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2025 Climax- Founders Day Gala Dinner

We closed 2025 with the successful 3rd Founders Day Gala Dinner, held on 10 December 2025 at Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi. The event brought together over 150 stakeholders from the private sector, development partners, donors, academia, civil society, and the KCA University community under the theme "Celebrating a Legacy of Impact to Society Through Partnerships." The Gala celebrated KCA University's milestones, recognized the contributions of founders and partners, and reaffirmed a shared vision for advancing education, research, innovation, and workforce development through strategic partnerships. As we step into 2026, the Foundation will continue engaging stakeholders to deepen collaboration and drive sustainable impact. The full event report is available on our [LinkedIn page](#) and follow us.

Resource Mobilization Efforts

We began 2026 on a positive note by hosting Mr. Courtney Brown, co-sponsor of the Teke La Mwisho Scholarship, alongside DVC-ASA Prof. Bagaka's, on 7 January 2026. Launched in 2024, the initiative has supported two cohorts—2023/2024 (5 beneficiaries) and 2024/2025 (4 beneficiaries)—with a total of KES 694,785 disbursed to 9 beneficiaries, 3 of whom are female. Mr. Brown expressed strong satisfaction with the program's impact and, in a show of continued commitment, he has donated KES 967,200 for 2026. To ensure the sustainability of the initiative, the Foundation proposed adoption of online fundraising campaigns in 2026 in March and September, each targeting USD 15,000. This will be supported by a donor engagement strategy that includes mobilizing funders, comprehensive donor mapping, and active outreach by the KCA University Foundation. Additionally, beneficiaries who secure employment will be encouraged to give back to the fund, establishing a revolving kitty. Discussions are ongoing as we await a decision on the establishment of an endowment fund to secure the scholarship's long-term future.



From left: Seated: Caroline Kirukuthi & Susan Aduwo. Standing: Rogers Abong'o, Prof. Joshua Bagaka's, Mr. Courtney Brown & Duncan Ouma



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From left: Duncan Ouma, Rogers Abong'o (Executive Director KCAUF), Nikita Filonenko, Partnerships Manager from AML Certification Centre, Stephen Maina, Susan Aduwo & Dr. Bonn Jonyo

KCA University Foundation is a consortium partner in a recently submitted grant application focused on E-Governance and Cybersecurity Development under ESTDEV, bringing together AML Certification Centre (an Estonia-registered organization), RIO, and the Kenya School of Government to leverage complementary technical expertise, public sector capacity development, and regional implementation experience. The consortium structure was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding among consortium members, and a funding proposal of €100,000 was submitted, strategically positioning KCA University as a credible institution in advancing digital governance and cybersecurity capacity within the public sector.

Merchandise For Scholarships Advancement

The Foundation rolled out its 2026 merchandise under the theme “**Merchandise for Scholarship Advancement**,” as part of ongoing efforts to support access to education and expand scholarship opportunities for deserving students. The initiative leverages branded merchandise as a resource mobilization strategy, with proceeds directly contributing to the Foundation’s scholarship programme, while also enhancing visibility, engagement, and collective participation in advancing education.



Buy Merchandise. Advance a Scholarship. Change a Life



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Coalition Building Meeting – 27th January 2026: KCA University Foundation hosted The Next Steps Foundation, NCPWD, and KNCCI to advance collaborative efforts in strengthening the rights and capacities of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

The Next Steps Foundation, NCPWD, KNCCI & KCAUF

KCA University Foundation hosted The Next Steps Foundation, NCPWD, and KNCCI to initiate coalition building aimed at advancing the rights and capacities of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs). The coalition will develop a comprehensive program to accelerate the implementation of the Persons With Disabilities Act 2025, including supporting private sector compliance with the requirement that 5% of the labour force be PWDs, while leveraging each partner's strengths in program development and training, advocacy, policy, and enterprise development. By combining technical expertise, institutional reach, and stakeholder networks, the coalition seeks to strengthen capacity building, expand inclusive opportunities, and ensure that PWDs are fully supported in realizing their rights and potential.

ICPAK - KCA University Foundation Collaboration

KCA University Foundation hosted ICPAK to discuss and formalize the collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICPAK and the University. The partnership, now officially signed, targets several key initiatives, including the launch of an Accountancy Apprenticeship Program, the joint organization of the Annual Accounting Challenge, implementation of the Trainee Accountancy Practical Experience Framework (TAPEF), and co-hosting the Founders' Annual Day, among other collaborative areas aimed at strengthening accountancy education and professional development.



2025/2026 Scholarships Award Ceremony

On 30th January, KCA University Foundation held the 2025/2026 Scholarship Award Ceremony, marking the launch of the 3rd scholarship cohort of **26** learners. Since the inception of the scholarship initiative, **587** needy students have applied, with **62** scholarships awarded, translating to an 11% award rate, of which **65%** are male and **35%** female.

The KCA University Foundation Scholarship Programme is designed to address diverse student needs through six distinct categories, providing targeted financial support to enable learners to pursue their academic aspirations.

