

COLLINS KIPROTICH BETT

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My name is Collins Kiprotich Bett. I was born 14/9/2000 in Kericho county. I was raised by my two parents, Erick Chepkemoi, Josphine Chepkemoi. I am second born with four siblings. From an early age, I was curious and adventurous, always eager to explore the world around me. I spent most of my days playing in the fields, climbing trees, and getting lost in my own imagination. My parents encouraged my creativity and curiosity, which laid the foundation for my love of learning. I was an avid reader and excelled in various subjects, particularly in mathematics. I made friends easily and was known for my outgoing and friendly nature. I actively participated in extracurricular activities, including sports, music, and drama, which helped me develop my skills and interests.

Friendship Growing up, I always thought that the more friends I had, the happier I would be. But as I got older, I realized that it's not about the quantity of friends you have, but the quality of the friendships you cultivate.

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE Growing up, high school seemed like the ultimate challenge, a daunting and exciting prospect that loomed ahead in my future. As I reflect on my high school life, I realize that it was a time of great growth, both academically and personally. The four years I spent in high school were some of the most transformative and memorable of my life. My high school experience began in the fall of 2016, when I entered as a form one student. As a shy and introverted student, I was nervous about navigating the social dynamics of high school. However, I quickly found my footing by joining various clubs and activities that matched my interests, such as the maths club team. Academically, I found high school to be challenging, but also incredibly rewarding. I discovered a passion for mathematics, which led me to take advanced courses in the subject and even participate in academic competitions. While there were times when I felt overwhelmed by the workload, I learned the importance of time management and organization, skills that have served me well in my college years. One of the highlights of my high school experience was participating in extracurricular activities. Through clubs, I learned how to articulate my thoughts clearly and persuasively. I also developed leadership skills through my involvement in society clubs, where I was elected as class secretary. Additionally, I found a creative outlet in the school clubs. Of course, high school wasn't without its challenges. The following are some of the challenges I encountered in secondary school.

i. **Academic pressure:** High school was academically demanding, with

rigorous coursework, exams, and assignments. ii. Social challenges: High school was a time of social changes and challenges. I experienced issues like bullying, peer pressure from friends, fitting in with different social groups and maintaining friendships was a bit difficult for me. iii. Personal challenges: High school is a time when I was undergoing personal growth and self-discovery. I faced challenges on identifying myself, self-esteem, self-confidence and dealing with personal issues such as family problems, including financial issues which affected the school fees payment. iv. Time management: Balancing academics, extracurricular activities and personal life was a challenging issues in high school. I struggled in managing time effectively, prioritizing tasks, and finding a balance between various responsibilities. v. Goal setting and decision making: High school is a period when I had to make important decisions about my future, such as choosing a career path, deciding on college or university education, and setting long-term goals. I faced challenges in making these decisions and dealing with the uncertainties that come with planning for the future. vi. Peer competition: High school was a competitive environment, with other students vying for grades, awards, and recognition. I faced challenges in dealing with peer competition, comparison, and the pressure to perform well in various areas. vii. Extracurricular activities: in high school I engaged in extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs and community service, which posed challenges such as time management, balancing commitments, and dealing with the pressure to excel in those activities. viii. Transitions: High school is a time of transitions, such as transitioning from middle school to high school, adjusting to a new environment and preparing for life after high school. I had faced challenges in adapting to changes, dealing with uncertainty, and preparing for the next phase of my life. ix. Peer relationships: Forming and maintaining healthy relationships with peers was also a challenging issue in high school. I had experienced issues such as peer conflicts, cliques and navigating friendships and romantic relationships. x. Personal growth and self-reflection: High school was a time of self-reflection and personal growth as I develop my identity and values. I faced challenges in self-discovery, self-acceptance, and understanding my place in the world.

How I overcome some of the High School Challenges and achieved success

Looking back, my high school journey was filled with challenges that tested my resilience, determination, and character. However, I am proud to say that I overcame these obstacles and achieved success. i. Adjusting to a New Environment I decided to join extracurricular activities such as the debate club and volunteered for school events. This helped me meet

new people with similar interests and boosted my confidence. I also sought help from my teachers and counselors, who provided guidance and support, helping me adjust to my new surroundings.

ii. Academic Struggles Instead of giving up, I sought extra help by attending tutoring sessions and seeking guidance from my teachers. I also developed effective study habits, such as creating a study schedule, breaking down complex topics into smaller, manageable parts, and seeking help from classmates who excelled in these subjects. Through perseverance and hard work, I was able to improve my grades and gain a better understanding of the subjects.

iii. Balancing School and Extracurricular Activities To overcome this challenge, I learned to prioritize my tasks, set realistic goals, and communicate with my teachers and club advisors about my commitments. I also learned to delegate tasks and seek help from my team members, which helped me maintain a balance between my academic and extracurricular activities.

