"A Journey of Single Steps"

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FADE IN:

INTRO

[Stock Folley - Heaving sounds of a cyclist battling a steep climb. Sneakers peddle, arms clutch handles tightly.]

Ruth

[Slowly revealed wearing a helmet, pedalling up an incline - clip1 from 0.17, clip2 riding up an incline]

"I was a Computer Science student, who was struggling to understand programming. As a way to enhance my learning journey, I began immersing myself into the tech community. And that's where I discovered KamiLimu."

MWANTKT

[Slowly revealed tying his shoelaces - clip]

"I was a pensive Computer Science student, equally interested in the science of problem solving and the art of communication."

[Close ups of helmet, gloves - clip from 0.29?]

"I was also accustomed to the near-term gratification of winning in academia."

[Riding into camera heaving - clip from 0.24]

BETHLY

[Comes in shot at the screen-edge of Workstyle Artcaffe] - clip

Sec 1 - t1

"Computer Science wasn't what I envisioned studying at university, and during my first two years, I felt lost. I lacked a sense of direction and meaning in what I was studying."

[Some shots of her looking vapid] Clip 1

"With one year left to graduate, the fear and anxiety of not understanding what I had learned weren't sitting well with me, and I knew I needed help. I began looking for a way out of my predicament."

[Students in a CS lecture [0:59 - 1:04], a person writing code - mwaniki's video + stock]

[close ups of Bethly fidgeting, anxious
and uncomfortable, pulling her hair - clip
1, clip 2, clip 3

"I needed someone to guide me and help me make sense of everything, someone who would not judge me for not knowing, but guide me toward understanding and pointing me in the right career direction. Kamilimu was that for me."

[close up of Bethly holding hands with a
KamiLimu mentor] Clip

[push out of them walking along towards the camera] Clip [orbital of the two having a conversation] - clip

BRUCE

[Comes in shot at the centre aisle of the Workstyle atrium] clip

[Bruce having a conversation among peers] clip 1, clip 2 clip 3

"I've let a lot of leadership roles go because, for a long time, I never felt I had enough to inspire my peers. When I joined university, I was given the opportunity to become a Huawei Campus Ambassador, and I felt that this was one of the last chances for me to inspire others. I took a leap of faith, and accepted the position.

[Bruce looking pensive and uncertain, taking a deep breath in and out]

Clip 1 , Clip 2 Clip 3 Clip 4

However, I was not confident in my ability to communicate and inspire others. I was always reluctant to speak to crowds and tried to remain behind the scenes.

[A picture of Bruce at a cyber-sec conference]

"I deliberately volunteered for conferences to learn from good orators. I was privileged to have met...

[Clip 1 of Mathew from fist bumping Erick
[4:30]]

[Clip 2 of Mathew from public speaking
'019 [2:32]]

Mathew Macharia, a Cyber Security analyst at Serianu in one of those conferences. He was confident, eloquent, and inspired the crowd. I approached him for banter and advice, and this is when it was revealed to me that he had been a part of KamiLimu!"

PROCESS

Ruth

[Clip 1 from 0.03 + clip2 from 0.05 - Cycling shot + Comes in shot sipping water from her cycling bottle]

"When you are a mentee at KamiLimu, you observe and cheer on your fellow mentees who start getting amazing opportunities like internships and job offers. Sometimes, or most times, you may feel like you also need to catch up and start achieving the same or better opportunities. But everyone's journey is different.

In my journey of self-discovery, I became more present with my strengths and shortcomings by practising mindfulness.

But I still have days where I am unsure of myself and I struggle, and I have other days where I am confident in myself and my abilities."

[Clip 2 - Ruth with other mentees from mixer, Clip 3 - Ruth was holding a microphone]

BRUCE

[clip of Bruce pitching on April 20th and 22nd] Clip1, clip 2, clip win

"As a mentee at KamiLimu, I realized that there was no magic bullet that was going to make me confident in front of crowds overnight or as a leader. It was a journey that I had to undergo."

