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NATIONAL BANK PAYS A COURTESY CALL TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



On Friday, 5th July 2024, Machakos University had the honor of hosting a delegation from the National Bank, led by the Managing Director, Mr. George Odhiambo. The delegation paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo, to discuss potential partnership opportunities aimed at enhancing the university's operations and student experiences.

The meeting, attended by members of the University Management Board, focused on exploring various integration initiatives that could create a seamless operational environment within the university. Prof. Agalo warmly welcomed the delegation and expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the continuous CSR support and partnership that the university has received from the National Bank over the years.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the importance of such collaborations in fostering academic excellence and providing students with practical opportunities that bridge the

gap between education and industry. She commended the bank for its unwavering commitment to community support and development.

In response, the Managing Director reiterated National Bank's dedication to supporting education and the community at large. He emphasized the bank's readiness to engage in programs that would benefit both the university and its students. Among the initiatives discussed were the organization of an Education Day, the provision of internship and attachment opportunities for Machakos University students and other collaborative projects aimed at fostering mutual growth.

The meeting set the stage for a promising and mutually beneficial relationship between Machakos University and National Bank, with both parties looking forward to working together to enhance the educational experiences and career prospects of the university's students.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGN 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR CONTRACT AND TOUR UNIVERSITY FACILITIES



On Friday, 12th July 2024, the University Council, led by the Chairman Dr. Christopher Gakahu, marked a significant milestone by signing the 2024/2025 Financial Year Performance Contract between the Council and the Vice Chancellor.

The contract signing ceremony was followed by a tour of several key facilities within the university. Council members had the opportunity to visit the Ajiry Center, an innovative hub designed to equip students with practical skills and enhance their employability. The center serves as a bridge between academic learning and the professional world, offering students a platform to gain hands-on experience.



Next on the tour was the Jitume Laboratory, a facility that emphasizes practical learning and technological advancements. The lab is equipped with cutting-edge tools and technologies, enabling students to engage in research, innovation and development in various fields.



The council members also visited the Luban Workshop, a testament to the university's commitment to vocational training and skills development. The workshop is designed to provide students with practical training in various trades in the IT field, ensuring they are well-prepared for the demands of the job market. This facility plays a crucial role in the university's mission to nurture talent and drive technological progress.



Dr. Christopher Gakahu expressed his satisfaction with the developments and stated that the signing of the financial contract and the progress seen in our facilities today are clear indicators of our university's growth and dedication to providing top-tier education and resources for our students. These advancements are not just infrastructural but also pivotal in shaping the future of our institution.



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During the tour, the Council members were shown the new administration block, currently under construction. The university Clerk of Works provided a detailed overview of the developments, highlighting the progress made and the future plans for the facility. This new administration block is set to enhance the university's operational efficiency and provide a modern, conducive environment for administrative activities.

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY AND TIANJIN CITY VOCATIONAL COLLEGE STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR CLOUD COMPUTING TALENT EXCHANGE TRAINING PROGRAM



Four students from Machakos University (MksU), alongside one instructor and Tianjin City Vocational College (TCVC) students, are participating in a professional talent training program on Cloud Computing initiated in May 2024.

The training program is designed to equip students with knowledge and hands-on experience in cloud technologies allowing the students to dive deep into various aspects of cloud computing, including infrastructure, platforms and software services. The curriculum is structured to provide a comprehensive understanding of cloud architecture, deployment models and security practices, ensuring that participants are well-prepared for future industry opportunities and challenges.



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MACHAKOS 3RD MEGA OPEN TOURNAMENT



Machakos University proudly participated in the 3rd Mega Open Tournament on the 6th and 7th of July, an event that showcased exceptional talent, sportsmanship and community spirit. The two-day tournament, held at Machakos Teacher's College Ground, was a resounding success, drawing participants and spectators from across the country.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo, who served as the guest of honor and had the privilege of officially inaugurating the tournament. In her opening remarks, Prof. Agalo expressed her gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the tournament emphasized the importance of such events in fostering health and wellness, as well as identifying and nurturing talent among the youth. She highlighted the university's commitment to promoting holistic development through sports and extracurricular activities.



The tournament featured a variety of sports, including football, basketball, volleyball, hand ball hockey, and athletics, with teams competing fiercely for top honors. The level of competition was outstanding, reflecting the hard work and dedication of the participants. Alumni students from Machakos University were also present, showcasing their skills and inspiring current students to strive for excellence both on and off the field.



One of the highlights of the event was the vibrant atmosphere, with supporters cheering on their favorite teams and enjoying the array of activities organized alongside the sports competitions.

As the event concluded, it was clear that the 3rd Mega Open Tournament had not only provided a platform for showcasing talent but had also strengthened the bonds within the Machakos University and the community. We look forward to participating in more of such events in the future, furthering our mission to promote excellence in all spheres of student life.





STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY INDUCTION CEREMONY



Machakos University held an induction ceremony on 18th and 19th July, 2024 of the elected student leaders of the Student Association of Machakos University (SAMU). The two-day event, held at the University Hotel and conference center Iluvya Hall, aimed to enhance leadership skills among the emerging leaders, equipping them with the essential knowledge, attitude, and values required for their effective leadership.



The induction program was designed to cover a wide array of topics, ensuring that the student leaders are well-prepared to take on the roles with confidence and integrity.

