



AJU MONTHLY DIGEST

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Welcome to the March Edition

The Marketing and Communications Department is pleased to present the March edition of the AJU Monthly Digest.

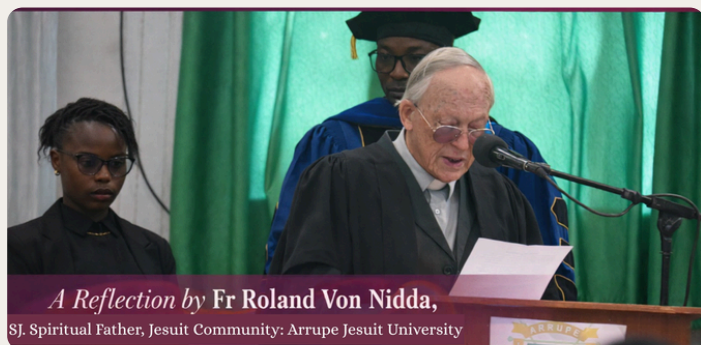
This publication highlights key academic, marketing, and University-wide activities that continue to position Arrupe Jesuit University as a centre of excellence. Our aim is to keep you informed, engaged, and connected to the pulse of the University.

In this issue, you will find highlights from March events, strategic outreach initiatives, and upcoming opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support in building the AJU Brand.

WOMEN'S MONTH AT AJU

Throughout March, Arrupe Jesuit University joined the global community in commemorating Women's Month, a time dedicated to recognising the achievements, resilience, and contributions of women across all sectors of society.



Dr Mutelo acknowledged the invaluable role women play in shaping both the academic and social fabric of the University, while Fr von Nidda contributed a reflective piece on the significance of the month.



Dr Mutelo O.P:
AJU Director of Quality Assurance
and Director of Research, Innovation
and Industrialisation

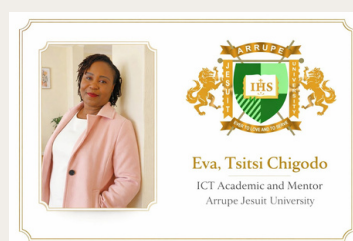
The celebration served not only as recognition, but also as a reaffirmation of the University's commitment to inclusivity, equal opportunity, and excellence.

The University showcased profiles of female students and staff across its digital platforms, celebrating their leadership and impact within the institution.

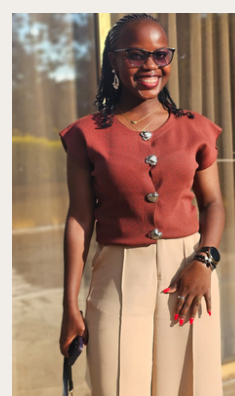
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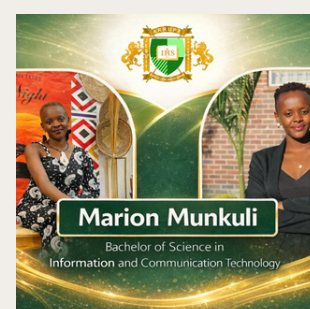
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Thelma Chiromba
AJUSA President



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2026 INTAKE ORIENTATION

Arrupe Jesuit University welcomed its March intake cohort, marking the beginning of their academic journey within a dynamic and supportive learning environment.



The University reaffirmed its commitment to guiding students from their first lecture through to graduation, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and values required to thrive in a global context.

ARDUINO DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Arrupe Jesuit University Students from the Internet of Things (IoT) programme showcased exceptional innovation during Arduino Day at the Eight2Five Innovation Hub.

Their projects focused on technology-driven agricultural solutions, reflecting the University's emphasis on practical, impact-driven learning.



Mudiwa Nachipo and Ayanda Makuyana were recognised among the top performers, receiving Certificates of Excellence.

AJUMUN CONFERENCE



Arrupe Jesuit University successfully hosted its Model United Nations Conference (AJUMUN), bringing together students from secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Under the theme "**Leveraging Technology for Sustainable Development**," participants explored how innovation can accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.



The AJUMUN conference highlighted strong analytical thinking, collaboration, and a commitment to global citizenship.

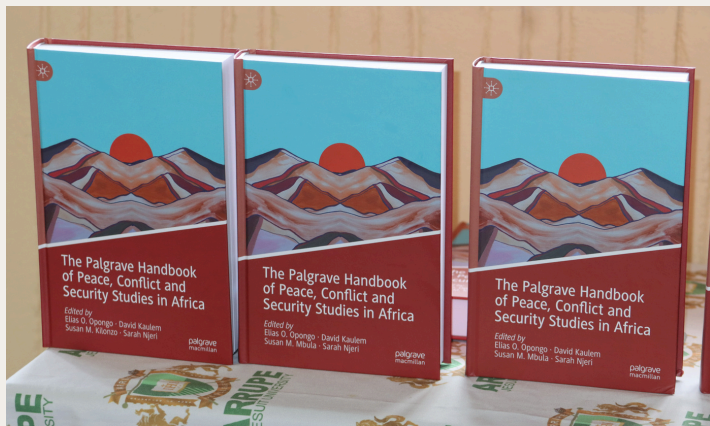


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BOOK LAUNCHES

Arrupe Jesuit University continues to contribute meaningfully to academic scholarship and thought leadership.

