

AlmaNews

The Newsletter of the Daystar University
Alumni Association



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The Alumni Association (DUAA)



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The Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) has over the years sought to understand your expectations and learn what interests you. This has enabled the association to drive out communication to meet your needs and requests.

However, pertinent questions still emerge; whether we have been able to succeed in reaching all our alumni, have engaged them and whether we have created a lasting bond with the institution.

In seeking the answers, we have been able to identify areas of reinforcement. As a result, we have taken strides towards making the changes required. We continue to serve you, the alumni and ensure that your needs are met as we strive towards growth in our networks as the alumni of Daystar University.

INTRODUCING DUAA BOARD

The Alumni Board leadership has recently gone through a transition following the expiry of the tenure of some of the Board members who opted not to seek an extension of their service, namely, Malele Ngalu (Outgoing Chair), Wilson Gitu (Outgoing Vice Chair), Veronica Wambugu (Outgoing Secretary, Finance) Caroline Wanyama, Janet Adongo and Alice Gitei.

The board members whose terms have not lapsed are: Rose Mwaura (Incoming Chair), Urbanus Kissiu (Incoming Vice Chair), Isaac Kiema (Incoming Treasurer), Solomon Mahinda (Incoming Secretary Admin and Communications), Paul Omondi (Incoming Secretary Projects and Chapters). These are the officials who are now in charge of the Association starting 30th March 2020.

Alumni Board Meeting with the VC

On Friday 24, 2020, the new DUAA board representatives, Rose mwaura and Isaac Kiema met with the VC to pledge their support in carrying out the vision of the university. The VC appreciated the idea and acknowledged that alumni body is an asset to the university as we go forward together.

The DUAA board expresses their desire to have your support in order to serve the alumni better and explore opportunities which will lead to growth and advancement of the alumni as well as the alma mater.



From L-R: Board member Rose Mwaura, VC, Prof. Laban Ayiro, Board member Isaac Kiema, Alumni relations officer, Magdaline Kiyeng

BOARD PROFILES

Rose Mwaura

Chairperson, DUAA

Chief Executive Officer, Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK)



Rose is a calm and pragmatic professional with a passion for efficiency and quality delivery who balances both qualitative and quantitative skills in an impactful delivery. She excels at program management, budget planning and adherence, people development, communication, skills-based training and mentoring.

She is the Chairperson to the Board of Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA). She spends her free time with her family and enhances her net worth through networking and reading. She enjoys imparting skills and knowledge to young people.

Rose, is an accomplished Business Management professional with a wealth of experience and proven track record in membership management, sales and marketing, as well as total management of business operations. She holds 15+ years of working expertise in both the fast-moving consumer goods and the service industries.

She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Leadership and Management with Management University of Africa (MUA) at Thesis Development stage. Rose holds an MBA, Strategic Management and a Bachelor of Commerce from Daystar University, having majored in administration & Management and minor in Marketing. She is a holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management from the Kenya Institute of Management (KIM) and an Executive Diploma in Industrial Relations from United States International University-Africa.

BOARD PROFILES

Urbanus Kissiu

Vice-Chairperson, DUAA



Urbanus Kissiu is a Communications and Marketing professional with over 10 years experience spanning various sectors. He joined the association in 2016 and is the immediate former Secretary, Administration and Communications. He graduated in 2011 with a BA Degree in Communications (PR) and a minor B.Com Marketing.

Mr Kissiu is the Vice-chairperson, to the Board of Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA).

Isaac Kiema

Treasurer, DUAA



Isaac Kiema is a professional and excellent project management specialist, with over 12 years wealth of experience having worked with private sector, Local and International development organizations in different leadership capacities. In addition, he has exceptional skills and experience in employability and skills development, entrepreneurship and youth empowerment, establishment and management of Public and Private sector development partnerships.

Mr. Kiema, holds a BA. Degree in Community Development from Daystar University, Master's Degree in Project Planning and Management and is currently pursuing PhD in Management and Leadership. He is the Treasurer to the Board of Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA).

BOARD PROFILES

Solomon Mahinda

Secretary, Administration &
Communication, DUAA



Solomon Mahinda is a multi-faceted professional driving profitability and growth through formulating and leading the implementation of business and communications strategies to maximize returns. He has 16+ years' experience in stakeholder management, public/corporate affairs, crisis/litigation communications, business development, CSR, Corporate/Brand communication and marketing.

He holds an impeccable track record having won various awards (local, regional and international) across various sectors over the years.

Mr. Mahinda is Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) Board Secretary, Administration & Communication.

