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KARATINA UNIVERSITY

Weekly Dispatch

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ANNUAL GRADUANDS SEMINAR HELD TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR GRADUATION

On Tuesday, 22nd November 2022, the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies held the Annual Graduands Seminar at the Resource Centre. The purpose of the Seminar was to prepare the prospective graduands for the next graduation ceremony.



DVC (ARSA) giving a comment. Looking on is Prof. Charles Ngugi, Director, Postgraduate Studies

The Seminar was opened by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Research and Students Affairs), Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mucai Muchiri. Also in attendance were the Deans of Schools and their Postgraduate Coordinators.



A section of the participants

During the Seminar, ten (10) Postgraduate students gave their presentations based on their research topics. They were three (3) PhD students and seven (7) Masters students as shown in Appendix 1 on Page 5.



KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY RECOGNIZES KARATINA UNIVERSITY AS A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Directorate of Career Services and University-Industry Linkages, on Tuesday, 22nd November 2022, hosted a team from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA). The KRA team and the Directorate had organized a career talk under the Theme *'Tax Societies, a Hub for Grooming Tax Ambassadors.'*

The Chief Guest was Ms. Alice Kiptoo, KRA Central Region Coordinator, who also launched the Karatina University Tax Society Club and issued the Patron and its officials a Certificate of Recognition as a tax society hub for grooming tax ambassadors. The Club currently has eighty four (84) registered members.



Ms. Alice Kiptoo addressing the participants

She also presented another Certificate of Recognition which allows Karatina University to market itself as a Centre of Excellence for grooming Tax ambassadors in Central region.



Mr. Peter Ngugi, Dean of Students, receiving one of the Certificates of Recognition from Ms. Alice Kiptoo, the Central Regional Coordinator, Kenya Revenue Authority

The Tax Society Club students were appointed as ambassadors of the Tax Education Society and were tasked to introduce tax awareness activities in the University and in Central region, participate in competitions organized by KRA to show case tax innovations, hold tax debates, lectures and symposiums and engage in community outreach activities in the Central region.



A section of the students following the proceedings at the Conference Hall

KRA was delighted to have a 2016 Alumni of Karatina University, Mr. Mark Kanyi, working in their organization (Head Office) who motivated the tax ambassadors with a talk on *“Role of Mentors in your Career Path.”*

In attendance from the University were Prof. Kenneth Wanjau (Director, Career Services and University- Industry Linkages), Mr. Peter Ngugi (Dean of Students) and Dr. Flora Runji (Patron, Tax Club).



UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICES HOLDS ITS FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Karatina University Library Services, on Monday, held its first-ever community outreach programme at Gitunduti Primary School which also hosts the Community Library. The team was involved in training teachers, sorting and classification of books according to subjects and cleaning the Library.



Dr. Everlyn Anduware, the Deputy University Librarian, addressing the volunteers

This initiative was led by the Deputy University Librarian, Dr. Everlyn Anduvare, Library staff together with the members of the Knowledge Ambassadors Club. The Knowledge Ambassadors are student volunteers attached to the Library and are dedicated to promoting and enhancing academic excellence within KarU.

The Library provides them with a range of training that empowers them in various aspects particularly information and digital literacies. Once equipped with skills, they can carry out their objectives that include:

- ◆ Improve academic writing and research through training
- ◆ Promote academic integrity and copyright law
- ◆ Enhance Information literacy skills
- ◆ Market Library resources and services within KarU
- ◆ Support peer-to-peer mentorship



The Library engages the Ambassadors from time to time to participate in various activities and uses the opportunity to provide them with mentorship.



SPORTS AND GAMES AT THE UNIVERSITY

Over the last weekend, Karatina University successfully hosted the Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) Central League 6A games which were the last events for this semester. A total of nine universities participated in Chess, Scrabble, and Tennis while seven participated in Rollball.



In Scrabble, both Men and Women are top scorers while in Chess, Men are in fourth position and Women in sixth.



In Rollball, Men won 7-0 against South Eastern University Kenya (SEKU) and 2-1 against Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DEKUT) but lost 5-1 to Meru University of Science and Technology (MUST).

