

WHAT'S NEW

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A GIRL'S RETREAT AT THE COAST: CREATING A SPACE FOR WOMANHOOD

From January 31 to February 2, Bethanee Tabura and her team created a space for PUC girls to relax and discuss womanhood. She also wanted to give girls who might not be able to attend the other yearly retreats an opportunity to go to Albion. Bethanee appreciated and was passionate about the Albion Field Station and the programs PUC hosts there, so she found it the perfect place to hold a girls' retreat.

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