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AJU MONTHLY DIGEST



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Welcome to the September Edition

The Marketing and Communications Department is pleased to present the September 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.

This issue highlights AJU's conferences, workshops, student achievements, international engagements, and a PhD defense.

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

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

AJU Hosts International AI & Cybersecurity Conference

Arrupe Jesuit University hosted the International AI & Cybersecurity Conference, themed ***“Bridging AI Innovation and Cybersecurity for a Resilient Tomorrow.”***



The conference brought together academics, researchers, industry leaders and practitioners to explore emerging developments in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, education, digital governance, privacy and emerging technologies.



Through keynote presentations, panel discussions and lightning talks, participants engaged in meaningful conversations on harnessing technological innovation while strengthening resilience against evolving digital threats.



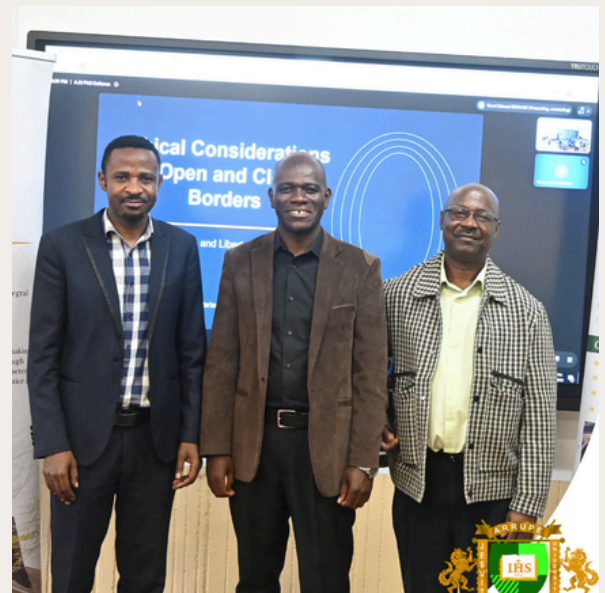
Congratulations, Rev. Fr. Edward T. Bingare!

Arrupe Jesuit University congratulates Rev. Fr. Edward T. Bingare on the successful defence of his PhD in Philosophy thesis.



His research, titled ***“Ethical Considerations of Open and Closed Borders: A Communitarian and Libertarian Perspective,”*** engages a significant contemporary ethical debate on borders and migration.

We celebrate his scholarly dedication and contribution to the field of philosophy and wish him continued success in his academic journey.



Looking to take your academic journey to the next level?

Arrupe Jesuit University offers an enriching environment for pursuing a PhD in Philosophy.

Join a vibrant scholarly community committed to deep inquiry, academic excellence, and impactful research, and take the next step in your academic journey with AJU.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Jesuit Education in the Age of AI

The Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) recently brought together university leaders, formation directors, and ICT professionals from across Africa and Madagascar, including representatives from Arrupe Jesuit University, to reflect on the future of digital transformation in Jesuit education.



A key takeaway was that technology itself is not the greatest challenge; rather, governance, capacity, and collaboration are essential to ensuring its meaningful use.



The discussions reaffirmed that the future of Jesuit higher education will depend not only on technological advancement, but on forming people whose intelligence, ethical judgment, and compassion guide how technology is used.



AI & IT Courses on offer at AJU

We offer short courses designed to equip you with relevant skills for the digital age:

- AI in Business
- AI and Robotics
- Big Data and AI
- Cybersecurity and Forensics
- Digital Literacy
- CCNA
- CCNP

Whether you are a professional, entrepreneur, student or simply looking to expand your digital skills, there is an opportunity to learn, grow and stay ahead.

Discerning the Future of AJU

Arrupe Jesuit University (AJU) was grateful for the opportunity to participate in the recently concluded Joint Working Group with the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) in Harare, focused on discerning and shaping the future of AJU.



Through prayer, dialogue, listening, and shared discernment, participants reflected on AJU's journey and the path ahead. The gathering reminded us that the future is not only something we plan, but something we receive with wisdom, openness, and trust.

The discussions reaffirmed our commitment to AJU's mission, identity, and service to Africa and beyond. As we move forward, may God continue to guide the journey

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

AJU commemorates World Suicide Prevention Day

The AJU Peer Supporters Club hosted a commemorative event to mark World Suicide Prevention Day, observed under the theme ***“Change the Narrative on Suicide.”***



The event provided an important platform for the university to engage in open conversations about suicide prevention, mental well-being, and the importance of creating supportive spaces where individuals feel heard, valued, and encouraged to seek help when facing difficult moments.



