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President Mnangagwa lays foundation stone for Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences



GZU Chancellor, President Dr. ED Mnangagwa unveils the foundation stone while GZU Vice Chancellor, Professor RJ Zvobgo and Minister Prof. Amon Murwira look on.



GZU Registrar, Mrs. Sinikiwe Gwatidzo reads the citation on the foundation stone

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President Emmerson Mnangagwa on Friday, 22 October 2021, laid the foundation stone for the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences.

In his address at the ceremony held after Great Zimbabwe University (GZU)'s Blended 15th Graduation Ceremony held virtually in line with Covid-19 regulations, the President said that the construction of the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences was a giant step forward as it gave impetus to the nation's quest to attain universal health coverage.

"This project is therefore, a giant leap forward, not only for the University but indeed for the province and the nation as a whole in that such infrastructure gives impetus to our quest to attain universal health coverage," said the President.

President Mnangagwa said that the Government was unwavering in its commitment to complete key infrastructure projects towards the realisation of the national vision of an upper middle class economy by 2030.

"This culture must transcend all

institutions, local authorities and across all sectors and communities. I, therefore, congratulate Great Zimbabwe University for this ceremony to lay the foundation stone," he said.

The President added that the establishment of the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences forms a solid bedrock for the Education 5.0 ecosystem which focuses on a higher and tertiary education system that generates knowledge for the production of goods and services to propel innovation, modernisation and industrialisation in the country.

President Mnangagwa urged GZU to leverage on its mandate, that is biased towards the preservation of heritage and the development of arts and culture, to ensure the infusion of the country's rich cultural heritage in all innovations and academic research at the university.

GZU seeks to play major role in national development



GZU Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo addresses guests and graduands at the 15th graduation ceremony

Great Zimbabwe University has reworked all its degree programmes as it seeks to play a major role in national development, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo has said.

Highlighting the institution's new strategic direction at the University's 15th Graduation Ceremony held at the Robert Mugabe School of Education and Culture this morning, Professor Zvobgo said that the University reworked the programmes placing more emphasis on skills and tooling to feed into the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1).

"Chief among the goals of NDS1 is food security and nutrition. To this end, the University is setting up an innovation centre for Dryland Agriculture in Chivi. The establishment of this centre, through the agro-innovations in drylands programme has the objective of promoting innovation, research and development that guarantee food security, job creation and a

healthy ecosystem in dry lands.

"In addition, the programme seeks to ensure that adequate and appropriate heritage based science and technology infrastructure is established and utilized to support rural industrialization to improve the quality of life of rural inhabitants," he said.

The Vice Chancellor said that in terms of the nation's health and well-being, the University was constructing the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences which will aid to the provision of the much needed specialist skills that are currently in short supply in the country. The school shall be bolstered by the University teaching hospital that is currently being renovated at the University's Mashava campus.

"While the primary aim of the school will be to train medical personnel, the University envisions the two facilities playing a major role in the provision of specialist medical care to the nation. Whereas currently Zimbabweans in need of medical care have to fly over seas, we hope

to turn the facilities at Mashava hospital into the new-abroad. As a spin-off of this establishment, we hope to cause medical tourism by attracting international visitors to the facilities," he said.

A total of 4 652 students graduated at this year's graduation ceremony. However, due to the prevailing COVID-19 circumstances, only 65 first class degree recipients, attended the ceremony physically and were capped by the GZU Chancellor, His Excellency, President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Great Zimbabwe University Social Sciences lecturer, Maxwell Chuma graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology degree while two, Lizwelithini Ngwahlana and Celecence Gunduza received the coveted Chancellor's Award for outstanding performance at the ceremony. Of the graduates, 30.5% were postgraduate, while 62.66% of the grand total, were females. Also among the graduating class were first time graduating programmes; Master of Commerce in Development Finance and Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Culture.

PVC Prof Chimbari's appointment, a commitment to full attainment of Education 5.0



Professor Moses John Chimbari

The Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo has described the recent appointment of Professor Moses John Chimbari as Pro Vice Chancellor, responsible for Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation, as Great Zimbabwe University's commitment to the nation that the University is well on course towards full attainment of Education 5.0.

Officially introducing the new Pro Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University and all State University, President Emmerson Mnangagwa, and other guests at the Universities 15th Graduation Ceremony held on 22 October 2021, Professor Zvobgo said that GZU was on an irreversible path towards full attainment of Education 5.0 hence its deliberate decision to appoint critical members of staff capable of driving the University towards that vision.

Professor Zvobgo said that the appointment of Professor Chimbari came at a very opportune time for the University as it was undergoing a critical restructuring and realignment exercise which would benefit from the depth of experience that the new Pro-Vice Chancellor - Academic Affairs, Research and

Innovation, brings.

An eminent academic, Professor Chimbari was on September 1 2021 appointed as Pro-Vice Chancellor responsible for Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation by President Mnangagwa. The appointment was effected after consultation with the Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Professor Amon Murwira and recommendation by the University Council.

Reporting to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Chimbari, as the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation, will strengthen the University's academic-related affairs, research and innovation and will be part of the University Executive leadership.

Professor Chimbari holds a PhD from University of Copenhagen, Denmark and is a Full Professor with 20 years' experience in senior university leadership having served as Deputy Director, Director and Dean and possessing 30 years of conducting transdisciplinary research.

