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their imaginations, not the
difficulty of change.



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ALU SEMINAL READINGS

The Seminal Readings Program at the African Leadership University (ALU) stands as a foundational element of our academic journey—a hallmark of intellectual exploration, critical engagement, and ethical leadership. Grounded in the principles of Pan-Africanism and informed by a commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders, this program is designed to cultivate a culture of rigorous thought and meaningful dialogue.

We are honoured and proud to announce that the ALU Pan-Africanists Society is entrusted by Student Life to manage this program.

The Seminal Readings Program is a vibrant and student-centered initiative that holds a significant place within the ALU community. The program thrives on the principles of fostering critical thinking and analysis, reading for meaning, and nurturing a sense of togetherness through open dialogues among students. At its core, this program revolves around group discussions based on seminal texts, with students taking an active and leading role in shaping the discourse. Facilitators play a guiding role, but it's the students who drive the heart of these engaging discussions, especially when encountering varying viewpoints or disagreements.

The next edition of the program will take place in January 2024, where ALL students are invited. We strongly encourage fellow leaders to be a part of this thought-provoking program.



Founder of ALU gets honored at the 2023 TIME 100 Impact Awards

Join us in congratulating our very own Fred Swaniker, Founder of the African Leadership Group, who has been recognised as an Honoree for the TIME 100 Impact Awards 2023.

Dr Fred Swaniker took to the stage to accept the Award on Friday night, November 17th, in Kigali, Rwanda. The Award is a recognition of his visionary leadership, having gone above and beyond to educate 3 million African leaders. Dr Fred is making his Impact through the African Leadership Group, a group of institutions that include the African Leadership University (ALU) in Rwanda, African Leadership College (ALC) in Mauritius, African Leadership Academy (ALA) in South Africa, and ALX across Africa.

"Without Nancy and the thousands of talented young leaders and technology professionals we're training across Africa, I wouldn't have a reason to be standing here today," he said in his acceptance speech.

In 2019, Dr Fred made it to the list of TIME 100 Most Influential People in the world.

TIME 100 is an annual listicle of the 100 most influential people in the world, assembled by the American news magazine Time. Appearing on the list is often seen as an honor, and Time makes it clear that entrants are recognised for changing the world.

Find out more 



A period of complete reflection and caution for all Liberians!

By Levi Hamilton Martin

Power transferred democratically & peacefully in Liberia's recent presidential elections as opposition candidate Joseph Boakai saw the win. A Liberian student at ALU weighs in.



First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the outgoing government and President George Manneh Weah for respecting the democratic process and accepting the outcome of the recent presidential elections. This commitment to the rule of law and respect for the will of the people is a testament to the strength of our democracy, and it sets a positive foundation for the peaceful transition of power.

Yes! A single term is highly possible because this is a New Liberia. Young people in Liberia have encountered global advancements in other countries through personal travels and internet exposure. So, we can't settle for the least.

As we welcome the new government, we must reflect on the lessons of the past and work towards building a Liberia that thrives economically and socially. I offer my sincere caution to President-elect Joseph N. Boakai and the new administration, urging them to learn from past mistakes and strive for excellence in governance, economic development, and social justice.

One key aspect that requires immediate attention is the development of our economy. As an entrepreneur, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of a vibrant and growing business sector in East Africa. Small businesses are the backbone of any economy; when they flourish, so does the nation.

I implore our new government to prioritize policies that support entrepreneurship and small business development. Collaboration between the private sector and the government is crucial in this endeavor. By reducing bureaucratic hurdles, providing access to funding, and creating a business-friendly environment, we can empower entrepreneurs to thrive and contribute to the nation's economic growth.

Moreover, by investing in quality education and skills development, we can ensure that our workforce is equipped to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global economy. Fostering a culture of innovation and lifelong learning can position Liberia as a competitive player on the world stage.

In conclusion, let us unite in our vision for a prosperous and harmonious Liberia. As we congratulate the outgoing government for upholding the principles of democracy, let us also commit to building a nation where entrepreneurship flourishes and every citizen has the opportunity to contribute to our shared success.

