

THE NYANDARUA NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC P. O. Box 2033 20300 NYAHURURU

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

APPRECIATION

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have come to the end of term successfully and we are grateful to God for bringing us this far.

This term we experienced calmness and most of the Polytechnic's activities went on as scheduled. Training and assessments were conducted without interruption and trainees also got the opportunity to participate in a number of co-curricular activities as highlighted in this newsletter.

During the term, the Polytechnic also held her Open Day which consisted of several activities including an internal skills competition where trainees actively participated in exhibiting their skills and showcasing their talents. In this regard I urge all parents and guardians to encourage and support their children in developing their talents in addition to the skills they acquire in training. Nyandarua National Polytechnic is keen in nurturing and developing talent among our trainees for their holistic growth.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your support throughout the ended term and assure you that our commitment to provide quality services as guided by our quality policy remains.

ADMISSIONS

MAY 2025 INTAKE ADMISSIONS

The Polytechnic is currently receiving applications for the May 2025 intake across all departments.

Prospective students are encouraged to apply early through the KUCCPS platform or by visiting the institution for direct admission.

Various programmes are available under NyNP, TVET CDACC, KNEC, HRMPEB, KASNEB and other examination bodies.

Note:

- Continuing students will report online for Term Two from Monday 28th April Friday 2nd May 2025.
- Admission of new students will be done from Tuesday 6th Thursday 8th May 2025.
- Physical reporting and registration of continuing students for the new term and continuation of online reporting will be from Monday 5th Wednesday 7th May 2025.

All students are encouraged to complete the registration process promptly to avoid delays in accessing classes and institutional services.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR TERM ONE 2025

March 2025 Assessments

March 2025 marked a peak period for assessments at the Polytechnic, with candidates undertaking summative and formative evaluations under various examination bodies including NyNP, KNEC, CDACC, HRM-PEB, KASNEB, and NITA.

These assessments were successfully administered across departments, evaluating learners' theoretical understanding, practical skills, and occupational competencies in line with national and institutional standards.

Learners are reminded that, just like in all other national assessments, those sitting for NyNP assessments will be required to meet their financial obligations- including the payment of fees arrears and assessment fees - before they can be registered for the Assessments.

The following were the examinations activities for the term:

- 1. KNEC March 2025 examinations series and CDACC March 2025 assessment series were done between 17th March and 8th April 2025.
- 2. Internal examinations and CBET formative assessments were done from 31st March to 4th April 2025. CBET summative assessments were done from March 25th to April 11th 2025.
- 3. November 2024 KNEC exams results and November 2024 CDACC assessment results were released in March and given to students.
- 4. KNEC certificates for March, July and November 2023 were also released in March this year and are ready for collection.

Note the following with regard to examinations and assessments:

- 1. Registration of July 2025 KNEC exams was opened in the concluded term and is ongoing.
- 2. Deadline for payment and registration of the NyNP July 2025 Summative Assessments series will be on Tuesday 10th June 2025.

PORTFOLIOS OF EVIDENCE (POES)

Preparation of Portfolios of Evidence (POEs)

Trainees undertaking CBET programmes are reminded to be vigilant in the preparation of their Portfolios of Evidence (POEs), as these are critical components of formative assessment.

Each trainee is expected to compile clear, relevant, and well-organized evidence aligned with the units of competency covered.

Departments have been tasked with sensitizing learners on POE requirements and offering guidance where necessary.

NYANDARUA NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC OPEN DAY

Nyandarua National Polytechnic held its Open Day from 12th to 14th February 2025.

The purpose of the Open Day was to open the doors of the Polytechnic to people outside and inside the Polytechnic to learn about the activities and programmes that take place within the institution.

The event was a time to learn from each other through demonstration of skills and showcasing of talents by trainees.

In addition to imparting skills, Nyandarua National Polytechnic is keen to nurture talent among trainees for their holistic growth.

The Open Day's activities included: Skills Competition, WITED - Stem Courses Awareness and Sensitization, Exhibition of innovations, Labour Migration (Kazi Majuu) Awareness, Career Awareness, Fashion Show and Fresher's Night and Religious Associations Fellowship.

