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DeKUT Celebrates the Class of 2026 at Its 20th Graduation Ceremony



We celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2026 during the 20th Graduation Ceremony, an occasion that marked the successful completion of another chapter in the University's mission of nurturing skilled, innovative, and globally competitive graduates.

The ceremony brought together graduands, their families and friends, members of the University Council, Senate, staff, alumni, development partners, and other distinguished guests to honour the hard work, perseverance, and academic excellence demonstrated by the graduating class.

The ceremony was graced by the Governor of Nyeri County, H.E. Dr. Mutahi Kahiga, EGH, who served as the Chief Guest. In his address, he congratulated the graduands on reaching this significant milestone and encouraged them to embrace innovation, integrity, and lifelong learning as they transition into the next phase of their personal and professional journeys. He also acknowledged the critical role of universities in producing graduates who contribute meaningfully to national development and economic transformation.

For the Class of 2026, graduation marked the culmination of years of dedication, resilience, and academic pursuit. Throughout their time at DeKUT, the graduates acquired not only specialised knowledge and technical skills but also the values of leadership, professionalism, creativity, and service that will enable them to thrive in an ever-evolving global landscape.

The 20th Graduation Ceremony also served as a celebration of DeKUT's continued growth and impact as a centre of excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and technology transfer. As the University continues to expand its academic programmes and strengthen partnerships with industry and global institutions, it remains committed to producing graduates equipped to solve real-world challenges and drive sustainable development. As the graduates embark on new careers, entrepreneurial ventures, further studies, and service to their communities, they carry with them the knowledge, skills, and values that define the DeKUT experience. The University is confident that they will become innovators, leaders, and changemakers whose contributions will positively shape society.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026. As you begin this exciting new chapter, may your achievements inspire bold ambitions, your knowledge drive meaningful innovation, and your journey reflect the excellence, resilience, and integrity that define a DeKUT graduate.





Some of the graduands during the procession



The University Management and Senate pose for a photo with the Nyeri County Governor and the DeKUT Council.



Some of the graduands during the procession



Some of the graduands during the procession



The PhD. graduand posing for a photo with the Council Chairman, Nyeri County Governor and the DeKUT Vice chancellor



The University Management pose for a photo with the Nyeri County Governor and the DeKUT Council.

DeKUT Hosts Freedom 250 Festival to Strengthen Kenya–U.S. Partnership





DeKUT, in collaboration with the United States Embassy, successfully hosted the Freedom 250 Festival, a vibrant celebration marking 250 years of American independence while strengthening the longstanding partnership between Kenya and the United States.

The festival brought together students, innovators, entrepreneurs, educators, industry leaders, and members of the wider community for a day of learning, cultural exchange, and collaboration. It provided an interactive platform where participants explored opportunities in education, technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation while fostering meaningful cross-cultural engagement. A key highlight of the festival was the diverse range of exhibitions and innovation showcases that demonstrated the creativity and ingenuity of young innovators. Participants also engaged in discussions on emerging technologies, enterprise development, and the transformative role of innovation in addressing contemporary challenges.

The event further showcased a wealth of educational opportunities, including academic exchange programmes and initiatives designed to strengthen international collaboration. Students had the opportunity to interact with experts and stakeholders, gaining valuable insights into global education pathways, leadership, entrepreneurship, and career development. Beyond innovation and education, the Freedom 250 Festival celebrated the rich cultural ties between Kenya and the United States through engaging cultural experiences that encouraged dialogue, mutual understanding, and people-to-people connections. These interactions reinforced the importance of international partnerships in promoting knowledge exchange and shared prosperity.

Through strategic partnerships such as this, the University continues to create an enabling environment that nurtures innovation, entrepreneurship, and global citizenship.