- KCA University Foundation Scholarships: 31 awards (50%)
- Teke La Mwisho: 14 awards (23%)
- Tuendelee: 10 awards (16%)
- Talent: 4 awards (6%)
- Comrades for Comrades: 2 awards (3%)
- KASNEB Foundation: 1 award (2%)

The event brought together over 100 attendees, including representatives from National Bank of Kenya, Co-operative Bank, Beyond Child Foundation, Chancen International, SAKU, CFYE, Tuendelee Foundation, Sunflower Tents & Deco, AAKCAU, and KCA University, celebrating the impact of the programme and its continued commitment to empowering students through education.

Over the past three academic years, the KCA University Foundation Scholarship Programme has disbursed a total of KES 5,862,464.97, with an average award of approximately KES 94,555 per student, representing a substantial investment in educational access and equity. This support has enabled 62 learners (11%) to pursue and achieve their academic goals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all donors and partners whose generous contributions continue to make these opportunities possible and empower students to reach their full potential. However, the 525 applicants (89%) who were not awarded highlight the significant unmet need among deserving learners. We invite you to scan the QR code and join us in expanding the programme, so that more needy learners can be supported to pursue and achieve their academic dreams.



Scan. Partner. Empower a Student.



From left: CPA Noah Ndakala, Peris Wanjiku (Managing Director Sunflower Tents & Decor), Prof. Joshua Bagaka's DVC Academic & Students Affairs and Prof. Damiannah M. Kiel DVC Finance, Planning and Development.

During the ceremony, Peris Wanjiku, Managing Director of Sunflower Tents & Decor, presented a cheque as part of the company's commitment to the KCA University Foundation Endowment Fund, contributing KES 5 million. This donation follows the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between KCA University Foundation and Sunflower Tents & Deco, reinforcing their partnership in supporting educational access and sustainability of the scholarship programme.



Bornface Chacha Samwel, a 4th-year Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) student, sharing his inspiring journey during the 2025/2026 Scholarship Award Ceremony.

DVC RIO, Prof. Vincent Onywera, making a commitment to support Bornface Chacha during the 2025/2026 Scholarship Award Ceremony.

"My journey at KCA University has not been easy. After the passing of my father and my brother's retrenchment, I was left without a strong support system and nearly quit in my third year. To continue my studies, I joined BABS Security and served as a security officer at the University, balancing my duties at the gate with my academic responsibilities. During this time, some peers dismissed me as "just a watchman," and during last year's SAKU elections, I was even criticized in a WhatsApp group, with one colleague saying, 'leave politics alone, pambana na gate,' as I advocated for the first female presidential aspirant. Those words cut deep, but I held on, believing that every challenge has a purpose and that perseverance can turn obstacles into opportunities." - **Bornface Chacha Samwel**. DVC RIO, Prof. Vincent Onywera committed to clearing all his fee arrears



SCHOLARSHIPS IMPACT WALL



HOW KCAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFORMED MY LIFE

I am a firstborn in a family of four, born and raised in Mathare slums, an informal settlement marked by poverty, overcrowding, limited opportunities and limited access to quality education. Raised by a resilient single mother whose sacrifices shaped my childhood, despite the struggles she worked tirelessly to ensure our basic needs were met. At some point, I was lucky enough to get support from well wishers to continue with my education, however the financial constraints constantly threatened my education and the risk of dropping out was always present.

Receiving this scholarship has been a game changer and turning point in my life. It lifted a heavy financial burden from my family and allowed me to focus on my academic growth leading to the achievement of good grades. Beyond financial support, the scholarship provided mentorship, guidance, psychosocial support and exposure to personal development opportunities that shaped my character, strengthened my leadership skills and clarified my direction and purpose. As a beneficiary, I am also committed to giving back by supporting others through mentorship, community engagement and psychosocial support programs. Without this support, my life would have been uncertain and filled with challenges, the scholarship transformed my story from one of survival mode to that of hope and purpose, and to also commit my life to uplifting others. Just as I was supported at a critical moment, I am determined to be a source of support, healing and hope for many more in future.

MAUREEN MURINGO - B.A COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY



HOW KCAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFORMED MY LIFE

I am the last born in my family of six. Three sisters and three brothers, though one of my brothers died. I was born in Kakamega county and we were a bit stable since I could access my primary education and part of my high school education. My life took a change during the last term of form two, when my mum got sick and since my dad has no job and he is old, he used all his savings to care for her medical bills and I was always in and out of school during the form three and four. After high school I joined KCA University where my Dad took a loan of KES 100,000, to fund my education, where he paid the first year and accommodation for the first year. He failed to pay the loan so when second year, I had to stay out of school for one year due to lack of school fees, and the continuous illness of my mom and at some point dad also got ill.

Receiving this scholarship has been a true life changer for me, it has really helped me to resume my studies and ensured that I have a smooth learning. The scholarship has restored my hope of being the first person in my family to attain a degree, making my dream all most a come true. Without this massive support from the foundation my education would have not continued since I had already given up in life and my dreams were shattered, but the scholarship has transformed the dead dreams back to life again. Also, it has helped me to grow my talent for playing rugby, where I play for the KCA rugby team, and I have been exposed to a lot of tournaments where I showcase my talent. It has also inspired me to always give back to society, since a lot of people sacrifice to donate so that I am able to learn and achieve my dreams.

CLEOPHAS SHIUNWA MBARAKA - B.A CRIMINOLOGY