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AUTOBIOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

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Dedication

To My Parents

My devoted parents, who have provided me with unwavering support throughout my life's journey. Your support, encouragement, and unshakable faith in me have been my compass on every journey. The principles you have established in me and the affection you have shown me are honored in my autobiography. I appreciate you always being there for me.

To My Siblings

To Daniel and Angela, my siblings, who have been my lifelong partners, confidants, and sources of strength. Your steadfast relationship has given me countless hours of fun and solace during trying times.

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My Name and Heritage

The Meaning of Wanjiru

The name Wanjiru, originating from the Agikuyu people of Kenya, is imbued with cultural significance and historical depth. It is linked to a legendary figure revered for her power, wisdom, and beauty, and the name itself is derived from the Kikuyu word "njiru," which means "darkness" or "night," symbolizing mystery and depth.

Embracing My Kikuyu Heritage

As a proud Kikuyu, I embrace my cultural heritage and the rich traditions that come with it. Our ethnic group is part of the Bantu community within the diverse tapestry of Kenyan culture, and our customs, rituals, and values have been passed down through generations, shaping my worldview and instilling in me a profound appreciation for cultural diversity.

Family History and Legacy

My grandparents were young heroes who actively participated in the struggle for Kenya's independence, selflessly delivering food to the freedom fighters. Their contributions played a significant role in sustaining the brave individuals fighting for the liberation of our nation, and their legacy continues to inspire me



Growing Up in Kiambu

Kiambu's Rich Heritage

Kiambu County, where I was born, is a region of significant historical, cultural, and economic importance. The county is renowned for its tea and coffee plantations, which contribute to Kenya's reputation as a leading exporter of these commodities, and it has been a significant area for the Kikuyu people, with a rich cultural heritage that continues to thrive.

Embracing the Agricultural Tradition

My family's presence in Kiambu was not a matter of chance but a result of family inheritance. Wealth was often measured by the ownership of land, and our ancestors had acquired sizable parcels, passing down this invaluable asset to the next generation. The prospect of dividing the lands among the family became a driving force in our decision to settle in Kiambu.

Preserving Cultural Heritage

Growing up in Kiambu, I was surrounded by the rich community heritage that defines the region. The Kikuyu people's deep connection to their traditions and cultural practices, including language, songs, dances, and folklore, have been passed down through generations and have shaped my own identity and sense of belonging.



Childhood Memories

Joys of Childhood

My childhood was a whirlwind of laughter and adventure, filled with the simple pleasures of life. I spent countless hours exploring the neighborhood, transforming ordinary parks into enchanted forests and neighborhood streets into bustling cities, guided by my boundless imagination.

Responsibilities and Chores

As a child, I had a lot of responsibilities, including normal ladies' chores like washing dishes and mopping the house. Despite the endless chores, I still found time to play with my siblings and other children from the village, inventing games with makeshift toys and enjoying the traditional games of my Kikuyu heritage.

Nurturing Faith and Values

I grew up in a loving Catholic home, where my parents instilled in me a strong faith from the very beginning. They taught me about the importance of God's love and grace, and they modeled for me what it means to live a life of integrity and compassion.

Parental Guidance and Support

My parents, Mr. Patrick Mbugua and Mrs. Tabina Wambui, were fearless entrepreneurs who greatly shaped my life. They taught me the value of taking risks, embracing innovation, and pursuing my passions, and their unwavering support and encouragement have been a constant source of strength throughout my journey.



Primary School Years

Foundational Learning

The primary school years were a magical and foundational time, where the seeds of curiosity were sown, and the essence of who I am began to take shape. The vibrant classrooms became the backdrop for my first encounters with education, as I transformed the alphabet into the building blocks of language and numbers into the tools for understanding the world around me.

Playground Adventures

The playground became a realm of unbridled joy, where recess was a sacred time filled with laughter, games, and the forging of friendships that would withstand the test of time. These simple moments were the building blocks of camaraderie and taught me the value of companionship.

Expanding Horizons

Field trips were like mini-adventures that extended the classroom into the world beyond, adding a tangible dimension to my learning. Creative expression also found its home in art classes, where crayons and construction paper became the instruments of my imagination, fueling my artistic spirit and instilling in me the belief that self-expression is a powerful and beautiful force.



High School Years

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University Journey

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology

My arrival at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) marked a pivotal transition in my journey, a step into a world of intellectual exploration, personal growth, and newfound independence. The vibrant campus, teeming with a diverse array of students, exuded an aura of excitement and anticipation as I embarked on my pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology.

Embracing Cultural Diversity

At DeKUT, the vibrant tapestry of cultural diversity has been one of the most enriching facets of my educational journey. Interacting with students from various tribes and regions across Kenya has provided me with a profound opportunity to expand my worldview and embrace the richness of Kenya's cultural mosaic, fostering a spirit of mutual respect and understanding.

Acquiring Skills and Coping with Challenges

My active participation in clubs and extracurricular activities at DeKUT has been instrumental in shaping my personal and professional development. From coding workshops to leadership seminars, these experiences have equipped me with a diverse range of technical and life-oriented skills, while also teaching me the importance of time management, self-discipline, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