The University celebrated the launch of ***The Palgrave Handbook on Peace, Conflict, and Security in Africa***, featuring contributions from AJU scholars.



The publication offers critical insights into peace building and security governance across the continent.



Dr Kaulem:
Co-Author of the book
AJU Dean of Education and Leadership



Dr Mbatna S.J:
Contributor to the book
AJU Registrar



Dr Sagomba:
Contributor to the book
AJU Part-time Lecturer

The University also congratulates Ms Esther Mafunda on the launch of her book ***Sacred Limp***, a powerful narrative of resilience, faith, and transformation.



Ms Mafunda:
Author- Sacred Limp
AJU Academic Writing Lecturer

The event drew strong support from staff and students, reflecting AJU's vibrant intellectual culture.



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Japan–Africa Nexus: Co-Building a Sustainable Global Future Together

The Acting Vice Chancellor, Fr Buckland, participated in the launch of a project led by Sophia University titled **The Japan–Africa Nexus: Co-Building a Sustainable Global Future Together**.

This initiative is a four-year collaborative programme implemented on behalf of the Japanese Ministry of Higher Education, bringing together universities in Japan and Africa to strengthen academic partnerships and foster deeper cultural and educational exchange.



Dr. Stephen Buckland S.J:
AJU Acting Vice Chancellor



As one of seven participating African universities, AJU will collaborate on student and staff exchanges, joint academic programs, and intercultural dialogue.



The launch initiated a multi-year partnership to create opportunities for AJU and build lasting ties between Japan and Africa.

Francophone Week Study Conference

During Francophone Week, the University hosted a study conference in collaboration with “Alliance Française de Harare”, showcasing academic opportunities across Europe and beyond.



Fulbright Scholarships

Arrupe Jesuit University hosted an informational session on Fulbright Program scholarship opportunities, including postdoctoral research, curriculum development grants, and advanced degrees in the United States.

Application dates deadline:

- Fulbright Foreign Student Program - **31 May 2026**
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program - **30 June 2026**

MARKETING AND OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

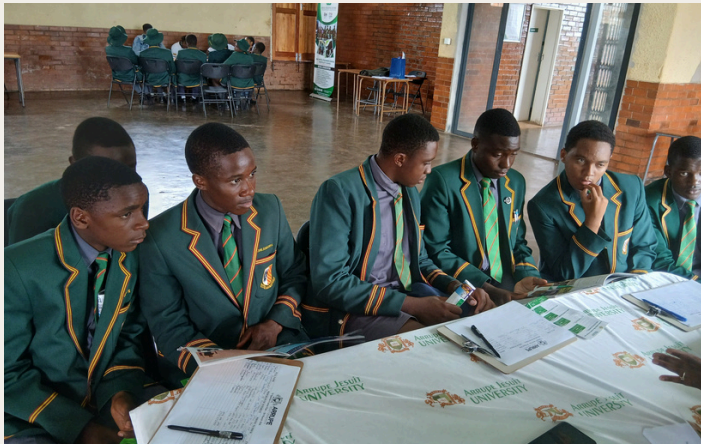
Arrupe Jesuit University continues to expand its national visibility through strategic outreach initiatives that connect the University with prospective students, professionals, and the wider community.

Career Fairs and Exhibitions

The University participated in key platforms including the St Ignatius Career Fair, Sahwira Careers Expo, First Choice Career Fair and World Social Work Day, engaging a diverse and high-potential student audience.

Key outcomes included:

- Increased interest in academic programmes in Accounting (9 ACCA exemptions), Engineering & ICT, Education & Leadership and Philosophy and Humanities.
- Growing demand for our short courses in guidance and counselling, social work as well as AI and Robotics.
- New recruitment partnerships and institutional linkages.



Interactive tools such as Virtual Reality demonstrations and the Magis Exchange Programme positioned the University as a forward-looking, globally connected institution.

These engagements strengthened brand visibility and showcased the University's academic programmes, innovation-driven learning environment, and international opportunities.



MARKETING AND OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH ENGAGEMENTS

As part of its inclusive outreach strategy, Arrupe Jesuit University conducted parish visits at St Gerard's Parish and Sacred Heart Cathedral.