FIRST SKILLS COMPETITION

During the Open Day, Nyandarua National Polytechnic held her first skills competition which took place on 12th and 13th February 2025 at the Polytechnic's grounds.

The competition was internal and attracted 290 competitors who exhibited various skills in their training areas and some outside their training areas like Fine Arts and Photography.

In total, 61 skills were demonstrated which cut across all the Polytechnic's 10 academic departments: Agriculture and Environmental Studies, Applied Sciences, Building and Civil Engineering, Business and Entrepreneurial Studies, Computing and Informatics, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Fashion, Design and Cosmetology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Liberal Studies and Talent Development and Mechanical and Automotive Engineering.

Trainer experts in various skills areas participated in judging the competitions where the competitors who excelled in their skill areas were recognized and awarded.

Female competitors in STEM areas were noticeable as well as People Living with Disabilities who were also well represented.

From the competitions, the Polytechnic got a team that would be fronted for other external skills competitions like the KATTI Trade Fair, National World Skills and other institutions' skills competitions.

FASHION SHOW

A captivating fashion show was held on the last day of the Open Day - 14th February 2025.

The event took place at Bridge Hill Campus which hosts the Department of Fashion, Design and Cosmetology.

Models, which included both trainees and trainers showcased the latest fashion trends under the theme 'Valentine's Fashion Show' to match the day.

Various fashion categories were displayed such as Traditional African Wear (men and women), Professional Wear (men and women) Casual Wear (men and women) Fantasy Category (Men and women), Creative Wear (men and women) and Dinner Wear (men and women).

The importance of nurturing talent for the holistic of trainees was emphasized during the event which was attended by various guests and stakeholders in Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

GRADUATION CEREMONY - AUGUST 2025

All trainees who have completed their studies and are awaiting graduation are notified that the **Nyandarua National Polytechnic Graduation Ceremony** is scheduled to take place in **August 2025**.

The event is currently in its **planning stages** and the exact **date**, **venue**, **and graduation requirements** will be communicated in due course.

All concerned trainees are advised to remain alert to further updates through official communication channels and to ensure they have cleared with all relevant departments in preparation for the ceremony.

We look forward to celebrating this significant academic milestone with you.

FEES PAYMENT

I would like to thank most of you for meeting your obligations in fees payment. This has contributed greatly to our being able to improve the learning environment for the trainees and trainers. However, some trainees have some fees arrears and this has slowed our operations.

Parents are reminded that the government provides educational loans through the Higher Education Loans Boards (HELB) as well as the government scholarship. Please encourage your sons and daughters to take advantage of this fund to ensure that they do not accumulate fees arrears. All trainees are eligible for this loan and are advised to check regularly when the HELB portal is opened for application.

Parents are also advised to explore all other possible sources of funding like CDF bursaries and other bursaries and SCHOLARSHIPS from other quarters to minimize training disruptions due to nonpayment of fees.

All parents/guardians are advised to pay institutional fees in time to avoid unnecessary inconveniences. All fees arrears should be cleared before the proceeding term.

Kindly note that Parents/Guardians can pay the specified term's fee in installments after clearing the arrears as follows:

- 1. 50% on admission/reporting during the first month of the term.
- 2. 30% on or before the 10th day of the 2nd month of the term.
- 3. Clear the remaining balance of 20% on or before the 10th day of the third month to enable the trainee to sit for exam/assessment.
- 4. No trainee will be allowed to sit for end of term examinations, register for KNEC examinations, CDACC examinations and summative examinations, or attend classes without clearing the arrears and paying the required fees installments as guided above.

The fee structure and a copy of this newsletter can be accessed through the trainees' portal, parents phones (through the link provided) and from the Polytechnic's website.

Fees should be deposited in the Polytechnic's Bank Account at:

Nyandarua National Polytechnic, Equity Bank, Nyahururu Branch Account No. 0160296471157

Bank Deposit slips should then be presented to the Accounts Office for issuance of a receipt.

