

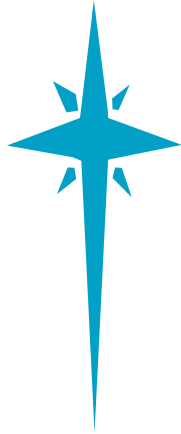
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And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 17:18a (KJV)

Daystar HIV/Aids Policy Launched

The Daystar University HIV/AIDS policy was officially launched in the Athi River Campus on Thursday 12th during the chapel time at the Amphitheater. The launch was presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, Most Rev. Benjamin Nzimbi.

This made the University the first Private University to launch a comprehensive HIV/AIDS policy. Present during the launch was the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Prof. Godfrey Nguru, DVC (Academic) Prof. Samuel Katia, DVC (FAP) Dr. Philip Kitui, Daystar faculty, staff and students.

Invited guests who graced the occasion included Dr. Peter Okaalet, Senior Director, MAP International and Daystar council member, Director of Kenya National Library Services Mrs. Irene Kibandji, Bishop of Machakos Diocese Rt. Rev. Joseph Kanuku, Prof. Ezra Chitanda of University of Zimbabwe, Ms. Jacinta Maingi who is the Regional Director of EHAIA and representatives from Kenyatta University, University of Nairobi and Kenya Methodist University. Speaking during the event, the Vice-Chancellor Rev. Prof. Godfrey Nguru said the policy was formulated in line with the university's mission and vision. He also said the five guiding values; abstinence, faithfulness, sexual purity and the love of God were drawn from the scriptures. He also said the university has the potential to fight the enormous AIDS pandemic. Most



Prof. Nguru gives a gift to Prof. Ezra Chitanda after he gave his public Lecture

Rev. Nzimbi who also addressed the congregation said the university has an advantage in fighting the pandemic since it admits students from over 20 nations, which forms a better niche to influence the continent and the development of Africa. He called upon the members of staff to rescue those who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS as their work goes beyond the classroom environment. He said it was imperative for students to understand the responsibility of their sexuality. "Condoms are not a prevention, the cause of action is to agree on the guiding principles", he said. He challenged students to abstain, be role models and undertake research in order to contribute to the

great solution.

Describing Daystar as a shining light in a world full of darkness and sin, Most. Rev. Nzimbi lauded the university's setting up of a Aids and Drug Control Unit to fight the evils of Aids and drugs. The archbishop officially launched the policy giving the first copy to Dr. Okaalet who received it on behalf of the University Council. Other senior university administrators and the faculty also received their copies from the archbishop.

Policy Pre-Launch Lecture

The Daystar University HIV/Aids Policy was launched during two elaborate ceremonies on 11th and 12th April 2007.

The first ceremony was a pre-launch and was hosted at the Baptist Church, Nairobi while the second was the actual launch presided over by ACK Archbishop, Most Rev. Benjamin Nzimbi. The Pre-launch involved a public Lecture by Prof. Ezra Chitanda, a Professor of Theology, University of Zimbabwe. Several guests graced the pre-launch who included; Dr. Peter Oxalate, Senior Director, MAP International and a member of Daystar Council, Jacinta Maingi, Regional Coordinator, Ecumenical HIV/Aids Initiative in Africa, Jennifer Kimani, National Coordinator, NACADA, Joseph Kaguthi, immediate former National Coordinator, NACADA, and other

representatives from various institutions like Kenya Methodist University, Africa Nazarene University, Kenya Science Teachers College, Window Development Trust and Institute of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine. Daystar was represented by the VC, Rev. Prof. Godfrey M. Nguru, DVC (Academic) Prof. Samuel Katia and various other faculty and staff. In his lecture, Prof. Citanda said that higher education institutions in Kenya should produce graduates who are HIV/Aids competent. He defined 'HIV/Aids Competence' as being able to recognise the following five aspects: Recognise the reality of HIV/Aids; act from strengths to build capacity to respond to HIV/Aids; reduce vulnerability and risks; learn and share with others and live out our full potential. He concluded by saying that

Daystar HIV/Aids policy will not be judged by the quality of its content but by the extent to which it will be implemented.

