



## NEWSLETTER 006

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022

SPECIAL 28TH GRADUATION

# Go ye serve...

Graduates urged to serve with  
deligence, impact communities.



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Nursing students initiated to their profession



New AUCASA Committee swor-in.

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**PHOTO - SPREAD:**  
*The mace and flags are carried  
in a graduation procession  
on 11 December 2022. Flags  
of different nationalities  
are displayed, each flag  
representing graduating  
international students of its  
respective country..*



More diverse, simply unique.



PHOTO: The best performing students in Software Engineering and Accounting awarded by Bank of Kigali.



PHOTO: AUCA Council Chairman and Delegate of the University Chancellor, Dr. Byilingiro Hesron, addresses the graduates on 11 December 2022.

# Graduates urged to serve with diligence

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The Adventist University of Central Africa has held its 28th Graduation Ceremony into which 621 students were conferred academic degrees on 11 December 2022, at Masoro main campus.

The 621 students that have been awarded degrees come from the departments/

Majors of Nursing, Finance, Accounting, Management, Theology, Marketing, Software Engineering, Networks and Communication Systems, Information Management, History and Geography, English Language and Literature, and Educational Psychology

Outstanding performers were awarded enticing prizes

which include laptops and professional internships and cash by different partner institutions: Bank of Kigali, Urwego Bank, Goshen Finance, Rwanda Social Security Board, Orion Systems Ltd and AUCA alumni Executive Committee.

Speaking to graduates, the Vice Chancellor of the Adventist University of [page 10](#)



We are sending you out there with 21st-century soft skills and abilities to excel in the global market and make a difference in the world.

« page 9 Central Africa, Prof Kelvin Onongha, has urged them to serve unselfishly and impact communities.

“This ceremony is a symbol that you’ve been qualified to serve, you have the status not only to serve but serve with diligence. So, act as the main community contributors and hold high all you’ve learnt here, – said Prof Onongha.

He added that “AUCA is sending students out there with 21st-century soft skills and abilities to excel in the global market and make a difference in the world”, and thus graduate have to “succeed without excuses.”

The Vice Chancellor also stated that the university was designed to attract students from the region, and is projected to shine more, as it is embedded in the university’s name and vision, the latter being ‘to become an international center of academic learning with global impact’.

AUCA now has students from 25 countries across Africa and Asia, and staff from 9 nationalities from Africa, Asia,



**PHOTO:** Deborah Kemuna, the 28th Graduation’s overall best performer get congratulated by Dr Gideon Mitekaro, ECD Executive Secretary, who represented the university Chancellor.

South and North Americas. This makes it more than 30 nationalities for students and staff on its 3 campuses: Masoro, Gishushu and Ngoma Nursing campus. Among the graduates today were international students from 7 nationalities.

Marvella Kameca, graduating with a Bachelor of Science’s degree in Networking and Communication Systems, and one of the best performers awarded, said that the quality of education is very commendable, adding that she felt assured of making it to the job market. She added that the

university has prepared and equipped graduates with all that they need to thrive and make a difference in the world.

Deborah Kemuna, the overall best performer of AUCA’s 28th Graduation, graduating with a Bachelor of Science’s degree in Nursing, revealed that the conducive academic environment contributed to her success. She emphasized that “The quality is good, the system is tough, ... schedules, deadlines to meet, pass mark to achieve, but in the of the end the day it works out in the best for us, because once we go out there, » page 11

« page 10 we find that we are overqualified and confident enough that we are able to take on whatever challenges brought to us”.

**THE AUCA ADVANTAGE**

Speaking to graduates today, Prof Onongha reminded graduates that in many ways AUCA has prepared them to be able to go into this dark and uncertain future and to shine. He emphasized that for this to happen, graduates will need commitment to the values, virtues, principles, and discipline which AUCA has sought to instill in them.

He went on that committing to AUCA values, virtues, morals, and principles enable students to excel in all their endeavours, and that it’s what constitutes “the AUCA Advantage”.

Being the first private university in Rwanda since 1984, AUCA is praised for its track record in quality education, and for producing



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competent graduates on the job market. It has for decades maintained its sterling reputation as a university of which graduates excel both academically, professionally, and spiritually.

