



Inspiring Innovation and Leadership

KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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PRINCIPALS' TRAINING ON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Karatina University, through the Directorate of Community Outreach, led by Prof. Mwenje, recently hosted a capacity-building workshop for school principals on January 24, 2025, at the Senate Chambers. The training coincided with the International Day of Education and focused on school leadership and administration for academic excellence. The workshop brought together key education stakeholders, including Teachers Service Commission (TSC) representatives and the Director of Education, Mathira East.

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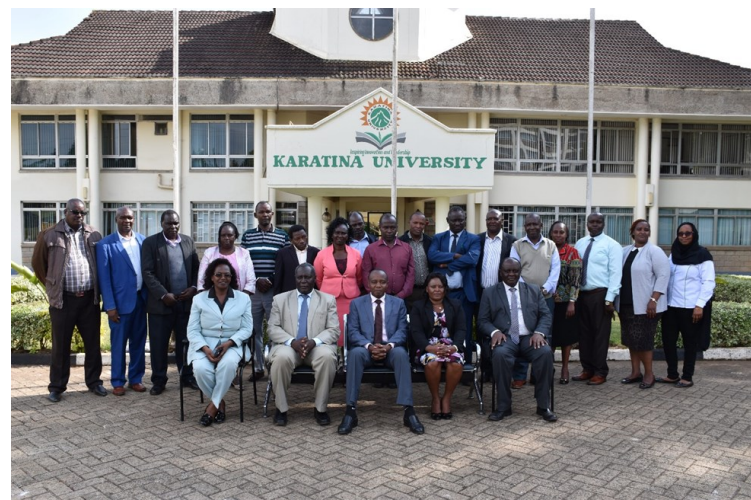
Speaking at the event, Prof. Mwenje, Director of Community Outreach, appreciated the principals for attending the workshop, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in enhancing school leadership. In attendance was the Director of the Teacher Service Commission Mr. Kimani who commended the university for organizing the workshop, noting that knowledge sharing is essential in improving school management and student outcomes. He encouraged continued engagement between the university and the education sector to support academic excellence.

On the other hand, on behalf of the Director of Education, Mathira East, Mr. Ndung'u expressed his appreciation to Karatina University for actively engaging with the community through this initiative. He praised the university for identifying existing gaps in education and providing solutions through such workshops. He further stated that they are committed to making a meaningful impact in the education sector through strengthened partnerships.



The DVC ARSA Prof. Franklin Wabwoba addressing the audience during the workshop.

The workshop was officially opened by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic, Research & Student Affairs, Prof. Franklin Wabwoba on behalf of the Vice Chancellor. In his remarks, the DVC underscored the critical role of school principals in shaping and molding students into disciplined, well-rounded individuals. He reaffirmed Karatina University's commitment to engaging with schools in Mathira East to foster a strong academic culture and



The team poses for a group photo with the DVCs and the organizing committee after the workshop

The participating principals were taken through various academic strategies aimed at promoting academic excellence and fostering a positive school culture. The training provided a platform for principals to share challenges, exchange best practices, and strengthen collaborations with the university.

Through such initiatives, Karatina University continues to play a pivotal role in empowering education leaders and enhancing the quality of education in the region

FAREWELL CEREMONY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNS - COHORT 6

Karatina University bid farewell to the Cohort 6 Public Service Interns in a ceremony held on January 27, 2025. The interns, who had served at the university for a year, were appreciated for their dedication and contributions during their tenure.

The event was officially opened by the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning, Finance & Administration), Prof. Richard Kiai, who expressed gratitude to the government for assigning the interns to Karatina University. He emphasized that internship is a valuable opportunity, urging the interns to reflect on their experiences, be curious and explorative, build networks, focus on their strengths, seek growth opportunities, and maintain a lifelong learning mindset.



The Ag. DVC PFA Prof. Richard Kiai addressing the interns during the farewell.

In attendance were the Human Resource team and the Registrar (Planning & Administration), who commended the interns for their commitment and encouraged them to apply the knowledge gained during their internship. The interns were taken through various career development sessions, including:

- Survival skills, networking, and professional growth – Prof. Kellen Kiambati
- Managing career expectations – Dr. Anne Kariuki (School of Business)
- CV writing, profile building, and interview preparation – Dr. Stephen Macharia
- Corporate experience in professional settings – Communication Officer

The Registrar (P&A) encouraged the interns to apply what they had learned in their future careers, emphasizing the importance of professionalism, adaptability, and continuous improvement.