Before joining Great Zimbabwe University, Professor Chimbari was a Public Health Research Professor in the School of Nursing and Public Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). Prior to that, Prof. Chimbari was, for 5 years (2013-2018), the Dean of Research in the College of Health Sciences, UKZN. He had come from Botswana where he was Deputy Director of the Okavango Research Institute, University of Botswana, for five years. His other previous university senior appointments were: Director of Research and Innovation, Zimbabwe National University of Science and Technology (2006-2008) and

Director of University Lake Kariba Research Station, University of Zimbabwe (2000-2006). Prof Chimbari has published over 160 articles in peer-reviewed journals on diverse public health aspects. He has graduated 26 PhD and 11 Masters Students. He has been featured as a UKZN Top 30 Researcher for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Prof Chimbari has a passion for capacity building and has for decades championed short courses targeting postgraduate students and early career academics. The short courses include mentorship, proposal development, manuscript writing, thesis writing and grants writing. Prof Chimbari has extensive experience in developing and managing large projects. In this regard, he has, in the past two decades, led projects funded by the International Development Research Centre - Canada (IDRC; 2002-2004; IDRC; 2010-2014), European Union (EU) -EduLink (2010-2014), World Health Organization (WHO/IDRC, 2013-2017; WHO, 2020), National Institute of Health Research TIBA (NIHR - UK; 2018 - current), British Academy (2018, 2020), UK Research Innovation -UKRI (2020) and EU (current). He is the President of Ecohealth International, chair of Africa Ecohealth Regional Chapter, Member of Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences, Member of NIHR Global Health Community Engagement and Involvement Advisory Network and Member of NIHR Funding Committee. Prof Chimbari is a member of the Planetary Health Alliance Task Team on Medical Students planetary health competencies. He also served on the advisory committee of Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA funded by the UK Department for International Development, Economic and Social Research Council, and the Natural Environment Research Council - 2011 to 2015).

The GZU Council, Vice Chancellor, Senior Management, Staff and Students take this opportunity to welcome, congratulate and wish Professor Chimbari success in his new portfolio.

GZU Hosts Maiden Research Fair



Eye catching artefacts and informative displays were the order of the day at the 2021 GZU Research Fair

The first edition of the Great Zimbabwe University research fair was held successfully from 4 to 5 October 2021, with various stakeholders applauding the country's University of Choice on the research trajectory it has taken which places heritage based research at the centre of the country's innovation drive.

Held under the theme, "heritage based research and innovation for modernizing and industrializing Zimbabwe, the research fair brought together some of the University and the country's leading multidisciplinary researchers in a setting to share ideas and add the much needed impetus to innovation and industrialization in the country.

In a keynote address marking the official opening of the research fair, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation Science and Technology Development, Professor Fanuel Tagwira who was standing in for Minister Professor Dr. Amon Murwira, applauded Great Zimbabwe University's research fair which he described as a breath of fresh air that speaks to how education must address the needs of the people and emphasized that research must incorporate community engagement and result in the production of tangible goods and services.

Addressing delegates to the research fair, Chairperson of the Great Zimbabwe University Council, Professor

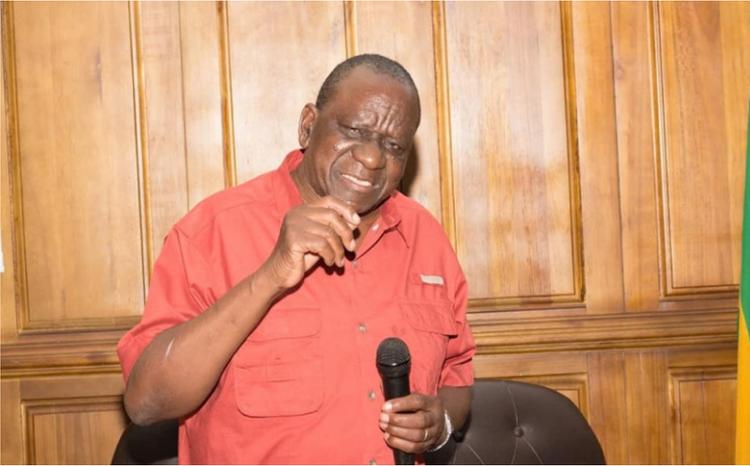
Mandivamba Rukuni highlighted that the University was leading the way in showing Africa how to use heritage based education to modernize Africa. Professor Rukuni encouraged the University to continue on the path of rational disputation and noted that as a result of initiatives such as the research fair, the country remains on course for a bright future.

In his welcome remarks, the University Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Zvobgo outlined the importance of heritage based research and innovation in higher and tertiary education and highlighted that Great Zimbabwe University remains on course to achieve the objectives of the Education 5.0 mantra that has been adopted by the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, that the institution is dutifully pursuing.

The University's eight schools and the department of Research and Innovation displayed various artefacts that have been developed by staff and students and also put up poster presentations outlining various areas in which the University is conducting research.

Senior members of University staff including the Pro Vice Chancellor Research and Academic Affairs, Professor Moses Chimbari, the Director for Research and Postgraduate Studies, Professor Vongai Nyawo and the Director for Research and Innovation Professor Jephias Gwamuri attended the two-day research fair.

New Students Welcomed



Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo delivers his welcome address to students

Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo on Tuesday, 12 October 2021, welcomed first year students to Great Zimbabwe University.

Professor Zvobgo said that being in university was a special gift that parents would have given to their children hence they should use their time at GZU to read, study and transform their world and that of their families once they leave the university.

"Always use your family backgrounds as your inspiration as you go through the university. What we will give you here is a diet for education and your responsibility is to read the books, then go home and make a difference," he said.

