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| **V4A 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS****Introducing the V4A 2021 Award Recipients.** In the last 10 years, every year V4A recognizes and celebrates individuals and organizations who stand out in impacting immigrant families in the St. Louis region. V4A award recipient is a distinguished individual or organization who has established a reputable record of support and community service in the immigrant community in the region. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, December 18th, 2021from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.****The Keynote speaker is Mr. Arrey Obenson, President and CEO of the International Institute**The following individuals and organizations are doing great work to make St. Louis a welcoming home city for the foreign-born population. They will be recognized at the event* Community advocate- Wakili Award
	+ Besty Cohen- Director of [St Louis Mosaic Project](https://www.stlmosaicproject.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Dr. Matifadza Hlatshwayo-Director of [Health St Louis city](https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/health/index.cfm?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Youth Empowerment Award- Wezesha Award
	+ [St Louis Chess Club](https://saintlouischessclub.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ [BDPA St. Louis](https://bdpa-stlouis.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ [Umoja Sait Louis](https://www.facebook.com/UmojaSTLsoccer/posts/4687381604641130?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* V4A Immigrant Entrepreneur Award
	+ Zellipah Githui-[Gitzell FairTrade International](https://www.gitzellimports.com/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID" \t "_blank)
* Diversity and Inclusion Award
	+ [FOCUS St. Louis](https://www.focus-stl.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Community Service Award
	+ [Midwest Bankcenter](https://www.midwestbankcentre.com/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ [Hispanic Leaders Group](https://www.stlhlg.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Ian Karanja-[Hazelwood West High School](https://www.hazelwoodschools.org/westhigh?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Alan Kagarama- President of The Abungurana Community
	+ [Kenya Embassy](https://kenyaembassydc.org/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Community Impact Award
	+ [Mercy Hospital](https://www.mercy.net/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ [Delwood Pharmacy](http://www.dellwoodpharmacy.com/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Emerging Leaders Award
	+ Dr. Christina [Vivit-Empowering Community LLC](https://www.empoweredcommyounity.com/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Sally Gaheru;-[St Louis University](https://www.slu.edu/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Igho Ekakitie-[Webster University](https://www.webster.edu/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Humanitarian Award –Shujaa Award
	+ Dr. Christopher Prater-[Washington University School of Medicine](https://medicine.wustl.edu/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
	+ Stephanie Njeri-[John Hopkins University](https://www.jhu.edu/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* V4A Ambassador Award- Balozi Award
	+ Tony Wanjiku-[Harmony Care](http://www.harmonycare.net/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)
* Mentor of the year Award
	+ Dr. Muthoni Musangali- [Webster University](https://www.webster.edu/?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)

Date: **December 18th, 2021**Event schedule: **6:00 p.m. Dinner and cocktails” and 7:30 p.m. Silent auction**Location: **5850 Elizabeth Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110**  **We will follow CDC guidelines. Thank you if are vaccinated, wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.**Please RSVP by **December 13th, 2021**.[REGISTER HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/v4a-annual-dinner-2021-tickets-202182652757?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID)*If you can’t attend, please consider making a contribution of*[*any amount online*](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=3ZMKFFCSRMM5A&source=url&mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID) ***or****by mailing checks to* [*vitendo4africa.org*](http://vitendo4africa.org) *7220 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Hazelwood, MO 6302 or donating online at* [*www.vitendo4africa.org*](http://www.vitendo4africa.org).[SPONSORSHIP LEVELS](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zCSpClvVWP70hJ96MasedeHUDHCJ6CfT/view?mc_cid=dbbe0f95b5&mc_eid=UNIQID) |

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