Empowering the Next Generation of Women in Artificial Intelligence at DeKUT



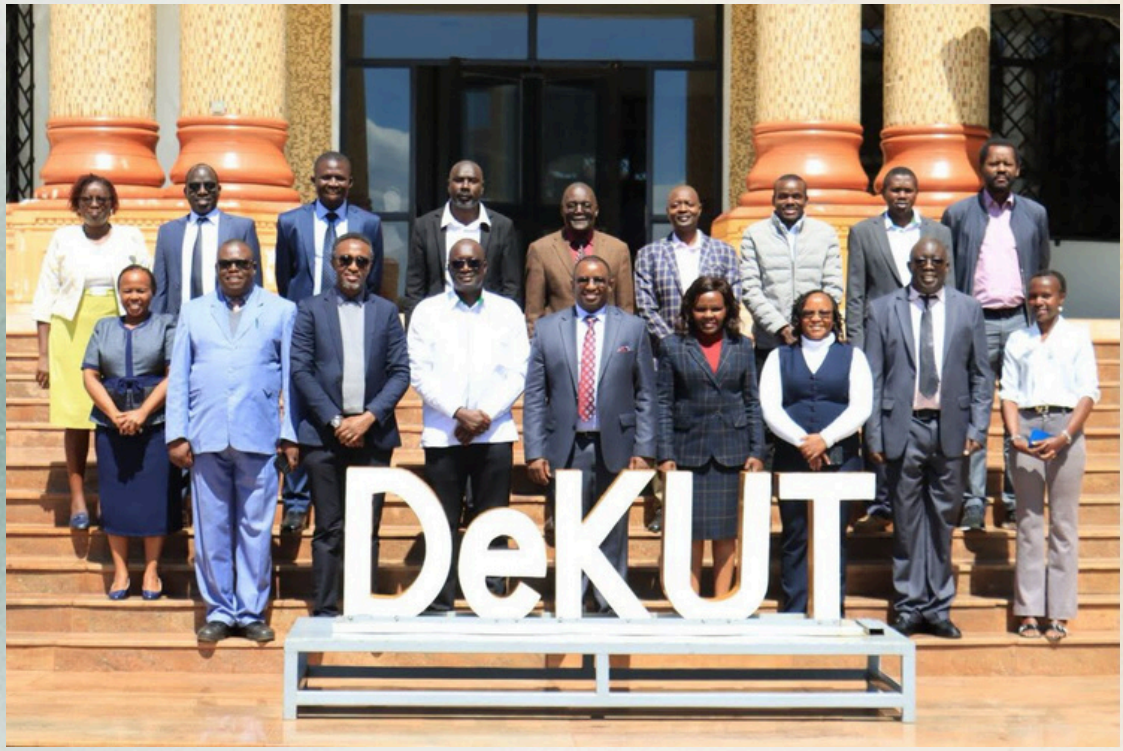
DeKUT successfully hosted the Tier 2 and Tier 3 Mathematics Contest and interviews under the ENGAGE (ENabling Girls in Artificial Intelligence and Growing Expertise) Program, reaffirming its commitment to empowering young women to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The event brought together talented female students from colleges and universities across the region in a competitive mathematics contest designed to identify, nurture, and inspire the next generation of innovators in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning (ML). The competition served as a platform for participants to demonstrate their analytical abilities, problem-solving skills, and mathematical aptitude, key competencies for success in emerging technologies.

In addition to the mathematics contest, interviews were conducted to identify participants who will benefit from the next phase of the ENGAGE Program. The selection process sought to recognize young women with the passion, potential, and determination to excel in AI, Data Science, and Machine Learning while contributing to technological innovation and digital transformation. The ENGAGE Program aims to bridge the gender gap in technology by creating opportunities for young women to access high-quality training, mentorship, and hands-on learning experiences. Through the programme, successful participants will be equipped with technical knowledge, practical skills, and professional guidance that will enable them to thrive in rapidly evolving technology-driven industries.
The initiative reflects DeKUT's commitment to fostering inclusive education and developing a diverse talent pipeline in emerging fields. By encouraging more girls to pursue careers in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Machine Learning, the University is contributing to the development of a more equitable and innovative digital ecosystem.

As the Premier University of technology, DeKUT continues to champion programmes that inspire young people to embrace emerging technologies and develop solutions to real-world challenges. Through strategic initiatives such as the ENGAGE Program, the University remains at the forefront of nurturing future leaders, innovators, and researchers who will shape the digital economy and contribute to sustainable national and global development.

DeKUT Hosts IUCEA Delegation for Phase II EAC Scholarship Programme Onsite Visit



We hosted a delegation from the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for the opening meeting of the Phase II East African Community (EAC) Scholarship Programme onsite visit, marking an important step in the University's continued participation in regional initiatives aimed at advancing quality higher education.