AUCA has recently added Project Management to its the MBA programmes and introduced, in October 2022, the much sought-after Master of Science in Big Data Analytics. The university also reveals that the MBA in taxation, economics and procurement are in the pipeline.

AUCA also runs a state-of-the-art medical school, the Adventist School of Medicine of East-Central Africa (ASOME),

located at Masoro campus. ASOME trains mission oriented and best doctors for the country and the region, as embedded in its motto “Heal - Teach – Preach”.

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

The accreditation exercise is conducted every four years to evaluate compliance with the standards of quality education.

The colourful ceremony was attended by different dignitaries from the government, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, academicians, students and parents ■

**PHOTO:** Best performers from the Faculty of IT (Kameca Marvella) and from the Faculty of Business (Batunzi Claver) have been awarded by the Bank of Kigali.



## 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 28th Graduation Ceremony.

**A**s you go forth into the world filled with darkness, broken and in need of light, I charge you, class of 2022, to shine like stars in the dark world. I charge you to serve as compassionate leaders in a broken world. I charge you to showcase the values, the principles, the morals learnt from AUCA to societies that are deprived of these. I charge you to stand for the right and for causes that will impact upon your world for the better. I charge you to be the channels of God's light, conduits of his love, agents of his grace.

*I charge you to never forget the values, the mission, the vision of AUCA. I charge you to hold high the torch for God to serve, to excel, to produce, to create, to contribute. May the Lord so help you to do. ■*

**PHOTO:**  
AUCA Vice Chancellor,  
Prof Kelvin Onongha,  
delivers a President's  
charge to graduates  
on 11 December 2023.

# Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony:

## Graduands get initiated to their nursing profession

**P**inning ceremony is characteristic for the nursing students upon completion of their academic training who are ready to enter the nursing profession.

The ceremony is held to honor nursing graduands in order to initiate them into a career awaiting them: a career where they are expected to be selfless for the good of others.

On 08 December 2022, AUCA's School of Nursing held one for its students who have completed all the requirements of the bachelor's programme, ready to be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Present to the event were also Dr Fesaha Tsegaye, ECD Director of Health Ministry;

and Dr Andrew Mutero, ECD Director of Education.

Speaking to nursing graduands, Dr Fesaha urged the latter to remain committed to their noble calling of caring for lives.

"Nurses have a unique point of view and understanding of how precious life is. This point of view is a gift. Always remember that you are making a difference every day in someone's life..." he emphasized.

The pinning event was officiated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics, Dr. Niyonzima Theogene ■

## Candle lighting: Behind the symbolism

**T**oday, the candle lighting ceremony symbolizes the nursing students' acceptance of the challenges pertaining to the nursing profession; and is symbolic of the lamp that Florence Nightingale famously carried during her night rounds in the military hospital wards. That practice has earned her the title of "The Lady of the Lamp".

It was at the time when Britain entered an alliance against Russia during Crimean war in 1854, and Nightingale was appointed to lead a contingent of 38 volunteer nurses to a military hospital in Scutari, in modern-day Turkey. Records have it that she tirelessly committed herself to the care of wounded soldiers, with additional creative measure to alleviate perilous health conditions.

Following her compassion, dedication and commitment to health services, caring for people's lives, Florence Naghtingale is known today as the mother of modern nursing sciences ■





*"... Nursing profession is unique in a way that you will be applying your skills with all your physical, mental and spiritual faculties. With the values you acquired here, we are sure you will not disappoint AUCA..."*

**Dr. Niyonzima Theogene**  
AUCA DVC Academic.



# THE NURSING PLEDGE

It is a widespread customary practice that nursing students do a nursing pledge, in what is known as “Pinning Ceremony”, prior to the graduation exercise.

*I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF, before God and in the presence of this assembly to practice faithfully my profession of nursing.*

*I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.*

*I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to me by keeping in practice of my calling.*

*I will serve as a loyal member of the health care team and will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, families, and community.*

*I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and to take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.*

*I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.*

*I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill, wherever they may be and wherever they are in need.*

*I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humanity.*

**SO HELP ME GOD.**





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Nursing graduands pose for a group photo with their lecturers and University leaders during the Pinning Ceremony held on 08 December 2022.





