

DAYSTAR INFOSPOT

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Daystar Wins at the Nairobi International Education Fair



Daystar University emerged winners of the 10th Nairobi international education exhibition held at the Sarit center expo from 13th to the 16th of March 2008. Daystar were tops in the local private university category in the competition which was judged by the Marketing Society of Kenya (MSK). Various local and international educational institutions exhibited in the event. The Daystar stand witnessed a beehive of activities throughout the four days as prospective students visited making inquiries on the programmes the University has to offer.

Nairobi Campus Academic Week

DUSA Nairobi and the Academic Week Committee presents the 2nd Annual Academic Week at the Nairobi Campus, from 26th March to 28th March 2008. The theme for this year's event is: *Unifying our diversity through education*

The first day 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 Intervarsity 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 Facebook event 'DAYSTAR NAIROBI ACADEMIC WEEK DINNER' for more information and confirm attendance.

VC Leaves for the US

The Vice-Chancellor Rev. Prof. Godfrey M. Nguru leaves on Saturday 23rd March 2008 for one-week trip to USA. The VC who will be attending a Consultation in Holistic Child Development at Fuller Theological Seminary Pasadena, California will be accompanied by Mrs. Rosemary Gitachu, the University Librarian. The first six students taking a Postgraduate Diploma in Child Development started their course this semester.

During the Vice-Chancellor's absence, Dr. Philip Kitui will serve as the Acting Vice-Chancellor.

From ICT Department

It has been observed that the registration and the financial systems have been slow in the afternoons at the Nairobi campus. The ICT department investigated the cause of the slowness and established that it is caused by the increased traffic demand on the link between the Athi and Nairobi campuses in the afternoons. Previously the bandwidth was rationed such that the BCC network (Athi River) had Internet access from 4.30 PM to 8.30 AM only. The Athi River campus day scholars felt disadvantaged and therefore after improving the internal connectivity at the Athi campus, a test was done to provide Internet connectivity round the clock. Although the test was successful, it appears that subsequently demand has increased considerably to the point that other traffic (applications e.g. Regsys and Navision) are affected in the afternoons.

The ICT department is looking for real time bandwidth rationing tools (for quality of service) to prioritise allocation of bandwidth on the inter-campus link. This will facilitate better provision of bandwidth to end-users. On another issue, our ISP has warned all Internet users of disruptions that will occur between 18th to 23rd March 2008 due to the Sun being directly above the Equator. This will interfere with satellite signals. The outages will be for up to fifteen minutes each day.

Meanwhile the ICT Department is working on the implementation of structured cabling at the Nairobi campus; the installation of a new Internet firewall and the installation of wireless 'hotspot' at the Athi River campus.

New Telephone Lines

Daystar University has acquired new telephone lines on both campuses. They are:

Athi River Campus 020- 2302275

Nairobi Campus 020 – 2302276 & 020 2302277

Kindly make use of them and give them to your work contacts.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

*1 Thessalonians 5:15
(KJV)*

ICT Vacancy

Office Systems Support Specialist

Daystar University, a chartered interdenominational and evangelical Christian University whose mission is the development of Christian Servant Leaders for the expansion of God's kingdom in Africa and the world invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the above position. Applicants to this position must be committed Christians, who show evidence of involvement in their local churches.

The position reports to Office Support Team leader.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide first line technical support, systems installation and upgrading
- Ensuring all equipment under their jurisdiction is up-to-date in terms of hardware configuration and software configuration in accordance with the ICT policies
- Ensuring that computer equipment is in working order and meeting stipulated availability levels
- Repairing ICT equipment that is not on warranty as per the current policies and procedures
- Monitoring equipment utilisation and ensuring application of IT established standards and procedures
- Guidance in computer usage to users (e.g. MS Excel, Word, Access)
- Identifying staff training needs in office automation systems and reporting to their team leader
- Setting up of trial environments for systems' tests.

