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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

KARATINA UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES A MEDICAL  
CAMP IN NYANGATI, MWEA TO CELEBRATE THE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN  
SCIENCE

**K**aratina University celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS) on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at Nyangati Ward by organizing a free medical camp for people in Nyangati Ward, Kirinyaga County. The event is celebrated annually on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Together with Nyangati Diaspora Karatina university partnered with Kerugoya Fortis Hospital, Ollion Sacco, Kerugoya Medical hospital and Krishna Chemist. The event was organized by the Karatina University International Women's Day Committee chaired by Prof. Juliet Macharia.

Prof Kenneth Wanjau the Director Career Services and University Industry Linkage, Karatina University Medical team among others.



*From left the Ag DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri and the Ag. DVC P,F&A Prof Richard Kiai at the medical camp*

The guest speaker Eng. Catherine Munyi shared her life journey in Engineering and being the first female engineer in Nyangati. She informed the students and the residents that their mindset is the most important strength they have. She encouraged them to focus and change their mindset. She further stated that it was important for women to be in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields because opportunities in STEM are evolving.



*The medical team from Karatina University*

In attendance from Karatina university the Ag. DVC P,F&A, Prof. Richard Kiai, Ag. DVC AR&SA Prof. Hellen Kamiri, Ms. Hellen Warugu, Prof. Juliet Macharia the Chairperson International Women's Day Committee,



*Engineer Catherine Munyi addressing the audience*

Speaking at the event, the Ag. DVC AR&SA Prof. Hellen Kamiri appreciated the community for hosting the university and welcoming. She urged the residents to educate and motivate their daughters to venture into science.

The event was officially launched by the Deputy Vice Chancellor P, F & A Prof. Richard Kiai on behalf of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga. In his remarks, the DVC noted that the aim of holding such medical camps is to celebrate the women and girls in science. He further stated that the university aims to benefit the communities hence the free medical camp



*The Ag. DVC P,F&A Prof. Richard Kiai addressing the audience*

Led by the University Acting Medical Officer, Ms. Anne Ngochi, together with the partnering hospitals, a number of services were offered including diabetes screening, laboratory services, drug administration, breast cancer and cervical cancer screening and referrals for further management of medical issues. Over 450 people were treated.

The community thanked the institution for organizing the first medical camp in their ward and for bringing the medical services closer to the people.



*Residents of Nyangati Ward waiting get treatment at the medical camp*

## MENTORSHIP AT NYANGATI PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NYANGATI SECONDARY

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 the acting Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Research and Student Affairs Prof. Hellen Kamiri together with the acting Deputy Vice Chancellor Planning, Finance and Administration Prof. Richard Kiai had the opportunity to mentor the junior secondary students at Nyangati Comprehensive school.

The mentorship took place when celebrating the International Day of Women and Girls in Science at Nyangati Primary school. The junior students in grade 7 were mentored and encouraged to work hard so as to pursue Science related courses.



*The Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri having a one on one talk with the grade 7 students at Nyangati Primary School*

On the other hand, the Ag. DVC P,F,&A Prof. Kiai urged the students to work hard and to be discipline. The team then proceeded to Nyangati Secondary School accompanied by the School Board Members Eng. Catherine Munyi and Mr. Karoki Bernard. The team was welcomed by the Dean Mr. Karatai.

At Nyangati Secondary school the team interacted with the Form 3 and Form 4 students. Prof. Hellen Kamiri the acting DVC ARSA encouraged students to work smart and to discover their interests and strengths to guide their career choices.

The aim of the visit was to mentor the students that despite their backgrounds they can venture into the corporate world. The students were encouraged focus on their studies and career development. The School Dean, Mr. Karatai, appreciated the University team for the mentorship session.