Areas of interest included:

- August intake degree programmes
- Professional short courses
- Flexible and evening learning options
- Scholarship opportunities

The visits generated strong engagement, high-quality leads, and immediate enrolments, reinforcing their importance within the University's recruitment strategy.



These engagements continue to be a strategic platform for reaching school leavers, working professionals, and adult learners.



Growing Demand for Short Courses

A key trend across all outreach initiatives is the rising demand for flexible, skills-based programmes.

Arrupe Jesuit University continues to respond by offering short courses across our four schools in:

- *Business Management and Development*
- *Engineering and ICT*
- *Education and Leadership*
- *Philosophy and Humanities*

that equip professionals with practical competencies aligned to industry needs and digital transformation.

AJU SPORTS -DEAN'S CUP 2026

A huge congratulations to our students for their outstanding performance at the Dean's Cup.



Both the boys' and girls' teams showcased incredible skill and determination, bringing home trophies and making the university proud.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Arrupe Jesuit University continues to strengthen its academic excellence through outstanding faculty achievements and industry-aligned programmes.

The University proudly congratulates **Eng. Clever Murauzi**, Lecturer in the School of Engineering and ICT, on receiving prestigious recognition from the Cisco Networking Academy. A certified CCNA, CyberOps Associate, and Network Instructor, he was honoured with:

- Instructor Excellence Advanced Level (2024)
- Expert Level Awards (2024 and 2025)



These global accolades position both Eng. Murauzi and Arrupe Jesuit University at the forefront of instructional excellence in technology education.

This achievement reflects the strength of the University's School of Engineering and ICT, which offers industry-relevant programmes designed to equip students with practical, future-focused skills:

- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in ICT: Networking and Software Development
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Telecommunications Engineering
- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Cybersecurity and Forensics
- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Virtual and Augmented Reality

Students enrolled in these programmes benefit from:

- Industry-recognised certifications (including Cisco pathways).
- Hands-on, project-based learning in emerging technologies.
- Exposure to innovation hubs and real-world problem-solving solutions.
- Opportunities in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, software development, telecommunications, and immersive technologies.

Through a combination of expert instruction and practical training, Arrupe Jesuit University is preparing graduates to compete effectively in both local and global digital economies.



STUDY AT ARRUPPE JESUIT UNIVERSITY

Arrupe Jesuit University offers a wide range of undergraduate programmes and professional short courses designed to prepare students for success in a rapidly evolving global environment



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN FOR AUGUST
2026 INTAKES**

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Arrupe Jesuit University

Why Choose AJU?

- ✓ Industry-relevant and future-oriented programmes
- ✓ Practical, hands-on learning experiences
- ✓ Strong international partnerships
- ✓ Flexible study options for diverse learners

Join a University that is shaping ethical leaders, innovative thinkers, and professionals ready to make a global impact.

ALUMNI - LIVING THE ARRUPE STORY

Paul Muthuri, a Kenyan entrepreneur and real estate agent, reflects on his transformative journey from studying BA Philosophy at Arrupe to navigating a diverse career in hospitality and business. Originally discerning a path to the priesthood, Paul's transition into the secular professional world was guided by the Jesuit ideal of the Magis the constant pursuit of the greater good.



Paul Muthuri
BA (Hons) in Philosophy, 2007

He credits Arrupe with instilling a "man for others" mindset, using the critical thinking skills gained through philosophy to lead with purpose and integrity. Today, Paul balances business leadership with community service and family life, encouraging current students to cultivate a strong value system, remain adaptable to global trends, and find meaning through service and faith.

Chipo Mujere, a dedicated educator based in Kariba, Zimbabwe, demonstrates the practical application of a BA in Philosophy within the primary education sector.

By integrating her philosophical training into the national curriculum, she employs a unique story-based teaching method that fosters critical thinking, digital literacy, and curiosity in young learners.

Despite the challenges of the teaching profession, Chipo views her work as a vital vocation for shaping future generations. She credits AJU's holistic academic and spiritual environment for her development as a leader and encourages current students to embrace the full "Arrupe experience" to become transformative figures in society.



Chipo Mujere
BA (Hons) in Philosophy, 2016

From entrepreneurship and education to leadership and community development, graduates embody the Jesuit ideal of being "men and women for others." Their journeys reflect the transformative power of an Arrupe education grounded in critical thinking, ethical leadership, and a commitment to service.

LOOKING AHEAD

1. Upcoming events

- AJU Graduation Ceremony 29 May 2026
- AJU Documentary: Beyond the Arrupe Narrative

2. Deadlines

- Fulbright Foreign Student Program - 31 May 2026
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program - 30 June 2026

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Thank you for your continued support in building the Arrupe Jesuit University community. Together, we move forward in excellence and impact.

