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# Newsletter

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## *"Transforming Africa Through Leadership": Strath Launches 50th Anniversary Campaign*

To celebrate educational excellence over the past half-

century and prepare for the needs of the next half-century, Strathmore University Vice Chancellor **John Odhiambo** has announced an ambitious development initiative.



**VC John Odhiambo**

The **Campaign for Strathmore** is a three-year, KShs 550 million (USD 7.3 mm) fundraising effort to increase Strathmore University's national competitiveness and global impact.

"Our strategic plan emphasizes that Strathmore become an *entrepreneurial university*,"

said Odhiambo. "Strathmore needs to establish a number of new faculties, including Hospitality and Tourism, Law and Actuarial Science in the short term, and start other new programs to meet the demands and needs of Kenya."

The Campaign includes a new

center.

"The campaign will focus on what we already do well and enable us to be exceptional and build on our strengths. We will take our academic programs and research endeavors to an even higher level," the VC added.

"Strathmore looks forward to joining hands in this great cause with our friends, alumni, students, and parents," he continued. "We

will succeed, and in so doing lay the foundation for our work for the next 50 years."



**Strathmore's first MBA graduates**

business school building, a modern teaching and learning center and a modern student

## **Alumna Adelina Joins Strathmore University Foundation**



**Adelina Kinuthia and Tom Pyle at Strathmore University Foundation's office in Princeton, New Jersey USA**

Strathmore alumna Ms. **Adelina Kinuthia** has joined SUF, taking on administration assignments to further advance the networks and interests of Strathmore University in North America. She will work with Tom Pyle, who has moved to the SUF Board of Directors to work on fundraising strategy.

Born in central Kenya, Ms. Kinuthia lives in nearby Morrisville, PA. Previously she has

served in administrative roles Bristol, PA and at the St. Regis Hotel in New York.

"Adelina brings wonderful experience, networks, personal familiarity and Kenyan affinity to our work. She is a perfect addition to our team," Pyle said. Her sister, Justina Kinuthia, is also a Strathmore alumna. Her husband, Steve Monaco, is an elementary school teacher in New York City.



## ***Ikumbo Update: Strath Grad Karambi's Project Wins Praise from a U.S. President***

*"I extend my heartfelt congratulations on all that you have already accomplished in developing the Ikumbo Secondary*

**Clinton** to Strathmore alumnus **Davis Karambi**, Assistant Program Officer at Clinton Foundation's office in Nairobi and catalyst of Ikumbo Secondary School.

Working with SUF, Davis raised funds through friends at Strathmore and the Clinton Foundation for the new high school. The school now has an administration block, a class-

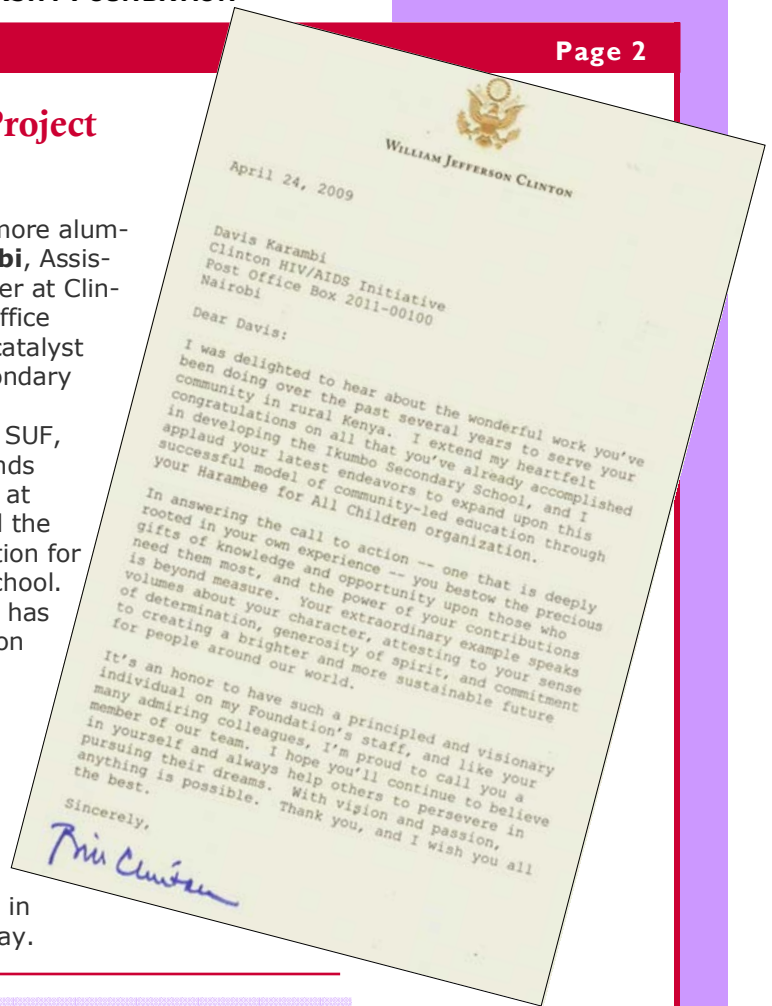
room block, and over 80 students. The school has transformed Ikumbo. Primary to secondary school transition has risen from 4% in 2006 to 100% today.