iv. College Applications and Future Planning To overcome this challenge, I sought guidance from my school counselors and researched various career options and colleges. I also reached out to alumni and professionals in fields of interest for advice. I carefully reviewed my options and made informed decisions about my college and career path. While the process was challenging, it taught me valuable skills in decision-making and planning for my future. Looking back, my high school journey was filled with challenges that tested my resilience, determination, and character. However, I learned valuable life lessons and developed important skills that have prepared me for the next chapter of my life. By seeking help, developing effective study habits, managing my time, and making informed decisions, I was able to overcome these challenges and achieve success. I am proud of my accomplishments and look forward to applying the lessons I've learned in high school to future endeavours.

Campus Life I grew up in a small town and always dreamt of going to college to experience a life different from what I knew. When I was accepted into a prestigious university Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, I was thrilled to embark on a new journey. I vividly remember my first day on campus, feeling both excited and nervous. The campus was bustling with students, and the buildings were massive, and I felt like a small fish in a big pond. However, I soon discovered that everyone was just as nervous as I was, and we were all navigating this new phase of life together. Living in campus is an entirely new experience for me. I shared a dorm room with a roommate in my first year of study, and we quickly became friends. We would stay up late chatting and studying together, and we even took turns cooking for each other. Living on

campus also mean that I am in the heart of all the action. There are always events and activities going on, from concerts to lectures to sporting events. I love being part of such a vibrant and diverse community. Of course, there are challenges along the way. My years in campus, I have encountered several challenges that tested my limits and pushed me out of my comfort zone. However, with each challenge, I learned valuable lessons that helped me become a better version of myself. In this essay, I will discuss some of the challenges I am facing and the strategies I am using to overcome them. The first challenge I faced was adjusting to the new environment. Coming from a small town, the bustling city life of campus overwhelmed me. The sheer size of the campus, the number of students, and the intensity of academic rigor made me feel lost and out of place. To overcome this challenge, I joined several clubs and extracurricular activities that aligned with my interests. This helped me make new friends and feel more connected to the campus community. Additionally, I always take advantage of the resources provided by the university, such as counselling and academic advising, to ensure that I was on the right track. Another challenge I am faced time management. Between attending classes, studying, participating in extracurricular activities, and socializing, I struggled to find a balance. To overcome this challenge, I have created a weekly schedule and prioritized my tasks based on their importance and urgency. I also learned to say no to things that did not align with my goals and priorities. One of the biggest challenges I am facing in campus is mental health. The pressure to succeed academically and socially take a toll on my mental health. I have experienced anxiety, depression, and feelings of isolation. I have overcome this challenge by reaching out to the counselling center and sought professional help. I also talked to my friends and family about my struggles and leaned on them for support. Lastly, I have faced financial challenges. As a first-generation college student, I did not have a lot of financial resources. I had to work part-time jobs to pay for my tuition, books, and other expenses. To overcome this challenge, I applied for scholarships and grants, looked for internships and part-time jobs that aligned with my career goals, and live frugally. In conclusion, my campus life is filled with challenges that have tested my resilience and pushed me out of my comfort zone. However, through hard work, determination, and support from others, I am able to overcome these challenges and grow as an individual. My experiences teach me valuable lessons about the importance of resilience, time management, mental health, and financial planning. Career Aspirations and Goals As I approach graduation, I find myself standing at the crossroads of my academic

journey, filled with both excitement and anticipation about the future. Throughout my college years, I have been diligent in balancing academics with practical experience through various part-time jobs, each contributing to the development of my career aspirations and goals.

Part-Time Job 1: Customer Service Representative My first part-time job as a customer service representative in a retail store introduced me to the dynamics of interacting with diverse customers. I learned valuable skills in communication, problem-solving, and the importance of providing exceptional service.

Career Aspirations and Goals As I look ahead to graduation, my career aspirations have crystallized. I aspire to pursue a career in marketing with a focus on digital marketing and content strategy. I am passionate about leveraging creative solutions to connect businesses with their target audiences. My experiences in customer service, marketing, research, and project coordination have collectively shaped my career goals:

Immediate Goals: Upon graduation, my immediate goal is to secure a position in a construction company. I aim to contribute my skills in this field.

Long-term Goals: Looking further into the future, I aspire to grow within the civil engineering field

Community Engagement:

Beyond my career, I am committed to giving back to the community by volunteering my marketing skills to nonprofits and organizations with a social impact.

