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AS A YOUNG ADULT IN TRAINING IN DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT YOU HOPE YOUR FUTURE WILL BE.

College life is the most interesting stage of life which grants one an opportunity to explore. Life at college signifies the end of teenage and switch to new dawns and possibilities. This phase equips you for all challenges you will likely face in life after school and creates a brawny foundation of knowledge.

Firstly, years I have been on Dedan Kimathi campus have taught me several fundamental lessons which includes; life may be good, may be bad, may be weird or everything may be against you, just expect anything because life here is unpredictable. You may be in paradise now and next time you are in a furnace of fire. University life prepares you for all this—you may have it now and lose it next time. Funny enough you have to accept. It is a life that alternates between joy and hardships. You meet people from all walks, you interact with them, learn their language and culture. I have learned how to talk to different people, judge them accordingly without biasness hence growing as a person and gaining important life skills.

Secondly, on worst days, I have learned to sit through damning lectures, putting up with strenuous syllabuses and had opportunity to grasp something from great researches. Academics is like a slave master that never lets his servitudes free. It must peg you to something every time you are lousing lazily. People may be behind your back pushing you to ascend higher latitudes by motivating you to study hard in your college life but this isn’t mere truth. College life has taught me to be multi. Don’t stare at your books alone, do something else to unleash your potential. You may be a good player, singer, writer, artist et al but all these can be shuttered when you focus on books alone. To be honest, I have tried a couple and failed but I have succeeded in a number like reading ‘out of course’ books, playing football and basketball.

Thirdly, on college, learning never ends. I have ganged with several friends and shared ideas, assisted each other to dissect difficult computations. I have also bonded with people I never knew while handling college studies and this brings a fresh energy and a scintillating sense of togetherness on campus. You can be anything you ever dreamt of to be off when on campus provided you join a group that supports your dream. You can be a player, artist or whatever—college is like Santa Claus that offers blissful opportunities while there. College conducts festivals which personally I have never participated but I have seen friends participate and show their talents.

Fourthly, on college is when you have time to decide my career. One may pursue a program but never apply it anywhere. For example, in political arena, most of the politicians never pursued political science as a profession but through showcasing their oratory and leadership skills they found themselves in political arena. While in college I have participated in various programs including addressing gender-based violence, mental health issues, national values and attended forums on other campuses. From this participation, I have gained skills that can model me into a humanitarian.

Penultimately, no one knows how his or her future will be but we hope for a brighter one. Everyone in college is after a proper destiny and this destiny is promised when you prepare for it. As they say, the future belongs to those who prepare for it. For my sake I hope for a better tomorrow. I motivated to stand up for something and never fall for anything. Our society needs fresh blood. That the ocean needs a new wave to renew itself and we are the ones responsible to do that. As we strive to educate the society, we must educate it reminding it its roles and I hope as an educated member of the society, I am tasked with responsibilities to undertake to make it great.

A greatest moment in college is taking pictures together and I believe in future when I will be looking at the pictures of me and my friends having the best of our time while in college, I will definitely end up smiling. I will reminisce about great moments we had together, tough days we endured, academia’s pressure we experienced and that’s the beauty of college life. These nostalgic memories will stay with me forever even after ascending the ladders of success and throw into oblivion the sufferings we underwent; empty pockets or stomachs.

University has been a transforming place to many but that doesn’t mean we take the right path. Some veer off the road and engage in vile behavior including abusing drugs, social crimes like thuggery, prostitution which makes them unable to accomplish their studies. I have lost a number of friends to these but I also grateful to have helped some navigate them especially drug abuse. One thing that makes me happy is when I see a lost sheep returning home. I am always grateful to have never indulged myself in immoral behaviors. Even though my immediate friends are victims but in my personal capacity, I have led some towards self-realization and assessment. I have always kept the rule we were on matriculation ceremony that be your brother’s keeper.

When he/she realizes his faults and resolves to mend them. On Dedan Kimathi campus I have met people who really influenced me politically, socially, ideologically, mentally and physically. When you ask around people who ever stepped on campus, they will literally attest to you that university is like a jail where convicts totally transform. I am a testimony of transformation courtesy of Dedan Kimathi university.

One thing I really hoped to perfect on was debating. Though I have tried to be a good debater by participating in several debates. I have listened to great minds on campus dispensing knowledge from their reservoirs. I have been able to learn things I underplayed or ignored in primary school, high school or junior years on campus especially history. I am an ardent student of history as a result of interaction with campus history-lovers.

In conclusion, life on campus is like a dense forest of experiences. Hilarious moments in our hostels. Pretty times with friends we never thought we will ever meet. Struggles we went through in a quest of bridging our poor past and bright future. I always get worried every time I think of leaving campus but ultimately, I will have too. I will always reminisce beautiful years on campus, hiking, sharing meals, playing, debating and participating in several activities and interacting with villagized universe. As we finalize on, I hope for a brighter future. A future where I will impact positively to the society. A future where I will take the initiative of solving societal problems. A future where the current generation of university students will contribute or participate in the development of the society, they live in. It is a bliss to make this stride. What an experience on college!