**08 DECEMBER 2022.** A day well spent: University leaders cut a cake as Nursing graduands Class of 2022 spice their event with sweet memories.



**PHOTO.**  
Master's gardauands get adorned with red and yellow hoods by their lecturers during the hooding ceremony held on 08 December 2022.



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**PHOTO:** AUCA Lecturers pose for a group photo with a some of the masters graduands during the Hooding Ceremony held on 08 December 2022.





THAT MOMENT WHEN PARENTS FEEL THEIR EFFORTS REWARDED

During the Thanksgiving Ceremony, part of the graduation events at AUCA, students recognize parents, sponsors, custodians, teachers and friends who have impacted and have been instrumental into their education journey.



NOT MISSING AN ACTION.

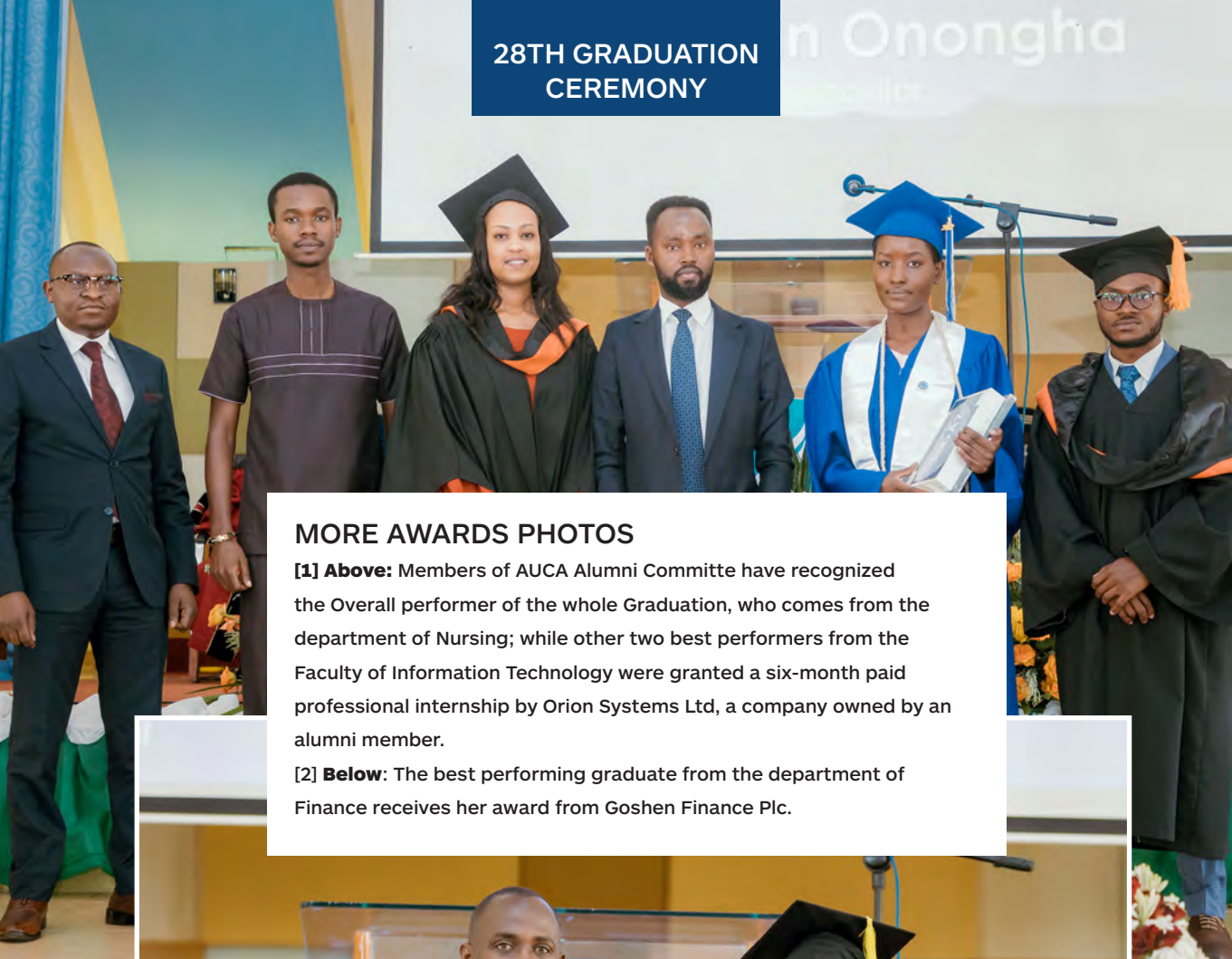
Parents capture and enjoy every moment of the graduation as they take pictures of their children being called for recognition.



