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PA-K PARTNERS WITH MT. KENYA UNIVERSITY

The President's Award-Kenya in conjunction with Mt. Kenya University (MKU)



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The President's Award-Kenya, in partnership with Mount Kenya University (MKU) - Nairobi Campus, proudly presented a Computer and a Printer to Mr. Frederick Ng'ang'a, the TSC County Director. This generous donation was made possible by the President's Award participants from MKU as part of their community service.

The event was witnessed by Mr. George Abungu, the Deputy TSC County Director, Madam Esther Wambugu, Chief Principal of Mumbi Girls High School, Mr. Maurice Mwangi, the Director of Academic and Research Affairs at Mt. Kenya University, Major Lazurus Musyoki, the PA-K Award Coordinator, and a group of 28 enthusiastic participants from MKU.

The donated ICT equipment will enhance communication channels between the PA-K and secondary school heads through the County Director's office. This advancement will undoubtedly streamline processes, fostering better coordination and collaboration among stakeholders. As part of their visit, the team from President's Award-Kenya and MKU also made a stop at Vidhu Ramji Mixed-Day Secondary School in Murang'a town.



During the visit, they presented the Award to 500 students, acknowledging their outstanding achievements and efforts.

The MKU Award Participants demonstrated their unwavering commitment to supporting education and empowering young minds. They raised an impressive sum of Ksh 5,200 and utilized it to cover the registration fees of 10 deserving students. Moreover, they pledged to actively monitor the progress of the students from Vidhu Ramji Mixed-Day Secondary School using the online platform.

Vidhu Ramji Mixed Day was originally owned by Vidhu Ramji Shah and later handed over to the people of Murang'a in 2004. 500 students are enrolled in the school.

THE CHAIR OF QUEBEC COUNCIL VISIT TO KENYA

Visit By the Chair of Quebec Council of The Duke of Edinburgh International Award, Canada



Thomas Morin - Cabana at Mathari Primary School where he donated books.

A group of 11 young people from Quebec led by Thomas Morin-Cabana departed to undertake an adventure of a lifetime by ascending to the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro in support of the 60th Anniversary of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award- Canada and to bring awareness to the infinite potential of young people.

Thereafter, Thomas Morin-Cabana, the Chair of the Quebec Council of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award- Canada visited Kenya. During his stay, he had the privilege of exploring various Award centers and engaging in meaningful discussions with students and Award Administrators.



Thomas Morin - Cabana at Dedan Kimathi University alongside Award administrators and Jinnarius Wambugu, Senior Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer.

He also visited Kamwenja Teachers College and Dedan Kimathi University where he had an opportunity to share the transformative impact of the Award Program with participants and Award Administrators.

Thomas made a courtesy visit to The President's Award Office and interacted with staff on his experiences climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and Award work in Canada.

Every participant I met was very proud to be part of the Award which is completely amazing. My take home to participants after climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro is “no matter how high your goals are, if you put one step at a time, you can reach the peak,” he remarked.



Thomas Morin - Cabana pose for a photo at St. John Ambulance Nairobi Offices.

Thomas also embraced the spirit of generosity by making heartwarming donations to Alliance Girls High School in Kiambu County and Mathari Primary School in Nairobi County. At Alliance Girls High School, he contributed Award badges, igniting the spark of achievement and recognition among the students. At Mathari Primary School, he presented a treasure trove of books, unlocking the doors to knowledge, imagination, and endless possibilities.



Thomas Morin - Cabana at the President's Award - Kenya Offices with PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala and staff.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

St. John Ambulance Kenya City Five Adults Division in Machakos



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A group of enthusiastic participants from St. John Ambulance Kenya City Five Adults Division embarked on an exhilarating and diverse adventure set amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Machakos.

This extraordinary journey not only tested their mettle but also celebrated the values of camaraderie, resilience, and personal growth.

By coming together, the participants from the various categories of Bronze, Silver and Gold, a mixed expedition, they demonstrated the power of unity as they faced and conquered challenges together.

We commend these individuals for their unwavering dedication to the Award Program and their commitment to personal growth and community service. Their exemplary spirit serves as an inspiration to all, demonstrating the transformative potential of the President's Award in nurturing resilient, community-focused leaders.



As we look forward to more extraordinary stories and adventures, we encourage all our participants to share their unique journeys with us. By doing so, we can inspire others with the incredible experiences and cherished memories created along the path of the President's Award.

MENTORSHIP

Dedan Kimathi University President's Award Team Elevates Commitment through Mentorship



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In a spirited demonstration of their commitment to service and community empowerment, the Dedan Kimathi University President's Award team embarked on a journey of mentorship, ushering in a wave of positive change within nearby schools. Their dedication and guidance have left an indelible mark on the students and institutions they have engaged with.

The team's impactful sessions reached several schools in the vicinity, including Nyaribo Primary School, Nyaribo Secondary School, and Muringato Primary School. The results have been nothing short of remarkable. Their involvement instilled a sense of discipline and ushered in a noticeable improvement in academic performance.

The enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by the bright minds of the Dedan Kimathi University President's Award team have not gone unnoticed.



