

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

MKU representatives visit Clarke and Debuque universities for academic exchange programmes

Mount Kenya University representatives last week visited Clarke University and the University of Dubuque in Iowa, USA, for academic exchange programmes, as part of a new partnership between the institutions. "It opens the world up for our students," Clarke vice president for Academic Affairs Susan Burns said. "We are interested in our students being globally and interculturally engaged. So, it gives them the opportunity to learn more about themselves and others." Officials from Clarke and the Mount Kenya University recently signed a partnership agreement. Delegates from the Kenyan university spent last Thursday and Friday getting to know the institutions. "My work is to provide the leadership, vision and resources to make it happen," Mount Kenya University founder and Board of Directors chairman Simon Gicharu said. He said the institution is only 20 years old and must learn from others. The University of Dubuque has agreements allowing student exchanges in Ireland and Denmark. It is part of a consortium of schools in the US, Europe and Russia, through which teachers and students can study abroad. "Any time we add different voices and experiences to our university, it makes international students and our students better," UD director of International Students' Services and Study Abroad Phyllis Garfield said.