DEAN OF STUDENTS TERM ONE JANUARY - APRIL 2025 REPORT

Activities Done

S/NO.	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	REMARKS
1	15 th January 2025	SRC Meeting	Boardroom	The Senate Representative Committee (SRC) discussed about the term's activities and how to plan them in order of priority. Team work was emphasized as essential to achieve the set objectives.
2	16 th January 2025	Opening Prayer Meet- ing	Graduation Square	It was attended by both staff and students.
3	23 rd January 2025	Orientation of new students	Block E	The January 2025 intake students were oriented on the Polytechnic's operations.
4	14 th Febru- ary 2025	Freshers' Night	Graduation Square	The trainees were provided with an opportunity for entertainment and recreation.
5	14 th March 2025	Senate Meet- ing	Prof Wagaiyu Building	-Many issues were discussed including the new funding model, insecurity around the college and delayed results of summative exams. - The issues were well addressed by Deputy Principal Academics and Student Affairs.

As we come to the end of this term, I congratulate each and every one of you for your hard work, perseverance, and dedication. You have all made it through another term of growth and learning, and I am incredibly proud of the effort you have shown.

During this break, I encourage you to take some time to rest, recharge, and reflect on your achievements. I also urge you to help out at home during this break. Your parents and guardians would greatly appreciate your assistance, whether it is with household tasks, running errands, or offering them your time and support. Wishing you all a peaceful, enjoyable, and restful break.

INDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICE (ILO) SUMMARY REPORT TERM ONE 2025

#	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	
1	Trainees who went for Mentorship	60	
2	Trainees proceeding for Mentorship	850	
3	Trainees proceeding for Attachment	14	
4	Dual Training Program started	4	
5	Trainees proceeding for Dual Training	70	
6	Total training slots available	234	
7	Collaboration to be signed next term	10	
8	Developed customized Mentoring Tools	29	
9	Developed Industry Training Plans 4		
10	Successful trainees for Mkulima Majuu program 52		
11	Trainers trained to develop Mentoring Tools 40		

DRAMA AND MUSIC REPORT

The drama and music students had a busy schedule in the ended term as they were engaged in preparations for the Mt. Kenya West Regional Drama Festival which were held in Murang'a Teachers Training College from 5th to 8th March 2025.

A total of 12 stage items and 4 film items were prepared and presented at the regional level. The stage items included: Spoken Word, TV Live-broadcast, Solo Dance, Mime, Stand-up Comedy, Narrative, Solo Verse, Choral Verse, Modern Dance, Cultural Creative Dance, Kiswahili Play and the English Play. The film items included: Documentary, Podcast, Screen Narrative and Screen Solo Verse.

A total of 22 institutions took part in the festival with 138 items being presented, adjudicated and rated.

The Spoken Word scooped position one in the regionals and earned a chance at the national festival which is running from 7th to 18th April 2025.

Trainees have began practice for music festivals which come in the next term according to the Ministy of Education Calendar of Events.

NyNP SCOUTS ASSOCIATION DESK

S/NO.	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	REMARKS
1.	14 th – 16 th Feb- ruary 2025	Founder's celebrations	Huruma Primary School grounds, Ol Kalou	50 rovers attended the celebrations. Activities entailed: Band training on 14 th and 15 th . Visiting special school and going general cleaning for them. Celebrating the Founder's day on 16 th together with other scouts from Nyandarua County.
2.	8 th March 2025	Weeding of trees plant- ed during last year's National Tree Plant- ing Day	Nyandarua National Polytech- nic	The scouts association weeded the trees that were planted last year. This was done in preparation for the April rains to give the trees space for growth.
3.	22 nd and 29 th March	Team build- ing activi- ties	Lake Ol Bolosat	NyNP scouts association went for team building activities at Lake Ol Bolosat. This was intended to recruit more members to the association and strengthen the bond among the current members.

GAMES AND SPORTS TERM 1 2025 REPORT

In line with nurturing talents and offering a platform for recreational and constructive time for trainees and NyNP staff, the department of Games and Sports has engaged both staff and trainees in a number of sporting activities throughout the term.