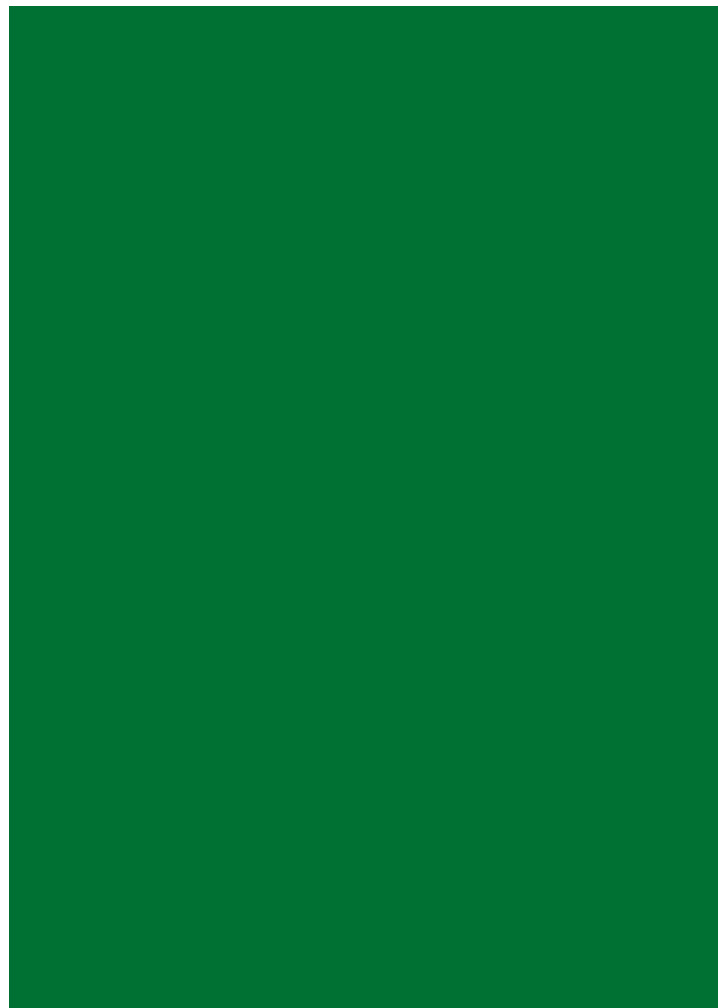


“It was a good opportunity for the students to demonstrate their skills in sports especially the KarU Women Rollball team that participated in these competitions for the very first time. The games went on well even though there were disruptions caused by the afternoon rains,” said Mr. Jonah Michubu, the Games and Sports Tutor.

The KUSA games will resume in January, 2023.



Rollball Women saw Karatina University lose 1-0 to Chuka University and 7-0 to Kirinyaga University. Tennis (Women) are first while Men are third after the first leg



APPENDIX 1: Postgraduate Defense Presentation

PHD PRESENTATION			
	NAME	THESIS TITLE	SUPERVISORS
1	Kahura Samuel Ndung'u	Role of Interpersonal Communication in shaping and influencing behaviour response to prostate cancer among men in Kiambu County	Prof. Juliet Macharia Dr. Martin Kuria Dr. Beatrice Ombaka
2	Douglas Okemwa	Growth performance of Rabbitfish (<i>Siganus sutor</i>) offered black soldier fly (<i>BSF</i>) larvae (<i>Hermetia illucens</i>) diet in brackish water earthen ponds in Kenya.	Prof. Charles C. Ngugi Dr. David Mirera
3	Kibetu, Dickson Kinoti	The Influence of Distribution Systems and Markets Accessibility On Food Security in Semi-Arid Tharaka Sub County, Kenya	Dr. Tom Ouna Prof. Julius Huho
4	Waiganjo, Benson	The Contribution of the Mbeere Community to the Mau Mau Movement in Kenya	Prof. John Mwaruvie Prof. Joshia Osamba
MASTERS PRESENTATION			
5	Ednah Njeri Kagochi	Effectiveness of Secondary School Principals In their School Based Supervision Role in Kieni East Sub-County Nyeri	Dr. Maurice Kimosop Dr. Josphat Kagema
6	Lucy Wangare Kirogo	Determinants of the Uptake of Green Practices in Lodges and Tented Camps within Maasai Mara Game Reserve in Narok County Kenya	Dr. Gesage Bichage Dr. Irene Irungu
7	Frasiah Wangari Mburu	Influence of Work Environment Factors on Transfer of Training for Public Secondary School Head Teachers on Nyeri County Kenya	Dr. Alice Kamau Dr. Stephen Macharia
8	Chepkosgei Elaine	Performance Contracting and the Implementation of Strategic Objectives in Kenyan Public Universities	Prof. Irura Nganga Dr. Kellen Kiambati
9	Mbaabu Kathomi Kellyjoy	A Pastoral care to the Widows: A Case study of the Anglican Church, Kirinyaga and Embu Diocese	Dr. J. Murage Dr. G. Kiarie
10	Waithanwa Lucy Wairimu	The chief Mau Mau Ideologue: Gaakara-wa Wanjau's contribution to political consciousness of Kenyan, 1940-2001	Prof. J. Mwaruvie Dr. Muthoni Maina