

Daystar wins big at Global Google Challenge



Mr. Maranga Moriasi (back) with the winners of the Google Online Marketing Challenge - Middle East & Africa region, from left, Jeffrey Patrick Kanae, Evelyn Ngugi Magaju, Roselinda Ochami Were, Sharone Awuori Tindi and Moses Khatemberi Njeri.

A team of students from the School of Business and Economics, and led by Mr. Maranga Moriasi, a lecturer in the department of Economics, emerged as the Middle East & Africa regional winners in the Google Online Marketing Challenge. Over 500 professors and 10,000 students from more than 60 countries competed in the challenge.

The Google Online Marketing Challenge is a unique opportunity for students to experience and create online marketing campaigns using Google AdWords and Google+. Over 100,000 students and professors from almost 100 countries have participated in the event in the past 8 years.

With a \$250 AdWords advertising budget provided by Google, students develop and run an online advertising campaign for a business or non-profit organization over a three week period. The teams that develop and communicate the most successful campaigns win awesome prizes, including trips to Google offices. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the optional Google+ Social Media Marketing category by creating and managing a Google+ Page for their clients over a five week period.

The Challenge is open to student teams of three to six members from undergraduate or graduate programs, regardless of their major. All students must register under a verified faculty member, lecturer or instructor currently employed by an accredited higher education institute.

The Daystar team worked with Youth on the Move, a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower youth with epilepsy to build their skills, stand up for themselves and transform their desires into realistic plans and actions. It comprised of Moses Khatemberi Njeri Evelyn Ngugi Magaju, Jeffrey Patrick Kanae, Roselinda Ochami Were, and Sharon Awuori Tindi.

Google Company has awarded them a short stay trip to Google Regional Headquarters in Dublin, Ireland where they shall receive their awards for emerging top GOMC Regional Winners in the 'AdWords Business Awards' category. In addition, they shall have one-on-one meeting with Google Top-brass at Barrow Street offices. The team leaves for Dublin, Ireland on 25th September, 2016.

Faculty and Staff attend Theology of Work Training



From left, front row, Prof. Bernard Boyo, Dean School of Arts & Humanities flanked by Dr. Keumju Jewel Hyun (and her husband), followed by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira, Dr Oladotun Reju and the DVC AA Rev. Prof. James Kombo, as they posed with members of staff and faculty who attended the Theology of Work training workshop.

Over sixty faculty and staff members of Daystar University completed a three-day training workshop on Theology of Work, organized by the School of Arts and Humanities. The workshop which was funded by the Mustard Seed Foundation was facilitated by Dr. Oladotun Reju, the Founder and Chief Resource Person of the Center for Transformation Leadership, Jos City Nigeria, and Dr. Keumju Jewel Hyun, the Founder and President of Mathew 28 Ministries; a non-profit organization that focuses on adult literacy, training and developing Christian women leaders, and promoting and training women economic empowerment for community transformation in Kenya. The workshop which was attended by the University Vice-chancellor, Dr. Timothy Wachira, DVC Academic Affairs Rev. Prof. James Kombo, deans of schools, heads of departments, managers, faculty and staff, run from 13th to 15th September 2016.

The Vice-chancellor appreciated the Mustard Seed Foundation for funding the workshop and for sending able facilitators who interacted well with the participants for the three days, and the facilitators for the good job. He said the workshop was a reinforcement of the training on Integration of Faith and Work that took place in 2014, and felt that the workshop will enable the participants to harmonize their commitment and understanding of integrating faith into their work. He further added that this paradigm shift amongst faculty and staff will be important to enable Daystar actualize her vision and mission

of training servant leaders to impact the world with Godly values. The Vice-chancellor revealed that the University is in the process of re-orienting Bible courses to reflect the theology of work paradigm.

Some of the topics discussed were, Developing a Biblical Theology of Work, Why Theology of Work is important, Servant Leadership, Taking your Soul to Work, Joy at Work, Stewardship and Christianity in the Marketplace among others.

Dr. Hyun, who was accompanied by her husband, said Theology of Work is necessary because it enables us to see work from God's perspective and to realize that one's work is significant to God. She added that Daystar faculty and staff are involved in market place ministry, in their various responsibilities at Daystar, and that none of our functions is more important than the other. Speaking on servant leadership, Dr. Hyun had this to say, "Unless I know who I work for I cannot be a servant leader." She called on the participants to pick lessons on teamwork from the geese in order to excel in servant leadership: they fly together, stay in formation, have shared responsibilities and leave no goose behind.

