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A recap of our three powerful masterclasses on self-leadership, personal branding, and relationship building; each one stirring growth, clarity, and courage in our current cohort.



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We honored the birthdays of five incredible mentors and mentees whose presence continues to light up the program. A joyful celebration of life, growth, and sisterhood.

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An exciting rotation where mentees connected with new mentors, gaining fresh insights and perspectives that stretched their comfort zones and deepened their growth journey.

A Note from the WSI Mentorship Team

Dear Alumni, Friends, and Supporters

We're thrilled to bring you another edition of The Ripple Effect! After the warm reception of our first issue, we're excited to reconnect and keep you up to speed with all that's unfolding in Cohort 2 of the WSI Mentorship Program.

The journey continues to be rich with growth, bold conversations, meaningful connections, and transformational learning. Over the past two months, the cohort has delved deeper into their purpose, pushed their boundaries, and embraced the kind of leadership that starts from within.

As always, you our incredible alumni remain at the heart of this journey. Your legacy is felt in every session, every breakthrough, and every ripple that continues to widen. Here's a look at what your mentorship family has been up to lately.



Learning in Motion: Masterclasses That Moved Us

May and June brought with them a powerful wave of learning and growth. Our carefully curated masterclasses were led by remarkable women who continue to shape spaces and inspire lives. The current cohort has been deeply engaged, with each session provoking thought, purpose, and action.

From lightbulb moments to personal breakthroughs, these sessions sparked ripples that are still moving. The learning continues; and the knowledge in the cohort continues to rise.

Each masterclass was carefully designed to speak to a specific pillar of leadership development: leading self, building a strong and authentic personal brand, and nurturing meaningful relationships. What made them special was the honesty and vulnerability that filled the virtual room; mentees shared openly, asked brave questions, and left each session with tangible next steps.



The WSI Mentorship Program- Cohort 2

Masterclass 1: Mastering Self-Leadership-The Blueprint for Growth.

