

Catholic Health Training Institute

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The cultural week

At the Catholic Health Training Institute, also known as the Catholic Health Science Institute (CHSI), a week of cultural exhibitions is not just an event, but an opportunity to recognize the contribution of cultures to building just and peaceful societies. In the field of health, culture is a determining factor. By helping students understand the different cultures of South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains region, CHSI will be able to train healthcare professionals who are sensitive to cultural differences and able to serve in any corner of the country. During this event, students took turns presenting the dances and dress codes of their respective cultures, an initiative that helps build a united community across ethnic boundaries.



For students, this event also provides a way to bring vivid pictures of their families to school. This year's event took place from 7 to 9 January 2026 with the theme: "Embracing our diverse cultures to become responsible citizens". The event was attended by all CHSI staff and some representatives of stakeholders from Western Bahr el Ghazal State. The key messages promoted by the cultural week will continue to make a significant contribution to the success of CHSI's mission.

Clinical placement for third-year students completed

On 12 January, the final clinical practice cycle started for third-year Nursing and Midwifery students. During the six weeks of activity, the future professionals tested their skills in managing wards and caring for acute patients. After an initial one-month practical phase, the last two weeks were devoted to a formal assessment of their management skills. Having successfully completed this milestone in the field, the students now return to the classroom for final preparation, including seminars and mock exams, as they approach the end of their studies.



The missioning Day 2026

21 January was the day of commissioning for future nurses and midwives attending their first year of study. This is a fundamental step in their journey of care and mission. As a Catholic institution, it is a tradition at CHSI to begin this celebration with a thanksgiving mass, officiated this year by Rev. Father Loua SJ, Executive Director of Solidarity with South Sudan. In this country facing enormous challenges, he reminded the CHSI family that healthcare work is not just a set of clinical protocols, but a true gospel of life "lived in the field." He urged students to be "ambassadors of hope" and "Good Samaritans" of our day. One of the students, on behalf of the entire student community of the Institute, expressed



sincere gratitude to Solidarity, the CHSI administration and all those who support the project. He also thanked the senior students for their encouragement and support. The deputy Dean of Studies honored the tutors and all those who contribute daily to the training of CHSI students. He urged the students to take advantage of the great opportunity offered by the healthcare facilities where they are doing their training: "The hospital is the best place for learning always carry your light with you as choose to joint Jesus in Ministering of healing." The day ended with a football match between the first-year students and the older students, which ended 2-1 in favor of the newcomers.



Ash Wednesday

On 18 February, the Catholic Health Science Institute celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass in the campus chapel. The main celebrant was the Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Wau, Rev. Fr. Gabriel Kuol Akech. He invited the faithful to reflect and forgive one another at the beginning of Lent, as this is the time when we must draw closer to God in prayer and perform works of charity for those in need. CHSI not only trains students to become competent nurses and midwives, but also encourages them to be professionals who embody Christian values based on Catholic social doctrine. It is a holistic education that aims to equip these youth with all the tools they need to transform and improve their lives.



Community outreach Program

19th February, the principal of CHSI Sr. Gaudencia Wanyonyi MMS and the deputy Dean of Studies Yatta Ben Manoah together with eight third year students comprising of 4 nurses and 4 midwives joined the outreach team of Sika Hadid PHCC and traveled to Bazia where they provided health care services to the internally displaced people from Tambura. They were able to participate in drug dispensing, consultation, lab test and give health education to the patients.



Continuous Assessment Test

The second-year nursing and midwifery students sat the Continuous Assessment Test (CAT) of research methods. A Continuous Assessment Test, also referred to as an ongoing evaluation, systematically measures a student's learning progress across the course duration. Its main purpose is to strengthen learners' competencies through continuous feedback and comprehensive appraisal. Generally, the continuous assessment makes up 40 percent of the overall course grade, while the final end-of-semester examination contributes the remaining 60 percent.

