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ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SESSION 2018

Rain does not recognize anyone as a friend. It pours on all. But why is it that only a small fraction of people are able to utilize the rain water? Allow me to compare mentorship to rain. Mentorship is like rain, it can be made available to all. But it is unfortunate that just a fraction of mentees are flexible enough to be transformed into reliable leaders of the society. I want to be part of that fraction that utilizes every opportunity to learn and clear my way towards reaching my destiny. This is why I seized the chance to attend the Admissions and Scholarships Session launching of then 2018 gap year program.

My expectations were to enhance my critical thinking, to understand more about the value of mentorship, get information about African Leadership University, preparation for admission to top world class universities, scholarship opportunities, entrepreneurial leadership and innovation. Mr. Lowoi shed a lot of light about what is required generally and



Josphat Lowoi addressing AKAD mentees

specifically for someone to secure a place and a scholarship to top world class universities. He made me look back into my life and find out how far I have come, what I have ever done in my life and what I should do in order to better myself in terms of worth and ability to contribute positively to the society. I understood what is required and what is not required when writing college essays as per the question asked. He emphasized on the importance of networking as a tool to ease ones acquisition of a scholarship to top universities. Mr. Obuya was a great source of inspiration to me especially when he narrated his life experience and journey to Bentley University. However difficult the circumstances I undergo, I should stand strong and convert the difficulties into stepping stones towards the hilltop which is my destiny. Life is not about what I am but who I am. Who I am is the central pillar that determines the greatness of my destiny.

Listening to professor Mugendi was my climax of the day. His session was extremely captivating and full of wisdom of ages. He took my thinking capacity to a more advanced level. He went through a number of inventions that have passed through his hands. This inspired me to keep pushing for my advancements in my project that is aimed at changing the world's industrial sector in quest for



Professor Mugendi addressing AKAD mentees

100% pollution free environment. He also encouraged me to be open and willing to learn from new opportunities. He also emphasized on self-worth and zeal to give back to the society as a way of standing a better chance to secure any scholarship to world class universities. Indeed tomorrow belongs to people who prepare for it today.

One's company has great influence in shaping one's life and destiny. Mr. Wahome reiterated the importance of keeping good and likeminded friends who impose positive



Catherine Njeri and Michael Mutie addressing AKAD mentees

peer pressure and getting rid of contrary minded friends who masquerade as loneliness breakers. Having destiny conscious friends is what propelled Mr. Wahome to achieve his goals. Mr. Wachira was another source of inspiration. He explained clearly how decision making shapes ones future and how to realize ones best field of study based on passion and ability. Michael Mutie and Catherine Njeri inspired me to take every economic problem as an opportunity to

enhance my entrepreneurial leadership skills. I learnt about the grand problems facing the youth and the grand opportunities that the youth can utilize to solve problems facing them and make a better society. They explained clearly how top institutions abroad are far much better than Kenyan universities in equipping learners with real life social and technical skills.

I will put whatever good I learnt into action especially in my university and scholarship application process. I look forward to engaging with Professor Mugendi in revolutionizing the vehicle industry. I believe that professor will help me in my quest to end environmental pollution. I will share out everything I learnt to my peers and encourage them to move out of their comfort zones, get to work and build a strong foundation of a successful life. I there hold Dr. Julius Weche and Eric Fairweather accountable for what I have pledged above to do.