World Tourism Day Academic Symposium 2021 a success



The Minister of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Honourable Mangaliso Ndlovu delivers his keynote address

The Minister of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Honourable Nqobizita Mangaliso Ndlovu has said that no one should be left behind in the revival, growth and development of the tourism industry post the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking while officially opening the World Tourism Day Academic Symposium 2021 which was co-hosted by Great Zimbabwe University and the Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, under the theme Tourism for Inclusive Growth at the Herbert Chitepo Law School on Thursday, 9 September 2021, Minister Ndlovu said that the focus of this year's World Tourism Day theme was to ensure that tourism growth takes everyone on board.

"In driving the recovery agenda no one should be left behind including communities, minority groups, the youth, the women and the differently abled and those who would otherwise be at risk of being left behind. We want everyone to be able to participate in the sector both as consumers and producers of the tourism

products and in the value chain of tourism," he said.

In his welcome remarks, the Minister of State for Masvingo Province, Honourable Ezra Chadzamira, who was represented by the Director in his office, Mr Kudakwashe Machako, said that as the cradle of the country's national heritage, the revival of tourism was key to the growth and development of Masvingo Province. Honourable Chadzamira added that he was happy that the COVID-19 infections were on the decline in the province thus opening up the country for tourism. In his remarks, Great Zimbabwe University Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Zvobgo said that the Tourism Symposium was part of efforts by the University to restart tourism and help kick start recovery and growth in the wake of the devastating effects of COVID-19.

The World Tourism Day Academic Symposium 2021 attracted presentations from academics and other stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality sector from throughout the country and some from South Africa.

Deputy Minister Machingura visits Great Zimbabwe University



“Tour of duty” Minister Raymore Machingura tours GZU project sites in the company of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Zvobgo

The Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development Honourable Raymore Machingura visited Great Zimbabwe University yesterday, Friday 15 October 2021, together with a delegation from his Ministry.

Hon Machingura was on a mission to assess the state of progress of key construction projects that Great Zimbabwe University is currently undertaking. He visited the Innovation Centre for Drylands Agriculture in Chivi, the Mashava Teaching Hospital, the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences, the Innovation Hub and the Textile Factory.

At the Innovation Centre for Drylands Agriculture, the Deputy Minister witnessed the remarkable construction work that is currently underway at the site. Among other activities he witnessed was the opening up of access roads, drilling of boreholes and marking out of foundation layouts for laboratories and a grain grading shade.

The Dean of the Gary Magadzire School of Agriculture, Dr Xavier Poshiwa informed Honourable Machingura that by establishing the Innovation Centre for Drylands Agriculture in Chivi, Great Zimbabwe University was making a huge contribution to the country's endeavour to have food security.

Dr Poshiwa said the establishment of the Innovation Centre for Drylands Agriculture, is being done through his School's Agro Innovations in Drylands programme. The major objective of the programme is to promote innovation, research and development that guarantee food security, job creation and promote a healthy ecosystem in drylands. In addition, the programme seeks to ensure that adequate and appropriate heritage based science and technology infrastructure is established and

utilised to support rural industrialisation for improved quality of life for rural inhabitants.

Honourable Machingura said that he was impressed by the fact that members from the local community were being involved in the establishment of the Innovation Centre for Drylands Agriculture.

At the Mashava Teaching Hospital, the Deputy Minister was taken on a tour of the vast medical facility and was able to witness the renovations being done to the main reception and other areas. The Dean of the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences, Professor Jacob Mufunda, said that the Mashava Teaching Hospital was gearing up to serve as a premium health facility that will attract patients from all over the world. He said that the facility will be operating seamlessly with the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences.

At the Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and Health Sciences, the Deputy Minister was informed that construction of the state-of-art medical school was almost complete and fitting of specialist equipment would be the next phase in the establishment of the school. Prof Mufunda informed the Deputy Minister that the School will play a very significant role in helping the country to tame the shortage of medical specialists.

At the Innovation Hub, the Director of Research and Innovation Department, Professor Jephias Gwamuri informed the Deputy Minister that Great Zimbabwe University had fully embraced the national vision to transform Zimbabwe into an upper middle economy. He said that the University had over the past few years made concerted efforts to place community engagement, research, innovation and industrialization at the centre of all its activities and initiatives.

In his remarks at the end of his tour, Honourable Machingura said that he was impressed by the remarkable progress that he had witnessed at Great Zimbabwe University. He added that he was particularly thrilled by the vision that the University has as it implements several of its projects. He emphasized the need for Universities to take up their roles in the country's economic and social growth through research and innovation. He said that Universities should come up with tangible solutions which can be implemented on the ground.

Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo said that Great Zimbabwe University firmly believes that the various projects it was undertaking were a bold statement that the University is committed to contribute meaningfully to the development of the nation.

Giving the vote of thanks, Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Moses Chimbari assured the Deputy Minister and his delegation that the University will deliver on every promise made by its officials during the visit by the delegation.

Minister of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry tours GZU Campuses



The Minister of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Honourable Mangaliso Ndlovu recently took a tour of some of the Great Zimbabwe University campuses in the company of the University Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo and their management teams. Honourable Ndlovu took the tour after officiating at the World Tourism Day

Symposium 2021 that was held at the Herbert Chitepo Law School. The Minister was impressed by the major strides that the University was taking and indicated that he would want to be present when the medical school officially opens. The Minister marvelled at the clothing and textile factory and urged factory staff to brand merchandise as that will make the items easily marketable.



Minister Mangaliso Ndlovu gets a first hand appreciation of GZU campuses as GZU Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Zvobgo accompanies him

Herbert Chitepo Law School increases access to the law by communities



The Herbert Chitepo Law School is on a mission to increase access to legal aid and enhance awareness around legal issues in indigent communities. As part of that mission, dubbed Taking the Law to the People, the Law School, in partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, was recently in parts of Chiredzi and Gutu districts on the Legal Aid Outreach programme.