HOT PLAY



Headteachers with the beneficiary schools acknowledged and have witnessed the influence of mentorship and engagement in the positive transformation of their students.

This success underscores the importance of mentorship in fostering both academic excellence and personal development.

The President's Award's mission to empower young individuals extends far beyond its participants. It encompasses a broader community impact, and Dedan Kimathi University's team stands as a shining example of this mission in action.

Their efforts have ignited progress and growth, leaving a lasting legacy of positive change wherever they have ventured. PA-K eagerly anticipates more stories of their impactful work and the continuing ripple effect of their mentorship initiatives.

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IMPACT STORIES

Personal Growth and Impact through the President's Award- Kenya

In a world where potential within the youth population lies dormant, waiting for the right spark to set it ablaze, the President's Award- Kenya emerges as a catalyst for igniting personal growth, resilience, and impactful change. Within the heart of this remarkable program, stories of triumph, dedication, and empowerment come to life. Joseph Waheho Gachanja and Patrick Wahome Macharia, two individuals with distinct journeys, share their powerful testimonials, offering us a glimpse into how PA-K has become a compass guiding them toward new horizons.

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Joseph Waheho Gachanja

Joseph Waheho Gachanja's journey with the President's Award- Kenya began in Machakos, where he embarked on an incredible adventure that would shape his path in remarkable ways. As a participant in the Award unit of City Five Adults Division, St. John Ambulance Kenya, Joseph's story is one of inspiration and empowerment.

He is currently a trainee pilot at West Rift Aviation Limited at Wilson Airport. Joseph attributes part of his success to the Presidential Award Scheme. The skills he acquired, especially in navigation, have proven invaluable to his current career. However, beyond the technical skills, Joseph highlights the program's focus on personal growth, community service, and leadership development as key factors that have enriched his life.

Through the support of mentors and fellow participants, Joseph's journey became a transformative experience, fostering a strong sense of community and empowerment. As he continues his journey as an Award leader at St. John Ambulance Kenya, Joseph is a living testament to the positive impact of the President's Award - Kenya.

Patrick Wahome Macharia

In the heart of Laikipia University, Patrick Wahome Macharia embarked on a journey that would not only lead to personal growth but also contribute to positive change within his community and beyond. Achieving the Gold level in the President's Award, Patrick's story exemplifies the program's core values of perseverance, determination, and innovation.

The President's Award Scheme instilled in Patrick the readiness to face global challenges and seize opportunities. Through resilience and teamwork, he overcame obstacles, honed problem-solving skills, and found joy in the journey. The Award not only enriched Patrick's personal development but also nurtured strong bonds of friendship, turning fellow participants into a second family.

Patrick's involvement extended beyond personal growth. Through voluntary services, he made a positive impact on his community and the environment. From acquiring basic first aid training through the Kenya Red Cross to actively combating climate change by planting trees, Patrick's dedication embodies the essence of the President's Award.

His aspirations extend to inspiring more youths to embrace positive change and envisioning a future where non-formal education is prioritized, nurturing the skills of energetic youths. Patrick's journey is a call to action, a reminder that together, we can shape a brighter future for all.



As we celebrate their achievements, let us remember that every individual has the potential to be a catalyst for change, making the world a better place for generations to come.

DRIVING PROGRAMME GROWTH

Social Inclusion-Award in the correctional institutions

The President's Award-Kenya had an incredible day during the induction workshop for new participants and Award leaders from Kamae Girls Borstal Institution in a bid to help drive the Award growth, its sustainability and impact.

Ten (10) new participants from Thika Main and Women prisons respectively were also introduced to the Award to facilitate young expansion of the Award.

The workshops were designed to empower the participants with the knowledge and skills required to excel in the delivery of the Award programme.

Speaking to the new participants, PA-K CEO Nellie Munala expressed her delight in the growth of the Award programme in correctional institutions.



PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala poses for a photo with participants from Thika Main and Women prisons at PA-K Headquarters.

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She commended the new participants for taking up the Award programme saying they have made the right decision as the programme will help them build life-long skills, supporting them to take on their own challenges, and follow their dreams.

“As you join the programme, we encourage you to be our ambassadors and speak about the programme. You have made a good decision,” she said.



Participants from Thika Main and Women prisons during a discussion at PA-K Headquarters Boardroom.

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Social Inclusion-Award in the correctional institutions

“I have met some of you and I am aware of the work that you are doing and I can spot the different talents you bring into the Award,” she reiterated.

She indicated that the PA-K has identified Training of Trainers (TOT) to support the growth and expansion of the Award program across the country. Munala expressed optimism that the programme will grow in the correctional institutions' sector across the country.

“I would like to see Kamae Borstal Institution and Thika prisons as Award centres that spread the gospel of the Award within the sector”.



Jinnarius Wambugu, Senior Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer making a presentation to the participants



PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala making a presentation to the participants

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Through the training, the participants will find their purpose, passion, and place in the world. PA-K welcomes on board the new participants and wishes them well as they embark on the journey of discovering their infinite potential.

