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We wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you to the 2017 January semester.

Orientation - New Parents Welcomed



A parent asks a question during the Q & A Session of the Parent's Tea held at the Amphitheatre in Athi River Campus

Daystar Athi River Campus was a hive of activities on 9th January 2017 as the University received the January 2017 freshmen. This year was unique because among the freshmen were about 200 government sponsored students. As the new students began their orientation programme, their parents were hosted to tea at the Amphitheatre. Present to receive them were the University Vice-chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira, Daystar University Parents Association (DUPA) chair, Mrs. Dorothy Ng'ethe, DVC Academic Affairs Rev. Prof. James Kombo, DVC Finance and Administration Mr. Jomo Gatundu, Deans of Schools, members of the management board, heads of departments, faculty members and DUPA representatives.

Dr. Timothy Wachira called on the parents to be in the forefront of shaping the lives of their sons and daughters. "We believe in eternity,

and that it is more important than the careers we develop. If we develop their careers but finally lose their lives, we will have achieved nothing," said Dr. Wachira as he called on the parents to partner with the University in molding the young people. He further assured the parents that Daystar faculty and staff carry out their work in the fear of God.

The DUPA chair, Mrs. Dorothy Ng'ethe used an example of her own daughter; a graduate of Daystar University to assure the parents of the quality of Daystar programmes. "I do not regret having brought my daughters to Daystar because I have witnessed a great transformation in their lives," she said. Mrs. Ng'ethe advised the parents to pray for their sons and daughters, and to keep track of what is happening in their lives. She further urged the parents to partner with the University

in supporting the financially challenged students of Daystar. In that connection, she invited them to a fundraising Valentine's dinner to be held on February 11, 2017.

On his part, the DVC Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof. James Kombo assured the parents that the University endeavors to be at par with the standards set by the Commission for University Education. Echoing the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Kombo invited the parents to work together

with the university to ensure that the core values of Daystar are met.

"Our children will live in proportion to the prayers we make for them," said Rev. Steven Nduto as he cautioned the parents to pray purposely and consistently for their sons and daughters.

The parents had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications regarding their children's stay at Daystar. Meanwhile Afrizo was also at hand to keep them entertained.

New Students Officially Admitted



January 2017 Intake of evening students making their matriculation pledge with hands raised at the Daystar Academic Centre Auditorium, Valley Road Campus

The new students who reported for the January 2017 intake were officially admitted to Daystar University during matriculation ceremonies, which took place on both Nairobi and Athi River campuses. The Athi River campus and the Nairobi Day matriculation took place on January 11, 2017, while the Evening programme ceremony happened on 12th January 2017.

Addressing the Athi River campus congregation, the DVC Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof. James Kombo urged the students to adhere to the Daystar code of conduct, to enable them be part of the more than 14, 000 ambassadors of Daystar University within Africa and the World. "Cultivate the culture and image that men and women who have passed through Daystar have built over the years," he encouraged. Prof. Kombo also advised the new students to interact with the nature and above all, the word of

God, which defines Daystar graduates. "Education is very crucial but the fear of God is the most important thing in life," he said.

The DVC Finance and Administration Mr. Jomo Gatundu urged the new students to begin the new journey together towards achieving their goal. "Every goal is reached with all parties in one accord," he said. He called on the new students to take advantage of the facilities available in the institution as they pursue their careers. "Take time to make friends, smell the flowers and take advantage of the sports to be a holistic person, but most importantly walk with Christ in accomplishing the mission and vision of Daystar," he advised.

Meanwhile addressing the new Evening students at the Nairobi campus, DAC Auditorium, the University Vice-chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira advised them to emulate Christ in their

mission to achieve their careers. He urged them to be honest with themselves and God, saying that Daystar University is based on Christian principles, which calls us to be honest before God and other people. The Vice-chancellor further encouraged the students that it is possible to be an academician, to seek knowledge and understanding in an honest and truthful manner. "I invite you to be honest and truthful in that which you are seeking so that as you leave Daystar, you will be confident that the degree you carry represents the truth," he said.

The DVC Academic Affairs explained that matriculation is a moment of commitment to the mission that Daystar is committed to. He revealed that this semester's matriculation was unique because it comprised all evening programmes, including PhD.

The new students from both Athi River and Nairobi Campus signed a declaration of consent, as they pledged to comply with the norms and values of Daystar University. This semester the University also received about 200 Government sponsored students.

SCLPA Hosts Calvin College

Students from Calvin College visited Daystar Nairobi Campus on Wednesday 11th January 2017. Calvin College is a liberal arts college located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA. Founded in 1876, the college is an educational institution of the Christian Reformed Church and stands in the Reformed tradition of Protestantism.