The groundbreaking initiative started in Ward 4 of Chiredzi Urban on Monday 6 September 2021 and proceeded to Ward 27 of Chiredzi Rural District. The programme then moved to Gutu North where meetings were held with local communities at Tongogara, Chitsa and Utsinde Business Centres.

The team from the Chitepo Law School, comprising lecturers and law students, provided free legal services to the indigent and imparted basic and essential legal knowledge to members of the community.

Topics covered included inheritance and succession, maintenance, gender based violence and child rights. After general presentations of the topics, members of the community were afforded opportunities to get legal advice on peculiar issues through one-on-one interactions.

New Workers Committees elected

Great Zimbabwe University members of staff on 28 September and 4 October elected new representatives for the Great Zimbabwe University Non Academic Workers Committee (GZUNAWC) and the Great Zimbabwe University Lecturers Workers' Committee (GZULWC) respectively.

The following members were elected to the lead GZUNAWC:

- President Jabulani Denhere
- Vice President Menard Madzima
- Secretary General Madoyi Nelson
- Treasurer Esnath Chitonga
- Sports Representative Irvine Tabengwa
- Bursary Representative Jane Chidarikire
- Security Representative Samson Hwarare
- Student Affairs Jealous Chaita



Staff and students from the GZU Law School addressing members of the community in Chiredzi

Chiredzi Rural District Ward 27 Councillor, Martin Marufu expressed the community's delight at the initiative noting that the mobile clinic had brought much needed legal aid and knowledge on issues that affect communities in their daily lives.

Mr Victor Nkiwane, the Dean of Herbert Chitepo Law School, who led the team said that taking the law to the people was part of the University and the School's community engagement programme. He said it was the School's responsibility to ensure that disadvantaged communities get a basic appreciation of the law and the justice system.



Mr Jabulani Denhere, Great Zimbabwe University Non Academic Workers Committee (GZUNAWC)

- Secretarial Representative Nomercy Ndomoro
- Works and Estates Representative Blessing Murevesi
- Central and Cleaning Services Representative Nhamo Mangwana
- Library Representative Raja Naidoo
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- The following members were elected to the lead GZULWC:
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- President Givewell Munyaradzi
- Vice President Justice Chirima
- Secretary General Francis Muchemwa
- Treasurer Rejoice Mandizvidza
- School Representative Arts Munyaradzi Phiri
- School Representative Agriculture Talent Mawere
- School Representative Commerce Joyman Ruvando
- School Representative Education Joel Marashe
- Committee Member Admire Mhindu
- Committee Member Heasie Beans

The tenure of the Workers' Committees is two years and will expire on the 28th of September 2023.



Mr Givewell Munyaradzi, Great Zimbabwe University Workers' Committee (GZULWC)

POTRAZ donates computers to GZU



Great Zimbabwe University Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Moses Chimbari (left) hands over the consignment to the Acting Dean of the Robert Mugabe School of Education and Culture, Dr Kudakwashe Mapetere

The Postal and Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ) has donated nine computers to Great Zimbabwe University's Jairo's Jiri Centre for Special Needs Education. The computers will be used by students with special needs within the institution once software enabling their use has been installed.

The computers were handed over to the University by the President

who is also Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University, His Excellency, Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa at the just ended National Disability Expo; an annual event organized by the Office of the President that was held in Gweru. Dr. Philimon Mahanya, a lecturer with the Centre for Special Needs Education, received the computers on behalf of the institution.

Great Zimbabwe University Pro Vice Chancellor (Research and Academic Affairs) Professor Moses Chimbari handed over the consignment to the Centre for Special Needs Education at a colourful event held at the Hebert Chitepo Law School on Thursday, 14 October 2021.

The event was attended by members of staff from the Centre for Special Needs Education. Other dignitaries included the Dean of Student Affairs, Ms. Sarafina Mudavanhu, the Director University Secretariat, Mrs. Sharai Muonwa and the University Registrar, Mrs. Sinikiwe Gwatidzo.

Initiatives to alleviate the plight of Persons with Disabilities have gained momentum, with the Persons with Disabilities Bill set to be tabled in Parliament in the forthcoming legislative cycle.

Access to Information Key to Provincial Health



Delegates to the Open Access workshop strike a pose for a photo

Research provides the foundation of modern society, and Open Access to information brings out the widest possible audience, innovation and industrialization of research output in Zimbabwe. This was the key message as Great Zimbabwe University (GZU) Library hosted an electronic resources training workshop for forty Health Practitioners from the Masvingo Province, as part of the annual international Open Access Week commemoration. The workshop was held at the Herbert Chitepo School of Law Moot Court on Thursday 28th October 2021. The purpose of this University outreach (community engagement) workshop was to capacitate participants in open access electronic information resources, to enable them to harness a wide range of information from open access e-book and e-journals platforms. This in turn enabled them to have access to a plethora of health-related information, especially in this covid-19 era, for the benefit of the province.

This event also connected Great Zimbabwe University with its surrounding community through empowering lead health personnel to benefit from world renowned medical research that the library has established access to. Through the GZU Library's Approved Readers membership model, all participants who attended the workshop were given free six months access to key medical databases of books and journals.

In his opening remarks, GZU Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Innovation and Research Professor Moses J. Chimbari said that the publishing landscape had undergone significant changes driven principally by the globalisation of research, regulatory pressure towards open access and open data, and changing author and reader behaviours achieved through new information technologies.



