Mombasa Campus Mentorship Program Launched.

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The University of Nairobi Mombasa Campus has launched a mentorship program that is one of its kind. They have roped in professionals from the industry who will play leading role in mentoring students. Currently, UoN students are only mentored by their Professors and Lecturers. The old mentorship program, which was launch in 2016 was largely academic but with the professionals coming into the scene, the mentorship is bound to give students both academic and professional view of their careers.

The launch was on done June, 23, 2018 in Mombasa.

Speaking during the launch of the Mentorship program, the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi urged students to take seriously the opportunity given to them to develop their personal brands. "I look forward to seeing you as brands to behold', he said. Prof. Mbithi thanked 160 mentors who have committed to mentor students for a one year period. "It shows that you care. In deed care is one of our core values and I thank you for the opportunity to guide, serve the students", he said.

The mentorship program by professionals comes days after the Education Cabinet Secretary Ambassador Amina Mohammed launched the Career Services Office and urged institutions of higher learning to create linkages with industry and to help students improve on their personal brands. The Career Services Office will also help students get internships, attachments and jobs. Prof. Mbithi reminded students that they need to be guided by professionals to achieve their dreams. "The billions of shillings we spend on education will be wasted if students are not well guided", he opined,

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quoting the Education Secretary. Well mentored students have competitive advantage over their peers.

Prof. Julius Ogen'go, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, noted that he strongly believed in mentorship as it connects and provides linkages and networks with professional bodies like Engineering Board among others. "I am a product of mentorship. I have mentors locally and globally", he said.

Mombasa County Executive Committee (CEC) member for Devolution and Public Service Seth Odongo noted that the society can be directionless, amorphous and hence the need for mentorship. "People need to be nurtured, "he said. He urged students to learn and become decorated leaders, fully packaged and brands that sell.

Also present during the launch were: Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Dr. Sarah Kinyanjui, Director, Mombasa Campus among others.

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