

DAYSTAR INFOSPOT

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They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

Jonah 2:8 (KJV)

Minister Hails Daystar's Christian Heritage

The Minister for Education Prof. Sam Ogeri has hailed Daystar's emphasis on Christian Higher Education. Prof. Ogeri said this during a visit to Daystar's stand at the Commission For Higher Education (CHE) Exhibition which was held in Mombasa between March 6 - 8 2008 at Kenyatta University, Mombasa Campus. The Minister was received at the Daystar stand by Mr. Gordon Mutugi of Corporate Affairs and Mr. Abok Ager of Biblical and Religious Studies department. Saying that there is strength in emphasizing moral growth along academic training, Prof. Ogeri implored the marketing team students to count themselves lucky for being in an institution that emphasises on the spiritual and moral training in addition to academic training. In the Minister's team was the Permanent Secretary for Education, Prof. Karega Mutahi and CHE Secretary, Prof. Everett Standa among others.



Gordon Mutugi of Corporate Affairs briefs Minister for Education Prof. Sam Ogeri when he visited the Daystar stand during the CHE Exhibition in Mombasa

Later in the week, the Minister for Science and Technology, Dr. Noah Wekesa visited Daystar stand and congratulated the team for a good display. In his autograph to Daystar, Dr. Wekesa noted the excellent display of Daystar's programmes by the marketing team.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Prof. Godfrey Nguru set off the Daystar stand on March 6th by encouraging the students and staff. Daystar's team was led by Ag. Corporate Affairs Manager, Mrs. Evelyne W. Muchigi. Others include Head of Commerce, Mr. Richard Maswili, Mr. Abok Ager, Mrs. Judy Wafula, James Ogolla of Finance Department and Marketing team students.

There were many enquiries on proposed Daystar Mombasa Campus. The University is set to open the Campus in August this year.

Compassion International Donation

Compassion International on Monday 10th March 2008 donated computer equipment to the Early Child Development Programme through the Coordinator, Dr. Harrahs Malinda. The equipment was presented by Dr. Ole Ronkei of Compassion Africa.

While presenting the donation, Dr. Ronkei said that Compassion International has partnered with Daystar for a long time and the University has really developed over time. Also present during the occasion were Dr. James Kombo Dean of Postgraduate studies, Mr. Paul Mbutu, Coordinator of CMT, James Ogolla Senior Resources and Mobilizations Officer and Fred Osore, Executive Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor.

According to Dr. Malinda, Child development training is not new in Daystar as the university was

offering short courses before the Postgraduate Diploma programme was mounted. Coordinator of Collaborative Studies Mrs. Grace Kabuye appreciated the donation and thanked Dr. Ole Ronkei for "having faith" in Daystar University throughout the years.

In January 2008, Compassion International started the Holistic Child Development (HCD) which brings in the holistic aspect of child development education. In line with this, CMT is currently planning short courses in Child Development from April 7th - 18th at the JJ McCarthy in Westlands and 19th - 30th May at the Cool Breeze Hotel in Mombasa. Daystar's role in this is to design the curriculum and source for facilitators. The course is meant for churches supported by Compassion International.

Bethlehem Baptist Church Team Visits Daystar

Mrs. Noel Piper and her daughter Talitha Piper visited Daystar University, Nairobi Campus, on 3rd March, 2008. Mrs. Piper is the wife to Rev. John Piper, Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, USA. The Church is one of Daystar University's biggest supporting churches in the U.S. It is one of the churches that hosted Afrizo during the fundraising tour of the USA. Recently, they provided funding for Christian Ministries and Training (CMT) department to conduct training for church leaders in peace and reconciliation in Kenya. This was in response to an appeal for help after the post-election violence.

According to the Senior Resources and Mobilization Officer, Mr. James Ogolla, "Noel and Talitha were here to augment the already good partnership between Bethlehem Baptist Church and Daystar University." During this visit, Mrs. Piper donated books to the

university's library written by both herself and her husband. The Vice-Chancellor Rev. Prof Godfrey M. Nguru received the visitors in his boardroom where the books were presented to the library.

Accompanying them during the visit were Mr. Craig Sorley, the Executive Director of Care Creation Kenya and his wife Tracy together with Mr. Francis Githaiga.

Star of Excellence Awards

The Star of Excellence Award ceremony is here once again. It will be held on 11th April 2008 at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club off Ngong Road, next to Mimosa Courts. This year's event will be nothing short of exceptional and glamorous. The event whose theme is "Celebrating excellence and diversity" is expected to attract high profile guests. All students and staff members are asked to plan to attend.

DUSA Chairman Dismisses Fee Increase Rumours

Daystar University Students' Association Chairman Mr. Halkano Huqa expressed disappointment with the emails circulating alleging that the University is about to increase fees. He said that he has been informing students that there haven't been any discussions on the issue and as such, the allegations have no basis. He urged the students to dismiss the rumours. Mr. Huqa also told the originators and distributors of the said rumours to be warned of the likely consequences of their actions.