[Titus conducting a public speaking session on Feb 25 - clip 2, clip 2, clip 2,

"The journey involved learning from Mr. Titus, our public speaking mentor, continuous relentless practice, and putting myself in front of an audience to gain exposure."

[Bruce meeting a mentor in an office and discussing - workstyle] clip 1, clip 2, clip 3, clip 4, clip 5

"I also took the liberty to book consultation sessions with some KamiLimu committee members. We set up mock interviews that I used to prepare for job applications. Using the feedback given to evaluate my progress has helped to improve my confidence when put in front of people. I believe these lessons in speaking and confidence building are what enabled me to land a Graduate Engineer position with KCB bank."

MWANIKI

[Shot of Mwaniki working on his laptop plus a screen on design showing] clip 1, clip 2, clip 3

[Clip of Mwaniki speaking at Workstyle]

"I am becoming more and more comfortable with being on a non-linear journey. Consulting as a design researcher and storyteller has allowed me to practise most of my talents; listening, writing, photography... design..."

[Clips from Is Your Window session] - In Drive

"I am part artist, part scientist and I know it will take a while to realise the kind of wins I was used to as a student.

[Mwaniki cycling far shot, hands free - clip]

But being present in the journey, with all its obstacles, is the whole point of living."

BETHLY

[Clip of Bethly pitching on April 20th and 22nd.] Clip 1, Clip 2

Sec 2 - part 1

"I have become more self-aware. My confidence in speaking, writing, and putting myself out there has greatly improved."

[Bethly's videos at KamiLimu- Clip 1, Clip 2, Clip 3, Clip 4 hula hoop (take the segment when she is in rhythm)

[A shot of Bethly working on her screen on their ICT track project - Apr 20] Clip, Clip] [A shot of Bethly pitching - Clip, Clip].

Take 3 Sec 2 - part 3

"My career trajectory has become clearer - curious about what cyber security entails, I chose the track and gained a comprehensive understanding of the field.

My goal now is to continue growing my skills in cybersecurity and software development to create safe, secure, and user-friendly applications."

RESOLUTION

Ruth

[2 Clips of Ruth at Elysian from HardDisk]

[Microsoft Leap Graduation]

"To increase my confidence, I used the lessons from scholarship essay writing, which made an impact on me as an alumni. For example, I wrote an essay for an apprenticeship program, Microsoft Leap, in which I was selected. At the apprenticeship, I leveraged mock interview sessions that prepared me to succeed in getting an engineering role at Microsoft Africa Development Centre.

[Pictures of her presentation from Slack]

In 2023, I presented a paper about KamiLimu's impact at a workshop organised by Microsoft that hosted a group of university lecturers.

[Clip from KamiLimu session with people seemingly in discussion]

In this workshop, I also shared lessons from KamiLimu on impostor syndrome, with some of the participants indicating to have encountered this feeling of doubting one's abilities and skills. We then discussed various ways of handling impostor syndrome by having a growth mindset and being open to learning.

[A winning shot from cycling - clip from 0.17?]

In my journey of self-discovery, the most notable change I have personally witnessed since graduating from KamiLimu is my love for learning new things and pushing myself out of my comfort zone.

BRUCE

[Dec 2022 shot of outdoor day + Clip of dancing at KamiLimu]

"Play as one of the core values of KamiLimu is something I will be carrying into the future.

It has improved my leadership skills by encouraging me to take risks such as trying new approaches to problem-solving and taking on challenging projects.

[Clip of Bruce playing capture the flag on screen + clip of Bruce's face] - Clip 1 Clip 2

In addition to the games we play at KamiLimu, I now regularly participate in Capture the Flag, a cyber security-based game that enriches my learning and breaks the monotony of traditional study methods."

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[Clips of Bruce + other mentees + a KamiLimu session Clip 1, Clip 2, Clip 3 people clapping for Bruce's team]
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A key thing I would be carrying into the future is organization and planning. Everything at KamilLimu is planned ahead of time and follows a certain order and that is something I would definitely like to add to my repertoire of leadership skills.

