

## NCWSC Delegation Visits Daystar on World Water Day



*Eng. Phillip Gichuki, Managing Director NCWSC, giving his speech during the World Water Day event*

**In the wake of the World Water Day celebrations on March 22, 2016, the School of Science, Engineering and Health invited the Managing Director of Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company, Engineer Phillip Gichuki.**

Eng. Gichuki speaking to Athi River Campus students on water access, distribution and challenges in Nairobi County, was accompanied by his staff team comprising the Director of Human Resource and Administration, Mrs. Rosemary Kijana, Technical Director, Eng. Nahashon Muguna, Finance and Strategy Director, Mr. Johnson Randu, Head of Legal Services and Company Secretary, Ms. Ivy Nyarango, Personal Assistant, Ms. Victoria Mbuvi as well as the Corporate Affairs

staff; Mr. Maurice Kihoro and Mr. Okumu Victor, both of who are Daystar University Alumni.

In his address, Eng. Gichuki appreciated the university's invitation on World Water Day. He shed some light on what NCWSC is doing to increase its operations efficiency in the distribution of water in Nairobi County, stating that most of it had to do with leveraging on technology. "We have developed a digital solution for meter reading that has improved accuracy and timeliness. We now have e-billing, where our customers can pay their bills directly through their phones or emails," he confessed. Leaning towards efficient customer communication feedback, Eng. Gichuki explained about the Merge-Voice system used by the company as well as the innovation of the



*HoD Science and Engineering, Dr. George Kimathi (left) presents a gift to Eng. Phillip Gichuki*

Tambua services, used to track the identity and credibility of employees of NCWSC.

According to Eng. Gichuki, 70% of Nairobi enjoys continuous water supply, 80% of the population has access to tapped water, while 36% of Nairobi County has a sewerage network. Also, NCWSC now supplies water commercially to the informal settlement in order to curb the challenge of stealing water. "We now have a commercial entity that is focused towards the informal settlements and have come up with the water ATM systems, where water is purchased at very affordable prices in these areas," he disclosed.

Other challenges he mentioned were, reducing the gap of water quantity with the rise of the Nairobi population, climate change challenges where water production levels decrease due to drought and siltation during the rainy seasons. Eng. Gichuki also highlighted some operational challenges like

high levels of non-revenue water where huge portions of water is lost due to poor infrastructure, illegal abuse of sewerage resources for farming, toxic pollution of sewers by industries, infrastructure vandalism and obstruction or encroachment of the pipeline networks.

Giving his final remarks, he insisted that water has remained an important pillar in spurring development and that without it, Nairobi would not develop. He challenged everyone to practice water conservation and recycling as much as possible even at household level. "We appreciate the burden we have as a water utility of Nairobi County. We shall therefore, do everything possible to ensure that we have good water supply in the city and more so efficient services to the people of Nairobi," he assured. The proceedings ended with a well-conducted question and answer session between the audience and the NCWSC delegation.

# DUAA Inaugurates Ms Kizito's Memorial Lecture



*A section of Alumni, DUAA board, and members of faculty, at the memorial lecture in honor of the late Ms. Kizito*

**Monday 21st March marked exactly one year since Daystar's communication icon, Ms Mary Kizito rested in the Lord.**

In her honor, the Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) held a memorial lecture at the DAC Auditorium themed, "Remembering Critical Lessons."

The forum gave Daystar Alumni an opportunity to share reflections of their learning and application of communication as a tool of trade and life. A cross section of alumni from as far back as the 90s as well as faculty members and students graced the occasion.

In her opening remarks Ms Catherine Butaki, DUAA board member told those present that one of the DUAA's major undertakings is to create networks, and enhance engagements; and that Ms Kizito's memorial lecture was the beginning of such engagements. Other activities include creating a platform where Alumni can give back to the university through mentorship, scholarships among other things. She further revealed that DUAA board is in the process of planning more lectures and public speaking opportunities

involving both Alumni and other renowned public speakers.

Speaking on behalf of the Dean School of Communication Language and Performing Arts, HoD Language and Performing Arts, Dr. Wandia Njoya welcomed the Alumni back to Daystar University, and thanked them for organizing the event saying that it is important to remember. She remembered Ms Kizito as a great communicator and academician. "Ms. Kizito gave up her life for Daystar University; she gave up opportunities to advance her career because of her students. To me she is a victor because she never gave up on life," said Dr. Wandia. Dr. Wandia went further to propose the creation of an award in Ms Kizito's honor, in remembrance of the role she played in both student and faculty mentorship.

The speakers of the day were Dr. Nancy Booker, Senior lecturer and Chair of Department, Journalism and Communication, Multimedia University and Mr. Solomon Mahinda, Managing Director H&K Strategies East Africa, who were both Ms. Kizito's students.

Dr. Booker spoke on the topic of "Relationships – the importance of guides and mentorship in personal focus and

growth." She shared about her relationship with Ms. Kizito, which started during her undergraduate days, in Athi River campus. One of the things that impressed her about Ms Kizito was that whether things were good or bad, Ms Kizito would say it as it was. Dr. Booker narrated how Ms Kizito would bluntly tell a student that she did not think he/she had a good radio voice; a challenge that made the students work on their voices, and by the end of the semester, they would all feel like they were ready to work for KTN; the leading television station in the country, then.

