

DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE OF STUDENTS' WELFARE

Nominees for Award in Non-Academic Categories – October, 2018

S.No	Name/Reg. No/Contact	Achievements	
	Talents Award		
1.	MATHEWS OPIYO OPEMBA C026-01-1036/2015 0712974925		
		 He has initiated Student talent-based clubs such as, Zangalewa Dancers talent Group, DekUT Filming Group and Turn Up upcoming Musicians teams and MCs during open day and Voice imitators in DekUT. Together with the talent groups he is leading, the following projects have been initiated: ✓ Buying of a digital camera to enable filming activities in the theatre club. ✓ Publishing of a student-based Magazine, The Ink. 	

		Other achievements
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2.	ESEGON EKAI DAVID E032-01-0411/2016 0750 800 456	The play was acted during the 2016 drama festivals. The play qualified for the Nationals at Meru University but was not presented at the nationals due late preparation. During the same period, he wrote scripts for the following items: ❖ Solo verse Mr. Mavitu ❖ Narrative • He is talented in music writing, singing and playing musical instruments, spoken word. • He is also a comedian and an actor. He acts in the CU. He also performs during events organized by students like Comedy Club. • He has recorded two songs which he performs during entertainment shows organized by students. • He has participated in different music and drama arenas, winning numerous certificates in the different categories nationally and regionally. • He presented spoken word during the Gender based violence awareness campaign in March 2018 and worn a trophy. • He plays Chivoti wind instrument and this won him position two during 92 nd Kenya National Music Festival held in DeKUT • He was the 2016/2017 Stage Manager, Dedan Kimathi Travelling Theatre club. • He was the 2017/2018 Chairperson, Kimathi Arts and Entertainment Club, a club that integrates all the talents possessed by DeKUT students and promotes one another by showcasing their arts to fellow students.
3.	MUNYIRI EVALYNE WANJIRU E031-01- 1290/2016 0707 046 899	 She is talented in music, sports and poetry She is the Hockey Women's team Captain, a position she earned from her prowess in the game. She led DeKUT women' hockey team that participated in the Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) National Championships that were held in DeKUT (December 2017). She was in the team that recited a Kiswahili verse (Shairi) in the Regional Drama Festival in Meru University (March 2018). Together with other team members, she represented DeKUT during the 91st Kenya Music Festivals held in Masinde Muliro from 1st-6th August, 2017. They performed a Kikuyu African Traditional Cultural Dance which emerged position three and a Luhya African Traditional Cultural Dance which emerged position four. Other achievements On August, she participated in the 92nd Kenya National Music Festivals held DeKUT. She took part in a number of items; Kikuyu folk song, Kikuyu folk dance, Borana dance, Luhya dance, a Mijikenda dance and the most remarkable one was a German solo verse which she recited and emerged position one.

- Together with other members of DeKUT Travelling Theatre she was privileged to be selected as part of the team that entertained Show Patrons in the arena, during the 2018 Central Kenya (A.S.K) Show at Kabiru-ini showground, on 12th September 2018. They performed two dances in the course of the day.
- On 29th and 30th October, the Hockey ladies team participated in the KUSA Women's Central League held at Kirinyaga University. They emerged position three in their pool out of five participants.

Extra Mile Award

1. OCHIENG LEVY ONYANGO B010-01-0464/2015 0718489284

• He helps the less fortunate children in the society and as a result he started the 'Saidia Initiative' in 3rd October, 2017.

- In June 2018, he led members of the 'Saidia Initiative' group for a visit to Muringato Primary School where they donated KCPE stationery to candidates. They also offered mentorship to the students.
- He organized a visit to St. Mary's rescue centre and donated clothing and food stuffs.
- He organized a visited Baraka Children's home where they donated food stuffs.
- On 19th October, he planned and led a visit to Nyaribo Primary School and donated sanitary towels to 170 girls and toilet paper to 150 boys.



