

The Catholic University Of Zimbabwe

2025 First Quarter Newsletter



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Programs in Social Work

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Launch

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NorQuest Students Thrive in
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Catholic University



Orientation day 2025

We had a successful orientation day on February 14, 2025, welcoming new students to our vibrant community. The event was filled with energy and excitement as participants engaged in various activities designed to introduce them to campus life. From informative sessions about academic resources to interactive workshops that fostered connections among peers, students were able to gain valuable insights into their upcoming journey. The enthusiasm was palpable, and we are thrilled to support these new learners as they embark on their educational paths.



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Mbuya Esirida Mhonda SCHOLARSHIP

"Are you a final year female student with entrepreneurial capabilities and the drive to make a difference?"



Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- This bursary is for female students only.
- Students must be registered into the final year of their degree program
- Must agree to provide a testimonial and picture of themselves for bursary promotional purposes if awarded the bursary.

The student must be enrolled to study any of the following undergraduate business management degree programs:

- Business management and IT ✓
- Business management in Marketing ✓
- Business Management and Finance ✓
- Accounting ✓

Application process:

- Students must send their applications to: scholarships@cu.ac.zw.
- Complete the application form following The Catholic University of Zimbabwe guidelines.
- Please submit a letter explaining why you deserve the bursary, how it will help you, and how you plan to finance your education.
- Include details of your work experience (formal or informal) and your career goals.

Scholarship benefits

- Full Tuition Fees ✓
- \$700

APPLY NOW!

Deadline: 21 February 2025

Thank you to the Zinyemba children for honoring your grandmother Mbuya Esirida Mhonda by establishing this scholarship.



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Dr. Chris and Olpha Mbanga Bursary



Eligibility

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be registered in the final year of their degree program.
- Be enrolled in a Development Studies degree program at the Catholic University of Zimbabwe
- Only receive the bursary once
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Participate in a community service project organized by the Faculty of Humanities.
- To provide a testimonial and picture for promotional purposes.

Application process

1. Complete the application form according to Catholic University of Zimbabwe guidelines.
2. Submit applications at scholarships@cu.ac.zw.
3. Include a recent academic transcript.
4. Write a letter detailing:
 - Why you merit the bursary.
 - How it will benefit you.
 - Your plans for financing your education.
 - A description of your work experience and career goals.

Field of study

- ✓ Bachelor of Social Science in Development Studies (Honours)

Scholarship Benefits

- ✓ Tuition Fees \$500

Deadline: 17 February 2025

APPLY NOW!

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Mbuya Esirida Mhonda

&

Dr Chris and Olpha Mbanga Bursary

A Special Thanks to Mbuya Esiridah Mhonda

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mbuya Esiridah Mhonda for her enduring legacy and the impact she has had on the CUZ community. Her values and commitment to education continue to inspire us all.

Thank you, Mbuya Esiridah, for your wisdom and guidance, which live on through the opportunities provided by this scholarship.

A Proud Moment: Mbuya Esiridah Mhonda's Grandchildren with the Scholarship Recipient and Staff.



Exciting Announcement from the Catholic University of Zimbabwe

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NEW!



Degree in Social Work

Requirements

5 O'level passes including English Language and Mathematics, plus at Least 2 'A' level passes

APPLY TODAY!

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- ✓ Approved by Council of Social Workers on 13 February 2025
- ✓ Approved by Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education on 27 February 2025

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Enrollment In Progress

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**Enrolling
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Diploma in Social Work

**Enrollment
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Requirements

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KATHO Exchange program



Off to new horizons! Students from the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences and Humanities (FESSH) are headed to Germany for an enriching exchange program at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine-Westphalia (Katho) in Germany, ready to learn and grow! [#growwithcuz](#)



Climate Change conference

Climate Change Conference: February 11-12, 2025

We are excited to share that on February 11 and 12, we hosted a pivotal Climate Change Conference that brought together thought leaders, experts, and fellow educators to discuss urgent environmental issues.+

The conference featured a variety of engaging sessions, including keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops focused on innovative solutions to combat climate change. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from renowned speakers who shared their insights on topics such as sustainable practices, renewable energy, and community resilience.

Highlights of the event included:

- Keynote Address: A powerful speech by [Insert Speaker's Name], who emphasized the importance of collective action in addressing climate challenges.
- Panel Discussions: Experts from various fields engaged in thought-provoking discussions on the impact of climate change on our communities and ecosystems.
- Workshops: Interactive sessions that provided practical strategies for individuals and organizations to implement sustainable practices in their daily lives.

We are grateful to all participants for their contributions and enthusiasm. Together, we can make a significant impact in the fight against climate change.