Discussing the topic: vocation, work and ministry, Dr. Reju maintained that there is no toxic workplace but there are toxic workers. "If workplace is toxic don't blame the buildings and policies; blame the workers," he advised. He urged the participants to

understand that they are preparing students to be sent to serve God in various capacities, but felt that Daystar's vision and mission would be impossible to fulfill without a calling. He further said that Theology of Work is an attempt to understand how to integrate the purposeful activities we are involved in, with practice of faith. "The proof that Daystar exists is that, Kenya is transformed," he concluded.

The preparations for this conference began three years ago and were steered by Prof. Bernard Boyo Dean School of Arts and Humanities and Rev Patrick Musembi HoD Peace and International studies.

Speaking to Infospot, Prof Boyo reiterated that our work must be driven by our theology since we do what we do because of who

we are. He stressed that our understanding of who God is enables us to do what we do with a divine motivation that sees work as a calling and thus a gift from God. "This training is critical as it helps us rethink our theology so that we can re-evaluate our faith and our work philosophy, he said.

The workshop culminated with group discussions, where the participants got the opportunity to come up with suggestion on how Daystar can apply Theology of Work, after which each was awarded with a certificate. According to the Vice-chancellor, every faculty and staff of Daystar will eventually go through this course.

Grand Homecoming for ACS and MIS Alumni



Mr. Fredrick Ogore, far left, with the group of alumni and students from Applied Computer Science (ACS) and Management Information System (MIS) who gave Daystar Athi River campus a reunion and mentorship visit.

Daystar University Athi River campus on Tuesday, September 13, got an electrifying experience to interact with alumni from Applied Computer Science (ACS) and Management Information System (MIS). The alumni from the two majors facilitated the Tuesday chapel with moments filled with nostalgic galore. The main performance was from Didier Amani, a former Afrizo, Sing Africa, and MIS major.

"Somehow, when you combine with other classes you are able to see the diversity of all things," attested Lincoln Njogu, who currently, works at iHub. He believes that the Daystar curriculum containing very many general courses shapes an individual to survive in the world without difficulty.

The speaker of the day was Mr. Fredrick Ogore. His sermon was delivered from the book of Psalms 37:23-26. It stressed that the Lord will keep steady the people who believed in him. "You must come back and give back to the community." This was a challenge Mr. Ogore posted to the alumni.

The alumni were then hosted to tea in a reunion session as they caught up with each other and planned out the program for the day. In attendance was HoD ACS Mr. Fredrick Ogore, department lecturers Mr. Wambua, Mr. Edwin Ragire, Miss Zipporah Mwololo, Rev. Musili. Among the keynote speakers, was Dr. Bright Gameli an alumni who is also the Head of Security, Celulant - Africa, Penetration Testing Consultant and Co-Founder of Africa Hackon.

The rest of the day was dedicated to talks and forums in the ICT Theatre with the current ACS and MIS majors. Dr. Gameli graced the session by speaking to the students about his experience and journey in the IT industry. He attested that though the subject was very difficult, he never gave up. Immediately after graduating from Daystar, Dr. Gameli applied for a scholarship to study in South Korea. "I hate being idle because my brain is designed not to", he attested. At the age of twenty-nine, Bright holds a Ph.D. in IT Convergence and Application Engineering with a concentration in Information Security and Data Analytics, in Pukyong National University, Busan South Korea.

Grace Mugane, a former ACS major with a minor in Business Administration, revealed that the balance between family and work was a challenge among others. "As a lady in IT, you have to give extra effort," she asserted. Currently, Grace works in the IT sector of Price Waterhouse Coopers. Other speakers included: Yvonne Gitau, Didier Amani, Lincoln Njogu and Regina Nandaula, an entrepreneur who turned her baking hobby into a career.

In the afternoon session, the students were divided into groups, which included: Security, Software development, Networking, Freelance, and Database. The alumni present headed the divisions taking into consideration their area of specialization. After thorough scrutiny of matters pertaining to each division in the groups, a joint session to conclude and path the way forward was held and objectives of the day revealed to the audience. Mr. Ogore brought forth the objectives as; to connect the students with skilled and highly resourced alumni in the IT industry, to create a pool of mentors; to link students to internship opportunities; to use alumni as a way of reviewing the curriculum; to have regular career talks to groom the students; and to rebrand the Daystar Information Technology Association (DITA) to suit the needs of the students.



Dr. Bright Gameli gives his testimony as he encourages the current IT students not to give up even though the subject seems difficult.

CETL Workshop with Prof. Talitwala



Prof. Talitwala, second right, sharing his views with amongst others, Dr. Leah Komen (left), Rev. Josphat Musili (right), and Dr. Chip Kingsbury (centre).