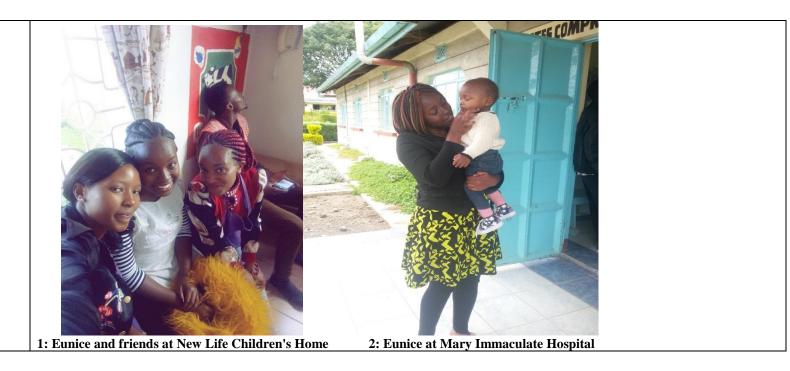


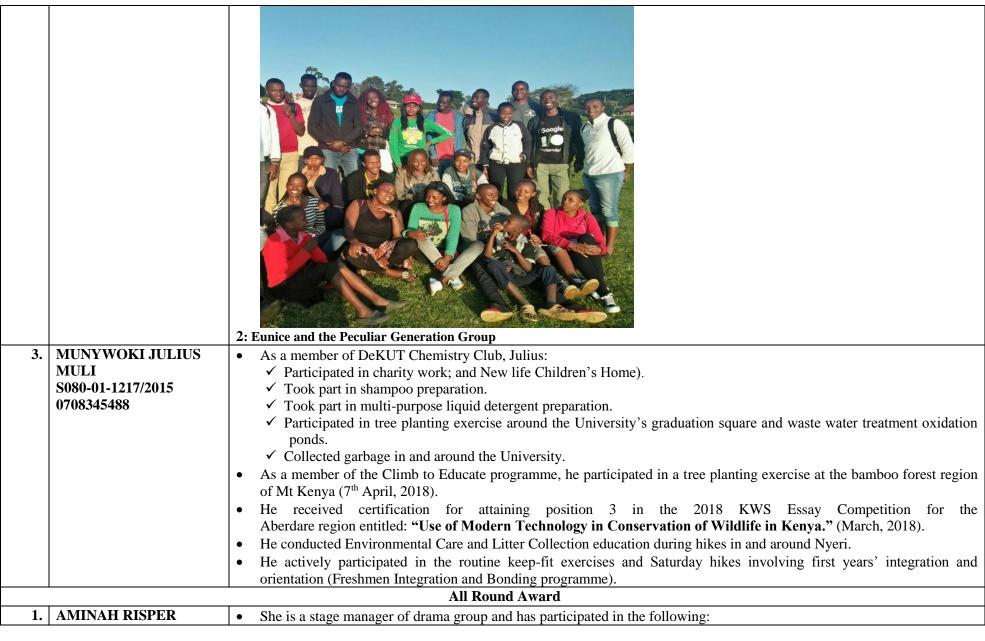
2. MAINA EUNICE MUTHONI F060-01-1375/2015 0713123255

- She is very passionate about charity work and giving back to the less privileged persons in the community.
- She leads "Peculiar Generation", a group of friends who meet once a week for prayers and fasting. They also visit Children's home at the end of every semester. The group helps their fellow students who have suffered loss of loved ones with financial assistance as well as moral support during their trying moments.

During this year they were able to accomplish the following:

- ✓ Hope and Faith for disabled-Juja-Sunday 9th April 2017
- ✓ Huruma Children's home-Nyeri-Saturday 19th August 2017
- ✓ Makarios Children's home-Nyeri-Saturday 16th December 2017
- ✓ Makimei children's Home-Kikuyu-Sunday 8th April 2018
- ✓ Mary immaculate hospital-Nyeri-Saturday 7th July 2018
- ✓ Little Angles Children's Home-Nyeri-Sunday 5th August 2018
- ✓ Ongoing jiggers eradication project in Kihatha (Tetu) that will culminate on 25th November 2018
- Together with two of her friends, they have also established a group known as CHEK (Christine, Eunice and Keith) foundation where they visit New Life Trust Home in Nyeri once very month and help in taking care of abandoned children between the ages of 0-2 years, they shower them with gifts and shopping.
- She served as the Catholic Action Librarian and an usher to St. Angelus small Christian community 2017/2018
- She was the Secretary to the Electoral Commission of Kimathi 2016/2017