The event also reinforced AJU’s commitment to fostering a caring and supportive community where well-being is valued alongside academic and personal growth.

As the university continues to promote awareness and peer support, the message remains clear: changing the narrative begins with creating spaces for honest conversations, compassion, connection, and hope.



AJU Students at Enactus National Competitions

Arrupe Jesuit University participated in the Enactus National Competitions, providing students with a platform to showcase their creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit.



Beyond presenting their projects, the competition offered students valuable opportunities to connect with peers from other universities, industry professionals, and fellow entrepreneurs. These interactions enabled them to exchange ideas, build professional networks, learn from diverse experiences, and gain insights that extend beyond the classroom.



We celebrate our students for representing AJU with enthusiasm, confidence, and excellence, demonstrating the power of innovation and collaboration in creating meaningful impact.

Keep innovating. Keep connecting. Keep making an impact!

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

AJU Interclass Debate: Sovereignty in a Connected Africa, Defining Our Future

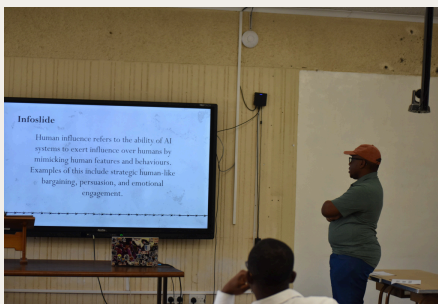
The AJU Interclass Debate brought students together for an engaging exchange of ideas under the theme **“Sovereignty in a Connected Africa: Defining Our Future.”**



Beyond the competition, the debate encouraged students to think critically, articulate their perspectives, listen to opposing viewpoints, and respond thoughtfully to challenging arguments. It also provided an opportunity for students to strengthen their public speaking, teamwork, research, and analytical skills.



The debate provided a platform for students to go head-to-head in a spirited contest of ideas, confidence, research, and critical thinking. Participants explored the meaning of sovereignty in an increasingly interconnected Africa, challenging one another to consider how African nations can navigate globalisation, technology, regional cooperation, and emerging opportunities while preserving their identity and interests.



With arguments tested, perspectives challenged, and ideas exchanged, the debate demonstrated the value of creating spaces where students can engage with complex issues and learn from one another.



The event reflected AJU's commitment to developing confident, thoughtful, and socially conscious graduates equipped to contribute meaningfully to Africa's future.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

AJU–Flyon Aero Partnership Reaches Advanced Stage as Aviation Training Centre Takes Shape



Arrupe Jesuit University (AJU) is advancing its partnership with Flyon Aero towards the establishment of a specialised aviation training centre in Zimbabwe, with significant milestones already achieved.

The partnership between Arrupe Jesuit University and Flyon Aero, an Italian aviation training organisation, was formalised in Harare in November 2024 through the signing of agreements between the two institutions.

The agreements provide for the establishment of a Flyon Aero EASA MTO Part-147 Satellite Training Centre at AJU, aimed at expanding access to specialised aviation training in Zimbabwe.

The initiative has now reached an advanced stage, with important milestones already achieved.

A major milestone has been reached with the approval of the aviation examination centre at Arrupe Jesuit University. The University is now preparing to commence offering aviation examinations, bringing specialised aviation examination services closer to professionals and aspiring aviation personnel in Zimbabwe.

As part of the preparations, AJU staff members have undergone specialised training in the administration of aviation examinations. The training has equipped designated staff with the necessary knowledge and procedures to administer the examinations in accordance with the required standards.

AJU Leadership Engages Italian Ambassador

As the partnership continues to progress, representatives of Arrupe Jesuit University recently visited the Italian Ambassador to Zimbabwe, His Excellency Umberto Malanati, to engage on the progress of the initiative and the next phase of development.

The engagement provided an opportunity for AJU representatives to share updates on the milestones achieved since the partnership was formalised and to discuss the continued development of the aviation training initiative.

The meeting also reaffirmed the importance of the collaboration between AJU and Flyon Aero in advancing specialised aviation education and professional training in Zimbabwe.

While the aviation examination centre has already passed the required approval stage, work is continuing towards the establishment of the Flyon Aero Satellite Training Centre itself.

Once completed, the satellite centre will provide a platform for specialised aviation training in Zimbabwe, particularly in the area of aircraft maintenance and related professional development.