Guest Speaker

Shakirah Nakalema
Executive Director
Elle Parle Women's Organization



17th May 2025
9:00am -11:30am
Zoom



The WSI Mentorship Program- Cohort 2

Masterclass 2: The Power of Personal Branding

Guest Speaker

Mariam Namukose
Legal Associate & the Head of projects at Kyuka Ventures



31st May 2025
9:00am -11:30am
Zoom



The WSI Mentorship Program- Cohort 2

Masterclass 3: Networking and Relationship Building
Guest Speaker

Angella Nsimbi
Team Lead
Heart2Heart Chat Mental Health Program



21st June 2025
9:00am -11:30am
Zoom

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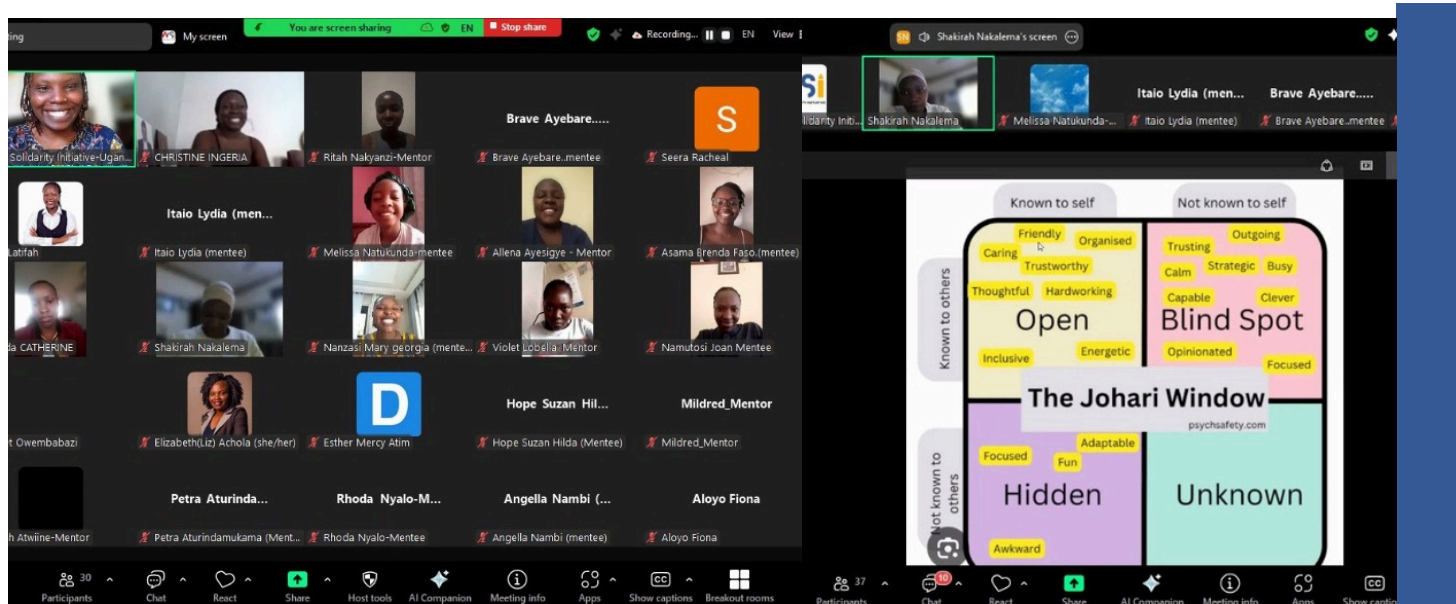
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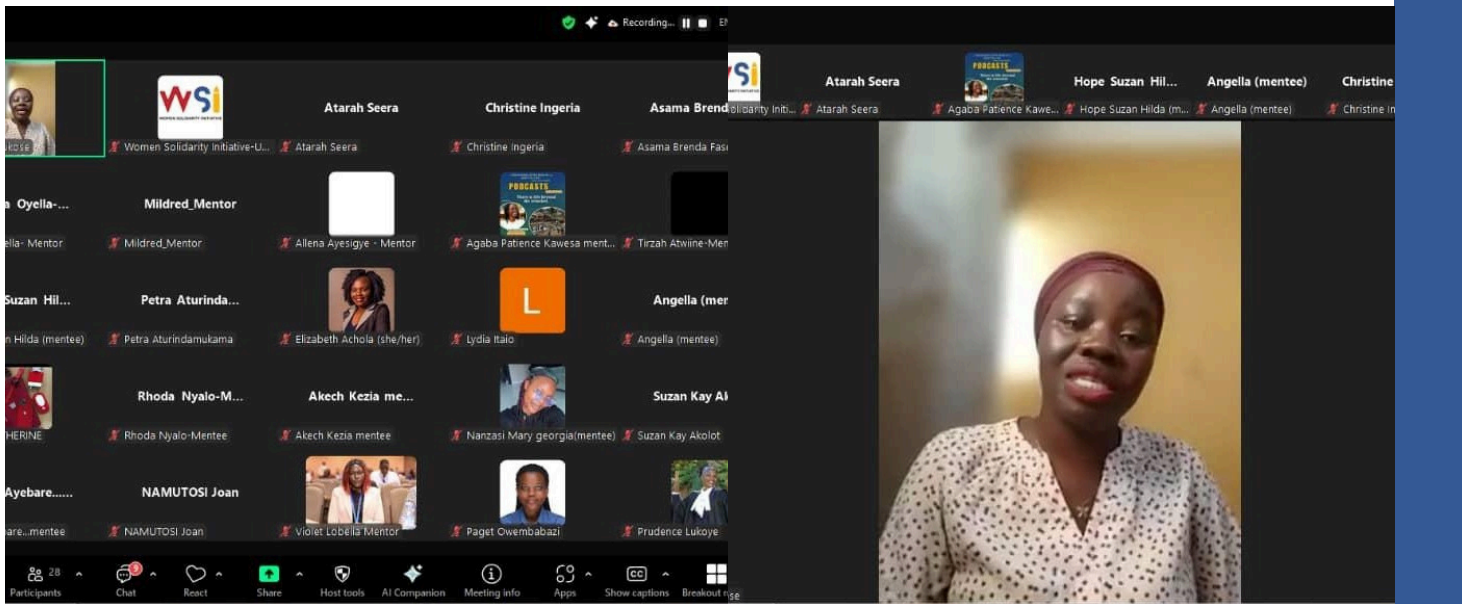
Masterclass 1: Mastering Self-Leadership: The Blueprint for Growth

