

## Daystar University Allocated 340 Government Sponsored Students



*KUCCPS Chief Executive officer Mr. John Muraguri speaking at the Stakeholders Forum*

Daystar University was this year allocated 340 government sponsored students who scored a mean Grade of C+ and above in last year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).

The allocation was announced during the 2017/2018 stakeholders Forum of the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) held on April 26, 2017, which Daystar University was privileged to host.

The Forum was attended by Ministry of Education representatives, vice chancellors, deputy vice chancellors and registrars of both public and private universities, and Principals of Diploma colleges in Kenya.

A high level breakfast meeting preceded the forum and was hosted by the acting VC Prof James Kombo and attended by KUCCPS Board Chair Prof. D. M Ndeti,

KUCCPS Board member and Chief Executive Officer of Commission for University Education (CUE) Prof. Walter Oyawa, KUCCPS Board member and Director General, TIVETA Dr. Kipkurui Langat, KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer Mr. John Muraguri, among others.

In his report, the KUCCPS Board Chair Prof. Ndeti revealed that out of 88,626 applicants who had applied to universities for undergraduate studies, and 28, 261 to diploma colleges, 71,089 were placed in public universities and 17, 368 in private universities, while diploma colleges under TIVETA received 28,261. Out of the 17,368 placed in private universities, Daystar University received 350.

Prof. Ndeti called on the vice-chancellors to make their programmes attractive, saying that this is what

attracts students to various universities. He said inter-institution transfers will open on 15th May and close on 30th June 2017. He prevailed on the vice-chancellors to be flexible and allow students who would wish to transfer to other universities to do so.

Communication to applicants will be done through KUCCPS website, contacts provided by individual

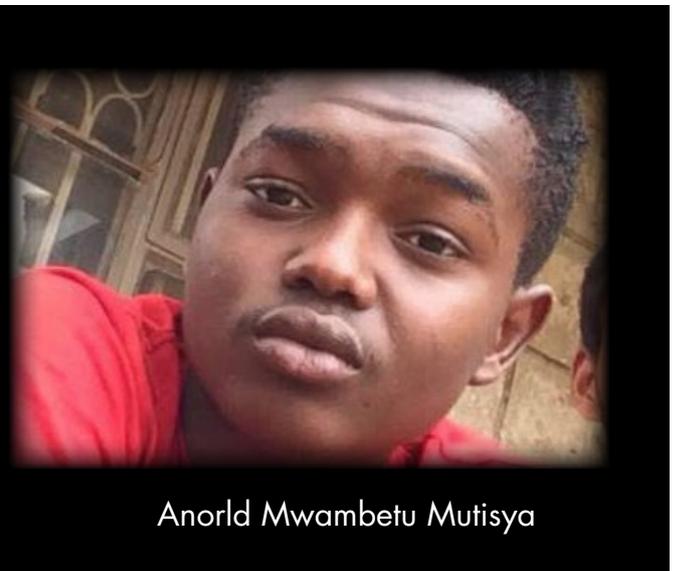
applicants and applicants' secondary schools. KUCCPS will also send targeted text messages to applicants who had provided telephone numbers.

Applicants are advised to contact the universities or colleges where they have been placed for information on when to report and other admission requirements.

## From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



Marcia Wawira Mwangi



Anorld Mwambetu Mutisya

The Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. James Kombo has conveyed heartfelt condolences to the families of two Daystar University students who died early this week following a road accident, and wished three survivors a quick recovery.

At the same time, Prof. Kombo has called for calm and focus among students as they prepare for end-of-semester examinations. "We are all saddened by the loss of our own students, friends and classmates, and pray for strength and healing at this difficult moment," he said.

The accident occurred in the early hours of Sunday April 23, along Mombasa Road, and involved five Daystar students who were travelling in a private vehicle.

Anorld Mwambetu Mutisya, a second year student pursuing a BA degree in Business Administration & Management, and Marcia Wawira Mwangi, a Fourth Year student pursuing a BA in Communication succumbed to their injuries sustained in the accident.

Arnold's body has since been transferred to Pandya Hospital Mortuary in Mombasa to await burial this Saturday April 29, 2017 in Kikoneni, Kwale County.

Marcia Wawira, on the other hand, will be buried on Monday, May 1, 2017 in Kirinyaga.

A memorial service for the two departed students was held yesterday April 27, 2017 at the Athi River Campus Amphitheatre, and was attended by parents and relatives of the two students.

Stephen Mutisya, a Second Year Business Administration & Management student, and Maureen Kogi, a Third Year Communication student who both sustained minor injuries were treated at Shalom Community Hospital and discharged the same day.

