who is also AUCA alumni, and Prof Kelvin Onongha, Vice Chancellor of the Adventistist University of Central Africa (Right) pose for a photo at the occasion of the courtesy call by AUCA Vice Chancellor to the Governor.

The two parties agreed on starting joint initiatives aimed at exploring avenues of collaboration as far as community service and community development are concerned. The 06 December 2021 visit, subscribes to the university's resolve to cement customer and stakeholders relations with partners in all their diversity.



DECEMBER 2021. AUCA Vice Chancellor receives in his office Dr. Nelson Mbarushimana, the Executive Director of Rwanda Education Board. Left to Right: Prof Kelvin Onongha, AUCA Vice Chancellor, Assoc Prof Cyeze Emmanuel, Director of Quality Assurance at AUCA and Dr Nelson Mbarushimana REB's Executive Director.

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PHOTO: HE Ron Adam, Ambassador of Israel to Rwanda, has visits the Adventist University of Central Africa on 03 February 2022 (Gishushu campus) and on 23 March 2022 (Masoro campus). explore avenues of cooperation mainly in capacity building, innovation, technology and cyber security.



PHOTO: AUCA and Startups250 have, on 10 February 2022, inked partnership to support AUCA students and fresh graduates in developing innovative #ICT solutions leading to sustainable ICT businesses.



PHOTO: *Prof Kelvin Onongha, @AUCA_Rwanda V/Chancellor, has today makes a courtesy call on HE Anfré Antoine, Ambassador of #France in #Rwanda. They discussed partnership prospects in specific programmes of #AUCA in the future. 16 February 2022*

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11 DECEMBER 2021.
AUCA International students hold a cultural weekend. It was a special weekend as international students dressed in cultural attire as per each country's tradition.



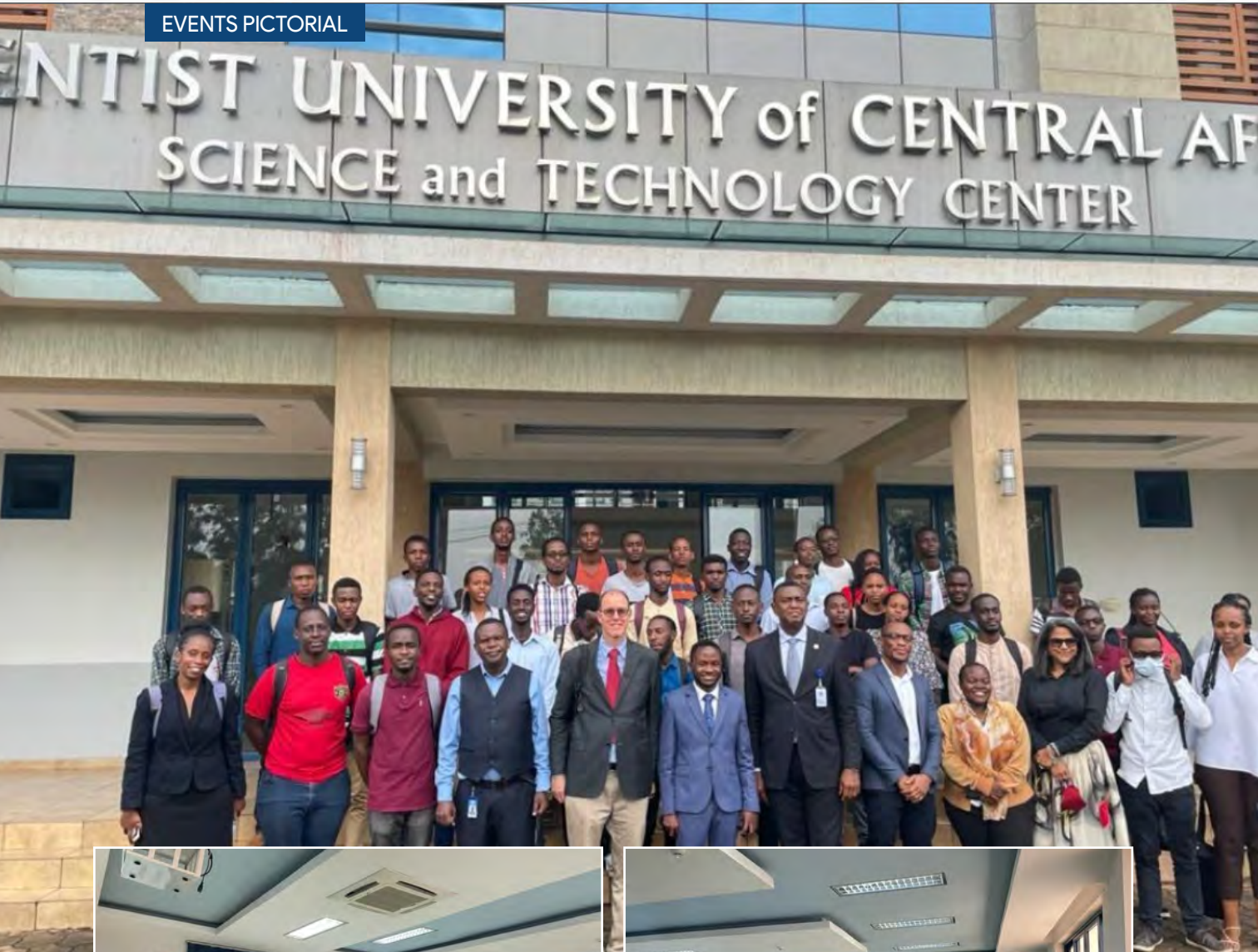
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Nursing students and masters students (Photo on the right) held on 11 November 2021 their Pinning Ceremony and Hooding Ceremony respectively, prior to their academic graduation.



11 February 2022: Staff of the Adventist University of Central Africa pose for a group photo as they conclude the week of prayer meant for the university staff. The week of prayer was another good opportunity to cement the relationship with God, both at individual and corporate dimensions, and reinvigorate personal commitment to the noble mission of AUCA as summarised into the motto "Education for Eternity".



Under the auspices of the University leadership, AUCA IT students start the Innovation Club. Launched on 16 March 2022, the club is expected to nurture students' skills & talents, as the university seeks to invest big in grooming students into seasoned IT developers & entrepreneurs for the job market. Also participating to the launc ceremony is the team from Carnegie Melon University Africa, led by Prof Tim Brown, Director of Academics.



4 Intakes in a year

- September Intake
- January Intake
- March Intake
- June Intake (Summer)



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