Prof. Stephen Talitwala, the first Principal and Vice Chancellor of Daystar University was the keynote speaker at the Daystar's Centre of Training and Leadership (CETL) Focus-on-Faculty workshop. The topic of the day was on What is a Christian Liberal Arts institution? and Why is Daystar one? The forum hosted by Dr. Chip Kingsbury, head of CETL, aimed at reviewing the essence of the University and its educational programs as a liberal arts Christian University.

In the Athi River Campus, Prof. Talitwala emphasized on the uniqueness of Daystar University as a Christian liberal arts university. He noted that many people fail to realize this fact about Daystar, that it is different from most of the other universities, which are mainly focused on applied degrees. In relation to that, he also pointed out that the foundation of Daystar based on Wheaton college and Messiah Bible college as the model Christian Universities; had the core objective of taking care of the spiritual and the educational need of students that will enable them to be the transformative servant leaders which the vision and mission of Daystar lives by. "The way in which that will be achieved is ensuring that students do not only excel academically but are also deeply impacted and inspired by their elders and teachers outside the classroom setting", he said. This begs the need to focus on the students to develop academic and individual skills guided by Christian spiritual nourishment and growth.

From a personal testimony, Prof. Talitwala related how his mentors were hard workers, competent, truthful and close enough for him and other students to trust them as friends and allow them to guide them in their studies, individual and spiritual growth. This effectively made them the agents of change and enabled them to positively and successfully impact the students; the professor presented himself as a living testimonial of the same.

Prof. Talitwala also emphasized that if Daystar staff would embrace these attributes wholesomely and the Daystar vision and mission, then they would end up with students who are upright, honest, hard workers and strong to resist being dragged through by the corrupt systems of the world and be the agents of change in the country and the world.

In support, Dr. Kingsbury added that the key to success in achieving the objective of Daystar as a Christian liberal arts university, is the integration of who we are and what we do which most of the time is what lacks. Our professions do not come before our identity as Christians but our Christian identity is what defines us as individuals in our professions.

The University is indeed grateful and blessed to have the guidance and resourcefulness of Prof. Talitwala and we wish him good health

and great blessings for his indispensable contribution over the years to the growth and success of Daystar University to its present glory.

With the same focus on Liberal Arts and Daystar University, the evening of Friday 16/09/2016 at Nairobi Campus had the discussions based on the question, what is a Christian liberal Arts Institution?

According to the discussions and the speech by Prof. Talitwala, Daystar is a Liberal Arts Institution of higher Learning. Quoting the Vice President for Academic Affairs Northwest Nazarene University, Burton Webb, Prof. Talitwala highlights that the key difference between a liberal Arts Education and Education offered by other Universities: The difference is not only in the classroom but in the breadth and integration of knowledge offered as a liberal arts college. The liberal art training is all about equipping the learners with the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn and teaches them to view the world through a distinctly Christian lens.

He further highlighted the benefits of liberal arts education the learners, which included teaching on how to think, to learn, to see things whole, to enhance students' wisdom and faith, making them better teachers and contributing to students' happiness. Professor further highlighted that the students in turn become team players, make and solve problems, plan their work and work their plan,

communicate effectively, get the answers, figure out the figures, use the machines to do the job, know the software, write often and write well and make the sale.

He concluded by sharing on the uniqueness of a Christian liberal education with the example of Daystar University. Prof. Talitwala quoted John Henry Newman who wrote, "In order to have the possession of the truth at all, we must have the whole truth; and no once science, no two sciences, no one family of sciences, nay, not even all secular science, is the whole truth." A true Christian education is the best way to bridge the gap from our perceptions to the whole truth, said Prof. Stephen Talitwala, "Christian liberal arts education will then provide a measure and evaluation and a point of reference for the learners to gauge the point of intersection between all sectors of their lives and influence," he added

"Daystar is a Christian liberal arts institution, because since inception as a college, the Daystar Leadership focused on training Christian servant leaders who were distinctly different from other graduates. The university has the purpose of increasing the students' knowledge alongside technical and professional training hence the broad curriculum and with a broad world view to enable them serve in the church and the society, said Prof. Talitwala, "let's not lose sight of this purpose," he concluded.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ILPD)

THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY

ILPD will be beginning the second cycle of theology for ministry class on
Tuesday the 20th September.

The aim of this program is to equip professionals who are keen on Christian ministry either in Church or in the market place with basic theology.

The program covers the following modules:

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2. Survey of Bible doctrines
3. Hermeneutics and homiletics
4. Church history
5. Christian worldviews
6. Christian service and contemporary issues
7. Church management and administration
8. Biblical counseling in practice

Classes are held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** in the evenings.

For more information, contact us via
ilpd@daystar.ac.ke or jkaduki@daystar.ac.ke.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SOCIAL EVENT 4th November

The University will hold a social event to bring together students, staff, faculty and all friends of Daystar University including Alumni and parents to a day of bonding and fun. Please mark this date.

