

## Daystar Welcomes New Parents



*A parent asks a question during the question and answer session*

Monday August 15, 2016 was a busy day for Daystar University as the community welcomed the new students admitted in the August 2016 intake. As the students commenced their orientation programme, their parents were welcomed in a special way to Daystar University, over a cup of tea and great entertainment by Afrizo. The DUPA executive led by Mrs. Dorothy Ng'ethe was also present to welcome the new parents to Daystar University Parents Association (DUPA).

Speaking to the new parents, the DVC Academic Affairs Rev. Prof. James Kombo, on behalf of the Vice-chancellor welcomed the new parents to Daystar. With reference to the Vision and Mission of Daystar, Prof Kombo said that the University endeavors to make every student into a manager, professional and/or a scholar. However for this to happen, he said the students should reflect what they shall become upon graduation, in the course of their training. "We want to be

part of the agency that transforms because that is what defines us," said Prof. Kombo as he invited the parents to partner with Daystar University in its endeavor to transform their sons and daughters.

The DUPA Chair Mrs. Dorothy Ng'ethe urged the parents to be involved in the lives of their sons and daughters seeing that majority of them, though in campus, are still young. Citing her encounters as a counselor and teacher, Mrs. Ng'ethe cautioned the parents that their children may not be the angels they think they are. "Our children live among people who are doing all manner of mischiefs; you have to follow and know what they are doing," she advised. "If you don't parent them now you will parent them in the future," she went on as she urged the parents to mentor their children in order to leave a heritage of good values to them.

The DVC F&A Mr. Jomo Gatundu invited parents whose sons or daughters have issues with substance abuse to let the university know. He revealed that the University has put in place mechanisms to take care of such cases, saying that the University has three Chaplains and students' counselors ready to walk with such students. The University Chaplain Rev Steven Nduto encouraged the parents from the story of "The Young Rich Ruler, in the Gospel of Matthew 19:16–30 saying that, "a man can have everything in life but failure to subject his heart

to God is a fundamental lack." Rev Nduto told the parents that Daystar University strongly believes in absolute subjection of hearts to God.

The meeting ended with a question and answer session, facilitated by the Dean Community Life Dr. James Karau, where parents were given opportunity to ask questions and clarifications regarding their sons and daughters' stay at Daystar.

## August 2016 Semester Freshmen Matriculated



*New students in attendance during the Athi River Campus matriculation ceremony*

The August 2016 freshmen have now been officially recognized as Daystar University Students. In Athi River Campus, the freshmen were officially admitted into the University in a matriculation ceremony that took place on Wednesday August 17, 2016, while the Evening Programme students, at the Nairobi Campus had their matriculation on August 18, 2016. During the ceremonies the students consented to walk their academic journey with Daystar University; a journey that will climax with their graduation come the year 2018, for the postgraduate students and 2020 for the undergraduates.

In his address to the Athi River campus and Nairobi Day freshmen, the Vice-chancellor urged them to wisely use their

time at Daystar to acquire, internalize, reproduce and utilize the knowledge they have come to seek, in order to make an impact in their various spheres of influence. He further cautioned them to be prudent to discern the things they allow to influence them, and to sieve out that which is not beneficial in their academic journey, because they are accountable for their journey through Daystar. The DVC Academic Affairs Dr. James Kombo guided the new students through the matriculation exercise, as they declared their consent and appended their signatures in agreement to adhere to the obligations and expectations required of them by the University. He emphasized that the students are expected to uphold the University's Vision,

Mission and Code of conduct, and wished them success in their academic journey.

At the Nairobi Campus the Vice-Chancellor lauded the students for choosing Daystar, and invited them to utilize the facilities and resources available to gain knowledge, so that their graduation, upon the completion of their programme, will be a stamp that they have gained knowledge. "We receive you with a sense of respect and honor, as people who have been given to us by God. We have a commitment to God to use education to advance your careers," he assured them mentioning that the University has qualified faculty, who have a personal commitment to Christ, ready to walk the academic journey with the students.

The Dean School of Communication Language and Performing Arts, Prof Levi Obonyo, standing in for the Deputy Vice-chancellor Academic Affairs introduced the faculty members and staff present to the new students. He told

the students that Daystar University focuses its scholarship in Christ, and invited them to a commitment to serve God by demonstrating their testimony. Prof Obonyo later led the students through the process of matriculation. "You received a letter of admission from the University Registrar, but what will make you a Daystar student is the process of matriculation," he explained.

"It was a really deep and moving moment; especially the Vice-chancellor's address," said John Njenga, a Communication major student. He expressed his joy and hoped that they would all finish together in the same spirit.

Others present were the DVC Finance and Administration, Mr. Jomo Gatundu, University Registrar Dr. Paul Mbutu, Deans of Schools, Heads of Departments, the University Chaplain, Rev. Steven Nduto, DUSA officials, Faculty members and staff.

