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AKAD GROUP 12TH MENTORSHIP CONVERSATION

If you don't like the way something is, change it. This is the message that I took with me on Saturday as I went home in the evening from the Ministry of Works Sports Club where the 12th mentorship conversation was held. It was echoed by the guest speaker of the event, Michael Mutie, in different words. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said, "Be the change you want to see."



Ice breakers to start the day.

The day was kicked off early in the morning by Boniface Omina as he led off those present in games outside in the field. They were not only enjoyable but also interactive. One particular game, Never Have I Ever, gave us an opportunity to know each other so well, that we identified those who had ever farted in public and denied it. In addition to the fun, these activities taught us the value of teamwork and appreciating everybody's different ideas. Indeed, as we headed back indoors, those cocooned in their

shells had come out and become more social with the rest, making it easier to engage in the upcoming conversation.



The guest speaker takes the stage.

The second session was led by Michael Mutie, a peer mentee. He spoke about the university he attends, the African Leadership University, an institution offering higher education differently from other institutions worldwide. Opportunities to work with worldwide companies during internship every year, to live on a tropical island and interact with great,

young minds from all over the African continent who share the same ideas, dreams and love for their origin. In addition to this, Michael shared his life story: he graduated from Dagoretti High School with great dreams and a stubborn personality, set to achieve what he wants in life. He did not allow his academic performance to sway him, proving that with great determination and a positive attitude, anybody can thrive. He spoke about the value of mentorship, how important it is to seek guidance from those who are more experienced in life, accept correction and be ready to help others.



The conversation continues as digestion takes place.

Having begun the conversation, nobody was in any hurry to stop. Peer mentees from the African Leadership Academy such as Josephat Lowoi shared their inspiring and thought provoking stories leaving many jaws dropped as he spoke about speaking in front of two hundred ambassadors. Catherine Njeri, a student also attending the African Leadership University, challenged us to stop complaining but instead change that which we did not like about various situations. A representative of the Minerva School, spoke in the afternoon, sharing his

experience at the institution and why he recommends it to all. With this came an announcement of five scholarships to the institution which certainly went a mile in raising the spirits of those present. In addition to this, he stressed on the importance of not being complacent and striving to become better every day.

With the arrival of the afternoon tea came the time to disperse. Not wanting the day to end, many opted to stick around longer and chat. Contacts were exchanged, jokes were shared and ideas were put across. Those new to the group felt as though they had acquired lifelong friends who will be there to support and guide.