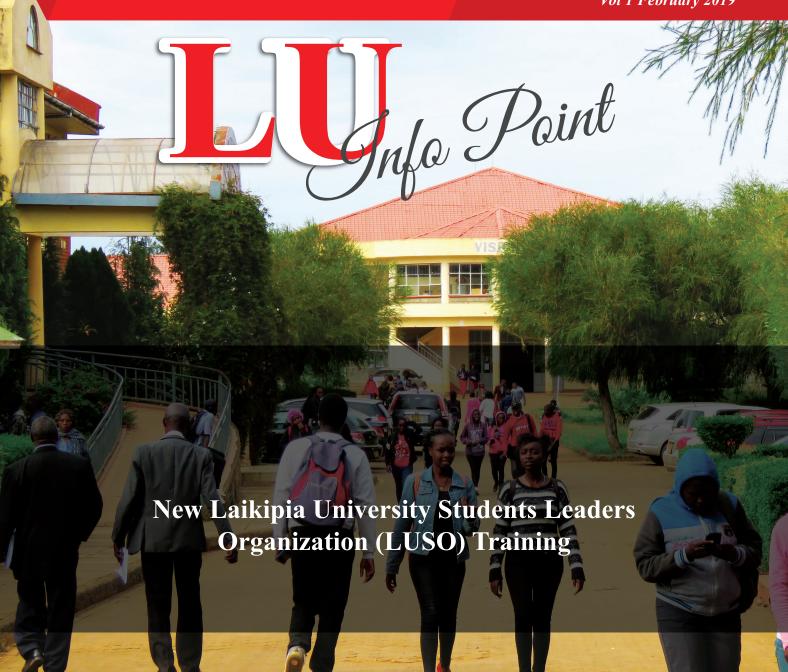
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**INSIDE FEATURE:** 

WORLD WETLANDS DAY









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University community to the first edition of our weekly LU Info Point. The office wishes to thank the Vice Chancellor for creating an avenue where the Lu community and the outside world will get an update on all what is happening in our University. Hence the office is encouraging all the departments to give a report of all their activities to the Public Relations Office. Info Point seeks to put everyone in the loop to ensure no one is left out. In this edition, we feature World WetLands Day, LU hosting KUCCPS officials for their first 2019/2020 revision exercise, LUSO Leaders training amongst other captivating reads for all. Together let us tell beautiful narratives about LU.

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# Point LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

- Main Campus
- Maralal Campus
- Nakuru Campus
  - Nyahururu Campus

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orld Wetlands Day occurs annually on February 2nd, marking the date of the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands which was held on February 2, 1971 in the city of Ramsar, Iran at the Caspian Sea coast. It was established to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet. WWD was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and has grown remarkably since then. Wetlands, which are lands saturated by water, help maintain biodiversity on Earth. Wetlands play an important role in maintaining the ecosystem. Each year, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community, have taken advantage of the opportunity to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness on wetland values and benefits. Wetlands play a crucial role in the ecosystem by:

- •Preventing flooding by absorbing water.
- •Ensuring that the soil provides a unique breeding ground for vegetation that feeds fish.
- •Giving shelter to animals.
- •Purifying water by removing sediments.

Theme 'Wetlands and Climate Change'
Slogan: 'Health Wetlands, Health Communities'

World Wetland Day Celebrations were held in Rimuruti, Laikipia County led by the Environment and Natural Resources Management Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Keriako Tobiko. LU team led by Prof. Kibett Rotich, the Vice-Chancellor, participated in the World Wetlands Day Celebrations.

The National event was organized by National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and Laikipia County.

Laikipia University was one of the key stakeholders. The university supported tree monitoring exercise in three primary schools upstream of Marura wetland.

Dr. B. Kurgat represented LU on the community forum on how to sustainably use Marura wetland for social-economic and environmental benefits.



# LU HOSTING KUCCPS OFFICERS FOR 2019/2020 FIRST REVISION EXERCISE FOR PLACEMENT

he Cabinet Secretary for Education Amb. (Dr.) Amina Mohammed launched the KCSE 2018 Cohort First Revision of Courses Applications for the 2019/2020 KUCCPS Placement Exercise on 6th February, 2019. Laikipia University- Maralal Campus is among the institutions hosting KUCCPS Officers for the exercise. The deadline for application will be on Saturday, 23rd February, 2019 at midnight.

BY OMAR (ACADEMIC REGISTRAR OFFICE)





### LUSO LEADERS TRAINING 11<sup>TH</sup> -15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

2019

be office of the Dean of students conducted training of New Laikipia University Students Organization (LUSO) Leaders on 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).

The training covered the following areas:

- •Academic Structure Of The University and Student Leadership Involvement
- •Self-Concept and Leadership
- •Role of Academic Registrar and the Relationship with Student Leadership (Registration, Orientation and Discipline).
- •Role of the Dean of Students' Office
- •Counselling and Student Leadership
- •Life Skills and Team Building
- •Security Issues in the University
- •Fundamentals of Research/Resource Mobilization and Financial Management
- •Quality Assurance and Standards in the University.
- •Gender Issues
- Career advising and Development

- •Drug and Substance Abuse
- •Financial Assistance to students
- •Promoting Tolerance, Understanding and Acceptance Of Diversity In The University /Team Building activities
- •Self Esteem / Time Management

#### THE NEW LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS:

Gideon Ole Sigilai

Edith Gatwiri

Nganga Ben Ndungu

Saina Kipkoech Dennis

Maiyo Jerotich Martha

Muthoni Kelvin Warui

Njeru Jackline Kawira

Peter Kirop Loriwoyang

Kiprotich Hezron

Njeru Dennis Mwangi

Alexander Kapurai

Naomi Ndirangu

Daniel Kiragu Chege

David Wagako Ndungu

Lekosin Bulyaar

- Chairperson LUSO
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Director, Academics
- Director, Welfare
- Director, Special Interest
- Parliamentarian (School of Education)
- Parliamentarian (School of Business)
- Kungu Benson Ngaruiya Parliamentarian (School of Humanities & Development studies)
  - Parliamentarian (School of Science & Technology)
  - Speaker
  - Deputy Speaker
  - Campus Assistant Chairperson (Nyahururu)
  - Campus Welfare Representative (Nyahururu)
  - Campus Assistant Chairperson (Maralal

By FANCY (DEAN of students office)

#### **EDUCATION WEEK & OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF** MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

and ipia University participated in the launching of the National Mentorship Policy by Cabinet Secretary for Education Amb. Dr. Amina Mohammed on 16th February, 2018 at Upperhill High School Nairobi. The policy is geared towards operationalization and management of all Mentorship programs in all learning institutions in Kenya.

The University has since conducted successful mentorship programs jointly with Laikipia County Government and Laikipia County Professionals covering thirty one (31) schools during the Laikipia County Education Week (21st – 25th January, 2019).

Laikipia University is geared towards harnessing social competencies and talents in the society to support learners achieve their full potential through comprehensive Mentorship. This way, the University partners with I Choose Life Africa and Equity Wings to Fly as key facilitators in the Mentorship Program on a mission of 'Empowering 10 to reach 100'

By John Kinyua Mbaka Assistant Registrar, External Linkages & Collaborations

Laikipia County in collaboration with Laikipia University, Education Week and official Launch of Mentorship Program in schools around Nanyuki town.



#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

- Review of university Statutes
- Validation and Finalization of QMS and ISMS Documentation Seminar
- Curriculum Review
- Staff Review



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