As a token of appreciation, the interns were awarded gifts, recognizing their efforts and contributions to the university. They expressed gratitude to Karatina University management for the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and enhance their professional skills.



The interns pose for a group photo with the Registrar and Human Resource team after the session.

The farewell marked the culmination of a transformative year for the interns, equipping them with practical skills, insights, and networks that will be instrumental in their career journeys.

KARATINA UNIVERSITY TRANSPORT TEAM TRAINED BY ISUZU EXPERTS

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, Karatina University's transport team underwent a specialized drivers' training and defensive driving course conducted by a team from ISUZU. The training aimed at enhancing efficiency, cost management, road safety, and professional conduct among the university's drivers.

The session was officially opened by the Registrar (Planning & Administration), Mr. Murage, who emphasized the importance of continuous learning and professionalism in ensuring safe and efficient transport operations.

Led by Humphrey Khaoya, the ISUZU training team took the participants through key areas, including:

- Cost-cutting strategies for vehicle maintenance
- Fuel consumption management
- Enhancing driving discipline and etiquette
- Customer service and professionalism in transport operations.



The interns pose for a group photo with the Registrar and Human Resource team after the session.

Additionally, the team had a practical driving session using the university's new vehicles to apply the skills learned in real-time scenarios.

The training aimed to empower the transport team by equipping them with best practices in defensive driving, efficiency, and customer satisfaction, ensuring a safe and effective transport system at Karatina University.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL GUIDANCE & COUNSELING TEACHERS ON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

On 31st January, the Directorate of Community Outreach, led by Prof. Mwenje, organized a Capacity Building Workshop for School Guidance & Counseling Teachers at the Senate Chambers. The workshop aimed to equip teachers with essential skills to support students in achieving academic excellence.

In her welcoming remarks, Prof. Mwenje the Director Community Outreach emphasized the university's passion for reaching out to the community and its dedication to supporting and mentoring students. She assured the teachers that Karatina University remains committed to being part of the team working towards student well-being and academic success. On the other hand, Mr. Kinyanjui, the Principal of Gathehu School, commended the university's efforts in fostering guidance and counselling initiatives. He urged Karatina University to extend its training programs to peer counsellors, recognizing their crucial role in complementing the work of teachers in mentoring students.

Speaking during the workshop Prof. Richard Kiai, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Planning, Finance, and Administration, reiterated the university's support for the mission of empowering young people through counselling and mentorship. He assured the teachers that Karatina University is ready to influence positive change in Mathira East and beyond. He encouraged the guidance and counselling teachers to ensure that students are well taken

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The participants keenly following the presentations during the capacity building workshop.

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The workshop was officially opened by Prof. Franklin Wabwoba, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs (ARSA), on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor. In his address, Prof. Wabwoba underscored the university's commitment to engaging with the community to inspire, support, and mentor the next generation. He acknowledged the invaluable role played by guidance and counselling teachers in shaping students' self-confidence and self-worth. He emphasized that these teachers are instrumental in nurturing responsible and resilient individuals who can contribute positively to society.

The participants were taken through key sessions, including:

- Supporting Students for Academic Excellence
- Building Students' Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) for Academic Excellence

Supporting Students' Mental Health for Academic Excellence

The workshop underscored the critical role of guidance and counseling teachers in shaping students' academic journeys by fostering emotional well-being, resilience, and a supportive learning environment.

The workshop provided an opportunity for discussions on best practices in guidance and counseling, strategies for addressing student challenges, and ways in which Karatina University can continue collaborating with schools to enhance student support systems. The university reaffirmed its readiness to work closely with schools in Mathira East to provide mentorship, training, and resources that will empower both teachers and students.



The guidance and counselling teachers pose for a group photo with the Deputy Vice Chancellors and the organizing committee during the workshop.

Through such engagements, Karatina University continues to strengthen its position as a center of excellence in education and community development, fostering meaningful partnerships that drive positive transformation in society.