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➢ Welcome to my journey from childhood to the present day.

➢ This presentation highlights the key milestones, challenges, and achievements that have shaped who I am today.

➢ From my early days in Thika to my academic pursuits at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, each step has been a learning experience.

Birth and Early Childhood

➢ I was born in Thika, Kenya, at Thika Level 5 Hospital.

➢ My earliest memories are filled with the vibrant hues of Thika's red soil and the bustling energy of my hometown.

➢ Growing up as the third-born child in a lively suburb, I developed a love for exploration and adventure.

➢ I have three siblings: an older brother, an older sister, and a younger brother.

Family Background

➢I grew up in a middle-class family with significant financial challenges.

➢My parents worked tirelessly to provide for us, teaching me the importance of hard work and perseverance.

➢Despite the constraints, we shared a strong bond and a spirit of resilience.

Primary School Life

➢My primary school journey began at Kenyatta Primary School, a crowded government school.

➢Despite our humble background and financial struggles, I was determined to succeed.

➢My time at Kenyatta Primary School was filled with academic challenges and personal growth.

➢I made lifelong friends and learned valuable lessons about determination and resilience.

Secondary school life

➢ My high school journey began at Gathiruini Boys High School in 2017, an exciting new chapter filled with new challenges and opportunities.

➢ However, due to health issues, I had to transfer to a day school near our home during the second term of Form 1.

➢ This transition was a difficult but necessary step, and I continued my studies at Thika Garrison School.

➢ In Form 2 at Thika Garrison, I experienced a more supportive environment, which helped me regain my footing academically and socially.

➢ My high school years were marked by resilience, adaptability, and a determination to succeed despite the challenges.

University Life at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology

➤ The transition from high school to university marked a significant milestone in my academic journey.

➤ Upon securing admission to Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, I enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Information Technology (BBIT) program.

➤ COVID-19 had already impacted the world, so we were required to wear masks, wash our hands frequently, and observe social distancing.

➤ My first year was a step into uncharted territory, and as an introvert, I found it challenging but ultimately rewarding.

➤ In my second year, I experienced significant academic growth and gained valuable hands-on experience through an internal attachment, where we worked in groups to develop projects.

➤ My third year was marked by deepening my knowledge in IT, while my current fourth year involves working on my final year project, a chatbot medical diagnosis system that integrates machine learning algorithms.

➤ These university years have been filled with academic pursuits, personal growth, and vibrant campus experiences, shaping me into the person I am today

Skills acquired over the years:

➢Proficiency in web application programming.

➢Competence in mobile application development.

➢Knowledge of networking principles.

➢Proficiency in database management.

➢Understanding of cybersecurity concepts.

➢Ability to work in a team and collaborate effectively.

➢Strong problem-solving skills.

➢Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.

➢Time management and organizational skills.

➢Adaptability and resilience in challenging situations.

Challenges faced:

➢ Financial constraints affecting access to resources.

➢ Balancing academic studies with part-time work.

➢ Adjusting to the university's academic rigor and workload.

➢ Navigating the shift to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

➢ Overcoming imposter syndrome and self-doubt.

➢ Managing time effectively to meet project deadlines.

➢ Dealing with technical issues and setbacks during project development.

➢ Adapting to new technologies and programming languages.

➢ Balancing academic and personal commitments.

➢ Overcoming challenges in group projects, such as communication issues and conflicting schedules.

Future aspirations

I envision a future filled with meaningful contributions, continuous learning, and a positive impact. My aspirations are shaped by my passion for Information Technology, innovation, and a commitment to making a difference.

Career Goals:

➢ Tech Entrepreneurship: Launch a startup focused on innovative solutions in sectors like healthcare, education, or sustainability.

➢ Leadership in IT: Lead teams and drive projects in AI, cybersecurity, and digital transformation.

➢ Industry Expertise: Stay updated with emerging technologies, aiming to be an expert in AI, data analytics, and cloud computing.

Personal Growth:

➢ Lifelong Learning: Pursue certifications, attend conferences, and engage in online courses.

➢ Giving Back: Mentor students, volunteer in tech outreach programs, and promote diversity in STEM.

Work-Life Balance:

➢ Wellness: Prioritize physical fitness, mental wellness, and quality time with loved ones.

➢ Travel: Explore new cultures and places to gain international experiences and inspire creativity.

Thank you

All glory be to God for allowing me to reach this far .

Nelson Mandela once said "It always seems impossible until it's done."