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SEASON 7 OF CLIMB TO EDUCATE



On, 22nd September 2023, the 7th Season of Climb to Educate trip two was flagged off by the DVC A&F Prof. Esther Magiri. This program under the Dean of Students hosts the trendy Climb to Educate initiative.

Apart from providing logistical and technical information and skills to summit Mt. Kenya,the Outdoor Section uses this opportunity to enhance integration and free
communication among its participants. The training takes place along the handrails of Wilderness Education and includes environmental ethics and practices during hiking,
climbing and camping expeditions. The activities incorporate single-day excursions and extended days in the wilderness. The excursion incorporates teamwork and diversity, some of the University's values embodied in the expedition.

On Tuesday, 26th September 2023, the Season 7 trip two participants were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter N Muchiri, Registrar A&F Dr Paul Mbote and the Deputy Director of Student Welfare, Dr Dennis Cheruyiot after their successful summit of Mt.Kenya. The excursion incorporates teamwork and diversity, some of the University's values embodied in the expedition.

Climb to Educate is an annual cultural and technological expedition to Mt. Kenya, and it
aims at;

1. Establishing a DeKUT Endowment Fund for needy students.
2. Cultivating a cohesive DeKUT family between the students and staff.
3. Celebrating students; talents and skills.



Students posing with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Peter Muchiri and the Outdoor instructor Mr.Mwai to take a photo



Season 7 participants taking a group photo



Students posing for a photo



Season 7 participants posing for a photo



Students posing with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Peter Muchiri and the Registrar A&F Dr. Paul Mbote

ABSA GRADUATE TRAINEE PROGRAM LAUNCH



DeKUT, in partnership with ABSA bank, is thrilled to announce the successful launch of the 2023 ABSA Graduate Trainee Program, held today at DeKUT Main Campus, Nyeri. The event offered the students an incredible opportunity to interact with industry professionals, gain valuable insights, and explore potential career paths with ABSA Bank.



It also allowed students to join the ABSA ReadytoWork Initiative through the ReadytoWork App. The event was concluded with a tree-planting session at the DeKUT Science and Technology Park.



MATRICULATION CEREMONY 2023/2024



After reporting on 4th September 2023, on Friday 8th, September 2023, marked the climax of the 1st Year Students' orientation with a Matriculation Ceremony where the Vice Chancellor Officially welcomed them into the University.
Matriculation ceremonies are a significant tradition among Universities across the world. New students are formally admitted to the University during such occasions. During the ceremony, the First Years took the matriculation pledge, demonstrating their formal welcome to the University, and solemnly declared, under oath, their loyalty to the University and compliance with the various guidelines and policies governing the institution.

As it is the tradition after the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor shared a meal with the 2022/2023 first years, who also had the opportunity to take selfies with the different academic staff. We welcome all the first-year students to the fraternity and wish them every success in their studies and a great stay at the University.





THE NATIONAL WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION CLOSING CEREMONY



The WorldSkills Kenya National Competition is the peak vocational skills competition for young people worldwide. It was started in Spain in 1950 and is currently in 85 countries across the globe. On 13th October, 2020, WorldSkills Kenya (W.S.K.) was ratified as the 84th state to host skills competitions. On 14th August to August 18th, 2023, we hosted the participants to assess their readiness for the World Skills Competitions, which were held in DeKUT from 28th August to 1st September, 2023.

The Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) as one of the TVET institutions approved by the Ministry of education, science and Technology was tasked by TVETA to organize WSK National Competition in Mechatronics and Industrie 4.0 skill areas in the Siemens Mechatronics Certification Centre. The Siemens Centre at DeKUT is fully equipped and accredited by Siemens Germany to offer certification in the field of industrial digitization.

This Centre has a proven record of accomplishment of training industrial professionals and Universities in Africa such as the Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI). One of its notable achievements is the creation of a generic virtual reality 3D biomedical modelling platform.

The WorldSkills Africa Competition commenced on 28th August to September 1st, 2023, under the theme “Promoting Skills Development in the 21st Century for Sustainable Economic Growth and Africa Ownership”. Over 100 participants competed in 19 different technical and vocational trade areas at the event, including an international conference and career exhibition.

DeKUT emerged position one in the Industrial 4.0 and the Mechatronics category and they will represent Kenya during the WorldSkills International Competition that will be held in Lyon, France from 10th to 15th September 2024.



The winners posing for a photo with the CS Education Hon. Ezekiel Machogu



The winners posing for a photo



The winners with Prof. Jean Bosco receiving a trophy



The winners posing for a photo



The winners posing for a photo with Prof. Jean Bosco

MUKURWEINI DAIRY VISIT TO DEKUT



Following a license agreement signed by DeKUT with Mukurweini Wakulima Dairy Ltd (MWDL) on 21st September 2020. DeKUT renewed its existing license agreement with Mukurweini Wakulima Dairy Ltd (MWDL) for industrial-scale production of natural coffee-flavoured yoghurt by the company and retail distribution nationwide by providing them with the coffee extract from DeKUT.

We strive to partner with industry stakeholders to provide demand-driven solutions through innovations in food value addition. Innovators at the Institute of Food Bioresources Technology at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology have developed and patented a novel premium-quality coffee extract as a natural flavour for yoghurt.



DEKUT HOLDS AN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE SUMMIT



On 27th September 2023, the Accounting and Finance Students' Association (AFSA) of DeKUT held an Accounting and Finance Summit. The main aim of the summit was to give corporate exposure to its members and students.



The guests were the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), KASNEB and the Kenya Economics Students Association (KESA).

The topics discussed were financial management and budgeting, personal branding and confidence building, the impact of digitization in the Accounting and Finance sector and corporate governance. They were also made to understand and appreciate the importance of global orientation in their career development.



COURTESY VISIT BY THE PS MINISTRY OF ICT



On 8th September 2023, Eng. John Tanui, MBS, the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Digital Economy, paid a courtesy visit to DeKUT and Semi-Conductor Technologies Limited (STL).

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