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38th Graduation Ceremony



Dr. Alice Munene (left) and Dr. Kennedy Ongaro, (far right) together with the 8 Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology graduates and a visiting lecturer Dr. Nancy Duvall pose after the 38th Graduation day proceedings

End of a journey, beginning of a new one, a day when Daystar faculty and graduands see their hard labor come to fruition.

Saturday 25, 2016 saw over 800 graduands conferred with postgraduate, undergraduate and diploma certificates.

This year the University also graduated its first cohort of the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, consisting of eight candidates, who amazingly completed their programme in a record, three years.

The day was quite eventful and a great success; from the beautiful performance by Afrizo and Music students, the recognition of the Class of 1996, awarding of the outstanding graduands in academic, non-academic and VC's awards, the speeches by the new Chancellor and Vice-chancellor, and to

presenting each graduand with the Order of the Towel. Each activity marked a significant milestone in the life of the graduands and the growth of the University.

The Class of 2016 was honored to have the newly installed Chancellor of Daystar University, Prof. Mary Murimi grace their graduation as the guest of honor. In her keynote address, she noted that Daystar graduates are impacting the world because they have learnt the act of integrating faith and learning. She impressed on the graduands that the exams they will be taking going forward are exams they cannot afford to fail. "The exams are set by you, taken by you and graded by you. You are the only one who can determine whether you will be an A, B or C professional. You are the only one you can impress or disappoint" she reiterated. Prof. Murimi further shared her

humble beginnings and the importance she places on her first degree, saying that it served as a resource in mapping out her journey.

The University's Vice-chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira revealed that the university will roll out an excellent and highly attractive distance e-learning virtual Daystar Campus within the next one year. The programme is aimed at enhancing higher education access in Africa by eliminating costs of academic related mobility and accommodation without compromising on quality of education.

The outgoing Chancellor, Dr. Muli-Musiime said the installation of Prof Murimi as the third Chancellor is a public demonstration of leadership transition and change management. "The hardest thing about being a leader is demonstrating or showing vulnerability... by accepting vulnerability as strength, you stop worrying about having every answer and realize that it is okay to be wrong and even to be corrected," she said.

Daystar also honored the Class of 1996; the pioneer class of Athi River campus. In keeping with the attitude of giving back,

the pioneer class pledged to give two full scholarships to needy students of Daystar University.

Some of the notable guests present were, Hon. Lenny Kivuti, Senator Embu County, Ambassador of South Sudan to Kenya, Amb. Ajongo Chol and his Deputy Jimmy Deng, former and present Daystar University Council and Company Members, Daystar Senate and Management Board, Daystar University Parents Association, Daystar University Alumni Association, Government officials, legislators, key players in the Education sector, faculty, staff and students.

Appreciation goes to various teams in the university who worked tirelessly to see the event a success: the Admissions and Records, University Services, Finance, Faculty members, Master of Ceremonies, Transport, Security, the ushers both staff and students, DOULOS, DCF, ISADU, Graduation Committee, AFRIZO and Music Students. May the Lord bless you all.

And to the graduates, Infospot wishes them God's blessings as they step out of Daystar, into the job market.



Chancellor Prof. Mary Murimi and Vice Chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira fit a doctor's bonnet onto a Ph.D. graduand

Happy Moments

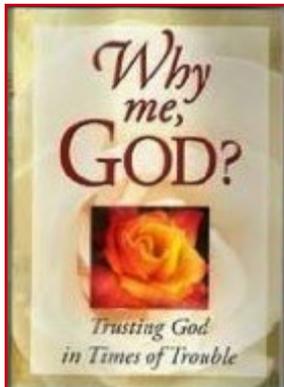


Happy moments for staff, faculty and students who were part of the graduation class of 2016



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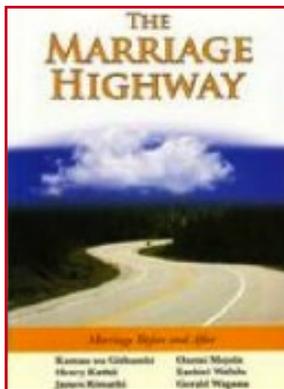


Why Me, God? Trusting God in Times of Trouble by Randy Petersen

It may be difficult question Christians ever confront. Why isn't life fair? Bad things happen to us when we don't deserve them. And yet the Bible tells us that God loves us.

How can that be?

Why Me, God? Assist us as we wrestle with our faith in God during trying times. There are no easy answers, but this book helps us endure and come to know that, despite how it may sometimes seem, God continues to love and care for us.