May the years ahead be marked by progress, inclusivity, and the realization of our collective aspirations.

Levi Martin is a young Liberian Entrepreneur and a BEL Student at the African Leadership University Rwanda



Somalia Joins The East African Community (EAC)

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said joining the regional trade bloc was a "beacon of hope" for Somalia. He said it offered "hope for a future of opportunities and prosperity". Somalia has been wracked by conflict since 1991, and many parts of the country are controlled by jihadist group al-Shabab. Some of its neighbours have sent troops to help fight the Islamist group, which is affiliated with al-Qaeda. The decision to admit Somalia was made after a meeting of heads of member states in Arusha, Tanzania.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EAST AFRICA?

Global Citizen Launches a Tour in Rwanda

"Move Afrika is a 5-year, large-scale effort to pioneer a first-of-its-kind international music tour throughout the continent of Africa. This annual series of live events will showcase the best of Africa to the world while also driving investments in the communities where they take place. Our hope is that people in each community where Move Afrika takes place experience skills training and job opportunity in the entertainment industry.", wrote Global Citizen.

First stop? Kigali, Rwanda.

First date? Dec. 6, 2023.

First headliner? Kendrick Lamar.

First host? Winston Duke

Learn More 



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Year-End Note

As the sun sets on another remarkable year at ALU, it's a perfect moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate the incredible journey we've undertaken together. In the spirit of growth and learning, we encourage each student to take a moment to look back on the triumphs, challenges, and lessons of the past year. Your resilience and dedication have illuminated our campus and hubs, contributing to the vibrant tapestry that is ALU.

Before we embark on a well-deserved break, don't miss the opportunity to immerse yourself in the last events of the year. Join your fellow students in creating lasting memories, celebrating accomplishments, and fostering the bonds that make our community exceptional. From campus-wide festivities to intimate gatherings, these final moments are a chance to connect, reflect, and savor the essence of our ALU Community.

As we bid farewell to this chapter, let's also look ahead with anticipation. The canvas of the new year awaits, filled with opportunities for growth, discovery, and transformation. Take the time to set intentions, craft aspirations, and envision the remarkable journey that lies ahead.

Wishing you all a joyous and restful festive season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and moments of profound reflection. Safe travels for those venturing home.

The Capstone Exhibition 2023

is finally here! The African Leadership University invites you to attend this year's final students' capstone exhibitions on campus. This is an exciting day to witness live demonstrations of projects, and research outcomes, interact with other students, and form impactful partnerships.

Friday, **8th December.**

Time: **10 am - 3 pm**

The last session of the **Financial literacy series** by the Financial Aid office will be in person. Those in Rwanda can attend on campus. Food and drinks will be served as we close this milestone. For the team to prepare accordingly, please take 1 minute to fill out [this form](#) to confirm your availability on campus on the **8th of December, 2023.**

Let's call it a year



On the SPOTLIGHT

It's a launching
season at ALU

1 BAVUKILE VILANE



On December 1st, BSE Student Bavukile is set to launch his events app, **Whatsnxt**. This is a platform where you can explore events happening near you, engage with personalised experiences, and connect with friends like never before. Whatsnxt allows everyone to be a host without all the complexities of being one. From little housewarming parties and secret karaoke spots to big birthday bashes, if you want people there, you can post them on the platform. On this groundbreaking platform, you can be a host and an attendee.

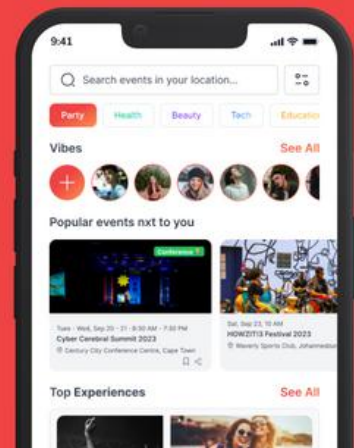
"Maybe we are not reinventing the wheel at Whatsnxt, but we are creating a movement you'd want to be a part of. Whatsnxt is more than an events app. It's a platform to have conversations about your future." said Bavu.

