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Strath Event in USA Honors Thegeya, Sperling

WASHINGTON, DC, USA— Many enthusiastic friends and well-wishers turned out to a reception for Rhodes scholar **Aaron Thegeya** and Strath founder **David Sperling** on May 24.

Also attending were D.C. area alumni from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, and the Rhodes Scholars Association.

Thegeya '00 spoke of his

studies and formation at Strathmore, his further development at Hopkins, and his current work in economics. Sperling recounted his early days as an educational pioneer in Kenya.

Kenya's Deputy Chief of Mission, the Hon. **Franklin Esipila**, praised and thanked both for their achievements as Kenyans.



Honorees **Thegeya** (2nd from right) and **Sperling** with alumnus **David Mulumba** and Hon. **Franklin Esipila** of Kenya's Embassy.



Aaron Thegeya speaks about his Strath experience as two well-wishers look on.



Over 120 dignitaries and guests, including 20 Strathmore alumni and parents, joined Strathmore's reception.

They're On the Way! First Load of Library Books Shipped

STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA—The first shipment for the Strathmore Library Books Acquisition Campaign was launched last month from State College, Pennsylvania, USA.

A total of 16,686 books, boxed and shrink-wrapped on eight pallets, are now safely sailing to Nairobi in a 20 foot container.

The load represents about 1/6th of the projected target of 100,000 books for the new library at Strathmore, built with funds generously provided by the European Union.



Loading up 16,686 library books. Next stop: Strathmore, Nairobi!

For project manager **Andy Sicree**, a former Strathmore teacher, it has long been a labor of love. Sicree began collecting used books for Strathmore over 10 years ago, well before the new library was even conceived.

"I just knew that Strathmore would someday build a new library," said Sicree, now a museum curator at Penn State University.

Sicree has been storing his books for Strathmore in every conceivable location—in his basement, in his closets, even in his car! "I'm delighted that Strathmore will now get the books it needs," Sicree gushed. "And," he added with a wink, "so is my wife!"



Project Manager **Andy Sicree** checks the load.



Plans in Motion for East Africa Microenterprise Training Conference

NAIROBI, KENYA—Plans are well advanced for a regional microenterprise conference to be hosted by Strathmore University in Nairobi sometime next year. The idea of such a conference was first discussed during a visit of David Miller, the Director of Overseas Programs of Southern New Hampshire University to Strathmore in February. The conference will be the first of its kind in East Africa.

Coinciding with its recently

initiated certificate course in microfinance, Strathmore will team up with experts in the microenterprise community. Other well-known NGOs, such as Women’s World Banking and Microfinance Management Institute, have also expressed a desire to send representatives.

The conference, intended to explore micro-enterprise prospects and strategies, is slated to be held in early 2006 in Nairobi.



Strathmore is talking with SNHU, a leader in Microenterprise and Community Economic Development.



Women’s World Banking, a leading global network helping connect the poor to economic and financial systems, expects to participate in Strathmore’s conference.

Wharton Business School Offers Training Slots for Strathmore Staff



DVC Dave Sperling (l) and SUF's Tom Pyle (r) visit with Wharton's Jon Spector, Vice Dean of Executive Education.

PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA—The Wharton Business School, a part of University of Pennsyl-

vania, has offered places in some of its senior-level executive training courses to Strathmore staff members.

Wharton Vice Dean Jon Spector made the offer during a May visit by DVC **Dave Sperling** and SUF Executive Director **Tom Pyle**. “We are very grateful to Dean Spector and Wharton for its incredible generosity,” said DVC Dave Sperling. “We



cherish our growing relationship with this very fine school.” For several years, Wharton has sent recruiters to Strathmore to attract top students from Kenya for further management education.

Wharton is considered one of America’s top business schools, ranked No. 3 in a 2004 Business Week survey, after Northwestern and Chicago and ahead of Harvard and Stanford.



DVC Dave Sperling before Wharton’s new Huntsman Hall

New Video about Strathmore Premiered by Strath Foundation

PRINCETON, NJ, USA—Strathmore University Foundation has produced a video to portray Strathmore University to alumni and new friends around the world.

The video features interviews with four distinguished Strathmore Alumni: Citigroup analyst **Brenda Kasigwa**, entrepreneur **Sumeet Bhullar**, Princeton engineering student **Kithinji Muiira**, and one of Strathmore’s earliest graduates, Professor **David Mulumba**.

Kenya’s Vice President **Moody Awori** also describes his vision for Kenya and the role he expects Strathmore and its alumni to play.

The 15 minute film opens with personal impressions by SUF Executive Director **Tom Pyle** from his several visits to Strathmore and Kenya. VC **John Odhiambo** explains his “entrepreneurial university” concept. Strathmore lecturers **Immaculata Kuria** and **Randhir Adluwalia** record their

teaching experiences.

Produced by Cineray Films, the video provides an historical perspective of the role played in Kenyan higher education by Strathmore University and its predecessors Strathmore College and Kianda College. The video will be made available to alumni and prospective supporters.



Strathmore alumnus **Kithinji Muiira**, now studying electrical engineering at Princeton University, describes his Strathmore experience in new Strath video.