The VC told the participants that Daystar has fully come out of the denial and has gone flat out to fight HIV/Aids. The EHAIA Regional Coordinator Jacinta Maingi responding to one question said that we should not compromise our values when fighting HIV/Aids. She particularly warned about donors who come with pre-packaged aid. Director of Research, Publications and Consultancy Prof. Faith Nguru too, while responding to a question gave a catalogue of areas where Daystar has linked with other external organisations in its environs to fight HIV/Aids. She invited papers on the topic of HIV/Aids for the University's research journal Perspectives.

Prof. Faith Nguru Attends International Conference

The Director of Research, Publications and Consultancy Prof. Faith Nguru recently attended an international conference in Johannesburg, South Africa where she was a Keynote Speaker.

The conference was organised by Association of Christian Schools International: South Africa from 25 – 30 March 2007. The conference attracted 145 participants from 32 Nations. Prof. Faith Nguru's keynote address was titled: God's Redemptive Plan for the Lost and Future Generation of Africa.

The conference passed a number of resolutions key among them was the need to increase the number of quality Christian schools in the continent. Daystar University was viewed to have the potential to play a key role of training Christian teachers to meet this purpose.

Kosin Students Sample Mara Beauty

Kosin University students together with other exchange program students at Daystar University enjoyed an Easter trip to Maasai Mara. They were able to see Kenya's diverse wildlife and rich culture. The group left on 5th of April and traveled back on 7th April 2007. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sylvia Tuikong, Student Counselor.

Commerce Award Fete

The 4th annual commerce award fete was held last week on the Athi river campus courtesy of the CAAC.

The event dubbed "Dare Reach Beyond Yourself" brought together students from various academic disciplines. Students and the lecturers in the department were awarded based on student excellence, best cumulative Grade Point Average, distinguished service, clubs and association stewardship and lecturer excellence. Lectures from the commerce department made presentations on various topics among them; Youth enterprise, role of accounts in eradication of corruption, optic fibre cable and IT future-how can young graduates exploit ICT, ventures abroad for graduates, economic trend versus political speculative and the way forward, what does the Kenyan economy hold for the future of Purchases and Logistics and doing easily what others find different is Talent; doing what is impossible for Talent is genius.

Missions Breakfast a Success

The missions and Outreach team held a fundraising breakfast at the Silver Springs Hotel on 31st March 2007 from 8:00am – 11:30AM. The guest speaker, Mr. Timothy Mwangi, National Director of Life Ministry spoke on the following;

- The means to mission is grace.
- The mark of missions is growth.
- The measure to missions is giving.

Paul Kihiro, chairperson of the organising team described it as a success.

Eighty guests included the University Chancellor, Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime, DVC (FAP), Dr. Philip Kitui, DVC (Academic) Prof. Samuel Katia, a lecturer and several staff members in addition to a representative sent by Honorable Kalonzo Musyoka.

The team is still in need of more financial support to accomplish the purpose – purchase of essential equipments for mission work. Those who would still like to contribute are welcome to

contact the DCF, Chair through email, Daystarmissions@yahoo.com.

A big thank you comes from the team leader to the University Administration and all who took part in the event.

CADS Dinner

The Communication Association of Daystar Students (CADS) is organizing a networking and awards dinner on Friday 13th April 2007 at the Sarova Stanley from 6:30 pm – 10 pm. The Chief Guest will be Nation Media Group Chief Executive Officer Mr. Linus Gitahi. The club will be launching an awards scheme "CADS Excellence through practice Awards." Students, staff and corporate executives who have supported the Communication Students will be recognised during the occasion.