Highlights of the program include:

- Keynote Address & Official Opening of the Event was conducted by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Joyce Agalo who inaugurated the induction with an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the importance of leadership and the vital role student leaders play in shaping the future of Machakos University.
- The Guest Speaker presented on Transformative Leadership delving into principles of transformative leadership, encouraging the student leaders to be visionary, innovative and inclusive in their approach.
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- Financial Planning and Budget Making presented by the Ag. Chief Finance Officer (CFO) highlighted the fundamentals of financial planning and budget management crucial for effective leadership.
- Procurement Process presented by Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) highlighted the university's procurement processes, ensuring that student leaders are well-versed in the principles of transparency and accountability in requisition of various goods and services.
- The University Legal Officer made a presentation on Legal Affairs matters including students' rights and responsibilities and accountability.
- Security Matters in the University was presented by the Director of Security Services and highlighted topics on safety and security of the university community both internal and external and how student leaders can contribute to a safe campus environment.

The Dean of Students concluded the induction ceremony with closing remarks and a vote of thanks reinforcing the significance of the knowledge imparted and encouraging the student leaders to implement these learnings in their tenure.

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY HOSTS HER EXCELLENCY PASTOR DR. DORCAS RIGATHI IN MAJOR SENSITIZATION EVENT ON DRUG ADDICTION




On Saturday July 27th, 2024, Machakos University had the honor of hosting Her Excellency Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi, EGH, in a sensitization forum for more than 3,000.0 high school students from 20 high schools as part of the preventive program against drug addictions.

Her Excellency, was warmly welcomed by Machakos University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo, along with the university management and distinguished members of the clergy. The event took place on the university grounds and marked a significant moment in the fight against substance abuse.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Agalo in her opening remarks, emphasized the severe consequences of addiction, including student dropouts, abusive relationships, poor health, strained family dynamics, diminished academic performance, and even suicide. She encouraged students to engage in extracurricular clubs and societies as constructive leisure activities and to acquire new skills to enhance their competitiveness in the future.

Her Excellency Pastor Dr. Rigathi addressed the clergy, urging them to extend their support to men and boys struggling with substance abuse, including those living on the streets. Her call to action highlighted the vital role religious institutions can play in providing a supportive environment for those in need. "I am committed to continuing affirmative action for the boy child, ensuring that men can live fulfilling lives, free from alcohol and drugs," Pastor Dorcas affirmed.



The forum also featured insights from NACADA Eastern Region Regional Manager and other NACADA officials, who provided valuable information on emerging trends in drug abuse and strategies for managing addiction during rehabilitation, post-rehabilitation, and in cases of relapse.

The event was a resounding success, reinforcing the collaborative effort needed to tackle substance abuse and showcasing the ongoing dedication of Machakos University and its partners to fostering a supportive and informed community.

NEW COURSE FOR MASTER OF DESIGN

Programme overview:

“Be the future of design and creative technology.”

School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) is proud to present Master of Design (MDes) program, a comprehensive and innovative course that offers specializations in Interior Design, Fashion Design and Graphic Design. This program is meticulously crafted to equip students with advanced knowledge, cutting-edge skills and a critical understanding of contemporary design practices.

The MDes is designed for early to mid-career professionals with an interest in pursuing graduate work at the intersections of design and technology. As a candidate in the MDes program, you will develop a multi-faceted perspective, engage in prototype experimentation, and explore innovative approaches. Through applied design knowledge in hands-on projects and real-world challenges, both independently and collaboratively, you will cultivate a commitment to leveraging design to enhance all aspects of life. Moreover, you will gain the expertise and insights necessary to drive significant outcomes in your professional career.

Interior Design:

Our Interior Design specialization focuses on creating aesthetically pleasing and functional spaces. You will learn to blend creativity with practicality to transform interiors into inspiring environments. The curriculum covers advanced topics such as sustainable design, spatial planning and the use of modern materials and technologies. Through hands-on projects, you will gain real-world experience in designing residential, commercial and public spaces.

Fashion Design:

The Fashion Design specialization is tailored for those who aspire to make a mark in the ever-evolving fashion industry. Our program explores into the details of garment construction, textile innovation and fashion marketing. You will explore the cultural and social dimensions of fashion while developing your unique design voice. With access to state-of-the-art facilities and industry partnerships, you will be prepared to launch your own fashion line or contribute to leading fashion houses.

Graphic Design:

In the Graphic Design specialization, you will master the art of visual communication. This track emphasizes creative problem-solving, digital media proficiency and conceptual thinking. Our program fosters an environment where you can experiment with new techniques and tools, ensuring that you stay ahead of industry trends.

The course will be offered under blended mode of study (online and physical) the following options:

- i) Course work and thesis
- ii) Course work and design project

A candidate shall be awarded a Master of Design Degree of Machakos University if they have met all the requirements as stipulated in Machakos University Statutes. The Degree to be awarded under these regulations shall be any one of the following:

- i. Master of Design (Interior Design)
- ii. Master of Design (Fashion Design)
- iii. Master of Design (Graphic Design)

Entry Requirements:

- i. Holder of a Bachelor's degree with at least a second-class honor (Upper Division) in a design related discipline or equivalent from Machakos University or any other University recognized by the Commission for University Education.
- ii. Holder of a Bachelor's degree Second class honors (Lower Division) in any design related discipline or equivalent from Machakos University or any other University recognized by the Commission for University Education and a minimum two years related work experience after graduation.

Career Opportunities:

Graduates of the MDes program are well-prepared to pursue a variety of career paths in design. Whether you aim to become a lead designer in an established firm, start your own design studio, or pursue a career in academia, the skills and experiences gained from our program will set you on the path to success.

UI/UX Designer, Product Designer, Industrial Designer, Design Manager, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Fashion Coordinator, Graphic Designer, Game Designer, Textile Laboratory Manager.

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