

# USIU unveils state-of-the-art student centre

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USIU-Africa chancellor Manu Chandaria during a past event. The institution unveiled a state-of-the-art students centre on November 10, 2016. FILE PHOTO | NATION MEDIA GROUP

## In Summary

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United States International University-Africa has unveiled a state-of-the-art student facility designed to concentrate student services and recreational facilities under one roof.

The facility has a cardio room, a strength training room, a medical centre and a gymnasium.

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The new kitchen, cafeteria and an additional demonstration kitchen will allow students to be prepared for a world-class working environment comparable to a five-star hotel and restaurant business.

The university has also set aside an innovation space on the top floor expected to nurture initiatives and innovative research and entrepreneurial ventures in technology, energy, agribusiness, among other areas.

Speaking during the unveiling on Thursday, Youth Enterprise Development Fund Board chairman Ronald Osumba commended the university's management for their commitment to quality education by coming up with the magnificent building that will allow for outside the classroom interaction for students of diverse backgrounds.

“This student centre is a sign of your commitment to quality education,” he said.

“It is not the building that makes the people, but it is the people who occupy it. This is a place that will create a new set of leaders and this is the place where they can get together and build Kenya,” said Manu Chandaria, the university's chancellor.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor Prof Paul Zeleza emphasised the importance of student affairs and services in the development of any higher learning institution.

“At USIU-Africa, we believe in a well-rounded student which we know the education ministry has stressed in its strategies for improving higher education in Kenya. We are committed to playing our part and today's ceremony is a sign of our devotion to education in Africa,” said Prof Zeleza.

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