

## Pomp and Glamour at ISADU Diplomatic Dinner



*ISADU Executives, Alain Ishimiwe (left) and Louise Muragijimana (center) appreciate Mrs. Grace Karanja - the Student Placement & International Relations Officer.*

### Upcoming Events

#### SOEA DINNER

Nairobi Campus

April 16, 2016

Athi Campus

April 23, 2016

#### DEAN'S LIST LUNCHEON

April 23, 2016

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**International Students Association of Daystar University (ISADU) held a successful diplomatic dinner on Saturday April 2, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Upper Hill.**

The event, with the theme, "Amor tutti eguaglia," Italian for "Love makes us all equal" brought together over 130 participants, who included guests from different countries of the world. Among them were the First Secretary to the



*Guest Speaker, Pastor Muriithi Wanjau of Mavuno Church gives some words of enlightenment during the occasion.*

Rwandan High Commissioner to Kenya, Mr. Kim Kamasa, DVC-Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof. James Kombo, Daystar University Co-founders, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Dean Community Life Dr. James Karau and his wife, Pastor Grace Ndege of Mavuno Church and Former ISADU Chair - Nairobi Campus, Ms. Catherine Baldwin.

The dinner was organized allow for International students to interact with their ambassadors. It was also an opportunity for the dignitaries to understand the challenges the International students face while studying away from their countries.

The guest speaker Pastor Muriithi Wanjau of Mavuno Church called on the audience to be problem solvers and not just complainers. *"Don't vent, but invent,"* he urged them. On his part the DVC Academic Affairs said that, *"International students are unique; they are not your ordinary students and so they deserve special treatment,"* as he underscored the importance of the diplomatic dinner. He noted that international students are far from their motherland; surrounded by many unfamiliar things, which they have to cope with, hence the need to make their stay comfortable.

Mrs. Grace Karanja, the Student Placement and International Relations Officer of Daystar University gave an analysis of 574 international students currently enrolled in Daystar, which makes 22% of the university's population. She further appreciated the students for maintaining discipline and elegance by dressing up appropriately for the occasion, thus upholding what the school stands for. *"I thank God that the event went as per our expectation,"* confessed Miss. Louise Muragijimana, ISADU Chair.

Mrs. Smith was captivated by the event and added that, *"I appreciate how various people mentioned different countries, hence it was more like a video of different countries."*

The evening was filled with lots of entertainment with notable performances from Mr. Daniel Chikwaza and Ms. Jacline Medza, alongside performers such as Daggie Ethiokenyan, a Daystar alumnus, Brian Aseli as the Master of Ceremony and DJ Velko.

# Alumni Reunite at Homecoming Chapel

**The Daystar University community marked the 2016 Alumni Chapel on April 3, 2016, at the Athi River Campus.**

The event organized by the Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) and facilitated by Mrs. Kyesubire Talitwala-Greigg, of the class of 2000, brought together Alumni of various classes for a time of praise, worship and thanksgiving, led by Africa lets Worship (AFLEWO).

Ms. Kyesubire took time to highlight the journey that Daystar University has gone through to be where it is today. She confessed that she 'joined' Daystar at the age of three (3) and left at the age of 28, this because her father, Prof. Stephen Talitwala was the first Vice-chancellor of Daystar University, hence the family had no choice but to be part of Daystar. She challenged everyone present to represent Daystar University fully especially when they get to the corporate world. *"Do your best to mirror what Daystar has taught you. Don't take the general courses for granted,"* she advised.

Mr. Alex Mutuku (class of 2013), and former DCF Missions Team Chairman, 2011/2012, shared the Word basing his sermon on the story of David and Jonathan in 1 Samuel. He shared on Building one another through friendships. Alex works with Bible Literacy and Translation Kenya as the Partnership Development officer. He is married to Jackline Wanjiru (class of 2014), and a former DCF Chairperson (2012/2013).

Several alumni gave speeches about their life in Daystar University: Juliet (class of 2006) was glad to come back 'home.' After Daystar she started working as a volunteer and earned a salary of ksh.3,000, but today she works with Coinon Education Centre, a centre that shares the same vision with Daystar-Raising servant leaders. An Education Major, Juliet encouraged students to take the work-study placements seriously and work joyfully, for she learnt a lot through such services.