GZU Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Innovation and Research Professor Moses J. Chimbari

“Today's event aims to share and train you, our valued Medical Practitioners, in a plethora of medical literature that is freely available to you. In addition, GZU is proud to share with you today some of our key medical and health sciences databases, which we will give you 6 months free access to – that is – from November 2021 to April 2022” said the Pro Vice Chancellor.”

The Pro Vice Chancellor added that whilst Great Zimbabwe University made strides towards open access by establishing the GZU Institutional Repository, a platform that has seen the GZU community uploading their research content for open access, in future GZU plans to create a provincial medical repository of traditional medicine knowledge for the benefit of our Zimbabwean communities and people.

GZU join the Open Access movement



This week, Great Zimbabwe University joined the rest of the world in commemorating the International Open Access Week. The Open Access Week is an annual scholarly communication event focusing on open access to information and knowledge. The theme for this year's International Open Access Week, held from 25th–31st October 2021, was “It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity”. The Open Access (OA) movement and support of it was an event that the Great Zimbabwe University community joined in 2016 though becoming a signatory to the Berlin Declaration on Open Access. The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities, is an international statement in support of open access and access to knowledge.



Some of the participants in the provincial health practitioners' workshop on open access medical information resources at Great Zimbabwe University

Open access refers to research output that is freely available on the public internet, permitting any user to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself. Specifically put, OA is the free, immediate, online availability of peer-reviewed scholarly research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment. Open Access ensures that everyone interested can access and use these research results.

The purposes of Open Access are to shape institutions and establish foundations for online access to research

papers without restrictions and at no costs, and to support the unrestricted use and re-use of papers and related information aiming to promote research and education. Open Access is becoming a large-scale movement that involves distribution and evaluation of scholarly information. The Open Access Week is an opportunity to discuss and share these ideas among researchers, librarians, and publishers who support the related activities.

Great Zimbabwe University has harnessed a plethora of subscription-based as well open access information databases of books and journals for teaching, learning and research. The surrounding community can use these under the Library's Approved Reader

Heritage experts selected for the World Heritage Leadership (Heritage Place Lab) programme



WORLD HERITAGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Heritage Place Lab

RESEARCH-PRACTICE TEAMS

- A Antigua Guatemala**
 - University of San Carlos of Guatemala
 - Consejo Nacional para la Protección de La Antigua Guatemala (CNPAG)
- B Machu Picchu**
 - National Intercultural University of Quillabamba, Peru
 - University of Genova, Italy
 - Servicio Nacional de Areas Naturales Protegidas (SERNANP)
 - Archaeological Park of Machu Picchu
- C Humahuaca**
 - Universidad Nacional de La Plata
 - Universidad de Buenos Aires
 - Ministry Culture and Tourism of the Province of Jujuy
- D Rjukan-Notodden**
 - University of Southeast-Norway
 - Vestfold and Telemark County and Notodden, Tinn and Vinje Municipalities
- E Asante**
 - University of Ghana
 - Ghana Museums and Monuments Board (GMMB)
- F Okavango Delta**
 - University of Botswana
 - Botswana National Museum
- G Great Zimbabwe**
 - UNESCO Chair on African Heritage, Great Zimbabwe University (GZU)
 - National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe (NMMZ)
- H Jaipur**
 - Manipal University Jaipur
 - C2C for World Natural Heritage Management and Training, Wildlife Institute of India
 - Jaipur Municipal Corporation and Town Planning Department, Rajasthan

Four heritage experts from GZU were selected to join the pilot phase of the newly launched Heritage Place Lab programme which is being run by the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCRUM) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The four experts include Dr T. P. Thondhlana, Dr T.T. Musindo, Dr L.H. Machiridza and Ms G. Tevera. GZU joins seven other universities which include the University of Ghana, University of Botswana, Manipal University Jaipur, University of San Carlos Guatemala, National Intercultural University of Quillabamba, Universidad Nacional de La Plata and University of Southeast-Norway. This was made possible because GZU is currently hosting the UNESCO Chair on African Heritage.

The Heritage Place Lab will focus on initiating long-term cooperation and strengthen networks across research and site management in the context of the World Heritage Convention. At the heart of programme is the idea that the protection of heritage sites should ensure the survival of other values that are important to people and communities. This approach recognises the key roles and contributions that Indigenous peoples and communities make to the protection of heritage places and the need to ensure that

communities also benefit from their protection.

Heritage experts at GZU will team up with practitioners based at the Great Zimbabwe World Heritage site. Starting from the 15th of September 2021, Great Zimbabwe Research-Practice Team has been meeting with other teams in six international online workshops that bring together heritage professionals across the World to learn more about existing models and experiences of research-practice cooperation preparing practice-led research agendas partnering for collaborative research and funding proposals. The results will be compiled in a final publication that will be released next year. According to the GZU Research-Practice Team “This project will result in high impact research programmes at Great Zimbabwe and also within the wider Great Zimbabwe Cultural Landscape”. According to the Acting Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Munyaradzi Manyanga, “the participation of the heritage experts from GZU in the World Heritage Leadership programme will enhance our capacity in heritage conservation and community development. GZU lecturers in Heritage Studies stand a chance to share experiences with other heritage experts and to develop appropriate heritage based development models. This is line with GZU' vision of becoming a leading university in heritage training and mainstreaming heritage in tackling global challenges”.

Maunganidze re-elected chairperson of media body



Mr Golden Maunganidze

Director of Great Zimbabwe University, Campus radio station and Lecturer in the Simon Muzenda School of Arts, Culture and Heritage Studies, Mr Golden Maunganidze, was on Saturday, 30 October 2021, re-elected as the chairperson of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (Misa) Zimbabwe chapter chairperson after coming a distant first in elections held for the post.