Dr. Booker's relationship with Ms Kizito went beyond mentorship to include deep friendship. "I am yet to see a person who is a teacher, a colleague, a mentor and a friend" she said, further confessing that she cannot match Ms Kizito where mentorship is concerned. "If you are going to be a mentor, it is going to be more than just a relationship; it includes people who matter in your mentees life." She said emphasizing that relationship is core in mentorship.

Mr. Solomon Mahinda, on his part tackled the topic: "Broad Perspectives – the importance of seeing more than just what is in front of us for success and growth." He talked of how Ms. Kizito's input in his life has influenced his career. He remembered how one day he visited her office to seek career advice as he wanted to combine IT with communication. Her response was, "why not?" Mr. Mahinda later changed the "why not" to "what if?" He noted that one of the qualities he picked from Ms. Kizito was good listening skills, which

he applies when dealing with his team members and clients. "Good listening has been my secret recipe to how I conduct business," he revealed. He also talked of the value of integrity and humility, which he learnt from Ms Kizito.

On how to reach business success, he had this to say, "it is not a crime to be ambitious. When you put yourself in a certain position, it becomes clear in your mind what you want to achieve." He further advised the students to have an attitude to learn as most employers look for flexible and teachable team members. Echoing Dr. Booker, Mr. Mahinda too confessed that he is nowhere near Ms Kizito where mentorship is concerned, but assured the participants that he is doing it his own way, by mentoring the boy-child to mature in professionalism and integrity.

The engaging discussion was moderated by Ms Wangeci Kanyeki, an Editorial Correspondent at the Standard Group and MA student at Daystar University. Ms Wangeci challenged the participants to make a deliberate effort to pass on what they know to others, maximize the skills learnt from Ms. Kizito and immortalize the lessons learnt for those following behind.

Ms Kizito was a Senior lecturer in the School of Communication Language and Performing Arts. Her legacy lives on in the many renowned communication professionals and media personalities in Kenya and beyond. In her days Ms Kizito transformed many lives with her gentleness, humility, kindness and self-sacrifice. May her legacy of grace and concern for others live on in each and every one of us.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

The "WE ARE ONE" Social Event has been postponed to a later date.

This is due to other events having been scheduled to take place on the circulated date.

The event will take place in the August semester, at a date to be announced later.

# LIBRARY UPDATES

INTRODUCING



## A citation management tool

Zotero is a free, open access software that acts like a research assistant. Daystar university library supports **zotero** for citation and bibliography management.

### Zotero will help you to:

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- Organize - Folders - create smart collections that automatically fill with relevant materials as you add them to your library.
- Cite perfectly.
- Sync - research from everywhere - Your data is always where you need it.
- Collaborate - work together and share with the world

**For installation and tutorials, please click on this link:** <https://www.zotero.org/>  
**Please visit the library for training and any assistance needed.**

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a ScienceDirect article. The address bar shows a Zotero attachment URL. The article title is "Variable cytocompatibility of six cell lines with photoinitiators used for polymerizing hydrogels and cell encapsulation". The authors listed are Christopher G. Williams, Athar N. Malik, Tae Hyun Kim, Paul H. Manson, and Jennifer H. Elisseeff. The abstract discusses the development of biocompatible photopolymerizing polymers for biomedical and tissue engineering applications. The interface includes a Zotero toolbar with options like "SummaryPlus", "Full Text", and "PDF". A comment box is visible on the right side of the article. The bottom of the screen shows the Zotero interface with a list of items in the library and a "ScienceDirect Snapshot" panel indicating that the attachment is indexed.

# APPOINTMENTS

The Human Resource department wishes to announce the following new appointments and promotions:



Mr. Emmanuel Musau  
Network Administrator



Mr. Benson Mwangi  
Human Resource Officer



Mr. Jared Abongo  
Lecturer - Commerce Department



Mr. Allan Ball Otieno  
Student Counselor

## Quick Recovery

**Mr. Daniel Mwakavi's** son was involved in an accident on Monday, 21st March 2016 and was taken to Matter Hospital where he is receiving treatment. Kindly pray for his speedy recovery. Mr. Mwakavi is our Transport Manager.

## Bereavement

**Mr. Nathan Masambu**, a member of Faculty in Communication Department has been bereaved. His elder brother, Dr. Elisha Masambu, a Minister of the Gospel at Elgon Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), went to be with the Lord on 20th March 2016. The late Dr. Masambu will be laid to rest at his home in Nzoia Settlement Scheme, in Kitale County on Saturday 26th. \

Let's stand with the family during this time of grieve.

*Happy Easter*



## Weekly Inspiration

*"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."*

– John 11:25-26 –

## Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:

**"THE POWER OF TRUTH "**

.. Teaching, Rebuking, Correcting, Training, Equipping..."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

### Athi River Campus

Date: 29th March 2016  
RECESS – No Chapel for students  
Staff Chapel -"Driven to Distraction"  
by Rev. Steven Nduto

Date: 31st March 2016  
Small Group Bible Study

#### Sunday Service

Date: 3rd April 2016  
Speaker: Pastor Terry Gobanga  
Topic: "Taking the First Step even When you don't See the Staircase"

### Nairobi Campus

Date: 29th March 2016  
RECESS – No Chapel for students  
Staff Chapel -"Driven to Distraction"  
by Rev. Jerry Makori

Date: 31st March 2016  
Small Group Bible Study

#### Evening Service

Date: 1st April 2016  
Speaker: DUWOT  
Topic: "In His Presence"