Philip Koitrel (class of 1994) on his part encouraged the students by revealing that in his first semester at Daystar he registered for 3 units only, due to financial constraints. He encouraged the students that once they build their faith, nothing is impossible. Today, Phillip owns his own consultancy firm. He has previously worked with Fellowship of Christian Unions Kenya (FOCUS) and is among the founders of FAULU bank.



*Mr. Alex Mutuku as he spoke on building one another through friendship.*

Dr. Mutheu Talitwala, the wife to Prof. Stephen Talitwala was also in attendance. She urged the continuing students to align themselves in the path of God. This, she said would enable them walk in His will and in this light, hence they will not go wrong. Dr. Mutheu was the Sing Africa's patron in 1994.

The service was also attended by former DUPA members, and DUAA Global Board members represented by Ms. Catherine Butaki (class of 1996). This year the service culminated with an interactive session between the alumni and the current students.

# DCF-Athi Inaugrates New Team



*Incumbent DCF Chairperson Rocky Govedi(right) cuts cake alongside the former DCF Chairpersons, Morris Mutunga, Fredrick Okendo and Ephantus Kiriamiti (from left) together with Resident Chaplain Rev. Mutinda Musili.*

## **The incoming Daystar Christian Fellowship (DCF) executive in the Athi River Campus was officially inaugurated in a handing over ceremony held on Wednesday, April 6**

In attendance was University Chaplain, Rev. Steve Nduto, Daystar University founders Dr. Donald Smith, resident tutors Mrs. Ann Wachira (Grace Hostel), Dr. Clayton Peel (Imani hostel), Mrs. Nita Kihiro (Resident Administrator) and representatives from the student body.

In his sharing, the new Resident Chaplain - Athi River campus, Rev. Musili encouraged the new executive team; both in the main office and in the ministerial levels, to work as a team since teamwork avails much. He also challenged the congregation that it's not so much fast we work but how effective we are at our delivery. Above all, he challenged them to be mentors to others.

Rocky Govedi, the incoming DCF Chairperson asked the fellowship, and Daystar at large to pray for the new team,

even as they pray for themselves, to realise their mandate for the year 2016/2017. The outgoing DCF chairperson Morris Mutunga thanked God for their input throughout the year 2015/2016. The Dean Community Life Dr. James Karau also encouraged and welcomed the new DCF leadership into service.

Later in the evening, all the outgoing leaders (both in the top executive and the 14 DCF ministries) lit candles and shared the light with the incoming team and prayed over them. The event culminated with a cake cutting ceremony which was coordinated by Ms. Judy Cheptoo (former DCF Secretary 2014/2015).

Meanwhile, the Chaplaincy, for the first time ever honored 13 students with awards and letters of recognition for their faithful attendance to chapel services, during the August 2015 semester. The 13 students were, Reuben Kasuu, Daniel Aguer Bior, Sheila Wangari Priscilla, Dennis Kamau Muhika, Benard Onyango Odhiambo and Cynthia Onyere Mulama of Athi



*The Vice Chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira awards Sheila Wangari who was among the 13 faithful chapel attendees as some of them appreciate the moment.*

River campus. Phineas Odhiambo Amimo, Fidelis Nyambura Njonjo and Lydia Muthoni Gichobi of Nairobi campus day, plus Maureen Wanjiku, David Mayeni Riak, Precious Eddie Semu and Josephine Mabera Mayuya who represented the Nairobi campus evening students.

The awards were presented during their respective chapel services in both campuses. According to the University

Chaplain, Rev. Steven Nduto, the idea behind these awards was to encourage students to attend chapel more consistently.

Presenting the Award in Athi River campus was the Vice-chancellor. Dr. Timothy Wachira. At the Nairobi campus the awards were presented to the students by Dr. Chip Kingsbury.

## DUGSA New Executives Feted

**Daystar University General Staff Association (DUGSA) members held elections to select new leaders to office on 18th March 2016 in both Nairobi and Athi River Campuses.**

The outgoing officials hosted the new leaders to a luncheon on 30th March 2016. The colorful event was graced by the Human Resource Manager, Mr. Pius Muia and Dean Community Life, Dr. James Karau.