B011-01-0505/2016 0721950624	 ✓ Regional drama festivals (2016) where Luhya dance was awarded a second runners' up trophy. ✓ In 2017, she participated in the Kakamega National Music Festivals in a Kikuyu folk dance that emerged 3rd and got a certificate too. ✓ In August 2018, she participated in the 92nd National Music Festivals in all the dances and poems that emerged prolific all round. In Tae-Kwon-Do, she is among the pioneering team of the club and achieved the following: ✓ In November 2017, she participated in a Tournament at USIU where she emerged 3rd and won a bronze medal. ✓ During the KUSA National Championship games (December 2017, she emerged 3rd and won a bronze medal. She is a member of the Climb to Educate programme and in October 2017, she took part in the 4th season (second expedition) where she made it to the top. She participated in the organisation of THE GRILL, an event by Zee Culture, geared towards uniting the comrades held at Farmhouse. She participates in charity work at Muringato and King'ong'o primary schools where she performs educative plays and facilitates some motivational talks.
2. NYAGILO VICTOR ODONGO S080-01-1247/2015 0713232179	 He served as the Chairperson of Dedan Kimathi University Chemistry Club (DKUCC) from December 2015 - October 2018. He registered DKUCC with the DSW and grew the membership from 18 – 105 members. Under his watch, DKUCC: Enhanced staff-student relationship at Chemistry department through the club. Pioneered planting of trees around DeKUT graduation ground and DeKUT sewage treatment ponds. Organized visits to Baraka Children's home in Nyeri. Organized DKUCC expedition to Temptation Island, Nyeri. Organized industrial visit to Mt. Kenya Coca-Cola Bottlers, Nyeri. Organized for soil analysis of the DeKUT's farm. Initiated the formulation and production of various detergent products like multipurpose liquid detergent, shampoo, hand wash detergent, etc. Organized sports day (fun day) for Chemistry department between staff and students. Marketed Chemistry department and its' detergent products such as multi-purpose liquid detergent, hand wash detergent, leather goods and leather shoes during DeKUT open days. As the Secretary General of Dedan Kimathi University Ramogi Students Association (DEKURSA), (May 2017-November 2018), Victor: Organized DEKURSA bash (Ramogi night). Organized tree planting activity around School of Business Management and Economics (SBME). Represented DEKURSA in societal meetings.

		 ✓ Organized DEKURSA excursion to Wajii and Nyeri hill. As a member of Wildlife Clubs of Kenya Association and DeKUT Climb to Educate programe (2018), Victor: ✓ Participated in season five expedition to Mt. Kenya point Lenana, 4,985 m through Sirimon route. ✓ Promoted environmental awareness and conservation. ✓ Took part in organizing an expedition to Aberdares and Mau caves. Other achievements Victor is a member of DeKUT Soccer club (September 2015- to date) He participated in Football Kenya Federation Mt. Kenya Branch, Nyeri county league 2018 season. He also participated in KUSA National Championship in December 2017.
		Ambassadors' Award
1.	ANTONY GITEI GATHIRU E021-01-1409//2013 0705511181	 He is the current CEO, Transforming Young Stars of Africa (TYSA), a Sports development NGO that focuses on mobilizing young people in communities through sports for social transformation. He is the StreetFootballWorld Youth County Leader Representing Africa. He was invited and attended the Russia World Cup 2018 courtesy of FIFA foundation. In December 2017, he forged a partnership between DeKUT Sports Department and TYSA that was aimed at offering Sport and Life skill games for the Universities that participated in KUSA National Championship. He also facilitated partnership between TYSA, Standard Media Group TV (KTN) and Radio Maisha. Antony organized for pre-KUSA live interviews with Radio Maisha and KTN TV, live broadcast for the final day with interviews for the Vice chancellor and the DeKUT team. In March 2018, he linked Rotaract Club of DeKUT and the DeKUT Public Relations office with D-square Ventures Company to showcase and Market DeKUT products and services at the Mount Kenya Realtors Expo hosted by D-square Ventures in Nanyuki, Laikipia County. In April 2018, he was the guest speaker at Regional Sports for Development championing young people as change makers in development. He is currently undertaking mentorship for 10 young leaders across the continent. In July 2018, he joined a team of experts on Football for Water Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) that visited Ghana for a review and exchange learning that brought together experts from Kenya, Mozambique and Ghana.
2.	LORREINE AWUOR MUGA E023-01-0788/2013 0716242121	 She served as the IAESTE Club Chairperson between 2016 and 2017. During this period, she was also in charge of handling applications for exchange from interested students. As the Chairperson and Exchange Coordinator, she had to take several measures to increase awareness about exchange to students as well as increase the club membership. Some of these measures included: ✓ She reviewed applications from students to ensure that they met the required standards and guidelines.