*Sitted from left Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri, Eng. Catherine Munyi, Ag. DVC P,F&A Prof. Richard Kiai, Mr. Karoki Bernard and the dean(standing) Mr. Karatai pose for a group photo with the students after the Mentorship session at Nyangati Secondary School*



### **MEDIA COUNCIL OF KENYA HOLDS A CAREER TALK AND STUDENTS ACCREDITATION AT KARATINA UNIVERSITY**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, the Human Resource Development Department organised a career talk and accreditation of the third year and fourth year students pursuing Bachelor of science in Communication and public Relations by the Media Council of Kenya. The event was held at the Conference Hall.

In an effort to bridge the gap between academia and industry, the Media Council of Kenya (MCK) conducted a career talk and accreditation. The talk focused mainly on job opportunities and expectations in the media field and field attachment opportunities at MCK. In attendance were the HoD, Dr. Beatrice Ombaka, who gave the opening remarks on behalf of the Dean, School of Business and lecturers Prof. Juliet Macharia, Dr. Kahura Ndung'u, Dr. Caroline Biwott, Dr. Stephen Macharia, Ms Caren Ogolla and Ms Ruth Kendagor.

Dr. Ombaka expressed her delight at the collaboration with the Media Council of Kenya, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in preparing students for the competitive job market. She commended the MCK representatives for their dedication to nurturing talent and fostering partnerships with academic institutions.

MCK Eastern and North Eastern region representatives engaged students in insightful discussions, shedding light on various career paths within the media sector, including journalism, broadcasting, digital media, and Public Relations. The session provided invaluable guidance to aspiring media professionals, equipping them with practical knowledge and industry insights.

Speaking on behalf of the Media Council of Kenya, Mr. Jackson Karanja, the regional director highlighted the significance of engaging with academic institutions to nurture future media practitioners. He reiterated MCK's commitment to supporting educational initiatives that enhance the quality of media professionals in Kenya.



*Mr. Jackson Karanja the Regional Coordinator, Media Council of Kenya addressing the audience during the career talk and accreditation event.*

Moreover, in a move that underscores Karatina University's commitment to academic excellence and professional development, the Media Council of Kenya also accredited the students who participated in the career talk. This accreditation serves as a significant milestone for the University, reaffirming its dedication to producing highly competent and industry-ready graduates.

The career talk and accreditation exercise was met with enthusiasm and gratitude from the student body. Many students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to interact with seasoned professionals and gain valuable insights into the media industry. Students were also given a chance to ask questions on how to navigate the job market and responses that they got from the MCK team were quite insightful.



*The audience keenly following the proceedings of the career talk by the Media Council of Kenya*

As the media landscape continues to evolve, initiatives like the career talk and accreditation ceremony serve as crucial stepping stones for students aspiring to pursue careers in the media industry. Karatina University remains steadfast in its mission to provide holistic education and equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their chosen fields.

The successful collaboration between Karatina University and the Media Council of Kenya sets a precedent for future endeavors aimed at bridging the gap between academia and industry, ultimately benefiting both students and the industry in general.

### PROCUREMENT SENSITIZATION

On Thursday 22nd March, 2024 our Legal Officer Ms. Anne Mumbi accompanied by Mr. David Muli Senior Admin Assistant in Procurement sensitized the local community on procurement laws. The productive engagement was done through the Catholic Church Radio Station, Radio Maria which broadcasts on Nyeri frequency Fm 90.0.

The radio management appreciated the team from Karatina University for sensitizing the community.



### KARATINA UNIVERSITY KISWAHILI STUDENTS ATTEND CHAWAKAMA COFERENCE IN THIKA

Karatina University Kiswahili students attended the (Chakika) attended the annual Conference organized by Chama cha Wanafunzi wa Kiswahili Chuo Vyu Vikiu Afrika Mashariki (CHAWAKAMA - Kenya Chapter) from Friday 22nd March to Saturday 23rd March 2024 in Mt. Kenya University. They were accompanied by Prof. Joseph Maitaria the patron. The aim of the event was to engage and mentor each other. Prof. Maitaria addressed the audience and urged them to choose Karatina University to pursue their Post graduate studies.



*The students pose for a group photo during the CHAWAKAMA Conference.*