Hosting them was the School of Communication, Language and Performing Arts led by the Dean Prof. Levi Obonyo. Also present were Dr. Leah Komen (Thesis Coordinator) and Mr. Eric Kadenge (Faculty). Prof. Obonyo shared on the history of Daystar University and Africa, putting emphasis on colonization and how it has impacted the academic field.

Dr. Komen talked about the challenges of an African woman looking at career, family and religion. Many questions were raised,

which got everyone engaged especially in the areas of gender inequality: gender based violence and female genital mutilation.

Led by Dr. Benjamin Arendt, Director of Admissions, the Calvin College students came to Kenya on a learning venture. They are doing a tour of organizations to learn about the culture, and Daystar was their academic stop. The team comprised students from various concentrations: Architecture, Nursing, and Diplomacy, among others. During the interaction session the students sang praises about Daystar commending the institution for its hospitality, a firm foundation in values and the good food.

The discussion also touched on possible collaboration between Daystar University and Calvin College where professors and students can exchange ideas and work together in carrying out research.



Calvin College team in interaction with the Daystar School of Communication, Language and Performing Arts

DLPDI partners with CITAM to run Ex-Candidates program



A cross section of the Ex-CAN 2017 cohort during the ongoing training at the Daystar Academic Centre Computer Lab

Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute (DLPDI) in partnership with Christ is the Answer Ministry (CITAM) Ng'ong and Karen are running an ex-candidates program to productively engage the youth who have completed their KCSE, and are waiting to join various institutions of higher learning. The institute will also run her own program at the Nairobi Campus dubbed "Destiny Leadership Development Program". The trainings, which will take three months each, will run as follows:

- a) The Bridge program in CITAM Ngong, which began on 9th January
- b) Destiny program in Daystar University, to begins on 16th January and
- c) The Pathway program in CITAM Karen, which will begin on the 17th January 2017

Present during The Bridge launch in Ngong was the Senior Pastor, Rev. Jesse Mwai. He lauded the program and appreciated the effort made by Daystar to ensure the program came to a reality. To the participants, he hoped that the program would be impactful in improving the lives of the young people, now and in the future. On his part, Prof. Waithima, the Director, DLPDI registered his joy in partnering with CITAM Assemblies to empower the high school graduates at this critical stage in their career development. He revealed the main themes of the program as Life skills, Spiritual formation and ICT competency training. Prof Waithima explained that going through the training would equip the participants to navigate through life in a more impactful way.

Destiny and The Pathway programs at Daystar Valley Road and CITAM Karen are set to begin on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th January 2017 respectively. Discussions between DLPDI and CITAM Athi River are at an advanced stage to launch a similar program dubbed "The Next Step" in Athi River.

In Other News



Afrizo team led by Manasseh Shalom (c) arrived safely in the U.S. and is representing Daystar well.

Introducing New Staff

Kindly join us in welcoming new staff into the Daystar Community.



Prof. Korwa Gombe Adar
Professor - Peace and International Relations



Dr. Nickson Menza Karie
Senior Lecturer Computer Science



Caroline Nyagothiie Mwangi
Senior Campus Administrator- Athi River Campus
University Services



Mr. Haron Barsemoi
Senior Procurement and Contracting Officer



Weekly Inspiration

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr. -

Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

Athi River Campus (ARC)

Tuesday, 17 January, 2017

In His Presence {Chikhwaza & Manasseh}

Thursday 19 January 2017

My Partner My Choice {LADIES: Phyllis Mutua}

My Partner My Choice {MEN: Paul Mutinda}

Sunday, 22 January, 2017

"Power of Chastity" (Maureen MM)

Valley Road Campus (VRC)

Tuesday, 17 January, 2017

In His Presence {AFRIZO}

Thursday, 19 January, 2017

My Partner My Choice {LADIES: Sarah Irungu}

My Partner My Choice {MEN: George Mutua}

Friday, 20 January, 2017

In His Presence {AFRIZO}

BEREAVEMENT

Sister Charity Kironcho - Senior Librarian - Collection department lost her brother Zakayo Mwongera Rwito on 25th December 2016 after a long illness. The burial will be held on 14/1/2017 at Gaitu village in Meru County. Charity can be reached through her no. 0724564469.

Jacob Laichena, a Masters student in Daystar lost his mother on 29th Dec, 2016. The burial took place on 10/1/2017 in their home in Mwiyo village, Maua in Meru County. You can reach Jacob Laichena through his no. 0726847817

Kindly let us remember the bereaved family as they go through this difficult period, for God's peace and comfort to be in their hearts.

APPRECIATION

Dear Daystar Community

I and my entire family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Daystar community for your generous support, your kind words of encouragement and your prayers accorded to us during the demise of our beloved Dad. I really thank God for all of you and feel humbled and blessed to be a member of such a loving community.

It is my prayer that the good Lord will surely bless you and our Heavenly Father who sees what is done in the secret will reward you greatly. Amen

Ruth Waitthaka - Finance Department