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INTRODUCTION

I'm a 24-year-old Kenyan Citizen formerly sponsored by Irene Otton under the CHES-Kenya chapter. I am an alumni of Shikunga High School class of 2014. I attained grade A of 83points in my KCSE not only setting a record in my school but also featured in the top 10 best students of Kakamega County and top 100 in the country. After my KCSE, I proceeded to join the university in January 2016 on government sponsorship (KUCCPS) program to undertake my undergraduate studies. I'm thus a final year student at the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) taking a Bachelors in Electrical and Electronics Engineering specializing in Energy and Power. I'm currently finalizing my industrial attachment at New KCC (Kenya Creameries Cooperation) factory awaiting graduation in December 2021.

EARLY CAMPUS LIFE

Having moved to Nairobi for the first time, my first year of study was full of ups and downs. Nairobi as a city is certainly more costly to live in as compared to my rural upcountry home in Kakamega county and thus it was a great tussle to survive. However, since the Technical University of Kenya is in the heart of Nairobi city, like other students, adaptation was vital. We could walk in groups to and from the hostel to avoid being mugged since street cons target the freshers most because they are naive.

Unlike other universities with vast land resource, TUK is sited on an 8-acre land in town thus making it impossible to be a live-in institution. The ladies' hostels are located 3km away in Upper-hill and the men's hostels located 5km in South B estate. Out of the total population of 14000 students in TUK, the hostels can only accommodate a combined total of 500 students. The ladies' hostel accommodates 153 students only and thus is reserved for the most needy students.

With classes running from 7am to 5pm, it was easy to have one meal a day and forego the rest as a strategy to save money for the daily pin-ups, printing, photocopying and internet expenses. Regardless of the circumstances, education was of utter importance and I had to succeed in my classwork. I therefore ensured that I scored well in my examinations.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

It is with this experience that made me develop passion for leadership in my second year of study. Having been a Class representative in my second year, I eventually vied for a bigger leadership position in my third year of study. I was staying at the ladies' hostel thus decided to vie for the hall representative position famously known as Mayoress in the 2019 student union elections.



Mayoress Campaign poster

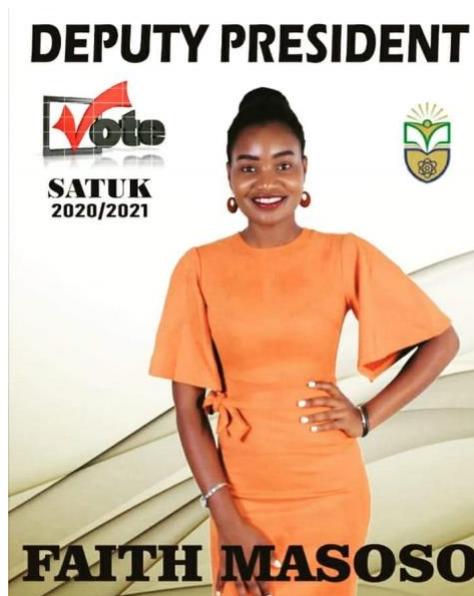
With an agenda to help other needy students coming to the city for the first time, I was determined to help them cope up easily and adjust accordingly. I would therefore organize hostel orientation and ladies' dinner to talk about the issues female students faced in the university. We would conduct mini fundraisings to help settle accommodation fees for some students and also buy food for those who could not afford to raise \$1 a day on food. I could also outsource with the help of the administration and distribute sanitary towels to the hostel occupants once in a while. During my tenure as the Mayoress, I was nominated and won the Student leader of the year during the annual SATUK Awards held at our institution.



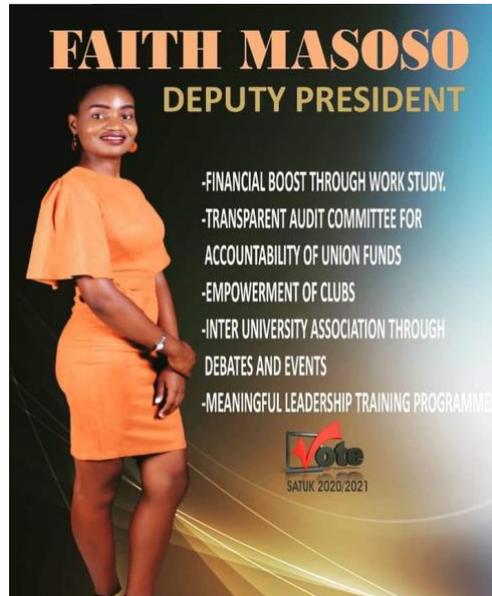


Student leader of the year award. SATUK Awards 2019

At the end of the tenure, I decided to vie for a bigger position in the union executive. I felt being in the executive would help bring greater change compared to being in the mayoress position which is a congress position. I therefore vied for the Vice chairperson position in the 2020 student union election and won.



Vice Chair Campaign Poster



Vice Chair Campaign Manifesto

After being sworn in on 14th February 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic hit Kenya as a country and the university was closed down till October 2020. During this period, I strongly championed COVID 19 sensitizations across all social media platforms with the help of fellow student leaders and the government youth council.



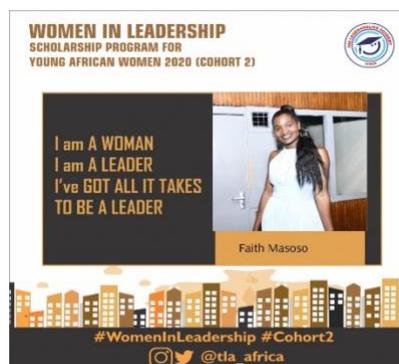
COVID 19 Sensitization Poster

The economy had drastically dropped and thus when the schools resumed fully in November, my office initiated the accommodation kitty fund. This kitty helped clear the accommodation fees for needy students who could not afford to raise the ksh7200 for the hostels in January and were at the verge of dropping out of school.



Call for Application – Accommodation Fund

As the vice chair I also worked with clubs in school towards women empowerment, promoting talent and championing for climate change as well as End GBV and anti FGM campaigns. I also conducted leadership training forums and organized interuniversity events to enhance interactions and create rapport among students of different areas, religion, races and ethnicity. I retired from the Vice chair position on 4th September 2021 after my final examinations and joined the school electoral board as a student representative.





Leadership training poster

In February 2021 I also vied for the Vice Chair position of KUFSLA (Kenya Female Student Leaders Association) and won. Im currently the vice chair of all female student leaders in Kenya. This organization majorly focused on mentorship and ending period poverty. We lobby for funds or any support towards purchasing sanitary towels that are donated to schools in rural areas and the teenage mother schools.



Vice Chair KUFSLA Campaign Poster



Kenya Female Student Leaders Association (KUFSLA) Executive. (First Left)



KUFSLA donating pads at a teenage mothers' school in Nairobi (sitted)



KUFSLA swearing in ceremony

ASPIRATIONS

I'm positive that I'll graduate with a grade not lower than a Second-Class Upper Division and thus hopefully proceed to attain a Master's degree. I aspire to be an Energy Engineer with great prowess in the nuclear and solar energy fields. I also aspire to be the youngest Energy Minister in Kenya one day.

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