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It being my first times for me to attend a mentorship event concerning entrepreneurship made me have a lot of expectations that were fulfilled by the end of the day. On this day, it was a privilege for me to meet and listen to great people of this country. The day began with team building whereby I noticed that everyone actually began to engage with each other (having friendly conversations) because we brought up a friendly atmosphere that let us become more free with each other. For me I found it very positive because I gained confidence to actually approach a new person and begin a bountiful conversation.

One of the speakers, Madam Nyawira Thumbi, spoke about emotional intelligence which she defined as the ability to recognize, understand emotion and the skill on how to



deal with our emotions because it is useful for academic and career success. We all have of reacting towards different things and people. She brought up a subtopic on self competence where we defined that I should asses my environment and know how to react. We should all learn how to gauge our behaviour in certain environment. We must all work together despite our differences in our relationships with each other. Furthermore, I learnt that I should contain my emotions and be always positive.

Madam Nyawira speaking to the mentees

There are things we cannot change in our lives. Therefore, we should accept ourselves the way we are because our emotions can take us places. We should understand ourselves better so that we can handle our social lives. She also echoed out that the point on emotional self control whereby she told us that when we approach someone we should

avoid causing discomfort. We should speak in a polite manner and be honest when we engage in conversations with people. Finally, she told us to guard our reputation with our lives and in case we face depression we should try to talk to someone and try to improve our anger.

The second speaker was Josphat Lowoi who came up with an acronym B.U.I.L.D having 'B' mean that we should believe in ourselves to initiate change in the society. 'U' means that we should understand the problem we plan to provide a solution to. 'I' means that we should come out of our comfort zone and invent something. 'L' means that we should listen and communicate to what people and get their positive and negative feedback then get back to the drawing board and adjust our initial solution to get the best solution. 'D' means that we should always deliver the end product of a solution. We should always strive to know what our goal in solving a problem is and what kind of change we would want to put across.

Madam Schola Kavugira, an advocate, spoke about character. We should know the reason why we want to do a certain job. She stressed that we should do what we love, pleases us and we should know all our career choices will affect us individually. From this I personally that I would intern with people already in the profession to have a clear vision of what is for me and not. Madam Schola also said that we should have the right attitude which was initially stressed by Mr TRM in order to position ourselves for the right opportunities to make a difference in the society.

Mr Ngoya, a lawyer, told us to look around and use our adversities and do our best to come up with a solution to run away from poverty. He being a lawyer taught me that I should serve humanity by finding a career that brings satisfaction in my life. We should take up a challenge and do research about it. We should also invest in knowledge since we are the future, the hope for the society as long as we do things in the right way and we integrity. From this I decided to add value and improve myself. I will remain relevant to yesterday, today and tomorrow. I will work on my attitude to have a correct attitude. I will limit my potential and hence prove myself to earn respect.

Boniface Omina ended the event after speaking about personal branding where he defined a brand as an idea perceived of what one sells and branding is the strategy to create an idea. He guided us on how to develop a logo; having it appealing and simple. I took home a lot of information that I believe would help me in the near future to develop myself and empire. I humbly appreciate AKAD for giving me such a stellar opportunity to learn all this.