## AUCA leadership pose for a group photo during AUCA 28th Graduation Ceremony

(R - L): Prof. Kelvin Onongha, AUCA Vice Chancellor; Dr. Fesaha Tsegaye, Director of Adventist Health Ministry at the East-Central Africa Division of the SDA Church - ECD; Yohannes Olana, ECD Associate Treasurer; Dr. Andrew Mutero, ECD Director of Education, Elder Jerome Habimana, ECD Treasurer; Dr. Gideon Mitekaro, ECD Executive Secretary; Dr. Byilingiro Hesron, President of Rwanda Union Mission of the SDA Church and Dr. Niyonzima Theogene, AUCA Deputy Vice Chancellor.





**MORE AWARDS PHOTOS**  
[1] Above: Members of AUCA Alumni Committee have recognized the Overall performer of the whole Graduation, who comes from the department of Nursing; while other two best performers from the Faculty of Information Technology were granted a six-month paid professional internship by Orion Systems Ltd, a company owned by an alumni member.  
[2] Below: The best performing graduate from the department of Finance receives her award from Goshen Finance Plc.



*"... Go apply moral values, academic knowledge and skills to the community. In doing so, heaven, government and family will be happy with you and proud of you..."*

**Pastor Byilingiro Hesron**  
Chairman of AUCA Council and President of Rwanda Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



## AUCASA: Newly elected Guild Council leaders sworn in

**02 November 2022.** The Adventist University of Central Africa's Students Association (AUCASA) new committee is sworn in for 2022/2023 tenure. Details in the table below.

#	FULL NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	COUNTRY
1	MUTONIWASE Kevine	Guild President	Marketing	Rwanda
2	KAYITARE Jean Berchmans	Vice Guild President at AUCA Masoro Campus	Accounting	Rwanda
3	NSHUTI Manzi Micheline	Vice Guild President at AUCA Gishushu Campus	Networks and Communication Systems	Rwanda
4	NSABIMANA Joseph	Vice Guild President at AUCA Ngoma Nursing Campus	Nursing	Rwanda
5	HAKIZIMANA Abel Martin	Minister of Finance	Theology	Rwanda
6	IMANIZABAYO Julienne	Minister of Gender and Protocol	Accounting	Rwanda
7	NDOUKOILEM Merveille	Minister of Social Affairs and Clubs	Management	Chad
8	SUGIRA Patriote	Minister of Sports, Plan and Production	Accounting	Rwanda
9	JASTO Jordan Julius	Representative Of International Students	Marketing	Tanzania
10	NTAWUYIRUSHINTEGE Jeremie	Minister of Evangelism for National Students	Theology	Rwanda
11	MAWIRA George Oswald	Minister of Evangelism for International Students	Theology	Kenya
12	BARI Ismael	Minister of Information and Security	Networks and Communication Systems	Uganda



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**GROUP PHOTOS:**

[1] Above and Spread: The sworn in committee, AUCA staff and members of former AUCASA committee, together with representatives of other universities students' associations in Kigali and upcountry.

[2] Below next page: The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic of the Adventist University of Central Africa, Dr. NIYONZIMA Theogene (center) and the newly elected AUCASA committee on 02 November 2023.





# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



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1	Dully filled in Application Form (downloadable from <a href="http://www.auca.ac.rw">www.auca.ac.rw</a> );
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 30,000 Frw for Rwandan applicants and 50 USD Frws for international applicants as application fee (Non-refundable)

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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)

**NOTE:** Applicants with foreign academics qualifications shall obtain an equivalence of their certificates from the Rwanda Education Board (REB).