		 ✓ She provided timely feedback to the applicants on the status of their applications. ✓ She was in constant touch with students and continually updated the University on the wellbeing of the students on exchange programme. ✓ She liaised with the students once they came back from exchange to ensure that they submitted a report on their experience to the club and the University. ✓ She organized events to draw more members to IAESTE club. Through these efforts, IAESTE was able to get 16 opportunities for DeKUT students in 2018, an increase from 9 in 2017. IAESTE also succeeded in placing some students from Business and IT on exchange for the first time outside of engineering disciplines which have traditionally carried the highest number of applicants. In addition, DeKUT students were also able to get opportunities in other countries such as Sweden, Austria and India as opposed to Germany in previous years.
		Leadership/Organizational Award
1.	ALEXANDER MWANGO NZOMO B012-01-0678/2016 0718529124	 He is the Chairman – Pioneer Flame Mentors Club as from May 2018 He served as Treasurer – DeKUT Catholic Action Sep 2017- Sep 2018 He also served as the Organizing Secretary (DeKUT CA representative) to the Nyeri Inter-Colleges & Campuses Catholic Action Committee in 2017 He is the Secretary General – DeKUT Accounting and Finance Students Association 2017/2018. He was a member of DeKUT 2017/2018 University Choir. He has been serving as the class representative of BBA class since 2016 to date. He was the Mbaitu (Kamba) Association Machakos County Representative for the year 2017.
2.	EMMACULATE KOSGEI H151-01-1134/2014 0712897180	 He was the Mbaitu (Kamba) Association Machakos County Representative for the year 2017. She organized and mobilised the Catholic Action (CA) in a charity activity to Nyeri German Children's Home in Nyeri-Othaya on 25th Feb, 2018. She took part in the awareness campaign and training on Gender Based Violence (GBV) organized by the Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) ,Nairobi Women's Hospital Nairobi , in collaboration with University Administration on 12th -14th March, 2018. They later formed a club on the same under the Gender and Disability Department. On 14th April, 2018, as a leader, she championed the CA members to visit to an elderly man by the name Mr. Waweru living at Nyeri-View Estate. They cleared his compound, planted beans and potatoes in his yard. On 15th April, 2018 she led others to a visit their catechist Mr. Wandeto at his home Tetu. [Add the motive] She took part in a Motivational Health Talk at Wema Academy, Nyeri where she made a presentation on Personal Hygiene. The event was facilitated by the Nursing Department. Date She is an active participant of the Climb-to-Educate program. She participated in leadership training at Nyeri Secretariat Cathedral on 3rd Feb,2018. The training was organized by the

		Nyeri Inter-Colleges & Campuses Catholic Action (NICCeA) leadership.		
	Entrepreneurial Award			
1.	SAMUEL NJANI MURIITHI B012-01-0615/2015 0716188575			
		 He later opened a printing shop at Show View Estate. He later expanded the business and added a general shop section. He saved part of the profits which he used to start Mpesa services and a grocery outlet. He then bought a motorcycle which he uses to transport his stock from sorrounding markets. He gets vegetables from Naromoru using his motorcyle and supplies them to vendors in Nyeri town and Bomas area. During the music festivals, he used to get milk from Kieni Dairy in Kanyagia Mweiga, everyday at 4:00 am and supply to the catering units that were pitched in the field. He would later get groceries from Chaka Market and supply the same people before 6: 00 am. After that, he would be offered job at the Catering Units and by 9: 00 am he had his day's profit 		
		 of between Ksh. 3000-4000. Currently he owns two motorcycles, a cyber, a grocery shop, Mpesa and a general shop. He has three employees who run his businesses He also pays his own school fees and those of his siblings with ease. 		
2.	JACKSON MUTHOMI MEEME B010-01-0372/2015 0703654113	 He started his business with his pocket money while he was residing in the University Hostels. He began selling second hand clothes - shirts and blouses and hawks them in the hostels. He imports laptop bags and ladies' handbags from Beijing China. He later opned a shop at King'ong'o Estate where he used to stock his products. He also opened an Mpesa shop in King'ong'o Estate. He then opened a shop in Nairobi City in partnership with his high school classmate. The shop deals with lighting fixtures mainly canopy and security lights. The business is registered and they are tax compliant. Through his earnings, the student is self-reliant and in addition he has in several occassions supported fellow students with fees and rent. The student intiated a project that brought together DeKUT students from Meru County. Together, they formed a foundation known as Ameru Scholarship Fund. They have so far contibuted Ksh 5000 and they intend to register the group with the DSW and raise more money to assist needy students with school fees. 		
3.	DAVID MOKAMI MWIKWABE B012-01-0737/2015	 He owns a shop known as Davetech Comrades Baze at Show View Estate where he sells snacks, stationery, phone accessories and cosmetics. He has employed two staff at the shop. The shop has a section for cyber services i.e. printing and photocopying. He also offers photography services including passports. He also runs an Mpesa at the same premise. 		