The onsite visit forms part of the programme's monitoring and engagement process, providing an opportunity for IUCEA to interact with the University's leadership, programme coordinators, and beneficiaries while assessing the implementation of the scholarship programme at the institutional level. During the engagement, discussions focused on the University's experiences in implementing the programme, the support structures available to scholarship beneficiaries, and the impact of the initiative on teaching, research, innovation, and postgraduate training. The meeting also provided a platform to reflect on lessons learned, identify emerging opportunities, and strengthen collaboration in the delivery of the programme. The delegation was taken through DeKUT's academic environment, where the University showcased its commitment to creating a conducive learning and research ecosystem for students drawn from across the East African Community. Particular emphasis was placed on the University's growing capacity to nurture highly skilled graduates through quality academic programmes, research excellence, and industry-responsive training.

The visit also highlighted the significance of the EAC Scholarship Programme in promoting regional integration through higher education. By enabling students and researchers to study across partner states, the programme fosters academic mobility, strengthens institutional networks, and encourages the exchange of knowledge and expertise that contributes to the region's socio-economic development.

The opening meeting concluded with a shared commitment by both DeKUT and IUCEA to continue working together in promoting academic excellence, regional collaboration, and the development of a skilled workforce capable of addressing the evolving needs of the East African Community.

DeKUT Hosts Central Region Stakeholders for Public Participation on Draft Universities Regulations, 2026



We hosted stakeholders from Kenya's Central Region for a public participation forum on the Draft Universities (General) Regulations, 2026. The forum was convened by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Commission for University Education (CUE) as part of a nationwide consultative process aimed at strengthening the governance and quality of university education in Kenya.

The forum brought together representatives from universities, education sector institutions, professional bodies, industry, students, and members of the public to deliberate on the proposed regulations. Participants were provided with an opportunity to examine the draft framework and submit their views, comments, and recommendations to inform the final regulations. Discussions centred on key areas of the proposed regulations, including quality assurance, institutional governance, accreditation, academic standards, and the enhancement of accountability within the higher education sector. Stakeholders underscored the importance of a robust regulatory framework that supports excellence, innovation, transparency, and responsiveness to the evolving needs of society and the labour market.

The engagement reflected the government's commitment to inclusive policy formulation by ensuring that diverse stakeholders actively participate in shaping the future of university education. Through open dialogue and constructive feedback, participants contributed valuable perspectives that will help strengthen the regulatory environment and promote continuous improvement across the higher education sector.

DeKUT Staff Sports and Fun Day 2026 Strengthens Team Spirit and Workplace Wellness



The DeKUT Staff Sports and Fun Day 2026 was a resounding success, bringing together members of staff from across the University for a vibrant day of sports, recreation, and team building.

The event provided a refreshing opportunity for staff to step away from their daily routines and engage in a variety of sporting and recreational activities designed to promote physical wellness, strengthen workplace relationships, and foster a culture of collaboration. Participants showcased remarkable enthusiasm and competitive spirit in football, athletics, table tennis, chess, tug of war, and several engaging team-building activities. Beyond the excitement of competition, the Sports and Fun Day underscored the University's commitment to employee well-being by encouraging healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and meaningful interaction among colleagues. The event reinforced the importance of creating a positive work environment where staff can connect, collaborate, and thrive both professionally and personally.

The celebrations culminated in an award ceremony that recognised exceptional performances across the various sporting disciplines. Awards were presented to outstanding teams and individual participants in recognition of excellence, resilience, discipline, teamwork, and exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the day's activities.

Speaking at the event, University leadership reaffirmed DeKUT's commitment to organising initiatives that promote staff wellness, enhance teamwork, and strengthen institutional cohesion. Such activities continue to play a vital role in nurturing a vibrant and motivated workforce dedicated to the University's mission of excellence.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and participants for making the DeKUT Staff Sports and Fun Day 2026 a memorable celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and excellence.



One of the participant receiving their award



Some of the participants posing for a photo



Some of the participants playing woodball during the sports day



Some of the participants participating in egg race



Some of the participants during the Fun Day



Some of the participants posing for a photo

DeKUT and Toolkit Skills & Innovation Fund Forge Partnership to Empower Youth and Drive Innovation





DeKUT marked a significant milestone in its commitment to innovation, skills development, and youth empowerment through the signing of a Cooperation Agreement with the Toolkit Skills & Innovation Fund.