This semester the University admitted over 800 students and about 740 have so far reported.

## Five Students Leave for Exchange Programme



*The five students proceeding for Exchange Programme pose for a photo with the Vice-chancellor (right) and Joab Namai (Left)*

Five students are set to travel to various destinations for Exchange Programme. Three; Joshua Nyamungu, Naomi Karami and Sammy Kegode are set to travel to the USA on August 19, 2016 for one semester at Bethel College. Joan Wafula and Elsie Oluoch on the other hand are expected to travel to Kosin University in South Korea, on Sunday August 21, 2016 for two semesters. However, Joan just lost her father and aunt thus she has deferred her travel date to 30th August.

The five were hosted for lunch by the Vice-chancellor, Dr. Timothy Wachira on Thursday 18th August 2016 at the Nairobi

campus. The Vice-chancellor expounded on the purpose of Exchange Programme and observed that exposure helps one view other people differently as well as think differently. He charged the students to go out and open their eyes to learn, so that they can become better leaders, noting that the greater the worldview the better appreciation of God. He further called on them to be ambassador of God and Daystar University in the countries they are going.

Let us pray for their safe travel and stay.

# Daystar Shines at the Kenya Music Festivals

For the first time in many years, Daystar University entered students into the annual Kenya Music Festivals, and the students have done us proud.

On Saturday August 13, 2016 Waringa Ng'endo won the top position in the category of Advanced Violin (Class 908) with 85%, beating entries from seasoned music departments in public universities. On Sunday 14th, Daystar Music students' choir, made up mostly of Music students, won third position with 87% in the category of Own Choice for Universities, a

class which had entries from four other universities. Present at the announcement were Mrs. Evelyne Ndege, who mentored and trained the students, and Dr. Wandia Njoya, the Head of Department, Language and Performing Arts.

"The Department is boosted by this success and hopes to enter more students in more verse-speaking and music categories next year," said Dr. Njoya. Students who are interested are urged to watch out for department announcements on the same towards the end of this year.

## LIBRARY UPDATES

### OFF CAMPUS ACCESS TO DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY E-RESOURCES

#### Did you know you can now access E-books and E-journals off Campus?

Daystar university library has recently acquired a web proxy server "EZproxy" that allows off campus access and single sign in to our subscribed e-books and e-journals databases. Many of these databases require verification for off-campus access because of license agreements between the library and its vendors and publishers.

Once signed in to the proxy server, EZproxy dynamically rewrites URLs of electronic resources provided by database vendors, producing the same effect as if the off-campus user was accessing them via the Daystar University's network or from a Library computer terminal.

#### Who can use EZproxy?

Current Daystar University students, faculty, and staff members are able to use EZproxy and can log in using their username and password. Kindly register with the librarians at the circulation desk for the assigning of the username and password. You can also send an email to [library@daystar.ac.ke](mailto:library@daystar.ac.ke).

#### How to use EZproxy

- Type the Url: <http://webopac.daystar.ac.ke:2048/login>
- Sign into the remote access portal for all electronic resources as shown
- After signing in, the following page appears with links to subscribed e-books and e-journals
- You can now open the link to the database of your choice and access the books and journals at the comfort of your office, home or mobile phone.

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# Weekly Inspiration

*"Do question, even the basics! You will be a fool for once!  
If you don't, you will be, for a lifetime."*

*By Himmilicious*

## Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:  
***The University with a Difference***

### Athi River Campus

Tuesday 23rd August 2016  
Topic: The Community of Light  
Speaker: Rev. Steven Nduto

Thursday 25th August, 2016  
Topic: Understanding the Present Times  
Ladies Chapel by Mrs. Josephine Munyao  
Men Chapel by Dr. James Karau

Sunday 28th August, 2016  
Topic: Call to Excellence  
Speaker: Pst. Geoffrey Wawa

### Nairobi Campus

Tuesday, 23rd August 2016  
Topic: The Community of Light  
Speaker: Dr. James Karau

Thursday 25th August, 2016  
Topic: Understanding the Present Times  
Ladies Chapel by Mrs. Phyllis Mutua  
Men Chapel) by Prof. A.K Waithima

Friday 26th August 2016  
Topic: The Community of Light  
Speaker: Rev. Steven Nduto

## Bereavement



Joan Wafula, BA Communication (Electronic Media) student has been bereaved. She lost both her father and auntie within duration of one hour. He father, Mr. Hilary Wafula died while being taken to a hospital in Eldoret, while the late auntie, Ms. Dinah Wafula died while undergoing treatment. Joan was set to travel to Kosin on Sunday August 21, for the exchange program.

The burial of the late Mr. Wafula will be on 27th August, 2016 in Kitale, and Ms. Dinah Wafula on 3rd September, 2016 in Webuye. Kindly remember this family to the Lord in prayer.

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