

Title: Mercy Mburu: A Story of Resilience and Determination

Introduction

I am MercyWairimu Mburu, a 21-year-old Kenyan lady born on October 25th in Eldoret, Kenya. My life journey has been one marked by resilience, determination, and a continuous drive to overcome obstacles and achieve my goals. From my humble beginnings in a small village to my current pursuit of a degree in BSC in Computer Science at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) in Nyeri, Kenya, my story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the importance of family and community support.

Chapter 1: Early Life and Education

I was born to a loving family in Eldoret, Kenya. My parents, both hard working persons, instilled in me the values of hard work, resilience, and the importance of education. I spent my early years in Eldoret, where I attended Jupiter Nursery School from 2005 to 2007. It was during these formative years that I developed a love for learning and an appreciation for the world around me.

It was during this period that Kenya experienced the traumatic events of the 2007 post-election clashes. The violence and unrest that followed left a lasting impact on me and my family. We were fortunate to remain safe, but the memories of that time still linger in my mind hence the move.Despite the challenges posed by the post-election clashes, I remained focused on my studies and excelled academically.

In 2008, my family moved to Nairobi, and I enrolled in Donholm Primary School for classes 1 to 4. The move to the bustling city of Nairobi was a significant change for me, but I quickly adapted to my new surroundings and thrived academically. My parents' unwavering support and encouragement played a crucial role in my success during this time.

For classes 5 to 8, I attended Precious Academy in Kiambu , where I completed my upper primary education. This period was marked by academic excellence and a deepening interest in technology.In 2015, I sat for my KCPE exams and scored impressive marks, a testament to my hard work and determination.

Chapter 2: High School and Personal Growth

In February 2016, I joined Kerugoya Girls in Kirinyaga for my high school education. This was a time of personal growth and self-discovery for me. I not only focused on my studies but also

participated in music festivals and academic contests. These experiences helped me develop my confidence and leadership skills, setting the stage for my future endeavors.

High school was also a time of challenges, as I navigated the pressures of adolescence and academic expectations. However, with the support of my family, teachers, and friends, I persevered and emerged stronger. In 2019, I sat for my KCSE exams and achieved a good grade, a significant accomplishment that opened doors to higher education.

Chapter 3: University and Pursuing My Passion

After completing my high school education, I was eager to pursue my passion for technology and innovation. In November 2020, I enrolled at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) in Nyeri to study Computer Science. The transition to university life was both exciting and challenging, as I adjusted to the rigors of academic life and the demands of my chosen field of study.

At DeKUT, I have had the opportunity to explore my interest in computer science and develop my skills in programming, data analysis, and software development. I have also been actively involved in extracurricular activities, including participating in hackathons, coding competitions, and community outreach programs.

Chapter 4: Overcoming Adversity

The year 2020 brought with it the global COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted lives and livelihoods around the world. As a university student, I faced the challenges of remote learning, social isolation, and uncertainty about the future. However, I refused to let the pandemic derail my dreams and aspirations.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, I remained focused on my studies and continued to pursue my passion for technology. I leveraged online resources, participated in virtual coding boot camps, and collaborated with classmates on innovative projects. The experience taught me resilience, adaptability, and the importance of staying determined in the face of adversity.

Chapter 5: Looking Ahead

As I reflect on my life journey so far, I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given and the support of my family, teachers, and mentors. Each chapter of my life has contributed to my personal and professional growth, shaping me into the person I am today.

As I look ahead to the future, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. I am determined to continue pursuing my passion for technology and innovation, and I am committed to making a positive impact in my community and beyond. I am confident that with hard work, perseverance, and a positive mindset, I can achieve my goals and contribute to a brighter future for myself and those around me.

Conclusion

My life journey has been a testament to the power of resilience, determination, and the importance of family and community support. From my early years in Eldoret to my current pursuit of a degree in Computer Science at DeKUT, I have faced challenges and obstacles, but I have always remained focused on my goals. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given and the support of my family, teachers, and mentors. As I look ahead to the future, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead, and I am committed to making a positive impact in my community and beyond. My story is a reminder that with hard work, perseverance, and a positive mindset, anything is possible.