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I attended the seminar that ran from 4th of December to the 7th of December. Being a first time participant of the program I really didn't know what to expect. I came in with the mindset I was going to learn and apply but that quickly changed to being "open your mind and experience. "

From the first day, I learnt that I needed to step out of my comfort zone, my box and do things. This I realised from the point I was volunteered to speak and participate. There as well I learnt to expect the unexpected, doors are opened for us all the time we just need to grab such chances. It opened my mind to the art of public speaking. Of which I was inspired deeply by Dr Weche and Mr Kiilu. They spoke and exuded so much confidence for me, Kiilu being my peer, it stood as a challenge. Dr Weche also spoke of taking chances by the neck, I took the statement to heart. From David I realised I should put out what I want people to see. If I want to be seen as successful I need to be particular to not give people the opportunity to assume if I have the power over it.



David during his session on presentation and public speaking.

On the second day, I learnt that I had been going about my reading strategy all wrong. This I grasped from Eric Fairweather. If I wanted to succeed I needed to have the best approach. I needed to work smart, I needed the smart method. With the tips we were given by Eric I began using the smart goals and so far I've been doing more, and I've learnt to hold myself accountable for my progress.

During the program we were exposed to different fields of work such as aviation, IT, law and entrepreneurship.

For me, entrepreneurship really stood out. It stood out as an opportunity to start creating solutions and voicing my thoughts on certain opinions. This session was taken by Christie. Dr Weche as an personal example of an entrepreneur. He gave a solution to a problem, he gave an opportunity to youth to be spoken to and be exposed to different aspects of life that they too may make a difference. Our visit to the United Nations' only broadened my thinking.



Christie speaking during the session.

During the UN tour we participated in different activities. First being the tour, it broadened my spectrum to beyond what can be done for Kenya but for the world as well. During the tour so many emotions were struck. First being sadness, our world has so many issues that can be solved by our ideas, by my ideas. Second being a sense of pride, that I was in a place and in the presence of a people who can make an impact. Third was conviction. I felt the need to make a difference, to make an impact and just as the Pastor Mbandu reminded us of a quote by Myles Monroe "die empty" to live this earth having left a mark, a legend. The quote I carried from the UN is "Puisse la paix régner dans le monde" meaning "may peace reign the world" which is the UN motto which I took as a call forward to make a difference.



The team during the UN tour.

In conclusion, with all I have learnt I'd love to to continue being associated with the AKAD EDUCATION program.