		At the cyber, David assists students to apply for HELB and filing of KRA returns at a fee.
		• He also sells hand embroided bead items which he makes during his free time. These include bangles, hand & neck rosaries, key holders, saviette holders and pen holders.
		• Apart from selling the bead items, he also transfers the skill to other interested students by training them either at a fee or for free depending on individual needs.
		• From his earnings, he supports his parents and fellow students financially. There is a particular student who was at the verge of discontinuing his academics due to financial challenges and David came in and assisted the student with rent and upkeep fees. He is also training the student the design and embroidery of bead-works. He has also trained the student to operate the shop and is now employed at the shop.
		Sports Award: Best Females Athletes
1.	ESTHER HOPE WAHU E024-01-0889/2015 0705438854	 She took 2nd position in Tae-kwon-do, heavy weight category – October 2017. Her currrent grading is white belt She was ranked in 3rd position during KUSA games, middle weight category –December 2017
		Other achievements
		Esther Hope is also an entrepreneur.
		• She makes croteched ponchos, scarfs, marvins, cardigans, phone covers among othet items which she sells to her relatives and friends. She has grown her client base through referrals.
		She sharpened her skill by watching you-tube videos.
		• She has approached Naivas Supermarket and is hoping to supply her products once she gets her business registered.
		• Through her earnings, she recently settled her hospital bill of Ksh. 5,000 without involving her gurdian. She has also purchased a good phone in addition to meeting her daily needs.
2.		She won a gold medal in karate kata category during a tournament held at USIU, November 2017.
	WANJIRU JIIRU	Her current grading is: blue belt.
	E021-01-1374/2014 0701247076	• She won a bronze medal in karate kata category during the KUSA National Championship held in DeKUT in December, 2017.
3.	TABITHA BENU	She is a member of the DeKUT ladies football team; plays in position 6.
	GACHOKA	She is currently the captain of the ladies athletics team.
	B011-01-0329/2017	• She participates in 800 m, 1,500 m and 5,000 m.
	0708911760	During the KUSA Central games in September 2017, she took the following positions:
		✓ Relay 4×100 - position 2
		✓ 1500 m - position 3
		✓ 800 m - position 3
		• During the KUSA National Championship held in DeKUT in December 2017, she took the following positions:

		 ✓ Relay 4 ×1 - position 3 ✓ 1500 m - position 3 Other achievements She emerged position 3 (1500 m &5000 m), during the KUSA Central games at Meru University on 20th & 21st October. During the East African games qualifiers held in 13th & 14th October, 2018 at Kasarani : ✓ She was ranked 3rd in 1,500 m. ✓ She was also ranked 2nd position in 800 m.
		 In footbal, her team was position 4 during the KUSA Championship held in DeKUT in December, 2017 They also gannered position 4 during the football Women Championship held at Kirinyaga University in September 2018. She is an active member of Climb to Educate programme.
		Sports Award: Best Male Athletes
2.	PETER WANYAMA S080-01-1243/2015 0716120130	 He won a gold medal in Shot put during KUSA Games held in December 2017 at DeKUT. During KUSA Central games held in SEKU, he took 1st position (Shot put). During KUSA Central held on 14th and 15th October 2017, he took 3rd position (Shot put). He represented Nyeri County during Nyeri athletics at Ruringu Grounds and was placed in 2nd position (Shot put) During KUSA Games held in Kasarani last semester, he scooped 2nd Position (Shot put). He is the founder of DeKUT Tae-kwon-do. He was ranked 4th during the KUSA Nationals Championship held in December, 2017. He is the current Taekwon-do captain. He is also the Taekwon-do trainer. He served as captain Rugby, 2017. He trained and motivated Taekwondo ladies team to position 3 during Kirinyaga University KUSA Central games. He rallied men team to position 2 during Taekwon-do competitions at Kirinyaga University.
3.	DAN MURIMI MPUTHIA B010-01-0393/2015 0727451747	 He is a member of Tae- kwon-do club. He assists in training Taekwon-do. He won a silver medal during KUSA National Championship (2017) in individual Tae-kwon-do kata. He assisted in winning Tae-kwon-do silver medal in team kata during KUSA Championship, 2017.

Summary

S. No.	Award Category	Male	Female
1	Talents: Students with outstanding abilities in different fields.	2	1
2	Extra Mile: Students who have gone out of their way to serve others or Univ.	2	1
3	All Round: Students who have excelled in multiple fields or areas.	1	1
4	Ambassadors: Students who have marketed the University locally or abroad.	1	1
5	Leadership/Organisational: Students with exemplary leadership abilities.	1	1
6	Entrepreneurial: Students with business-oriented mind.	3	0
7	Sports: Female Athletes (Female students with excellent sporting ability).	0	3
8	Sports: Male Athletes (Male students with outstanding sporting ability).	3	0
	Total	13	8

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