However, Derrick Mills, a Third year Environmental Health student is still undergoing treatment. We pray for quick recovery for the three.

# Departed Students Commemorated



*Arnold family introduced get introduced. To the extreme left is the grandmother.*

Thursday, April 27, 2017 marked the peak of a sad week as families, friends and the Daystar University community congregated at the Athi River Campus Amphitheatre to commemorate the lives of two students who perished following a road accident on Sunday April 23.

Arnold Mutisya, a 2nd Year Bachelor of Commerce student and Marcia Wawira, a 4th Year Bachelor of Arts Communication student died on April 23rd and April 24th respectively.

Delivering the official message of condolence to families of the departed students on behalf of the University, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), Mr. Jomo Gatundu, acknowledged how traumatizing the deaths of the two students were not only to the families, but also to the entire University fraternity. "Let us learn to number our days because we do not know the day or the hour," he said. Mr. Gatundu further



*Marcia's uncle introduces the family*

pledged University support to the families as they make final burial preparations.

Speaking from Job 1:21-22 on the topic: "Letting Go and Letting God," the University Chaplain Rev. Steven Nduto cited three responses we can give when facing tragedy: surrender to God, submission to God, and ultimately survival. He promised the families and the University community that they too will overcome and survive this tragic moment.

Mr. Caleb Muoki, a close friend of Arnold's family appreciated the University management, Chaplaincy, student leadership and the entire University community for

their support and prayers during this difficult time. With him were Arnold's grandmother, sister, brother and aunt.

Marcia's family was represented by her father, mother, sisters, brothers, aunts and cousins. Her elder sister Ms. Jackline Wandia appreciated Daystar University and friends of Marcia for their great support.

Also present were the Dean of Students Dr. James Karau, DUSA and DCF executives from both campuses, faculty, staff and students.

Arnold will be laid to rest on Saturday April 29, 2017 in Kwale County, while Mercia will be buried on Monday May 1, 2017 in Kirinyaga County.

## Community Pays Tribute to Departed Member of Daystar Company

Tributes have been flowing in this week from the University fraternity following the passing on of Daystar Company founding member, Mrs. Wairimu Nyoike (pic. right) on April 22, 2017.

The VC's Office received 28 tributes from different governance bodies of the University including the Company, University Council and Daystar US Board. Led by the Company Board, Dr. Macmillan Kiiru, members heaped accolades upon accolades on the long serving member of Daystar Company, sponsor of the University. The tributes were read by former University Chancellor Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime during the Memorial service, held at PCEA St. Andrews Church in Nairobi on April 27, 2017. Last Sunday April 23, 2017, five University Council members led by the Chair Prof. George Krhoda visited the deceased's Athi River home to condole with the family.

The late Mrs. Wairimu Nyoike was married to long serving politician Hon. Kimani Wa Nyoike. She served Daystar for more than 40 years.



# Daystar Holds Inaugural C4D Symposium



*The inaugural C4D symposium organising team and participants pose for photograph*

The discipline of Communication for Development (C4D) is experiencing increased demand in the marketplace. It is in this view that Daystar postgraduate students from the School of Communication, Language and Performing Arts this week organized the inaugural symposium, held at the Nairobi DAC Auditorium, on Monday April 24, 2017.

The one-day event brought together and seasoned researchers who presented papers on the theme: "Development Communication for Change". The guest speaker presented on: "The Misconceptions of Development Communication for Social Change."

The conference sought to create a paradigm shift by tackling the misconceptions and myths about communication for development and demonstrating its crucial role in social change. It had four breakaway

sessions on Music, Culture and Social Change; Health Communication; Media and Socio-Economic Fronts; and Mixed Grill.

The symposium also brought industry players and C4D Kenya Chapter members Mercy Musya of the BUSARA Centre for Behavioral Economics, and Communication Specialist Geoffrey Kallebo of World Vision, to link academia and what is happening in the field. The event attracted participants from USIU-Africa, St. Paul's University, Maasai Mara University and the University of Nairobi.

Led by Dr. Leah Komen, the organizing committee is planning for a 2nd edition of the conference that seeks to explore the potential for Communication for Development in Kenya's development agenda.



*Communication specialist Geoffrey Kalebbo of World Vision speaking on Development Communication at the C4D symposium*

## Ex-KCSE Candidates Graduate

Over 100 Ex-candidates that took part in the Bridge/Pathway Leadership Development Programme graduated on Friday 21st April at the auditorium in Nairobi Campus.