Nairobi Campus Academic Week

DUSA Nairobi and the Academic Week Committee have the pleasure to present the 2nd Annual Academic Week at the Nairobi Campus, from 26th March to 28th March 2008. After a successful inaugural run last year, this year's week is themed: *Unifying our diversity through education*

The first day (Wednesday) will be taken by the Clubs Exhibition where clubs from both campuses will showcase their activities and hold recruitment drives. Clubs are encouraged to get in touch with the committee for further information.

The second day (Thursday) will be the Interschool Challenge day featuring various tertiary learning institutions in a battle of brains for supremacy. The day will be capped by a speech by Eric Mwangi, Sameer Africa CEO. Entertainment will be provided by the Journey Band.

The third day (Friday) will host the Company Exhibitions, where Kenya's leading companies allied to the university's various departments have been invited to give students a hands-on approach to their work.

The ultimate close to the week will be Academic Week Dinner at the Grand Regency Hotel's Crystal Ballroom on the night of the Friday 28th in the year of our Lord 2008 from 6.30 pm to 10pm. The main speaker at the glamorous and sumptuous

dinner will be Dr James Mwangi, CEO Equity Bank. There will also be special appearances by Caesar Handa – CEO Strategic PR and Research, Louis Otieno – Talk show host Citizen TV and Jimnah Mbaru – Chairman Dyer and Blair Investment Bank.

The MCs for the dinner will be Churchill Abednego and Grace Msalame. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Born Tena, The Journey Band, Peter Marangi and Xpo.

The cost of the dinner will be just Ksh 1,300 and payments can be made to Anne Njathi, DUSA Academics Vice chair. For further information, email anne.njathi@gmail.com or dusanairobi@daystar.ac.ke

You may also check out the Face book event 'Daystar Nairobi Academic Week Dinner' for more information and confirm attendance.

ASAD Hosts Talk on Stock Investment

The Accounting Students Association of Daystar University (ASAD) on Wednesday 12th March hosted a talk by Discount Securities, a stock investment firm with the Nairobi Stock Exchange. Mercy Chira, Marketing Executive with the firm talked about investment in the stock market and encouraged students to buy shares.

Daylink Looking for Interns

Daylink is a Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) initiative whose vision is to place Daystar Alumni on the fast track to transform organizations and change the world by linking them with numerous opportunities in the work place.

Kindly email CV: alumni@daystar.ac.ke

Counseling Audit

When trauma is not addressed in our lives, it may result to severe trauma reactions in future. The following may be the symptoms:

- β Suicidal thoughts
- β Feeling as if you might be a danger to yourself or others
- β Heart palpitations, chest pain, trouble breathing or other potentially serious physical symptoms (contact a physician immediately)
- β Severe psychological symptoms, including:
 - Flashbacks
 - Amnesia
 - Enduring feelings of unreality and "disconnection from the world"
 - Feeling completely overwhelmed or paralyzed
 - Feeling that you cannot handle the intense thoughts, feelings, and bodily sensations alone
- β A history of mental illness and psychiatric treatment
- β Substance abuse (e.g., consistently using alcohol/drugs or medication to help you sleep)
- β Feeling that your emotions are not "falling into place" over time and experiencing chronic tension, confusion, emptiness, and exhaustion
- β Noticing that your relationships are suffering
- β Driving yourself to stay active all the time to avoid your feelings

That is why we continue to encourage you to seek help from a professional. Counselors in both campuses are available to help or connect you to other help givers. Get in touch with us at the SDO of both campuses.

Staff Attend Tax Workshop

A tax workshop organized by ICPAK was held at grand regency on 6th March. Mr. Michael Wanyama from Internal Audit, Mrs. Phyllis Mutua and Mr. Paul Gichuki both from finance department attended. The issues discussed include making tax returns, Withholding Taxes, VAT, Employee taxation and others.

Launch of 'CADS Vision 2030' Award

The 'Communication Association of Daystar Students (CADS) Vision 2030' Award was officially launched on Monday 3rd March 2008. The briefs are in operation and the deadline for handing in the entries is 3rd March 2008.

For further details, please avail yourself for a meeting on Monday 17th march from 3.30 p.m at LR 14.

Personal Development Seminar

AIESEC will be hosting a personal development seminar whose theme is 'Nurturing Talent Through Enhancing Personal Development'. It will be held on 15th March 2008 from 9.30 a.m to 4.00 p.m. at Valley Road campus. The seminar aims to challenge individuals to becoming self-confident professionals in an ever-challenging society. The delegates will tackle issues about self-awareness, leadership, career development and self-packaging through trained professionals and facilitators in the field.

Entry is free.

Appreciation

Mr. Nahason Kiema of Transport wishes to appreciate the Daystar community for the support he got to produce his Gospel Music CD *Njooi Watu Wangu*. He thanks God for giving him victory and Daystar community for supporting him financially and through prayers.

Chapel Diary

Athi River Campus



Speaker:

Topic:

Thursday 19th March

Small Groups

Nairobi Campus

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