

NUBSA 2014 Career Fair



Students at the Nairobi University Biochemistry Students Association (NUBSA) Career Fair Day

Speakers drawn from the field of Forensic, Bioinformatics, Manufacturing and Engineering, took students through career opportunities in Bioinformatics, building Curriculum Vitae and Networking, during a one-day career fair held on Friday 10, 2014.

The fair themed ***Science, Technology and Innovation as an opportunity for sustainable development*** was organized by Nairobi University Biochemistry Students Association (NUBSA). The event gave students an opportunity to interact with alumni and professionals in the science field, at the College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS).

Speaking during the fair, Dr. Dan - International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)-noted that the world is very competitive, thus he urged the students to learn something extra that would make them stand out among their peers. This includes taking extra courses and being certified in various fields.

Jacqueline Karachi, Business Manager Royal Phillips, encouraged students to make use of networking opportunities as well as the use of LinkedIn to market themselves.

On the other hand, Engineer Catherine Nyambala, recommended students to take part in volunteering opportunities so as to build networks while seeking employment. She also recommended attendance of conferences and seminars and taking part in challenges.

Ben Kulohoma, took the students through diverse career opportunities available in Bioinformatics. These include: Phylogeneticist, Scientific Curator, BioStatistician among other careers. Mr. Kulohoma informed the students that just as at 2005, Bioinformatics was valued at \$60 Billion Dollars and these

numbers kept on growing because nature is diverse, complex and hard to represent that is why our understanding of nature is incomplete, hence need for continuous research.

Jabez Somo, a former Forensic student and business man, implored the students to convert the science they have learned into an enterprise and not to think about where to work, but what to become.

Additional topics discussed during the career fair included: Diversifying/Adapting into different innovative opportunities: Reality slap, Bioscience and Entrepreneurship, Research as a Career, Bio awareness and Youth empowerment, Opportunities in Science and Technology in Africa and Globally and Impactful CV Writing, Job search, Networking and Interviews.

College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS) also played host to students from Technical University of Kenya, Kenyatta University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agricultural and Technology. Organizations which played a key role towards the success of the event were Kenya Youth Biochemistry Network (KYBNET) and Nescafe.

At the end of the engaging career fair, students were left to ponder on the wise words of Albert Einstein: Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

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