



# NEWSLETTER



## GREETINGS FROM TUENDELEE FOUNDATION

#### Welcome to 2022!

Tuendelee Foundation thanks you for choosing to be part of our family and for your continued support.

In this 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, we highlight the incredible work your donation has enabled our beneficiaries to achieve, more so in regard to giving back to the community just as you have inspired them through your generosity.

Tertiary education is a critical springboard to a student's professional career, enabling them to support their immediate family, community, and to impact their economy development in their wider community. In Africa, access to tertiary education cannot be taken for granted, no matter how committed the individual or great their potential.

Tuendelee Foundation, formed in December 2017, exists to restore beneficiaries' aspirations and dreams, by providing resources, support, and opportunities where they can have the greatest impact.

## BENEFICIARIES **PROFILE**



JACOB **ALEER** Bachelor of Commerce University of Nairobi



**ODHIAMBO** Business Administration with Information Technology (Finance option) . Maseno University



BRIAN OCHIENG' **OSIDA** ACCA - Applied Accounting Self Study

VERA

**BOULTER** 

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance option)

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Bachelor of Commerce

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## MENTORSHIP SPOTLIGHT MARY AND VERA'S STORY

VERA BOULTER

British American Tobacco (B.A.T.) - Intern



### INTRODUCTION

The Tuendelee Foundation Mentorship Programme was officially launched in 2021 through the Beneficiary Programmes docket of Tuendelee Foundation. Mentorship is a very important component for the development of a person, for professional/career and personal growth. The Tuendelee Mentorship Programme hopes to leverage a broader network of experts, to help the

Foundation scholars excel in their studies, build career and professional skills; as well as gain and augment crucial life skills.

The Mentorship Programme is a one-year voluntary programme, which matches and assigns each student (Mentee) to a Mentor. Here is what a Mentor (Mary) and Mentee (Vera) had to share about their successful experience.

#### WHAT IS MENTORSHIP?

Vera: The best word I can use to describe is guidance (beyond instruction), walking through every step.

Mary: I could paint it as a second conscience amplifying the positive nature inherent in the mentee
by sharing personal experience gained in my journey.

#### WHY MENTORSHIP?

Mary: I mentor because someone mentored me freely. A seasoned well accomplished lady beyond my 'league'. We simply shared a light moment noticing we have the same birth-date. She took my number and kept her promise to call. We had a whole hour on call just discussing life! **Nyokabi** still remains a genuine friend and guiding light and the only way to genuinely be grateful is to pass it forward. (For her another lady did the same and well - I won't break the golden chain.)

#### WHAT WORKED WELL?

Vera: It made me more enlightened and confident. I particularly appreciated the insights into approaching the job market, crafting my CV, applying for a job and showing up for interviews prepared. I took all the interview opportunities that came my way.

Mary: Vera drove the process.

Tuendelee connected the two of us on April 6, 2021. I reached out to her suggesting our first session in 2 days. The very same day she had responded in a very positive tone:

"Dear Mary,

I am Most excited to interact with you more, and a privilege from the Foundation. I am okay with that being our first meeting , looking forward to it.

Regards, Vera. "

This warmed the ambience.

Another good illustration is in December 2021 as Christmas festivities were warming up. She had just graduated and I asked her to craft a 1 page succinct CV. I shared a template with her, as well as a family member graduating the same period. Vera worked on her CV diligently and though I could correct nifty items like commas she would turn around quickly and positively. To this date, I still await for her peer to turn around a 1 page CV. One can see it as "lucky Vera" but "Luck" is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. So when a job opening was circulated with a short application period in my social networks, her CV was simply ready.

#### WHAT MADE IT WORK WELL?

Vera: Free will was not compromised. It was up to me to guide the needs and pick up the advice.

Mary: We sort of let the river curve itself. Consistency helped. We created a routine - 30 minutes in the lunch hour once a week worked best for us and Vera picked a question on any topic and we shared experiences. I approached it as two sisters on their own unique journeys but in common share humanity and womanhood.

#### LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE?

Vera: It was a good experience and I have learnt to compete with myself. I hope to share with Mary every other step and change and have that open door and bouncing board.

Mary: Mentoring is a dual learning experience. I get to see different perspectives and contexts, and I am filled with hope and humbled to see a great woman moulding!

We welcome all our partners, donors, friends and well wishers to be part of this transformative programme. The first step is by filling the Mentor sign-up form: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ3NHCK">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ3NHCK</a>

TUENDELEE FOUNDATION

It is said that helping others helps you live longer.

Be it through Time, Talent or Treasure, the Tuendelee community gives willingly, freely yet completely.

Your continued support shows our beneficiaries how much we believe in their hopes and dreams, and that they matter to us. We invite you to continue to give and also invite others to share in the joy of giving.

Remember the happiest people are not those that are getting more, but those that are giving more.

H Jackson Brown Junior

Below is a guide for our group and individual contribution packages.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TIERS - USD 250 REQUIRED TO SUPPORT 1 STUDENT			
	Amount (KES)	Amount (USD)	# Benefactors to support 1 student
SIFA	2,500.00	25	10
UWEZO	2,000.00	20	13
VIPAWA	1,500.00	15	17



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