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BA in Geography and History

● Faculty of Theology  
Bachelor of Theology

● Faculty of Health Sciences  
BSc in Nursing  
BSc in Midwifery

### GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

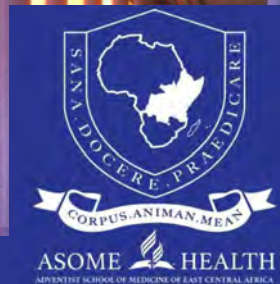
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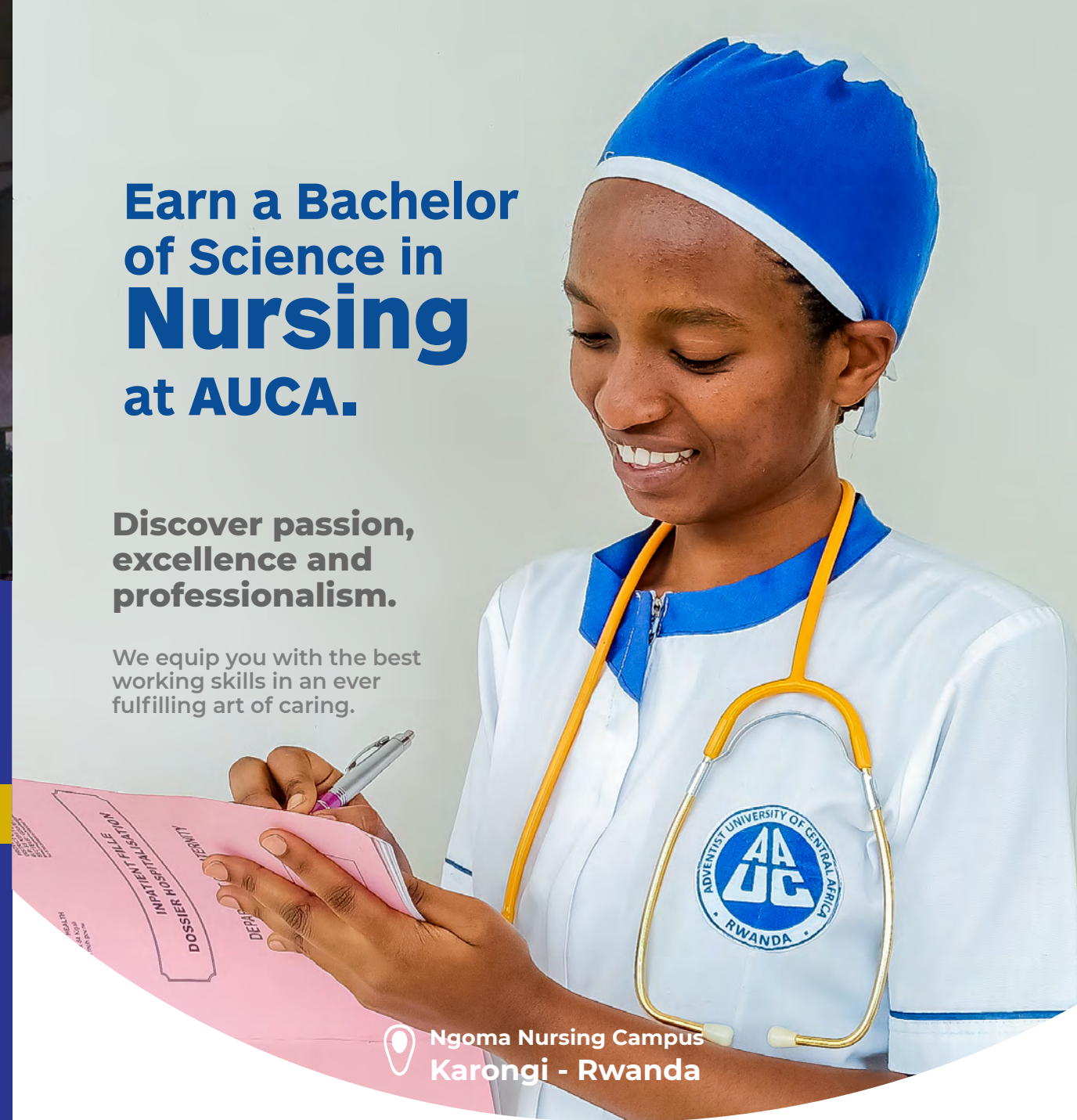
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- 1 2 (two) Certified photocopies of the secondary school certificate/diploma;
- 2 Equivalent secondary education certificate from the National Examination and School Inspection Authority (NESA) in Biology-Chemistry-Mathematics or Biology-Chemistry-Physics 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, IELTS, PTE, DUOLINGO
  - IELTS minimum score of 6,
  - TOEFL iBT minimum score of 75,
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  - DUOLINGO minimum score of 100.
- 11 Official receipt of application fee payment (\$100.00).
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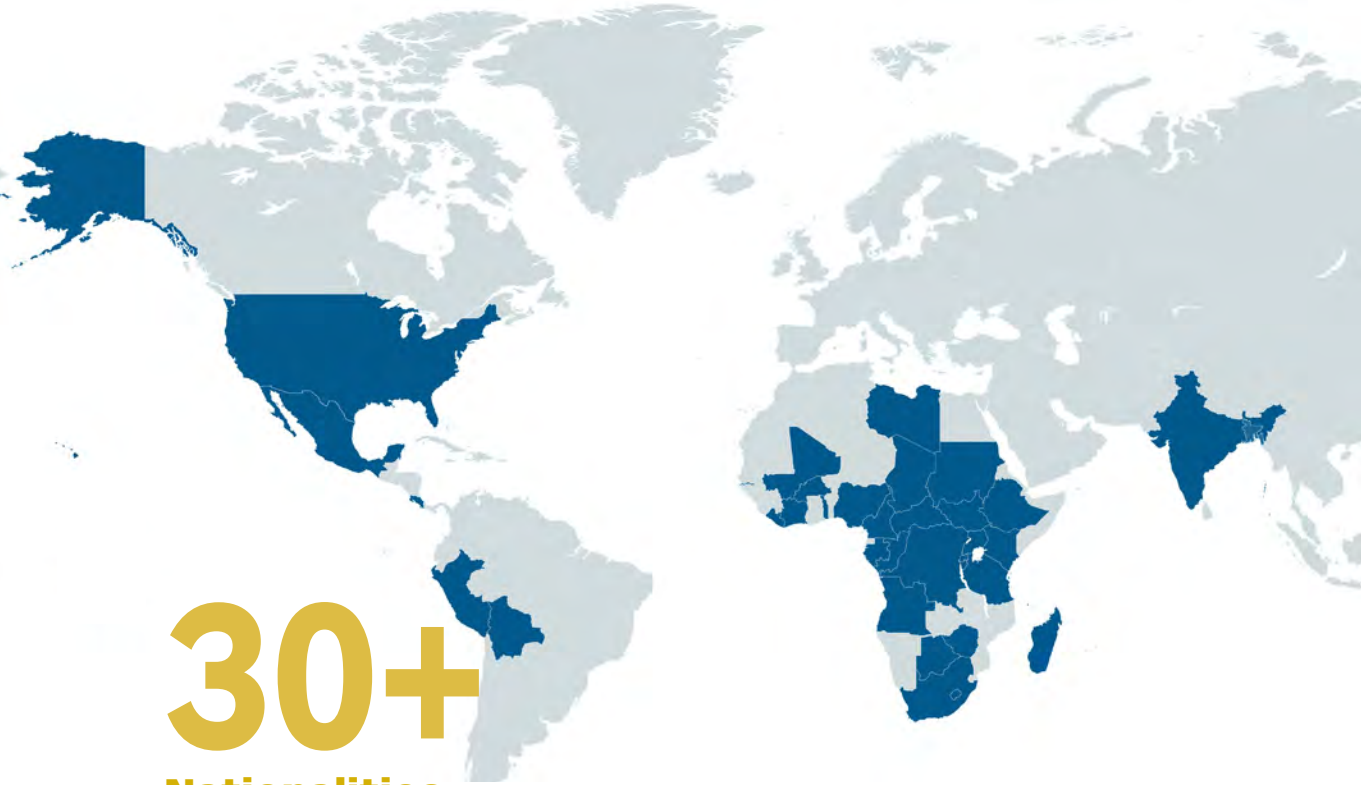
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**Dr Fesaha Tsegaye**  
Director, Adventist Health Ministries  
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