DECEMBER GRADUATION, 2016

There shall be a special December Graduation this year for those who completed their course work requirements by the end of May 2016 semester and did not make it for the June Graduation. Note that degree audits for the eligible students will be ready after the University Grades Senate meeting on September 23rd, 2016. More information will be communicated in due time.



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*"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things."*

– Mother Teresa –

Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME:

A University with a Difference

(2 Pet 1:19)

Athi River Campus

Tuesday, 20th September 2016

"We're Changed to Change"

DCF Chapel by Rocky Govedi

Thursday, 22nd September 2016

Small Group Bible Study

Sunday, 25th September 2016

"Pursuit of Excellence" by Rev. Micheal Otieno

Nairobi Campus

Tuesday, 20th September 2016

"The Heart of a Servant Leader"

Vice Chancellor's Chapel by Dr. T. Wachira

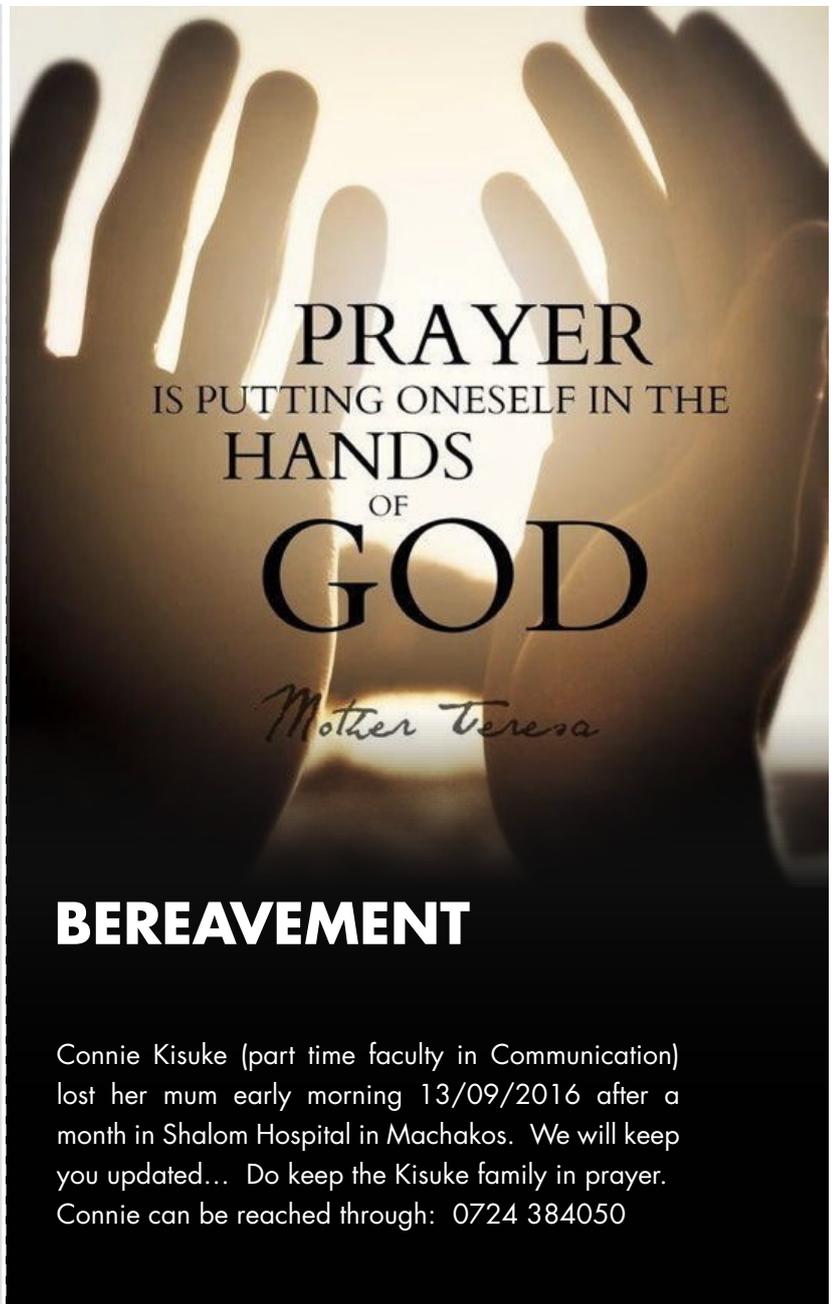
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BEREAVEMENT

Connie Kisuke (part time faculty in Communication) lost her mum early morning 13/09/2016 after a month in Shalom Hospital in Machakos. We will keep you updated... Do keep the Kisuke family in prayer. Connie can be reached through: 0724 384050