

#Keplerpathways

# DIGEST

January - July 2023



## Students Corner

### March 2023 Cohort

In March 2023, we welcomed a new cohort of 158 students through our partnership with Southern New Hampshire University. The group started the Kepler Foundation program, which focuses on improving English and communication skills, digital skills and foundational business and workplace soft skills. They will start degree work in the fall of 2023.

## Success Week

In March, we celebrated our inaugural Kepler Success Week, the launch activity for the Kepler Success Program which will equip students with life-long skills. Sessions included nutrition, sleep, physical and mental health awareness, family planning, HIV/STIs and cervical cancer awareness, discovering your personality, leaning into values and community living, and included critical discussions with young leaders, entrepreneurs and artists. Kepler Success Week ended with field trips to visited 35 employers around Rwanda. Over 800 students and staff participated. In the fall, Kepler Success will include a celebration of creativity through Creative Week.



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“

The most important thing in entrepreneurship is solving problems in the community that people are willing to pay you for. Start with what you have.

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Kevine Kagirimpundu, CEO of Uzuri K&Y



## Iteme Program

Iteme Program Students on a study tour at Kepler.

Refugee students from Kigeme Refugee Camp, who are enrolled in Kepler's preparatory program, Iteme, visited our Kigali Campus on a study tour in May 2023. During their visit, they learned about available higher education options in Rwanda and received career guidance.





# Kepler Marks Refugee Day With Resilience and Hope

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Kepler marked World Refugee Day at our Kigali and Kiziba campuses in June 2023, celebrating the resilience and aspirations of our refugee learners. Students displayed their talents through songs, dance, and martial arts, while panel discussions centered on this year's theme "Hope Away From Home."



Watch the highlights

## Kepler Ethiopia's tertiary upskilling program (Graduate Employment Program) graduates 111 trainees, holds annual career fair.



Discover how students like Tariku Teshome and Wibet Aderajew Miseganaw, from Addis Ababa Tegbare-Id Polytechnic College are getting ready for the job market by equipping themselves with the tools necessary to thrive in their chosen careers.

[Read more](#)

## Kepler Ethiopia

Kepler College hosted its Annual Career Fair on July 7th, where students networked with more than 30 companies and organizations including the World Food Programme, MTN, and Irembo. The event aligns with Kepler's aim to prepare students for the job market by facilitating employer interactions while showcasing the available talent pool to employers.

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## Career Fair





## Vedaste Ndayambaje

From Refuge to Leadership: Get inspired by the transformation of our alumnus, Vedaste Ndayambaje, and his transition from a refugee student to a young leader. He speaks about his time at Kepler and the skills that shaped his journey.

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## Alumni Spotlight

**“With the right support and opportunities, anyone can rise above their circumstances and make a difference.”**



## Partnerships

In our continued effort to expand student opportunities, Kepler College partnered with the African E-Trade Group (AeTrade) in May 2023 to create career preparation and transition opportunities such as internships for students. The partnership aims to develop effective employee onboarding programs, fostering a seamless transition into the workplace.

## Voices of Education



Kepler staff joined educational innovators from across Africa at the Ashesi University's Education Collaborative event in Accra, Ghana, held in June 2023. The gathering allowed us to share innovations, strategize for enhanced educational outcomes, and shape the future of education in Africa.

## Hon. Suella Braverman Visits Kepler



In March 2023, we hosted Hon. Suella Braverman, Home Secretary of the UK and Rwanda's Minister of Education Hon. Dr. Valentine Uwamariya at our Kigali campus to share about our work with refugees. She toured the campus and interacted with our students.



### Kwibuka 29

In June 2023, Kepler Kigali students and staff visited the Ntarama Genocide memorial in Bugesera District and hosted a commemoration event on campus to honor victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. The event featured a skit, poem, survivor testimony, and a candle-lighting ceremony.

# THE HOME OF BASKETBALL



## Courtside Victories

Kepler has officially launched a sports program starting with basketball! With the second-best regular season record, **Kepler Basketball Club** secured a ticket to the playoffs, eventually graduating to **Division 1** of Rwanda's national basketball league! Congratulations to the team, which includes 12 Kepler College students. Next, look out for Kepler's women's basketball team and a men's volleyball team. To support our sports programs, reach out to [sports@kepler.org](mailto:sports@kepler.org).

Get to know our team —

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