The Award is available to all young people aged 14 to 24, regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills, and interests. It is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

PROGRAMME AWARENESS

Growing The Award Programme, Induction of Teacher Trainees

As part of the orientation program for first-year trainees from Teacher training colleges and universities, The President's Award-Kenya (PA-K) took the opportunity to present the Award to the new freshmen and women with a view of expanding the programme.

The Primary school teachers who in the current change of the Kenyan curriculum will be teaching in comprehensive schools will reach the Award's target audience.

PA-K appreciates the Award participants from the various institutions for their passion, dedication and selflessness that has sparked a great interest in the incoming first years.

President's Award is a program designed to challenge and inspire young people. It allows them to embrace curiosity, collaborate with their peers and enjoy the pursuit of knowledge. Let us make this exciting adventure unforgettable!



Orientation at Aberdare Teachers Training College in Nyahururu, Nyandarua County

Orientation at Thogoto Teachers Training College in Kikuyu, Kiambu County



Orientation at Kamwenja Teachers Training College in Rware, Nyeri County



Orientation at Kilimambogo Teachers Training College in Thika, Kiambu County



Orientation for First-Year Students at Kabete National Polytechnic and Aga Khan High School, Nairobi

In a momentous occasion, President's Award-Kenya (PA-K) participated in the orientation program for the incoming first-year students at Kabete National Polytechnic. The event marked a significant milestone in promoting the Award program and engaging with the next generation of Award participants.

Harrat Malenya, the Principal Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer at PA-K, had the honor of introducing the President's Award program to the eager new students.

This introduction showcased the valuable opportunities and experiences that await them and ignited curiosity and motivation for personal growth and development.



Principal Programmes and Projects Co- ordination Officer Harrat Malenya making a presentation at the Kabete National Polytechnic.

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Mr. Malenya also had an opportunity to join Aga Khan High School, where he inspired a group of enthusiastic participants during the launch of their very own President's Award club. This endeavor underlined the expanding reach and commitment of PA-K to encourage young individuals from diverse backgrounds to embark on the transformative journey of self-discovery and personal growth.

At the heart of the President's Award-Kenya's mission is a call to action for every young person, to join the Award program and embark on a voyage of exploration. It is an opportunity to uncover the vast, untapped potential that resides within each individual.

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INFINITE
POTENTIAL**





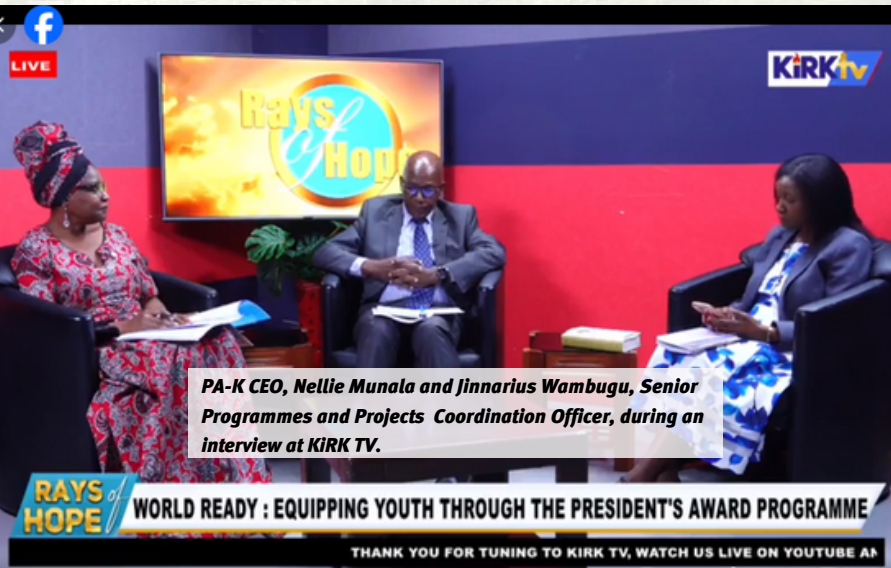
PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala welcoming the Principal Secretary for MSMEs Development Ms. Susan Mang'eni during the Youth Enterprise Development Fund function held at the President's Award-Kenya, Nairobi County.



Principal Programmes and Projects Co-ordination Officer Herrat Malenya introduces himself during the Nairobi Dialogue children conference in Nairobi County.



Programmes and Projects Coordination Officers John Oballa, and Jinnarius Wambugu pose for a photo with Director Rehabilitation and Welfare Kenya Prisons Ms. Jane Kirii during a courtesy visit to discuss ways of expanding the Award programme in prisons.



PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala and Jinnarius Wambugu, Senior Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer, during an interview at KIRK TV.

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PA-K staff pose for a photo with the Equity Group Foundation education team during a consultative meeting.



Thomas Morin - Cabana poses for a selfie with students at Alliance Girls High School where he donated Award badges.



PA-K CEO, Nellie Munala leading the Principal Secretary for MSMEs Development Ms. Susan Mang'eni to plant a tree at the President's Award-Kenya.



Thomas Morin - Cabana and Jinnarius Wambugu, Senior Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer pose for a photo at Kamwenja Teachers College.

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