The first masterclass of the term, this session focused on building internal leadership as the foundation for external impact. Shakirah shared a powerful blueprint for personal mastery; starting with self-awareness, discipline, resilience, and setting intentional routines.

Key Lessons:

- Growth begins with self-discipline and consistent habits.
- Knowing your “why” is your anchor in seasons of uncertainty.
- You cannot pour from an empty cup; self-leadership is self-stewardship.
- To grow and achieve anything, you have to let procrastination go





Date: 31st May 2025

**Guest Speaker:
Namukose Mariam**

**Legal Associate & Head
of Projects, Kuka
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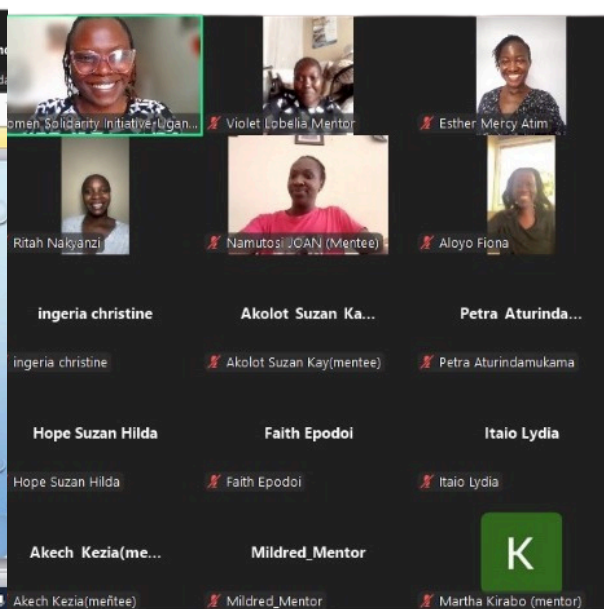
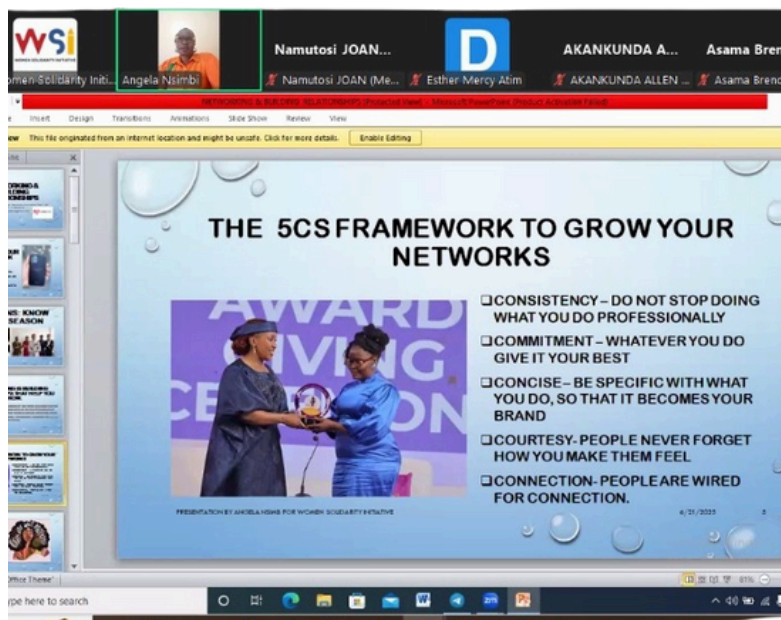
Masterclass 2: The Power of Personal Branding

Mariam offered a powerful, practical session on personal branding. She redefined branding as more than image—it's about integrity, presence, consistency, and voice. Mentees explored how to build an identity aligned with purpose and professionalism.