The graduation followed a 3-month life skills training programme that covered areas such as spiritual formation, personality and self-discovery, effective communication, financial literacy, innovation and invention as well as modeling and handling fame. Participants in the programme also undertook a course in Information and Communication Technology that covered seven modules of computer competencies.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Rev. Prof. James Kombo, picking up from Deputy Senior Pastor of CITAM Ngong Rev. Michael Wambua, stressed on the importance of partnership between the Church, the home and academy in shaping the young for the benefit of society.

Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute (DLPDI) Director, Prof. Abraham Waithima endorsed the programme, saying he had reaped the full benefits of the programme through his daughter who adjusted well to Campus life after going through it .

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the University Chaplain Rev. Stephen Nduto, at the DAC Auditorium

challenged the graduates to, “prayerfully, carefully and wisely make life choices because youth is a great investment.”

The graduands were encouraged to pick a leaf from Daniel’s life from the Bible and aim to stand out from the crowd with conviction and character.

Senior Pastor from CITAM Karen Rev. Dr. Karita Mbagara spoke on the pillars of leadership, saying leadership is about competences (capabilities), character (integrity) and care (commitment). He also thanked Daystar University for having the vision and foresight to develop leaders.

President of the CITAM Ngong Class Ms. Abigail Mwangi termed her time in the programme as a “life changing experience.”

Speaking on behalf of the parents, Mr. Macdonald Egala said, “I am proud of Daystar University, proud of the Church, and proud of the programme for transforming my son from a boy to a young man.”

The program was ran by the Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute in partnership with CITAM - Karen and CITAM- Ngong.

# We Are One: SOEA 2017 Holds Joint Ceremony



Newly crowned Mr. and Ms. Daystar University, Stanley Juma (left) and Melania Mwangi (right) in the front row

The annual Star of Excellence Award for the first time brought together the two campuses for a celebratory evening at the Two River Mall, to award students and other members of the Daystar community for their outstanding contribution to students' campus life.

Another first in this year's gala event was that on its fourth edition, Daystar University Mr. & Ms. Competition was held jointly, and officially there was only one Mr. & Ms. Daystar University – which saw Stanley Juma and Melania Mwangi crowned overall winners.

The guest of Honour Hon. Senator Naisula Lesuuda, also a Daystar alumna, took the opportunity to thank Daystar University for the education she received and how she is using it to serve her community in the political arena.

The awards were as follows:

Star of the Year:	Powell Tawa (Athi) Gladys Wahura (Nrb)
Star Tribute of the Year:	Brian Aseli
Staff of the Year:	Dr. Chip Kingsbury
Star Lecturer of the Year:	Winnie Mbatha
Servant Leader of the Year:	Abdulhaleem Mwaumba
Star Club of the Year:	AISEEC (Athi) Rotaract (Nrb)
Most Creative Innovation:	DUSA Market
Media Entity of the Year:	Shine FM
Dance Group:	Infinite Mass
Music Group of the Year:	Afrizo
ISADU Special Award:	Mrs. Phyllis Mutua
Star Partner of the Year:	JOFAR Systems
DUSA Special Award:	Dr. Peterson Mwangi

# The Week in Pictures

## DUSA Nairobi Handing over Ceremony



*Elated incoming DUSA Nairobi Chairperson Aloys Lavern Otieno signs terms of office memorandum*



*Outgoing DUSA Nairobi officials lay hands on the incoming DUSA Nairobi officials in prayer*

# The Week in Pictures

## Invo/Shine Handing Over Ceremony



*Part of the outgoing and incoming Shine FM management team pose for a photo during the handover ceremony*



*Invictus Involvement Newspaper Editorial Team*

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HAND IN HAND

# THE DAC BUILDING

HOST & BE HOSTED IN - A 410 SEATER AUDITORIUM, MEETING ROOM,  
CONFERENCE ROOM, TRAINING/SEMINAR ROOM, COUNCIL ROOM (MAIN  
BOARDROOM), SMALL BOARDROOM, FULLY SERVICED APARTMENTS, FULLY  
SERVICED STUDIOS, ROOF TOP INDOOR LOUNGE WITH OUTDOOR TERRACE,

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# Weekly Inspiration

*"If you want to lead the orchestra then you must turn your back to the crowd"*

- Max Lucado -

## Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME: SEXUAL PURITY #THESEXAPP

*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 May 2nd, 2017**

Topic#TheMountainTop  
{DRAMA Team}

**Thursday May 4th, 2017**

Prayer Chapel

**Sunday May 7th, 2017**

Topic: "Moral Purity: Standard or Relative?"  
Speaker: Samuel Ndunda

### Valley Road Campus (VRC)

**Tuesday May 2nd, 2017**

Topic: #InHisPresence // DUWOT

**Thursday May 4th, 2017**

Prayer Chapel

**Friday May 5th, 2017**

Holy Communion Service

Best Wishes  
for your exams