**Davis Karambi (r), describing his Ikumbo Secondary School project to visitors**

*School. It's an honor to have such a principled and visionary individual on my Foundation's staff."*

Thus reads part of a letter from former US President **Bill**



## **SRCC's Jessica Colaço Named A TED Fellow**

Miss **Jessica Colaço**, Research Leader at Strathmore Research and Consultancy Center (SRCC), is among the 25 newly selected Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED) Fellows for 2009. She participated in TED's annual international conference held in Oxford, England from July 21 to 24.

Earlier this year, Kenya's *Business Daily* named Jessica as one of the "top 40 under 40" women in Kenya's business scene.

TED is a conference, event, and dialoguing global community devoted to giving millions of knowledge-seekers around the globe direct access to the world's greatest thinkers and teachers. The TED Fellows program brings outstanding,

world-changing leaders to the TED community. The program selects individuals aged 21 to 40 with demonstrated signifi-



**Jessica Colaço, SRCC Research Leader, named a TED Fellow for 2009**

cant achievement.

The TED Fellows program is funded with support of the Bezos family, Sherpalo Ventures, the Harnisch Foundation, the Case Foundation, Nokia, and private donors.

Founded by Richard Saul Wurman, TED is owned by The Sapling Foundation, a private nonprofit U.S. foundation established in 1996 by Chris Anderson, a magazine publishing entrepreneur. It aims to provide a platform for the world's leading thinkers, greatest visionaries and most-inspiring teachers to promote better understanding of the world's major issues. Previous speakers, have included Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Sir Richard Branson, Philippe Starck, and Bono.





## World Wide Web's Berners-Lee Visits Strathmore

According to the inventor of the World Wide Web, Strathmore University's motto, "That All May Be One", captures what the World Wide Web has meant to information technology.

At a presentation at Strathmore, **Sir Timothy Berners-Lee** spoke about how the motivation to develop the Web came from the frustrations of computer scientists.

"Computers were using different languages. To get information from one computer to another, one had to develop a program to translate the infor-

mation. The essence of the Web was to standardize the



**Internet Pioneer  
Tim Berners-Lee**

way computers share information," he said.

Sir Timothy was in Kenya to launch the World Wide Web Foundation activities in the country. At Strathmore he was hosted by the Strathmore Innovation and Technology Transfer Program on behalf of Skunkworks (Kenya), a group of IT enthusiasts. A number of ICT professionals including Emmanuel Kala, a programmer with Strathmore's Information Technology Department, and Wilfred Mworira, a past student, also made presentations.