Maunganidze, who is also the Misa regional chairperson and Tell Zim newspaper founder, defeated his former deputy chairperson Rutendo Mawere by 85 votes to 17.

Describing his re-election as a triumph for media freedom and sustainability in Zimbabwe and the region, Maunganidze promised to rejuvenate MISA and to integrate the vision of the local body with that of the regional body.

GZU wins \$50000 Nagel grant



The Nagel grant multidisciplinary research team posing for a photo

In a landmark development that speaks to the quality of research at the institution a team from Great Zimbabwe University recently won a \$50 000 Nagel Grant for research in the thematic area entitled "Integrating African theology and Social Sciences".

The grant came from Calvin University an institution that deals with Christianity's engagement with contemporary African society. GZU was among the 12 successful applicants that applied out of 200 applicants from Africa. The grant will run for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2021 - 30 May 2024 and will help

GZU researchers to embark on their research titled "African Spirituality, health and well-being in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Zimbabwe.

GZU Research Team leader, Professor Sibanda, expressed his gratitude and was proud to announce that part of the grant had already been disbursed. The interdisciplinary research team comprises of representatives from the University's Schools of Education, Social Sciences and Arts.

A visiting expert Prof Jehu came through to congratulate the team.

GZU student participates in arts council of England funded project

Great Zimbabwe University BA Honors Degree in Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Studies, 3rd year student Ian Tawanda Mugowa (24), recently broke new ground when he participated in a project titled 'PK Porthcurno 150: Connected Collections' as a Research Intern at the PK Porthcurno Museum - Museum of Global Communications in the United Kingdom. The museum holds a unique designated collection and archive of importance to global history. Through the Arts Council of England funded project, the museum

opened the collections to new voices and perspectives. The project aimed to link up global stories of telegraph and decolonization of collections focusing on communication and globalization and sought to promote cultural diversity by incorporating new voices and perspectives in the interpretation or history of the telegraph. The project also explored new approaches to linking up global collections, communities, and histories.



Tawanda Mugowa has broken a new record

Ian responded to a call for applicants for this project and his application was successful. He subsequently started as a Research Intern in January 2021. The project had 10 research interns: 5 students from Exeter University (Citizen Curators) who are paired with Research Interns from other continents. Other Research Interns were from India, New Zealand, Portugal and Ian was the only student from Africa. Ian was partnered with Libby Gervais who was studying English at Exeter University. The Research Interns worked under Alice Howard (Archive Research Facilitator, Porthcurno) to access remotely material culture in Porthcurno Archive.

Ian carried out a research, at the National Archives of Zimbabwe, that resulted in a visual blog titled "Telegraph in Zimbabwe: A tool of Imperialism". The

blog is available on, <https://pkporthcurno.com/collections-and-archive/telegraph-in-zimbabwe-a-tool-of-imperialism/>.

The initiative provided Ian with an opportunity to showcase Great Zimbabwe University to an international audience. Ian said "Through the project, I developed strong research skills, confidence in working alone as well as part of a group and also the project comes with an appreciation of cultural diversity as I managed to work with people from different cultural backgrounds across the world. It was also an opportunity to quench my thirst for knowledge in history, as well as an experience to work towards my passion in Museology. Relationship building was an essential skill which I developed and being the only African student in this project, was an opportunity to make friends and connections".

University receives book donation



The Acting Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Munyaradzi Manyanga hand over a token of appreciation to the visiting delegation while the Registrar, Mrs Sinikiwe Gwatidzo, looks on.

Great Zimbabwe University (GZU) has received a consignment of four hundred and thirty four books from the Central University of Technology in the Free State (CUT-FS), in a development marking the strengthening of the relationship between the two institutions of higher learning.

The consignment was handed over to the Great Zimbabwe University, Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Munyaradzi Manyanga, by a delegation from the Central University of Technology at a colourful event held at the Herbert Chitepo Law School on Monday, 25 October 2021. Addressing the delegation, Central University of Technology head of delegation, Dr. Alfred Modise, expressed his delight at the partnership between GZU and CUT-FS, and emphasized that the book donation is the beginning of bigger things to come. The visiting delegation paid homage to the late Dean of the Robert Mugabe School of Education, Professor Rose Mugwenhi for kick starting the process leading to the book donation.

Dr. Modise also spoke on the importance of creating exchange programmes for staff and students in the two institutions so that the Universities and individuals benefit from exchanging ideas and sharing cultures, adding that it is imperative for the

two institutions to collaborate in research as funding is readily available for research in South Africa, under the auspices of the National Research Fund. Dr. Modise further highlighted that the GZU-CUT-FS partnership is critical, coming as it does in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the onset of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

In his keynote address, Great Zimbabwe University Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Munyaradzi Manyanga expressed his gratitude to CUT-FS for the book donation, describing the gesture as “a gift of life”. Professor Manyanga emphasized that the donation comes at an opportune time as Zimbabwean Universities are currently undergoing massive transformation, under the Education 5.0 mantra.

The four hundred and thirty four books cover a variety of topics in the area of education, with plans in place to source books for other subject areas within Great Zimbabwe University. The book launch was attended by senior members of Great Zimbabwe University management including the University Librarian, Mr. Lawrence Chikwanha, the Registrar, Mrs. Sinikiwe Gwatidzo and the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Salachi Naidoo. Deans of Schools within Great Zimbabwe University were also in attendance.