Ash Wednesday



CUZ members of staff, after Ash Wednesday Mass Celebrations



Student's Representative Council Debate

The Student Representative Council (SRC) debate for the 2025 elections was a resounding success. It provided a vibrant platform for candidates to articulate their visions and policies, engage with fellow students, and address pressing issues within the university community. The event fostered healthy discourse, encouraging students to think critically about their choices and the future of their representation.

Attendance was high, demonstrating strong student interest in the electoral process. The debate format allowed for direct interaction, with audience questions enhancing the dialogue. Overall, the event not only informed students but also invigorated democratic participation, setting a positive tone for the upcoming elections.





More pictures from the SRC Candidates Public Engagement

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Students' Representative Council



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Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Students' Representative Council for 2025-2026



Gift Gonese
President



Tawana Matewe
Vice President



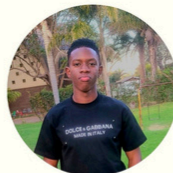
Adrian Kabade
Secretary General



Wisdom Matiza
Secretary for Finance



Blessing Gijima
Secretary of Sports
and Recreation



Mutsa Shungu
Secretary of
Information and
Publicity



Panashe Rangwani
Secretary for
Academic Affairs



Tinaye Munetsi
Secretary for Gender
and social welfare



Austin K Jamela
Secretary for Religion and
Culture



Tinashe Madora
Secretary for Disability
and Diversity



Tinotenda Choga
Learning Centre
Representative



Talent Mvere

Pictures of the newly Elected SRC with CUZ Members of Staff



NorQuest Students Thrive in Exchange Program at The Catholic University

We are thrilled to share the success of the NorQuest students during their recent exchange program at The Catholic University. This enriching experience included visits to local schools such as Danhiko and Tose Respite, where students engaged with the community and learned about the unique challenges and strengths of their peers. In addition, the group enjoyed a guided tour of our vibrant city, Harare, exploring its rich culture, history, and landmarks. This exchange program not only fostered academic growth but also built lasting friendships and cross-cultural understanding. We look forward to more collaborative opportunities in the future!



NorQuest students and Catholic students during cultural exchange



NorQuest students at Tose Respite Care Home



NorQuest students at the Catholic University presenting their learning experiences while they were in Zimbabwe.



Enumenical Christianity & Politics in Zimbabwe Book Launch

Event Recap: Successful Launch of Ecumenical Christianity & Politics in Zimbabwe

On 21 March 2025, we celebrated the successful launch of Ecumenical Christianity & Politics in Zimbabwe at The Catholic University Innovation Hub. The event drew a vibrant audience eager to engage with the themes presented in the book. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from esteemed authors and scholars who discussed the critical intersection of faith and politics in Zimbabwe. The insights shared during the event sparked meaningful conversations and reflections on the role of ecumenical movements in shaping our political landscape. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants for making this event a memorable one. Your enthusiasm and engagement contributed to a rich dialogue that will undoubtedly influence future discussions on these important topics.





Psycho Spritual Social Support Program

PSSSP Launches Nationwide Initiative

The PSSSP (Public Support for Mental Health Services Program) is excited to announce the launch of a nationwide initiative aimed at raising awareness and engaging communities across the country. This comprehensive campaign focuses on mental health and wellness, addressing the critical need for support and understanding in our communities.

Key Components of the Initiative

1. Educational Workshops:

- Hosting workshops to educate the public about mental health issues, coping strategies, and available resources.

2. Community Outreach:

- Engaging local organizations to foster a supportive environment for individuals struggling with mental health challenges.

3. Awareness Campaigns:

- Utilizing social media and traditional media to spread awareness and reduce stigma around mental health.

4. Support Networks:

- Establishing peer support groups and helplines to provide immediate assistance and a sense of community.

5. Partnerships:

- Collaborating with healthcare providers, schools, and community leaders to ensure a holistic approach to mental health care.

Goals of the Initiative

- Increase Awareness:** Make mental health topics more visible and part of everyday conversations.
- Reduce Stigma:** Challenge misconceptions and promote understanding of mental health issues.
- Enhance Access:** Connect individuals with necessary resources and support systems.
- Empower Communities:** Encourage community members to take part in mental health advocacy and support efforts.



Welcoming Back Our SRC President: Her Excellency Miss Wadzanai G. Nyakabau.

We are excited to welcome back our Student Representative Council President (SRC) Her Excellency Miss Wadzanai G Nyakabau from her transformative experience at the US. Madam President has been selected for the prestigious Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders on Civic Engagement. This remarkable opportunity, organized by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, highlights her exceptional leadership skills and dedication.

Wadzanai is one of only four student leaders chosen from numerous applications across all tertiary institutions in Zimbabwe, showcasing the significance of her achievement. The SUSI program aims to foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries, providing young leaders like her with invaluable exposure to U.S. culture and civic engagement. She represented our Country and University with pride, engaging deeply with fellow student leaders and U.S. Ambassadors.