## Lecturers in Spain, Students in Kenya: Video Teaching at SBS

Strathmore Business School and IESE Business School of Spain inaugurated a real-time, interactive, cross-continental case study class on November 7. Students came to class expecting a regular learning session with their Innovation lecturer, Dr. **Edward Mungai**, after their usual 45 minute prep session. At the appointed time Dr. Mungai arrived--not physically, but

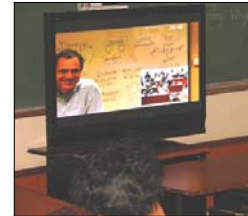


virtually! After a dial tone and a message showing the video conference kit answering the connection from IESE, the plasma screen in front of the class came alive with Dr. Mungai waving "hi" to the class.

A second video session kicked off with IESE's Prof. **Antonio Davila**, a professor of Entrepreneurship and Accounting and Control at IESE. He discussed a different case in each

of two sessions, showed a number of videos, and used PowerPoint presentations all done in seamless real-time over the video conference equipment.

All the sessions were interactive with questions and answers coming from either side. The initiative gives Strathmore an opportunity to engage more international faculty and renowned guest speakers in their programs in order to enhance participants' experience.



**Prof. Davila, in Spain, teaching Strathmore Business School students in Kenya by video**

## Strathmore Hosts African Higher Ed Sustainability Conference

A two-week International Training Program (ITP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in higher education kicked off at Strathmore in July with 26 participants from African universities.

Funded by the **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**, the 2009 program is being coordinated by Strathmore's Prof. **Gitile Naituli** of its Faculty of Commerce.

In his opening address, **David Wango'mbe**, Dean of

Strathmore's Faculty of Commerce, lauded ESD for revitalizing African universities on environmental issues. He noted Strathmore's various environment initiatives, including its new courses in Environmental Accounting, Environmental Science and Environmental Management.

Strathmore's Environmental



**African Sustainability Conference Delegates Convene at Strathmore**

Accounting course will address corporate environmental audits, law, policy and ethics and international standardization.



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**Community Outreach Makes Desks for Uref Primary School**

Students from Strathmore's Community Outreach Program (COP) traveled to **Uref Primary School** in rural Nyanza Province in August for a three-day work camp. Their objective: construct desks for the school, where students currently sit on dirt floors.



**Past: Sitting on the floor at Uref Primary School**

At the end of the first day, there were 30 units ready for varnishing. There were also a few hammered fingers. And the end of the camp, there were 72 completed desks.

The team retired to a feast set by the Uref school board which was very appreciative of the assistance. Speaking for the board, Mr. Dickson Odhiambo gave credit to the students of Strathmore who he said were learning to be true leaders.

Uref's Headmaster, Mr. Philip Juma Ouma,

made all preparations for COP's stay. In early August, he attended Strathmore's Art of Leadership Seminar offered to head teachers at the University. A motivated and able administrator, He has in four years raised the school from near closure to the top primary school in its regional division.



**Future: Desks for all, made by Strathmore COP volunteers, including John Wesley Omondi (r) and Januaris Nzioki**

**SU Governance Center Team Visits Partners in Washington**

In December a team from Strathmore Governance Center visited its partners at the Hills Program on Governance in Washington.

Led by the Center's Director, Dr. **Antoinette Kankindi**,

the team included Strathmore founder and Center board member Dr. **David Sperling** as well as Tom Pyle and Adeline Kinuthia from SUF.

The intent of the visit was to brief the Center's partners on its progress with health aid logistics and distribution gov-

ernance in Kenya. The team also detailed the Center's plans to focus on other governance areas of concern.

Founded by Mr. **Roderick Hills**, former chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion, the Hills program identifies serious governance problems, develops understanding of corruption influences, and organizes efforts to reduce them. It operates in 7 centers at academic institutions in Asia, Latin America and Africa as well at the Center for Strategic

and International Studies in Washington. The Strathmore Governance Center is Hills Program's first presence in Africa.

The fruitful visit concluded with a dinner hosted by Mr. Hills and his wife, **Carla Hills**, attended also by Hills Program Advisory Council members, including former US FBI Director **William Webster** and former US Attorney General **Richard Thornburgh**.



**Director Antoinette Kankindi briefs Roderick Hills on Governance Center achievements and plans**



**Strathmore's David Sperling (r) with Hills Program advisors William Webster (l) and Richard Thornburgh**