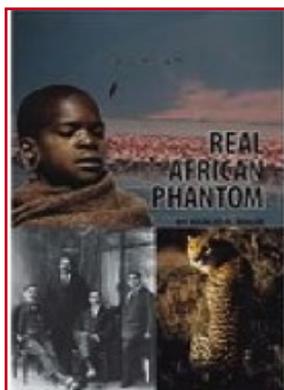
The Marriage Highway by K. Githumbi, J. Kimathi, O. Mojola, E. Wafula, G. Wagana, H. Kathii

This book is an attempt by six African Christian couples to explore love, courtship, marriage, sex and other aspects of family life using their experiences.



African Gender Scholarship: Concepts, Methodologies and Paradigms (Codesria Gender) by Signe Arnfred

This first title in the series brings together the work from leading names in gender studies in Africa. The papers tackle subjects such as the merits and demerits of Eurocentricism, African epistemologies and cultures, colonial legacies, postcolonial realities, and other challenges in articulating African feminism and gender research.



Real African Phantom by Khalid H. Malik

Aficionados of life and adventures in 19th Century Africa have long enjoyed a singularly one-sided view – a view from the West. The romance and excitement of European accounts of East Africa have exploited the mystique of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. But in so doing, they have given that region an exclusively Western perspective, obscuring an equally thrilling parallel world that existed on the same time-plane, albeit through an entirely different lens.

Real African Phantom is a first person account of the most fascinating years of that century, as told by a one-time next door neighbor of the brutal field marshal Idi Amin – “The Last King of Scotland”, as he preferred to be known. It features the amazing success stories of the phantom group among the three major races of East Africa and the evolution of one family over the same 100 year period, through the eyes of an insider who saw most of it up close.



Weekly Inspiration

"Patience is not about how long you can wait, but how well you behave while you're waiting"

— Anonymous —

Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:

"PEACE OF GOD "

... Guarding Our Hearts and Minds..." Philippians 4:7

Athi River Campus

Date: 5th July 2016

"Navigating the Oceans of Indecision"
by Vice Chancellor

Date: 7th July 2016

Bible Study

Sunday Service

Date: 10th July 2016

Speaker: Pst. Geoffrey Wawa

Topic: "Silence that Stifles"

Nairobi Campus

Date: 5th July 2016

"Peace and goodwill to all Mankind"
by Rev. Jerry Makori

Date: 7th July 2016

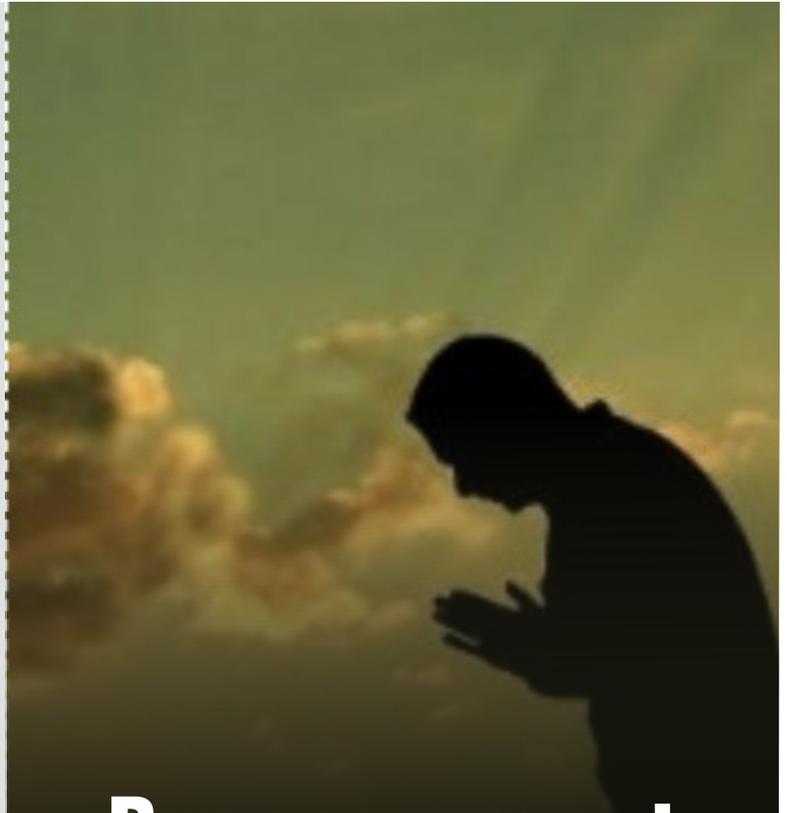
Bible Study

Evening Service

Date: 8th July 2016

Speaker: Vice Chancellor

Topic: "Called to Make Peace"



Bereavement

Mrs. Margaret Munene, (Continuing Education office) has lost her last born sister, Salome Nyokabi. Burial arrangement meetings are taking place at the bereaved's home in Ruai. Salome will be buried on Tuesday 5th July, 2016, in Mangu, (Gatundu North).

Mrs. Munene can be reached on 0722854071. Kindly keep the family in prayer.