Learn More



What's up?

Whatsnxt?



2 CHARLINE CHIKOMO



On December 9th, ALU Alumnus Charline is set to launch his book, **CAREER-A-THON: Mastering The School to Marketplace Transition**. This book transcends conventional career advice, providing a comprehensive 8-in-1 experience. It delves into reimagining education, fostering connections, uncovering disparities between schools and communities, actively bridging these gaps, understanding the marketplace's sought-after values, navigating transitions, and exploring the A-Z of career and opportunity readiness. Furthermore, it establishes a practical platform for individuals to discover, develop, and deploy their potential.

"Clearing the shelves, making room – behold, CAREER-A-THON has arrived! Our commitment to the people of Africa and the world is nothing less than what they've long awaited. With passion in our hearts, we declare a war against ignorance in our lifetime, striving for a brighter future.", wrote Charline.

Pre-order your copy: +250787387911 / charline@duceleadership.com



Opportunity Corner



These opportunities and resources are just a glimpse of what is available out there for African youth striving for personal and professional elevation. We encourage you to explore, learn, and seize the opportunities that resonate with your aspirations.



CyberGirls Fellowship Program 2024 for young girls and women.

Cybergirls fellowship is a free 1-year fellowship program that equips girls and women aged 18-28 years old with globally sought-after cybersecurity skills, positioning them to start a cybersecurity career and helping them seize decent work opportunities within Africa and across the world.

Deadline for applications: 11 December 2023

Visit: <https://grow.google/intl/ssa-en/about/>

GLI Global Scholars Fellowship Program (GSFP)

Global Livingston Institute (GLI) has worked to put curriculum and resources together on the ground in Uganda and the US to launch a rigorous academic initiative in order to accommodate students seeking to work on capstones, internships, and independent study opportunities in a remote capacity!

That's how the "Global Scholars Fellowship Program", an interactive online classroom & research experience, was born!

Each cohort is open to up to 25 spots for undergraduate & graduate students and also open to recent college graduates.

The 2-week fellowship program includes:

- Daily lecture series and discussions with key community development leaders from US & East Africa;
- Collaborative Research projects that will include a focus on education, public health, agriculture, conservation, and other fields;
- Remote mentoring and advisory support throughout;
- Participation with a Uganda/US led team to advance academic goals and research efforts.

Visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/>

Melton Foundation Global Solvers Accelerator 2024

The Global Solvers Accelerator brings together emergent agents of social change across the globe for an impact-driven, project-focused learning journey. Over the course of eight months, participants learn and work together to build collective leadership competencies, refine social impact initiatives they are spearheading in their communities, and ignite transformative change that cuts across boundaries of sector, place, and identity, furthering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through the program, participants generate ripples of impact: on themselves by building their leadership capacity and transformative potential; on their local community, by accelerating their social impact project for sustainable development beyond business as usual; and on their global peers by intersecting their know-how experience, and humanity.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to young community development practitioners aged between 20 and 35 years; Be curious, responsible, forward-thinking, with a proven track record of social impact, and actively engaged in or leading a local impact project currently. You are looking to connect with like-minded peers to make a better sense of the world together.

Deadline: December 15, 2023

To apply and for more information, visit:

<https://meltonfoundation.org/global-solvers-accelerator/>

Freshwater and Community Conservation

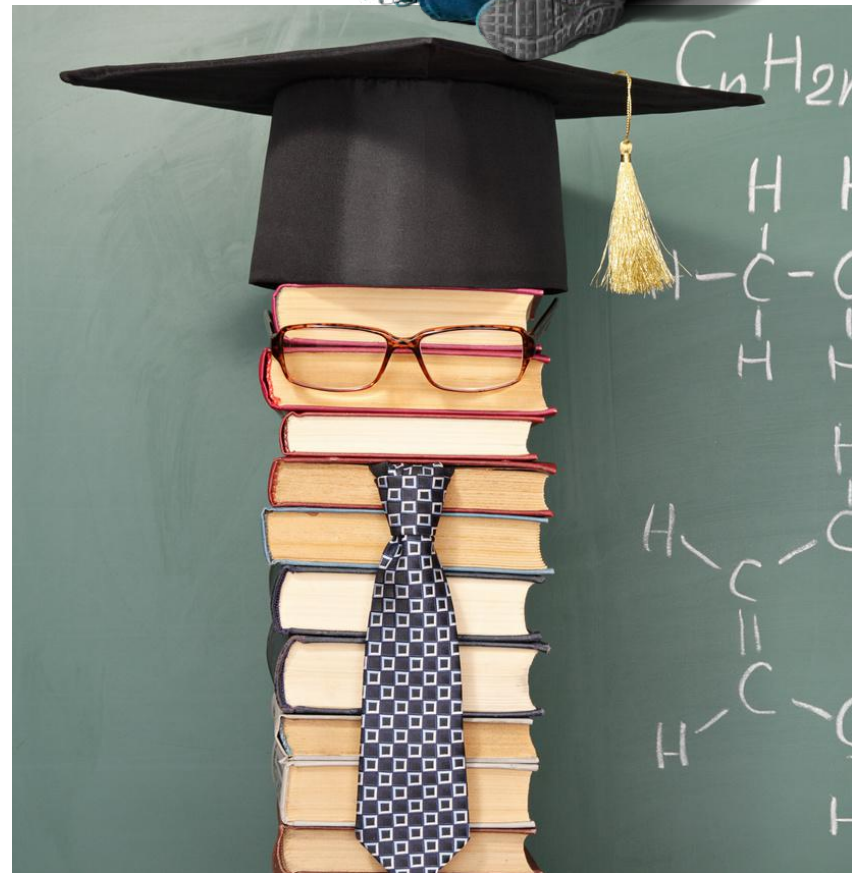
Externship opportunity for students who are passionate about conservation. The opportunity is for young people aged 18 to 25. No qualification is required.

In this remote Externship, externs will translate global freshwater conservation issues into a local context, make them relevant and accessible to their communities, and offer solutions to local or regional problems.

Individuals from locations impacted by freshwater conservation issues are strongly encouraged to apply.

Deadline: 15 January 2024

Visit: <https://www.paragonone.com/>



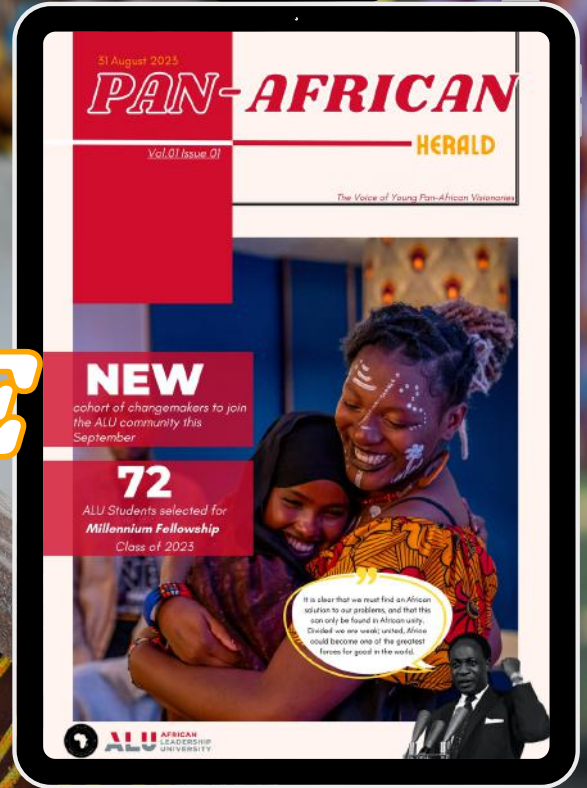


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