



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

SPEECH

By

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6th Graduation Ceremony

Friday, 17th September, 2021

- The Cabinet Secretary – Ministry of Education, Prof. George Magoha
- Chancellor, University of Embu, Prof. Paul Musili Wambua
- Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Daniel Mugendi
- Senior Government officials from the National and County Governments
- University Council Chair and Members
- University of Embu Community
- Fellow graduands
- All protocols observed

Good morning

It is with great humility that I stand before you today to represent my Class of 2021. I am truly grateful for being chosen to give the Valedictory Speech. I always worked hard to achieve my desired academic goals, but honestly, I did not expect to be the one to take the responsibility of speaking on behalf of my graduating class.

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

On behalf of the Class of 2021, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the University of Embu Management, led by our kind-hearted Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Daniel Mugendi, for making our stay here comfortable all the way. Thank you and God bless you.

I must also convey our deepest gratitude to all our lecturers for teaching us, constantly guiding and supporting us in our academic journey. You have helped us master valuable skills and knowledge that have been key in molding our personalities, and made us who we are today.

We also thank the University administrative and support staff for their services and for making sure we clean and safe environments to live and study during our stay here. Thank you all for being understanding and friendly whenever we came to you for help.

To our beloved parents, guardians and sponsors, we recognize the sacrifices you have made. We remain inexpressibly grateful for your choice to invest in our education. Your hard work, prayers and perseverance have seen us through today. We will forever remain indebted to you.

To my fellow comrades, I say congratulations! We've made it, all the hard work and effort has finally landed us to this day great day.

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

When we started our first year in August 2017, None of us would ever have imagined that things would change drastically. When the first COVID-19 case was announced in Kenya in March 2020, we were in our 3rd year of study. We worried a lot about our health, our families and friends back at home. All learning institutions were closed with immediate effect including Universities. Life was looking so bleak. We have had different experiences during the pandemic, but we have persevered.

We would have preferred that our Graduation Ceremony would be held face-to-face for us to come and dance together, take selfies and pictures

with the Chancellor, family and friends but it is alright. We are still going to celebrate and dance online.

Allow me to conclude by saying that we will miss the lectures, the CATs and the Exams; not forgetting the memorable moments of fun and laughter with friends and comrades.

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

Our time as caterpillars has expired and our wings are now fully formed – we are ready to **FLY**. This is the beginning of a new journey of life full of big dreams of a bright future.

We are proud to be the newest alumni of the University of Embu. As we go into the world, we shall remember to support the University of Embu, our Alma Mater and promote its name all the time.

Thank You,

God Bless you all