Informative, eye-catching exhibition gets University first prize



Great Zimbabwe University capped off an informative and eye-catching exhibition at the 2021 edition of the Masvingo Agricultural Show by scooping first prize for the best exhibition in the Universities category, at the four-day showcase held at the Masvingo Show grounds from the 28th to the 31st of October Running under the theme, “Open for Business to Sustain Economic Growth and Stability”, Masvingo's blue ribbon trade and business event was making a return after a two year COVID 19 induced break. The last edition of the show prior to the 2021 event was held in 2019. In that edition of the show, GZU also won an award for an outstanding exhibition. The institution's eight schools as well as several departments from the University of Choice came together to put up a scintillating display, with the show piece attraction being displays from the newly established Simon Mazorodze School of Medical and

Health Sciences. Patrons to the show benefitted from free hypertension (BP) and blood sugar tests that were being conducted by members of staff from the school. Equally popular were exhibits from the Robert Mugabe School of Education, with most patrons being interested in playing the “nyunga nyunga” mbira instrument made by students and lecturers in the department. As has become the norm, the University's Campus Radio added colour and energy to the entire exhibition while other schools and departments showcased cutting edge research projects and output that left most patrons in awe. Great Zimbabwe University Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation, Professor Moses John Chimbari and the University Bursar, Dr. Andrias Chinyoka were among some of the dignitaries that graced the University's exhibition stand.

GZU participates at ZITF and Harare Agricultural Show

As part of taking the University to the people, Great Zimbabwe University participated at the 2021 editions of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) and the Harare Agricultural Show.

institutions. A number of former and current students and their parents visited the GZU exhibitions just to express their gratitude and pleasure at associating with the GZU Brand.

Through informative and trendy displays at both exhibitions, the teams that represented the University at the two exhibitions were able to interact with a cross section of GZU stakeholders who sought to understand the latest information about programmes, researches, innovations and other activities taking place in the

Among other stakeholders, the Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Professor Amon Murwira accompanied by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Professor Fanuel Tagwira, visited and spent time at the GZU ZITF stand.





GZU BURSAR, DR ANDRIAS CHINYOKA AWARDED MEGAFEST NATIONAL BUSINESS AWARD - SILVER WINNER CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



DR ANDRIAS CHINYOKA

The Great Zimbabwe University Chairman of Council Professor Mandivamba Rukuni, the Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo, Council, Management, Staff, Students and the Great Zimbabwe University community congratulate the Great Zimbabwe University Bursar, Dr Andrias Chinyoka for being awarded Chief Finance officer of the Year Silver Winner at the 2020 Megafest Business Awards. Dr Chinyoka is a finance expert who has a wealth of experience in financial management spanning over 28 years.

The Megafest business awards are held annually to recognise, develop, promote and award business acumen at all business levels. Apart from Finance, Dr Chinyoka is experienced in Business Management and has risen through the ranks to the position he holds now. Great Zimbabwe University is proud to be associated with an award winning leader of such expertise.

CONGRATULATIONS, MAKOROKOTO, AMHLOPHE



GZU'S PROF M. SHOKO APPOINTED DEPUTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICA CENTRE FOR FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT (ACFC) BOARD.



PROFESSOR MUNASHE SHOKO

The Chairman of the Great Zimbabwe University Council, Professor Mandivamba Rukuni, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo, members of the University Council, Senate, staff and students of Great Zimbabwe University congratulate Professor Munashe Shoko on his appointment by His Excellency and Chancellor of all State Universities, President E.D. Mnangagwa; as the Deputy Board Chairperson of the Africa Centre for Fertilizer Development (ACFD) Board. The appointment is with effect from 21 September 2021 to 20 September 2024. Professor Shoko is a Soil Science Professor in the Department of Soil and Plant Sciences in the Gary Magadzire School of Agriculture. Professor Shoko has been at the forefront of striving to increase the sugarcane yield by imparting such knowledge especially to Sugarcane farmers in the Low veld of Zimbabwe.

Among other objectives, the ACFD is expected to play a critical role towards the attainment of Vision 2030 by serving as a centre to achieve technology transfer for improved fertilizer production in the African industry. To conduct and support research, develop, promote, and demonstrate the role that fertilizers must play for improved agriculture and fertilizer management practice. To encourage and provide support to the fertilizer sector of Africa and to develop cooperation and collaborative projects with other national, regional and international institutes in the adaptation, testing, and demonstration of improved fertilizers and fertilizer knowledge; and finally to conduct, foster and support training in all aspects of the fertilizer sector and other fertilizer-related activities for the furtherance of its objectives.

Apart from his recent appointment, Professor Shoko also serves in the board of the Forestry Commission of Zimbabwe. Great Zimbabwe University is proud to be associated with such astute leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS, MAKOROKOTO, AMHLOPE !!

Summer Health tips



Summer is here! A change of season calls for a change in routine, a revamped diet, and of course, a new exercise regimen that suits the weather. The onset of warm weather can make your body more vulnerable to different types of diseases and certain health guidelines must be followed to ensure a healthy summer.

Here are a few tips to stay healthy this summer

1. Eat healthy and light

Eat light, small, frequent meals. Heavy meals with large amounts of carbohydrates and fats give rise to a lot of heat in the body. Focus on fresh fruits and vegetables that have high water content – such as oranges, watermelon, tomatoes, etc.

2. Treat your eyes well

Protect your vision from the harsh sunlight at work and at play, wear protective eyewear. When outdoors, wear sunglasses that block at least 99% of ultraviolet rays.

3. Avoid Alcohol and Caffeine

Alcohol, fizzy drinks and coffee all can leave you

dehydrated quickly. If at all possible, try to reduce the amount of these favourite beverages, especially during hot weather. Plain or flavoured water is a good substitute.