12 Alumni in Caymans Inaugurate 1st International Chapter

GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN—When KPMG Caymans was desperate to find highly competent professionals to fill critical positions abandoned after a major hurricane, it turned to Nairobi.

As a result, the Cayman Islands, an international banking center, is host to 12 Strathmore alumni working as international auditors. And



Strathmore Caymans leaders Hellen Chemeli and Samuel Muchangi

now they have organized the first official overseas alumni chapter of the Strathmore Alumni and Friends Association (STRAFA)!

Strathmore's **Dave Sperling** and **Tom Pyle** were guests at a STRAFA Caymans dinner in May. "What a wonderful example of the Strathmore spirit in action" noted Sperling. "We're very proud of all the fine

work that all our alumni are doing at home and abroad!"



DVC Sperling with first official overseas Strathmore Alumni and Friends Association Chapter, organized and convened with 12 Strath alumni in the Cayman Islands.

Boston Alumni Dinner Welcomes Kianda Pioneer Elise Rockart

BOSTON, MA, USA—Despite heavy end-of-year examination schedules, several Strathmore alumni and friends in the Boston area, many in graduate schools there, turned out for a Strathmore alumni dinner held in Cambridge, MA, including **David Mwangi**, who came from New Hampshire.



Former Kianda teacher Elise Rockart inspects gift from Strathmore as David Mwangi looks on.

Also attending was Strathmore friend **Sheila Gallagher**, professor of art at Boston College and a former research student in Kenya.

The group was especially pleased to welcome Mrs. **Elise Rockart**, one of the earliest teachers at Kianda College, now part of Strathmore University. A computer specialist who en-

joyed a long career with IBM, Mrs. Rockart fondly recalled her time in Kenya in the 1960s. "Those were wonderful days," she said. "It is marvelous to see at Strathmore today what has become of such a noble undertaking." Mrs. Rockart worked directly with Ms. **Olga Marlin**, Kianda College's founder and now a board member of Strathmore University.



Boston dinner organizers Denis Imathiu (l) and Lawrence Riungu, both newly minted MBAs from Harvard Business School.

Atlanta Kenyans, led by Strath alumni, welcome DVC Sperling

ATLANTA, GA, USA—Over 30 Strath alumni and friends turned out on Mother's Day to wel-

come **David Sperling** during a special event of the Atlanta Kenya Professional Association.



Atlanta area Strathmore alumni and friends with DVC Sperling.

Organized by Strathman **Steven Ichatha**, the event featured a presentation by Dr. Sperling about the state of Kenyan higher education today and the possibilities of continuing professional education at home for returning Kenyans. "We're very excited to see Strathmore building up its outreach here in North America," said alumnus **Kihumba Ndiritu**, who also heads AKPA's Education Committee. "It's a very good thing!"



Strathmore alumnus Mark Thaiya heads the Atlanta Kenya Professionals Association.



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Strath Invited to Join IFC Global Business School Network *Team from Strathmore attends workshop in Johannesburg*

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—The International Finance Corporation of The World Bank Group has selected Strathmore University to be a member of its prestigious Global Business School Network.

Strathmore thus joins a global network enhancing the institutional capacity of business schools in emerging markets to strengthen management talent of local, regional, and multinational firms and organizations.

By improving future leaders' access to high-quality management education, the Global Business School Network is helping build the foundation for economic growth and poverty reduction in developing countries.

"This is a great boost for Strathmore's new business school", said **George Njenga**, Strath-

more Business School's director. "We are humbled to be included in such fine company, and we will work our hardest to be worthy of this honor."

The membership has resulted from Strathmore's selection by the Kenyan government to work on a case study development project funded by IFC.

A team of Strathmore lecturers, including Dr. **Ruth Kiraka**, project leader, participated in an IFC training session in Johannesburg. Strathmore also hosted in Nairobi a special IFC workshop on case-writing.

"This is an invaluable opportunity to learn more about participant-centered learning and network with other African business schools," noted Prof. **Vitalis Otieno-Onyango**, Dean of Strathmore's Commerce Faculty.



Strathmore students such as these will soon benefit from Strathmore's new membership in IFC's Global Business School Network.

Spain's IESE Partners with Strathmore Business School *MOUs exchanged at Nairobi banquet*

NAIROBI, KENYA—Strathmore University's new business school has announced a partnership with IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain, Europe's oldest business school.

Leading the initiative for IESE are Professors **Javier Santomá** and **Lluís Renart**. Strathmore Business School's first



University of Navarra

programs next term will be the Advanced Management Program and the Executive MBA.

"We're delighted to team up with such an experienced partner as IESE," said **George Njenga**, SBS's director.

An inauguration gala dinner was held on May 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Nairobi to celebrate SBS's launch and the IESE partnership, at which Strathmore VC **John Odhiambo** and Professor

Santomá exchanged Memoranda of Understanding.

"This is an important step for our vision as an entrepreneurial university," Odhiambo noted in his remarks. "We expect it to be a model for all our future collaborations."



Strath VC John Odhiambo (r) exchanges MOUs with IESE's Xavier Santoma.



Strath's Angelica Kiboro exchanges views with Isaac Awuondi, MD of Commercial Bank of Africa, as Catherine Muchira-Gatei (l) looks on.

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