The partnership is aimed at strengthening technical training, promoting innovation, and creating industry-aligned pathways that equip young people with the knowledge, skills, and competencies required to thrive in an increasingly dynamic and technology-driven economy. The signing ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, and the Founder and Director of the Toolkit Skills & Innovation Fund, Ms. Jane Mungai Kamphuis. Their shared vision and commitment to empowering young people through education, innovation, and strategic collaboration laid the foundation for this transformative partnership.

Through the Cooperation Agreement, DeKUT and the Toolkit Skills & Innovation Fund will collaborate on initiatives that bridge the gap between academia and industry by fostering practical skills development, nurturing innovation, and supporting entrepreneurial talent. The partnership is expected to create opportunities for students and young innovators to access industry exposure, mentorship, technical training, and collaborative innovation programmes that respond to emerging workforce needs.

The collaboration aligns with DeKUT's mission of producing globally competitive graduates through quality education, research, innovation, and technology transfer. By strengthening partnerships with industry and development partners, the University continues to create an enabling environment that prepares students to become innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders capable of contributing meaningfully to national and global development.

The Cooperation Agreement represents a new chapter in advancing youth empowerment and building a resilient innovation ecosystem. It reflects a shared commitment to investing in the next generation of skilled professionals and innovators who will drive sustainable economic growth and societal transformation.

As DeKUT continues to expand its strategic partnerships, the University remains steadfast in its dedication to fostering excellence in education, innovation, and industry collaboration while creating lasting opportunities that empower young people to shape the future.



DeKUT Hosts Discover JKUAT for Benchmarking on Career Development and Graduate Employability



DeKUT, through its Office of Career Services (OCS), hosted a delegation from Discover JKUAT for a benchmarking visit aimed at strengthening career development initiatives and enhancing graduate employability.

The engagement brought together representatives from both institutions to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and explore innovative approaches to supporting students as they transition from academic life to the professional world. The benchmarking exercise provided a valuable platform for learning and collaboration, reinforcing the shared commitment of both universities to preparing graduates for successful and fulfilling careers.

During the visit, participants held discussions on institutional structures, operational models, and programmes that promote career readiness, industry engagement, internships, mentorship, graduate placement, and employer partnerships. The exchange of experiences highlighted the importance of responsive career services in equipping students with the skills, competencies, and professional networks required to succeed in today's competitive job market. The benchmarking session also explored opportunities for continuous improvement through innovation and collaboration. By sharing effective strategies and lessons learned, both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to developing career support systems that respond to the evolving needs of students, employers, and the wider labour market.

The visit reflects DeKUT's dedication to fostering strategic partnerships that enhance the quality of student support services and contribute to the University's mission of producing globally competitive graduates. Through collaboration and knowledge sharing, the Office of Career Services continues to strengthen programmes that empower students to make informed career choices and confidently navigate the transition into employment, entrepreneurship, and lifelong professional growth.

DeKUT Empowers Students with Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Insights



DeKUT hosted a delegation from Chumz, led by its Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Samuel Njuguna, in an engaging session aimed at equipping students with practical knowledge on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and wealth creation. Chumz is an innovative savings and investment platform that leverages behavioural psychology and gamification to help individuals develop sustainable saving and investment habits. Through its technology-driven approach, the platform encourages users to cultivate financial discipline and make informed decisions that support long-term financial well-being.

Addressing students during the session, Mr. Njuguna shared his entrepreneurial journey, highlighting the challenges, lessons, and opportunities he encountered while building a successful fintech enterprise. His candid reflections inspired students to embrace resilience, innovation, and determination as essential qualities for success in today's dynamic business environment. The keynote address focused on the importance of financial discipline, prudent money management, and developing a strong savings culture from an early stage. Mr. Njuguna encouraged students to adopt intentional financial habits, emphasizing that consistent saving and investing, regardless of income level, are fundamental building blocks for achieving financial independence.

He further challenged the students to identify opportunities within their communities, nurture entrepreneurial mindsets, and make strategic financial decisions that would positively shape their personal and professional futures. The interactive session provided students with practical insights on budgeting, investing, goal setting, and leveraging technology to manage their finances effectively.

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