Expanding Professional Training at AJU

The partnership represents an important addition to Arrupe Jesuit University's growing portfolio of professional and specialised training opportunities. It also strengthens the University's engagement with international partners and industry-focused education.

Through its collaboration with Flyon Aero, AJU is creating opportunities for aviation professionals and aspiring technicians in Zimbabwe to access specialised training and examination services locally.

With the examination centre approved, AJU staff trained in examination administration, and preparations for the Flyon Aero Satellite Training Centre progressing, the partnership is steadily moving towards its next phase.

The development marks an important milestone in Arrupe Jesuit University's expansion into specialised professional training and its commitment to creating opportunities that respond to the evolving skills needs of Zimbabwe and the wider region.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Russia, Without the Shortcut : By Sean Muponesi

I went to Russia for an international youth festival. I came back with new ideas, a camera full of volcanic mountains, and a useful reminder: a country is usually more interesting than the stereotypes about it.



Sean Tadiwa Muponesi

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From 11 to 17 October, I was in Yekaterinburg meeting young people from different countries and cultures. We celebrated where we came from, tried each other's food and talked about youth empowerment, innovation and what young people can contribute to the future. The conversations were lively; the food was excellent; and "just one more thing" turned out to be a very flexible measure of time.

The festival also gave me a closer look at modern Russia and its ideas about innovation. Hearing what people were working on and how they thought about the future challenged some of my assumptions. I had arrived with impressions shaped partly by things people say about Russia. I left understanding that impressions are not the same as experience, and stereotypes are rarely as informative as an actual conversation.



On 17 October, I travelled to Kamchatka Krai for the regional programme. The scenery made a strong case for putting my phone down, although I did not always take its advice. There were volcanic mountains, wide-open landscapes and The Three Brothers Rocks, known as Tri Brata: three striking pillars at the entrance to Avacha Bay, near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. They look almost too perfectly placed, as if the bay had commissioned its own landmark.

We visited museums and monuments, learned about the region and toured one of its largest fish-producing companies. I began to see how Kamchatka's economy draws on its own strengths: fishing, tourism, its distinctive landscape and its rich local culture. The scenery may attract visitors, but making tourism work for a region takes more than a good view. It takes planning, investment and people who understand what their communities need.



That came into focus during conversations with the governor and the region's prime minister. We discussed Kamchatka's development and how tourism and other industries can create opportunities. It was a chance to hear directly how regional leaders think about the future and a reminder that places are not just destinations. They are homes, workplaces and communities, too.

A boat trip on the Pacific offered a simple adventure of fishing, cooking and enjoying the catch on board. I also learned about wildlife conservation and the efforts to protect a bear, gaining a deeper appreciation of the challenges involved in preserving wildlife.

A visit to an Indigenous community introduced me to local traditions and traditional foods, offering a richer understanding of Kamchatka beyond its dramatic landscapes. From Yekaterinburg to Kamchatka, the journey combined innovation, culture, nature and new experiences, leaving me with unforgettable memories and a broader perspective on Russia.

That may be the most useful souvenir. You can hear a lot about a country from a distance; you learn something different when you meet its people, listen to their stories and see the place for yourself. The stereotypes did not survive the journey particularly well. The memories, fortunately, did.



MARKETING AND OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

This was a month of active engagement for the Arrupe Jesuit University's Marketing Department, with participation in initiatives that created opportunities to increase the University's visibility, engage prospective students and strengthen relationships with schools, students and external organisations.

Expanding AJU's Visibility, Engagement and Partnerships

The Marketing Department participated in the Enactus National Competitions, Nattie College Career Guidance session and the Direct Contact School Prize-Giving Day as part of efforts to increase AJU's visibility, engage prospective students and strengthen external partnerships.



These outreach activities provided AJU students with opportunities to showcase their projects, interact with students from other universities, and promote AJU's programmes. The team also engaged with parents, teachers, and students, raising awareness of AJU's programmes and short courses.



The sessions increased awareness of AJU and generated interest in the Engineering & ICT and Business Management & Development programmes, creating opportunities for further engagement and follow-up.

Key Outcomes

The engagements generated encouraging interest and opened up exciting opportunities for AJU, with key outcomes including:

- Increased AJU visibility among new audiences.
- Generated prospective student leads and programme interest.
- Strengthened school and student engagement.
- Identified potential partnership and mentorship opportunities.
- Created opportunities for career guidance and future outreach activities.