4. Drink plenty of water

Heat and sweat in the summer months can leave your body dehydrated, causing unwanted health outcomes such as fever and chills. Keep yourself well hydrated by drinking at least 2 to 3 litres of water every day.

5. Stay indoors

Restrict outdoor activities to the cooler parts of the day – early mornings before 11. am or late evenings after 5.00 pm.

6. Avoid food from unsafe sources

Roadside food can be contaminated and may lead to foodborne illnesses. Also in the summer heat if food is not stored properly it may get spoilt and lead to a stomach infection.

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2021 Graduation in Pictures







Congratulations!

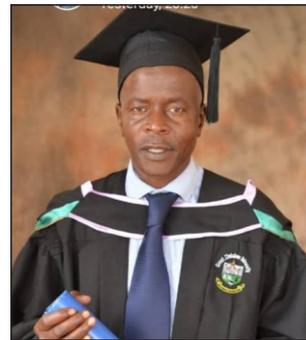
to the following members of Staff on attaining degrees in various fields at GZU



Melody Bhebe



Grace Kamwaza



Terrence Muchacha



Philomina Mbedzi



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Jane Nyokanhete



Gentleman Kambizi



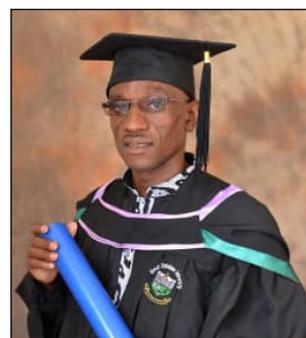
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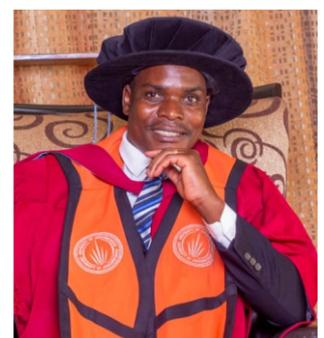
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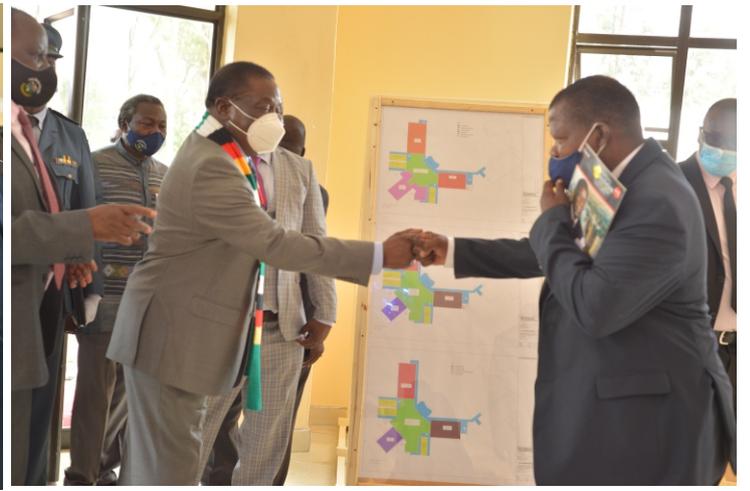


Oscar Joe



Regret Sunge
(Graduated with a PhD in Economics from the University of Johannesburg)

Laying of foundation stone in pictures







Congratulations to the following members of the Academic Staff on attaining their doctorate degrees recently:

- Bernard Pindukai Humbe, Lecturer in the Philosophy and Religious Department, Simon Muzenda School of Arts, Culture and Heritage Studies. He attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religious Studies.
- Hedwick Chigwida, Lecturer in the Department of Curriculum Studies, Robert Mugabe School of Education and Culture. He attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education.
- Tendai Chibaya, Lecturer in the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culture, Munhumutapa School of Commerce. She attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economic and Management Sciences
- James Hlongwana, Lecturer in the Department of History, Archeology and Development Studies, Simon Muzenda School of Arts, Culture and Heritage Studies. He attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in History.
- Nancy Mazuru, Lecturer in the History, Archeology and Development Studies Department, Simon Muzenda School of Arts, Culture and Heritage Studies. She attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Development Studies.
- Chenjerai Muwaniki, Lecturer in the Educational Foundations Department, Robert Mugabe School of Education and Culture. He attained the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education.

Curtain comes down on ZUSA 2021 games



The 2021 edition of the Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association (ZUSA) games comes to an end at Midlands State University on Friday, 5 November 2021 after four days of colour, pomp and fanfare.

The four-day sporting show piece, pitting some of Zimbabwe's finest student athletes was officially opened on Wednesday, 3 November 2021 with students from the country's Universities battling it out in tennis, table tennis, darts, snooker, chess and netball.

Despite a two year COVID 19 induced absence, the athletes put up thrilling performances during the games that were held under strict COVID 19 regulations including random testing of participating athletes for COVID 19, regular temperature testing and sanitizing of hands.

The 'Team of Choice', did not disappoint, putting up some noteworthy performances across the board with the Great Zimbabwe University netball and chess teams being singled out for praise by their counterparts from Midlands State University and Chinhoyi University of Technology, respectively.

Event organizers, the Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association (ZUSA) secretariat, expressed satisfaction at the successful hosting of the games held under the 'new normal', noting that the games served as a dress rehearsal for other games involving Universities that will be held in the future; including the Chancellor of Zimbabwe State Universities Staff Games set to be held in Harare.

The Great Zimbabwe University community congratulates Team GZU for flying the University flag with distinction at the 2021 ZUSA games