The activities involved both home and away sporting events as summarized below:

S/N	EVENT	DATE/MONTH	PARTICIPANTS
1	Staff Football Friendly Match at NyNP	18 th January 2025	NyNP Staff and Nyeri National Polytechnic Staff
2	Football Men friendly match at NyNP	26 th January 2025	NyNP soccer men, The Bullets soccer team Lion Hearts soccer team, Sub Morans soccer men
3	Nyahururu Open Tournament at Nyahu- ruru Stadium	1 st & 2 nd February 2025	NyNP men & women basketball teams NyNP men &women handball teams
4	Football friendly match at NyNP	7 th February 2025	NyNP men football team and Sensei FC Nakuru
5	Floorball Seminar/capacity building Na- kuru	9 ^{th-} 12 th February 2025	Floorball men coach, Floorball women coach and Sports officer
6	Friendly matches at NyNP	9 th February 2025	NyNP Vs. GG Rumuruti, Rugby teams, Basketbalteams, Handball teams, Hockey teams
7	Friendly matches at Laikipia University	22 nd February 2025	NyNP Rugby men team, NyNP netball women team, Lawn Tennis team
8	Friendly matches at NyNP	8 th March 2025	NyNP Vs. Outspan Medical College, Handball men & women, Basketball men, Volleyball men Soccer men
9	Football Friendly match at NyNP	12 th March 2025	NyNP men soccer team Aspire Bazuu Youth FC
10	Staff football friendly match at NyNP	14 th March 2025	NyNP staff football team ACK Diocese of Nyahururu football team
11	Interdepartmental Athletics champion- ships	15 th March 2025	NyNP Trainees
12	Basketball Friendly match at NyNP	22 nd March 2025	NyNP Basketball team Uptown Nyahururu KMTC Nyahururu Titans Club
13	Football Friendly match at NyNP	29 th March 2025	NyNP men soccer team KMTC Nyahururu team
14	Football Friendly match at NyNP	1 st April 2025	NyNP soccer men team El Ganador soccer team
15	Nyahururu Open Karate Championship 2025 at NyNP	5 th April 2025	NyNP Kata Senior Karatakers
16	Regional Athletics Competitions at Murang'a TTC	5 th -7 th April 2025	Athletes, Field events, Track events, Indoor games Table Tennis men & women, Badminton men & women, Floorball men and Floorball women

Our girls were also involved in the women soccer Badilisha Cup as Gatimu Queens emerging second in the region and taking home awards.

The girls' team benefited with a full uniform.

SECURITY REPORT JANUARY - APRIL 2025

During this term, there were no major security incidents reported. We commend all trainees, staff, and stake-holders for their continued cooperation in maintaining a safe and orderly environment. In our ongoing commitment to fostering a secure and conducive atmosphere for learning and professional development, the Polytechnic administration is pleased to announce the implementation of enhanced security measures across the institution. These initiatives are designed to strengthen the safety and well-being of all members of our polytechnic.

We continue to work closely with the National Security Team in Nyandarua County, Ol Jororok sub-county to provide security support for both trainees and staff. This collaboration has played a significant role in promoting a peaceful learning environment, especially for those residing in hostels located outside the Polytechnic premises. The presence and responsiveness of the security agencies have helped deter potential security threats and ensure rapid response in case of emergencies.

We also recognize the vital role played by the local community, particularly hostel landlords, in supporting our security efforts. Their vigilance and cooperation have contributed significantly to maintaining a secure neighborhood, thereby extending the safety net beyond the institution's physical boundaries. To further support these efforts, all trainees are required to carry their polytechnic identification cards or a valid temporary gate pass at all times while on campus. Security personnel may request identification upon entry to the Polytechnic or when accessing various polytechnic services. This measure is essential in verifying the identity of individuals and preventing unauthorized access.

We also urge everyone to remain alert and to report any safety concerns or incidents immediately through the designated channels. Maintaining a secure campus is a shared responsibility, and your active participation plays a crucial role. The administration will continue to evaluate and upgrade our security infrastructure, including the installation of surveillance systems, lighting in poorly lit areas, and additional security personnel where necessary.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and proactive engagement in upholding these security measures. Together, we can continue to create a safe, respectful, and thriving environment for learning and growth.

I WISH ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A GOOD BREAK AS WE PRAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO A BLESSED AND PRODUCTIVE SECOND TERM IN MAY.

GOD BLESS US ALL AND NYANDARUA NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC.

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