Charges for the dinner are Ksh. 1,500 for students and Ksh. 1,800 for non-students.

All are welcome.

Servant Leadership Nominations

The 2007 Servant Leadership Award nominations will be carried out on Friday 13th April 2007 at Nairobi campus during chapel time for evening students. Athi River campus and Nairobi Day students will do their nominations on Tuesday the 17th April 2007 during chapel time. Every Daystar community member is requested to start considering potential 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students who have demonstrated leadership in the area of community and ministry.

Deans List Award For January Semester 2007

In pursuit of academic excellence, DUSA would like to announce that the top student in academics this semester would be awarded a voucher for two for a weekend at the Sarova White Sands hotel in Mombasa.

DCF in Kabarak Retreat

120 participants from Daystar left for Kabarak on Friday 6th April for a 3-day retreat organised by the DCF Executive in conjunction with the retreat committee. The Easter retreat saw a series of refreshing events, which included a quiz night, games, swimming and a special edition of pages of life, which featured International Christian Center's pastor Rev. Tony Kiama, and his wife Carol. The Highlights for the weekend was a night of worship dubbed Kiss of Heaven followed by project Kabarak where delegates showcased their diverse talents.

The participants were also called live by Kubamba Show of Hope FM where they gave a good testimony about Daystar.

DCF Fresh Fire Kesha

DCF invites the Daystar community to the last Kesha of the semester on the 20th of April at the dining hall extension. Rev. Alan Kiuna of Jesus Celebration Centre (JCC) Ngara will be ministering. Starting from 9pm to 3am. Come for a refreshing night with the King. The theme for the night will be 'Restoration'. Also ministering will be the JCC dance team.

DCF Organizes Mission Trip

The head of DCF, Paul Kihiro invites students and staff for a three day mission trip to Ngong Hill Church from 13th -15th April 2007. Charge will be Ksh150/person.

Meanwhile, the mission's team had a seminar on spiritual warfare on 24th March 2007 in the University's Senate room. Pastor Steve Mutua

from NPC Ngong, ministered on the topic, Demonology.

43 participants including staff members attended the meeting.

In another event, several Daystar University students ministered at the African Inland Church Narok over the Easter holiday. The group led by the new DCF chairman Mr. Steve Ireri held meetings on Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Obonyo and some Daystar University alumni from Narok later joined them.

DUPE to offer Training

Daystar University Peer Educators (DUPE) is set to train fifty peer educators from Mbaikini High school located at Wamunyu Machakos district at the beginning of May. Thereafter, training will be conducted at shine Shine high School.

MultiPurpose AGM Postponed

The Central Management Committee of Daystar Multipurpose regrets to inform you that the AGM which had been planned to take place on April 14, 2007 has been postponed to APRIL 28, 2007, due to unavoidable circumstances.

Sorry for the inconveniences caused.

Library Resource of the Week

DVD selection

1. **One family:** Subject category: Community Development

Four docu-drama's by director's form developing countries, exploring life in all its varieties.

2. **Diabetes: the silent killer (ACE life skills series)**

Had most diabetic people known their condition on time, they would have taken steps to lead a healthy life avoiding serious medical complications that accompany the condition Blindness, kidney failure and impotence in males, are some of the complications that come with the silent killer.

3. **Smoking: a romance with death (ACE life skills series)**

Today, cigarette smoking seems to enjoy a powerful grip in our society, making young people extremely vulnerable to this habit. The youth therefore need facts that will enable them to make an informed decision as regards smoking. This 14 minutes video examines lifetime problems smoker's face and gives tips that will protect you from picking the habit.

Chapel Diary

Athi River Campus

Tuesday 17th April
Pro-Life Chapel

Thursday 19th April
Small Groups

Nairobi Campus

Tuesday 17th April
Diploma Chapel
Speaker: Mr. peter Ngure

Thursday 19th April
Communication Department Chapel

Friday 20th April
DCF Chapel

