

Mount Kenya University



REMARKS

BY

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Alumni Representative

*DURING 13TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF
MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY*

ON

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Salutation

- The representative of the Chief Guest, the Vice President of the Vincent Pol University of Poland – Dorota Stefanek – Langham,
- The MKU Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Professor Simon Nyutu Gicharu,
- Madam Jane Nyutu, Co-Founder of Mount Kenya University,
- Members of the MKU Board of Directors,
- The Chancellor, Professor Victoria Wulsin,
- Chairman of the University Council, Prof. David Serem,
- Members of the University Council,
- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stanley Waudu,
- Members of the University Senate,
- Mount Kenya University staff,
- Distinguished Invited Guests,
- Graduands and students,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

Madam Chancellor and chief guest, allow me to cite a few areas:

First; is to thank the Mount Kenya University Management for their continued support and network with Alumni.

Second; The expansion of physical and academic facilities, as we sit here, I have information of the impact of alumni plaza to customers mainly students prompt services through centralization of administrative services. The plaza has brought effective and efficient service delivery to customers. The aura of the offices is indeed a motivator to staff members serving in stress free environment. We thank the management for that and further for accepting to unite all the alumni through naming it **ALUMNI PLAZA** as their *icon*. The entire alumni leadership was here to witness the official opening in July 2017.

Third; Elevating the alumni office to a Directorate confirms the commitment of the University strategic leadership to embrace various partnerships with alumni. As an alumni of Mount Kenya University promise to work closely with the university's Directorate and MKU Foundation for a launch pad of various activities that will enhance both alumni and university contribution to the community.

And fourth; In June, the University Council approved the Mount University Alumni Association Constitution which now is at its initial implementation stages. We believe towards the end of 2018 a full implementation will have been achieved.

Message to graduands

To our graduands today,

Take example in this quarter of the year alone, MKU Alumni scooped over 40 national elective leadership positions across the country. I at the age of 33 am serving the Nation as the Deputy Governor of Kajiado County which puts me in the bracket of youngest Deputy Governors in Kenya.

One of Miss World contestants Ms Magline Jeruto is a fellow alumnus from school of Hospitality and Tourism; In entrepreneurship and innovation, Mr. Victor Shikoli, a school of engineering alumnus who started Hydrologist Company Limited before even graduating in 2016 has further innovated the Hydro IQ smart water meter with pay as you go billing, his start up was among the top 10 in the world in TECHSTAR Startup competition winning a US\$ 1200 (Estimated ***KES 12 million***) investment and a three months incubation at Paris France from 11th September to 8th December 2017. We congratulate all our alumni where ever they are. Today, we witness your conferment and awards; we must acknowledge that Mount Kenya University products are of the highest caliber as the examples mentioned above attest. Let's put in application the Knowledge, skills and attitudes we have gained to serve the community by solving the problems across the globe. Having

been a student and a staff at MKU, MKU has given us an enabling environment to nurture all our talents. I wish to encourage you today that as the youth of this country, you have a place in the leadership of this Nation. You just need to believe in God and believe in your dreams because your glory is in the good values you stand for, the power of your innovations and inventions.

Appreciation to MKU Partners

I take this opportunity to appreciate and thank MKU partners who have supported students and the graduands today in various training and placement opportunities. Currently, MKU now enjoys more student exchange programmes abroad. While three students are in Poland. We are encouraged by such fruitful relations among the partners such as the Vincent Pol University who are with us today and to mention a few others; Kenya Commercial Bank, Vivo Energy, Family Bank among others that have promoted practical skills through provision of attachment and internships, soft skills career talks, graduates enterprise academy mentoring and coaching. I urge the graduating class to remain vigilant on these opportunities for your success.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Graduands as you move to the job market, I am confident that you are fully baked, and for that reason it is always our brand ambassador even as you continue to scale the heights. Don't forget to join the alumni of Mount Kenya University so that we can continue to build a strong alumni community.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy prosperous 2018

God Bless Mount Kenya! University God bless Kenya