Christian Journey of faith **Walking by Faith: My Journey with Christianity** I was born in a Christian family, raised in a small town where the church was the center of our community. From an early age, I was introduced to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles of the Christian faith. It was a foundation that would shape my life in profound ways. As a child, I attended Sunday school, sang in the church choir, and participated in youth group activities. My parents instilled in me a deep reverence for God and the importance of living a godly life. I learned about the Bible, the sacred scriptures of Christianity, and was captivated by its stories of faith, hope, and redemption. As I grew older, my faith became more personal. I experienced moments of doubt and questioning, but I always found solace and guidance in prayer and in studying the Bible. I began to develop my own relationship with God, realizing that Christianity was not just a set of rules to follow, but a living and dynamic faith that could transform my life. In my teenage years, I faced challenges and temptations that tested my faith. There were times when I strayed from my Christian values and made mistakes, but I always found my way back to God's forgiveness and grace. Through these experiences, I learned about the power of

repentance and forgiveness, and how God's love is unconditional and unwavering. In 2015, November I was baptized, this laid me to the foundation of faith and My faith also guided my actions and decisions. I felt compelled to follow the teachings of Jesus, who preached love, compassion, and justice. I engaged in acts of charity, volunteered in my community, and sought to be a positive influence in the lives of others. I learned that being a Christian meant not just professing my faith with my words, but also living it out in my actions and attitudes towards others. My relationship with God deepened over the years as I sought to grow spiritually. I engaged in discussions with fellow believers. I realized that Christianity is a diverse and rich faith tradition with a rich history and a wealth of wisdom to draw upon. One of the most profound moments of my faith journey was when I experienced a personal encounter with God. I was going through a difficult time in my life, feeling lost and overwhelmed. But in a moment of prayer, I felt a deep sense of peace and assurance, as if God was speaking directly to my heart. It was a transformative experience that solidified my faith and reaffirmed my commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly. As I reflect on my journey with Christianity, I am grateful for the blessings and lessons it has brought into my life. It has given me hope in times of despair, strength in times of weakness, and purpose in times of uncertainty. It has shaped my values, influenced my choices, and brought meaning and fulfillment to my existence. Christianity has also taught me humility, reminding me that I am not perfect, but in need of God's grace and mercy. It has taught me to love others unconditionally, to show compassion to those who are suffering, and to forgive those who have wronged me. It has taught me the value of community, as I have found support, friendship, and fellowship among my fellow believers. Today, my faith continues to be a source of comfort, guidance, and inspiration in my life.

Conclusion As I conclude this chapter of my life story, reflecting on the journey from childhood to adulthood, I am reminded of the incredible growth, challenges, and joys that have shaped me into the person I am today. My life has been a series of adventures, each page filled with lessons, friendships, and experiences that have contributed to my personal and intellectual development. From the innocence of my early years to the academic challenges of high school, I laid the foundation for the path that led me to the vibrant campus life I now enjoy. Through countless hours of studying, the pursuit of my passions, and the support of mentors and loved ones, I have emerged as a capable and confident young adult. As I navigate the campus landscape, I find myself at the threshold of endless opportunities and possibilities. College has not only

broadened my horizons but also deepened my understanding of the world and my place in it. It has been a period of self-discovery, where I've explored my interests, honed my skills, and solidified my goals. My journey to adulthood has been punctuated by moments of triumph and moments of doubt, but each challenge has served as a stepping stone towards personal growth. The friendships I've formed, the knowledge I've gained, and the experiences I've cherished have been invaluable. They have not only enriched my life but also inspired me to strive for excellence in all that I do. As I set my sights on the future, I carry with me the lessons learned from my childhood and the resilience acquired through my journey to campus life. My aspirations and goals are firmly in place, fueled by the passions and experiences that have guided me thus far. I am grateful for the unwavering support of my family, the guidance of mentors, the camaraderie of friends, and the opportunities presented by my educational institution. As I venture into adulthood, I am excited about the uncharted territories that await me, confident that the foundation built during my formative years has equipped me to face the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead. This autobiography, a snapshot of my life from childhood to campus, is not the end of my story but rather a prelude to the chapters that are yet to be written. I look forward to the adventures, achievements, and growth that the future holds, knowing that my journey has prepared me to embrace the boundless possibilities of adulthood and beyond. Acknowledgements I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals and entities who have played pivotal roles in shaping my journey from childhood to a student on campus: 1. My family, for their unwavering love, support, and encouragement throughout my life. 2. My dedicated teachers and mentors, whose guidance has enriched my educational experience. 3. My friends, whose camaraderie has added joy and depth to my campus life. 4. My professors and Doctors whose knowledge and wisdom have inspired my academic pursuits. 5. My university, for providing an environment of learning, growth, and endless possibilities. 6. The countless individuals I've encountered along the way, who have left indelible marks on my journey. 7. Finally, I acknowledge myself for the determination and resilience that have brought me to this significant milestone in my life. Thank you all for being part of my story.