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Be true to yourself and understand who you really are meant to be; this was one of the key lessons I drew from this mentorship conversation. I came with a lot of enthusiasm having it being my first mentorship conversation I was eager to know and learn more from some of the AKAD peer mentors who had done exceedingly well in their fields. Ice-breaking activities in the morning of course really helped us loosen up, get jovial for the day and also teach us some of the key lessons when it comes to leadership and handling key points in life. I happened to be in the winning team and it was indeed lots of fun. We listened to each other, embraced each other's ideas and we were patient with each other enabling us tackle majority of the games that seemed difficult to some. Such tactics enables one to be able to work effectively in a group and also prosper in various categories in life.

Be the change you want to see quote by Mahatma Gandhi. Michael Mutie is one of the AKAD Associate who have done remarkable things in our society today. He being the founder of Lead The Change initiative managed to earn himself a full scholarship to Africa Leadership University in Mauritius. He was among the founder's of ALU having being admitted the first into the university. He took us through the journey of



Michael Mutie during his session

application to ALU and telling us more about this university. He explained the whole process of the admission into ALU, the courses offered and what life is like at ALU. The amazing thing that makes Africa Leadership University stand out from all the universities present in Africa is that throughout your four year course, you will be able to intern for different companies across the globe and be able to get a job exposure that majority of the youth in Kenya currently don't get until their final year. The companies that they happen to intern for include: Coca Cola, Mc Kinsey, and IBM among many other successful companies. I also got to learn about the seven Meta skills for employment which are: leading self, leading others, entrepreneurial thinking, critical thinking, quantitative resorting, communication for impact and managing complex tasks. This enabled me to realize that my network is my net worth.

Being a conversation between our peer mentors and us, we got to hear some of their experiences and their exposure that kept me on toes and alert for various things I could do to make my society a better place. Josphat Luwoi was one of those who did remarkable things for his community and therefore enabled doors to open in his life. Luwoi told us of his story of how he wrote a



Boniface Omina leading us during recess

chemistry book while in form three and managed to help majority of his schoolmates who had difficulties with the subject. The simple fact that one of his classmates happened to buy the book and went to use it at home and his parent saw it made Josphat be able to meet President Bill Clinton during a conference with the equity scholars. This is really incredible for a typical high schooler with aspiration of excelling in life. We also had the opportunity of meeting Africa Leadership Academy students and some who had been to the Yale Young Global Scholars namely: Chenelle, Shon, Jesse and Luwoi. They told us their personal experience in ALA and the amazing things young people like us are doing to make our community a better place. Through the different ideas and experience we got to share, I personally learnt that in an environment where everyone is out shining and maybe you are not; you have to outsmart them or chicken out.

Through lunch we got to hear from Catherine Njeri an AKAD Associate who offered a solution to her home community and got to solve a hazard that had been a hindrance to her 'social life'. Cathy organized a team with her friends to clean up her home area that was filled with sewage water and garbage. Her initiative namely, Safisha South B, happened to face difficulties at first with the Local Authority but later on supported her when they realized the thing they were doing was for the better of everyone in her community. Currently as I am writing this, garbage trucks come to her home area once in every two weeks to clean up which I have to say is a progress compared to earlier on when there were no clean ups at all and also now, Cathy can freely invite her friends over to her place without feeling embarrassed. I learnt that when something disturbs you and it is for the best of your community and your society at a large; act on it because it's a simple spark that starts a fire.

The lunch was delightful and I personally had the chance to network with different and amazing people in the room. I met Eric who is an actuarial student. He applied for the most prestigious scholarship of all time known as the Rhodes scholarship in order to do his masters in Oxford University. He explained on how one could apply and possibly get admitted. Doctor Weche also educated us more on the GMAT exam that could help us when applying for various scholarship positions. The GMAT exam gages one: analytical writing, integrated reasoning, verbal reasoning and also quantitative reasoning which are really essential qualities when applying for scholarships.



Eric speaking to us

The day was successful through God's intervention and I hope to prosper my initiative through the various advice and experience I learnt from AKAD peer mentors. I hope to not only be the only beneficiary of this knowledge but also educate others on the things I learnt in this conversation.