Qualifications and Experience

- Diploma in Computer Operations from a reputable institution
- At least 2 year's experience in computer operations support in a school or business environment

Those interested in this challenging position should submit their applications, testimonials and detailed CV with names and contacts of 3 referees to the address below on or before 29/3/2008.

The Vice Chancellor,
P.O. BOX 44400 – 00100,
NAIROBI.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

P-LAD Poolside Dinner

The Purchasing and Logistics Association of Daystar (P-LAD) will hold a poolside dinner on the 4th April 2008 at the Sarova Stanley hotel. The dinner whose theme is "The Exordium Of The P-Lad" will be graced by Francis Murabula the Supply Chain and Administration Officer, Safaricom, David Kigathi, Procurement Manager MEARSK, Edwin Murithi Purchasing Manager SDV Transami among other dignitaries.

Participation certificates will be issued at the end of the dinner. Charges are 1500 per person. For more information, visit the P-LAD stand at the PAC Court.

Library Web OPAC

Students, staff and faculty are reminded that they can access the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) in any office at Athi River and Nairobi Campus. Type: <http://192.168.19.254/> on the browser and enjoying searching for books at your convenience.

Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program

The Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program provides support to young researchers working in academic and research institutions from developing countries, and preparing a doctoral thesis in a subject related to development. Research grants cover residence costs in a university or research centre in a member country of the world bank other than the home country or country of residence of the candidate. Fellowships are awarded for a period of five to ten months and must be completed between July 2008 and June 2009. The Maximum amount of grant is US\$25,000.

Application forms and information about the application procedure are available on the World Bank Scholarships Program website: www.worldbank.org/scholarships. Completed application packages must be received in Washington, D.C., by April 30, 2008. The award will be announced in June 2008.

Send your application directly to:

The World Bank
Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program
MSN J2-204
1818 H St. NW
Washington DC, 20433, USA
Email: rsm_fellowships@worldbank.org

Counseling Audit for This Week

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.

Revised Food Menu

The Food Quality and Services Committee would like to announce the revision of the menu served in the Athi River Dining hall, with effect from 17th March 2008. The revision follows requests, recommendations and presentations by the boarders and other users of the services. The changes were made cautiously and in consideration of the cost implications. The Committee is grateful to the Director of Serene Caterers for her gracious understanding during the discussions.

We ask the boarders and all other users of the food services to be cooperative, conscientious and responsible. Any anomaly or concern regarding the quality and service should be reported to the members of the FQSC. The Committee's main objective is to make the Daystar dining experience pleasant and fulfilling for everyone at every meal."

Lost Flash Disk

Ms. Lucy Bility lost her flash disk at BCC 3, Athi River Campus. It is blue in colour. The disk has some important information and anyone who comes across it is asked to drop it with the Secretary, Communication Department or the Corporate Affairs Office.

Sports Report

Daystar participated in the Universities and Colleges Football League on the weekend of 15th and 16th March with mixed results. In football, Daystar trounced USIU 2-0 before going down the following day to KCA University 3-0. In the ESS Rugby trophy, Daystar gave Kenya Polytechnic a Whooping 63-0 thumping with Mark Muiruri scoring a hat trick of tries while Jotham Makanga, Henry Ochieng and Kevin Wabongo came with two tries each.

Bereavement

We have received the sad news of the death of a sister to Mrs. Mabel Odima. Funeral service was held at NPC Valley Road on Thursday 20th March. Burial will be on Sunday 23rd March at Siaya. Lets continue to pray for the family at this trying time.

Chapel Diary

Athi River Campus

Tuesday 25th March, 2008

Speaker: Rev. J. Kariuki

Topic: Easter Message

Thursday 27th March 2008

Recess

Nairobi Campus

Tuesday 25th March, 2008

Speaker: Rev. Tom Otieno

Topic: Your Body, the Temple of the Lord

Thursday 27th March 2008

Recess

