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Code Academy: Empowering Students Through Digital Innovation

In September, WITU's Code Academy, The Women's Institute of Technology and Innovation (WITI) celebrated key milestones, including the launch of five websites and final-year project proposals by Cohort 3 students.





Launch of Five Recess Projects

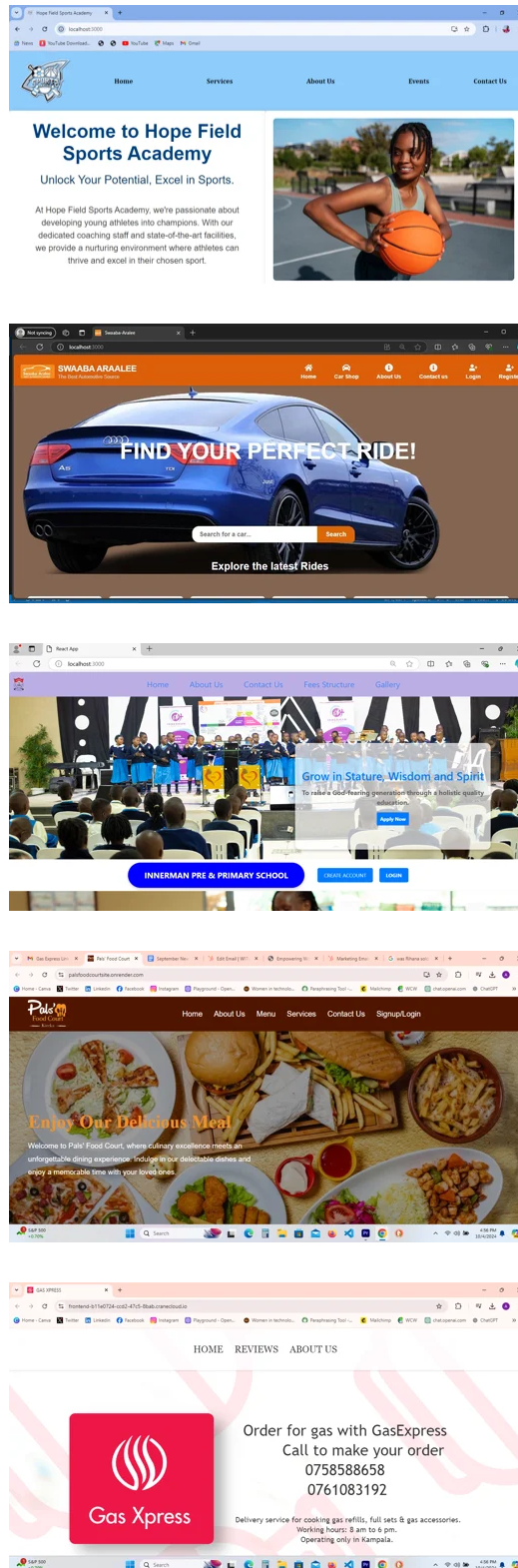
Cohort 3 students developed websites for local businesses as part of their recess semester projects. These websites, launched on September 25th, were designed to address community and business challenges through enhanced digital presence. The five businesses included:

- Hope Field Sports Academy
- [Pals Food Court](#)
- Innerman Primary School
- Swaaba Aralee Car Bond
- [Gas Xpress](#)

This initiative demonstrates the students' technical skills while supporting local enterprises in their digital transformation.

Crane Cloud Partnership

In partnership with Crane cloud, students were able to host their websites for free on the Crane Cloud platform. This opportunity provided them with a professional platform to present their work, building their portfolios and increasing their readiness for the job market giving the students practical experience in managing live projects, adding tremendous value to their career development.



Bridging Mobile App Development and AI for Local Impact

In September, Cohort 3 explored mobile app development using Flutter, Google's open-source UI software development kit. This versatile tool enables developers to create high-quality apps for mobile, web, and desktop from a single codebase. The students are now working on their first mobile app, a To-Do list, as part of their final-

year project. Just like the Recess Project, they will also be developing mobile apps for local businesses, applying their skills to real-world solutions.



The students also delved into Artificial Intelligence (AI) through guest lecture sessions by Caleb and Khalid from Oakyard Academy, joined by [Nicklas Inderst](#), a Computer Science intern at Technical University of Munich. Nicklas shared practical insights on integrating AI into web systems, preparing students to apply AI in future projects.



Women's Health and Well-being Session

In addition to their technical training, students participated in a women's wellness session led by [Valerie Mitala](#), a Master's in Pharmacy student at University College London (UCL). Valerie's session covered key topics such as PCOS, the importance

of regular health check-ups, and mental well-being. The session was well-received and enriched students' understanding of personal health, complementing their technical education.

Empowering Businesses: Due Diligence for the Hi-innovator Winners

In September, WITU conducted due diligence for the two businesses under WITU HUB that emerged victorious after pitching during Cohort 4 of the #NSSFHiInnovator program. The winners, Baraza Design Village and Tivan Consult Limited, are each making significant strides in their respective industries.



Baraza Design Village is redefining craftsmanship through unique, modern, and minimalist furniture design. Their innovative approach combines aesthetics with functionality, providing customers with stylish and practical furniture solutions that enhance any space.

Tivan Consult Limited is addressing the critical issue of milk wastage by transforming dairy into a diverse range of products, including cheese, ghee, and

powdered milk. Their commitment to sustainability and food security not only reduces waste but also adds value to local dairy products.



The due diligence process is a prerequisite for these entrepreneurs to unlock \$20,000 in seed funding. This funding will enable them to scale their operations, enhance their product offerings, and contribute to economic growth within their communities. As they move forward, we are excited to support their journey and witness the positive impact they will create in their industries.

WITU Enhances Safeguarding and Disability

Inclusion in Digital Learning Spaces

Women in Technology Uganda (WITU) strengthened its commitment to creating inclusive and safe spaces by attending two significant workshops one focused on safeguarding and another on gender and disability inclusion. These workshops are crucial as WITU works toward bridging the digital gender gap in Uganda by empowering women through technology and ensuring equitable access for all.



Building on Established Policies

WITU has long upheld strong safeguarding, gender, and disability inclusion policies, which guide its approach to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. The recent workshops provided an opportunity to further strengthen the team's knowledge and practical skills in these areas, ensuring that WITU's programs continue to operate at the highest standards.





Safeguarding Workshop

The safeguarding workshop highlighted best practices for protecting the welfare of all participants in WITU's programs. It covered essential protocols for identifying risks, establishing robust reporting mechanisms, and maintaining a zero-tolerance policy toward any form of abuse or exploitation.

Disability Inclusion Workshop

The disability inclusion workshop focused on ways to make WITU's programs more accessible to individuals with disabilities. Although WITU already adheres to disability inclusion policies, the workshop provided fresh insights into further eliminating barriers and ensuring that people with disabilities can fully engage in WITU's initiatives. The team gained practical strategies to integrate more inclusive design and participation opportunities, enhancing WITU's commitment to accessibility for all.

September has been a month of impactful achievements for Women in Technology Uganda (WITU), marked by the launch of student-led projects, continued support for entrepreneurs, and strengthened commitments to safeguarding and inclusion. These milestones reflect WITU's dedication to bridging the digital gender gap and ensuring that everyone, regardless of gender or ability, can benefit from the opportunities technology provides. As we move forward, WITU remains focused on empowering women and young people in Uganda's digital space, creating a more inclusive and innovative future for all.

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