Dr. Karau shared a devotion from John 13:7, where he noted that Jesus was a role model to Christian leadership. He called on the new leaders to be ready to serve people boldly, but with humility saying that leadership is about servanthood. Drawing from his experience as SSADU executive, Dr. Karau urged the new team to interact with other leaders in order to gain experience. He further praised the incoming team for taking the bold step to vie for DUGSA leadership and advised them not to work in isolation but instead work with



*DUGSA outgoing team together with the incoming team take a group photo just after the luncheon*

administration in order to succeed. Above all, he advised them to seek God's wisdom.

The Human Resource manager, Mr. Muia welcomed the new team to office and encouraged them to lead without fear. He noted that leadership is a calling. He further told the new team that his office will always be open to offer advice and clarification on issues. However, he advised them that if they wanted to succeed in leadership, they must be transparent, truthful and respectful, and should always have their facts right. Mr. Muia called on the new leaders to always remember that Daystar University is a Christian institution, guided by a code of conduct for staff members, and asked each one of them to ensure that they read the Human Resource policy for guidance.

He finally encouraged them to work as a team and respect each other. At the same time, he applauded the outgoing team for serving the Association with dedication, maturity and diligence amidst the many challenges faced by the University during their tenure; one being the rationalization of staff which affected most of the Association members. The outgoing team was requested to support the new leaders as they settle in the office.

There will be a meeting for all DUGSA Staff members to welcome the new leadership on Tuesday 12th April 2016 in Athi River campus, from 12.45pm. The venue will be communicated later.

The new team comprises:

- Mr. Erastus Nyamu - Chairman,
- Mrs. Shifrah Ndungu - Secretary,
- Mr. Daniel Kimole - Vice -secretary,
- Mr. Kevin Maina - Treasurer,
- Mr. Edgar Otanga - Social Welfare,
- Mrs. Catherine Ndungu - Spiritual Leader,
- Mr. Zachary Kiteta - Member,
- Mr. Wycliffe Oyugi - Member.

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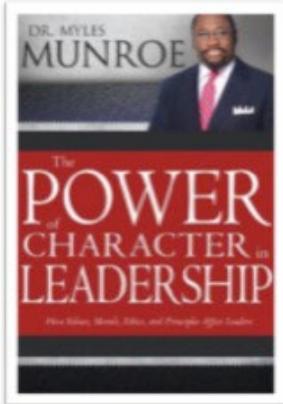
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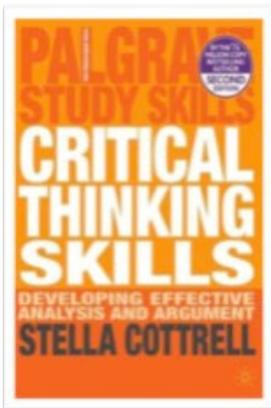


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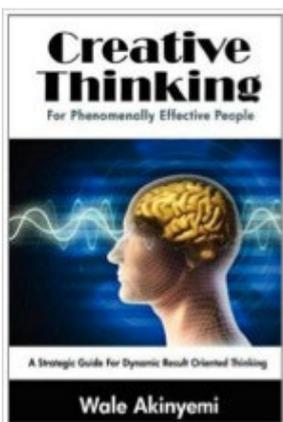
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# Weekly Inspiration

*"If you can't believe in miracles, then believe in yourself. When you want something bad enough, let that drive push you to make it happen. Sometimes you'll run into brick walls that are put there to test you. Find a way around them and stay focused on your dream. Where there's a will, there's a way."*

— Isabel Lopez - Isabel's Hand-Me-Down Dreams —

## Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:

**"THE POWER OF TRUTH "**

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

### Athi River Campus

Date: 12th April 2016

Topic: "A Fat Servant is Better than a Skinny Corpse" by DUSA

Date: 14th April 2016

Small Group Bible Study

### Sunday Service

Date: 17th April 2016

Speaker: Pastor Leo Kinuthia

Topic: "Be Slow to Fall into Friendship..."

### Nairobi Campus

Date: 12th April 2016

Topic: "The Young & the Righteous"

Speaker: Mr. Joseph Munyao

Date: 14th April 2016

Small Group Bible Study

### Evening Service

Date: 15th April 2016

Speaker: Mr. Joseph Munyao

Topic: "The Young & the Righteous"