Paul Omondi

Secretary Projects & Chapters, DUAA



Paul Omondi is an accomplished Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning Practitioner, Project Management and Community Development Professional with over 10 years hands-on experience working with International Non Governmental organizations in the African Region.

Mr. Omondi is the Secretary Projects & Chapters to the Board of Daystar University Alumni Association.

Alumni Meeting with the Vice Chancellor

In March 2019, the university received the new Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof. Laban Peter Ayiro. One of his goals is to work with the alumni towards attaining the vision of the university. To achieve this goal, the VC began to meet alumni in various platforms. On 22nd July 2019, the VC first met with the alumni who work in the University to set pace for other meetings with the alumni.

In May 25, 2019, he met with class of 1999 who were celebrating 20 years reunion since they graduated. He requested for their support in building the Daystar University Chapel, which is one of his major agenda. The class of 1999 promised to support him in rallying for support towards the building of the chapel. In August 22, 2020, the VC, met a group of alumni in a breakfast meeting held at the Gracehouse resort, Nairobi. The group planned to meet with the VC to pledge their support for the alma mater. The breakfast was organized by Moses Ntiritu Gitonga and the alumni office. The VC looks forward to more meetings with the alumni in order to unite all the alumni in supporting the Vision of the university.



The VC with Some of the alumni during the breakfast meeting at Gracehouse Resort

Daystar University Alumni Chapters-Entrepreneurship

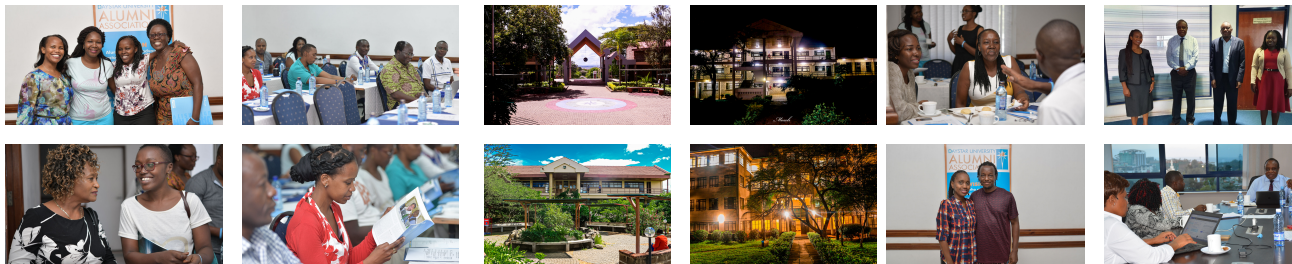
Chapter Formation is one of the ways we have identified, which helps us to make an impact. The chapters unite the alumni in the same geographical location or with shared interests and activities. Through these chapters DUAA is able to galvanise participation of the alumni.

There are several chapters that have been formed including the most recent one Coast chapter, others are South Sudan, Class 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, Commission Fellowship International (CFI) and many more to come. We continue to identify groups with the potential of becoming chapters and after a series of evaluation; we take it to the next level which is chapter launching.

Daystar University Alumni Entrepreneurs Association (DUAA) is a very recent chapter formed under the umbrella of the association. Formation of this chapter seeks to empower alumni in entrepreneurship or aspiring to be, to connect and combine efforts while maximizing opportunities for growth, professionally, spiritually, personal and in many other ways.

The Entrepreneurs Association was born out of a conversation among alumni in entrepreneurship who felt the need to strengthen other alumni in this area. The chapter held a webinar in September 1, 2020 from 4.00pm with an aim to discuss business challenges, opportunities and trends in the era of COVID-19. Alumni of different years were invited to take advantage of opportunities like this, to learn matters business from their fellow alumni.

Daystar University Alumni Entrepreneurs Association plans to bring together alumni in entrepreneurship for networking, growth, market opportunities, and many other benefits.



Highlights from the Daystar University Alumni Entrepreneurs Association webinar

The Daystar University Alumni Entrepreneurs webinar held on Tuesday September 1, 2020 was successfully attended by at least 29 participants. Discussions kicked off from the panelists who shared knowledge on business opportunities, trends, and challenges during the COVID-19 era. The panelists echoed that businesses need to be fluid and Ms. Wangui Kiili stated that the "entrepreneurs need to re-skill, retool and recharge." The entrepreneurs association is planning another webinar which will soon be announced.

UPCOMING events

HONORING CLASS OF 2000

NOVEMBER 13, 2020

DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY 43RD
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