



IN PURSUIT OF INSIGHT,

Inspiration, I would say brings about aspirations in one's life. Personally, attending the Mentorship event by AKAD on empowering future engineers, was an eye opener. Interestingly, after the first day of the event, I could almost feel as if all my expectations of the event had been met. First and foremost, my personal expectations include: Seeking to know what is required of me if I am to pursue an Engineering course. Secondly, curious to know what challenges I would meet in pursuit of Engineering. Finally, making deep analysis of the various engineering courses and following the insight gained about them plus my interests, to enable myself to narrow down to a specific course as far as the field of engineering is concerned.

I believe that my first expectation as said earlier has at least halfway being met. To expand on this, in the first session where we had Francis Wahome speak to us about personal branding, I was able to learn that a lot of self-awareness is required of me both in life and in pursuit of Engineering as a career. This aspect of self-awareness goes hand in hand with self-confidence which allows me to present myself in a certain manner.

Still basing on the first session, Ernest Ochieng' gave a presentation mainly on his life as he pursues Engineering in relation to his acceptance to Harvard University. One very significant thing that I captured as he spoke was the issue of, 'Ask, ask, ask.' From this, I learnt that I should never be afraid to ask or rather seek answers. Accepting that I don't know enables me to want to learn more. This is even more

of humility and being inquisitive which are very key values that I want to build in



me.

Receiving insight from Ernest Ochieng,

I appreciate Mercy and her team who took us through a lot of fun exercises which were actually more of another learning platform to me. There, I captured the beauty and importance of working together as a team. I may be competent or not but without my brother or sister next to me, I will never make it. All these are principles required of me in pursuit of engineering, hence in line with my first expectation of the event.



It was so much fun....courtesy of Angaza Coaching team

In the afternoon session, we visited The Electrical and The Mechanical Engineering plants. This was very captivating as I got to learn the practicality of Engineering. Surely, it all adds up to the same question, what is required of me in this field of engineering? Some answers to this query that I got in this session is the passion required. The gentleman at the Electrical Engineering sector proudly stated that he has so far worked at the place for over thirty years. He said it so passionately and this taught me, that Engineering is all about loving what I do and not only doing what I love. In the mechanical sector, I surely saw much work is done here considering the machines used. This has also taught me that Engineering is not for the lazy or faint hearted but for those who are very willing to work hard and have things done well.

How grateful I am for all this knowledge gained! Personally, out of what I have learnt, I choose to take time and get to understand my authentic self, get to know my interests as part of personal branding. I have no option but to be very hardworking, if not to have it as my third name. In addition, having understood the value of teamwork, I shall always be willing to work with others; and to also impact them by sharing my views whenever given a chance plus socializing especially in such events by AKAD. I shall work on identifying my passion and always seeking to learn, for life is learning and learning is life. I shall always get things done well when the time is right. I am truly looking forward for the second day of this event and very willing to learn more and have my other two expectations met.

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