



## STAFF MOVES

### New Appointments

The following staff also took up appointment at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology:

1. Diana Wangeshi Njuguna  
Assistant Lecturer,  
Nursing Dept
2. Esther Asenahabi Opisa  
Assistant Lecturer,  
Nursing Dept
3. Boniface Mwangi Chege  
Teaching Assistant,  
Nursing Dept
4. Samuel Ndei Wanjohi  
Senior Technologist,  
IGGRoS
5. David Mbugua Gitau  
Administrative Assistant,  
SGSR
6. Gebrehiwot Kalayu Abraha  
Assistant Lecturer, EEE
7. Stephen Karogi Muthoni  
Security Guard
8. Tabitha Njoki Kirathe  
Clerk
9. Kenneth Waweru Njihia  
Technologist,  
Computer Sc. & IT
10. Esther Wanjiru Kaburu  
Public Relations Assistant

### Quote of the month

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr.

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### Schools visit



During the month of February, three secondary schools visited the University: Makuyu girls, Naromoru mixed secondary school and Dakabaricha mixed day secondary school from Marsabit.

The main aim of the visit was to motivate the students, inform and expose them to the various opportunities for career advancement at DeKUT. Mr. Itunga from the Academic Affairs Office and Mr. Mbae from IFBT played a major role in addressing the students' concerning the various courses offered at the University, the levels and the qualification. After visiting

ADMATC, the students expressed great interest in the engineering courses. The teachers were also interested in master's programs

### Alcohol and drug sensitization workshop

On 10th February there was a staff alcohol and drug sensitization workshop held at the University conservancy. The session was facilitated by Mr. Robert Olweny from NACADA. He took the audience through some shocking statistics:

- 30% of the world population is on drugs
- 33.3% of employees in the public sector are on alcohol
- 162-324 million of the world population is on illicit drugs



"Addiction is a health problem", he said. He therefore advised on handling people already at the addiction stage with a lot understanding to sustain them during the recovery phase as they cannot fully recover. He also advised on the importance of setting the environment right for the employees for some are pushed into drugs by the conditions.



## DeKUT meets the president

11th February was an exciting day for our students as they met the president of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, at the Sagana State Lodge where he closed the fifth National and County Government Co-ordinating Summit. During the speeches, of interest from Health Cabinet Secretary, Cleopa Mailu statement that "Othaya sub-county hospital will be upgraded to a teaching and referral facility once construction work for a new facility is complete. The hospital, which is currently at level- Four, will also serve students from Dedan Kimathi University of Technology".



## DeKUT Breaks Record to Become the First University in Kenya to Admit the Highest Number of Students in One Cohort in the Just Launched PhD in Mechanical Engineering



On 12th February, the PhD Mechanical engineering program was officially launched by the Vice Chancellor Prof. P.N Kioni. The University admitted 10 students in the first cohort. This is the first time in Kenya for a university to admit such a number of students for this program at a go. The PhD Mechanical engineering students also had an interactive session with Elsevier, a famous Engineering materials publisher, on research and publishing in engineering.

## African Liberation Lectures



On 18th February, during the 2016 Dedan Kimathi Week celebrated every 7th week of the year where we honor our hero Dedan Kimathi and the African Liberation warriors, we had the honor to host Prof. PLO Lumumba (Chairman Kenya School of Law), Hon. Sabina Chege (Murang'a county women representative), Madam Irene Njeri Wanyoike (Deputy chairperson NCIC), Ms. Belinda Akoth Ochiel (Commissioner NCIC) and Mr. Joseph Muthee ( a Freedom fighter ) for African Liberation Lectures. The speakers challenged the audience to be selfless in service, to seek true liberation, to honor and respect the independence of the country, Kenya, and to define and take up their space towards National cohesion and integration. During the event, several copies of Mr. Joseph Muthee's book "Kizuizini" that memoirs his experiences as a freedom fighter were donated to the University.

## Kimathi Week Pictorial





On 20th February, we successfully held the first Charity Golf Tournament at Nyeri Golf Club towards the Endowment Fund. The event registered a record 76 golfers and several amateurs making it a very successful first time tournament. At the end of the day the amateurs present admitted to have learnt a lot, enjoying the game and looking forward to being golfers. Several prizes were up for grabs and every golfer anticipated being the winner. However, fun as it was, it was not a walk in the park. Mr. Andrew Muriuki, playing off handicap 16, won the Kimathi University staff prize after posting 36 (19+17).

## DeHUB host an Externship Program in Collaboration with Africa's Talking Limited

DeHUB was established and officially launched in March 2015 with the main purpose of inspiring innovation and entrepreneurship by way of transforming innovative ideas emanating from within and outside DeKUT community into products, processes and services for commercial exploitation. Starting January this year, DeHUB has been running an externship program in collaboration with Africa's Talking Limited. Through this program, six of our students have been offered quality industrial attachment. Through the support by the centre, three mechatronics engineering students (Muriungi Kithinji, Cyrus Kiiru and Denzel Wamburu) developed, and still working on, Nelion Farm- a smart device that monitors a farm and regulates it as per the preferred conditions. This featured on the standard newspaper on 20th February 2016. There are several other projects incubated at the centre.



## Charity Golf Tournament Pictorial