Her time in the program was filled with invaluable learning opportunities, leadership development, and community service initiatives. Through her SUSI project, Youth Dreams-Zimbabwe, she aims to empower young people and inspire sustainable development in our communities.

Wadzanai's experience underscores the importance of civic engagement and collaboration among young leaders. She is eager to share the knowledge and skills she acquired, motivating others to seize similar opportunities.

Let's rally around Wadzanai as she embarks on this new chapter, applying her experiences to empower our youth and contribute to sustainable development in Zimbabwe. Together, we can shape a brighter future.





**Highlights of Wadzanayi's Experience
in the USA**



Empowering Future ICT Leaders

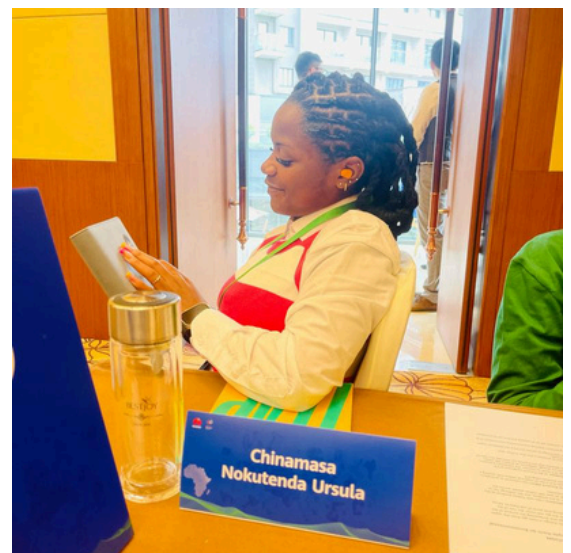
Huawei's "Seeds for the Future" Program: A Life-Changing Experience

Huawei's "Seeds for the Future" program is a global initiative that supports young talent in the ICT sector by offering university students technical training and international exposure. Established in 2008, it aims to cultivate ICT skills and prepare students for future challenges. Nokutenda Chinamasa, a student in Business Management and Information Technology, shares her transformative experience participating in the program in China. Over a week, she engaged in cultural activities, technical training, and competitions alongside peers from 26 countries. A highlight was visiting Huawei's headquarters, where they learned about the company's innovation efforts.

The program emphasized teamwork and adaptability, culminating in an awards ceremony where Nokutenda's team placed third. She expressed gratitude for the support from Zimbabwe's First Lady, Auxillia Mnangagwa, and highlighted the valuable skills and leadership certificate she gained. Overall, the experience profoundly impacted her personally and professionally, reinforcing her commitment to the ICT field.



Pictures showing Nokutenda's experience at Huawei



Huawei's "Seeds for the Future" Program: A Life-Changing Experience

Huawei's Seeds for the Future program is a global initiative aimed at nurturing young talent in the ICT sector. Established in 2008, the program provides university students worldwide with opportunities to enhance their technical skills and gain international exposure to the latest technologies. It aligns with Huawei's commitment to cultivating ICT talent and preparing students for the challenges of the future.

I am thrilled to share my extraordinary experience of being selected by Huawei to participate in the Seeds for the Future program in China. My name is Nokutenda Chinamasa, a Level 4.1 student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Information Technology. This opportunity was truly a dream come true.

Our team spent an incredible week in China, immersed in a comprehensive program that included cultural experiences, technical training, and competitions. The Seeds for the Future program brought together students from 26 countries, each represented by a team. The atmosphere was electric, with a shared passion for innovation and technology driving us all.

One of the highlights of our trip was visiting Huawei's headquarters, where we got an exclusive look at the company's cutting-edge research and development initiatives. We were inspired by Huawei's commitment to innovation and its dedication to nurturing the next generation of IT professionals.

The competitions were intense, with teams vying for top positions in various challenges. Our team worked tirelessly, leveraging our skills and knowledge to overcome obstacles and advance to the final rounds. The experience was invaluable, teaching us collaboration, critical thinking, and adaptability skills essential for thriving in the fast-evolving ICT industry.

The program culminated in an awards ceremony, where the top three teams were announced. I am proud to share that our team secured third place, a testament to our hard work and determination. I am also deeply honored to have been sent off by the First Lady of Zimbabwe, Auxillia Mnangagwa. Her presence at our send-off ceremony was a tremendous encouragement, and I am grateful for her support and recognition of our achievement.

This experience has had a profound impact on me, both personally and professionally. I have gained a deeper understanding of the latest technologies and trends, as well as invaluable insights into teamwork, innovation, and cultural exchange. Additionally, I earned a leadership certificate, further equipping me for a future in the IT industry.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Huawei for providing this incredible opportunity. The Seeds for the Future program is a shining example of Huawei's commitment to nurturing young ICT talent. I am proud to have been part of this initiative and look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I have gained to make a positive impact in the world.

By Nokutenda Chinamasa, BMIT 4.2

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