

As summer arrives, the International University of East Africa (IUEA) proudly welcomes our May 2024 intake, marked by a series of prestigious events and exciting developments. This month, our community flourished academically, socially, and professionally, with highlights including the climactic conclusion of the Obel Award Fellowship and the continuation of the Butiki League. Both new and returning students had their share of fun and vibrant activities some of which we will break down in this blog.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

IUEA KICKS OFF THE 2024 MAY INTAKE

Unlike most universities, IUEA offers three annual intakes: January, May, and August. On May 13th, we launched our May intake with an engaging and informative orientation week held in our state-of-the-art smart classrooms. Each session offered an immersive experience, exploring various aspects of student life while including new games and prizes.

These orientations, open to the public, showcase the fun, immersive, and empowering learning environment at IUEA, the boundaries of equality and innovation.





IUEA STUDENT WINS FREE TRIP TO ZANZIBAR AT POATE 2024

Our participation in the Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo (POATE) 2024 highlighted our internationally accredited Tourism and Hospitality Management programme, underscoring our dedication to offering students invaluable networking opportunities. A standout moment was when one of our students won a free trip to Zanzibar for two, exemplifying the enriching experiences available at IUEA. Learn more about this exciting event on our blog.



OBEL AWARD TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

This year's Obel Award Fellowship, themed "Cities of Adaptations," culminated in a grand finale. As an institution renowned for innovation and forward-thinking, IUEA was the perfect host for this revolutionary architectural programme.

Our students gained exclusive insights from global professionals, applying their knowledge in the final project, with the winning design set to become a reality. Read more on our blog.



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STUDENT LIFE



THE BUTIKI LEAGUE CONTINUES

April marked the Kickoff of the Butiki League, one of Uganda's largest football tournaments, held at the IUEA sports centre. Praised for its pitch size and design, our venue continues to host monthly games, building up to the grand finals in November. These events not only celebrate sports but also provide networking opportunities and showcase diverse talents. All are welcome to join Butiki and IUEA at these events. Learn more on our blog.

MIKAL TESFAY WINS MISS ERITREA UGANDA

Congratulations to Mikal Tesfay, a bachelor of computer science student, for winning the title of Miss Eritrea Uganda 2024/2025. Mikal's achievement highlights the diverse and talented student body at IUEA. We are proud to support cultural diversity and celebrate the accomplishments of our students.





FRIDAY FUN DAY

Our Fun Friday event closed the January semester and launched the May semester with a series of energetic activities, including football, painting, sack races, and dodgeball. This event allowed students to unwind and showcase the vibrant community at IUEA, with a resulting art piece now displayed on campus.



Ask Veronica

Introducing 'Dear Veronica,' an advice column where your questions find answers and your dilemmas meet solutions. From relationships to career choices to family and school, we're here to offer insights and guidance. Let's navigate life's twists and turns together.

Seeking help can be difficult, but our licensed counsellor is here to support you. In this whistle-down column, she provides insightful answers to some of the most common and pressing questions students have.

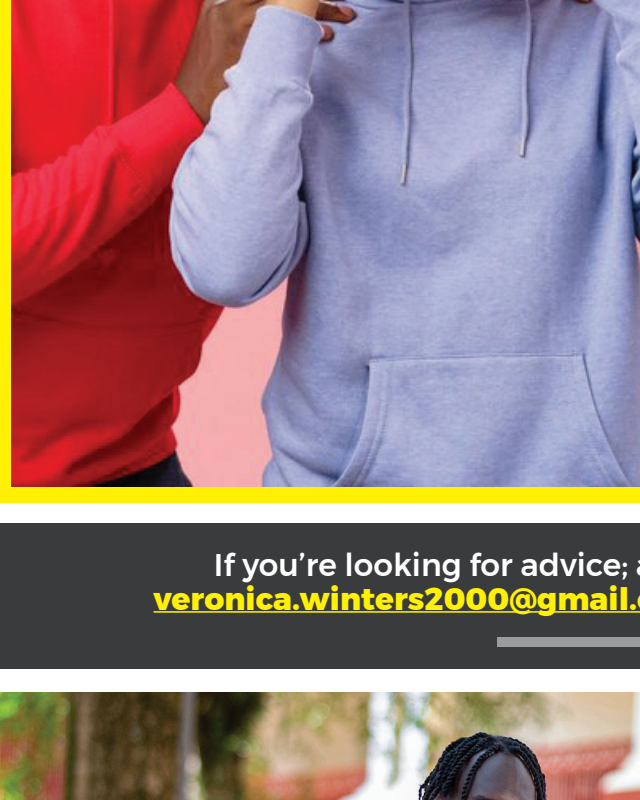


Dear Veronica,

All my friends have started dating, but the problem is that I don't really want a date. I mean, I like the people on campus, but I don't really want to do anything like that. But, my friends keep bringing up the fact that I'm not dating and they complain and make fun of me because I refuse the guys who approach me. What do I do?

Dear Reader,

I think the problem you're experiencing is something a lot of your friends are as well, but they're just too shy to talk about it. It's ok if you aren't ready to start dating, no one should ever push you to do something you are not comfortable with. If they are really your friends they will respect your decision. The number one priority should be making sure you're comfortable in what you chose. My advice is, I think you should do what you want. If you aren't ready to date, don't.



Dear Veronica,

My boyfriend is a great guy, he treats me well but recently it feels like he's pressuring me to have sex with him. I never done it before and I am not sure if I'm ready yet. He says if I loved him it wouldn't take this long and that I would be ready, I really love him but I'm not ready. What do I do?

Dear Reader,

Being in love and in a relationship can be a beautiful experience. Communication and respect is something every relationship needs. If your boyfriend really loves and respects you he would understand and be patient with you. Sex is a very intimate and special thing, it bonds two people together, so if you need time to make that decision it is well within your rights and that decision should be respected. Talk to your boyfriend and voice your opinion on the matter, do not allow someone to influence your decision or force you into something you are not ok with.

If you're looking for advice; ask veronica, send your question to veronica.winters2000@gmail.com and she will get back to you ASAP.