Strathmore: Transforming Africa through Leadership

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Strathmore is the emerging lighthouse of Kenya - the hub and the heart of university education. She echoes unity, “That all may be one.” She takes pride as a leader who sees more than others see, sees farther than others see and sees before others.

She majestically stands as an academic giant, a haven for great sportsmen and a great teacher of moral values and ethics. Time is the requisite of transformation and Strathmore has gone through a complete metamorphosis through her growth as a school of Accountancy to her maturity as a privately chartered university offering various degree courses. Her image has been perpetually built by formation of strong and active clubs, sports and other extra-curricular activities.

Strathmore leads as a corruption and violence free environment of learning. Strathmore students air out their grievances and solve them amicably through the student representatives in the Student Council as opposed to stone-throwing that is evidenced elsewhere. Furthermore, the conferences and forums in Strathmore have an impact on the society. Recently, the Minister for Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional affairs Hon Mutula Kilonzo attended the ethics conference that reflected on the ethical development of our society.

Secondly, the Governance Centre, an initiative of Hills Program covers the Eastern Africa Region, helping young lives in Strathmore to become good leaders that will transform Africa. The degree course in Leadership and Management aims at making capable leaders.

Also, the Community Outreach Programme (COP) has made enormous contribution to the disadvantaged in Kenya. Their philanthropic spirit has been felt in many parts of Kenya.

International students in Strathmore have witnessed the great pride of being associated with such an institution. Students on internship through AIESEC have spread the good news to their countries and as a result, many new students flock here from time to time. Other students assert that it is definitely Strathmore University because it is the top twelfth university in Africa.

Studies show that an effective leader spends 90% of his/her time communicating. The Communication Skills course has improved my oratory skills and I can now stand before a crowd and make a presentation. This has made me a leader.

Mentorship program and personal development classes have wholistically brought out the real person inside through love and support from mentors and lecturers. I have been able to grow spiritually and mentally. At first, I did not like the idea of a dress-code but my view changed later because it contributed more to my self-confidence and attitude.
As we support the 2011 Development Campaign where Strathmore will celebrate her golden jubilee, it is important that we embrace all efforts she has done to stand as a true African leader in all spheres. Cheers to Strathmore!