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AKAD MENTORSHIP ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND ADMISSIONS TO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

A new year dawns new thing. As I walked straight into MOW sports club, I kept engaging my mind and asking myself the benefits I have immersed out of being an AKAD mentee and the expectations I had for the new year as a mentee for the organization. Upon storming inside the social hall, I realized I was a bit late but that did not kill my psyche and the eager I had of learning new things from my fellow peers who had made it to the international universities. My biggest dream and goal are to join Harvard university and I knew I was in the right place to get the right information.

The meeting kicked off by brief introductions from the people present. Dr Julius Weche the founder of the organization took to the stage to introduce us to the programs of the day. After that the AKAD mentees gave their testimonials on their journey with the organization. One of the testimonials that stood out for me was that of Boniface Omina who had just come out from United states of America having attended a business incubator program in Watson institute in Colorado. He explained to us the benefits of throwing ourselves to opportunities without minding the outcome or whether we had the finances or not. He explained to us the surviving tactics that he used in order to pay for his tuition fees and also to get his stipends. One thing that he insisted on is that we should be risk takers and should always fight to improve on building our brands.

Martin Omondi, an African Leadership University student clearly defined to us what it was like to be a student at their institution. He carefully elaborated to us the benefits of being an AIU student which included being taught 21st century skills, personalized learning, values and characters and lastly career development. The biggest question he insisted the institution was looking for was the value were we bringing on board. He shared with us a little bit on the international networks he was able to make and connect with while studying at the institution. He also touched a bit on the 7 grand challenges and 7 great opportunities the continent of Africa has and how the institution was geared to making their students be part of a solution to the challenges and also to venture into the great opportunities present.

Eric Ndoria an actuarial scientist from Cass Business school in London gave us a few tips that we should consider before deciding of studying abroad. Some of the tips he clearly explained to us was that we had to do the ground work well which included possessing the necessary requirements for travel and also doing the necessary research beforehand. He also insisted to

us the benefit of being resilient since at most times we would knock on multiple doors and many a times we may be rejected. He also enlightened us a bit about the Rhodes scholarship and what it takes to be shortlisted for the same.



Eric Ndoria explaining the tips required to study abroad

Yuri Corte, also an alumnus of Watson institute taught us the benefits of being emotionally intelligent. He illustrated to us the pillars of emotional intelligence which include self-awareness empathy, self-management, emotional reasoning, authenticity and inspiring performance. He told us that those who lack emotional intelligence will self-destruct long before their success is able to flourish. On the other hand, he instated on the value of staying hungry and staying foolish in order to grasp and learn a lot while we still have the opportunities and chance to.

Joanne Nekoye, recently admitted to Brown university took us through the steps required in performing well in the SATs which is an exam required for admissions to American universities. She took us through the three parts which include Math, English and essay writing. We also got an opportunity to video conference Eric Fairweather a student at Minnerva in San Francisco who was able to share with us the life experience of the school and the steps he took to be admitted to the same institution. Apart from him we also got a chance to video call Michael Mutie also an African Leadership university student in Mauritius. He elaborated to us the benefit of calling home while studying abroad as this gives a sense of emotional touch with the people back at home. He elaborated to us the three most important things their institution was looking for which included Leadership potential, academics and services. I was quite amazed by his performance track on leadership. Lastly, we had a chance to video call Josephat Lowoi a student at Duke university who also shared with us his journey towards excellence and how he

made it to study at one of the most prestigious universities in America.



Joanne Nekoye taking us through SAT preparation

The day was a real success and I was so much inspired to chat and continue to upscale my way towards greatness and to achieve my dreams and ambitions at the very end.