

THE DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY WEEKLY *infospot*

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Daystar University rolls out Survey on E-Learning Experiences

Daystar University is carrying out a survey to understand the experiences of students and Faculty in the use of e-learning since 17th March.

The information received will help the University to improve this mode of teaching and learning so as to enhance the experience for both students and Faculty. The survey strictly targets students and Faculty and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and submit. It will be released on various online platforms and respondents are requested fill it only once to avoid duplication of data.

The survey will close on **Monday, 20th April 2020, at 5:00pm**. Your responses shall remain confidential. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee is directly responsible for the survey, and can be reached on email: dvcarsa@daystar.ac.ke.

Campus Access Protocols Enhanced

During this period of Covid-19 pandemic, the University has enhanced safety measures for Faculty and staff who continue to access our

Campuses to support remote learning and offer essential services. Sustained measure include:

- Temperature checks at the Main Gates
- Supply of face masks and hand gloves
- Hand sanitizing at key entrance points
- Observance of social distancing

Those planning to go to their offices are requested to comply with these campus access protocols for their own safety and that of the people around them at home. For your supplies to be planned, you're also required to give a day's notice to the University Services Department on email: cmwangi@daystar.ac.ke stating the campus you plan to be on. For line managers are encouraged to facilitate group confirmations for their staff who plan to be in the office.

NEED HELP

Reach out to Professional Counsellors



The physical and mental health and safety of all University community members is important to us.

As we continue to adjust ourselves to the realities of remote learning, teaching and working, the Crisis Management Team, through the HR, Health and Spiritual Nurture committee has put in place a team of professional counsellors to attend to community members who may need help during this time of dealing with the stress of Covid-19 pandemic.

It is our prayer that students, faculty and staff are taking good care of themselves and the people around them. In case of any eventuality and need the services of a professional counsellor whether work or health-related, at personal or family

level, feel free to call any of the following numbers:

For faculty and staff:

0725 354 050: Dr. Alice Munene

0721 677 904: Grace Karanja

0722 824 584: Benson Mwangi

0723 296 202: Muia P.K.

For students:

0711 361 254: Emma Nguli

0722 386 003: Susan Botto

0721 473 169: Allan Ball

Our Counsellors will be there for you.

Together, we can face this challenge with strong faith that our Lord and Savior has already conquered, and that as people who know their God, we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus.

How to Contact Crisis Management Team

In the event that issues arise, community members are encouraged to forward the same to the relevant working group of the Crisis Management Team using the relevant contact emails below:

- Academic and Student Affairs Team – email: dvcarsa@daystar.ac.ke
- Communications Team – email: pr@daystar.ac.ke
- HR, Health and Spiritual Nurture Team – email: hr@daystar.ac.ke
- Finance Team – email: finance@daystar.ac.ke



RESETTING OPENING HOURS

Pursuant to Government announcement of a curfew between **7:00pm to 5:00am**. We wish to inform our esteemed stakeholders that our offices will be open **Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm**.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Our contacts:

0709 972 000 (Pilot) | 0748 100 759 (PR)

Email: info@daystar.ac.ke



Wash your hands



Sanitize



Observe social distancing

NB: This applies
ONLY during
Lockdown period



Gym construction near completion



The Kes.8 million Gym at the roofing stage. Sheets to be laid by April 18, 2020. Equipment worth Kes 24 million is expected from the USA.

We celebrate progress made on construction of the Students Gym at the Athi River Campus. We pray that God shall open the way for the expected equipment to reach us soon after the pandemic is over. Alongside this, let us remember and pray for our many supporters across the US who may be affected in one way or another by the pandemic.



Recent staff changes

As part of recent staff changes announced in the previous edition of the Infospot, we wish to notify the community of the following staff transfers:



Mrs. Elizabeth Gutetta

She was transferred from the School of Science, Engineering & Health to the Vice Chancellor's office as Assistant Administrative Officer.



Mrs. Dorcas Adamba

She has been confirmed as the School Administrator for the School of Science, Engineering and Health.



Library Updates

Select open source full-text e-books and e-journals

The University Library staff are committed to ensure adequacy and quality, up-to-date and relevant educational resources to students and faculty during the current shift from physical classroom teaching, to E- learning. In addition to the subscribed full text e-books and e-journals available on and off-campus to Daystar community, the Library has identified additional open (freely accessible) educational e-books and e-journal articles on various subject areas relevant to Daystar academic programs. The resources are available in full-text and can be accessed off-campus through the links provided below.

Select Information Resources with Freely Available Full-Text E-books & E-Journal Articles

Resource	Link	Subject Strengths
1 BC Open Textbook Project	https://open.bccampus.ca/	Academic/Career Success, Adult Basic Education, Art and Design, Biological/ Physical Sciences, Business, Communication/ Writing, Computer Science, Earth and Ocean Sciences, Education, Engineering, Health and Medical, Hospitality/Tourism, Humanities, Language Learning, Law/Criminal Justice, Math/Stats, Social Sciences, Support Resources, Trades

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2	Open Textbook Library	https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/	Accounting & Finance, Human Resources, Management, Marketing, Computer Science & Information Systems, Economics, Education, Engineering, Journalism, Media Studies & Communications, Law, mathematics, Medicine, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences, Psychology, Sociology, Student Success
3	OAPEN Online Library	http://www.oapen.org/	Society and social sciences, Humanities, Economics, finance, business and management, The arts, Law, Literature and literary studies, Language, Earth sciences, geography, environment, plannings.
4	Open SUNY Textbooks	https://textbooks.opensuny.org/	Engineering, Biology, Business ethics, Education, English, Film, Cinematography, Literature, Mathematics, Psychology, Research, Science, communication, medicine, Leadership, Governance, Computer science, Gender studies.

E-Journal Articles

	Resource	Link	Subject Strengths
1	1findr	https://1findr.1science.com/home	Applied sciences, Arts & humanities, Economics, Health sciences, social sciences
2	ScienceOpen	https://www.scienceopen.com	All subject areas
3	Core	https://core.ac.uk/	All subject areas

Stay safe, stay well informed.

Rosemary Gitachu, University Librarian

Chapel Updates

The Chaplaincy invites members of the University community to a short moment of united prayer on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/x2XiVlqCzmQ>