

## Chairman's speech during UoEm 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduation by Dancan Othuon

The Chancellor, Vice-chancellor, chairperson of UoEm council, chancellors and Vice-Chancellors from other universities, deans of various schools, chairpersons of various departments, invited guests, graduants, my fellow students, ladies and gentlemen. Good morning.

I wish to begin by congratulating Prof. Daniel Mugendi for being appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Embu. I wish you all the best as you continue with the journey of driving this institution to greater heights.

Today is a great day that we celebrate the hard work of the graduands over the last four years. A wise man once said, "you are as great as the amount of mediocrity you have overcome and as small as the amount of ordinariness ahead of you." You, the graduants, are therefore great and I want to congratulate all of you for overcoming the challenges and bottlenecks in the journey to complete four-year course at the University of Embu.

Mr. Chancellor Sir, on my own behalf and on behalf of UoEm students' union, permit me to convey my sincere gratitude to the graduating class of 2017 for their cooperation throughout their stay here and for exemplary direction they have shown the groups behind them. Indeed they have displayed courage, hard work and endurance in their academic struggle for the various certificates and degrees yet to be conferred this morning.

In a special way I want to thank the university management for the hard work and dedication in support of the students. Your continued support, loyalty and enthusiasm have been the bedrock of this success. You provided highly qualified academic staff who furnished students with timely, adequate, quality lectures and other academic services. I cannot take for granted the support given by the non teaching staff. They provided proper welfare amenities which ensured conducive environment for students to study.

I also wish to appreciate the support given by parents and guardians. Without your passion to educate your sons and daughters up to university level, we would not have this ceremony today. I must therefore thank you for making a right decision to invest in education.

Finally, to the graduants, I would like to remind you that our contribution to the world will not be measured by the money we make, but in the way we share our unique gifts and talents with the world. May you go forth and make your unique contribution in the society, not forgetting your parents and your mother university, UoEm. I encourage you to positively influence change in the world through making ethical decisions and living lives of integrity. Congratulations ones again.

Thank you.  
God bless University of Embu.

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