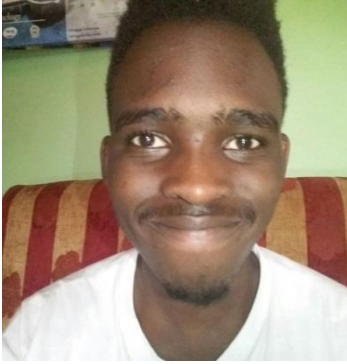


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This day started off with a kick when Dr. Weche introduced and spoke about AKAD. We had a small exercise to show us how AKAD chooses people through selection of the best people who have given and posed the best presentation among their peers. This exercise had five of our colleagues get a chance to tell us and explain to us how they can bring about a change in their lives and why they are worth fifteen million worth of scholarship. This actually put everyone on edge especially me because it got me thinking why I would be worth that fifteen million worth of scholarship. This simple exercise was very necessary and worth it. Though I didn't register online, the five hundred that I spent on that day I can say was totally worth it and I don't have any form of regret. Dr. Weche also emphasized on 'saying yes to success.' By saying yes to success you get to have courage and gusto to carry out the task at hand. He also talked about seizing the opportunities life has to offer for you. By seizing the opportunities in life you get a chance to change the world the way you want no matter how small it is.



After Dr. Weche, Dr. Angela spoke to us. She started off by asking us three questions as follows; why are you here today? , what problems are you trying to solve? , what do you believe is stopping you?

My group had different perspectives on the questions above;

- For the first question which asked us why we came to the seminar that day, we agreed that we came for the seminar so that we can have hope and a future to look forward to. We also came to an agreement that we needed more knowledge on universities. In our group we also wanted to see if we would be able to acquire scholarships through the program of AKAD. Lastly we came and so that we may know what we could do in the future.
- The second question that asked us what problems we were trying to solve we had a few similarities. Education was a common problem among us but different perspectives. One of us thought that we had too few teachers in the country and the other thought that we had poor teaching services that are offered to students in school. We had corruption as another major problem. Then the last problem was leadership in the government.
- To the last question, what do you believe is stopping you, we had different 8 perspectives. The first was that if you do not know what you want to do that already hinders you from achieving whatever because you won't have anything to look out for. When one is in their comfort zone they will not be able to do anything. This is linked to procrastination that so many people are accustomed to. If one is not doing what they had planned to immediately or is just saying they'll do it later then they will never achieve what they want to. Not knowing what you want to solve will prove that there's nothing that you want to solve in life. Well that is why most people came here to the seminar. Self-doubt is also why many people do not go through with their problem. They will just tell themselves that they cannot do it and thus doubt the fact that they can make it in whatever they do. Corruption has also stopped people from acting whatever issues they have in mind because they know they'll just be ignored by the interested parties just because they are paid to do or not do certain activities.

For this day what I have learnt is courage! I did not have as much courage as needed and at the seminar but when I left I left knowing that I can stand in front of a crowd and talk fluently. I have also learnt never to say never or give a dream simply because someone said I cannot make it. As Dr. Angela said that she would rather find out herself if she cannot make rather than let someone tell her otherwise and there is hope she can. That was the main issue I have appreciated and learnt