KamiLimu taught me that with practice and perseverance, I can go from a timid speaker to a confident leader. It's not about being perfect, it's about being courageous enough to try.

[Bruce smiling into camera cheekily - Clip from 0.05]

BETHLY

[Bethly with her team members <u>Clip 1</u> from 0.05, <u>Clip 2</u>

[Bethly working on her team's pitch deck] Clip

Sec 3 - part 2

"At KamiLimu, I have learned to question my decisions and evaluate my choices carefully when pursuing any life goals. This intentional approach to my career has helped me to diligently put in the work toward becoming the best version of myself."

[Close up shots of Bethly's shoes as she walks to the Workstyle atrium] - Clip

[Slow reveal of Bethly from the side looking up to the Workstyle atrium - clip]

[A clip of a mentee/team receiving a round of applause after presenting - Bethly clapping clip, clip of others clapping]

Sec 3 - part 3

"Good things take time - I used to focus on perfection and craved instant gratification, which left me feeling frustrated for a long time. However, my time at KamiLimu has taught me the value of patience, the importance of appreciating progress no matter how small, and the power of celebrating little wins in life. I now approach my goals with a more positive and realistic mindset."

MWANIKI

Mwaniki fellowship video [0:44 - 0:51;
Kate playing with a balloon]

[Pictures of my session in London]

"My fellowship with KamiLimu 4 years ago was driven by a desire to see others

connecting with their own true energy. Through KamiLimu's support, I showcased my work at the Mozilla Festival in London, which served as a reinforcement that art and science do intertwine!"

[Screenshots of session header slides over the years (rendered in 3D space)]

"Within the KamiLimu community, I've gone on to share lessons on communicating one's story through visual media, as well as the importance and ways of designing solutions for real felt needs."

[Interviewee shots over the years, pitches, public speaking, judges, complement wall]

"Documenting the journeys of members of the community creating and recreating their lives by discovering and tapping into what their inner motivations are has been a dream.

[Allan and I hugging - clip from 0.13]

And together with Allan Wasega, we have slowly been laying the foundation to keep the KamiLimu story present and alive."

FUTURE

CHAO

[clips of 7 mentees across seven cohorts walking to meet Chao, and then they all sit around a circle.]

Chao walking

Barbara, <u>Joy</u>, <u>Caleb</u>, <u>Brenda</u>, <u>Abdul</u>, <u>Antony</u>, <u>Abigail</u>.

Over the last seven years, we have served 234 mentees from 24 universities. Through collaboration with over 150 mentors and 20

organizations, we have offered structured mentorship that complements classroom learning with 21st century skills.

[clips from previous videos showing engagement with each pillar]

Personal Development - clip from 0.12

Professional Development - <u>video</u> minute 1.38

Innovation - clip

ICT skills- video minute 3.46

Scholarship - <u>video</u> minute 1.20

Community engagement - video from 3.50

We have impacted mentees with skills in personal and professional development, industry-relevant ICT expertise, innovation, scholarship, and community engagement.

[Reimagine Silver, Africa award, Changing
Lives award]

By implementing these skills, we have re-imagined education by enhancing learning outcomes and nurturing employability.

[camera closeup into a mentee from that
cohort]

Through cohort $\underline{1}$, $\underline{2}$, $\underline{3}$, $\underline{4}$, $\underline{5}$, $\underline{6}$, and $\underline{7}$,...

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[7 mentees at workstyle patio looking into the future] Clip2

Moving into the future, we envision
KamiLimu becoming the gold standard of
structured mentorship for tech-aligned
students and professionals. We hope to
realise this by serving beneficiaries from
tertiary institutions and organisations in
all counties of Kenya, collaborating with

vision-aligned partners, and increasing our financial, technical and human resources. By achieving these goals we will contribute premium talent to the local and global tech industry.

Cut to:

A shot of 3 sticky notes on the Artcaffe tables about KamiLimu on May 20th. The final sticky note fades into the KamiLimu logo animation.

FADE OUT:

CREDITS

THE END