Key Lessons:

- Your brand is not just your story; it's how others experience you.
- The digital space should reflect the same values you practice offline.
- Confidence is not about loudness; it's about clarity and alignment.
- Not having a personal brand is also a brand. Be intentional about your brand





Date: 21st June 2025

**Guest Speaker:
Angela Nsimbi**

**Team Lead, Heart2Heart
Chat Mental Health
Program**

Masterclass 3: Networking and Relationship Building

Angela delivered an honest and relatable session on building meaningful relationships. From intentional networking to authentic engagement, she helped mentees reframe relationships as long-term investments rather than transactional encounters.

Key Lessons:

- Networking is about generosity, not gain.
- Building a relationship takes vulnerability and listening.
- Your network reflects your values and the energy you carry.
- Do not abuse access. Have a teachable spirit
- Even difficult people can teach you. Know your seasons



Mentor–Mentee Switch Month: A Transformational Midpoint

As part of our unique approach to mentorship, June marked the launch of Mentor–Mentee Switch Month.

Mentees were temporarily paired with different mentors to offer fresh insights, alternate perspectives, and new challenges.



MENTOR-MENTEE SWITCH

It's time to switch things up!
For the next one month, mentees will step out of their usual circles and choose new mentors from within our community.



This strategic switch encourages mentees to explore unfamiliar spaces and build wider professional networks; a bold invitation to grow beyond comfort zones.

What's The Goal?

- ◆ Embrace cross-learning
- ◆ Discover new mentorship styles
- ◆ Expand your network
- ◆ Learn from diverse journeys

How It Works

- 1 Each mentee selects a new mentor from the pool
- 2 Engage, ask questions, learn, and reflect
- 3 Share your experience at the end of the switch period



SWITCH DETAILS



JUNE 13TH – JULY 13TH

 **Virtual or In-person**

A Rising Star: Tirzah Atwiine's Nomination

We are incredibly proud of our mentee Tirzah Atwiine, who has been nominated by Uganda Christian University as one of the Most Influential Students of 2025!

Her nomination is a celebration of her leadership, hard work, and determination.



Meet The Mentee

Tirzah Atwiine

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Voting is ongoing.
Join us in
cheering her on
and casting your
vote on the
Uganda Christian
University X
(Twitter) handle!



Uganda Christian...
@UCUniversity

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"Most Influential Student of 2025"
nominee (Main Campus): Atwiine
Tirzah, Bachelor of Science in Computer
Science.

Vote via the X-Poll. [#ucugrad25](#)



Celebrating Life: May & June Birthdays

We don't just build leaders; we celebrate lives. During this period, we took a moment to recognize and celebrate the birthdays of some of our radiant mentors and mentees. These women continue to inspire, lead, and bring warmth to our space. To each of you; we wish you another year of strength, purpose, and becoming.



Happy Birthday

To Our Mentee,
Ayebare Brave



Watching your progress has been truly rewarding. Keep striving and dreaming big.



Happy Birthday

To Our Mentee,
Akech kezia



Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and all your favorite things. May this year be your best one yet!

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Happy Birthday

To Our Mentee,
Atim Caroline Anyala



Wishing you a birthday full of motivation and joy. Keep up the great work!



Happy Birthday

To Our Mentor,
Petra Aturindamukama



Happy Birthday

To Our Mentor,
Namugaya Halimah Ngobi





Dear Alumni, Thank You!

We hope this update warms your heart and reminds you of how far we've come and how far we still get to go together.

Please stay connected:

- Volunteer to write for this bulletin
- Share your leadership or professional journey in our upcoming features
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»» WRITE BACK TO US

Send us a one-paragraph check-in: **What's new in your world?** We'd love to celebrate you in the next bulletin!

NOMINATE AN ALUM TO BE FEATURED:

Is there a fellow alum doing amazing work?

Nominate them and their work to be featured! Let's cheer each other on.