These outcomes demonstrate the growing interest in AJU's academic offerings and its commitment to providing relevant, innovative, and accessible learning opportunities for diverse communities.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Child Protection and Safeguarding workshop

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Office organised a workshop for AJU academic staff under the theme ***“From Awareness to Action: Strengthening the Role of Academia in Child Protection and Safeguarding.”***



The workshop equipped staff with knowledge and practical insights on child protection and safeguarding, with a particular focus on the role of academia in creating safe, inclusive and supportive learning environments. Discussions also highlighted the responsibility of academic staff in recognising safeguarding concerns, promoting awareness, responding appropriately to risks, and contributing to a strong culture of protection within the university.



The session strengthened staff awareness and encouraged a proactive approach to safeguarding, emphasising that protecting children and vulnerable individuals is a shared responsibility that requires awareness, action and accountability.

AJU Lecturer Appointed to MOSH Zimbabwe Board

AJU is pleased to celebrate the appointment of **Ms Faith Mavengere**, a lecturer in the School of Education and Leadership under the Child Protection Studies Office, to the Mothers Of Special Heroes (MOSH) Zimbabwe Board.



Ms Mavengere will serve a five-year term as Vice Chairperson: Governance and Compliance, bringing her expertise in education, child protection and safeguarding to MOSH Zimbabwe. Her appointment reflects growing recognition of AJU staff expertise beyond the university. In her new role, she will help strengthen governance, compliance and accountability while supporting MOSH Zimbabwe's mandate.

Welcome New Staff at AJU

AJU is delighted to welcome back one of its own, **Fr Emmanuel Ogwu**, who joins the School of Philosophy and Humanities as a Literature lecturer. Having graduated from AJU in 2019, Fr Emmanuel now returns to the university as a member of staff, bringing his passion and expertise to inspire a new generation of students.



We are delighted to welcome Fr Emmanuel back to the AJU family and look forward to the valuable contribution he will make to our university.

AJU SPORTS

AJU Triumphs Over Chishawasha Seminarians in Volleyball

AJU showcased a strong and commanding performance in a thrilling volleyball encounter against the Chishawasha Seminarians, securing a convincing 2–0 victory.



The match provided an exciting display of sporting talent and healthy competition, while also strengthening the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie between the two teams. AJU's victory reflects the team's hard work, discipline, and commitment to excellence both on and off the court.



From the opening serve, AJU demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and composure, maintaining control of the game and putting consistent pressure on their opponents. The team's effective coordination, solid defence, and well-executed attacks enabled them to take both sets and seal a comfortable straight-set win.



Congratulations to the AJU volleyball team on a well-deserved 2–0 victory!

ARRUPE CULTURAL NIGHT IS BACK!!!



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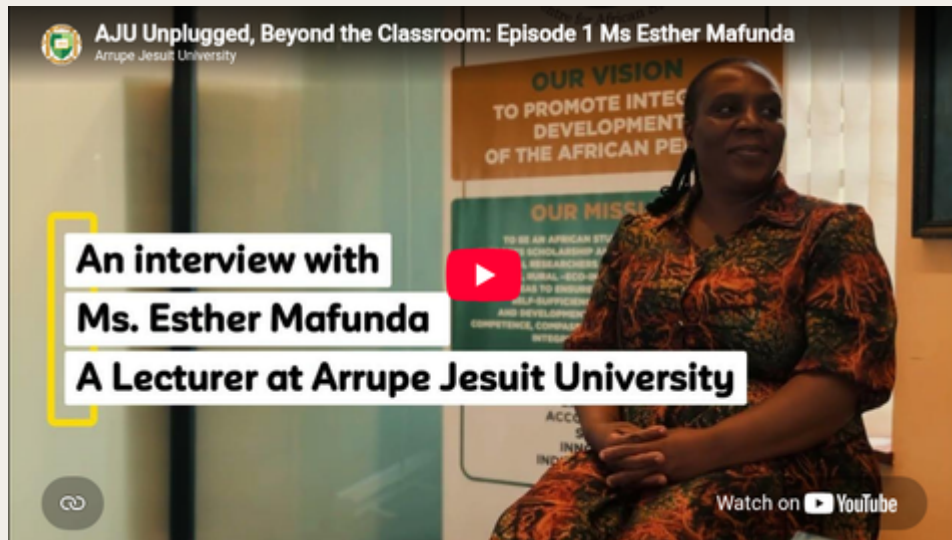
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